



Laurel Hill Valley Citizens

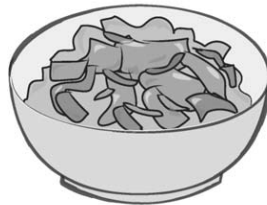
N E W S L E T T E R

Winter Neighborhood Meeting and Potluck Dinner

Wednesday, February 15, 2012 6:30pm Dinner, 7:15 meeting

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

(near the intersection of Laurel Hill Dr & Moon Mountain Dr)



by Natalie Whitson and William Caredio

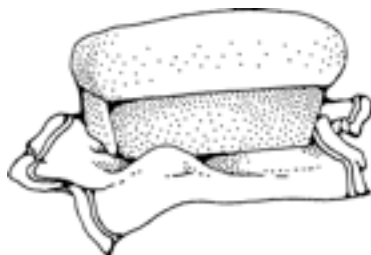
On February 15th the LHVC will host a neighborhood potluck at the Comfort Suites. We will be able to enjoy a delicious meal, and also be able to follow up on the "bucket wish list" of activities neighbors identified during the last Laurel Hill Valley Citizens General Meeting, held November 16, 2011 at Northwest Youth Corps.

During that meeting, neighbors broke into smaller groups and brainstormed ideas to make the Laurel Hill Valley an even better place to live. Suggestions included organizing a concert or movie night at the park for families during the summer, better lighting on some streets, traffic calming, increased care of the park, etc.

Two of the neighbors - William (Cedar) Caredio and Natalie Whitson, who were elected to the Executive Committee during this same meeting - have agreed to look through the list of suggestions and make a "short list" of ideas that can be accomplished during the coming year with little or no money. This list of ideas will be presented at the February 15 meeting, where neighbors can vote on which ideas to tackle during 2012. Please plan to attend this meeting and help us make some of these ideas a reality!

To give us more background information about traffic calming (as quite a few of the suggestions dealt with this topic), we have invited Rob Inerfeld, transportation planning manager for Eugene, to attend the meeting. Rob will make a short presentation on what kind of traffic calming options are available to us. City Councilor Alan Zelenka will also be invited to attend this meeting.

Thanks for planning to attend our potluck. Please bring your choice of appetizer, main course or dessert and label your food with lists of ingredients in consideration for those who have food allergies. We will provide plates, cups, napkins, etc. (reusable and kind to the environment), as well as coffee and tea.



solarize eugene

bringing renewable solar energy to our community



Help us Solarize Eugene!

by Sarah Mazze

Solarize programs around the state and nation have residents working together to install thousands of kW of clean energy on local roofs. Thanks to an EWEB Greenpower grant, the Resource Innovation group is now offering Solarize Eugene for customers in EWEB territory.

Solarize Eugene is a community education and solar installation program designed to help homeowners overcome the barriers to going solar at home, including who to hire, how much to budget and where to start. With Solarize Eugene, interested neighbors will join forces to conquer the process as a team, and realize cost savings with bulk purchasing power.

Free workshops will be held in April through June throughout Eugene. These events will provide information needed to make a sound decision about installing solar electricity and solar hot water and will inform participants about how the Solarize project works. We'll even host a couple of energy efficiency workshops to help residents cut their overall energy use.

There are two ways to get involved in this exciting project: volunteering and installing your own system! If you might want to install solar electricity or hot water on your home please visit www.solarizeeugene.info for information about upcoming workshops and to find out how to sign up when enrollment opens.

We are also looking for people interested in spreading the word about Solarize Eugene throughout the community. The more people we get signed up the more cost savings this project can accomplish! Volunteers are needed through July. Please join us in organizing your community, talking to your neighbors, distributing flyers, putting up posters, reaching out through social media, tabling at events, and other outreach activities. If you want to be a part of Solarize Eugene, please contact Sarah Mazze at 541-654-4052 or sarah@trig-cli.org.

Do We Have Your Email Address?

The Laurel Hill Valley Citizens Neighborhood Association is sending email announcements about events in our neighborhood. Recent announcements included an invitation to a caroling party and future notes could include a green neighborhood tour or a neighborhood-wide garage sale.

If you want to announce an event that can include everyone in the neighborhood, send the information to LaurelHillValleyCitizens@gmail.com by the 25th of the month to be included in the early next month announcement. If you want to receive these notices and we don't have your address yet, please send your email address to the same address.

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Neighborhood Cleanup

by Kathy Frazer

Every time I took the I-5 exit on my way home to Moon Mountain Drive I was disgusted by the amount of trash along the road. Although Charlie and I try to keep our street trash-free, I knew this was too much for us to handle by ourselves, so I asked Sandy to send out an appeal to the neighborhood for help. There were eleven of us who met on Nov. 13th to beautify that part of the neighborhood. I supplied trash bags and Alice Strong supplied lots of gloves. We had so many bags of trash that Charlie filled our Subaru, took a load home, and came back for a second load. There was a sleeping bag, so wet and heavy, we could hardly lift it. Tim Clancy found a very realistic looking toy gun. We found a man under a tree with a shopping cart. We found urine filled bottles (trucker's toilets?). The transfer station was closed that day, a Sunday, so on Monday I took it all in two loads to the transfer station. Charlie cleaned up all the recyclables and disposed of those items.

We learned these things:

- * Do it on a day when the transfer station is open.
- * Use heavy trash bags.
- * Call ahead and get a permit for free neighborhood cleanup disposal.
- * Schedule the use of someone's truck.

Many thanks to all those folks who helped. It sure looks better! Let's do it again next year.



Successful Food Drive

Thanks to our generous neighbors 210 pounds of food was collected at the Fall Neighborhood meeting. Christina Friberg then delivered it to Food for Lane County who will get it to people who need it. Thank you Christina and thank you to all the neighbors who contributed to this important cause.



Friend us on Facebook.

by Gina Schroeder

Visit our wall and get to know your neighbors and community.

Check out our neighborhood photos or post your own.

Make announcements regarding community activities, garage sales, meetings and gatherings. Form groups with common interest or plan an activity.

See what makes Laurel Hill Valley/Moon Mountain so unique.

If you are not a member of Facebook, you can still see our page. Go to <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=249544102085>

Save The Date
Spring Neighborhood Meeting
Weds. May 16th



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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 Sandy Tilcock, LHVC chair, 541-465-9079, stilcock@gmail.com
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