



JEFFERSON WESTSIDE NEIGHBORS

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Connect With Your Neighbors at the JWN's Fall Meetings

Second Tuesday of the month, 6:30-8:30PM

In-person meetings at First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St.

Agendas and Zoom links posted in the JWN eNews and on the JWN website jwneugene.org. All in-person general meetings streamed via Zoom.

JWN Fall 2023 General Meeting Schedule

September 12 (in person)

October 10 (in person)

November 14 (Zoom)

no December meeting

JWN eNews

Sign up for the JWN monthly eNews and special events/alerts at jwneugene.org/news/newsletter or email jwneugene@gmail.com.

JWN Social Media



Keep up on all the latest news and events in the neighborhood by finding us on Facebook

JWNEugene and Instagram @jefferson_westside_neighbors.



PIVOT FROM COURTYARD LOOKING NORTH
Homes for Good Naval Site Development

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11/16/2022

Welcome Ollie Court to the Neighborhood!

Multigenerational Affordable Housing Project Will Break Ground Summer 2024 at the Naval Reserve Site

Housing agency Homes for Good recently secured the final piece of funding to turn the Naval Reserve site, located on the vacant city-owned lot at W. 13th and Chambers, into affordable multigenerational housing that will include an Early Learning Center. While the initial draft submitted by PIVOT Architecture will undergo some changes, the image above provides an idea of the vision for this innovative project that the JWN first proposed in 2009.

Kudos to the JWN

In its press release, Homes for Good specifically thanked the JWN for its help in making Ollie Court a reality:

We would like to give a special shout out to the Jefferson Westside Neighbors for their support in this project, and engagement in neighborhood meetings, our naming survey, and advocacy for Affordable Housing in their neighborhood.

For more details about the project, visit the Ollie Court page on the Homes for Good website at homesforgood.org. To learn more about the JWN's involvement in making Ollie Court happen, visit the project's page on the JWN website at jwneugene.org/naval-reserve-site-housing-project.



JWN 2023 Picnic

For the second year in a row, the JWN picnic was held at Monroe Park. Last year we celebrated the 2002 merger of the Jefferson Area Neighbors and the Westside Neighborhood Quality

Project into what is now Jefferson Westside Neighbors. This year, 250 neighbors and friends gathered together under sunny skies and a refreshing breeze to mark a major milestone for Monroe Park—the opening of the park's renovated bathrooms!

Music in the Park

Attendees were treated to the vibrant sounds of the Willamette Jazz Trio. The group includes Robert Bohall, keyboard; Nik Barber, drums; and Robert Lassila, bass. In addition to performing at local venues like the Eugene Jazz Station and Broadway House Concerts, Robert Bohall is a recent graduate of the Masters of Music in Jazz Studies program at the University of Oregon, while Nik Barber and Robert Lassila have one year left in the program.



Fun & Games

While enjoying the Willamette Jazz Trio playing snappy tunes, kids and adults participated in fun activities such as face painting with Liz Burns; big bubbles and sidewalk chalk art with Tes Hart, Deb Michaels, and Christopher Michaels; and Big Parachute with Cary Thompson and Joanie Kleban.



And Then There Was the Food

There was plenty to eat as well.



The Emeralds dished up complimentary food and drinks, including pulled pork, macaroni and cheese, fruit salad, beef brisket,



and a variety of nonalcoholic beverages. Neighbor volunteers baked 400 cookies in an array of flavors: chocolate chip, lemon, oatmeal chocolate chip, peanut butter, walnut, and mint chocolate chip. Cookie Conscious Bakery supplied gluten-free and vegan cookies. Surplus cookies were donated to the Burrito Brigade.



Hats Off to Our Exhibitors

Picnic goers chatted with these local exhibitors: 86 Hunger, 350 Eugene, Acorn Cafe, As You Like It, BEST, Black Cultural Initiative, Burrito Brigade, Concerned Neighbors of the Fairgrounds, Electric



Lettuce, Fossil Free Eugene, Home Share Oregon, Hosea Youth Services, OSU Lane County Extension Service, Restorative Justice, Shift Community Cycles, the SLUG Queens with BEAM 2023, and



the Toolbox Project.





