

Neighborhood News

Jefferson Westside Neighbors 2010 Neighborhood of the Year

JWN Meeting and Events Schedule

General Meetings

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday in February, March, April (board elections), May, September, October and November. Meetings are held at the First United Methodist Church at 1376 Olive Street.

2011 Events – Mark the dates on your calendar

- JWN Executive Board elections (April 12)
- Neighborhood Picnic (June 28)
- National Neighbors Night Out (August 2)
- Holiday party (December TBA)

Meeting agendas and event locations are posted on the JWN Web site at jwneugene.org.



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Election for JWN Executive Board – April 12

The annual election for seven JWN Executive Board members will be held at the April 12 General Meeting. A Chair, Vice Chair and five "at-large" board members are elected for one-year terms. Board members are expected to attend monthly board meetings, as well as approximately six to eight General Meetings per year.

A candidate must either be present at the April 12 General Meeting and indicate his or her willingness to serve in the position; or have attended and signed in at one of the previous six JWN General Meetings, and have submitted a written statement of his or her willingness to serve in the position to the Executive Board prior to the election.

As provided in the JWN Bylaws, the current board appointed a three-person Nominating Committee with one current board member (Paul Conte) and two persons not on the board (Carol DeFazio and Angela Rooney). As of publication deadline, the Nominating Committee has identified four nominees: Sue Cummings (current JWN Vice Chair), Emma Stocker, Tiffany Petry and Stephen Heider.

If you're interested in being nominated for one of the board positions, please contact the JWN Chair (chair@jwneugene.org or 541.344.2552) prior to the April 12 meeting.

2010-2011 JWN Executive Board

Chair: Paul Conte

Contact at: 541-344-2552 chair@jwneugene.org

Vice-chair: Sue Cummings

Treasurer: Garrick Mishaga Jr.

Secretary: rotating

At-large members: Josh Bolton, Sue Cummings, Rene Kane, Garrick Mishaga Jr., Tony Rosta

Newsletter Editor: Paul Conte

JWN meeting minutes, financial information, bylaws, and additional information are available on the JWN Web site at jwneugene.org or by contacting the chair.

City Council and LTD Board Select W. 6th/7th Aves. Alignment for EmX

On March 9, the Eugene City Council voted 5-4 in favor of building the West Eugene EmX Extension. The Council then voted unanimously for the W. 6th/7th Aves. alignment as the “locally-preferred alternative” (LPA).

On March 16, the LTD Board of Directors voted 6-1 for the same alignment as their LPA.

The next step is a public hearing by the Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) on Tuesday, April 5, 6 p.m. in the Wheeler Pavilion at the Lane Events Center (Fairgrounds) at 976 W. 13th Avenue. The MPC is expected to vote at their April 14 meeting.

Read full details at jwneugene.org/emx11 .

Council Accepts Envision Eugene Draft

On March 9, the City Council voted to accept the City Manager’s draft recommendations for the Envision Eugene process.

You can read the recommendations at www.eugene-or.gov/envisioneugene .

Two public meetings are scheduled:

- **April 4**, 3-6 pm, Public Meeting/Q & A on Draft Proposal: Downtown Library
- **April 25**, 7:30 pm, Public Hearing on Draft Proposal: Council Chamber, 777 Pearl

Learn more at the Envision Eugene Q&A scheduled for the April 12th JWN meeting.

Read full details at jwneugene.org/enveug .

County Commissioners Approve Removing Fairgrounds Building

On March 16, the Lane County Board of Commissioners voted to accept the Lane Events Center proposal to demolish the Fairground building that formerly housed the OSU Extension Service.

The LEC plans to reallocate some parking to allow a newly organized Youth Fair to continue in the tradition of the 4-H and FFA Fairs previously held at the Fairgrounds.

The Commissioners selected the LEC proposal over a proposal by St. Vincent de Paul to pay for required repairs to the building in exchange for a 15-year lease to house their programs and others.

Read full details at jwneugene.org/fairgrounds .

JWN Selected as National Finalist for Neighborhood of the Year!

The national organization **Neighborhoods USA** has selected a joint entry by three Eugene neighborhood associations as a finalist in the **2011 Neighborhood of the Year** competition.

JWN, South University Neighborhood Association and West University Neighbors worked together closely to ensure infill and redevelopment would be compatible with each neighborhood’s character and would contribute positively to the surrounding neighborhood’s livability.

By reaching the finalist stage in NUSA’s “Multi-Neighborhood Partnership” category, the three-neighborhood partnership has been invited to send representatives to present their project at NUSA’s annual convention in Anchorage on May 25-28. NUSA judges will select winners in three categories and then pick a Grand Prize neighborhood.

Read full details at jwneugene.org/noy .

