



*Let's Get Together!*



The annual SHiNA summer picnic, in collaboration with our Friendly Area Neighbors, FAN, returns this summer to a new location, Washington Park and YOU are invited to join in the fun! This free, family-friendly event is an annual tradition with friends and neighbors gathering on the grassy expanse behind the Community Center at Washington Park.

**Sunday, August 21, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.**  
**Washington Park, 2025 Washington St.**  
**\* Bring your own picnic, blanket or chairs\***

**Live Music Featuring Rob Tobias and Friends and the Never Ever Band  
Games for the Young and Young at Heart**

**Enjoy a Free Root Beer Float served by Friendly Street Church of God  
Community Walkway of Community Organization outreach tables  
Electric Vehicles on Display**

**Prize Drawings for Gifts from Neighborhood Businesses  
The Blank Slate Banner - Give us your Feedback!**

Neighborhoods! Friendly and South Hills get closer. (Safely, of course) SHiNA Annual Picnic is back for 2022, this year bigger and better with our next door neighborhood, Friendly Area Neighbors (FAN).

Tighten up your sandals for races for the young and young at heart! The games will happen following the first set of music, and there might even be prizes!! The park's spray play will also be operating to keep everyone cooled off and entertained.

Come learn what is going on in our community. The community walkway offers opportunities to talk with representatives from community partners and nonprofits that benefit our neighborhood and community. You can learn what SHiNA and FAN neighborhood associations are up to and how you might become involved. Get your burning questions answered and share your comments about the work being done in the community.

Be sure to sign-in to receive a ticket for drawings for gifts from our wonderful neighborhood businesses. Our area businesses are a vital link in supporting a healthy and vibrant community, and we thank them for their donations to the picnic. (A complete list of donors will be shared at the picnic.)

Last but not least, there will be a beautiful paper banner to accept all your thoughts about your neighborhood association, what do we do well, what you would like to see happening, how can we improve and better engage. Your thoughts will help strengthen our neighborhood associations.

**\* Help make this a waste-free event by bringing your own utensils & taking them home! \***

## Significant Changes Adopted in Eugene's Residential Zoning Code



On May 24th, the City Council unanimously adopted Eugene's new Middle Housing Code Amendments. These amendments to Eugene's Residential Zoning Code stemmed from the requirements of HB 2001, a law passed by the Oregon Legislature in 2019. That law required most Oregon cities, including Eugene, to amend their land use regulations to allow more housing types like duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, cottage clusters, and townhouses in residential areas. An overview of Eugene's code changes can be found on the City's website ([www.eugene-or.gov/4244/Middle-Housing](http://www.eugene-or.gov/4244/Middle-Housing)).

The intentions of the code change are to encourage more housing within the boundary of Eugene and allow for more housing types like cottage clusters and fourplexes throughout the city. Proponents of the changes argue that broader housing affordability and urban sustainability will result from this kind of development. Opponents argue that new, denser housing developments will be expensive to build and will detract from the character of our residential neighborhoods.

What does this mean for the SHiNA Neighborhood?

- Off street parking requirements, particularly for properties close to bus routes, are reduced for new development.
- Minimum lot sizes are reduced for residential development.
- Some residential properties are protected by CC&Rs - Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions. These are restrictions that are

sometimes included as a part of a specific property's title and are a legal restriction that usually cannot be overridden by zoning law. To find out if you have CC&Rs on your property, you will need to ask for a Title Report from a local title company.

Over the past three years while the code changes were considered, the SHiNA Board hosted two general meetings specifically focused on housing policy and discussed these code changes at many board meetings. We also hosted City Councilor Matt Keating at our May, 2022 General meeting, during which he discussed his views on housing policy in Eugene (the minutes from that meeting are available on SHiNA's website).

Throughout the City's two-year engagement period for these changes, SHiNA board members and neighbors submitted testimony and served on advisory boards about this issue. During our SHiNA meetings, it was clear that opinions of individual board members and neighbors vary on the spectrum of support. However, it also became clear that there are some things that we do seem to agree on:

- We need for more affordable housing in Eugene, particular for households with the lowest incomes;
- Urban development must be done in a way that helps to mitigate climate change;
- Zoning code should include more robust protection for Eugene's unique tree canopy; and,
- New development should contribute to the character of our residential neighborhoods.

During City Council's final round of community engagement on this issue, SHiNA sent a resolution to Council requesting that the code changes include more robust protections for our tree canopy. Councilor Matt Keating introduced an amendment related to this request that was passed by City Council. Tree canopy preservations, and some other small adjustments to the code changes, will be discussed by City Council and investigated by City staff again in the fall.

— Clay Neal, SHiNA Board Member

Image courtesy of City of Eugene

## Removal of Doug Fir Trees at Wayne Morse Family Farm

City's Parks and Open Space recently completed an updated 5-Year Natural Resource Management Plan that will guide ongoing maintenance and habitat enhancement work in the natural portions of Wayne Morse Family Farm. The goals in this most recent plan are essentially the same as those outlined in the previous 5-year plan and there will be no major changes to the way the natural areas are being managed. The most noticeable actions that park users and neighbors may observe include control of blackberry and invasive shrubs, especially along the boundaries with private property, to help reduce wildfire risk.

