



JWN Fall Meetings @ Lane County History Museum

Second Tuesday of the month,
6:30-8:30PM, 740 W. 13th Ave.
Agendas posted in the JWN
eVents and on the JWN website
jwneugene.org.

JWN Fall 2025 General Meeting Schedule

September 9

October 14

November 11

No December meeting



JWN eVents and eNews

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New Venue for JWN Meetings: Lane County History Museum

Make Some Neighborhood History This Fall

Keith Lohse, Lane County History Museum's Executive Director, has generously offered to host JWN's general meetings free of charge in the Robert L. Hart Reading Room. The JWN Executive Board signed a Memorandum of Understanding for a three-month pilot this fall.

As a community organization, the ideal space for the JWN's general meetings always has been in a public building, such as the McNail-Riley house at W. 13th Ave. and Jefferson St. While that space served the JWN well in the past, we've long outgrown it. Space at Lane Events Center was another option, but the cost was prohibitive.

The JWN has met at the First United Methodist Church for over a decade. Prior to the pandemic we used the space at no cost. When in-person meetings resumed, we were charged \$50 a meeting. Last year the cost doubled to \$100 (negotiated down from \$165). Although we appreciated the space and had excellent relationships with staff, the room could be noisy and has less-than-ideal acoustics.

With ongoing city budget constraints, the JWN Board has an obligation to save our limited funds whenever possible. We are excited about a new era of cooperation with the Museum, especially considering the neighborhood's ongoing Historic Preservation Project. Moving forward, our Jefferson Westside Historic District Taskforce will be meeting at the Museum as well. Special thanks to the members of Lane County History Museum's Board of Directors for their support.

JWN Newsletters Win National Awards

First Place Neighborhood Electronic Newsletter • Third Place Neighborhood Print Newsletter

Neighborhoods USA (NUSA), 50 years strong this year, is a national organization supporting neighborhood associations. NUSA awarded JWN eNews/eEvents first place for neighborhood electronic newsletter and JWN News third place for print newsletter at the 2025 annual convention in Jacksonville, FL.

JWN volunteers publish JWN News three times/year, and send out eNews and eEvents monthly. JWN News is mailed to all 4150 JWN addresses. More than 900 neighbors subscribe to our emailed newsletters. JWN's newsletters provide hyper-local news, information, and events of direct interest to neighbors.

JWN eNews and eEvents are created and edited by Ted

M. Coopman, with contributions from neigh-

bors. JWN News is designed and edited by Stephanie Coopman with neighbors writing the content. We rely on Dave Hurst for his outstanding graphic design and layout expertise.

We thank the City of Eugene's Office of Equity and Community Engagement for its continued financial support for JWN News printing and postage.

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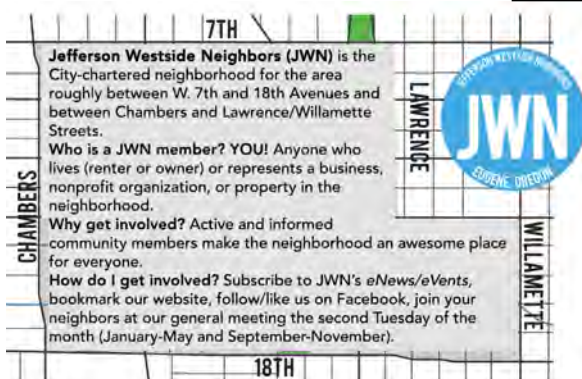
JWN Historic Structures Map Featured in International Map Gallery

Esri, a global leader in geographic information system (GIS) technology, featured the neighborhood's interactive map, Explore Historic Jefferson Westside, at its Users Conference in San Diego earlier this summer. Now our map is ranked 7th in popularity out of more than 7000 maps in the online Esri Map Gallery! View the gallery at mapgallery.esri.com.

Many thanks to San José State University Instructional Designer Anthony Bolaños for his invaluable expertise in making the map happen and to Dr. Jennifer Redd, Senior Director of Teaching Innovation at SJSU, for her technical proficiency and encouragement. And thank you to all who have sup-

ported the project, especially our neighbors!

For more information about the project and the interactive neighborhood map, go to our website at historicjeffersonwestside.org.



JWN Board Members

Chair: Ted M. Coopman

Vice Chair: Sandra U. Bishop

At-Large Members: Peter Borden, Stephanie Coopman, Sue Cummings, Mary Maude, Raechel Medina

Lane Events Center Master Plan LEC Visioning Workgroup Project Summary

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“At the Lane Events Center, we envision a future where every event, gathering, and program enriches the lives of people across Lane County and those that visit, while fostering lasting memories and meaningful connections.” - New LEC Vision Statement

The Lane Events Center Visioning Workgroup has concluded and finalized a vision statement and conceptual framework to guide all future LEC planning. Two main takeaways are the LEC property: (1) will not be sold and the LEC relocated, and (2) will not be used for housing or private development.

