



# Laurel Hill Valley Citizens

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**LHVC Neighborhood Meeting on Zoom  
Wednesday, February 17th, 2021, 7 - 8:30pm**

**Main Presentation:**

**“Friends of Moon Mountain: Building Trail Access”**

**Development Updates**

**Updates by Representative Marty Wilde and City Councilor Alan Zelenka**

Please join us for our February Neighborhood meeting. To join via Zoom, go to [preview.tinyurl.com/LHVC](https://preview.tinyurl.com/LHVC) meeting and then click on “proceed to site”. You probably won’t need them, but the meeting ID is 594 874 7490 and the passcode is LHVC. Or, if you go to [www.lhvc.org](http://www.lhvc.org) and RSVP, we’ll send you an email with a link you can click on to access the meeting.

Our featured speaker will be Ben Hansen, PhD., who will share a 20-minute presentation about the Friends of Moon Mountain, a volunteer group coordinating efforts with City of Eugene Parks and Open Space. Here’s what he wrote to describe the group and his presentation:

“There’s 300 acres of inter-connected parkland between Moon Mountain, Coryell Ridge, Bloomberg, and Black Oak Basin (a new city park). All of the parks have conservation and recreation goals, and the Friends of Moon Mountain aims, through teamwork and public/volunteer coordination, to develop legitimate sustainable trail access. Ben currently has a great team of core volunteers, but it would be great to grow the volunteer base and expand efforts over the next spring and summer as the COVID-19 pandemic ends and larger groups can gather. Similar to other trails like the well-known Ribbon Trail, the Friends of Moon Mountain aims to extend walking, running, and mountain biking trails in this parkland within the valley. In addition to attending Ben’s presentation, you can also email [moonmountainpark@gmail.com](mailto:moonmountainpark@gmail.com) for more information about joining or helping.”

There is a lot happening with local development recently, and we will have updates for you at this meeting.

Our city councilor Alan Zelenka, will let us know what the city council is working on and our state representative, Marty Wilde, will update us on what our state government is doing in their current session.

## **A Message From Tom Bruno, Co-Chair Laurel Hill Valley Citizens**

The Executive Board of the neighborhood association tries to ensure that our neighborhood is safe from illegal parking, illegal camps, and illegal dumping. Please notify us (email, phone, Facebook all found in this newsletter) if you notice any problems. There have been a number of garage break-ins. As neighbors, we need to look out for each other to help keep us all safe. The fire presentation at our last general meeting highlighted the need to stay connected. Knowing contact information for your neighbors is highly recommended. When you are walking around the neighborhood, please keep your eyes open for mischievous conduct. One car apparently changed its oil off Brackenfern Road and left used oil. Vehicles are also discarding garbage near the intersection of Laurel Hill Road and Moon Mountain. Volunteers to help preserve the quality of life in our valley are needed. If you can help, please let us know.



**Before and After:** Beginning of Ribbon Trail connector near the junction of Spring Blvd. and East 29th Ave. looking south from an EWEB clearing. Photos by Bill Blix.

## Laurel Hill Valley Development Updates

by Tom Bruno and Jan Wostmann

On January 5, Metro Planning held a neighborhood meeting with LHVC about a 5-lot subdivision they have designed for a tax lot on Laurel Hill Dr. They plan to submit the application to the city soon. We are looking for neighbors to join a team to write the neighborhood response. Contact Tom Bruno at [brunoassoc@aol.com](mailto:brunoassoc@aol.com) if you are interested.

On January 27 there will be a neighborhood Zoom meeting with Metro Planning about a Tentative Subdivision application for 2323 and 2321 Augusta St.

The Laurel Ridge PUD application was changed by the applicant from 122 single family lots to a 374 unit multi-family cluster subdivision. A neighborhood response team has been formed to write the LHVC response. If you live on Riverview St. or Brackenfern Blvd., you should know that this PUD is trying to connect 30th Ave. to Franklin Blvd., using these two streets. This connection is in violation of the Laurel Hill Plan and we will oppose it vigorously. If you can help with the neighborhood response, contact Tom Bruno, Tim Bradshaw, or Bill Blix (contact info on next page).

East Ridge Village / East Mountain PUD continues to have new homes being built. Phases 6 & 7 of East Ridge Village (now Phase 1 for East Mountain) is waiting for the Privately Engineered Public Improvements (PEPI) plan to be approved by the city.





## Food Drive Update



LHV neighbors contributed food and money to Food for Lane County as part of our general meeting in November. Thanks to Tom Bruno for hosting a Food For Lane County barrel at his house to make collecting the food possible and easy. He reports that we collected two and a half barrels of food.

If you meant to be part of this food drive and missed the opportunity, you can still contribute at [foodforlanecounty.org](http://foodforlanecounty.org) or by sending a check to FFLC to 770 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene, OR 97402. FFLC provides three meals for every dollar contributed. There are a lot of hungry people now, with all the job losses due to the pandemic this year making things so much worse than usual.

## House Bill 2001: New Zoning Rules

By Tom Bruno

The 2019 Oregon Legislature narrowly passed HB 2001, which will up-zone targeted areas of older and often low-income single-family neighborhoods. HB 2001 applies to Eugene and Springfield, but excludes nearby commuter towns with a population of 10,000 or fewer, including Coburg and Junction City. The bill also exempts all existing subdivisions with applicable covenants, conditions & restrictions (CC&Rs). Many residents in newer developments won't bear any of the burden of HB 2001 because their more expensive homes aren't likely to be targeted for tearing down. It will apply to all remaining single-family areas within the Laurel Hill Valley by June 30, 2022, and will allow two dwellings (detached or attached), triplexes, fourplexes, townhouses, and cottage clusters on individual R-1 lots. As it stands, residents in typical homes (Riverview, Moon Mountain, Floral Hill, Augusta, etc.) could see a three-story structure with up to four dwelling units rise up just five feet from their property line. Potential impacts include loss of privacy, a sense of crowding, diminished sunlight and wind, noise, parking shortages and more traffic on neighborhood streets.



### Results of Neighborhood Association Elections

At our last meeting, we re-elected many of our executive committee members and added two new members: Caroline Cox and Erin Dey. Welcome Caroline and Erin! Richard Cundiff choose not to run for another term and we thank him for his past participation.

Tom Bruno and Lianne Gaunt will continue as our co-chairs, Susan Ratzlaff as treasurer, and Natalie Whitson as secretary.

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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](http://www.lhvc.org) or contact Tom Bruno (contact info on page 3). You can also email [LaurelHillValleyCitizens@gmail.com](mailto:LaurelHillValleyCitizens@gmail.com) and we have a Facebook group. Just go to Facebook and type in Laurel Hill Valley Citizens.