



# Laurel Hill Valley Citizens

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## Fall Neighborhood Meeting

7pm Wednesday, November 14, 2012

at Northwest Youth Corps, 2621 Augusta Street

**Canned Food Drive**

**Presentation about Possible School Closure**

**Update from our City Councilor**

**Election of Neighborhood Executive Committee Members**



**Parents of young children** will be especially interested in the presentation about plans for Edison Elementary School (our neighborhood's elementary school) because these plans will affect them and their children.

### **Possible Closure of Edison Elementary**

By Jan Wostmann

Earlier this year, the 4J School District contracted with MGT Consulting, an out of state management consulting firm, to assess the conditions of 4J school buildings prior to the district updating the long-range facilities plan. The report from MGT can be found on the 4J web site at <http://www.4j.lane.edu/building4j/documents>.

One of the recommendations in the MGT report is the closure of Edison Elementary to be replaced by a consolidated Edison-Camas Ridge elementary school, at either the current Roosevelt Middle School site or at the Camas Ridge site. Edison is the neighborhood elementary school for all of the Laurel Hill Valley. The consultant also recommends that the current Roosevelt building be replaced by a new building, either at the Roosevelt site or at the Civic Stadium site. A third recommendation for the South Region is that alternative programs be relocated to a new building at the Willard site. There are additional recommendations for the North, Sheldon and Churchill regions.

According to the MGT report, the projected cost for a new building for a combined Edison/Camas Ridge elementary school would be \$25,000,000. The projected cost for a new Roosevelt building would be \$35,000,000. If approved by the school board, these building projects would be financed by construction bonds to be voted on by school district voters. The report outlines two separate

bond measures, one in 2013 and one in 2016. The funding for both a new Edison/ Camas Ridge and a new Roosevelt would be part of the first bond measure. The earliest a bond measure could appear on the ballot would be in May 2013.



In response to these plans, parents of Edison students, concerned U of O faculty members, neighbors and other concerned citizens have formed a committee to promote renovation, not consolidation, of Edison and Camas Ridge elementary schools. They have produced a fact sheet titled "Retain & Renovate: Important facts about south Eugene's neighborhood elementary schools and why parents and residents favor renovation over replacement". We have placed a copy of this fact sheet on the LHVC web site, it can be found at <http://members.efn.org/~lhvc/edison.pdf>.

At the request of this committee, the LHVC Executive Committee considered and passed the following resolution:

We, the undersigned members of the Laurel Hill Valley Citizens Executive Committee are committed to the continued operation of Edison and Camas Ridge elementary schools in their present locations. We urge the continuation of these schools as distinct entities for the following reasons.

- Neighborhood schools are essential to the preservation of strong, vital neighborhoods in Eugene's urban core.
- Maintaining our existing school sites facilitates sustainability, walkability over driving, and safe routes to school.
- Smaller schools benefit our community by promoting stronger academic achievement, lower incidences of negative social behavior, and more positive school climates.

For these reasons, we will actively oppose any effort to combine these two schools into a consolidated school and any proposal by the district to close Edison as a neighborhood school.

If you would like to express your opinion to the 4J School Board, you can e-mail them at [board@4j.lane.edu](mailto:board@4j.lane.edu).

*Editor's note: According to 4J spokesperson Kerry Delf, the district is engaged in early discussions related to updating the plan for school facilities. No recommendations have been made to the school board and no decisions have been made at this time.*



## **New Student Housing proposed for the Laurel Hill Valley**

On October 19th the front page of the Register Guard newspaper said that a Georgia-based student housing developer has agreed to buy about 22 acres on Moon Mountain Drive and wants to build "student cottages" on the site in the next two to three years. According to the newspaper the land is zoned for low-density residential development with minimum lot size of 4,500 square feet and maximum density of 14 units per acre.

The developer, Landmark Properties Acquisitions, says they will provide adequate buffering between the student housing and neighboring residences and says "We've developed in close proximity to single-family homes in the past and not had any problems." Landmarks's leases lay out a strict code of conduct and a three-strikes-you're-out policy.

## LaurelRidge PUD Update

By Jan Wostmann

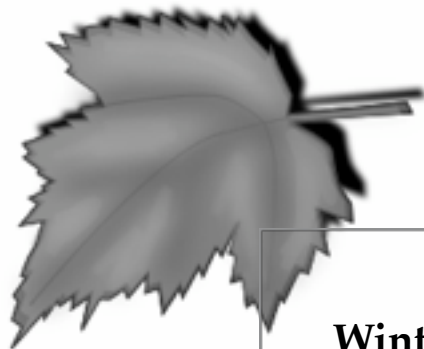
Last March representatives from Schirmer Satre Group, a land use planning/site design firm, held a meeting for Laurel Hill Valley Citizens to explain their plans for a large residential development in the southwest corner of our neighborhood.

