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Spring 2011

New Business in Our Neighborhood

In October 2010, a great new **food cart** appeared on the corner of 19th and Agate across from Prince Pücklers. Ume Grill is owned by Keizo Takata & Helen Nahoopii, from the Big Island of Hawaii and now residents of our neighborhood.

“Ume Grill provides a savory meal made of the freshest local ingredients, is affordable, and on-the-go,” the owners say.

“Recipes are a fusion of east-west flavors combined to create an au-



Tea cups at Ume Grill

thentic taste bud sensation.”

The menu includes

sirloin teriyaki, rice, wasabi cole-slaw, spicy pickles, salty and sweet sauces, mochi, and more.

The owners couldn't be more pleasant, friendly, and helpful—a great addition to our neighborhood.

Check it out. The hours are: Tuesday to Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday 1 to 7. Call 541-844-2351 for curbside to go. Website: www.umegrill.com

-Sandra Austin

Fairmount Neighborhood Farmers Market

The Fairmount Neighborhood Farmers Market is held Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the Sun Automotive lot on the corner of Agate Street and 19th Avenue.

The 2011 season will start in June and run through October. For more information and start date, contact Ned Forman at Eugene

City Bakery (541-485-8380), or check the website at <http://fairmountmarket.blogspot.com/>

-Sandra Austin

Thanks to Mike and Sherrie Buckridge, proprietors of Sun Automotive, for sharing their business site off hours with Ume Grill and the Fairmount Neighborhood Farmers Market—great additions to our neighborhood.



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FNA Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 17, 7–9 p.m.

Many Nations Longhouse

1630 Columbia

Parking in the adjacent lot is available after 6 p.m.

For agenda, see back page.

At the N.E. Corner of 19TH and Agate

Although the building on the NE corner of 19th and Agate has no significant architectural merit, the businesses located there have been an important part of the fabric of the neighborhood and community at large.

For as long as many can remember—possibly since the building was built (1946) and first occupied—an ice cream business has occupied the main part of the building: Pengra's Ice Cream from 1952 to 1959; Del Hoff's Ice Cream (owned by the Hoff family) from 1959 to 1968; and Gantsy's Ice Cream (owned by the Gant family) until the 1980's. Jim Robertson, owner of Prince Pückler's, established his popular business at that site in 1987, after the space had been vacant for some time. Prince Pückler's is a favorite neighborhood hangout—even President-to-be Barack Obama satisfied his ice-cream craving there in 2008. Many of the neighborhood's young adults have found summer employment there over the years.

The other spaces in the building have been occupied by a variety of businesses. The early 50's and 60's saw Club Cleaners, Sparks TV & Appliance, J&B Laundromat, Golden Washboard Laundromat, and the Fairmount Barber Shop. Do some of you remember the barber's pole on the outside of the building, which was there long after the barber left? Other businesses included Mickey's Delicatessen, Domino's Pizza, and Berry Patch Children's Clothing.

The corner remains a viable community asset, with the ongoing ice-cream business and the wonderful addition of Eugene City Bakery. The bakery was started in 1997 by Charles Koehler, and purchased by DeeAnne Hall in 2008.

Hot summer evenings have long been marked by large groups of neighbors waiting their turn for cooling ice cream.

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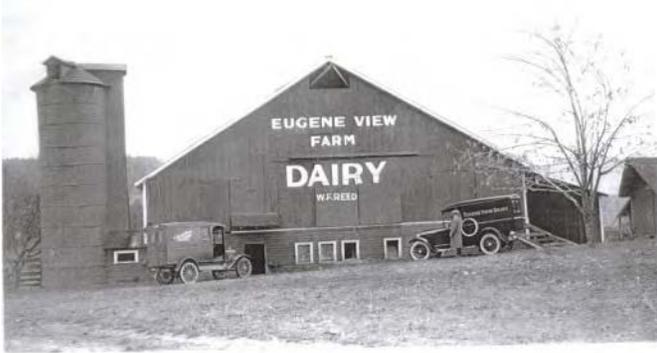
by Celia, age 7

