

SUMMER 2015



Southeast Neighbors News

We care about the quality of life in our neighborhood and we work together to maintain and improve it.

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The purpose of the printed "Southeast Neighbors News" is to distribute information to Southeast Neighbors members and to provide a forum for free expression of opinions by members on issues of interest to the neighborhood. Advocacy positions may be included in the newsletter in an editorial format. The newsletter shall clearly indicate editorial material and guarantee space for timely printing of differing viewpoints.

Southeast Neighbors also publishes a twice monthly electronic newsletter to send alerts and to share events, opportunities and news. Subscribe at southeastneighbors.org.

Summer in Southeast Eugene

Mark your calendars for some awesome events happening in South Eugene this summer.

Saturday, July 18

- **Tugman Park Work Party:** Work with the Parks Department on improvement. Tools, gloves, snacks and instruction provided. 9:00 am—12:00pm
- **SmartTrips South Central Kick-Off Party at Tugman Park:** Learn ways to get around the neighborhood using different forms of transit from SmartTrips Eugene. Kids can learn and practice their bike and walk safety skills in a Traffic Safety course. Get a bike tune-up or a free bike wash at the washing station. Enjoy games, prizes, and free hot dogs. 11:00 am—2:00 pm.
- **Free Range Kids Neighborhood Discussion Circle:** Join us at the Tugman Park picnic shelter for lemonade and discussion about creating a neighborhood culture that supports childhood independence and freedom. 12:00 pm—1:00 pm

Thursday, July 23

- **RhythmFest at Amazon Community Center:** Family-friendly facilitated drum circle followed by rhythm entertainment. Bring your drum and small percussion instruments, chairs and blankets. 5:30 pm—7:30 pm.

Friday, July 24

- **Hilyard Presents: Open Stage & Improv Game Night,** (see article page 2) 6–9 pm. Continues on August

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Southeast Neighbors Picnic & Festival

by Heather Sielicki

Over the past few years, the Southeast Neighbors Picnic has grown from a small potluck for association members to a big, wide neighborhood festival where people who live in Southeast Eugene come to meet, eat, dance, play games, listen to neighborhood bands, learn, and build community.

For this year's event, we've reserved Tugman Park on **Saturday, September 12 from 3:00pm to 7:00pm.**

Last year, around 300 neighbors attended our event and this year, we predict the numbers will be closer to 500.

Join us to hear live music, learn juggling and hula hoop moves, get your face painted, taste free ice cream, enter raffles, share veggies at the urban garden sharing table (what is not taken will be donated to Food for Lane County), relax in the beer garden, try the nature scavenger hunt, get bike registration services from EPD, and receive valuable information from a variety of groups working to improve the neighborhood.

Get Involved

Volunteers are needed to help us manage different areas of

the event including setup and break down, and staffing the Southeast Neighbors table.

Neighborhood bands and musicians who would like to play a set should contact Emily Fox at musicfox@comcast.net. We will have amplified sound.

Local businesses, schools, students, individuals and neighborhood groups are invited to register to table at the event.

For more information, please call us at (541) 782-8736 or by email at southeastneighbors@gmail.com. See you at Tugman Park!

Graffiti Reporting



Graffiti vandals believe their actions harm no one. The reality is graffiti hurts everyone: homeowners, businesses, schools, and you. And, those who practice it risk personal injury, violence, and arrest.

The church located behind Haggen supermarket had an entire wall (facing 32nd) brightly tagged last month. Reports of other graffiti incidents have been popping up in the neighborhood. We encourage reporting all graffiti to the reporting center so it can be tracked by local law enforcement. The program includes a computerized system for photographing and tracking graffiti. The graffiti database is capable of linking graffiti or tag designs to specific individuals, and it also can be used to identify problems and trends in geographic areas in order to focus graffiti-suppression efforts.

City staff removes graffiti from the public rights of way and City-owned facilities but in 2010, funding for graffiti abatement on private property was eliminated. Private property owners and residents are encouraged to remove graffiti because prompt removal discourages additional graffiti. If you have questions about graffiti removal options for your property or if you'd like to report graffiti to have it removed, call Eugene Public Works Maintenance at 541-682-4800.