Strategic Priorities

LEC’s priorities place JWN at the center of all future development.

- Multi-use Modern Facility: Flexible development to meet many current and future uses, along with better emergency capacities.
- Neighborhood Integration: Soften LEC’s edges, so the facility looks less like an industrial park and more part of the neighborhood.
- Daily Connection and Activity: Have amenities so neighbors can use the facility daily.

Neighborhood context and connectivity will drive implementation strategies.

- Integrate LEC with surrounding commercial areas, especially W. 13th Ave. and downtown.
- Enhance placemaking, activate site edges, and improve the look and feel of borders and grounds.
- Improve pedestrian and ADA access through better sidewalks and pathways.
- Upgrade bicycle, pedestrian, and transit access.
- Monitor and mitigate traffic impacts, with special attention to Monroe St.
- Design welcoming and functional entrances, especially along W. 13th Ave.



Strategic Priorities: Buildings & Grounds



The JWN advocated for reopening through access via Monroe St. to the Fern Ridge Path, which will require onsite security. In addition, the JWN stressed establishing an ongoing partnership and communication framework among stakeholders (county, city, EWEB, Parks, neighborhood) to improve coordination on common concerns. For example, past safety issues at the EWEB Jefferson Substation created a multi-jurisdiction ordeal that took much effort to overcome.

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Continued Public Process

Specific development projects will have their own design, feasibility studies, and public process. At this point, sketches of proposed buildings, expansions, or other projects are conceptual and do not represent concrete plans. Funding for specific projects will have to be identified.

Lane County History Museum

The Lane County History Museum’s future depends on museum leadership, the Museum Board, county management, and the County Board of Commissioners. The museum may remain in its current building, move to a new facility at LEC, or relocate from LEC.

The Future

Ultimately, the Lane County Board of Commissioners will decide on a course of action. The LEC is an enterprise operation and must generate enough revenue to sustain itself. It receives no county general fund support but does get a small percentage of the transient room and rental car taxes for operational costs.

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Learn more about LEC’s master plan process at

laneeventscenter.org/master-plan.

JWN Annual Picnic 2025

The early summer heat took a break on the evening of June 24 for the JWN's annual summer picnic. More than 200 neighbors and friends come together at Monroe Park for a dessert potluck, live music, games, and local vendors.

Music in the Air

Attendees were treated to the musical talents of local band Blackstone, with members Tony Rosta, Tim Brewer, Paul Allen, Catherine Beirsto, and Mark Coombe. The group filled the evening air with an eclectic selection of unique covers and originals, with hints of blues, country, and R&B.

Fun & Games



Monroe Park's large grassy area came alive with picnic goers of all ages playing games such as skee ball and cornhole along with fun activities like sidewalk chart art and an organic lemonade stand. Tes Hart,

Jac, and Khahlela organized Big Bubbles. Brittany Rae Hofreiter got people hula hooping. Ryan Uhle provided colorful flags and streamers that sparked creative playfulness.

Exceptional Exhibitors

In the southwest corner of the park, more than



20 local organizations and community groups shared their expertise. Our exceptional exhibitors included: 350 Eugene • Beyond Toxics • Black Cultural Initiative • Broadway House Concerts • Burrito Brigade •



Cascadia Mobility • Community Supported Shelters • Eugene Sustainability Commission • Eugene Toolbox Project • Fossil Free Eugene •



Health Care for All Oregon • Hosea Youth Services • Lane County Master Recyclers • LiveMove • Lookout Eugene-Springfield •



Office of Equity and Community Engagement • OSU Extension Service • Shelter Care • Shift Community Cycles • Stuart Warren with City of Eugene Planning and Development • Unitarian Universalist Church.

A Round of Applause for Our Volunteers



The JWN's 2025 picnic committee—

all neighborhood volunteers—started its work long before the big day, reserving the park, lining up vendors, finding a band, recruiting even more volunteers, conferring with city staff, filling out paperwork, and more. Meet this year's terrific team: Kat Rola, Raechel Medina, Charlotte Young, Paul

Bodin, Tony Rosta, Mary Maude, and committee chair Sue Cummings. In addition, Cary Thompson and Susan Connolly contributed their expert advice.



Katlyn Brown, Rod Reid, Arlo and Ayla Brown-Reid, and Family for Kids Games; Joyce and David Graves; Stephanie and Ted Coopman; Sandra U. Bishop; Rene Kane; Berry Broadbent; Peggy Bodin;

Dan Solitz; Kevin Burns; Dena Cabrera; Angel Gilbert; John Marshall; Bill Brand; Bill Cummings; and Bob Cummings. Additional volunteers baked cookies and helped with set-up and clean-up.

