

FALL 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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You can contact Southeast Neighbors on Facebook, Twitter, at southeastneighbors.org and by phone at (541) 782-8736.

## Fall Meeting & Dessert Potluck

by Heather Sielicki

Our fall neighborhood meeting will take place on **Tuesday, November 10, 6:30pm to 8:30pm** at Good Samaritan at 3500 Hilyard St. The theme is Dessert Potluck. If possible, please bring something sweet to share and your own plate and utensils but don't let the lack of either stop you from coming.

The featured program, beginning at 7pm, will be world café style small group discussions. You will have the opportunity to participate in more than one group. Drop in anytime to talk or just to listen. A few of the topics we'll discuss include:

**Traffic Watch:** Help pinpoint the spots in the neighborhood most in need of a safety fix by sharing specific

concerns. We'll have a map.

**Air Quality:** With the onset of colder weather, fireplace and wood-stove usage increases dramatically in SE Eugene, releasing particulate matter into the local air shed. How can we keep the pollution levels down during times of air stagnation?

**Fostering Connections:** What could we do to help people to get to know one another in the neighborhood? Walking groups? Concerts in the park? Bring your ideas.

**Improving Communication Around Land Use Issues:** How can we be more inclusive and engaging around planning and development issues in our community? What does effective outreach

look like?

**Homeless Support:** How can we help people experiencing homelessness? Could we better support the Overnight Parking or the Egan Warming Center in our neighborhood?

**School Safety & Neighborhood Involvement:** What can we do as a community to help keep our kids safe?

**Emergency Preparedness:** Are you ready in the event of an earthquake? How can you help your neighbors prepare?

Please contact us if you would like to facilitate a dialog. We also need help with the setup and breakdown for this meeting. Come 1/2 hour early or stay 1/2 hour late to help if you can. Thank you!

## South Willamette Special Area Zone by Duncan Rhodes and Lealan Swanson

The City of Eugene is working to comply with predicted future population growth without extending the current Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). Between 2011 and 2013, the City Planning Department, with input from the community, created the "South Willamette Concept Plan" (SWCP). To implement this plan, proposed building and zoning code changes for the area surrounding South

Willamette Street and 29th Avenue, known as the South Willamette Special Area Zone (SW-SAZ), are being discussed.

The idealized vision proposed by the City Plan Department depicts an attractive, healthy, walkable neighborhood with successful businesses and new opportunities for jobs and housing. The district is expected to change over time.

Design and zoning code changes proposed by the SW-SAZ will affect property and business owners as well as residents. The plan currently recommended is intended to guide redevelopment during the next fifty years along this important South Eugene corridor.

Zoning and building code changes are proposed for the

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## City Installs Shared Lane Markings

from InMotion Newsletter



*Good advice for traveling on a street with shared lane markings, is to slow down, behave predictably, and act as if other road users are a family member or someone you know, not an obstacle that is "in the way".*

Hundreds of shared Lane Markings (SLMs), sometimes called "sharrows", are currently being installed under a contract for walking and bicycling improvements throughout the city.

Sharrow is short-form for "shared lane bicycle marking". This pavement marking includes a bicycle symbol and two white chevrons and is used to remind motorists that bicyclists are permitted to use the

full lane. There are no striped bicycle lanes on streets marked with sharrows.

SLMs direct people on bikes to ride in the proper direction on a street and raise the awareness of people in cars of the potential presence of bicycle traffic.

When people riding bikes travel directly over the shared lane marking they are in the best position to be seen by other road users and will be positioned outside of the "door

zone", where an opening car door can injure a bicycle rider.

Additional benefits include reducing the incidence of sidewalk riding and wrong-way bicycling.

Streets where new shared lane markings will be added include Willamette Street, Alder Street, 12th Avenue, 15th Avenue, Olive Street, and Broadway. For more information, call Traffic Safety at 541-682-5291 or email Lee Shoemaker

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## Proposed Neighborhood Kiosk in Tugman Park

by Duncan Rhodes

The Southeast Neighbors Board has proposed to construct an informational kiosk in Tugman Park about 65 feet East of the existing restroom.

