



Fairmount Neighbors

FALL 2009

GENERAL MEETING

SEPT. 15, 2009

Laurelwood Golf Course

2700 Columbia

7-9pm

•Jon Ruiz, Eugene's City Manager

•Robin Holmes, UO East Campus Project

•Karen Hyatt, UO Gov't and Community Relations

• I-5 Bridge Progress

• Walnut Station Mixed Use Center

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Editor Notes

By Heather Kliever-Turpin

Summer is nearing its end. The tomatoes are coming on strong and we cannot give away the zucchinis—and we did try! With the forthcoming change from sunny and warm to cool and cloudy I begin to think about how to winterize my home. Ours is a great old home, like so many others in the neighborhood. I believe that the greenest house is the one already built. However, this doesn't mean that we should not try to make our older homes more eco-friendly. You can maintain your home's historic and/or architectural integrity with some of the following energy efficient tips:

- Keep original windows intact. Studies show that older windows can perform as well as vinyl replacements. Weather-strip them so that they seal tightly, caulk the ex-

terior trim, and repair cracked glazing or putty around glass panels. You'll reduce landfill waste and the demand for vinyl, a nonbiodegradable material that gives off toxic byproducts when it's made

- Restore porches and awnings. Porches, awnings, and shutters were intended for shade and insulation. To save energy, draw shades on winter nights and summer days.
- Use light paint colors for your house's exterior. Lighter colors reflect heat better than darker ones.
- Insulate the attic, basement and crawl space. About 20 percent of energy costs come from heat loss in those areas.

- Plant trees. Evergreen trees planted on the north and west sides of your house can block winter winds, and leafy trees on the south and west provide shade from the summer sun.
- Keep doors airtight by weather-stripping, caulking, and painting them regularly. Recent studies suggest that installing a storm door is not necessarily cost-effective.
- Have an energy audit done by EWEB, Northwest Natural Gas, or visit Home Energy Saver (<http://hes.lbl.gov>). Audits can help pinpoint problem areas and measure energy savings after you improve your home's efficiency.

With a little elbow grease and a weekend worth of time we will be able to enjoy the winds and weather of winter from the comfort of our home!

Fairmount Neighbors Association General Meeting

The next general meeting of the Fairmount Neighbors Association is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 15th from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the Laurelwood Golf Course Clubhouse**. Not only will this meeting provide general information about neighborhood happenings but we will have as our

guest speaker Jon Ruiz, Eugene City Manager and Robin Holmes and Karen Hyatt from the University. Please note that the agenda for this meeting is still being finalized but also currently includes an update on the Walnut Station Mixed Use Center and an update on the ODOT/ I-5 Bridge progress.

For more information or just to keep up on events in the neighborhood between meetings go to:

fna411.googlepages.com/

Arena Committee Meeting

A component of the Arena Impact Mitigation Agreement was to change the on-street parking regulations in a portion of the Fairmount neighborhood to be 2-hour parking, Monday – Sunday, 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM, with a higher level of parking enforcement occurring during arena events. The City of Eugene is asking for our ideas and feedback for designing this regulated parking program, especially around residential parking and guest pass permits. There are many options on the table...some ideas being considered include online forms for permits and passes, using the West University Public Safety Station for permit pick-up, and/or having the City of Eugene directly handle residential permits. If you would like to have input into this process then please attend this next Arena Subcommittee meeting on September 22nd, 6:30-8:30 pm at Laurelwood Golf Course, 2700 Columbia.

Contact Jeff Nelson at 686-5665 or email hannahandjeff@comcast.net

Information and Expectations for New Renters

In the past few years there has been a demographic change in some areas of the Fairmount Neighborhood, which includes more rentals and more rentals to UO students. Along with this change, have come more noise, late night parties, litter and parking problems. The Fairmount Neighbors Board is working on a letter to hand out to new student neighbors, welcoming but also listing the expectations of what it means to be a good neighbor in the Fairmount Neighborhood. The Amazon Neighborhood and SUNA neighborhood has taken the same action. We hope to have the letter ready by the next neighborhood general meeting, as well as copies of the noise ordinance and a list of appropriate responses if there are problems.

If any one has suggestions or would like to help with this project please contact Sandra Austin. freda@efn.org or 343-3452.

