

What is SHiNA?

In this issue of our newsletter, we hope to answer basic questions about what our neighborhood association is and how it can be useful to create a great neighborhood.

Your Neighborhood Association Provides a Way for You to Influence What Happens in Your Neighborhood and in the City as a Whole

Active since 1974, the Southwest Hills Neighborhood Association (SHiNA), is 1 of 23 chartered Eugene neighborhood organizations approved by the City Council, it is not a Home Owners Association (HOA).

Membership is free and if you reside or own property within the SHiNA boundaries, you are automatically a member. Funding for SHiNA is through the City of Eugene and SHiNA fundraisers. The City requires that the SHiNA Newsletters be sent to all members within the boundaries. As of July 2021 the address count was 3,742.

SHiNA's Purpose Is To:

- **Provide** a forum for members to identify, discuss, and resolve neighborhood issues by encouraging and facilitating communications and participation among members on matters of common concern.
- **Educate** neighbors on issues, public process, city services, policies, and elections.
- **Sponsor** neighborhood improvement projects and social events.
- **Recognize** people and businesses for their contributions to the neighborhood and/or volunteer efforts on behalf of the neighborhood.
- **Identify and advocate** the neighborhood's position on issues such as: land use, zoning, transportation, traffic, and public safety; housing, school, and community facilities; parks and recreation; economic development; social services and issues affecting youth and the elderly; and other social, economic, environmental, and quality of life concerns.
- **Maintain and foster** neighborhood communication with the City of Eugene and other public or private entities by establishing two-way communication between neighborhoods and other external agencies.

SHiNA Welcomes Member's Efforts to Improve Our Neighborhood

If you have concerns that SHiNA can assist with or bring to the city's attention, if you would like to propose a discussion topic for a meeting or if you would like to send in a write-up for a newsletter or eNews, please contact the board via email: SHiNA_Board@googlegroups.com.

For the past two years, SHiNA has been unable to facilitate the late summer annual picnic because of the uncertainty of Covid, but look forward to when we can do so again. Helping to plan the entertainment, community organization tables, silent auction fundraiser, kid's art, free treats or other activities for this event is welcome.

Nominees for Executive Board positions are solicited throughout the year and specifically in the fall, when SHiNA Board members are elected for the year. The Board determines the calendar year schedule for special events, board and general meetings. **All Meetings are Open to the Public and Provide Opportunity for Public Comment.**

Please visit the SHiNA website at www.swHillsEugene.com to learn about news of what's happening in the neighborhood, and to see our calendar of meeting or event dates, times and locations. **While there sign-up on the "Contact" page with your email to receive the SHiNA eNews.**

SHiNA's Website Offers:

- Neighborhood News & Upcoming Happenings
- Special Events, Board & General Meetings Dates
- List of Elected Board Members
- Meeting Minutes
- Charter & Bylaws
- Neighborhood Links
- Oral History Interviews, plus more

SHiNA Wants and Needs Your Input and Support

To foster two-way neighborhood communication between SHiNA neighbors and other neighborhoods:

Facebook:

facebook.com/SWHillsNeighborhood

Nextdoor: ***nextdoor.com/neighborhood/southwesthillsor1--eugene--or/***

Southwest Hills Neighborhood Association and SHiNA's Executive Board assumes no liability, for conversations or interactions between neighbors, since we have no control over the shared communications on or transactions from the Facebook & Nextdoor community sites.

Southwest Hills Neighborhood Association is associated with **Eugene Neighbors, Inc.**, a tax-exempt organization that can receive donations for SHiNA purposes.

Please consider contributing to the **ENI Website:**
www.eugeneneighborsinc.org

Find out your neighborhood association representative Ward, City Councilor and Police Beat by inserting your address at this city website:

www.eugene-or.gov/532/Find-Your-Ward

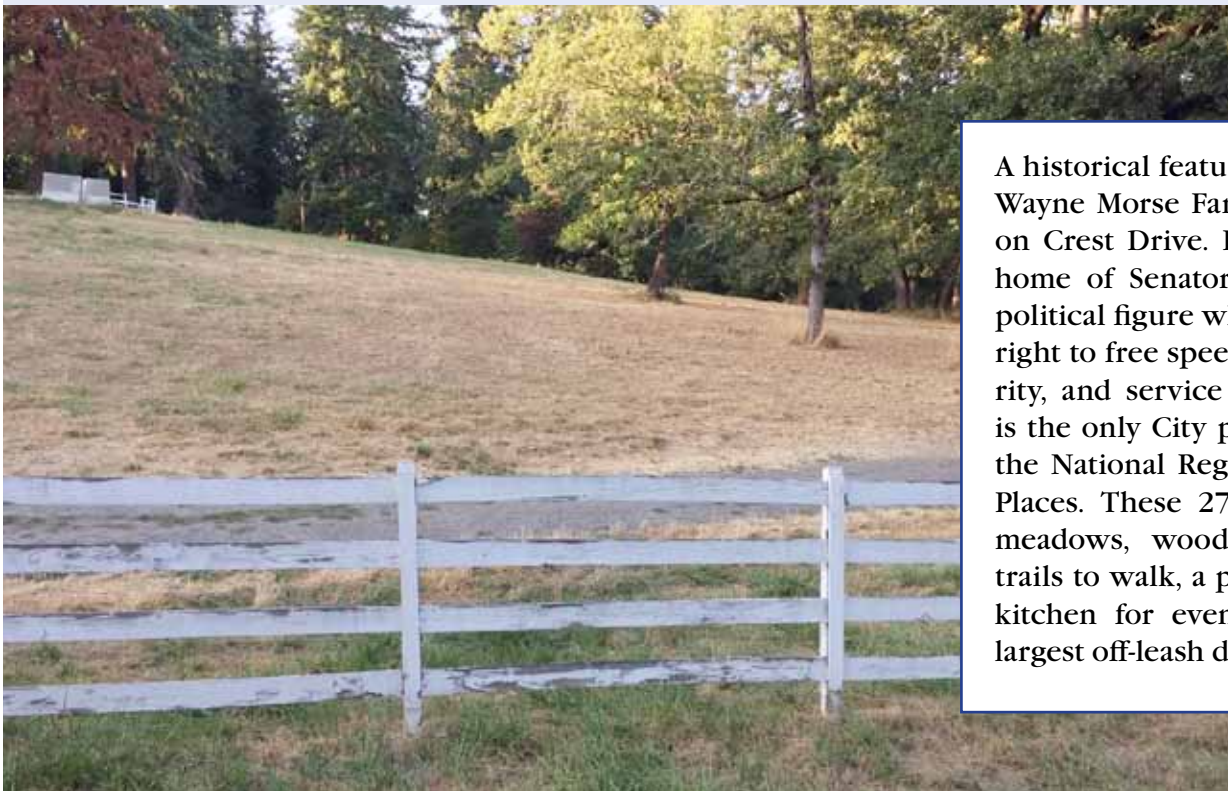
The SHiNA boundary* starts from 29th Avenue & Willamette Street

Then it goes south on Willamette St. to the urban growth boundary near Spencer Butte Park; staggers westward along the urban growth boundary to City View St.; then north on City View St. to West 24th Ave.; then east on West 24th Ave., to Chambers St.; then south on Chambers St. to West 28th Ave.; then east on West 28th Ave. to Washington St.; then south on Washington St. to West 29th Ave.; and finally east on West 29th Ave. to Willamette St.

View the SHiNA Boundary Map on the SHiNA website: *www.swHillsEugene.com

SHiNA was formerly the Crest Drive Citizens Association (CDCA). The name was changed in 2015 to be more inclusive of new neighbors to the south and west since the boundary was expanded. The boundaries are within scenic South Eugene, with easy access to shopping, city services, numerous bike-ways, and many hiking trails from Spencer Butte to Blanton Ridge.

We look forward to working with you at events and meetings and hope we can soon do so in person!



A historical feature of SHiNA is the Wayne Morse Family Farm located on Crest Drive. It was the former home of Senator Wayne Morse, a political figure who symbolizes the right to free speech, political integrity, and service in America. This is the only City park in Eugene on the National Register of Historical Places. These 27-acres have open meadows, wooded areas, nature trails to walk, a picnic shelter with kitchen for event rental and the largest off-leash dog exercise park.

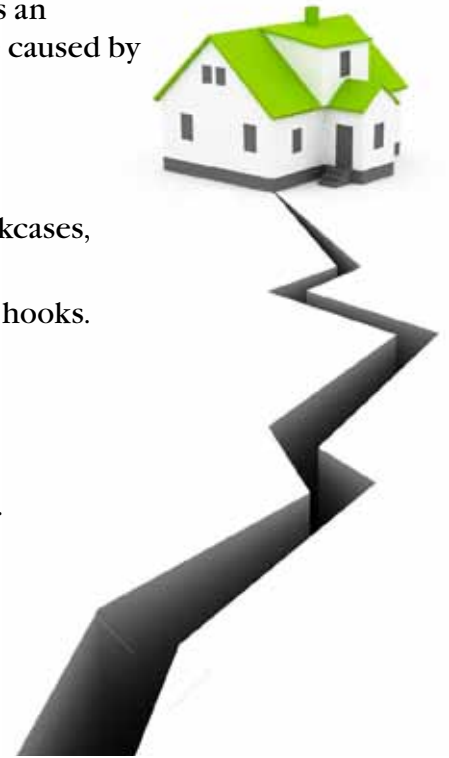
Nine Inexpensive Fixes to Make Your Home Safer in an Earthquake

While it is not fun to think about, the likelihood of an earthquake in our area is an unfortunate reality. Most in-home injuries that occur during an earthquake are caused by falling objects and the kitchen is the most dangerous room.