The kiosk will be about 7' x 8' with 4" x 4" uprights and a metal roof, and will contain on a 5' wide piece of 1" plywood upon one side of which will be

mounted an enclosed bulletin board and a little free library, a blackboard with chalk on the other side, and corkboard on other exposed surfaces of the plywood for people to post notices.

This project is presently under review by Eugene Parks and Open Spaces, and we will ap-

ply for a neighborhood matching grant to help defray the costs.

If you would like to help with the construction or long-term maintenance of the kiosk, please contact us at southeastneighbors@gmail.com or call Duncan Rhodes at 541-525-5777.

## Home Wood Heating Advisory Season In Effect

from www.lrapa.org



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The Home Wood Heating (HWH) Advisory Season now runs from October 1st through May 31st. Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) issues daily HWH advisories during this season which come in three colors, based upon levels of air pollution: green, yellow, and red. While wood burning is banned (unless you have an approved ex-

emption letter from LRAPA) during a red advisory, and it is discouraged during yellow advisory days, during green advisories woodstoves or fireplaces still have a limit on how much smoke can be emitted.

It is illegal to have thick smoke from chimney stacks, and residents are subject to fines if smoke is thicker than 40%

opacity. Report too thick smoke (occurring for more than the 10 minutes allowed in a 4 hour period for start-up) to LRAPA at 541-726-1930.

Please check the advisory before you use your wood stove or fireplace at [www.lrapa.org](http://www.lrapa.org), 541-746-4328, or text by sending "LRAPAHWH" to 313131.

**S. Willamette St. Improvements**

*A project to do a test re-striping and make several permanent improvements on Willamette Street from 24th to 32nd avenues has been postponed until Spring 2016. A new traffic signal will be installed at the Woodfield Station driveway north of 29th Avenue. The street will be permanently widened north of 24th Avenue.*

**Make Traffic Safety Improvements**

*The public may request the following services using an online request form on the City Web Site at [www.eugene-or.gov](http://www.eugene-or.gov).*

- *Traffic signal - report malfunction*
- *Traffic sign - report missing, request maintenance or request new*
- *Street light - request maintenance*
- *Report graffiti on public property*



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**SW-SAZ Continued**

by Duncan Rhodes and Lealan Swanson

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approximately 35-block area along both sides of Willamette Street from 22nd to 33rd Avenues. North of 29th Avenue, the plan includes recommendations for the west side of Willamette extending to Portland Street including the Woodfield Station shopping complex. To the south, the SW-SAZ area includes both sides of Willamette to 30th Avenue. On the east, it runs along Amazon Drive from 22nd to 29th Avenue. Finally, the proposed affected area includes half of a block to the east of Willamette Street from 29th Avenue to 33rd Avenue.

In general, the object of the SW-SAZ is to widen the streetscape along Willamette Avenue by requiring increased setbacks from the street, and limiting building heights along the street to two stories. Building heights up to seven stories will be allowed further from the street. Densities in

the surrounding residential neighborhoods would be increased through encouraging development of apartments, row houses, cluster cottages and courtyard houses. Parking and traffic are both important issues addressed in part by the current plan.

Concerned home owners in the area have formed the South Willamette Neighbors to oppose SW-SAZ code revisions. They contend that increased building heights in currently zoned low-density residential areas will substantially affect current residents, fundamentally change the neighborhood, and result in increased vehicular traffic.

A multi-neighborhood meeting was held on September 16th at Good Samaritan to encourage citizen participation. A panel comprised of the City Planning Department personnel, as well as citizens in favor of and opposed to the SW-SAZ, gave position speeches and responded

to questions from the audience. About 200 people attended, and there was much lively discussion.

Tentative dates have been scheduled for City Council consideration; November 9 (public hearing) and December 9 (work session, discussion of public comment and direction to staff). The Southeast Neighbors Board has requested that City Council postpone public hearing and action to give neighborhoods more time for public involvement.

South Willamette Neighbors is petitioning City Council to suspend the South Willamette Special Area Zone (SW-SAZ) adoption process & to develop a refinement plan to address land use and transportation policies. You can sign the petition at [www.swneugene.org](http://www.swneugene.org).

For more information or to share feedback about the SW-SAZ, please contact the City of Eugene Planning Division at 541-682-5507.

