



# Laurel Hill Valley Citizens

N E W S L E T T E R

## Ice Cream Social, Neighborhood Picnic & Dessert Contest

Sunday, August 20, 2017

5pm at Laurel Hill Park, on Augusta Street at 26th



It's summer, and time again for our annual picnic, ice cream social, and dessert contest. Come join your neighbors and make new friends at this wonderful event. The LHVC neighborhood association will provide the ice cream plus games and activities. Bring a picnic supper plus lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on and (optional) a donation for the neighborhood association to help support this and future fun events.

Enjoy games and activities such as croquet, bocce ball, hula hoops, and bean bag toss, as well as sidewalk chalk for expressing your artistic side, no matter what your age. Mitch Hider will entertain us with a music show to celebrate the eclipse, as well as a special magic show. Cedar will announce the beginning of the picnic with music on the bagpipes and Ron Peterson is planning to offer rides in one of his vintage cars.

The dessert contest is always one of the most popular parts of this event and the winners take home some great prizes. Please bring your entries in reusable containers with your name on the bottom where the judges won't see it. Another label, where it will be seen, should have the name of the dessert and information about any possible allergens (such as nuts). When the judging is over the desserts will be shared with the crowd.

We still need additional volunteers to assist with the games and with serving ice cream. If you'd like to help, please contact Natalie Whitson at [nataliew@nwyouthcorps.org](mailto:nataliew@nwyouthcorps.org).

### Show your pride in the Laurel Hill Valley!

by Natalie Whitson

In an effort to foster a positive identity in our quiet community, the LHVC Executive Committee recently used City supplemental funds to invest in a limited number of lawn signs (see "welcome" art on page 3) and a banner which sports our neighborhood logo (you can check out the new banner at our August 20 ice cream social!) If your lawn is visible from the street, and you can give a free lawn sign a good home, please contact our ExCom secretary, Natalie Whitson, at [nataliew@nwyouthcorps.org](mailto:nataliew@nwyouthcorps.org), subject line: Lawn Sign. Pride in our community is essential to ensuring that our neighborhood's character is preserved for years to come.

### Neighborhood Beautification Day

Sunday, September 17, 9:00-3:00

by Kathy Frazer

Want to make the Laurel Hill Valley even more beautiful? Please join us for a Neighborhood Beautification Day. Do what you choose on your own time. You could pick up trash, cut overhanging limbs, remove graffiti, paint, scrub mailboxes, mow or prune, paint, sweep, whatever you want to do. It is a great learning opportunity for children.

If you need trash bags, they will be available at the access road to Comfort Suites Inn at 9:00 am. Please drop them off at that same location by 3:00 pm and we will deliver them to the dump.

Get credit for your efforts by signing in there as well.

## Capital Hill Drive PUD Update

by Tom Bruno and Jan Wostmann

A Planned Unit Development (PUD) has been submitted to the City for evaluation and approval. The location is at the top of Capital Hill Drive on the border between LHVC and Fairmont, and contiguous with Hendricks Park on two sides. The LHVC and Fairmont neighborhoods have formed a joint PUD Response Committee to draft the official neighborhood response to the proposal and Sheryl Kelly and Tom Bruno have been appointed as LHVC co-chairs to the response committee.

The City has returned the applicant's paperwork submission twice as being incomplete as of the end of June. So, we don't currently know when the PUD application will be deemed complete and a public hearing scheduled to determine whether the PUD meets the City's criteria for approval. Neighborhood concerns include the large number of additional homes, the number of trees to be removed, traffic safety, and landslides. The committee has enlisted several professionals, including a forester, a geotechnical engineer, and a traffic engineer to assist in this work. These professionals will need to be paid, so LHVC is accepting donations to defray the costs. You can contact Tom at [brunoassoc@aol.com](mailto:brunoassoc@aol.com) to get more information, or to make a tax-deductible contribution. If you would like to be kept informed about this PUD application and the neighborhood response, please send your email address to the LHVC Secretary, Natalie Whitson [nataliew@nw youthcorps.org](mailto:nataliew@nw youthcorps.org).