To report graffiti as a crime (criminal mischief) or to report graffiti as a potential bias crime, call the Eugene Police non-emergency number at 541-682-5111.

Going on Vacation?

by Harlow Meno

A few tips from Eugene Police Crime Prevention:

Predictably, dozens of Eugeneans will return from vacations over the next few months only to discover their homes have been burglarized. Use the following tips to improve your odds of avoiding this traumatic experience.

Preparations Before a Trip

- Don't advertise vacation plans beyond those who need to know.
- Have a friend pick up your mail and newspapers, or have them held.
- Set up timers on lamps in more than one room. Get timers that can operate for two or more intervals a day to simulate morning and evening routines.
- Consider putting a TV or talk-radio channel on a timer to simulate human voices and presence.
- Turn your telephone ringer off or down low (long, loud rings say "nobody's home.") Or, use call-forwarding.
- Unplug most electrical appliances. (This helps prevent electrical fires and saves on your electric bill.)
- Do not leave an extra key beneath the mat, over the door frame, or under a convenient rock. Any place you can think of, crooks can think of too. Leave the key with a trusted contact who will look in on your house while you are gone.
- For vacations of a minimum 5 days and a maximum of 90 days (or 3 months), take advantage of the Vacation Check program, courtesy of Seniors on Patrol. Applications must be submitted online at least one week before your departure. For additional questions about this program, contact Program Manager Debbie Janeczek at 541-682-2746.



Senior Patrol Volunteers work in pairs, drive specially marked police vehicles and wear uniforms that clearly identify them as police volunteers.

They will park a discreet distance from your home whenever possible and will walk in to the property.

Summer in Southeast Eugene Continued...

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8th & 22nd, September 12th.

Saturday, August 1 and Sunday, August 2

- **As You Like It:** Bring a picnic, blanket, family and friends down to the Amazon Community Center Amphitheater for a romantic comedy by William Shakespeare. Show will play on Saturday and Sundays through August 23, 6:00 pm—8:15 pm. Free and family friendly.

Saturday, August 8 and Sunday, 9

- **Fundraiser Garage Sale:** Community Veterinary Center will have a fundraiser garage sale at 200 E 37th Ave on August 8 and 9. Contact Diana Bus at 541-345-1195 for details.

Wednesday, August 12

- **Walk to Willamette Bites:** Walk with us down Willamette Street (moderate walk, 1.3 miles) to enjoy appetizers from local restaurants and a pizza dinner from Pegasus. Meet outside in the plaza at Woodfield Station. 6:00 pm—8:15 pm.

Monday, August 17

- **Neighborhood Schools Discussion Circle at Tugman Park:** Join us at the Tugman Park picnic shelter for lemonade and discussion about what is happening at our neighborhood schools. This gathering is for families with kids in schools and also for neighbors who do not have kids in the system. 6:30 pm—8:00 pm.

Friday, August 28

- **Breakfast at the Bridges:** Meet us at the Amazon Path in the grass near the parking lot at 24th Ave for a quick bite to eat and a cup of coffee. Learn about transportation in Eugene and get a bicycle safety check. Amazon Path & 24th Ave. 7:00 am—9:30 am.

Friday, August 28 through Sunday, August 30

- **Northwest Permaculture Convergence:** (see page 5) River Road Recreation Center

Saturday, September 12

- **Southeast Neighbors Picnic and Neighborhood Festival:** Live music from neighborhood bands, a beer garden, food carts, face-painting, free ice cream, an urban garden sharing table, info tables from neighborhood organizations and businesses, and more! Contact us at (541) 782-8736 or southeastneighbors@gmail.com to get involved.

Saturday, September 19

- **Tugman Park Work Party:** Help us to maintain Tugman Park. 9:00 am—12:00pm.



Can't make it to the Southeast Neighbors Work Parties at Tugman Park but still want to help? No problem. You or your neighborhood group or business can help out anytime with cleaning play structures, painting over graffiti, play sand maintenance and removal of non-native species along the Tugman creek corridor to benefit native species. For details, contact Carrie Karl at 541-682-4850



The raffle at the Southeast Neighbors Picnic and Festival on Saturday, September 12 is our main fundraiser for the year. Contact us to donate items. Thanks!