**Editorial: Stop Signs Needed at Potter Street**

by Duncan Rhodes

The Southeast Neighbors Association Board approved a resolution on August 11, 2015 to request the installation of stop signs on East Amazon Drive at the Potter Street intersection.

This will enable safer crossing of this intersection by schoolchildren attending the new location of the Charlemagne

French School near Kincaid Park and crossing to and from the West of Amazon Drive, as well as those crossing over Amazon Drive to the schools to the East. The existing school zone crosswalk provided at East Amazon Drive and 39th Street is deemed to be unsafe, since traffic on East Amazon

Drive proceeds at 42 mph (85th percentile).

Stop signs at Potter Street would force drivers to come to a complete stop at this intersection, enabling safer crossing of the street by vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians, including schoolchildren. Please ask City Council to make this happen!

# Southeast Neighbors

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*The 2015 Southeast Neighbors Picnic/Festival on Saturday, September 12 was a fantastic community building event. Thank you to the many participating organizations, volunteers, speakers, and musicians who turned out to make the event a success: Electric Cycles of Oregon, West Coast Dog and Cat Rescue, H.E.L.P, EWEB, ISMT Preschool, Eugene-Springfield Community Emergency Response Team, City of Eugene Planning and Development, Community Rights Lane County, Eugene Park Stewards, First United Methodist Church, Amazon Community Center, S. Willamette Neighbors, Long Tom Watershed Council, Tamarack Aquatic Center, OSU Extension Service, Eugene Bhangra, Edgewood Elementary PTA, Ridgeline Montessori Public Charter School, Eugene Police Department, Cascade Mycological Society, T.H.R.I.V.Eugene, OURS (Our Universal Right to Shelter, Sanitation and Sleep), Great Harvest Bread Company, Trillium Clothing, Lube It USA, Off the Waffle, Arriving by Bike, Safeway, The Glenwood, Michael Kevin Daly, Eternal Now, Mayor Kitty Piercy, King Street Rhythmaries, Councilor Taylor, Commissioner Sorenson, Chief Jason Charger of the Lakota Tribe, 33 and the Thyrds, Pedal Power, Sunshine Deliwagon, Claim 52 and the hard-working and dedicated members of the Southeast Neighbors Board!*

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## Upcoming Community Events in November

### **Tuesday, November 5, 7:00pm to 8:30pm**

Common Core, Tell me More: Explaining the Common Core and the “Smarter Balanced” tests. U of O Law School, 1515 Agate, room 110. Geared towards parents but open to the public.

### **Saturday, November 7, 10am to 12pm**

Family Foray: The Cascade Mycological Society guides us on a free, fungi identification hunt in our own neighborhood. Pre-registration required at [recenroll.eugene-or.gov](http://recenroll.eugene-or.gov).

### **Tuesday, November 10, 6:30pm to 8:30pm**

Southeast Neighbors Fall Meeting & Dessert Pot Luck: Small group discussions on community issues, bring your own plate and utensils. Good Samaritan, 3500 Hilyard St.

### **Monday, November 14, 9:00am to 12:00pm**

Tugman Work Party: The Parks Department will provide gloves, tools, and refreshments.

### **Wednesday, November 18, 7:00pm to 8:30pm**

Community Town Hall on Homelessness: Bringing people together from all walks of life to understand the issues and

choices we can make as a community. Location TBD.

### **Thursday, November 19, 5:00pm to 8:30pm**

Neighborhood Leaders Training - City Sponsored. A once a year opportunity to meet neighborhood leaders and get to know program staff. Participants receive a handbook with additional information about City departments and community resources. Great training for anyone considering or currently active with boards or commissions work. Washington Park Center. Free. RSVP to [rene.c.kane@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:rene.c.kane@ci.eugene.or.us).

## Ongoing

**City Council Public Forum:** 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month, 7:00 pm at Harris Hall, Public Service Building, 125 E 8th Ave. Address the Mayor & City Council on any topic not on the agenda.

**Contra Dance:** Every second and fourth Saturday. Fun, family-friendly, alcohol free with a live band and a caller to lead you through each dance. Dunn School, 3411 Willamette Street (just south of the South Eugene Post Office) Beginner's lesson at 7:00pm, dancing starts at 7:30pm. Sliding scale.