

# Jefferson Westside Neighbors SUMMER NEWSLETTER

JULY 2018



It's time for our annual neighborhood picnic! Join us to meet and greet new and old neighbors alike.

- **Starting at 5:30:** your potluck contributions will be laid out on long tables and served to you by neighborhood volunteers.
- **Starting at 6:30: Calamity Jazz,** a band that plays a wide range of danceable swing music from the 1930s-40s, will play. This music

## JWN EXECUTIVE BOARD-MEMBER POSITION AVAILABLE

Unfortunately, one of our newly-elected Board Members has decided to move (good luck Lynn!), so we need a new Board Member. In an effort to include a wide variety of perspectives, we are particularly seeking renters to participate, but anyone may submit their name.

A special election will be held at the September General Meeting, and the successful candidate will serve out the remainder of this year's term, until the next General Board Election, in April 2019.

Board members must agree to attend the monthly Board and General meetings, take on tasks of interest, abide by the JWN bylaws and Charter, and engage in respectful discussions on matters concerning the neighborhood. Contact us for details at [jwneugene@gmail.com](mailto:jwneugene@gmail.com).

## Jefferson Westside Neighbors Summer Picnic

- When:** Tuesday July 24, 2018  
**Time:** 5:00 to 8:45pm  
**Where:** Monroe Park  
(Monroe St. & Broadway)
- Bring:**
1. A potluck dish to share.  
(Pie for dessert will be provided!)
  2. Your dancing shoes.

is fun to listen and to dance to. They will play until 8:00pm. This is your chance to dance under the open sky with your family, friends and neighbors.

- **Starting at 8 pm: the Community Alliance of Lane County (CALC)** presents **We Are Neighbors**, the touring version of Now, I Am Your Neighbor, an original play telling the true stories of courage, hopefulness and re-

silience of immigrants living in Lane County. The half-hour play will be followed by a community discussion in which members of the audience are welcome to share their feedback, experience and observations.

- Starting at just the right time: **pie à la mode!** That's right: adding to all the fun, the Board will serve **pie à la mode** to keep the party going.



Our neighborhood has had some challenges to our values of respect, diversity and inclusion recently. Gatherings such as this annual picnic strengthen our bonds as a community. These bonds help us face those challenges together. Let's build a better neighborhood!

To volunteer for this event, contact Jeff Lake at [jefftamara@gmail.com](mailto:jefftamara@gmail.com)



## JWN OUTREACH SURVEY

Help us do a better job on reaching out to all our neighbors by taking a short survey.



Go to [tiny.cc/p5mquy](https://tiny.cc/p5mquy) to have your say or scan the QR code!

**TAKE IT TODAY!**





## 2018-2019 JWN EXECUTIVE BOARD

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*JWN meeting minutes, financial information, bylaws, and additional information are available on the JWN website at [jwneugene.org](http://jwneugene.org) or by contacting the chair.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**JUL. 11** 5:30-7:00pm

History Pub TRIVIA  
Lane County History Museum  
Lane County Fairgrounds  
740 W 13th Ave.

**JUL. 24** 5:00 - 8:45 pm

**JWN ANNUAL PICNIC  
MONROE PARK**  
**Monroe Street & Broadway**  
*See front page article for details!*

**JUL. 29** Starts at 10:00 am  
**EUG Parade**  
**Starts at Monroe Park**  
Goes to Park Blocks downtown  
*See back page article for details!*

**AUG. 21** 6:45 - 8:45 pm

JWN Executive Board Meeting  
McNail-Riley House  
NW corner of 13th & Jefferson

**SEPT. 11** 6:45 - 9:00 pm

JWN General Meeting  
First United Methodist Church  
1376 Olive Street  
*\*Board Member Fill-in Election\**

**SEPT. 18** 6:45 - 8:45 pm

JWN Executive Board Meeting  
McNail-Riley House  
NW corner of 13th & Jefferson

**SEPT 25** 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Neighborhood Leaders Council  
(open to the public)  
Sloat Room, The Atrium  
10th & Olive

- **JWN General Meetings** occur the Second Tuesday of each month, except for summer months.
- The **JWN Executive Board** meets the Third Tuesday of every month, year round.

*Both meetings are open to the public.*

## REFLECTIONS FROM THE CHAIR

By Ted M. Coopman, JWN Executive Board Chair and Friends of Monroe Park Facilitator

These are my first “reflections” as the newly elected JWN Chair. As the saying goes, “we stand on the shoulders of giants” and this certainly is the case for me. Tom Happy is outgoing Chair and has agreed to continue to serve as Vice Chair, for which I am grateful. I also thank board members Dave Hurst and Sue Cummings for their ongoing work on behalf of the neighborhood. Finally, a shout out to Tamara Crafts, the powerhouse behind the JWN’s various matching grant efforts, such as the recent one for the Jefferson Dog Park Pilot Project (more in this newsletter). Many thanks also to Ward 1 Councilor Emily Semple for her support and active engagement via twice-monthly meetings to keep the JWN informed and coordinate efforts on community engagement and issues of mutual concern.