Since then, the developer has submitted a new site plan and a revised application to the City of Eugene. The new plan anticipates 608 residential units on the 126 acre parcel. The City has notified the developer that the revised application is incomplete, and sent them a checklist of the additional materials required before the City can start considering the application. All the documents and maps submitted to the City to date can be found at <http://ceapps.eugene-or.gov/PDDONLINE/LandUse/ApplicationDetails?file=PDT-12-0002>.

Since this revision is substantially different from the one submitted earlier, the developer will be required to hold a second meeting for the neighborhood to explain their revised plans. Steve Ochs, the city planner assigned to this project, has told us that he thinks the developer might be ready for that meeting in November.

In the meantime, the committee of neighbors who have volunteered to put together the LHVC response to the proposal continues their work. If you're interested in joining this committee, e-mail Bill Blix, [wbblix@comcast.net](mailto:wbblix@comcast.net) or Stephanie Midkiff, [smidkiff2004@yahoo.com](mailto:smidkiff2004@yahoo.com).

As the newsletter goes to press, the PUD application is still considered incomplete by the Planning Division. And the date for the neighborhood meeting about the revised application is not yet set. So stay tuned.



*Save the Date*  
**Winter Neighborhood Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 20, 2013**

**Laurel Hill Valley  
Citizens  
Neighborhood  
Executive  
Committee  
Members**

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## It's Election Season

After you've cast your very important votes for national, state and city officials and issues, come to our neighborhood meeting and cast a vote of support for the volunteers who make up the Laurel Hill Valley Citizens executive committee. In addition, you can volunteer yourself to join this group and get involved with the people who plan these meetings, invite the speakers, respond to proposals for new developments, work with the city to accomplish things such as the addition of traffic calming to Augusta Street, and many other things that help our neighborhood.

Since officers of the organization are elected for two year terms our current slate of officers (Sandy Tilcock & Betty Hosokawa co-chairs, Stephanie Midkiff secretary, and Betty Hemmingsen treasurer) will remain in place.

Returning executive committee members who are standing for re-election are:

Cedar Caredio  
Mitch Hider  
Deborah Kelly  
Johanna Mitchell  
Natalie Whitson  
Jan Wostmann

New members standing for election are:

Bill Blix and Gena Hutton

Sally Manifold is leaving the LHVC executive committee because of a planned move out of state. Thank you Sally for all that you have done for the neighborhood while you lived here!

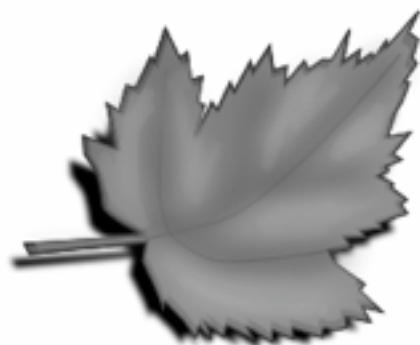
Thanks also to Jake Bradshaw who has decided to take a break after being on this committee for many years. Thanks for all you've done Jake.

## Thank You for Your Donations

The neighborhood association was able to provide the food for our summer picnic thanks to the money raised by the raffle. So, thank you Natalie Whitson for all your work on the raffle, thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets at the picnic, and thank you to all of those individuals and businesses that donated prizes for the raffle!

Here is a list of those donors:

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Subway  
Sundance Natural Foods  
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Track Town Pizza  
Trader Joe's  
UO Bookstore  
Willamalane Park and Recreation District



## Please Contribute to Our Food Drive

Hunger is a serious problem in Oregon and Food For Lane County is working very hard to help. You can help by bringing canned and packaged foods to our neighborhood meeting which we will then donate to Food for Lane County. Here's more information from their website:

FOOD for Lane County provides food to 28 emergency food pantries located throughout Lane County. These pantries provide a variety of fresh and shelf-stable groceries to low-income families and individuals. Each food box contains a 3-5 day supply of food. On average, families request help 3 or fewer times a year.

FOOD for Lane County is committed to collecting and distributing as many healthy foods as possible. An increasing number of the people accessing our food resources have health problems such as diabetes and heart disease, so we work hard to solicit foods that meet their nutritional needs. FOOD for Lane County is also committed to providing culturally appropriate food to all members of our community. You can help by donating these canned and packaged foods. No homemade products, please.

### Recommended Donations

- 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
- Boxed macaroni and cheese
- Pasta, rice, cereal, corn meal
- Cooking oil and olive oil
- Canned tomato products (whole, paste, spaghetti sauce)
- Ethnic spices and sauces (mole, enchilada sauce, cumin, chilies, etc.)



## Proposed Ordinance Concerning Unruly Gatherings

The city of Eugene is considering an ordinance to address the problem of parties getting out of control and causing serious problems. Information from city documents describing the problem and possible solutions are at [www.eugene-or.gov/neighborhoods](http://www.eugene-or.gov/neighborhoods) under "Protecting Neighborhood Livability".

