

Emergency Preparedness

Preparing for potential disasters can help us respond in more effective ways to save lives, minimize injuries and lessen damage to our homes or businesses. Other major disasters have demonstrated how crucial the first 72 hours are to accomplish these goals. During and after an earthquake, flood or forest fire the City’s emergency services will be overwhelmed and our communications, water and electrical systems will likely be disabled.

SHiNA would like to develop a Disaster Plan that our members can use to protect themselves and their families by coordinating with their neighbors to support one another. The Disaster Plan recognizes that the first priorities are self, family and neighbors. To respond effectively it is best if each household prepares for their own safety and well being, while also empowering neighbors to organize and coordinate with one another. Our intention is to guide you to implement this Disaster Plan throughout your block in our neighborhood. We hope this will inspire those who recognize the importance of emergency preparation to get involved with the neighborhood’s efforts.

View “Map Your Neighborhood” (MYN), Introduction and Chapter 1-12: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KMOFtk8xeV0&list=PLaYp9JZofBz3RSYyvL57jo_95G8ziwuTV

Get “Map Your Neighborhood” (MYN) booklets at the City’s Emergency Management office: *Patence Winningham, Senior Program Coordinator, 940 Willamette St, Suite 200, Eugene, OR 97401 • 541-682-5860 Website: www.eugene-or.gov/255/Emergency-Management*

Other Helpful Websites: www.ready.gov/make-a-plan, www.ready.gov/build-a-kit

Contact the SHiNA Board to look into how you can start to participate in Emergency Preparedness on your block. **Email: SHiNA_board@googlegroups.com**

When in Doubt, Leave it Out!

Neighbors should recycle but understand that changes from China to changes in rules for Eugene garbage haulers have impacted curbside recycling.

- Follow the guidelines, when in doubt leave it out, contamination and wishful recycling is harming the recycling process.
- Ignore recycle symbols. These are the numbers 1 through 6 stamped on the bottom of plastic items inside a recycling triangle.
- Remember recycling is creating resources.
- Pre-cycle-think before you buy to ensure that the packaging and the item can be recycled.
- Purchase in bulk whenever you can.
- Eliminate single use disposable items-use refillable beverage containers, avoid to-go food, bring your own tub for any to-go, use reusable shopping bags, and utensils, pledge to not use plastic straws.
- Buy products that contain recycled content so we can recycle what we buy.

The Eugene City Council will be looking at styrofoam and plastic waste policy this winter. Residents concerned about this topic should follow the city council agenda and weigh in by writing a letter or by attending a public hearing and speaking out.

Many thanks to the Eugene Citizens for Responsible Use of Plastics (CRUP) for help with the above guidelines.

– *Ralph McDonald, SHiNA Co-Chair Eugene Sustainability Commissioner **



A 12-month Emergency Preparedness Plan

Are you overwhelmed by the thought of preparing your home and family for a natural disaster? Think it’s too hard or too expensive? Unsure where to begin?

Increasing our overall disaster resilience is the responsibility of every community member. The Oregon Office of Emergency Management encourages residents to be prepared to be on their own for a minimum of two weeks.

Join the EWEB Pledge to Prepare and you’ll have support every step of the way, with a 12-month blueprint for preparedness, as well as incentives to help you stay on target. By joining the Pledge, you agree to prepare for an emergency by making a plan with your family and creating a 2-week emergency kit which includes food, water and other supplies that will enable you and your family to be as prepared as possible for an earthquake, wildfire, storm or any other emergency or disaster that could happen.

To help you along the way, each month throughout 2019 EWEB will feature a new set of tasks aimed at getting you more prepared. And to keep you motivated, EWEB will give away useful emergency preparedness supplies each month.

<http://www.eweb.org/outages-and-safety/preparing-for-emergencies/pledge-to-prepare-campaign>

Experiences in the Eugene Rental Housing Market – Janet Bevirt, SHiNA Board *

The Housing Policy Board wants to learn about your experience as a renter in the City of Eugene. Community members who are currently renting in Eugene are encouraged to complete this anonymous survey. The survey should take about 5 minutes to complete and is open through January 31st, 2019.

Survey: www.surveymonkey.com/r/PSRMFXD

Looking for an Affordable Home?

Community members can contact affordable housing property managers for information about applications and waiting lists for affordable housing. While the City of Eugene does not own, operate, build, or manage housing, they collaborate with non-profit and other affordable housing providers. Information is available for housing that is affordable to lower income persons.