If you want to view the PUD proposal as submitted to the City, all the documents can be found here: <http://pdd.eugene-or.gov/LandUse/SearchApplicationDocuments?file=PDT-17-0001>

## Discouraging Crimes of Opportunity

by Carolyn Murrow

Many of you are aware of the recent thefts from cars in our neighborhood in June. Of the seven incidents reported on our LHVC Facebook page, all were from cars that were left unlocked, some with valuables still inside (unfortunately including our house on Moon Mountain). The good news is that we may be able to do something about this by ALWAYS locking our vehicles and removing valuables. I was also able to share some video from a security camera with the EPD that may help to identify the person(s) involved. The bad news is that this is happening all over Eugene/Springfield, so we may also need to take additional steps to keep our neighborhood safe. I will be gathering more information about a Neighborhood Watch and hope to have that information available at the time of our summer picnic. In the meantime, here some other suggestions:

- Always report non-emergency thefts to the EPD at 541-682-5111 or online at: <http://ceapps.eugene-or.gov/epdcoplogic/>
- Register your home security cameras: [https://legacy.crimereports.com/camera\\_registration#/](https://legacy.crimereports.com/camera_registration#/). EPD will be able to contact you if there are crimes committed and also provide you with stickers to advertise that you are registered.
- Report incidents on our Facebook page (Laurel Hill Valley Citizens): so we can all be informed of issues.
- You can also contact our area Crime Prevention Specialist: Officer Steven Chambers: 541-682-5178 or email: [steven.h.chambers@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:steven.h.chambers@ci.eugene.or.us)

This is a wonderful neighborhood and worth protecting. Thank you to all for your efforts and for sharing vital information. Stay safe!

## Don't Let Laurel Hill Park Go To The Dogs

by Natalie Whitson

We invite our neighbors to enjoy Laurel Hill Park at the south end of Augusta Street. This neighborhood park provides basic recreation opportunities within biking and walking distance of most of us, enhances our neighborhood identity, and preserves our neighborhood's open space. This enjoyment, however, is limited by the presence of unleashed dogs at the park. For every person who wants their dog to enjoy freedom, there is another neighbor, or would-be park visitor, with a personal story of an unpleasant encounter with an unleashed dog. No matter how friendly your dog may appear to you, not all dogs and people get along, and more so when small people are concerned. On behalf of your neighbors, please keep dogs on a leash and under control at all times while at the park, and please dispose of pet waste properly.

If you want to provide your dog with recreational and social opportunities without leash restrictions, please visit one of Eugene's official dog parks. Most of the dog parks offer amenities such as wash down stations, dog waste bag dispensers, drinking fountains for owners and their dogs, and benches. These parks are located at Alton Baker Park, Candlelight Park, Wayne Morse Family Farm, and Amazon Park. In 2011, Eugene's first small dog park was created inside the Amazon Dog Park, and is intended to provide a safe and secure off-leash area for dogs 25 pounds and under. To find out more about Eugene's dog parks, visit: [www.eugene-or.gov/dogparks](http://www.eugene-or.gov/dogparks) or [www.eugene-or.gov/smalldogs](http://www.eugene-or.gov/smalldogs). On behalf of all of Laurel Hill Park's visitors, thank you!

## Attention Laurel Hill Valley Property Owners

by Tim Bradshaw

Summer is here! Please consider this a friendly reminder that it is your responsibility to maintain your property. Eugene city code requires that tall weeds, blackberries, and trees encroaching on sidewalks etc. must be kept trimmed. Please keep your property maintained. It reduces fire hazards, keeps our neighborhood livable, and affects property values. Failure to maintain your property can result in fines and being billed by the city if they have to come out and mow or trim.

Thanks for your attention to this important issue.

### Save the Date

Fall Neighborhood Meeting  
Wednesday, November 15, 2017



Welcome to the  
Laurel Hill Valley

You can join the LHVC Executive  
Committee — just ask!

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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 Sheryl Kelly at 541-912-5887 or [sherylkell@comcast.net](mailto:sherylkell@comcast.net). 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.