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From Cows to Carts: Laurelwood Golf Course

The land encompassing the present Laurelwood Golf Course was once the Chula Vista Dairy, owned by Dick Reed. It was previously called the Eugene View Farm Dairy. In 1928, a group of Portland doctors purchased the 92 acres and developed the land as an 18-hole golf course, which was completed and opened in 1933. Clarence Sutton was the builder, and he was helped by R. W. Prescott, a real estate salesman, professor at the University of Oregon, and one of Eugene's best golfers. In 1950, the course was sold to a group of Eugene dentists, but was reduced to 9 holes in 1958 due to insufficient capital to maintain an 18-hole facility. At that time, a tram was built to eliminate the climb up the steep hill that leads to

the course; it was financed by selling bonds to members and charging them a fare each time they took a ride. The new owners sold off 3 to 4 acres of the property for home sites along Baker and Emerald Streets.



The rest of the golf course was sold to Eugene School District 4J in 1965 for the purpose of constructing a high school, but it was leased to the City of Eugene for \$1 a year. The city then operated the golf course, ultimately purchasing it from the school district via a bond election in 1968. The golf course land was annexed to the city in 1969.

For a time, a restaurant and lounge operated on the club's top floor, but the license was revoked in 1972 due to com-

plaints from neighbors. The space was then converted to a public meeting space and a rental venue for private events. The city operated the golf course at a considerable subsidy until September 1979, when it contracted with private operators, and the arrangement continues to this day. In 1986, the city applied for a permit to expand the operation back to 18 holes. Following public hearings, which provoked intense support and opposition, a permit was granted. The permit expired before a developer was secured. The Golf Course recently celebrated its 80th year. It retains the hilly, wooded charm of the original course.

Information from City of Eugene, Parks and Open Space files and from "History of Laurelwood Golf Course," submitted by Harvey A Hixson. Photos courtesy of Lane County Historical Society.

- Sandra Austin



Hendricks Park Tours

Spring Tours: All tours meet at the F.M. Wilkins Picnic Shelter.

Sunday, May 1, 1-3 p.m. Rhododendron Garden tour with Michael Robert

Sunday, June 5, 7:30-9:30 a.m. Birding in the park with Tom and Allison Mickel

Sunday, June 5, 1-3 p.m. Native Plant Garden and forest tour with Evelyn Hess

Volunteer Forest Work Parties: Meet at the F.M. Wilkins Picnic Shelter. All work parties take place from 9 a.m. to noon.

May 14 and June 11.

Rhododendron Garden Tuesday Volunteers: Meet every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon to work in the Rhododendron Garden with staff. Meet at the park office under the restroom building in the Rhododendron Garden.



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Hendricks Park**

Fairmount Neighborhood History Project

Did you know that the Fairmount Neighborhood was first incorporated as its own town in 1892 and later annexed by the City of Eugene? That the Eugene streetcar travelled through our community in the Fairmount Loop as part of its route? That Fairmount used to have factories, mills, numerous corner stores, and even a dairy?

Volunteers with the Fairmount Neighborhood History Project have finished researching, writing, and editing *Fairmount Neighborhood—History, Stories, and Community*. We plan to print the booklet this April and distribute it shortly after printing. We've had fun working together, and we hope that you'll enjoy learning more about Fairmount's unique history.



At the time of this writing, we're unsure how many copies of the booklet will be printed, if it will have a nominal cost, or how we will distribute it. All of these details depend on the final cost of printing. We hope that the funding we received from the City of Eugene's Neighborhood Matching Grant Program will be enough to allow us to give a copy of the booklet to each household in our neighborhood. If we have enough funding left after printing, we plan to mail copies to each household sometime in late April. If not, we'll distribute it some other way.