Youth Organization to Conduct “Summer of Solutions” Project in JWN

Eugene Summer of Solutions is a program that joins community members and youth volunteers together to bring about their vision of a sustainable, livable, and just future. This summer, the Eugene Solutions Team of volunteers will be working with JWN residents.

Beginning in April, the team will go door-to-door to solicit neighbors’ experiences and desires for creating environmental and social change, including community engagement.

The team will then work with interested JWN members and the JWN board to plan a specific project that will connect people and resources to accomplish identified objectives.

The project implementation runs from June 28th to about August 13th. After completion, a community-wide celebration will be held, along with a follow-up planning session to support continuing partnerships into the future.

Eugene Summer of Solutions is affiliated with the national **Grand Aspirations** program. The JWN board voted to support the local project and is providing advice and consultation to the local project leaders.

Get more info at: grandaspirations.org/eugene

St. Vinnies Plans Vet Housing on W. 8th Ave.

St. Vincent de Paul's VetLIFT (Veterans Living Independently Following Treatment) programs serve homeless veterans with housing, case management and supportive services. VetLIFT currently provides fifteen transitional (up to two years) and 22 permanent, supported housing units with accompanying services.

To insure that veterans are ready to enter housing, SVdP conducts a weekly pre-housing group that meets to talk about the changes individuals will experience when moving off the street and into housing. For many, this is a profound change, and SVdP wants to ensure the vets who move into housing are ready to make that change.

SVdP is seeking funds to create VetLIFT housing for homeless women veterans and veterans with children at an apartment complex at 555 W. 8th Ave. SVdP anticipates spending over \$400,000 to rehabilitate the complex in order to provide eight transitional and four permanent housing units with an on-site manager.

All residents will receive case management and other supportive services including medical and counseling services, services to connect participants with mainstream benefits, employment services including job training and placement services, and other services. The facility will be drug and alcohol free.

After meeting with the SVdP manager and hearing her presentation at the March JWN General Meeting, the JWN board voted to provide a letter of support to SVdP for their grant application.

Get more information at: www.svdp.us

Meet the JWN Board Nominees

Here are the four JWN board nominees so far ...

Sue Cummings. Sue is the current Vice Chair and has served on the board for two years. Sue resides in the Jefferson neighborhood area and is particularly interested in safe and convenient alternative transportation. She also wants to ensure neighborhood residents are involved in future plans for the Fairgrounds.

Emma Stocker. Emma also resides in the Jefferson area and is a recent transplant from Portland, where she had lots of experience in public processes.

Emma says: "I'm particularly interested in how the JWN can advocate for new and existing neighborhood businesses, support effective transit options, and be a partner with City in the long term visioning and development projects underway and on the horizon.

"I want to take an active role in the JWN because I think the neighborhood is beautiful, dynamic, and

provides a key piece of the character of Eugene and I am glad it's my home."

Stephen Heider. Stephen's involvement in the JWN increased when he helped save a street tree during a sidewalk repair around the corner from his home in the Westside Area, and he's looking forward to establishing a JWN Tree Program - to give JWN and the City more options for preserving older trees that have overgrown their locations.

Stephen says: "An informed neighborhood is more likely to be part of decision making, instead of having to react against it, and that is what motivates me to get involved where I can."

Tiffany Petry. Tiffany owns Nib, that favorite JWN restaurant on Monroe St. Tiffany said her interest was in "creating stronger neighbor relationships through fundraising and community events, as well as increasing attendance at JWN meetings. I also want to work with the city to create a better neighborhood while maintaining JWN members' own vision of our community."

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www.eugene-or.gov/neighborhoods

Come to the JWN General Meeting – Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Elect Your JWN Executive Board – Get Answers to Envision Eugene Questions

Do you want to show your support for a strong, capable JWN board that will continue to work to protect and enhance the livability and vitality of your neighborhood?

Recent accomplishments like the new infill compatibility standards that now protect much of the JWN and the selection of W. 6th and 7th Aves. for the EmX route happened only because the JWN board worked hard on behalf of you and other JWN members. City Council and other local decision makers listen to the JWN because they know the board and the positions it takes reflect the engagement of many JWN members in these issues.

Please show your appreciation and support of your neighbors who have volunteered to serve on your JWN Executive Board by participating in the board election. Your participation means a stronger JWN board.

Would you like to know how the City's Envision Eugene may affect you in real ways?

City Council has accepted the staff's draft recommendations for "Envision Eugene." Expanding the UGB? New policies for increasing density? Plans for new auto, rail, bike and pedestrian transportation priorities? Changes in all these areas are being considered. Get answers, be sure you're informed and let your voice be heard.

April 12 JWN meeting at **First United Methodist Church – 1376 Olive Street**, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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