



Laurel Hill Valley Citizens

NEWSLETTER

Neighborhood Potluck & Meeting

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

at the Comfort Suites Hotel, corner of Brackenfern at 3060 E. 25th Ave.

Potluck begins at 6:30 pm, Meeting starts at 7:15 pm

Please join us and bring a dish to share. If you like to cook, this is a great opportunity to show off your skill and bring smiles to lots of faces. If cooking isn't high on your priority list, bring something simple or something that doesn't require cooking. Just come and enjoy the company of your neighbors, the variety of food, and the speakers.

Please label the food that you bring with its ingredients so that anyone with food allergies or who is vegetarian, vegan, or on a specialized diet will know which dishes they can eat. Help keep this event environmentally friendly by bringing serving utensils and your own place setting. We'll have some dishes and flatware available if you forget.

Meeting Agenda



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| 6:30 - 7:15 | Potluck dinner and social time |
| 7:15 | Mitch Hider opens the meeting with a song |
| 7:20 | Introductions of everyone attending |
| 7:25 - 7:40 | Presentation about "Village to Village" by Betty Hemmingsen (see page 3) |
| 7:40 - 7:45 | Updates on developments in our neighborhood (see page 2) |
| 7:45 - 8:15 | Presentation and questions about Franklin Blvd redesign by Larisa Varela (see below) |
| 8:15 - 8:30 | Update from city councilor Alan Zelenka |

We've also invited several of our other local elected representatives to join us.

Franklin Blvd. Project

by Larisa Varela, Associate Transportation Planner, City of Eugene



The City of Eugene has launched the planning phase of the Franklin Blvd. Transformation, a project to redesign Franklin Boulevard between Alder Street and I-5. Currently, the Franklin corridor is oriented toward high speed automobiles, with inherent risks for those on foot or non-motorized wheels. To develop an initial draft design of what a transformed Franklin Blvd. may look like, a multi-day design workshop that included a series of public meetings was held in late January 2019. The City will present the conceptual designs which emerged from the design workshop, and will share information about what the next steps of the project include and how community members can continue to be involved. For more information please go to www.eugene-or.gov/Franklin.

Updates on Proposed Developments in Our Valley

By Tom Bruno, Bill Blix, and Jan Wostmann



Capital Hill PUD

The Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) remanded this PUD application back to the City because the danger to the public from landslides had not been adequately addressed. The applicant is appealing the LUBA decision to the Oregon Court of Appeals. We will know in late February or early March whether the Court agrees with LUBA.

Furtick PUD

The Furtick PUD is a 14-lot development on 4.89 acres just north of the Spring Blvd. intersection with 30th Ave. The neighborhood Response Committee is made up of people from Fairmount Neighbors and LHVC, with Betsy Datri (betsy_datri@hotmail.com) and Jenny Jonak (jenny@jonak.com) as coordinators. This proposed development was affirmed by the City and then by LUBA and is now being appealed to the Oregon Court of Appeals. At issue is 1) the proposed grading/excavating on slopes of 20% or more and 2) the proposed use of Tax Lot 301 — which has served for years as a much used trail connecting Central Blvd. to the Ribbon Trail — as a paved street with sidewalks serving this development. Our lawyer, Sean Malone, is presenting a brief on our behalf to the Court of Appeals.

Laurel Ridge PUD

This PUD application has been declared complete by the City and the public comment period is NOW. The major problem with this proposal is that it includes a street connection from the Glenwood I-5 interchange to 30th Avenue via Brackenfern Road. If this street is constructed it will dramatically increase the traffic volume on Brackenfern Road. The Laurel Hill Plan, our neighborhood refinement plan, prohibits this connection to 30th Ave. The developer, Environ-Metal Properties, LLC, has chosen to ignore this prohibition. It will be up to the neighborhood to uphold the Laurel Hill Plan. The next step will be a public hearing, which at this writing has not been scheduled.

East Ridge Village Phases 2, 3, and 8

This subdivision plan is generally consistent with the approved PUD, EXCEPT that the developer wants to convert some commonly-owned conservation areas to be privately owned. Neighborhood experience has shown that conservation areas which are not commonly-owned simply disappear. This will require a neighborhood response.

Remembering Johanna Mitchell



Johanna Mitchell, a long time resident of the Laurel Hill Valley, served on the LHVC executive committee for many years. Among her contributions were moving us to reusable eating utensils at our neighborhood picnic and our potluck dinners., running our summer picnic for several years, and organizing amazing raffles to raise money in support of the neighborhood.

Kelle Weinhold wrote this in Johanna's obituary: "Johanna Mitchell, who guided thousands to embrace the vastness of their potential, slipped the confines of her body to soar among her beloved stars on December 22nd at 9:59 p.m. Under the full moon in Cancer in the midst of a meteor shower, she died of complications of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS, in the company of her beloved family and friends."

A Laurel Hill Village

by Betty Hemmingsen

Until the year 2029, every day 10,000 people will turn 65. In the US, roughly one in three people older than 65 lives alone. You probably know a senior citizen who hopes to remain independent at home. Maybe it's your Mom or the friend next door, or maybe it's you.

Some Laurel Hill Valley neighbors have formed a committee to research a "Village" program to help our elder residents age in place. We're basing our program on Village to Village, a national network of more than 200 Villages. Portland and Ashland have already established Villages that offer elders new opportunities, choices, support, and care. When Village members age in place they stay connected with the community and get the support and tools needed to create successful aging of their own design.

The Village will be non-profit, member-driven, and self-governing, reflecting specific needs of the members. The Village coordinates access to free or affordable services including transportation, health and fitness, gardening and home repair. We can create a full menu of vetted services with negotiated member discounts. The Village can also provide social and educational activities, trainings and workshops that minimize isolation and promote interaction and trust within the Village community. Villages may do almost anything their members want and need to age safely and successfully in their own homes. The result is reduced isolation and positive impacts on mental and physical health.

Participants can ask for help and/or offer help. Volunteers have opportunities to use their talents to improve the Village and benefit the overall community. The Village will initially be run by volunteers but paid administrative staff might eventually be hired. Village needs will determine membership fees.

It could take 3-4 years to establish a Laurel Hill Village. Our first task is an informal neighborhood census. We'll build a survey about the Village concept to determine demographics, who is interested, what future needs are expected, and what skills volunteers can offer. You can expect us to knock on your door sometime this spring and summer.

If you'd like to help our Village committee, please contact Di Goodman, Diana@dianagoodmanllc.com.



Save The Date
Spring Neighborhood Meeting
Wednesday, May 15, 2019, 7pm

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Laurel Hill Valley Citizens is Eugene's oldest neighborhood organization, chartered by the City Council in 1974. General Meetings are held quarterly to learn about and discuss issues relating to the quality of life in our neighborhood. The LHVC Executive Committee meets at other times to discuss and represent the interests of the neighborhood.

For more information, see our website at www.lhvc.org or contact Sheryl Kelly at 541-912-5887 or sherylkell@comcast.net. You can also email LaurelHillValleyCitizens@gmail.com and we have a Facebook group. Just go to Facebook and type in Laurel Hill Valley Citizens.