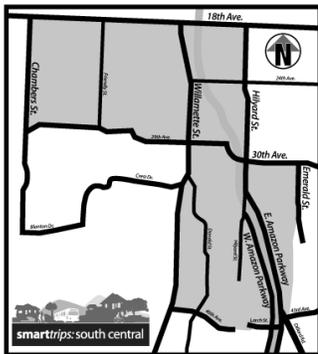
There are lots of events going on all around town this summer. For information and a complete calendar of events, visit EugFun.org

Hilyard Presents: Open Stage & Improv Game Night by Tommy Means

Hilyard Presents: Open Stage & Improv Game Night is a whirlwind of Open Stage Performances, Who's Line is it Anyway? like Improv Games, and Community Energizer Games! Come out and sign up for one of the Open Stage slots and show South Eugene what you got. Singers, musicians, artists, comedians, and even bad magicians are welcome! Got something else cool to show off? Bring it!

July 10th & 24th , August 8th & 22nd, September 12th (all times 6:00pm - 9:00pm)

Open Stage is a safe place for ALL community members to show off their unique talents abilities. No boo-birds allowed in this crowd! Come out and cheer on the brave stage conquerors in this family friendly event! This is a free event for all ages and all abilities. In-between acts, prepare for a gut busting barrage of comedic improv gold! Staff will lead a series of hysterical Improv Games and will ask for volunteers from the crowd to join in the fun! Popcorn and beverages will be available for purchase while supplies last. Alternate activities may be available. Community members requiring additional assistance should bring support staff. All ages are welcome.



A wide range of transportation options allows people to save money, improve their health, and improve the health of their community.

SmartTrips: In to YOUR neighborhood!

by Lindsay Selser

The City of Eugene SmartTrips program offers transportation tools to help you discover the treasures of your South Central neighborhood and create a healthier lifestyle. South Central residents can order a free walking kit complete with a pedometer, a special neighborhood walking and biking map and health information on the benefits of walking.

Residents can partake in a guided bike ride to the Emerald's Game on August 30th against the Spokane Indians as well as Eugene's first ever bike wash at the SmartTrips Kick Off Party on July 18th at Tugman park from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

If you are interested in riding the bus or trying out carpooling, we can help you find the bus route and stop that work best for you and we can even help you find a carpool partner. Who knows, they may even be your next door neighbor. Visit www.smarttripseugene.com for more information or contact Jessica Kessinger at 541-682-5059 or Jessica.a.kessinger@ci.eugene.or.us with questions.

Elapsed time	Outside Air Temperature (F)					
	70	75	80	85	90	95
0 minutes	70	75	80	85	90	95
10 minutes	89	94	99	104	109	114
20 minutes	99	104	109	114	119	124
30 minutes	104	109	114	119	124	129
40 minutes	108	113	118	123	128	133
50 minutes	111	116	121	126	131	136
60 minutes	113	118	123	128	133	138

The temperatures in a car can reach to 120 degrees, even with the windows down.

Don't Leave Pets in Vehicles

by Animal Services

As much as people enjoy taking their pets with them to run errands, leaving a dog or other pet in a car, even on a warm day with windows cracked, can be dangerous or downright deadly for the pet. Animals left in a hot car can sustain permanent brain damage when their body temperature reaches or exceeds 106F. A dog locked inside a hot car can suffer from heat stress in as little as six minutes, resulting in an agonizing death.

Leaving a pet in a hot car could result in the responsible party facing charges for animal neglect in the first or second degree. First degree is a Class A Misdemeanor with up to a \$6,250 fine and one year in jail and second degree is a Class B Misdemeanor with up to a \$2,500 fine and six months in jail.

Pets need special care during hot weather. To report abuse, call 541-687-4060.

Team Up for Fire Safety

by Amy J. Linder

This summer, the Eugene Springfield Fire Department and Parks and Open Space Division are partnering with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on a major effort to reduce the risk of fire in Ridgeline natural areas and West Eugene. We'll be removing dense vegetation in several locations, and continuing ecological burns by trained City and BLM fire staff to improve wildfire buffer zones.

