

# Fairmount Neighbors

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## Student perspectives on the new Roosevelt

There's much to like about the middle school building

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The new Roosevelt Middle School opened for the first time on Thursday, September 8th, 2016. It took about a year and a half to build this majestic school. It's slightly smaller than the old one but seems a lot more spacious.

There are many things to like about the new school. There are solar panels on the roof, so that's pretty great. The library is also a big improvement because it's very big and the lights change the colors of the rainbow. The library is on the second floor and there are huge windows with fantastic views. The cafeteria is also a nice improvement with really big, cool lights.

Another nice feature is these huge

steps in the entryway that are heated in the winter. The steps also have lots of power outlets to charge phones. Every student finally gets their own locker as well! That's a big improvement over having to share lockers.

The new Roosevelt has a lot of windows and in the halls there a lot of spaces with tables and couches. All of the classrooms have white boards that basically go all around the rooms. The bathrooms are really colorful because last year the students made tiles that were installed in the new bathrooms. "I mostly like that everything is new and that there are tons of windows. I think that the new school is really nice." says Page Betenson,

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## Neighborhood General Meeting on November 15

**Location:** Ford Alumni Center, Room 202

Parking is available in the surface lot just west of the Center.

**Date:** Tuesday, November 15

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**On the agenda:**

- The latest news on Civic Stadium property development
- Moving city planning forward with WE CAN and Envision Eugene
- Capital Drive development Plans
- Eugene Parks and Rec plans
- The latest from City Hall

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# Roosevelt Middle School: A history in three buildings.

In 1924 the Eugene school district built 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) for a burgeoning population of boys and girls aged 13-16 years of age. Both schools opened in September 1925 and served 7, 8 and 9th grades. The combined enrollment at the schools was 725.

Broad course offerings became a part of the curriculum that year, too. Latin, algebra, science, world history and physical education were offered to all students. Each student was assigned to seven periods of classwork and one study hall. Emphasis was placed on high marks.

A complete revision of the Eugene school curriculum began in 1933 under Superintendent H.R. Goold who led a series of conferences to study common school problems. Each year, for five years, a different focus on curriculum was worked through until 1938 when the Central Curriculum program was formulated. By March 1939, the Scope and Sequence Chart was printed. This document became a landmark in curriculum development for Eugene. It defined the scope of the school programs, suggested units of work and outlined their grade level sequence. The new curriculum was in place fall 1939.

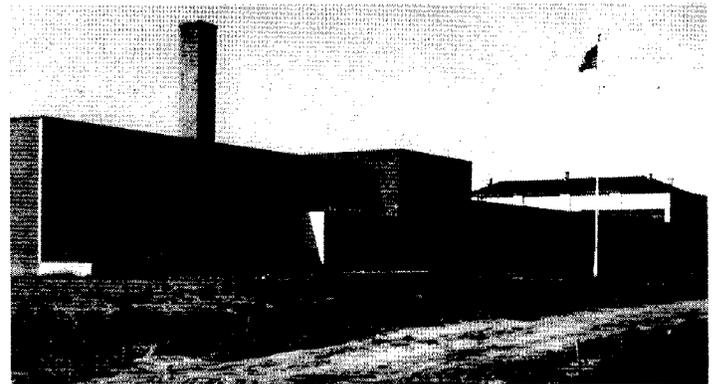
Both Eugene middle schools were filled to capacity by 1940. The closing of Santa Clara High School brought in more students and the population of Eugene grew during the war years. In 1944-45 Eugene consolidated with the districts of Dunn, Stella Magladry, River Road, Santa Clara, Willagillespie and Garden Way thus becoming the 4j school district.

A third middle school was needed. Colin Kelly (named for Colin P. Kelly Jr., a US Army Air Corps pilot killed in the Phillipines) opened January 1947.

A new Roosevelt middle school was completed in 1950 and planned by Wolff and Zimmer of Portland. Wolff and



Roosevelt on Agate Street in 1931



Roosevelt on 24th Avenue in 1949

Zimmer also planned Cal Young and Kelly Middle Schools.

