

Fairmount Neighbors

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Council approves protection measures

Move aims to limit unintended development associated with the demand for student housing

As the University of Oregon has expanded, our neighborhood has been challenged by increased and sometimes illegal development associated with the demand for student housing. The city intends to address those issues through a special area land use planning process for the Fairmount, South University, and Amazon neighborhoods.

Since the planning is not slated to begin until after Envision Eugene has been adopted, the City Council has approved some interim measures to limit further negative impacts on the neighborhoods. They took effect on April 12 and include the following:

- Prohibited dwelling types: New row houses, new duplexes, new triplexes,

new fourplexes;

- Prohibited land division types: New flag lots, new row house lots;
- Prohibited zone changes: New zone changes to R1.5

Though some new secondary and accessory dwellings will be permitted, they will be subject to special limitations such as building height and number of bedrooms.

There will also be some special limitations on pre-existing legal structures, driveways and parking areas, maximum bedroom count in new or remodeled houses, and property line adjustments.

More information and links to city staff can be found at: <http://www.eugene-or.gov/index.aspx?nid=2601>

INTERIM PROTECTION MEASURES

Prohibited dwellings

- New rowhouses
- New duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes

Prohibited land divisions

- New flag lots
- New rowhouse lots

Special development standards (area specific)

- Accessory buildings (includes plumbing fixture limitation)
- Secondary dwellings
- Alley access lots (including lots of record)

Limitations placed on

- Expanded driveways and parking areas
- Maximum bedroom count in new or remodeled houses where a bedroom is being added
- Property line adjustments

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FAIRMOUNT HISTORY

Historic home has Queen Anne style

The 1662 Villard Street House was built in 1900. Mason and Minerva. R. Van Tyne obtained a mortgage for the land from banker F.M. Wilkins (Hendricks Park Picnic Shelter named for him) for \$350. They lived in it until 1903. Other owners included Andrew and Hans Svarverud from 1906 until 1918, Byron Ellis 1920 until 1941.

In September 1947 the house was purchased by George and Maude Shoup after making a trip from Topeka Kansas in a 1936 Ford Coupe and a large truck with all their possessions. George Shoup, was a mail carrier in the Fairmount Neighborhood for many years. Two of the Shoup daughters still live in the house.

The 1661 Villard house is an example of Queen Anne style architecture one of four in the Fairmount Neighborhood. It is listed in the "Oregon Cultural Resource Inventory of Eugene." It is designated as a City Historic Landmark. It is also the last remaining private home on the west side of Villard between 15th and 17th, all other property owned by the University of Oregon.

Originally there was an octagonal turret which included stained glass windows. (See photo) The turret was later removed due to considerable leakage and replaced with a small trunk room. Also, there is a Queen Anne style wrap around porch with square posts. The north side of the porch was enclosed by George Shoup to add an extra first floor room. Other significant architectural features include: bay windows on front of house on both stories, bay window on the north side of the house and outside walls covered with imbricated shingles and ship lap siding.

-Sandra Austin



Above, George and Mabel Shoup. Images courtesy Gayle Lightfoot Shoup and family.



Pond enhancement shown in highlighted area.

Willamette River fish to benefit from side-channel enhancement

The completed Whilamut Passage Bridge has been carrying vehicles across the Willamette River for months, yet a significant enhancement related to the bridge project is just beginning.

To excavate a pond allowing juvenile fish to find refuge, pedestrian and bicycle traffic has recently been rerouted from a path south of Franklin Boulevard onto the new viaduct north of Franklin above the riverbank, connecting Eugene to Glenwood and Springfield.

For decades water from Augusta Creek in the Laurel Hill Valley has been piped under an asphalt path and Franklin before flowing into the Willamette. But soon a microcosm of the former undammed Willamette's complexity will reappear

when the subsurface pipe is replaced by a daylighted stream collecting in a pool just above Augusta's drop into the river.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and the state's Department of Transportation (ODOT) designed this enhancement to provide young salmonids—salmon, trout and char—a shelter in which to rest and grow, beyond the churn of storm-driven high water. Juvenile fish and other aquatic species will swim up Augusta Creek into what ODFW calls “an alcove” with banks overhung by willow and sedge.