Sluggo & an Ems Star

Along with a visit by Sluggo, the Emeralds' mascot, Grant McCray, the team's centerfielder and son of former Major League Baseball player Rodney McCray, greeted fans and graciously autographed 40 baseballs for neighborhood fans.

A Long List of Thank Yous

This year's picnic would not have happened without our volunteer picnic committee members: Sue Cummings, committee chair; Dave Hurst and Sahil Hurst, graphic designers; Paul Bodin, musicians recruiter and set-up/tear-down coordinator; Cary Thompson, exhibitor and kids' activities coordinator; Rene Kane, registration organizer; Peter Borden, promotion; and Susan Connolly, raffle presenter. Many other neighbors also volunteered their time and expertise in making the picnic a success: Sandra Bishop, Peggy Bodin, Lisa Bray, Liz Burns, Liam Chambers, Stephanie Coopman, Ted Coopman, Tamara Crafts, Hal Dillon, Jessica Erickson, Karina Foster, David Graves, Joyce Graves, Tes Hart, Brock Hatch, Anna Herbert, William Herbert, Joanie Kleban, Jeff Lake, John Marshall, Deb Michaels,

Christopher Michaels, Marty Moran, Caroline Moore, and Dan Solitz.

We are especially grateful to the picnic's sponsors. The Emeralds baseball team and general manager Allan Benavides brought the team's Pitchin' Kitchen with free food and beverages, vouchers for free tickets to an Emeralds' game, and entertainment. Grace Fellowship Church thoughtfully paid to rent the tables and chairs for the event.



Gratitude as well goes to our local businesses that contributed prizes and gift certificates for the picnic's raffle: Cornucopia, Cornbread Cafe, the Emeralds, Hot Mama's Wings, Electric Lettuce, Mac's at the Vets Club, New Frontier Market, Shift Community Cycles, and Sweet Life. Remember to extend your thanks to these establishments when you visit them and let them know you're from the JWN.

Finally a bouquet of thanks to city of Eugene staff in Parks and Open Space, Office of Equity and Community Engagement, Police Department, and Parking Services.



A Beer Club

"Because we all want a place we can talk about beer"

George Keim, a JWN resident since 2010, wanted to start a business and create a neighborhood gathering place. So he opened A Beer Club last year at W. 7th Ave. and Washington. His expansive selection of to-go beer rivals anyplace in Eugene and offers prices on par with major retailers. Absent a kitchen, Keim allows takeout, delivered, or outside food from home to enjoy with his generous rotating tap list. Patrons have even self-organized "the people's potluck" every Friday afternoon to revel in food, beer, and community.

Keim is an enthusiastic supporter of the JWN as well as a host of local non-profits. Support this local business! A Beer Club is a welcoming space to drop in, have a beer, and socialize with neighbors. Find out more at abeerclub.com.

Open Tuesday-Saturday 2-10PM, 472 W. 7th Ave., #5



JWN by the Numbers

Parks: 6



Listings on the National Register of Historic Places: 8



JWN Board Members

Chair

Ted M. Coopman

Vice Chair

Sandra Bishop

At-Large Members

Peter Borden

Stephanie Coopman

Sue Cummings

Rene Kane

Penny Melquist



Cultivating a Healthy and Connected Black Community

The People's Collective Black Business Center and Talicia Brown-Crowell

Don't let the modest-looking red brick structure at W. 17th Ave. and Jefferson fool you. Inside, Talicia Brown-Crowell, her colleagues, friends, and community members are building a unique cultural center to support Eugene's Black community.

Recently awarded funding from United Way of Lane County, the People's Collective Black Business Center will serve

as a business incubator and community resource hub. The Center will provide services for Black youth and families such as classes in financial literacy, business and start-up skills, and offer an opportunity for Black-owned businesses to network, connect, learn and support one another.