The booklet is packed with information, such as our neighborhood's origins, residential and streetscape development, commercial history, numerous parks, and the schools and churches that used to exist here. We've also included numerous historic photographs, maps, and newspaper snippets about Fairmount's early days. We hope the stories we uncovered through archival research and oral histories will provide inspiration for how we shape our neighborhood's future.

The 20 interviews of 30 people collected by our volunteers give priceless descriptions of life in the Fairmount Neighborhood from the 1940's (plus a few from the 1920's) onward. The booklet contains as many excerpts from these wonderful stories as we could fit in. We're donating the digital recording files and oral history transcripts to the Lane County Historical Society and Museum so that future residents and researchers will have access to them.

Over four dozen neighbors volunteered as interview subjects, interviewers, researchers, writers, and producers of the booklet. Many other individuals and organizations gave the assistance and funding that made this project possible. We gratefully acknowledge all the contributions toward this project, and we've included a list of acknowledgments in the booklet. Thanks to everyone who helped in some way—we appreciate your time, talent, and generosity!

—Judi Horstmann, Katherine Lieberknecht, Karen Seidel

Communications from the Neighborhood

Ever wondered whom to contact about loud or rowdy parties, nuisance or zoning issues, or arena-related issues? The following might help.

For land use complaints, go to: <http://www.eugene-or.gov/lucomplaint>

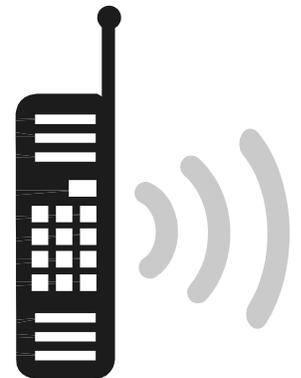
This website contains information about what to do about nuisance and zoning issues, and there's an online form for sending complaints to the city.

For rowdy, noisy parties, call the police non-emergency line at 541-682-5111, and tell them you want to file a formal noise complaint. If UO students are involved, send an e-mail describing the situation to goodneighbor@uoregon.edu. Let them know if citations were issued.

The FNA website lists additional resources for neighborhood and public safety: <http://sites.google.com/site/fna411/safety>

For arena-related issues, send an e-mail to FN.UOArena@gmail.com

For neighborhood issues not related to the arena, send an e-mail to FN.Board@gmail.com



Campus Safety Change To Be Considered

Campus safety is a hot topic at the UO. During the current legislative session, state elected officials are considering SB 405, which could make it possible for the UO Department of Public Safety to transition to a sworn police department. The campus policing initiative would enable other public universities in the state to make the same transition; however, the UO is the only campus in Oregon currently considering the transition if legislation passes.

The university leaders and the UO Department of Public Safety (UODPS) support the legislation and want a community-oriented police department that is based on trust and directly accountable to campus with state-certified and state-trained police officers. With more than 23,000 students, 5,500 faculty and staff, and 295 acres on campus, the UO is a city within a city with unique needs and expectations for service. As campus has grown, so has the professionalism at UODPS with officers qualified from all levels of law enforcement to take on additional authority.

The UO is by and large safe; however, some criminals target the campus community. **On average, 184 “suspicious persons” were contacted monthly in 2010 on campus by UODPS officers.** Even the relatively minor citations that are a regular part of the **Public Safety department’s workload**—tickets for criminal trespass, or for open containers of alcohol—are issued to non-students 88 percent of the time.

While enforcement activity is important, more emphasis is placed on proactive service to enhance safety. At times, members of the campus community need assistance or caretaking that professional UODPS officers could provide at a higher level if legislative approval is granted. The presence of campus police officers creates a safe environment that reassures the community that safety is a priority.

The implementation of a campus police department is also beneficial to the greater community. The Eugene Police Department (EPD) would not have to divert vital resources to many campus incidents as they do now. UODPS could take the lead on many duties that only EPD officers may currently perform on campus, including **lodging suspects in jail and submitting cases to the district attorney’s office for prosecution.** In addition, university police officers could provide quick back up assistance to municipal police officers in situations adjacent to the UO campus, such as with incidents involving aggressive subjects or during major incidents such as disturbances. Municipal and campus departments could collaborate and provide mutual aid for proactive law enforcement functions.

