

**JWN e-News :: March 12, 2007**

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

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**\*\*\* JOIN THE CONVERSATION WITH MAYOR KITTY PIERCY \*\*\***  
**\*\*\* TOMMOROW EVENING -- 7:30 p.m.**  
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For more information, see below and at: [jwneugene.org/march](http://jwneugene.org/march)
- TONIGHT : City Council vote on land use plan and code amendments to protect large area of Jefferson neighborhood.  
For more information, see: [jwneugene.org/jeffredes](http://jwneugene.org/jeffredes) .
- March 20 : JWN Executive Board meeting.
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**\*\*\* JWN Executive Board actions at February 19 board meeting**

- Designated a Nominating Committee for upcoming Executive Board elections  
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**\*\*\* How to contact the JWN Co-chairs**

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**THANKS TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS SUPPORTERS!**  
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**Infinity Mercantile**  
780 Blair Blvd.  
324-1942

**Cardae Flowers & Gifts**  
403 W. 11th Ave.  
484-6161  
[www.cardae.com](http://www.cardae.com)

If you'd like to see your business listed here, please e-mail:  
[co-chairs@jwneugene.org](mailto:co-chairs@jwneugene.org)

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**===== UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS =====**

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\*\*\* **JWN General Meeting: TUESDAY, March 13**

When: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Where: **First United Methodist Church -- 1376 Olive Street**

\*\*\* Note the new location. \*\*\*

Parking and entrance are on the North side of the building.

More information: [jwneugene.org/march](http://jwneugene.org/march)

**\* BUSINESS MEETING: Agenda Summary**

-- **Regular business** (introductions, announcements, co-chairs report, etc.)

-- **Report on Council action regarding Area 15 of the Jefferson neighborhood.**

Learn how City Council voted on amendments to the Metro Plan, Jefferson/Far West Refinement Plan, and Eugene Code to protect a large area of the Jefferson neighborhood from incompatible infill. More information at: [jwneugene.org/jeffredes](http://jwneugene.org/jeffredes)

-- **Report on City's Infill Compatibility Standards (ICS) project.**

Get the latest info and answers to your questions about this critical project to adopt new zoning standards that will prevent incompatible infill that degrades our neighborhoods' character and stability. More information at: [jwneugene.org/infill](http://jwneugene.org/infill)

-- **Report on City's Minor Code Amendments Project (MiCAP).**

Learn the inside "scoop" on this other important project to fix some of the problems with current zoning standards and processes. More information at: [jwneugene.org/micap](http://jwneugene.org/micap)

\*\*\* DOOR PRIZE DRAWING \*\*\*

**\* PROGRAM: [An evening with Mayor Kitty Piercy.](#)**

Here's a great chance to share your views with Mayor Kitty Piercy, as well as ask her questions.

-- Have questions about Eugene's new Sustainability Initiative?

-- Concerned about incompatible infill, watershed protection, or other land use issues?

-- Alarmed that JWN experienced the highest rate of residential burglaries among all city neighborhoods?

-- Want to discuss park safety or a new City Hall?

Then, be sure to join your neighbors and Mayor Piercy for this lively and engaging discussion.

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\*\*\* **Future JWN meetings**

The full agenda and schedule, as well as information on future JWN meetings is available at: [jwneugene.org/meetings](http://jwneugene.org/meetings)

**NOTE NEW MEETING LOCATION -- First United Methodist Church; 1376 Olive Street**

Coming up!

- April 10, 2007 :: JWN Executive Board elections
- May 8, 2007 :: TBA

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\*\*\* **JWN Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 20**

6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
McNail-Riley House on the NW corner of W. 13th Ave. and Jefferson Street.

You can find the JWN board meeting information on the Web at: [jwneugene.org/meetings](http://jwneugene.org/meetings)

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

7:30 p.m. Regular City Council meeting starts.  
Council Chamber -- Eugene City Hall  
777 Pearl Street

- Monday, March 12 : 5:30 p.m. Work Session -- Council vote on plan and code amendments to protect "Area 15" of Jefferson neighborhood.

For more information, see below and on the Web at: [jwneugene.org/jeffredes](http://jwneugene.org/jeffredes) .

City Council meeting dates and topics are available on-line here:

[www.eugene-or.gov](http://www.eugene-or.gov)

(On left) Quick links: Mayor and City Council

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**===== JWN EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTIONS =====**

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\*\*\* **February 19 board meeting**

For more details on the following items, see minutes posted at: [jwneugene.org/minutes](http://jwneugene.org/minutes) .

- Designated Nominating Committee for Executive Board Elections.

===== NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS =====

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\*\*\* **Reminder: JWN General Meetings have relocated**

The fire code limit on capacity, poor accessibility, and an unsatisfactory general meeting environment led the JWN board to decide the McNail-Riley House was no longer suitable for the increased attendance at JWN meetings. JWN general meetings are now held at:

**First United Methodist Church**  
1376 Olive Street

Parking and entrance are on the North side of the building.

JWN Executive Board meetings will continue to be held at the McNail-Riley House.

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\*\*\* **Council to vote on amendments to protect large area of Jefferson neighborhood.**

At long last, the public process is nearing the final action to fix the "redesignation" that exposed a fifteen block, single-family area of the Jefferson neighborhood to R-2 rezoning and grossly incompatible infill.

On January 8, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend City Council adopt amendments to the Metro Plan, Jefferson/Far West Refinement Plan, and Eugene Code to designate this area as "low density residential", which will prohibit zone changes to R-2. (This provision has a "sunset" date of January 1, 2009, by which time Council has expressed the intent to adopt infill compatibility standards.)

On February 20, City Council held a public hearing on the amendments.

Council is scheduled to vote at approximately 6:00 p.m. during their work session on March 12 to be held at:

McNutt Room  
City Hall  
777 Pearl Street

See more details at: [jwneugene.org/jeffredes](http://jwneugene.org/jeffredes) .

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\*\*\* **JWN Executive Board elections on April 10. Nominating Committee designated.**

Be sure to put April 10 on your calendar because that's the date for JWN Executive Board elections.

The current Executive Board designated a nominating committee at the February 19 board meeting. The nominating committee will recommend a slate of candidates, which will be published in the JWN newsletter prior to the April 19 meeting.

Per the JWN bylaws, the committee comprises one board member and two non-board members. The board designated Paul Conte as the board member and chair of the committee. Matt Purvis, who lives in the Westside neighborhood, and Barbara Aten, who lives in the Jefferson neighborhood, are the non-board committee members. If you might be interested in serving on the upcoming Executive Board, please contact either JWN Co-chair (see below).

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\*\*\* **City "Neighborhood Summit" supports infill standards as one of top three priorities**

On February 17th, the City held a "Neighborhood Summit". Each neighborhood association was invited to have eight members attend. The goals of the event were to learn more about, recommend priorities, and develop next steps for the "Neighborhood Association Initiative Action Plan" which is a list of steps for the City to strengthen neighborhoods. The event also provided an opportunity for neighborhood residents to build relationships with elected and appointed officials. The Mayor and City Councilors, as well as other local officials and staff participated.

Participants from the JWN were: Rene Kane, Paul Conte, Kyle Burns, Esther Foss, Garrick Mishaga, Charles Snyder, Ilona Koleszar, and Cialin Mills-Ostwald.

We had many good interactions with City officials, and one of the concrete outcomes that will be a big boost to JWN efforts was the adoption of infill standards as one of the top three priorities. The other two priorities were to involve neighborhood associations earlier in land use processes and to increase the City's ongoing support for neighborhood associations.

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\*\*\* **Board submits Neighborhood Matching Grant application for "JWN PlanJam 2007"**

The JWN board proposed holding "JWN PlanJam 2007," a one-day interactive and educational workshop to inform and engage residents of the Jefferson and Westside neighborhoods to create a vision for our neighborhood community. The event is planned for Saturday, September 29.

If you're interested in helping plan and organize "JWN PlanJam 2007," please contact either JWN co-chair.

You can read the grant proposal at:

[juneugene.org/documents/JWNPlanJam2007application.pdf](http://www.juneugene.org/documents/JWNPlanJam2007application.pdf)

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\*\*\* **Minor Code Amendments Process (MiCAP) continues**

In Fall 2006, the Eugene Planning Division initiated what is now called the Minor Code Amendment Process (MiCAP). (The project was initially referred to as the Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA) process.) The project is intended to provide citizens, community organizations, and other groups the chance to propose amendments to the land use code for consideration by the Planning Commission and City Council.

The project got off to a faltering start, which led to a letter from thirty leaders from sixteen neighborhood associations identifying problems with the project and recommending specific steps to get the project back on track. In response, a new description of the MiCAP process and tentative schedule was created.

The JWN Co-chairs are working on recommendations for code changes that will further the goals adopted by the JWN membership, particularly with respect to protecting the character and stability of the neighborhood.