In keeping with the goal of "healthy and connected" the Center also is home to a new community garden and to Hayward's Kitchen food truck (facebook.com/haywardskitchen). Current hours are 3-8pm, M/W/F, with expanded hours soon.



Talicia Brown-Crowell and her event team organized the third annual Black Cultural Festival, held at Alton Baker Park on August 19. George Floyd's murder in spring 2020 highlighted the isolation many of our Black neighbors feel—an isolation that is part of the legacy of Oregon's racist history and Eugene's 1949 forced relocation of Ferry Street Village's Black residents. The first festival, held in 2020, was intended to "create a place of belonging, connection, pride and joy within the community, which would promote healing and wellness."

The Black Cultural Festival, made possible by a broad base of ally support, is for people of Afro descent, their families, and close friends. This year's festival, "Lifting as We Rise," featured community resources, workshops, entertainment, food, and youth and community services.

And if that's not busy enough, Talicia's business, Harmony Massage (eugeneharmonymassage.com), has been located in the same building for the last 12 years. Yes, that is a busy building in our neighborhood!

Learn more about this year's Black Cultural Festival and the festival's history at blackculturalfestival.com. Follow the festival on Facebook or Instagram for information about next year's event. Allies are especially encouraged to support the festival by donating or volunteering.

Jefferson Westside Neighbors is organizing a business and nonprofit advisory committee. If you own a business in the JWN or manage a nonprofit, please contact us at jwneugene@gmail.com to participate or get connected.

Show Some Love for These Local Gems!

Visit our generous donors that provided gift cards and prizes for this year's annual picnic



Cornbread Cafe | After 14 years, this neighborhood gem at the corner of W. 7th Ave. and Polk closed on August 4. A consistent supporter of the JWN, we will miss this unique local restaurant that served delectable vegan food in a friendly, welcoming space.

Cornucopia Restaurant | Celebrating 30 years! Consistently voted Eugene's best burgers, fries, and family-friendly dining, Cornucopia (cornucopiaeugene.com) at W. 17th Ave. & Lincoln serves lunch and dinner in its large outdoor setting, sidewalk area, and indoor restaurant.



Electric Lettuce | A recreational dispensary founded in 2017 with a "mission to bring flower to the people," Electric Lettuce is a home-grown Oregon company. Visit the Eugene storefront at 1201 W. 11th Ave. or browse the website at electriclettuce.com/location/eugene-dispensary.

Eugene Emeralds Minor League Baseball Team | In addition to fielding a winning baseball team under General Manager Allan Benavides, the Emeralds (aka los Monarcas de Eugene) are well-known for their extensive philanthropic work. The team sponsors Sluggo's Home Run Reading Challenge, the FUN-raising program, and an affordable baseball camp for kids 6-14 years old. Learn more about the Ems at milb.com/eugene.



Hot Mama's Wings | Located at 420 W. 13th Ave., this award-winning restaurant uses fresh ingredients and all-natural hormone- and antibiotic-free chicken, turkey, beef, and pork in its wings, burgers, sandwiches, and salads. Menus and more at hotmamaswings.com.

1626 Willamette St. Serving northwest cuisine and featuring live music in a variety of genres, Mac's at the Vets (macsnightclub.com) is known as "Eugene's home of the blues."

Mac's at the Vets | You'll find this nightclub and restaurant in the historic Veterans Memorial Building at



New Frontier Market | The 100+-year-old New Frontier Market is located at 1101 W. 8th Ave. New Frontier Market (newfrontiermarket.com) offers a convenient place that is a short walk or bike ride away for produce and staples. The market also stocks an excellent selection of beer and wine as well as offering hot food at its new food cart.

Shift Community Cycles | Just outside the neighborhood at 811 W. 6th Ave., Shift Community Cycles is a local nonprofit community bike shop staffed by volunteers who promote the world of cycling and connect people with bicycles. Go to shiftcc.org or stop by the shop to find out more.