This spring, UO is offering opportunities to learn about possible changes and to provide input about the future of campus safety. Contact 541-346-5444 with questions, or join the discussion on the blog at <http://uopd.blogspot.com/>.

For more information about supporting this initiative, contact UO Department of Public Safety Captain Ed Rinne at 541-346-8335, rinne@uoregon.edu or Director of Community Relations Greg Rikhoff at 541-346-2402, grikhoff@uoregon.edu.



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Arena Traffic and Parking

The Arena Impact Mitigation Agreement provides for a monitoring plan, to be created by the University of Oregon, and a monitoring committee, composed of two representatives each from the city, the university, and Fairmount Neighbors. The FNA board has appointed Susie Smith and Shellie Robertson to the monitoring committee and Danny Klute as an alternate. Our representatives are interested in hearing from **neighbors about their experiences with the arena and the parking district. They’d like to know what has worked so far, as well as what has not.** Send your comments to: FN.UOArena@gmail.com



Kids in the Neighborhood

Hi my name is Corey Magerum and I am 5 years old. When my mom asked me what I liked about my neighborhood I had to think for a long time. I love everything about it.

I like the sand at Fairmount Park and playing with the berries on the tree at Agate Street Playground. My brother Aidan is 7 years old and he likes playing helicopters on the big play structures there, too. We both love walking to the bakery for our favorite, cinnamon rolls. We like mint chocolate chip and chocolate lovers chocolate ice cream from Prince Pücklers.

My Dad loves playing ball with us on the UO turf fields and we like it, too. Most of our school friends live close by. We like walking to Sofia's home to play in her back yard and pick the mint growing there. We like the Arena because we had popcorn when we went inside during construction and it had gravel on the court! Our neighborhood is so cool.

—Corey, Aidan, and Sonya Margerum, January 19, 2011

UO Student Day of Service in Campus Neighborhoods

On April 9, University of Oregon students gave back to the communities in which they live by participating in service projects in Fairmount, South University, and West University neighborhoods.



In the Fairmount neighborhood, eight students removed secondary invasive species, such as herb Robert, from the forest floor of Hendricks Park.

Thank you for your hard work. We appreciate the energy you bring to our work parties.

Fairmount Neighbors Association Board

Camilla Bayliss and Josh Reckord, co-chairs

Jim Lobben, treasurer

Katherine Lieberknecht, secretary

Daniel Klute, David Sonnichsen, Sue Jakobosky, Tom Holser, Sonja Margerum

Board members can be contacted at fn.board@gmail.com

Web page at <http://sites.google.com/site/fna411/>

Want to Contribute?

If you would like to contribute a letter to the editor or write an article for the newsletter, please contact Linda Sage at lindacsage@msn.com



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FNA Annual Meeting

Fairmount Neighbors Association will hold its annual meeting from 7–9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, at the Many Nations Longhouse, 1630 Columbia. Parking in the adjacent lot is available after 6 p.m.

Proposed agenda

- Election of board members and secretary. Seven board members are up for reelection: Katherine Lieberknecht, Jim Lobben, Dan Klute, David Sonnichsen, Sonya Margerum, Sue Jakobosky, Tom Holser. Nominations will be accepted for board secretary and two additional board members.
- Discussion by representatives from UO about the proposal for the Department of Public Safety to become a fully sworn police force. The university will share its reasoning and respond to questions and concerns.
- Update from the history project
- Reports from committees: Willamette River I-5 Bridge, Sustainability Committee, Fairmount Neighborhood Association representative to the Neighborhood Livability Working Group
- Update on Arena traffic and parking and monitoring committee process
- Alan Zelenka's report from the City Council



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