The next public meeting is scheduled for:

Thursday, April 5, 2007  
4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Bascom Room. Eugene Public Library  
100 West 10th Avenue

We'll post continuing developments on the JWN Web site at: [jwneugene.org/micap](http://jwneugene.org/micap)

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\*\*\* **Monroe Street repaving, speed tables, intersection realignment, bike signage scheduled**

The City plans to repave Monroe Street from W. 8th Ave. to W.13th Ave. sometime between May and July. They also plan to install two shallow "speed tables" in this stretch. Speed tables are lower and much wider than "speed bumps," so they're not as disruptive of traffic moving at appropriate speeds.

During construction, parking will temporarily be prohibited. After the repaving there will be a five-year prohibition on cutting the new surface.

The City also plans to realign the intersection of Monroe St., W. 8th Ave., and Blair St.

The City also plans to "upgrade" the bicycle route along Monroe St. with signage and stencils on the street. According to City staff, this project will not include any removal of on-street parking south of the reconfigured intersection.

For more information on the repaving or intersection work, contact the project manager Matt Rodrigues at 682-5560 or e-mail [pwengineering@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:pwengineering@ci.eugene.or.us)

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\*\*\* **Neighborhood Climate Council offers free programs and household audits**

The Climate Leadership Initiative continues their series of monthly events, designed specifically for Jefferson Westside Neighbors residents. The next program is described below. To confirm your attendance or for more information contact Sarah Mazze: 346-0786, [climlead@uoregon.edu](mailto:climlead@uoregon.edu)

-- "Tin Cans and Climate Change: Avoiding Embodied Emissions" shares practical ways to reduce the impact of the stuff we consume in our daily lives!

Date: Thursday, March 22  
When: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Where: McNail-Riley House

-- "Low Carbon Yard Makeover" demonstrates composting, low input and low impact yard care, tree planting and more.

Date: Saturday, April 28  
When: 9:00 a.m. to Noon  
Where: Residence, 1480 W. 10th Ave.

-- Sign up for a Household Audit with a Climate Master  
Find out easy, free and low-cost ways that your household can cut emissions, save money and keep toxins out of your home and neighborhood with a home visit from a trained Climate

Master.Climate Masters will provide tailored information, resources and energy saving devices to meet your needs and interests. Contact [climlead@uoregon.edu](mailto:climlead@uoregon.edu) or 346-0786 for information.

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\*\*\* **Residents for Responsible Rapid Transit (3RT) update**

Last November a number of concerned neighbors formed a group called Residents for Responsible Rapid Transit (RRRT or 3RT) to respond to the City's decision to study the West 11th Corridor for an extension of EmX bus service. The City defined the corridor to include any street within a quarter mile of West 11th Avenue, and made this corridor its priority for the third EmX route.

Since November 3RT members have met with LTD and City officials and made public comments to City Council. In addition, a 3RT member is participating in the West Eugene (WE) group recently formed to address continuing transportation problems in far West Eugene, following the failure of the West Eugene Parkway project. LTD is working with the City and the WE group to determine how EmX might work into any new plan to help address those traffic problems. At the same time LTD is conducting its own study.

You can read more about 3RT and EmX at:  
[wneugene.org/viewpoint/3RT12Mar2007](http://wneugene.org/viewpoint/3RT12Mar2007)

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\*\*\* **Southeast Neighbors work to protect Amazon Canal headwaters**

Sometimes we lose track that all our neighborhoods are inter-dependent in one way or another. One of the closest physical connections is among those neighborhoods, such as Jefferson, through which the Amazon Canal (or Creek) runs. The headwaters of Amazon Canal are in the southeast hills, and residents of the Southeast Neighbors association have been working to protect against development that would potentially threaten the watershed.

Recently, the neighborhood successfully opposed the Green Valley Glen subdivision proposal, which would construct 113 houses and access roads in the East Fork Amazon headwaters. (The decision has been appealed.) If you would like to learn more about and/or donate to this effort, you can read about it in the most recent "Southeast Neighbors News", available as a PDF document at:  
[http://www.southeastneighbors.org/files/SEN\\_Newsletter\\_200703.pdf](http://www.southeastneighbors.org/files/SEN_Newsletter_200703.pdf)

===== **PLEASE LEND A HAND** =====

\*\*\* **JWN needs YOU!**

Give a little time and talent and gain a lot in return. Great neighborhoods happen because people who live in them care.

Come join your neighbors and help maintain the Jefferson and Westside neighborhoods as safe, vital places to live.

Some of the volunteer spots that are available include: attorney, publication distribution coordinator, urban planner/architect/zoning specialist, Web wizard, fund raiser, outreach activist, parliamentarian, business relations developer.

For a description of these and other volunteer openings, please see:  
[wneugene.org/volunteer](http://wneugene.org/volunteer)

Remember, YOU are the Jefferson Westside Neighbors!

===== **CONTACT THE JWN CO-CHAIRS** =====

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