Sweet Life Patisserie | With its extensive and varied dessert menu, it's no wonder Sweet Life is on BuzzFeed's list of "The Best Bakeries Around the World You Need to Eat at Before You Die." If you've never had a tasty treat from Sweet Life, it's time to visit the JWN location at 755 Monroe or order online at sweetlifedesserts.com.

JWN Board Proposes Bylaws Updates for Elections

Revisions increase transparency and voter access to information

The JWN's bylaws govern how board elections are held. Based on neighbors' observations during the April 2023 board elections, it is evident these procedures are insufficient for the task. The level of chaos witnessed during the meeting hindered neighbors from thoughtfully considering each candidate before voting. Also, managing the voting processes placed an excessive burden on volunteers.

After board members' careful analysis, listening to neighbors' comments, consulting with previous board members who developed the JWN's bylaws, and lengthy discussions, the current JWN Board approved draft revisions to the portions of the bylaws addressing elections.

In revising the board elections section of the bylaws, board members' primary considerations were to increase transparency; give neighbors ample time to review candidates, ask questions, and vote in an open and timely manner; increase access for voting; allow for easy and accurate auditing of results; and fund the election process as city policies prohibit the use of city-provided funds for software or web services.

In early August, the board sought additional input from neighbors, posting the suggested revisions in the eNews and soliciting comments. At the August 15 board meeting, the board members reviewed the feedback and finalized the bylaws revisions to put before the membership.

Members will vote on a motion (simple majority) at the September general meeting to hold a formal vote (2/3 majority) to adopt the revisions in the bylaws at

the October general meeting (review timeline below). Discussion will center on the merits of the proposed revisions and will not involve further additions or amendments to the bylaws.

Go to jwneugene.org/about/bylaws for the complete text of the current bylaws and procedures for revising them. The proposed revisions are on the next page.

Timeline for proposed bylaws revisions

May 16: Board members reviewed current bylaws governing elections and began discussing goals for improved election processes.

June 20: Board members discussed initial draft of revised bylaws.

July 18: Board members voted on and approved draft bylaws revisions.

First week of August: Bylaws revisions and timeline posted via eNews and on website. Neighbors invited to provide feedback and suggestions.

August 15: Board members reviewed neighbors' feedback and suggestions, and

finalized and approved bylaws revisions.

Last week of August: Bylaws revisions and timeline mailed to all JWN addresses in summer/August newsletter. Updates posted on JWN website and sent via eNews.

September 12 general meeting: Members vote on a motion to vote on the revised bylaws at the October general meeting (majority needed to proceed).

October 10 general meeting: Final discussion and membership vote on the revised bylaws (2/3 majority needed to approve).

Questions? Email us at jwneugene@gmail.com.



Proposed Bylaws Revisions

Article II. EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. Board members and officers:

- a) The Executive Board shall have seven members, including a Chair, Vice-chair, and five members-at-large.
- b) All board members must be members of the neighborhood association.

Section 2: Nominations:

The executive board shall designate a nominating committee at least one month in advance of each regular election. Notice of the creation and solicitation of members of the nominating committee will be posted in the previous neighborhood newsletter. The committee shall consist of one member of the executive board and two members of the neighborhood association who are not members of the executive board. ~~The committee shall publish a slate of nominees for office in the neighborhood newsletter prior to the election. Further nominations may be made from the floor for each office.~~ **Call for nominations will be announced in the winter mailed Newsletter. Any candidates for the Board must declare themselves in writing via email to the Nominating Committee no later than 30 days before the scheduled election. Candidates shall submit a short bio and answer a series of questions no later than 21 days prior to the election. Candidate responses will be compiled in a voter pamphlet promoted via digital media and will reside on the JWN website. Candidate responses will be available to the membership no later than 14 days prior to the election.**

Section 3. Term of office:

An Executive Board member shall hold office until the next regular election for the respective position, or until the position is vacated as provided under Section 8.