What You Can Do

READY: Create a defensible space around your home by clearing away brush and using fire-resistant landscaping. As-

semble emergency supplies and belongings in a safe place. Plan escape routes and make sure all those in your home know the plan.

SET: Pack your emergency items. Stay aware of the latest fire information from local media and the Eugene-Springfield Fire Department.

GO: Follow your fire action plan. Get yourself and your family to safety.

ON THE TRAIL: Use caution when driving near vegetation and be aware of regulations that prohibit smoking, use of fireworks and recreational fires.

While wildfire is a natural part of our ecosystem, dry summer weather combined with human-caused sparks means there is always a risk of wildfire in our community. Work with us to help keep wildfire out of your backyard.

LEARN MORE The Eugene Springfield Fire Department will be in our community offering workshops, fire safety materials, and more to help you put a plan in place.

For more information on where we will be, how to prepare, and to view a map of the affected areas, visit: eugene-or.gov/teamup4firesafety



Team up for Fire Safety

You live in an area that is at a higher risk for wildfire due to its proximity to forest land.

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What We Are Doing

This Spring and Summer, the Eugene-Springfield Fire Department and Parks and Open Space Divisions are partnering with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on a major effort to reduce the risk of fire in Ridgeline natural areas and West Eugene. We'll be removing dense vegetation in several locations, and continuing ecological burns by trained City and BLM fire staff to improve wildfire buffer zones.

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Neighbors in areas that are at a higher risk for wildfire due to its proximity to forest land will receive postcards by mail from the fire department with more information about preparing for wildfire season.

2015 Northwest Permaculture Convergence

by Jan Spencer

The 2015 Northwest Permaculture Convergence will take place on August 28, 29 & 30. It is a unique opportunity to share what we are learning to reduce our environmental footprints, build resilient communities and take care of more needs closer to home.

Permaculture is a set of principles, values and approaches to designing systems for taking care of human needs that are friendly to people and planet.

Who will be interested? People into – downsizing and green lifestyles, resilient neighborhoods, organic gardening, permaculture, solar

design, green business, rural resilience, social cohesion, DIY, mutual assistance with friends and neighbors, fun, alternative culture and economy, peaceful and healthy world, local food systems and the suburban frontier.

It will include a site tour of several beautiful front yard gardens and a home site full of "green preparedness" features. The plan is to include several caucus periods for participants to hear each others' stories and learn about "green preparedness," Block Planning and the idea of forming a Northwest network spe-

cific to greening our neighborhoods.

Low income members of Eugene neighborhood associations can apply for a Summit Scholarship so they can attend. The first offer will be for six full day scholarships. There will be a simple application process with the potential for additional scholarships in the future.

Visit the website www.northwestpermaculture.org for program updates, volunteer information, registration, proposing a presentation, becoming a sponsor, and more.



Sandra shows and tells her green house, rain barrels. Her projects go back 8 years. Lots to see.

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Neighborhood Matching Grants Program - Opens Sept 14, 2015

The Neighborhood Matching Grants program was established by City Council in 2000 with the purpose of encouraging residents in Eugene to work collaboratively to identify and actively participate in making improvements to their neighborhoods. Community involvement and building relationships are key components of the program and are encouraged by requiring that the project budget include a match amount equal to, or greater than, the grant request; coordination with and support of your neighborhood association; and documentation of neighborhood support. Projects may include, but are not limited to:

- Physical improvement projects that involve recreation or public safety facilities, natural resource features, public art and spaces, or community gardens. Projects that improve universal accessibility are also encouraged.
- Public school partnership projects that benefit school children and the immediate neighborhood.
- Neighborhood-based events and celebrations.
- Capacity building initiatives that serve to create, diversify, or increase participation in a neighborhood-based organization or promote an understanding of issues important to neighborhood residents.
- Outreach, research, education or organizing projects that address planning-related topics such as transportation (pedestrian or cyclist safety), land use (neighborhood or area planning) or public safety (disaster planning, neighborhood mapping, neighborhood safety).

Grant guidelines and application materials are available on the City's web site, www.eugene-or.gov/matchinggrants, and at the Permit and Information Center located at 99 W 10th or by calling Cindy Clarke at 541-682-5272.