In a way the little pool would reflect the genesis of “Whil-

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amut Passage.” Whilamut is an indigenous people’s word meaning “where the river ripples and runs fast,” and Passage represents the rush of vehicles on nearby roads and tracks, as well as passageways for animals in and along the water, and the passage of time itself.

The pool will sit inside a triangle bordered by Interstate 5, Franklin and the railroad, yet within this confined space will be a hint of an important feature of a river which once carved multiple channels where Kalapuya people hunted, fished and canoed from one village to another.

ODOT has acknowledged Kalapuya culture with art enhancements flanking and below the freeway, and by sponsoring the four most recent Talking Stones in the Whilamut Natural Area of Alton Baker Park, featuring words from the Kalapuya tongue and English language translations.

Opening lower Augusta Creek to benefit fish whose ancestors shared a river with the first human inhabitants of this land serves to channel the past into the present in a place just minutes from our neighborhood.

Former Fairmount Neighbors board member David Sonnichsen has represented park and neighborhood interests on ODOT’s Community Advisory Group for the Whilamut Passage Bridge since 2007.

J Parking update

The City of Eugene is partnering with the University of Oregon to manage the City’s residential parking zone program. Permits may be obtained at the University of Oregon’s Parking and Transportation Office at 1401 Walnut Street, Monday - Friday, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

With the change, the City is requiring a permit application form to be filled out, so please remember your (1) driver’s license, (2) vehicle registration, and (3) proof of residency. For more information, please visit www.eparkeugene.com.

Problems with a party next door?

To report a party or other non-emergency situation, call EPD at **(541) 682-5111**. It’s very important that you tell the dispatcher that you are willing to sign a complaint and be sure to give the exact street address. Saying something like “the corner of 19th and Villard” is NOT sufficient. Having the street number of the house or building also enables the University of Oregon to follow up on complaints.

You should call even if the Eugene Police Department is unable to respond. Your call allows the city and the University of Oregon to track problems in the neighborhood. Call other neighbors to encourage them to report the problem as well.

If you are going to host a party, follow these **nine simple steps**:

1 Control the guest list. Don’t let random people who are walking around looking for a party into your house. **2 Adults only.** If you choose to serve alcohol, ensure that you only serve to persons twenty-one years of age or older. **3 Plan ahead.** Notify your neighbors in advance of the date, times, and location of the party, and a contact name and number in case problems arise. **4 Monitor noise levels.** Keep doors and windows closed. **5 Discourage drinking games.** **6 Clean up debris from your yard and the street.** **7 Prevent drunk driving.** **8 Safety first.** If you are concerned for a friend’s medical safety, such as alcohol poisoning, call 911 immediately. **9 Cooperate with police.** If contacted by police or other authorities, be respectful and be compliant.

Compiled by Patrick Deegan

Fairmount Neighbors



A carshare vehicle near the Courtyard Apartments on Villard St.

Carsharing available to Fairmount Neighbors

Carsharing is becoming a vital component in our community's array of transportation choices and is a cost-effective supplement to biking, walking, and transit use. It is a member-based service that provides residents, students, and businesses with short-term access to a network of cars.

In 2012, Point2point at Lane Transit District partnered with Enterprise CarShare (formerly WeCar) and the cities of Eugene and Springfield to introduce carsharing to our community. While the regional carsharing program was new for both cities when it was launched in 2012, carsharing had already been popular on the University of Oregon campus since 2009.

Enterprise CarShare offers 24-hour access to vehicles for hourly, daily, and overnight rentals. The program—from application to reservation—is totally automated and online. After reserving a vehicle online, members access the vehicle using their membership card and return the vehicle to the same location when finished. Fuel, insurance coverage, and maintenance costs are included in the hourly rate of \$8 per hour.

Non-University of Oregon affiliated members can use any

vehicle in the network except for the cars located on campus. Vehicles are conveniently located in the Fairmount neighborhood and along transit lines in both Eugene and Springfield at the following locations:

- 1425 Villard Street (across from Matt Knight Arena)
- 1410 Orchard Street (Courtyard Apartments)
- 906 Charnelton Street (at West Broadway)
- Hilyard Street north of East 11th Avenue
- 3225 Kinsrow Avenue (Ducks Village Apartments)
- 275 S Garden Way (Chase Crossing)
- In Springfield on Main Street (between 5th & 6th Avenues)

Visit EnterpriseCarShare.com for more information and to enroll. If you have any questions about carsharing or other transportation options, please contact Point2point at 541-682-6213.