Hendricks Park Event and Volunteer Opportunities

Hendricks Park Forest Volunteer Work Party, Sept. 12 and Oct. 24, 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Join your friends and neighbors to help preserve and protect the forest. Wear work clothes – gloves, long sleeved shirt, long pants and non-slipping boots or shoes are recommended. Tools will be provided. Pastries, coffee and juice will be provided courtesy of Eugene City Bakery and Friends of Hendricks Park. Please, no pets. Rain or shine.

Hendricks Park Tour, Oct. 11, 1:00 PM—3:00 PM

Join Whitey Lueck for a walk in the wild part of Hendricks Park, "Fall: There's a lot more happening than meets the eye."

The event and volunteer opportunities meet at the F.M. Wilkins Shelter located at 2200 Summit Ave.

Stay Informed on Fairmount Neighborhood Happenings

We have received great interest in our neighborhood website. If you have not joined, please consider this: In the last 3 months, our e-mail connected neighbors have received up-to-the-minute news regarding the status of the Arena project and zoning issues, neighborhood events, and community announcements. This newsletter brings us news four times a year. The internet can bring it to us every day.

Your e-mail address will be secure because all communication will be sent out in a "blind" format. No one will have access to your information.

The Fairmount Neighborhood Association also would like to use its website to let you know what is happening in the neighborhood so you have time to react to things that are important to you.

To add your email address to our email list, please attend the neighborhood meeting at Laurelwood Golf Course Sept. 15th and sign up on the attendance sheet or contact FN.Board@gmail.com.

Sign up today to receive
e-mail updates

[http://
fna411.googlepages.com/](http://fna411.googlepages.com/)

It's all about communication: Tips for good relations with students neighbors

A publication with tips for building relations with UO student neighbors will be available in hard copy format and on the UO Community Relations website in early September. The brochure provides ideas for sharing expectations of and providing support to students as well as resources available if inappropriate incidents occur. Thanks to Fairmount neighbors who helped to develop content for this publication!

East campus residence hall update:

Are you wondering about the new UO east campus residence hall that will be built at the corner of 15th and Moss? Design plans are in development and construction is projected to start summer of 2010. Come get first hand information about this project at the September 15 FNA meeting, at which UO Vice President of Student Affairs Robin Holmes and Campus Planning Committee chair Gregg Lobisser will share information about this project and the UO's 15-year vision for residence hall development. Can't make the meeting? Follow the latest about UO construction projects with impact on neighbors at <http://construction.uoregon.edu/>.

More info soon:

The above are just a few of the many connection points between FNA and the UO. Community Relations staff will share more UO/neighborhood updates and opportunities at the September 15 FNA General Meeting. See you then!

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Historic Home Owner Looking for Others Interested in Applying for Historic Home Designation

I am beginning to gather historic information and application forms to nominate my 1927 English cottage for historic home designation. I would like to work with, or meet, other home owners interested in applying for the city of Eugene's historic home designation and/or the National Register of Historic Places. Please email me, Heather at turpins2@aol.com.

Sustainable Stewardship of our Buildings and Community

Historic preservation can – and should – be an important component of any effort to promote sustainable development. The conservation and improvement of our existing built resources, including re-use of historic and older buildings, greening the existing building stock, and reinvestment in older and historic communities, is crucial to combating climate change.

Guiding Principles:

- Reuse existing buildings: Use what you have. The continued use of our existing buildings reduces the amount of demolition and construction waste deposited in landfills, lessens unnecessary demand for energy and other natural resources and conserves embodied energy (the amount of energy originally expended to create extant structures).
- Reinvest in our older and historic communities: Older and historic communities tend to be centrally located, dense, walkable, and are often mass-transit accessible – qualities celebrated and promoted by Smart Growth advocates. Reinvestment in existing communities also preserves the energy embedded in infrastructure, such as roads, water and sewer lines.
- Retrofit our existing building stock: Many historic and older buildings are remarkably energy efficient because of their site sensitivity, quality of construction, and use of passive heating and cooling, while other buildings require improvements to reduce their environmental footprint. Historic buildings can go green without compromising historic character.

Newsletter Submission Information

If you would like to contribute a letter to the editor or write an article for the newsletter please contact Heather Kliever-Turpin, turpins2@aol.com

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Images From the Summer Kick-Off: A New Water Feature at Fairmount Park

With a special thanks to Prince Puckler's for delicious ice cream!



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