



Laurel Hill Valley Citizens

N E W S L E T T E R

Fall 2016 Neighborhood Meeting and Food Drive

7 - 8:30pm Wednesday,

November 16, 2016

at Northwest Youth Corps, 2621 Augusta St.



Agenda

Introductions

Updates on Proposed Neighborhood Developments

Neighborhood Matching Grant Program Update

Neighborhood Executive Committee Elections

Presentation/Q & A by Eugene Parks and

Recreation

City Council Report from Councilor Alan Zelenka

Information about our **neighborhood elections** is on the next page.

The **Parks and Recreation** folks provided this description of what their **presentation** will be about:

After many months of analysis and collecting input from thousands of residents, draft parks and recreation projects have been identified for all of Eugene. Check out the neighborhood reports on the project website to see what's proposed for Southeast Eugene, and attend November's LHVC neighborhood meeting to learn more and provide input. City staff will be on hand to talk more the about the Park and Recreation System Plan and answer any questions you may have. Until then, you can visit the project website to get more information at <http://www.eugparksandrec.org/2933/Parks-and-Rec-System-Info>.

Food Drive

Please bring canned and packaged food to this meeting for our Fall food drive. Food for Lane County wants to provide healthy food which meets people's nutritional needs. Here's their most desired list:

- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, salmon, corned beef)
- Low-sugar fruit, dried fruit, jams and jellies, unsweetened apple sauce
- Canned and dried beans (pinto, navy, kidney, refried)
- Canned stew, chili, hearty soups and broth
- Pasta, rice, cereal, corn meal
- Cooking oil and olive oil
- Canned tomato products (whole, paste, spaghetti sauce)
- Spices and sauces (mole, enchilada sauce, cumin, chilies)



If you prefer to donate money, Food for Lane County can provide three meals for hungry people for each dollar contributed. We will deliver checks made out to Food for Lane County along with the food that we collect or you can donate on-line at their website, foodforlanecounty.org. If you do that, please note that your contribution is part of the Laurel Hill Valley Citizens food drive. Thanks!

A few of the reasons why this food drive is so important are on the next page.



Neighborhood Elections

It's time to vote for neighborhood executive committee members. These are the people who (among other things) organize neighborhood meetings and events such as the summer ice cream social, publish this newsletter, and organize responses to developments planned for our neighborhood.

Officers are elected for two year terms so this year we're only voting on executive committee members. Current members who are running for re-election are Bill Blix, Richard Cundiff, Kaye Downey, Kathy Frazer, Mitch Hider, Deborah Kelly, and Jan Wostmann. Officers who are continuing their terms include Sheryl Kelly, Stephanie Midkiff, Susan Ratzlaff, and Natalie Whitson.

Also running for election to the executive committee this November are: Tim Bradshaw, Tom Bruno, Katie Dixon, and Jenny Schmitz.

If you would like to join this remarkable group of people, please let us know by contacting one of the executive committee members listed below, or even by speaking up at the meeting on November 16th.

Many thanks to Betty Hosokawa, Gunnar Schlieder, and Adam Jones who are leaving the executive committee this month. Each of you, with your varied areas of expertise, has contributed so much to help our neighborhood.

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Food Drive (continued)

Facts about hunger in Lane County

(information from Food for Lane County)

40% of Lane County residents are eligible for emergency food assistance (living at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level).

In Lane County, 53% of the children qualify for free / reduced school meals.

57% of recipients are working, retired, or have a disability that prevents them from working.

66% of food box recipients worry about where their next meal is coming from. They live with the constant stress of trying to make ends meet.



#Giving Tuesday

#Giving Tuesday is a global day of giving. Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving (in the U.S.), #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving.

So, this November 29th, join the movement and give - whether it's some of your time, a donation of money or goods, or the power of your voice in your local community. I'd suggest that Food for Lane County and your local neighborhood association are good places to start, but I'm sure you have some ideas for causes which are important to you. Additional ideas can be found on the givingtuesday.org website.

Why The Trailer on Laurel Hill Drive?

by Betty Hosokawa

Some newer Laurel Hill Valley neighbors have asked, "Why is the small tired trailer parked on Laurel Hill Drive?" Others asked, "When is it going to go away?" So, here is the scoop:

The trailer is parked in that location with the permission of the owner of that large property, in partnership with St. Vincent DePaul's camper program. Several years ago there were problems on that property with illegal camping, criminal behavior, illegal drug use and fire starting. (You may have read the article in the Register-Guard about the problem).

Once all the debris was trucked out, the Laurel Hill Valley Neighborhood Association Executive Committee prevailed upon the property owner (who lives in Portland), to participate in the sponsored camper program. The owner paid to have the concrete pad poured as a site for the trailer, pays for porta potty rental and weekly trash pick-up and the St. Vincent DePaul camper program provides supervision.

The responsibility of the person living there is to walk the property regularly and report any illegal campers to the proper city authorities. He also discourages, as needed, off road vehicle touring that creates huge ruts everywhere.

Tim, the current resident, can be reached at 541-228-6171. You can let him know about observed problems that he will then report to the appropriate authorities. Please say "hi" when you see him and thank him for helping to keep our neighborhood safe. Eventually, when the land is sold and development occurs, the trailer will go away.

Update about Proposed Development on Capital Drive

by Sheryl Kelly

The proposed development on Capital Drive is located towards the southern border of Hendricks Park and the western border of a portion of the Ribbon Trail. A company representing the client is requesting a meeting with the Laurel Hill Valley Citizens and the Fairmount Neighbors to discuss the application for the Tentative Planned Unit Development. The client is a local couple who currently live on Capital Drive. They wish to develop their property in accordance with Eugene and Metro Area plans and policies for residential purposes.

The tentative date for this meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 9th at 6pm. Once the date is confirmed, information will be mailed to neighbors within 500 feet of the property as well as the LHV Citizens and the Fairmount Neighbors. A sign will also be posted at the subject property, notifying neighbors about the meeting.

Interested in Receiving Updates on Proposed Developments in the Laurel Hill Valley?

You can receive all the latest information on developments proposed for the Laurel Hill Valley by emailing: laurelhillvalleycitizens@gmail.com and letting us know which development(s) you want to follow (East Ridge, LaurelRidge, or Capital Drive).



Save the Date
Winter Neighborhood Meeting & Potluck Dinner
Wednesday, February 15, 2017



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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.