

**JWN e-news :: July 16, 2006**

Timely and concise news and announcements related to the Jefferson Westside Neighbors.

Visit the JWN Web site at: [www.jwneugene.org](http://www.jwneugene.org) .

Please contact either JWN co-chair (see below) if you have comments or questions.

**\*\*\* JWN Board meeting tomorrow (Monday). Meeting day changes in August.**

The JWN Executive Board will meet July 17 at 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m at McNail-Riley House on the NW corner of W. 13th Ave. and Jefferson Street.

Please note the City weekly calender of events lists the wrong day (Tuesday). We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Starting in August, the JWN board meetings will be held on the THIRD Wednesday of the month. The Board changed the meeting day so it wouldn't conflict with City Council meetings.

You can find the JWN meeting information on the Web at:  
<http://jwneugene.org/meetings.html>

**\*\*\* Neighbors Night Out -- Another Neighborhood Party!**

Tuesday, August 1st from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Charnel-Mulligan Park, corner of W. 17th Ave. and Charnelton Street.

Another great gathering to enjoy our neighborhood parks. This is an "ice cream social" providing a chance to visit your neighbors and meet members of the Eugene Police Department bike patrols that help keep our parks safe and enjoyable.

Questions or want to help? Contact Rene Kane, JWN Co-chair at 343-4309.

For a flyer you can print as a reminder, click on the link below:  
<http://jwneugene.org/documents/JWNnno2006.pdf>

**\*\*\* JWN sponsors Amazon Canal -- Work party planned for October.**

The JWN board voted to continue the neighborhood association's "Stream Team Agreement" with the City of Eugene under which JWN organizes stream cleanup and native vegetation planting work parties on the section of Amazon Canal that runs through the Jefferson neighborhood.

The board designated Rene Kane as JWN liaison to the City for this agreement. Please contact Rene if you're interested in the "Stream Team Agreement".

A work party is tentatively planned for mid-October, specific date to be determined. Jon Belcher has volunteered to coordinate. If you're interested in participating in the work party, please contact Jon at [jbelcher@efn.org](mailto:jbelcher@efn.org) .

**\*\*\* Who Ya' Gonna' Call? City phone numbers.**

A list of frequently called City phone numbers is now available on the JWN Web site at:

<http://jwneugene.org/cityphonenbrs.html>

A convenient, suitable-for-the-refrigerator card with these numbers will be included as an insert in the September JWN newsletter.

**\*\*\* McNail-Riley House improvements and scheduling confirmations.**

Board member Erika Seiferling is now handling scheduling for the McNail-Riley House. Contact Erika at [eseiferling@earthlink.net](mailto:eseiferling@earthlink.net) for information.

IMPORTANT: We are reconfirming all organizations' scheduled use of the McNail-Riley House. If your organization uses the McNail-Riley House, and you haven't already reconfirmed your reserved time, you should reconfirm with Erika immediately. See the following link for more information:

<http://jwneugene.org/mcnailriley.html>

Repairs to the floor and other areas have almost been completed. A big thanks to Meredith Fox of the City and Bill Wolf of the Friendly Bridge Club for their tremendous help in accomplishing these improvements.

The building will be closed July 18th to complete repairs. The City is also buying new chairs and tables. Yay!

And a HUGE THANKS to Erika for the tremendous job she has done as a volunteer coordinating this work for the JWN and getting the whole scheduling process back on track.

**\*\*\* Redesignated area of the Jefferson neighborhood.**

At their June 19 meeting, the JWN board authorized the co-chairs to recommend to City Council appropriate action to prevent zone changes in the redesignated area of the Jefferson neighborhood until appropriate development standards to protect this area's neighborhood character are implemented.

On June 30, the co-chairs met with Councilor Bonny Bettman to walk around the affected area and discuss how to address the problems caused by this redesignation.

The co-chairs sent a letter to Council and testified at the July 10 Council meeting, providing their recommendations and background information.

The letter is available on the JWN Web site as a PDF document at:

<http://jwneugene.org/corr/JWNLetterToCityCouncilJuly5Rvdsd.pdf>

For more information see the April and May JWN newsletters, posted on the JWN Web site at:

<http://jwneugene.org/publications.html>

**\*\*\* City Council adds two planners and funds for "opportunity siting" and infill compatibility standards.**

City Council approved the following items in the FY07 budget:

- One full-time planner and \$50,000 to implement "opportunity siting"
- One full-time planner and \$20,000 to develop infill compatibility standards

"Opportunity siting" is a strategy Council adopted in July 2005 to take a *targeted* approach to increases in residential density so the health and character of nearby neighborhoods is protected. Read on to learn more.

