



**What are public agencies doing to protect the South Hills?**

**What route will I take to escape a wildfire?**

**In case of wildfire, what are the priorities of the fire department?**

In the vulnerable South Hills, these and other questions need to be considered. Recently, the community of Lahaina was forced to evacuate when a devastating wildfire destroyed that town. It is our responsibility to be informed and prepared for appropriate action..

**Please join us for a community discussion on emergency response. Panelists from various agencies will explain their role.**

**There will be time for questions. To send questions for the panelists in advance, use this google form: [forms.gle/XztqSVcPpj5vwGwY8](https://forms.gle/XztqSVcPpj5vwGwY8)**

Panelists:

- **Sierra Anderson**, the City of Eugene, Emergency Management Program Manager • •
- **Cary Lieberman**, Executive Director of Greenhill Humane Society
- **Matt Keating** our Eugene City Councilor
- **Janina Rager** from the Eugene Police Department Community Engagement Team

**SHiNA General Membership Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Free and open to the Community**

**Hilyard Community Center, 2580 Hilyard Street, Eugene**

**Topics for future meetings will focus on other aspects of emergency preparedness: fire mitigation, role of Red Cross, FEMA, defensible space, etc.**

## The City of Eugene is working to build a culture of preparedness

Increasing our overall disaster resilience is the responsibility of every community member. By providing tools and resources to our community members, the City of Eugene is working toward one goal—overall disaster preparedness. Disasters are major events which can strike anywhere and at any time. *In a disaster, traditional 911 and first responder capabilities such as fire, police, medics, and utility personnel will be overwhelmed* and unable to immediately assist individuals.

### Get to Know Your Neighbors



Preparing your neighborhood is vital. Neighbors will likely be the first ones to help each other. Prepared neighbors are more effective in their response to a disaster and have an increased capacity to be self-sufficient for the first 72 hours after a disaster.

Knowing your neighbors can give you a critical advantage during an emergency. Good community relationships can help keep your family and neighborhood safe and simplify your family communication plan. By taking these simple steps, you and your neighbors can be better prepared:

- Make arrangements with your neighbors to check on each other's homes and pets.
- Find out what specialized skills, knowledge, equipment your neighbors possess.

Knowing what is available to you in the event of a disaster can make your response more effective. The **Map Your Neighborhood** toolkit, developed by Dr. LuAn K. Johnson, PhD, Washington State Emergency Management Division, is a great tool to help in your neighborhood. For online printable version of their workbook go to <https://mil.wa.gov/map-your-neighborhood>

### Information To Help You & Your Neighbors

#### CERT Program

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may occur where they live. The CERT program offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, allowing them to focus on more complex tasks. CERT trains volunteers in basic disaster response skills, such as: *fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.*

The City and CERT have developed a Neighborhood Radio Communications Response Guide to support neighbors to communicate needs after an incident to the City Emergency Operations Center. Consider becoming active with the Eugene—Springfield CERT. Visit <https://eugene-cert.com/> for more information.

## Make A Plan

Everyone should have some basic supplies on hand in order to survive several days if an emergency occurs. It is important that individuals have created a list of items they need to have on hand that considers the unique needs of their family, including pets. Individuals should also consider having at least two emergency supply kits, one full kit at home and smaller portable kits in their workplace, vehicle or other places they spend time. Build your kit and be ready! <https://www.ready.gov/>

## Sign UP for Lane Alerts

Lane Alerts allows people to receive notifications via phone call, text message and email based on locations they care about. At minimum, people signing up must provide their name and one method of contact. Residents can choose to receive notifications about emergency events that may affect their home, their workplace, their child's school, etc.

Lane Alerts will be used to notify people about imminent threats to their safety, as well as informational notifications that affect locations they choose to include in their profile. The emergencies that people may receive alerts about include evacuations, severe weather, flooding, police activity, and more. Sign up at <https://member.everbridge.net/337829242601799/new> or [www.lanealerts.org](http://www.lanealerts.org).

## **EWEB's Monthly Pledge to Prepare Program Helps Build Personal Emergency Readiness**

Gathering emergency supplies can be a daunting and expensive task. That is why EWEB has developed a monthly program with suggestions of supplies to gather each month. For instance, August's list focused on tools and continuing to build on your supplies of food and water.

- 1 day food, water and cash
- Basic tools
- Rope
- Work Gloves
- Tarps
- Duct Tape

### **Must-Have Emergency Tools:**

- Pry Bar
- Compact Shovel
- Gas Shut-Off Wrench (for natural gas users)
- Multi-Tool
- Hatchet
- Saw
- Zip-Ties

***To sign up for EWEB's online Pledge to Prepare Program visit [EWEB.org](http://EWEB.org), click on Outages & Safety, then Emergency Preparedness. Available in Spanish.***

## **Sharp-Eyed Citizen Gets Quick Action from City**

A SHiNA neighbor noticed that the fire hydrant at 2390 McClean had been knocked over. She got in touch with the SHiNA Board asking who would be responsible for fixing the problem and making sure there was a fire hydrant in working order. The Fire Department removed it. This type of problem should be reported to David Wiltermood in Public Works. When it was, the fire hydrant was quickly replaced by a new one. In this incident we also learned that fire hydrants when knocked over do not send out an "Old Faithful style" fountain of water, like in the movies! ***Thank you Beth!***

# Southwest Hills Neighborhood Association

www.swHillsEugene.com

- ***Be Engaged.... Know Your Neighbors and Volunteer***
- ***Be Informed.... Receive SHiNA updates via email***
- ***Be Involved.... Discuss with neighbors at SHiNA meetings***



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## SHiNA Elections in January

Board Members will be nominated at our November meeting, Tuesday, November 28, 6:30 p.m. at Wayne Morse Family Farm and voted on in January.

SHiNA is seeking additional neighbors to join our board! Neighborhood Associations are officially recognized City of Eugene advisory bodies. They also organize programs to benefit the neighborhood. SHiNA board members meet once per month with mid-summer and winter holidays break from meeting. If interested, contact SHiNA.

## SHiNA Board Members

Chris Jockheck, Chair; Clay Neal, Secretary  
Fred Mallery, Treasurer; Bev McDonald, Newsletter  
At Large: Ralph McDonald, Rita Fiedler

Contact SHiNA: [shina\\_board@googlegroups.com](mailto:shina_board@googlegroups.com)

## Shakespeare in the Dark *A special Interactive Halloween Event*

**Sunday, October 29, 2023, 6:30 pm**  
**Wayne Morse Family Farm**  
**595 Crest Drive, Eugene**

Follow the Witches around Wayne Morse Family Farm as they lead us on a magical journey through Shakespeare's dark play (MacBeth)!

Come in costume, bring flashlights and meet at the Picnic Shelter at Wayne Morse Family Farm.

***This special event is Free and rated PG (Pretty Gruesome)***

**For more information:**  
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