



Churchill Area Neighbors

Fall 2009

NEWSLETTER



Bailey Hill Road Safety Committee Update

By Tom Schneider, Bailey Hill Road Safety Committee Member

While Bailey Hill Road (BHR) has undergone a transformation this summer to a safer, more beautiful roadway, another healing is also going on. The Bailey Hill Road Safety Committee has been hoping to do something special near the place Vaclav Hajek's life was lost while on the way home from checking his prized pumpkin at the Churchill Community garden.

With a maze of state and federal regulations along with safety considerations, the BHR Safety Committee felt that a simple message was best. The words "Be careful" were chosen and have been written into the concrete median strip in the three languages spoken in the Hajek home. The new crosswalk, which includes a pedestrian refuge, joins the sidewalk by the Churchill Market to the Community garden and the sports park sidewalk. Also imprinted in the concrete are pumpkin leaves from the community garden.

The BHR Safety Committee continues to plan a safety education memorial plaza close to the new crosswalk. The semi-circular concrete plaza will have two benches, an education-oriented interpretive sign and a stone with small plaque. The City of Eugene Parks and Open Spaces Department has tentatively approved the plan and the 4-J School District is in the process of approving the plan. An input process is planned this fall to draft an appropriate safety message with students, teachers, parents, Safe Routes To Schools, Drivers' Education, and the City's Eye to Eye Safety Campaign.

Financial donations can be made through the Safe Passages Project, Account #453949 at any branch of the Selco Credit Union or by mail to PO Box 25409 Eugene, OR 97402. Labor and logistical donations are also needed. More information on plans can be obtained by calling Tom Schneider at 729-1263, Marina Hajek at 338-3124, or Julia Pomert at 556-3483, or by attending a regular CAN meeting.

Upcoming Events

September 23, 2009
General CAN Meeting
Topic: public input on ambulance funding

October 28, 2009
General CAN Meeting

November 2009
No meeting

Mulkey Cemetery
Fall Workdays
Sept 26 & 27
October 3, 4, 10, and 11
3335 S. Lambert St.
Eugene, OR

Mulkey Cemetery — Volunteers Needed for Fall Clean Up!

By Sara Palmer, Mulkey Cemetery Association

Get out your gardening hat and work gloves. It's time for fall tasks — mulching, planting bulbs, and general clean up. The fall workdays have been scheduled and volunteers are needed. Anyone interested should join in from 10 am to 2 pm on the following days: September 26th and 27th and October 3rd, 4th, 10th and 11th, weather permitting at 3335 S. Lambert St. in Eugene. Call Linda at (541) 434-1266 with any questions.

If you can't make it, please consider sending a contribution to The Mulkey Cemetery Association, PO Box 26124, Eugene, OR 97402 to help with the cemetery's landscape maintenance costs. The Mulkey Cemetery is a private, non-profit cemetery managed by volunteers; the Association is tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. All contributions are tax-deductible. See www.mulkeycemetery.org for further information.



CERT CAN DO Corner—3rd Quarter CAN DO Update

By Charles Fernandez, CAN Resident and CERT CAN DO Coordinator

With 2009 about half over, it's time to review our CAN DO (Churchill Area Neighbors Disaster Organization) activities to date and look forward to what remains. In this first year CAN DO focused on three areas: people, property, and partners. CAN DO focused on people with awareness-building efforts and recently began to focus on property through high-level neighborhood mapping. The following list is what we've achieved since our first meeting in February:

CAN DO holds regular monthly meetings with agendas published the week before and meeting minutes published the week after.

CAN DO was the first neighborhood CERT organization to propose neighborhood recruiting and actively recruit at CERT training sessions.

CAN DO, in cooperation with the CAN newsletter editor, writes this "CAN DO Corner" section of the quarterly CAN newsletter.

CAN DO uses the CAN website to publish monthly meeting announcements and to maintain a blog on disaster preparedness topics.

CAN DO launched an awareness project that created an information packet and recently sent out 1,500 fliers in the summer newsletter to Churchill High School families.

CAN DO has presented at CAN meetings on the topics of CERT training, the Map Your Neighborhood Program, and a semi-annual report.

Most recently CAN DO moved beyond its people-awareness efforts by launching an effort to map the property resources of the CAN area. This includes the location of hazardous materials, main access roads, power lines and other utility locations, and the locations of high-density population areas like apartment complexes and assisted-living facilities.

In the future, CAN DO will maintain its awareness activities, complete its property-mapping effort, and begin work with CAN-area partners to improve area preparedness. As well, the CAN DO monthly meeting format will change starting with the August meeting to include a Speaker Series segment.

CAN DO wants you to be prepared: for the next available CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training email CERT@ci.eugene.or.us or call 541-682-5665.

Neighborhood Matching Grants Available

City of Eugene, Planning and Development, Neighborhood Services

A new cycle for the City of Eugene's Matching Grant Program began on July 1, 2009. Below is an excerpt from the city about the Neighborhood Matching Grant Program, who is eligible to apply, the types of projects considered, and how to apply. The pre-review deadline for all applications is November 1, 2009 and the final application deadline is February 1, 2010. All applicants must discuss their proposals with the manager of the Neighborhood Matching Grant Program, who can be reached at 682-5272, before submitting an application. If interested in applying, please be sure to obtain additional information from Neighborhood Services.

What is the Neighborhood Matching Grant Program?

The purpose of the Neighborhood Matching Grant Program is to encourage City residents to collaboratively identify and actively participate in making improvements in their neighborhoods. Community involvement is a key component of the program and is encouraged by requiring a 50/50 match, coordination with your neighborhood association and documentation of neighborhood support. The process of bringing people together and building relationships is a key component of any project proposal that you submit.

Who is eligible to apply?

Proposals will only be accepted from groups of people living, working, or owning property within the neighborhood boundary in which the project is located. A neighborhood group may be an existing group whose membership is from a commonly recognized geographic area (e.g., neighborhood association, business association, or school site council) or an ad hoc group formed to work together on a specific project.

Although individual persons, businesses or community-based organizations (public, private, or non-profit) are not eligible to apply on their own, they may do so in active partnership with a neighborhood group.

What types of projects may be considered?

Projects may include, but are not limited to:

- Physical improvement projects that involve recreation or public safety facilities, natural resource features, public art and spaces or community gardens. Projects that improve universal accessibility are also encouraged.
- Public school partnership projects that benefit school children and the immediate neighborhood.
- Neighborhood-based events and celebrations.
- Capacity building initiatives that serve to create, diversify or increase participation in a neighborhood-based organization or promote an understanding of issues important to neighborhood residents.

How do I apply?

Application materials are available online (<http://www.eugene-or.gov/matchinggrants>) or at the following locations:

- Planning and Development Department, Permit and Information Center Reception or Neighborhood Services Office, 99 West 10th Avenue
- All public library locations
- Amazon, Hilyard, Sheldon and Peterson Barn Community Centers
- Campbell Senior Center and River Road Annex

Final applications are due by 5:00 pm, February 1, 2010. Grant awards will be announced in March 2010. Completed materials should be submitted to:

Cindy Clarke, Neighborhood Services, 99 West 10th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon, 97401.



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Next General Meeting

Wednesday, September 23rd, 2009

Topic: Public Input on Ambulance Funding

7:00-8:30 pm

Churchill Estates

1919 Bailey Hill Road

Visit the Churchill Area Neighbors web site for more information at: www.churchillareaneighbors.org

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