Infill compatibility standards are zoning code regulations that are intended to prevent the type of incompatible infill that's been occurring over the last two decades in the Jefferson and Westside (and other) neighborhoods.

At the March 14, 2006 General Meeting, JWN members unanimously (48-0) adopted the following motion:

*Consistent with the motion adopted by City Council at their December 14, 2005 work session, **Jefferson Westside Neighbors** requests the Eugene Planning Commission assign a high priority to staff and Planning Commission efforts to create effective standards to protect established neighborhoods' character and stability from the damaging and/or destabilizing impacts of inappropriate infill.*

The JWN board is actively working to further this shared goal of the Council and JWN membership.

-- The co-chairs sent letters to the Budget Committee and then to the Mayor and City Council strongly encouraging the Council to add a planner and funds for work on infill standards. (City staff had failed to present the Budget Committee with a recommendation in time for the Budget Committee to take action, so we had to convince Council to add funds to the Budget Committee's recommended budget.) In response to our letter, Mayor Piercy lent her support to the addition which Council then passed.

-- The JWN co-chairs joined leaders from neighborhood associations in Whiteaker, Friendly Area, Churchill, Laurel Hill Valley, River Road, and Santa Clara in submitting a "Citizens' Guide to Opportunity Siting" document to City Council as an attempt to describe opportunity siting for residents whose lives may be impacted by this new program. You can read the cover letter and guide on the JWN Web site at:

<http://jwneugene.org/documents/GuideToOS.pdf>

The City Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint meeting this Monday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to discuss opportunity siting, infill compatibility standards, and population estimates. The meeting is in the McNutt Room at City Hall, 777 Pearl Street.

**\*\*\* YMCA proposes changes to Lane Fair Grounds Livestock Building.**

The Lane County Fair Board is considering a proposal by the YMCA to convert the Livestock Building to a multi-purpose sports facility for ten months of the fiscal year and to continue using the building as an animal event facility for the two months of the 4H/FFA Youth Fair and County Fair.

The JWN co-chairs have advised Warren Wong, the Managing Director of the Fair Board, that the JWN board and residents would be very interested in this proposal for two reasons:

- The potential impacts on surrounding residents, including traffic, noise, dust, and light.
- The implications for "predetermining" the future of the Fairgrounds by taking this incremental step.

One or both of the JWN co-chairs plan to meet with Warren to discuss this further. If you'd like to help keep track of this proposal for the JWN, please contact Paul Conte at [pconte@picante-soft.com](mailto:pconte@picante-soft.com) or 344-2552.

**\*\*\* Faith Center requests extension of construction deadline.**

The Faith Center has requested a one month extension (in addition to a previous extension that was granted) to complete their Phase I construction project on the site at W. 13th Ave. and Polk Street. Nearby residents have raised concerns about this extension and the impacts of future construction phases.

If you'd like to be involved in this issue, please contact Paul Conte at [pconte@picante-soft.com](mailto:pconte@picante-soft.com) or 344-2552.

**\*\*\* City Council meetings now Webcast.**

You can view video recordings of City Council meetings on the City Web site at: [www.eugene-or.gov](http://www.eugene-or.gov)

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**\*\*\*\* Sewer line "smoke test" scheduled for Jefferson and Westside neighborhoods.**

Testing will begin in the 26th and Tyler area and is expected to take several months to complete. During the tests, which the City says are endorsed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, nontoxic, white smoke is released into sanitary sewer lines to identify problems. Residents are notified before testing begins in their neighborhood. According to the City, the smoke will not harm plants or animals and will quickly dissipate leaving no residue or stains.

For more information, contact the Eugene Public Works Maintenance Division at 682-4800

**\*\*\* Upcoming JWN meetings.**

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- July 17, 6:45 -- 8:30 : JWN board meeting (Note that the City weekly calender of events lists the wrong day.)
- August 15, 6:45 -- 8:30 : JWN board meeting -- Note that the JWN board will meet on the THIRD Tuesday of the month starting in August.
- September 12 : JWN general meeting
- October 10 : JWN general meeting

All meetings are held at the McNail-Riley House, corner of Jefferson Street & W. 13th Ave.

**\*\*\* Upcoming City Council meetings.**

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