What is “Affordable” Housing?

Across the United States, housing costs are considered “affordable” if the monthly rent or mortgage, plus utilities, add up to no more than one-third (or 30%) of gross household earnings.

What is Area Median Income (AMI)?

Area Median Income, commonly referred to as “AMI”, is a federal calculation based on census data from every geographic area. The number matters a great deal when looking at affordable housing in Eugene – an area with a current AMI of \$44,900 for a one-person household or \$64,100 for a four-person household. Households earning less are very likely to be adversely affected by housing costs. Below is the 2018 AMI chart for the Eugene-Springfield area, by household size. Consider that many people who work, including full-time work, earn less than 100% AMI. This is why Eugene is concerned about income levels, housing affordability and creating more units for people up to 80% AMI.

2018 Eugene/Springfield HUD Income Based on Household Size

% AMI	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person
30 %	\$13,500	\$15,400	\$17,350	\$19,250	\$20,800	\$22,350
50 %	\$22,450	\$25,650	\$28,850	\$32,050	\$34,650	\$37,200
60 %	\$26,940	\$30,780	\$34,620	\$38,460	\$41,580	\$44,640
80 %	\$35,950	\$41,050	\$46,200	\$51,300	\$55,450	\$59,500
100 %	\$44,900	\$51,300	\$57,700	\$64,100	\$69,300	\$74,400

Affordable Housing Providers

Cornerstone Community Housing
ShelterCare
Sponsors
Habitat for Humanity of Central Lane
Homes for Good Housing Agency
Mainstream Housing
Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation
St. Vincent de Paul of Lane County

Do you agree with the above definition of “affordable housing”?

Do you agree with the Area Median Income chart for Eugene/Springfield that HUD uses for household size?

Please talk to those you know who are renting.

Write the Mayor, City Councilors and City Manager with your input. SHiNA's City Councilors are Betty Taylor (Ward 2), Emily Semple (Ward 1), and Chris Pryor (Ward 8).

Email: mayorcouncilandcitymanager@ci.eugene.or.us

Website

www.eugene-or.gov/4050/Looking-for-an-Affordable-Home

** Newsletter Information & Requirements: The Southwest Hills Neighborhood Association Newsletter highlights community happenings and city news relevant to SHiNA. It's published and mailed to residences/businesses within the SHiNA neighborhood three times per year depending on funding. Newsletters can be viewed in color on the swHillsEugene.com website. They are mainly published and mailed in black ink to save in extra printing costs. Submit articles and letters (limited to a 125 word maximum) to: shina_board@googlegroups.com This is the official newsletter of the Southwest Hills Neighborhood Association (SHiNA) in Eugene, Oregon. Funds for the printing and mailing of newsletters are provided by the City of Eugene. Newsletters are produced by neighborhood volunteers and are free to residents and businesses of the neighborhood. Space is available for letters or articles from neighbors and will be published as space permits. The information provided and the views expressed in this publication do not necessarily represent the position of the City of Eugene or all of the Southwest Hills Neighborhood Association members.*

Ending Zoning for Single-Family Housing? – Ron Bevirt, SHiNA Co-Chair *

Oregon House Speaker, Tina Kotek, is proposing legislation to end the zoning for single-family detached homes (R-1) and to replace it with the next more-dense zoning (R-2), which permits duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes, and cottage clusters on all presently zoned R-1 lots – subject to a local “allowance for reasonable design and siting regulations”, such as lot size, setbacks, etc.

Advocates for increasing density argue that this avoids expanding the Urban Growth Boundaries by utilizing existing infrastructure such as electric, water, sewer, and transportation thus making housing more “affordable”.

Opponents argue that the qualities that make neighborhoods desirable will be decreased by placing the parking for increased density on the streets. Larger, taller structures will produce solar shading and loss of privacy to yards. In many cases, existing infrastructure will have to be expanded, since it is presently sized for the existing population.

Everyone understands that cities like Eugene are growing. The difference of opinion rests in how to increase housing density. Proponents of a blanket imposition of increased population density on residential neighborhoods argue that it will lead to more affordable housing and a decrease in housing costs. Those opposing the blanket increase of density, point out that other cities that have increased density (such as Portland and Seattle) have seen gentrification, not an increase in affordable housing. When an existing affordable housing unit is wrecked to build multiple units of new housing, current construction costs force the new units to be more expensive. Besides density in residential neighborhoods, there is potential for housing units above one-story Commercial (C-2) with commercial space on the first floor and housing on floors above (Mixed Use).