The documents state that "Oversize, disorderly gatherings and parties involving alcohol have been a continuing problem in our city, fostering criminal conduct, disturbing neighbors' peace, damaging their properties, creating unsafe conditions for visitors and residents, and necessitating costly police response to calls for service, particularly in the West and South University neighborhoods." and that "Ordinances that target those responsible for hosting events that involve violations of local and state liquor laws (commonly referred to as social host ordinances) are now a common tool used to address what has become not only a neighborhood nuisance problem, but also a serious safety and public health issue.

According to the Register Guard (Oct. 12, 2012) the proposed ordinance "emerged from the deliberations of a 28-member committee of residents, city and university officials, property owners and students".

A public hearing on this issue is scheduled for 7:30 pm, November 19th at Harris Hall, 125 E 8th Ave, Eugene. You can also watch the hearing on Comcast channel 21 or webcast at [www.eugene-or.gov](http://www.eugene-or.gov).

# LHVC BUCKET LIST OUTCOMES

by Sandy Tilcock

At the November 2011 meeting we asked those in attendance to brainstorm about things they would like to see happen in the neighborhood. From that brainstorming session a “bucket list” was generated. During our February 2012 neighborhood meeting we took a poll to determine which of the items on the list of possible neighborhood projects were of most interest to the people attending. The results were published in the spring 2012 newsletter which you may find at our website, [www.lhvc.org](http://www.lhvc.org). (The newsletter archive is at the lower left on the home page.) We also asked for volunteers to become involved in organizing and making some of these ideas a reality.

A review of the top 5 items on the list:

Informal concerts by local/neighborhood performers in the park: 44 votes. We had one person express some interest in doing this but the scope of the concert was overwhelming and it needed more planning. Otherwise, no volunteers, no action.

Address traffic calming on Augusta: 42 votes. That was in the works when the poll was taken and is now complete. I think the consensus is “it is working” and the majority of us are pleased with the “new” street.

Work Bank: Help one neighbor at a time (once a month): 27 votes. No volunteers, no action.

Guided tours: Ribbon Trail, trail to Moon Mountain: 24 votes. No volunteers, no action.

Community art projects such as when another neighborhood painted fire hydrants: 21 votes. No volunteers, no action.

Other items that have had some action are:

Dog waste dispensers: Boxes have been built (thanks to Ron Peterson’s class at Yoncalla High School) and once painted the Parks Department will install. Many thanks to those who donated funds to pay for the materials. If you have extra plastic bags please bring them to this meeting and we will use them to stock these boxes.

Bike improvements on Augusta: These were implemented with the resurfacing of Augusta.

A group of neighbors organized holiday caroling and encouraged others to join them.

A few individuals on Riverview and Floral Hill have installed painted signs to encourage people to slow down.





(from Eugene City Website)

Hello thunder. Glad to hear you.

Behold the sound of a Thundercan. We hear it roll through our neighborhoods each week when our neighbors walk their empty garbage and recycling bins in from the street.

**Did you know garbage and recycling bins can remain on the curb for no more than 24 hours?** It is a City Rule, but it is also who we are. We are residents of Eugene who contribute to more livable, less cluttered streets, and enjoy making a little thunder along the way.

### Time of Can Placement

Cans may be placed at the curbside no earlier than 7 p.m. on the day before pick-up and the empty can(s) must be removed from curbside no later than midnight on the day of collection.

Spread the word. Encourage your neighbors. Roll Thunder.

You can participate in a Neighborhood Survey on this subject and find an on-line form to report trash cans left in the street by going to the city's website at [www.eugene-or.gov](http://www.eugene-or.gov), then choosing the Planning and Development Department, Recycling & Solid Waste, and clicking on the "Thunder Cans" graphic.

(from city of Eugene)

Glass on the path, leaves in the bike lane, or bushes overhanging the sidewalk? Report it to the City of Eugene!

Here are three options for **reporting maintenance issues in bike lanes, on multi-use paths, sidewalks.** You can use the first two to report any other issues in city right of way or parks:

1. Call 541-682-4800 during business hours.
2. Send an email to:  
[pwmaintenance@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:pwmaintenance@ci.eugene.or.us)
3. Go to the City website and report on the Maintenance page  
<http://or-eugene.civicplus.com/index.aspx?NID=1776>.

## The Turkey Encore

By Mitch Hider

Hi everybody. Here is the 2012 verse of my annual tribute to our beloved (sure, Mitch) neighborhood mascots, soon to be scarce for the holiday they detest. When singing, insert plenty of gusto gobbles, keep the beat with a ..... drumstick or just (ahem) wing it. The tune is "Turkey in the Straw". Gobble gobble.

VERSE:

Oh boy, said the turkeys, it's oh so sweet  
To waddle once again down Augusta Street.  
The traffic is slower, let's give a cheer  
But they should have painted  
TURKEYS CROSSING HERE.

CHORUS:

Turkeys in the hood, turkeys in the hood  
Strutting around, up to no good,  
Bugging our dogs, getting in our hair  
Fat grey turkeys everywhere.

Gobble Gobble Gobble Gobble Gobble!





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