Section 4. Elections:

- a) Regular elections for all Executive Board positions shall be held at the annual meeting. **Voting will occur at an in-person meeting. Members who cannot attend the in-person meeting may request a ballot ahead of time, which must be returned no later than the day of the election prior to the start of voting at the in-person meeting.**

Information on how to obtain and return an absentee ballot will be included in the voter pamphlet. Absentee ballots will be available upon the publication of the voter pamphlet. Each requested ballot will have a unique ID number. Reproduction of ballots is not allowed. Ballots shall be retained for a minimum of 60 days after the election. Only one voting representative for each business or nonprofit.

- b) When a position becomes vacant under the provisions of Section II.8, a special election for the office shall be held as follows:

- i. If regular elections will be held at either of the next two meetings following the date the position is vacated, the position shall be filled by a regular election.
- ii. ~~Otherwise, the Executive Board shall schedule a special election at the next general meeting following the date the position is vacated, if the Executive Board determines adequate notice can be provided the membership in time for that meeting. If adequate notice is not practicable, the Executive Board shall schedule a special election at the general meeting following the next general meeting.~~ **Vacant seats may be filled on an interim basis by a majority vote of the board. The membership must be notified of interim appointments via the eNews and website. A special election must be held within 60 days of the first general meeting held after the appointment, where it will be announced with requests for self-nominations. Candidates must submit the required materials and declare themselves 30 days before the election and follow the existing rules for elections.**

- c) ~~For regular elections and for special elections to fill two or more vacant positions, separate votes shall be conducted for each position in the following order: Chair, Vice-chair, and then each member-at-large.~~

- d) A candidate for any office must be a member of the JWN and either:

- i. ~~be present at the general meeting when the election is held and indicate his or her willingness to serve in the position; or~~
- ii. ~~have attended and signed in at one of the previous six JWN general meetings, and have submitted a written statement of his or her~~ **their** ~~willingness to serve in the position to the Executive Board prior to the election.~~

- e) ~~Voting in all elections shall be by written ballots. Write-in votes for qualified candidates (as provided by subsection d, above) are allowed.~~ **Candidate names and the positions they are running for will be included on a single ballot. No write-in candidates. Ballots must include the voter's legal name and address.**

- f) A vote is valid if it meets all the following conditions:

- i. is cast by a JWN member present during the vote, and
- ii. is the only vote cast by the JWN member during the vote, and
- iii. is for a qualified candidate for the position, according to subsection d, above.

- g) To be elected, a candidate must receive a majority of the valid votes cast and must receive at least six valid votes.

- h) When no candidate receives a majority of the valid votes cast, a runoff vote will be held immediately between the two candidates with the most valid votes. ~~Write-in votes are not valid in a runoff vote.~~

- i) When a candidate receives a majority of votes cast, but less than six votes, a final up-or-down vote on the candidate with the most votes is held. If the candidate does not then receive at least six votes, the position shall remain vacant.

- j) If no one is elected to a position at the meeting where a regular or special election for that position is scheduled, the position shall remain vacant and a special election for the position shall be held at the next general meeting.

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Weekly Cribbage Tournament in the JWN

Thursdays 6:30-8:30PM at Falling Sky Pourhouse and Delicatessen



Bill McClain and Dave Hurst have been hosting cribbage tournaments at the neighborhood Falling Sky Pourhouse and Delicatessen on the corner of Monroe and W. 8th Ave. every Thursday night 6:30-8:30PM for almost a year now. The tournaments are growing in popularity and often have more than 30 players sitting at the long tables inside the pub where they deal cards and chat over a few (usually four) friendly games of cribbage.

Hurst, who has lived in the Jefferson Westside for 10 years, explained that cribbage is a card game that uses a standard 52-card deck. Players compete to get 121 points on a cribbage board by playing different card combinations and “pegging” points. “Cribbage isn’t a hard game to play, which

makes it a great pub game,” Hurst said. “The learning curve is short but it is a little steep, so the tournaments are best for folks who already know how to play.”

Bill and Dave invite anyone who wants to learn the basics of how to play cribbage to visit Falling Sky on a Thursday evening for a crash course. Dave also mentioned there are helpful resources for beginners and more details about the tournaments on the duo’s website eugenecribbage.com.