Additionally, removal of invasive trees, such as bird cherry and invasive plum, holly, laurel, and English hawthorn, in some of the interior areas of the park will

take place to continue efforts to increase the native diversity of the site. The most recent Douglas fir removal north of the shelters is a common approach taken to allow native California black oak and/or Oregon white oak to continue to thrive.

Less than 6% of the oak habitat that was once found in the Willamette Valley is present today and where feasible land managers such as the City's Parks and Open Spaces work to preserve and enhance those habitats. There are no plans to remove additional Douglas fir unless they show signs of being a hazard, either to park users or to neighboring homes.

## Find Your Home's Risk of Wildfire on New State Map



The Oregon Wildfire Risk Explorer is designed to identify the wild land urban interface and wildfire risk at the property ownership level. It shows a comprehensive view of wildfire risk within the State of Oregon, indicates local fire history, and offers additional resources. This site provides information regarding support for homeowners, communities, and profession#ls to identify and prioritize local wildfire prevention, mitigation efforts and implement defensible space standards where applicable.

[https://tools.oregonexplorer.info/oe\\_htmlviewer/index.html?viewer=wildfire](https://tools.oregonexplorer.info/oe_htmlviewer/index.html?viewer=wildfire)

## Waste to Taste Founder Informs April Meeting

After noticing a need for nutritious, ready-to-eat meals among many Eugene residents, Jennifer Denson started **Burrito Brigade** in 2014. **Waste to Taste** is a "no-barrier, Covid-safe" walk-in pantry that is operated Monday-Friday from 4-6 p.m. In 2019, she began the **Little Free Pantry** program with three cupboards set up in residential neighborhoods where neighbors could place food for anyone in need. That program has grown to 40 cupboards spread throughout Eugene and Springfield. Volunteers are needed to help at **Waste to Taste** and stock and supply the **Little Free Pantries**. **Waste to Taste** partners with Food for Lane County, Centro Latino and other community organizations.

To find out more about this organization or volunteer contact **Waste to Taste** at:

<https://burrito brigade.org/waste-to-taste/>

## Library News

Eugene Public Library's Service Director, Will O'Hearn, spoke to our April General Membership Meeting. He reports an increase in library use during the pandemic. Feedback from the community is that they are happy and appreciative of the method of handling library loans during the pandemic and very grateful that computer labs and internet access has been resumed, especially for the unsheltered or those without internet access. Recently overdue fines have been eliminated. Future plans include reopening of the maker-hub and speakers.

The cleanliness of the library is due to a priority given to janitorial services, extra attention to cleaning restrooms often and sanitizing the comfy chairs. The library is staffed to monitor patron's behavior and those who behave irresponsibly in the library are asked to leave.

# Southwest Hills Neighborhood Assoc.

[www.swHillsEugene.com](http://www.swHillsEugene.com)

- ▶ *Be Engaged ... Know Your Neighbors & Volunteer*
- ▶ *Be Informed ... Receive SHiNA Updates Via Email*
- ▶ *Be Involved ... Discuss with neighbors at SHiNA Meetings & Events on Zoom, Facebook & Nextdoor*



## Inside:

### SHiNA & FAN Summer Picnic Changes to Housing Code & More!

#### SHiNA Board Members

Ralph McDonald, Co-chair  
Fred Mallery, Co-chair  
Clay Neal, Secretary  
Dana Furgerson, Treasurer  
Rita Fiedler  
Chris Jockak  
Michael Lainoff  
Bev McDonald (Newsletter)

**Board positions expire in November 2022.**

**Your voice and your opinion matters.  
SHiNA welcomes new volunteer Board  
Members!**

Board positions are made up of those who volunteer or are nominated at our October General meeting and then installed at our November Board meeting. All SHiNA members are welcome to the November Board meeting and are allowed to vote.

**To contact SHiNA:**  
[shina\\_board@googlegroups.com](mailto:shina_board@googlegroups.com)

#### SHiNA 2022 Calendar

##### SHiNA General Membership Meetings

• **Sunday, August 21, 2022, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.**  
**SHiNA & FAN Picnic, Washington Park**  
Volunteers are needed to help with the picnic. If you would like to help with relay races, set-up, clean-up contact the SHiNA board.

• **Sunday, October 9, 2022, 3:00 p.m.**  
**ZOOM, see website for link**  
Nominations for elections will be accepted for all Board positions. Participate in your neighborhood by becoming a Board member.

• **Sunday, December 11, 2022, 3:00 p.m.**  
**ZOOM, see website for link**

##### SHiNA Board Meetings

• **Wednesday, September 14, 2022, 6:30 p.m.**  
**ZOOM, see website for link**

• **Wednesday, November 9, 2022, 6:30 p.m.**  
**ZOOM, see website for link**