-Camilla Bayliss

Laurelwood Grill opens!

By the time you read this article, Laurelwood Grill should be months into operation. Proprietor and chef, Chris Erben, who currently owns El Pato Café at the 5th Street Market, has been steadily getting the Laurelwood clubhouse ready for what he plans to be a welcoming and successful neighborhood and golfers' gathering place. Chris plans to offer fresh sandwiches, salads and hand-made burgers, an espresso fountain, local beer on tap and a selection of soft drinks, wine, beer and cocktails. Hours will be from 10 am until dusk. In good weather there will be tables outside. The Laurelwood Grill will have big screen televisions for watching sporting events and is furnished with wooden tables and chairs Chris procured from the Oregon Electric Station.

Chris has been in the restaurant industry since he was 14, when he started washing pots in his uncle's restaurant. Eventually Chris attended the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco. In addition to academy curriculum, he was exposed to varied cuisines from all over the world while working with fellow line cooks. After graduating, Chris spent several years as the corporate chef at Ruth's Chris Steak House in Scottsdale, AZ. He relocated to Eugene when his wife joined EWEB. The couple has 2 children.

The idea for the Laurelwood Grill developed from mutual interests. Chris loves to play golf when he has some free time. Laurelwood's Course Manager, Will Benson, loves El Pato's breakfast burritos. Eventually Will and Debby, Laurelwood's pro-golfer and General Manager, approached Chris about starting a restaurant in the clubhouse. Chris jumped at the chance to create an eatery at the golf course, especially once he saw the Fireside room.

In the future, on Friday and Saturday nights, Chris hopes to offer some dinner dance events, featuring a 3-5 course set menu in collaboration with local breweries, followed by dance



Entrance to the Laurelwood Golf Course and Grill.

lessons and dancing. He is also contemplating offering brunch on Saturdays and Sundays, featuring his specialty, Eggs Benedict.

Chris, an enthusiastic and affable individual, wants to be a good neighbor and hopes to make Laurelwood Grill a place where golfers will relax after their rounds and where neighbors will gather for a meal and socializing. One big plus for Laurelwood neighbors is that when parties are held at the Fireside Room there will be a manager on site— it's nice to know that events will be well-staffed.

The Grill will be a work in progress. If anyone has a sofa, some artwork or houseplants that need a good home, please offer them to Chris, as he continues furnishing the space. Let's welcome him to the neighborhood by dropping in for a drink or meal and to say hello!

-Judi Horstmann

The Kids' Corner



Young Addi surveys the environs.

A new treehouse appeared this spring next to Fairmount Park. The blue with white stripes perch was the result of two girls' ambitions, and the fallout of the wicked spring ice storm.

The ice storm hit many trees at Fairmount park. The stand of four big leaf maples weathered the storm as well as could be, but needed thinning. Two of the four trees were taken out, fortuitously leaving a five-foot tall stump and an opening.

The two girls, Sasha and Addi Deegan, thought a treehouse would be a lot of fun. Sasha especially liked the idea because it could provide more fun in the backyard while young Addi continued her habit of midday napping.

Sasha helped conceive of the perch's layout, imagining the sides and a little table built into the treehouse (made from the

surface of the leftover tall stump). She also chose the color and pattern, and helped to paint the exterior walls with recycled paint from Bring. Both Sasha and Addi aided in the actual construction as faithful testers, supporters, and by happily running to fetch anything that their dad may have forgotten (a frequent occurrence).

The treehouse is a sturdy work. The small platform has held as many as three adults and two kids at the same time. There has been some chat about creating a soup-can wire intercom with Tim Boyden's treehouse next door, but in the meantime information is passed via messenger squirrel.

-Patrick Deegan, with invaluable assistance from Sasha and Addi

FAIRMOUNT NEIGHBORS GENERAL MEETING

September 15

**7 p.m. at Laurelwood
Golf Course**

- Capital Hill housing project update
 - Friends of Trees
 - University of Oregon
off-campus conduct update
- Disaster preparedness with
the Red Cross and EWEB

Stay connected!

Keep in touch and find out more information about the Fairmount neighborhood and the Fairmount Neighbors Association at the following sites.

Official Website:

www.fairmountneighbors.org

Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/
FairmountNeighbors](http://www.facebook.com/FairmountNeighbors)

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