



# Laurel Hill Valley Citizens

N E W S L E T T E R

## Winter Neighborhood Meeting (7:15pm) and Pot-luck Dinner (6:30pm)

with special guests including Mayor Piercy

Wednesday, February 20, 2013

at the Comfort Suites Hotel, 3060 E 25th Ave

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



Come join us for a pot-luck dinner and neighborhood meeting. The meeting will include reports on two large developments being planned for our neighborhood. Come learn what input we can have in determining how these areas are built up and how to get involved.

For the pot-luck dinner please bring an appetizer, main course, or dessert to share and label your food with a list of ingredients in consideration for those who have food allergies. We will provide durable plates, cups, flatware, etc. which are reusable and kind to the environment (thank you Johanna and Ron Peterson!), as well as tea and coffee. Past neighborhood pot-lucks have included lots of great food and this one is likely to be wonderful as well.



### Two Large Developments Planned for Laurel Hill Valley

(Bill Blix contributed to this article)

Two different developers are planning large developments in the Laurel Hill Valley. The development at the south end of the valley covers more than 121 acres adjacent to 30th Avenue near Spring Blvd.

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It is called LaurelRidge and the Eugene City Planning Department says it is the largest PUD (Planned Unit Development) in Eugene's recent history. The developer is currently planning 608 new residences, 408 of which are in apartments or condos. This represents at least 1520 new neighbors if you assume two and a half people to a residence. Currently, the Laurel Hill Valley has about 1600 citizens, so this development represents a **doubling** of the valley population!

A committee has been formed to look into land use issues surrounding the LaurelRidge development and members of that committee will tell us what they've found in a presentation at this Feb. 20th neighborhood meeting. For more information you can contact Bill Blix (see list below) or visit our website at [www.lhvc.org](http://www.lhvc.org).

The second development is being proposed by Landmark Properties and it is planned for the area east of Laurel Hill Drive, along and south of Moon Mountain Drive. It is intended primarily as student housing and they call it "The Retreat". Landmark has built similar developments near several universities in other states. Here in Eugene their local partners include KPFF Consulting Engineers, Robertson Sherwood Architects, and Dougherty Landscape Architects. Their current plan is for 625-650 bedrooms (one person per bedroom) and the buildings look like single family homes. The development is intended to be a community which includes a clubhouse and a variety of amenities for the residents. On-site property management and security will be provided and available 24/7 (per Landmark).

The Landmark development has not yet been formally submitted to the city. They made an introductory presentation at our November neighborhood meeting and will make a formal presentation of their plans to the neighborhood at a special meeting for that purpose which will be announced once a date has been set. If you are not yet receiving email announcements from the neighborhood, get on the list by sending your email address to Stephanie Midkiff at her address in the box below.



*Save the Date*  
*Spring Neighborhood Meeting*  
*Wednesday, May 15, 2013*



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## Thanks for a Successful Food Drive

Christina and Ron Friberg report that they delivered 195 pounds of food to Food for Lane County. This food was contributed by the people in our neighborhood at our Fall neighborhood meeting. In addition there was one donation in a sealed envelope which was delivered with the food. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to this important cause and to the Fribergs for getting our contributions to Food for Lane County.



## Seasonal Sing Along

On December 19th, more than 20 neighbors gathered at the Northwest Youth Corps building to sing holiday songs together. Cedar made the start of the event special by playing his bagpipes out front to welcome us in. Mitch Hider brought song sheets, lots of festive hats, jingle bells, rubber chickens, and many other fun toys and props as well as his ukulele. Johanna brought lyric sheets for some wonderful alternative lyrics to familiar tunes. Several people contributed sweet refreshments and we all contributed our voices raised in song. Mitch did a wonderful job of leading our ensemble as well as favoring us with a couple of fun performances, including a rendition of the 12 days of Christmas with parts for many of our group. Another highlight was a whistle duet he performed with a fellow whistler. Everyone had a good time getting into the spirit of Christmas, Solstice, and the new year and Mitch has agreed to host this event again next year. Thanks Mitch!



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