



# Fairmount Neighbors

FALL 2010

## GENERAL

## MEETING

Sept 21, 2010

Many Nations  
Longhouse

E. 15th, behind the UO  
Law School

7-9pm

- **Special Election for co-chairs and treasurer**
- **Jay Runte, NWYC, Floral Hill Trail Project**
- **UO Public Safety**
- **History Grant**
- **Arena Parking District**

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## FNA Sense of Place History Project Update

The Fairmount History Project can report a number of accomplishments to date. One group of volunteers is focusing on collecting oral histories of long-time residents of our neighborhood. Another group is conducting archival research about our neighborhood, including early history and development, historic homes, parks and open space, schools and churches. We hope to have the bulk of this work finished by October 31. We will then compile our information and begin to craft a booklet which will be available to all Fairmount neighbors. We are looking to hire someone to help with oral history transcriptions, so if you have experience or know someone who does, please contact us. If you are interested in helping with any facet of this project or have suggestions or questions, please contact Katherine Lieberknecht (klieberknecht@gmail.com, 541-914-4787) or Judi Horstmann (horstmann529@comcast.net, 541-345-1264)

## Volunteer for Friends of Hendricks Park!

**Tuesday Morning Regulars** - Want to meet other gardeners? Want to learn about plants in the Rhododendron Garden? Join the Tuesday Morning Regulars at Hendricks Park office at the northeast end of the Rhododendron Garden (under the restrooms): Tuesday morning volunteers resumes on February 17, 2009, every Tuesday 9 a.m. – 12 noon, through November. For more information, call Joan at 485-1895.

**Saturday Morning Work Parties** - Want to be part of the Forest crew, who is slowly but surely restoring the forest in Hendricks Park? The crew removes ivy, does invasive weed removal, trail work, and learns about forest ecology. Be part of the change and join the crew at our monthly work parties on Saturdays. Meet at the picnic shelter at 9:30 a.m. Call Sandra at 343-3452.

**Other Volunteer Opportunities:** If you are interested in learning how a non-profit works, want to become a committee member or Board member, or get involved with fundraising or other opportunities, contact us at 541/ 607-4066 or by email at [info@friendsofhendricksark.org](mailto:info@friendsofhendricksark.org).

## Fairmount Neighbors Association General Meeting

The next general meeting of the Fairmount Neighbors Association is scheduled for **September 21st from 7- 9 PM at the UO Many Nations Longhouse**. We will be conducting a special election and following up on projects and proposals from the last general meeting. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you!

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Address

The Fairmount Neighbors Association website

<http://sites.google.com/site/fna411>

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## NEIGHBORHOOD LIVABILITY

A new committee has formed to discuss the problem of livability

issues in neighborhoods surrounding the University. This committee is called the "Neighborhood Livability Working Group". Members are composed of residents of the neighborhoods, University of Oregon staff, administration and public safety, Eugene Police Department, rental agents, UO students and staff from the City of Eugene. There have been two meetings this summer discussing the scope of the problem and possible solutions.

The representatives for Fairmount Neighbors are Sandra Austin (freda@efn.org) and David Sonnichsen.

Established last year was a protocol for reporting incidents such as loud disruptive parties, underage drinking, vandalism and roving bands of students.

**These incidences should be reported by email. This email goes to four different departments at the UO; Office of the Dean of Students, Department of Public Safety, Office of Government and Community Relations, InfoGraphics Lab as well as the Eugene Police Department.**

### TO REPORT AN INCIDENT:

Within 24 hours of the incident report the incident to the University of Oregon "good neighbor" hotline by emailing [goodneighbor@uoregon.edu](mailto:goodneighbor@uoregon.edu). Include:

- **Short description of incident**
- **Time of incident**
- **Location/addresses of incident**
- **Names of any students involved if you know them**
- **Any contact you had with students or landlords before, during or after incident**
- **Please include if EPD was called.**

**More information and explanation on the Fairmount Neighbors Website.**

<http://sites.google.com/site/fna411/safety>

## UNIVERSITY OF OREGON COMMUNITY WELCOME EVENT TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 5-7 p.m.

During this event 75 community leaders, including Mayor Piercy, UO President Richard Lariviere, Councilor Alan Zelenka, UO Vice President for Student Affairs Robin Holmes, ASUO student body president Amelie Rousseau, UO Department of Public Safety Chief Doug Tripp, Eugene Police Department Chief Pete Kerns, and neighborhood leaders will walk campus neighborhoods to welcome students back to the UO and the larger community. Leaders will encourage students to be good neighbors and provide information about crime prevention and rental rights and responsibilities.