Here are some inexpensive fixes that will make your home safer:

1. Secure kitchen cabinet doors with a toggle or sliding lock.
2. Secure with earthquake straps to walls: water heater, refrigerator, stove, bookcases, wardrobes, dressers, and other furniture that might fall over.
3. Secure things hanging on walls, like mirrors, pictures or photos with closed hooks.
4. Secure fragile objects on tables and shelves with museum putty.
5. Locate beds away from windows.
6. Have a disaster preparedness kit ready.
7. Learn the locations of and how to shut off: your electric panel, water and gas. (Flooding from broken pipes or gas leak fires can cause extensive damage.)
8. Contain flammable liquids properly.
9. Inspect your home to secure anything loose and repair cracked parts of the structure.

More expensive fixes include securing your mudsill to the foundation and chimney to the roof.



rEV Up! workshops teach the basics of owning an electric vehicle.

September 14, 7 p.m., September 29, noon, and October 16, 10 a.m.

Are you curious about electric vehicles (EVs)? Have questions, need answers about EVs? Interested in a new or used EV with a 200+ mile range? In September and October, the Emerald Valley Electric Vehicle Association (EVEVA) will be hosting three more sessions of our workshop to introduce local residents to the benefits and technology of owning an EV. The **free** workshops led by experienced local EV owners, will be delivered via live ZOOM video conference. Registration is required, and can be completed at **revuporegon.org**.



Lane County ALERT ME! *Community Emergency Notification System Enrollment*

Lane County is able to send you emergency alerts via text message, email, pager, or voice call (in extreme cases), based on your preference. It is important that Lane County collect this contact information because many households no longer use traditional land-based phone lines.

Powered by AlertSense, this service allows fire, police and other emergency response agencies to issue emergency alerts in the event of severe weather, fire, flooding, hazardous materials, need for immediate evacuation, civil danger, local area emergencies, and missing persons.

SIGN UP today for your alert and notification preference. Enter your PHYSICAL address/zip code to receive advanced warning of emergencies that directly impact the area in which you live or work. Alerts will be delivered to you through priority channels including phone calls and/or priority text messages. Non-emergency notifications are received through text and email.

Emergency voice alerts sent from the County will come through with the following CallerID displayed: **(541) 972-3177**. If you would like to hear the last message repeated, simply dial the CallerID number. These alerts are provided free of charge, however standard text messaging rates and other charges may apply.
<https://public.alertsense.com/SignUp/?regionid=1087>

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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*



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Why is it
free?

City of Eugene Urban Forest Analyst to speak on “All Things Trees”

Concerned about fire resilience and tree health? Wondering about the city’s initiatives to meet the goal of 30% tree canopy? Scott Altenhoff is the City of Eugene’s Urban Forest Analyst and Lead Arborist who has been working in the Parks and Open Spaces Division for over 16 years. Prior to that he worked as a commercial arborist. Scott will be our main speaker at the SHiNA General Membership Meeting on September 12.

The Urban Forestry Division strives to promote a healthier and more sustainable urban forest, foster community tree awareness and stewardship, and develop tree projects including increasing city-wide canopy.

It will be nice when we can meet again at the historic Wayne Morse Family Farm, but until that time, we continue to hold our General Membership Meetings (free and open to all regardless of where you live) via ZOOM.

Southwest Hills Neighborhood Association & 2021 Calendar

You are automatically a member of SHiNA if you live within the boundaries. Membership is free.

SHiNA General Membership Meetings

Sunday, September 12th, 6:30 p.m. ZOOM
Speaker: Scott Altenhoff, City of Eugene Lead Arborist, ZOOM link available on SHiNA website

Wednesday, November 10th, 6:30 p.m. ZOOM
Speakers: Mark Nystrom, Lane County Waste Management on Lane County Climate Action Plan & Climate Action Survey; Megan Kemble, “Map Your Neighborhood”; SHiNA Elections

SHiNA Board Meetings

Wednesday, October 13th, 6:30 p.m. ZOOM
Speaker: Former State Rep., Phil Barnhardt from EVEVA on Carbon Emission Reduction

SHiNA Board Members

Ron Bevirt, Ralph McDonald (co-chairs), Clay Neal (secretary), Janet Bevirt (treasurer), Bev McDonald (newsletter), Dana Furgerson, Fred Mallery, Michael Lainoff, Pete Frost, Piotr Esden-Tempski, Rita Fiedler

To contact SHiNA: shina_board@googlegroups.com