The mid-century building was showing signs of age. It lacked space and technology functions for the contemporary learning environment and deemed energy inefficient. A bond measure passed in May 2013 passed to fix the situation. Designed by Mahlum Architects of Portland in association with Robertson Sherwood Architects of Eugene a new building was designed and completed over the summer. Built with the future in mind, the doors opened this last September ushering in a new chapter in the history of Roosevelt Middle School.

## Having 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 enables the University of Oregon to follow up on complaints and track problems in the neighborhood.

If you are going to host a party, follow these 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 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.

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

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a 7th grader at Roosevelt.

Unfortunately, there are a few not so good things about the new Roosevelt. One of the bad things about the new Roosevelt is that sometimes the automatic doors don't open fast enough when a big crowd is trying to get to their next classes. Also, you can't use the full gym when the bleachers are pulled out because the bleachers take up too much space. The bathrooms also have a few problems: sometimes the sinks won't turn on, won't turn off, or the

water pressure is super low.

The classrooms on the ground floor in Roosevelt can get really loud when the people move their chairs on the second floor. In the cafeteria, the tables have little seats on them not benches, so fewer people can fit at each table, so it's a little excluding. "I don't really like that in between classes the halls get really crowded. That will happen in every school, so I guess that's not very fixable" says Timmy Parsons, a 7th grader at Roosevelt.

Over all, the new school is pretty great and we are lucky to have such an amazing, nice and new school.

## Occupy Medical has a new location

Occupy Medical has been loaned a building for the next 3 months from the good people at White Bird Clinic. They are giving free healthcare at 509 E. 13th Ave every Sunday from noon to 4pm. This is a first come, first serve event, so come early to sign up. Interested in more information or to see what they do? Short tours are given every Sunday at 11:30am. Occupy Medical is a 502c3 clinic. They are looking for volunteers, especially with medical training. To learn more, check out [occupy-medical.org](http://occupy-medical.org).

## South Eugene Neighbors Unite

Four South Eugene neighborhood associations have united to form the Council of South Eugene Neighborhoods. Representatives from Friendly Area Neighbors, Southwest Hills Neighborhood Association, Southeast neighbors, and Amazon neighbors gather monthly to discuss matters affecting growth, development and livability. The current focus of the working group is "Vulnerable Populations" to find 44 emergency shelter sites before winter. For more information, visit <https://councilsoutheugene.wordpress.com/category/vulnerable-populations-working-group/> or contact Heather Sielicki, SE Neighborhood Chair at: [sielicki@gmail.com](mailto:sielicki@gmail.com)

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# Fairmount Neighbors meeting November 15

Come join your neighbors for our next general meeting on November 15th at 7pm in the Ford Alumni Center, Room 202. Here's a look at the agenda.

**The latest news on Civic Stadium property development:** Eugene Civic Alliance (ECA), a non-profit corporation established to build and operate a community sports and entertainment venue on the historic Civic Stadium property, will unveil the latest plans for the historic Civic site. See the latest architectural renderings and share how the plan to build Civic Park might impact the Fairmount neighborhood.

**Moving city planning forward with WE CAN and Envision Eugene:** Walkable Eugene's Citizen Advisory Network (WE CAN), a group of people who have come together to advocate for human scale answers to Eugene's built environment and transportation questions, will present their ideas for moving Eugene neighborhood planning forward under the Envision Eugene framework.

## **Capital Drive Development Plans:**

There are new plans for a multi-unit housing development on Capital Drive. See the plans and learn more about how this development might impact the neighborhood and how you can have your voice heard.

**Eugene Parks and Rec Plans:** Eugene Parks and Recreation is working to create a vision and implementation plan for the future of parks and recreation in Eugene. Hear how the vision applies specifically to the Fairmount neighborhood. Eugene Parks and Rec will have project proposals for neighbors as they move towards city council adoption of the plan this spring.

**The Latest from City Hall:** Alan Zelenka, Eugene City Councilor, Ward 3, will give the latest updates on City Hall, and other city developments that impact Fairmount Neighbors. You can submit questions and topics that you would like Alan to address by emailing [fn.board@gmail.com](mailto:fn.board@gmail.com).

## **Stay up to date**

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:**

[www.facebook.com/  
FairmountNeighbors](http://www.facebook.com/FairmountNeighbors)

### **Email:**

[fn.board@gmail.com](mailto:fn.board@gmail.com)

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