**We need neighbors to participate in the walk! As neighborhood leaders we hope you will be able to join us. You will be assigned to group of three that includes student, UO, city, and/or law enforcement leaders. Volunteers will meet at Central Presbyterian Church at 5 p.m. on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> to receive instructions. After the walk at 7:00 there will be a town hall meeting at the church to discuss neighborhood-university relations and issues with city and UO leaders.**

**Please contact Karen Hyatt at [khyatt@uoregon.edu](mailto:khyatt@uoregon.edu) for more information or to volunteer.**

## CITY OF EUGENE, NEIGHBORHOOD MATCHING GRANT TO BENEFIT HENDRICKS PARK, FAIRMOUNT NEIGHBORS AND LAUREL HILL NEIGHBORS

The Northwest Youth Corps (NYC) Outdoor High School was awarded funds by the City of Eugene Neighborhood Matching Grant program to enhance the Floral Hill Trail at Hendricks Park. This is an exciting opportunity for NYC staff, students & AmeriCorps members and staff to work with **neighborhood volunteers** on a project that will improve accessibility to Hendricks Park and the recently constructed Ribbon Trail. In addition, we believe this opportunity will foster collaborative relationships between NYC & both Fairmount and Laurel Hill neighborhood associations.

The schedule for this fall will include non-native vegetation removal, transplanting of native species into the old trail corridor and graveling over newly established trail tread.

**The fall service “Make a Difference Day” will be on Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9-1 p.m.**

**Neighbors put this date on your calendar and please plan on volunteering for this important community event. Meet at the Wilkins Picnic Shelter at Hendricks Park, 2200 Summit Ave. Tools, gloves, water and snacks provided.**

**Information:** Jay Runte NYC 541-743-8591 Friends of Hendricks Park 541-607-4066

## Has Lead Gone Away?

Submitted by Allison Hughes, RN

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) seems to think it hasn't. According to EPA's new federal rules and the Oregon Department of Health & Human Services (DHS) Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, “Beginning April 2010, contractors performing renovation on homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 must be certified and follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination” (Oregon DHS, 2010). Some of the requirements are for contractors to use specific techniques to contain lead dust, use lead-safe work practices, to verify that the dust is gone before they finish, and to provide a copy of the EPA's handbook *Renovate Right: Important Lead Hazard Information for Families, Childcare Providers and Schools*.

Almost all buildings in Fairmount were built before 1978, with a large majority before 1950. Renovations of older homes in Fairmount are going on all the time. Also, homeowners and tenants have their own set of lead regulations. Homeowners should only perform lead-safe renovations and work in the home, and are required to inform any renters of the risk of lead paint in homes built before 1978 (preferably by providing the EPA pamphlet – *Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home*). Renters are responsible for the testing of lead in the home.

Currently, lead paint affects over one million children in the U.S. Children, because of their developing central nervous systems, are at risk of learning delays, attention deficit disorders, decreased IQ, growth retardation, impaired speech, as well as kidney, liver, and hearing damage. Adults are also at risk of lead exposure. The main sources of adult exposure are through occupations, hobbies, and home remodeling projects. Research indicates adult lead exposure can lead to hypertension, kidney disease, anemia, cognitive impairments, cardiovascular disease, lowered fertility, reproductive problems and a higher risk of birth defects and premature labor in pregnant women. An Oregon state-run study completed in 2000, revealed of those adults with elevated blood lead levels (BLL's), 95 percent were men, 90 percent were occupation-related, 75 percent were in manufacturing industries and “home remodeling was the most frequent source of non-occupational exposure” (Oregon DHS, 2010).

The Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) federally requires employers to provide protective equipment and test for elevated BLL in occupations where individuals may be exposed to lead. Sadly, “many workers with lead toxicity do not receive medical attention and, for those who do, follow-up may not be adequate to prevent future lead poisoning. Studies have shown that only a small percentage of employers in some lead industries provide routine blood lead testing for lead-exposed employees in spite of regulatory requirements” (California Department of Public Health, 2009, p. 2). Due to the increased attention of adult lead-related health risks, The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Adult Blood Lead Epidemiology and Surveillance Program (ABLES), Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), and The Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) have recently decreased adult BLL concerns from 25ug/dl, to 10ug/dl.

Since the early symptoms of lead poisoning can be vague (fatigue, headaches, irritability, metallic taste, uneasy stomach, poor appetite, weight loss, reproductive problems), most elevated BLL's (in adults and children) show no signs and symptoms early in the disease. Which also means most elevated BLL's go undiagnosed and untreated. There is no documented safe level of lead. “**Everyone** should maintain the lowest achievable blood lead level” (Oregon DHS, 2010). If you or your family feels you may be at risk of lead exposure, please consult your healthcare provider or employer for lead screening.

For more information on lead paint, exposure, and current laws regarding lead, check out:

Oregon Lead Poisoning Prevention Program  
800 NE Oregon St., Suite 640  
Portland, Oregon 97232  
Phone: 971-673-0440  
Toll free: 877-290-6767

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At the Sun Automotive parking lot  
Corner of Agate St. and 19th St.  
10 AM – 3 PM

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