The undeniable fact, in today’s economy, is that building “affordable housing”, which serves the “workforce” population, requires subsidies. The most-affordable, smaller, older homes to purchase or to rent are most-vulnerable to demolition and replacement by newer, expensive housing units.

In opposition to the blanket imposition of increased zoning density, Eugene Neighborhood leaders have been urging Eugene City Council to encourage *Opportunity Siting*, wherein

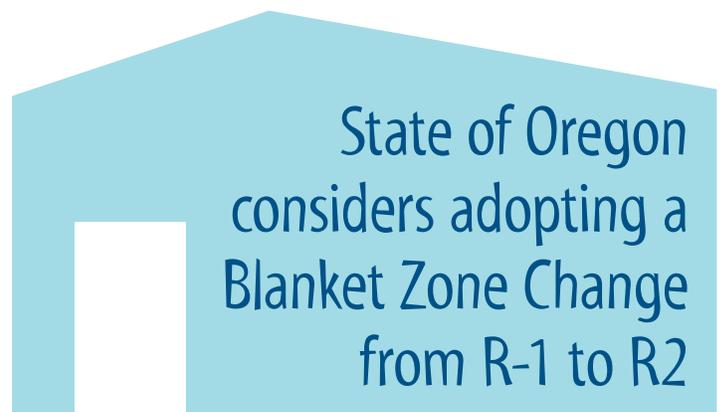
neighborhoods select locations appropriate for increased density. This recognizes that each neighborhood is different and one-size-fits-all solutions lead to unwise decisions and unintended consequences. This proposed up-zoning could potentially increase the unhoused population.

The residential character of some neighborhoods are protected by a refinement plan. Areas within neighborhood boundaries may also be protected by Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs). Neighborhoods which do not have these protections will gradually have their characters changed, beginning in locales with the least-expensive housing. Over time, once quiet residential streets will be the scenes of vehicle congestion and competition for parking.

A couple of years ago, Eugene City Planning targeted the neighborhood of smaller, older homes located between Wilamette Street to Amazon Parkway and from 24th to 29th Avenues as an area to have such a zoning increase. This led to the expensive and time-consuming fight over the South Wilamette Special Area Zone, with the public outcry convincing the City Council to cancel this up-zoning plan. Those with the desire to profit from increasing neighborhood zoning are continuing their efforts. If you have any interest in maintaining neighborhood livability, you need to pay attention and express your views to lawmakers such as Speaker Kotek.

Email: Rep.TinaKotek@oregonlegislature.gov

Oregon House Bill 2001 re. Middle Housing: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2001/Introduced>



Eugene Civic Alliance hopes to improve the health of kids in our community, provide a much-needed place for play, and create a space for community events at Civic Park.

\$24.5 million dollars have been raised through individual donors, grants, and lottery backed bonds for the first building phase. About \$6 million dollars are still needed to finish the work on Phase 2: a 40,000 square foot fieldhouse, multi-sport outdoor turf field, parking lot and a 2,500-seat stadium.

Website: <https://eugene-civic-alliance.org>

Southwest Hills Neighborhood Assoc.

www.swHillsEugene.com

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Southwest Hills Neighborhood Association 2019 Calendar

All Meetings & the Picnic Event at Wayne Morse Family Farm (WMFF) 595 Crest Drive

SHiNA General Meetings

Sunday, February 3rd, 1–3 p.m.

*Eugene Civic Alliance
& SVdP Youth House*

Sunday, April 7th, 3–5 p.m.

Sunday, June 2nd, 3–5 p.m.

Sunday, October 6th, 3–5 p.m.

Sunday, November 3rd, 3–5 p.m.

SHiNA Annual Picnic Event

Sunday, September 8th, 4–7 p.m.

SHiNA Board Meetings

Wednesday, March 13th, 6–8 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8th, 6–8 p.m.

Wednesday, July 10th, 6–8 p.m.

Wednesday, August 7th, 6–8 p.m.

Wednesday, December 11th, 6–8 p.m.

Happy New Year

Mark Your Calendar and Come Join Us!

Visit the SHiNA website for more information about General Meeting speakers and community topics to be presented and discussed: www.swHillsEugene.com