The JWN is an active and overwhelmingly friendly community. Preserving and advocating for the JWN easily could be a full-time job, not just on the day-to-day

issues, but in the unexpected or unexpectedly challenging events as well. Still, problems often can become opportunities. Revisiting how we approach the need for housing by advocating for neighborhood-based robust public input, as we did with the Jefferson Westside and Chambers Special Areas Zones, is a productive and democratic way to deal with a changing Eugene. Similarly, the emergence of hate groups and anti-social activities has spurred us to make efforts to come together as a neighborhood in solidarity with all our neighbors via our highly successful “heart your neighbor” yard sign program (more in this newsletter).

During my daily trash patrols in Monroe Park, I talk with neighbors, visitors, and our regular park guests, both homed and homeless. My interactions have been overwhelmingly positive and often people stop and talk, wave, or say “thanks.” While I greatly appreciate your gratitude, what we really need is your help. If everyone

## JOIN OUR RENTERS ADVISORY BOARD (RAB)

By Ted M. Coopman, JWN Chair

Almost two-thirds of the JWN residents are renters. While renters’ concerns (parking, public safety, and petty theft) often mirror those of homeowners and businesses, renting brings its own challenges and perspectives. To ensure the perspectives of renters are included in neighborhood initiatives and activities, the JWN Executive Board has established the Renters Advisory Board (RAB). Any renter who lives in the JWN (YOU if this newslet-

ter was sent to your home) can participate and, outside of an occasional optional meeting, it is 100% online. One hour a month can help us keep the neighborhood awesome and get your voice heard on important matters that impact everyone. Just answer (or ask) a few questions via email – easy! Help us create the community you want to live in. Contact us at [jwneugene@gmail.com](mailto:jwneugene@gmail.com) to get involved.  
*\*It’s not RAD, but close!*

## LINCOLN SCHOOL PARK RENOVATION

By Ted M. Coopman, JWN Chair

The half-a-million-dollar renovation of Lincoln School Park planning process is proceeding on schedule with the goal of breaking ground in summer 2019. Two community workshops, two surveys, and JWN focus groups have produced a wealth of public input on what neighbors would like to see at the park. The Friends of Lincoln School Park,

headed by Chris O’Neil (profiled on page 3), has led the way in cooperation with City of Eugene Parks and Open Space Planning and Project Manager Pamela Symond on this public process. See tentative designs and stay tuned via our monthly eNews and the Lincoln School Park page at [jwneugene.org](http://jwneugene.org) for opportunities to participate.

## @MONROE PARK

By Ted M. Coopman, JWN Board Chair

Thanks to the diligence of park neighbors and a concerted effort to document illegal and anti-social activity in the park via calling the EPD Eugene Police Dept’s non-emergency number, filing reports via Park Watch, and reporting issues to Parking Enforcement, EPD identified Monroe Park as a “hot spot” and dedicated a Crime Prevention Team to increase patrols and prioritize calls for service. Combined with concerted volunteer efforts to pick up trash, weed and put down mulch, remove graffiti, and engage with regular park users, Monroe Park has never been safer or cleaner.

ArtCity, whose mission is to be a catalyst that transforms local community, culture, and economy by which celebrates and empowering artists and art-making

through grassroots outreach and engagement, is the latest Monroe Park booster. Artist and ArtCity founder Charley Swing generously offered to program public art events on every other Thursday during the summer. Mindy Linder at Cultural Services helped make this connection and waived events fees as part of the effort to make evenings at the park safe, fun, and family friendly.

On alternate Thursdays starting in late June this summer, we’ll have Evening Playdates @ Monroe Park. Bring the kids and meet your neighbors. And again this year, the summer Food of Lane County program with free lunches for kids (starting June 25) as well as and Fun for All (starting July 9) will be back at the park.

Watch for the monthly eNews or check [jwneugene.org](http://jwneugene.org) for details on all @Monroe Park events.



who read this article committed to just one hour per month it would radically change the neighborhood. There is plenty to do and interest everyone. Your neighborhood association’s job is to advocate for and represent you, our neighbors, so if you face challenges, have questions, or are unclear where to turn in your interactions with the city, let us know, we can help. Either way, drop me line at [jwneugene@gmail.com](mailto:jwneugene@gmail.com) and help us keep the JWN Awesome!

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## JEFFERSON DOG PARK IS OPEN!

