

# Fairmount Neighbors

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## A new model for our neighborhood news?

City budget cuts to neighborhood services mean our newsletter is now supported through advertising

The City of Eugene has reduced the Fairmount Neighbors outreach budget roughly 41 percent from 2014 to 2016. The cut from \$3,087 to \$1,810 annually represents a just a fraction of a percent of the city's overall budget.

In the past, our outreach budget (used for printing and postage) has allowed us to publicize all our meetings – usually with two newsletters and two postcards. This year's budget was only sufficient to fund one newsletter and two postcards. Next year's budget will only fund one newsletter and one postcard.

Unless funding is restored, we expect future issues of our newsletter will be funded through paid advertising.

Here are some frequently asked

questions about the issue.

### **Why is funding neighborhood outreach important?**

Your Fairmount Neighbors activities, newsletters and neighborhood meetings are the lowest grassroots level of government in our city. We believe cutting funding for neighborhood services disenfranchises residents and is a short-sighted way to balance the budget.

### **Why don't you put meeting announcements and neighborhood news on a website?**

We maintain both a website and a Facebook page. However, we've found approximately 90 percent of general meeting attendees find out about our

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## Fairmount Neighbors meeting May 18

**Location:** Edison School

**When:** May 18, 7 p.m.

### **On the agenda:**

- New pest threatens the Hendricks Park Rhododendron Garden
- The future of Fairmount Neighbors newsletter
- City of Eugene parks plan
- Election of Fairmount Neighbors board members

### **Board nominees:**

Co-chairs: Steven Asbury and Noah Parsons  
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New Homes



Remodels



Kitchens



Outdoor Spaces



## Rainbow Valley: Where Green Building Meets Beautiful Living.

As a sustainability consultant, it was important to this Fairmont Neighborhood homeowner that her kitchen remodel meet her needs *and* values. The open layout and large island make this sleek kitchen the gathering place of the home; and the concrete countertops with recycled glass flecks, local wood, and repurposed cabinetry are a testament that green building and beautiful living can go hand in hand.



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### AZALEA LACE BUG

# New pest affecting Hendricks Park could threaten your plants

**T**he City of Eugene has discovered a serious new pest that is affecting the much-loved Rhododendron Garden in the park. The Azalea lace bug is harming both the rhododendrons and the azaleas and if left untreated will degrade the health of the plants. The infestation is serious enough that it could even kill many of the historic rhododendrons. In partnership, the Friends of Hendricks Park and the City of Eugene Parks and Open Space Division have come up with a plan to help save the rhododendrons and azaleas but are seeking the help of park neighbors to help stop the spread. Here are some steps you can take in your own yard:

- Look for normally green leaves on Rhododendrons and Azaleas that have light yellow stippling on the leaves.
- Look at the underside of the leaves for splotchy brown patches. If present, that is their excrement, eggs and potentially nymphs. If you see one with your naked eye, confirm its identity by using a magnifying lens to look at the bug's back. The adult Azalea lace bug has a black X on its lacy wings and is about 1/4 inch long and 1/8 inch wide.
- Dormant spray oil is primarily mineral oil and can be applied in late winter. Insecticidal soaps such as Safer Soap should be sprayed at least four times between March and October. Both products must be sprayed on the underside of the leaves to kill the bugs. Local tree and shrub spray services can do this work for you. Follow label directions if you do the work yourself.
- The Oregon Department of Agriculture is interested in knowing where the insect is found. Contact Jim LaBonte with the Oregon Department of Agriculture at [jlabornte@oda.state.or.us](mailto:jlabornte@oda.state.or.us) or 503-986-4749.

For more information contact Jesse Cary-Hobbs with



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the Parks and Open Space Division at [jesse.a.caryhobbs@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:jesse.a.caryhobbs@ci.eugene.or.us) or 541-682-4935. For more information about the Friends of Hendricks Park and their stewardship efforts, please visit [www.friendsofhendrickspark.org](http://www.friendsofhendrickspark.org).

# 15th and 17th Avenues getting repaved soon

The City of Eugene will repave or resurface 15th and 17th Avenues from Agate to Fairmount this summer.

Construction will likely begin in July 2015 and last through September 2015, though the city has not set firm dates on either end.

It is likely that 15th Avenue will be resurfaced, which is a faster process; whereas 17th Avenue will be repaved—a task that involves removing the old surface and generally takes more time.

Because 15th Avenue is part of the bicycle path system, it will be marked in both directions with “sharrows”—the bicycle-chevron icons on the road that encourage cyclists to take the lane (as Oregon law permits on all roads, even without sharrows). The repaving/resurfacing will not affect any sidewalk or change any intersection.

For more information, contact the Eugene’s transportation engineer at: [tom.c.larsen@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:tom.c.larsen@ci.eugene.or.us)

## Connect with us

Stay in touch and find more information about the Fairmount neighborhood and the Fairmount Neighbors Association at the following sites.

**Neighborhood website:**

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

**Facebook:**

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# Problems with a party next door?

To report a party or other non-emergency situation, call EPD at **(541) 682-5111**. It's very important that you tell the dispatcher that you are willing to sign a complaint and be sure to give the exact street address. Saying something like "the corner of 19th and Villard" is NOT sufficient. Having the street number of the house or building also enables the University of Oregon to follow up on complaints.

You should call even if the Eugene Police Department is unable to respond. Your call allows the city and the University of Oregon to track problems in the neighborhood. Call other neighbors to encourage them to report the problem as well.