Local Businesses & Churches

Several local businesses contributed prizes and gift certificates for the picnic's raffle. We so appreciate the contributions of Cornucopia Restaurant, Dot Dotsons, Mac's Restaurant and Nightclub, Newman's Fish Company, and Sweet Life Patisserie. When you visit these businesses, please thank them for their support of our neighborhood.

Thank you also to Sarah Schoenherr, City First Church, for tables and folding chairs, and Roslyn Burch and Pastor Eddie Wangenstein, Grace Fellowship Church, for additional tables.

City of Eugene Staff

Once again the City of Eugene staff pitched in to help make the JWN annual picnic a success. A giant bouquet of thank yous to Cindy Koehler

and Julien Arias, Office of Equity & Community Engagement; the staff at Parks and Open Space, especially Amy Meeker; and Janina Rager and Jeff Blonde, Eugene Police Department Community Engagement Specialists.



Paul Bodin, Susan Connolly, and Dave Hurst served as our talented photographers, capturing key moments in the evening's activities. A selection of their outstanding photos is included on these pages. And a second thank you to



Dave Hurst for designing the picnic flyer and mailer.

We also are grateful for the work of these volunteers:





Volunteers Needed!

Your community needs you! Here are a few local volunteer opportunities.

JWN Disaster Preparedness

Committee meets 4th Thursday of the month noon-2PM, Grace Fellowship Church, 834 Monroe St.

JWN Historic District Task Force

meets 4th Thursday of the month 4:30-6PM, Lane County History Museum Reading Room, 740 W. 13th Ave. Learn more at historicjeffersonwestside.org

Shift Community Cycles

work party 3rd Thursday of the month, 6:30-8:30PM, 811 W. 6th Ave. Find out more and sign up at shiftcc.org/volunteer



Friends of Trees, volunteers especially needed October-April. More information at friendsoftrees.org/eugene



Food for Lane County, volunteers needed for Meals on Wheels, GrassRoots Garden, day and evening kitchen prep, and more. View opportunities and sign up at foodforlanecounty.org/volunteer



JWN Initiates Underwriting Promotions for Print Newsletter

Many local businesses have been featured in *JWN News*, our paper newsletter, mailed to more than 4000 neighborhood addresses three times each year. The City of Eugene provides outreach funding for neighborhood associations, such as printing and postage for mailings, yard signs, banners, and gatherings. However, as the city faces budget challenges, future funding at current levels is not assured.

Fortunately, Eugene Neighbors Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, was created in 1999 to provide a tax-deductible umbrella for member neighborhood associations.

As an ENI member, the JWN can accept donations from businesses, organizations, and individuals that in turn can list those donations as charitable contributions. Neighborhood leaders, who are volunteers, apply all donations toward JWN operational expenses and projects, such as outreach, workshops, and neighborhood events.



*Eugene Neighbors, Inc.
"Helping Eugene Neighbors
Help Themselves"*

To support neighborhood initiatives and projects and enhance neighborhood association autonomy, the JWN Outreach Committee is offering neighborhood businesses and organizations the opportunity to make a tax-deductible donation and receive a "thank you" premium of quarter-, half-, or full-page space to promote their businesses and organizations in our print newsletter.

Become a JWN Underwriter!

Our next print newsletter is Winter/February 2025. Reserve your space now! JWN newsletters are mailed via USPS to 4150 addresses. Tax deductible donations are acknowledged in donor-created promotions, such as the ones on the following page. Suggested donations are:

\$200 = quarter page

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The Sounds of Monroe Park

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”

Eleanor Roosevelt

Eleanor Roosevelt’s insightful quote graces the sign for Monroe Park. The park has been through a lot, but over the years, the JWN has not been afraid to dream of a better future for this 2.58 acre spot of public land.

On the evenings of July 20 and 24, Monroe Park experienced its first Art in the Parks event, a quadraphonic installation by David Graves he titled, THE FUTURE BELONGS HERE. Created from the sounds of Monroe Park, the listening event celebrated the park’s beauty and its neighborhood. Nearly 200 neighbors and friends attended the two events.

David started working on the show in January. He used recordings collected earlier in the year by JWN residents for a “surround sound” experience of tones, noises and music. For those two nights, Monroe Park’s southwest meadow was filled with the sounds of rain, birds, kids sledding—even the merry-go-round.

Many thanks to the City of Eugene for funding this neighborhood-centric art event. In addition, thanks to Smeed Communications (a JWN business for more than 75 years), Dave Hurst, and Joyce Graves. And thanks as well to lots of neighbors!

A 40-minute stereo version of The Future Belongs Here will be released August 20 on Spotify and other streaming services. Find out more at [FineVermin.com](https://finevermin.com).