By Tamara Crafts, JWN Resident and former Board Member

JWN’s newest park improvement project is underway. In June, park supporters, volunteers, and city staff installed posts and wire fencing to create a boundary between the park area and Fern Ridge Path users. The dog park does not have any fencing along Jefferson Alley and parking lot side and there is no gate on the gravel path. Dogs must be under voice control so they don’t run out of these park openings. There is no garbage pickup at the park so please scoop your dog’s poop and bring it home to dispose of it.

Over the summer there will be volunteer work parties to make additional improvements at the park. The next two work parties are:

- Saturday, June 23, 10am-1pm
- Sunday July 22, 10am-1pm

Please RSVP or send questions/comments to: Tamara Crafts @ jefftamara@gmail.com.



There will be a “Grand Opening” in August—stay tuned!

This pilot project started a few years ago with neighbors wanting to make Jefferson Park into a safer neighborhood space. In a 2016 survey, JWN residents voiced strong support for a dog park at the site. Because this is not a fully-enclosed dog park, something new for Eugene, it will be evaluated with modifications made as needed. More information on the park’s history on the JWN website, [jwneugene.org](http://jwneugene.org). Go to Initiatives > Jefferson Dog Park.

## FINAL UPDATE ON NEIGHBORHOOD MATCHING GRANT –FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY

The 2017-18 Traffic Safety Neighborhood Matching Grant was a great success. The JWN received a matching grant from the city of more than \$1300 for 53 volunteer hours completed by neighbors. The grant money was used to purchase and distribute approximately 100 bicycle helmets and 25 personal lights at neighborhood meetings and events. Riders received instruction on the importance of a correct helmet fitting and regular replacement. Safety

lights included educational materials on “light up and be seen” while walking or riding at night. Additionally, many of the volunteer hours were done at two traffic counts at the intersection of 11th and Jefferson. The results from these studies may lead to safety improvements at this very busy intersection in the heart of our neighborhood, further improving safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD CARES JUNE OPEN HOUSE BRINGS IN THE NEIGHBORS

By Heather Brey, Early Childhood CARES specialist since 2002, Jefferson Westside resident since 2006

Early Childhood CARES was pleased to collaborate with Jefferson Westside Neighbors to host an open house in the ECC’s new location at 1500 W 12th Ave on June 5, 2018. Neighbors and staff at Early Childhood CARES enjoyed a potluck dinner, tours of the facility, and children’s games and activities. The Eugene Public Library Maker Hub provided fun for all ages with button-making and Virtual Reality goggles. Early Childhood CARES provides early intervention and early childhood special education to over 1,600

infants, toddlers, and preschool age children with delays or disabilities in Lane County each year. Services include parent consultation, parent-toddler groups, specialized preschools, consultation to children in community preschools or child care, and speech, physical or occupational therapy. The new location at 1500 W 12th Ave, formerly Eugene Hearing and Speech Center, is a welcome change for our staff who had outgrown our former location at 299 E 18th Ave. We are happy to have joined Jefferson Westside and look forward to being good neighbors!



Jefferson Westside neighbors check out virtual reality goggles at the June ECC open house.

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: CHRIS O'NEILL

by Stephanie Coopman, JWN Resident

Chris O’Neill, retired registered nurse and Viet Nam veteran, is a long-time JWN volunteer. Originally from Baltimore, a friend from the military invited him to visit Oregon in the mid-1970s. Less than a year later, he moved to Eugene.

As a Jefferson Westside resident for 35 years, Chris participated in the original discussions of land use, the more-recent zoning overlay, the Charnel Mulligan Park renovations, and the first redesign of the Lincoln School Park 20 years ago. Currently, he serves as the communication coordinator for the Friends of Lincoln School Park. Volunteering allows Chris to make improvements in his community, such as turning the Lincoln School Park into a space that fosters productive and fun activities.

Chris is proud to say he lives in Jefferson Westside, with its walkable streets, proximity to downtown, architectural diversity, notable tree canopy, mix of people, secure and welcoming feeling, and strong neighborhood association that represents the community’s values. If you’re thinking about volunteering, Chris suggests that you consider “what



delights you or concerns you and take a little bite of neighborhood activity.” For instance, join one of the JWN committees or teams and find out what you can contribute. Many neighbors working together makes each person’s workload lighter.

The Lincoln School Park renovation planning is moving ahead (more in this newsletter). Currently, the group is waiting for the results of Survey 2 that solicited neighborhood input. The City of Eugene Planning Department likely will schedule a discussion this summer of the plan’s next iteration. Want to get involved or learn more about the Lincoln School Park renovation? Contact Chris at [oneill722@mac.com](mailto:oneill722@mac.com).