If you are going to host a party, follow these **nine simple steps**:

**1. Control the guest list.** Don't let random people who

are walking around looking for a party into your house.

**2. Adults only.** If you choose to serve alcohol, ensure that you only serve to persons twenty-one years of age or older.

**3. Plan ahead.** Notify your neighbors in advance of the date, times, and location of the party, and a contact name and number in case problems arise.

**4. Monitor noise levels.** Keep doors and windows closed.

**5. Discourage drinking games.**

**6. Clean up debris from your yard and the street.**

**7. Prevent drunk driving.**

**8. Safety first.** If you are concerned for a friend's medical safety, such as alcohol poisoning, call 911 immediately.

**9. Cooperate with police.** If contacted by police or other authorities, be respectful and be compliant.

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# Questions with Chester

Aiden Turpin, an Edison student spent a furlough day at the Lane County Historical Society speaking with 1934 Edison Elementary graduate Dr. Chester Stevenson, a retired dentist.

The afternoon was loosely titled "Questions with Chester" and are part of a pilot program to involve children in local history.

Dr. Stevenson is a retired dentist and a volunteer at the museum. He and his father, Chester Stevenson were avid photographers and the museum has a collection of their early Eugene photos.

**Q. On a normal school day, what subjects would be taught?**

A. It depends on the grade. In first grade they built house (community building). Third grade was reading, writing and math. Fourth grade was more physical things.

**Q. How much homework would you have on a regular basis?**

A. I don't remember any homework in grade school.

**Q. How many teachers did you have in total in Edison? How many kids to a class?**

A. There was one teacher per room. There were four rows

of students with about 20 students per class.

**Q. After school, what was your schedule like?**

A. After school activities included plays (theater) and student body meetings. One year Chester was school president!

**Q. Did you like history like you do now as a kid?**

A. I didn't learn history as a subject until high school. I liked it then.

**Q. What was school discipline like?**

A. There was a lot of banging on the chest.

The best bit of information from the day was Chester's remembrance of the floor of the gym being dirt!

– Aiden Turpin

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# History of junior high schools in Eugene

Eugene's first junior high school building was formally opened October 7, 1916 when 300 patrons and parents assembled to hear an address by Superintendent W.R. Rutherford; L.L. Goodrich, member of the School Board; and O.H. Jones, principal. The building cost approximately \$17,000 and was located between 13th and 14th on Olive Street.

Breaking out a junior high composed of grades 7 and 8 was explained as "bridg(ing) the gap between grade and high school work." The school had 200 students, four teachers, and a principal housed in the eight-room building.

Enrollment grew to the point that by 1923 two new junior high schools were built. In 1924 the school district began to build Roosevelt Junior High School (also known as Condon Elementary or Agate Hall) and Franklin Junior High School (also known as Lincoln Elementary and fortunately still

stands as the Lincoln Elementary Condominiums). Both schools opened in September 1925.

In 1944-45 Eugene consolidated with the districts of Dunn, Stella Magladry, River Road, Santa Clara, Willagillespie and Garden Way. A third middle school was needed. Colin Kelly (named for Colin P. Kelly Jr., a US Army Air Corps pilot killed in the Philippines) opened January 1947.

A new Roosevelt middle school was completed in 1950 (soon to be razed with a new building constructed on the west side of campus). Cal Young opened September 1953. Eugene's fifth middle school, Thomas Jefferson, opened in 1957 on the site of the first Eugene airport (1650 W. 22nd Ave). A sixth junior high, Spencer Butte, was occupied in 1960.

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meetings through our printed and mailed announcements. Website postings require active engagement (You have to find information instead of it finding you.) Additionally, some neighbors either do not use the internet or do not have access to the internet. Printed mail is the only tool we've found that reaches everyone effectively. Our structure requires neighborhood residents attend and participate in our general meetings, so it's important that we get the word out about meetings.

**Why not just send an e-mail newsletter and announcements?**

We collect e-mail addresses through our website and at Fairmount Neighbors meetings. However, our e-mail list still only includes a fraction of residents in our area, and bulk emails often go unread or get caught in spam filters. Maintaining an effective email list is difficult as it changes daily with new residents, new renters, and people who have switched addresses.

**How can I get involved?**

Members of the public are encouraged to express their views on the FY16 proposed budget. Public testimony can be

submitted by sending a written statement to the Budget Committee or City Council, c/o City of Eugene Finance Division, 100 W. 10th Ave. Ste. 400, Eugene, Oregon, 97401; submit a written statement at the meeting or public hearing; or via the Budget Committee contact form at [www.eugene-or.gov/budget](http://www.eugene-or.gov/budget). At the top-right of the webpage, click the "Contact the Budget Committee" button.

**How can I get more information?**

The FY16 proposed budget is available on the City of Eugene web site at [www.eugene-or.gov/budget](http://www.eugene-or.gov/budget).

Hard copies of the FY16 proposed budget are available for public review at the City of Eugene Finance Division (100 W 10th Avenue, Suite 400, Eugene, Oregon 97401), Downtown Public Library reference desk (100 W 10th Avenue, 2nd floor, Eugene, Oregon 97401), and at the City Manager's Office (Lane County Public Service Building, 125 E 8th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97401).

Budget Committee meeting materials and webcasts are available at [www.eugene-or.gov/budget](http://www.eugene-or.gov/budget) by selecting the "Get Involved" tab.

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