## LANE COUNTY HISTORY MUSEUM

by Jennifer Yeh, Lane County History Museum Volunteer Coordinator

Did you know there’s a museum in your neighborhood? The Lane Country History Museum has been in the JWN since it was built on the fairgrounds property in 1951.

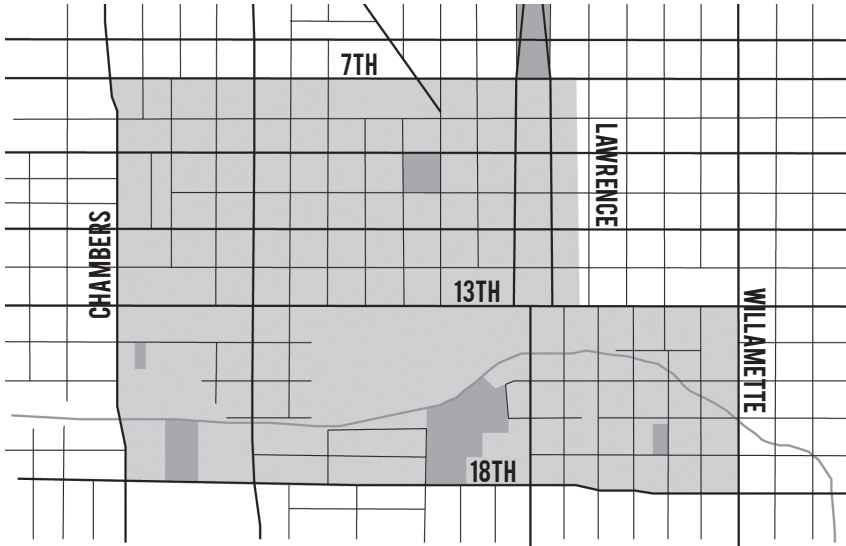
The museum hosts exciting community programming like the History Pub lecture series with the UO, and the History Pub Trivia Nights at 5th Street Public Market. Rotating exhibits bring fresh stories and new artifacts on view multiple times a year. Digitalization projects are making the collections available online. The Collections Department is undertaking an extensive project to ensure artifacts are property stored, catalogued and identified for both proper preservation but also in preparation for a future move. The Lane County History Museum made an informative presentation at the May Jefferson Westside Neighbors general

meeting to review the museum’s history and outline its future.

Lend your support to the Lane County History Museum! Consider a membership or donation – there are several membership levels to choose from. Grab a friend and explore the exhibits, or attend one of the programs. A good way to keep track of what the museum has to offer is by liking its Facebook page. The museum looks forward to a special free event in December for JWN members – more information will be provided as planning progresses.

*The Lane County History Museum is open Tue-Sat from 10AM-4PM. Admission costs are \$5 Adults, \$3 Seniors, \$1 Youth, and free for 14 and under. Additionally, the museum always offers free admission during the Lane County Fair.*

## JEFFERSON WESTSIDE NEIGHBORS: THE SCOPE OF INFLUENCE



Jefferson Westside Neighbors (JWN) is the City-chartered neighborhood for the area roughly between West 7th and 18th Avenues and between Chambers Street and Lawrence/Willamette Streets.

## HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?

We welcome all JWN residents and business owners to contribute content to this newsletter. Please submit your article, letter to the editor, or photos to JWN at [editor@jwneugene.org](mailto:editor@jwneugene.org).







"HEART YOUR NEIGHBORS" YARD SIGNS

As many neighbors may have already noticed, the Jefferson Westside Neighbors has been hard at work keeping the “heart your neighbors” signs flowing into the neighborhood. In fact, we have already given away more than 100 of them since February! These signs are designed to allow you to show a simple, colorful, and powerful message—you care about your neighbors no matter who they are or where they’re from. To

reflect our neighborhood’s diversity, our most recent version of the sign is bilingual: Spanish on one side and English on the other. The signs are free to anyone who would like one. Simply come to a JWN event, like the picnic in July, and take one home. Big thanks to the City’s Office of Human Rights & Neighborhood Involvement for the funding that makes these outreach signs possible.



EUGENE HAS A PARADE,  
AND IT BEGINS IN THE JEFFERSON WESTSIDE!



The JWN and Samba Ja have a joint entry in this year’s EUG Parade: **The Parade and Pet Promenade**—an animal-friendly mosey followed by a human-powered parade—begins **Sunday, July 29th at 10AM at Monroe Park** and proceeds down Broadway turning north on to Oak Street and ends at the Park Blocks in Downtown Eugene. Our entry’s theme for this year is “Rollin’ Together.” Come out and join the fun or email us at [jwneugene@gmail.com](mailto:jwneugene@gmail.com) if you’d like to help coordinate our entry.

**MISSING SOMETHING?**  
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