



## **We are all immigrants — Support for our neighbors**

**A Community Conversation  
at SHiNA General Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, March 17 • 6:30 p.m.**

**Wayne Morse Family Farm • 595 Crest Drive, Eugene**

Nowadays many Eugene neighbors are living in fear that a trip to the grocery store, work or dropping their children off at school could put them in a position of being picked up by Homeland Security and sent to a detention center to await deportation. There are several Eugene community organizations helping those in these situations. Our March meeting will host members of Rapid Response Lane County, Oregon Community Asylum Network, Lane County Immigrant Defense Group and a University of Oregon group supporting farm workers. They will describe the role each of these groups play in protecting our immigrant neighbors.

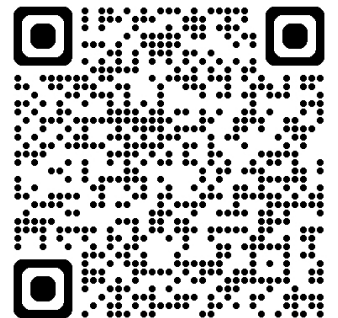
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# **URGENT!! This is the only printed newsletter for 2026.**

## **Let's Stay in Touch!**

### **Sign Up for emails from SHiNA!**

The City of Eugene is watching their budget closely. Our current city allocated annual budget allows our neighborhood association one printed newsletter per year. This one. To stay in touch with SHiNA, scan the QR code here and you will be directed to a form that provides us with your email contact. Or you could email your name, snail mail address and email address to: [newsshina@gmail.com](mailto:newsshina@gmail.com). You will be updated about events in the neighborhood and news from the city. News, events and meeting minutes are posted to our website at: [swhillseugene.com](http://swhillseugene.com).



***New email addresses will be entered in a drawing for gift cards to fun neighborhood businesses!***

## International Human Rights Day & Short Film Series Program

The City's Human Rights Commission is continuing to celebrate International Human Rights Day (December 10) by sharing short films with the community and holding a community event on March 19, 2026. Many of the films are less than 20 minutes long. All are impactful. Go to this website for a full list of films: [www.eugene-or.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=35103](http://www.eugene-or.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=35103) and watch for free!

Join us on March 19<sup>th</sup> for Building Alliances: Immigrant Rights are Human Rights at the Farmers Market Pavillion & Plaza, 85 E 8<sup>th</sup> Ave from 5:30 - 7:30 PM.

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### Death, Taxes and English Ivy

One thing most SHiNA residents have in common is English Ivy. While going about our lives and left on it's own, English Ivy will grow close to the ground, climb whatever it reaches, set down more roots and rob host trees of nutrients. This leaves trees vulnerable, they become weakened and die – then can fall over! Ripping out English Ivy is the way to remove it. It can be left to dry out and will take several months to really kill it. Then, it

can be put in the yard debris cart, but only if DEAD. Live vines should be put in the regular trash. The neighbor shown is removing English Ivy from a tree on the Wayne Morse property. Don't expect this to be a done deal. English Ivy returns year after year and it is just a matter of keeping after it so it doesn't get out of hand. Girdling is the process of removing a horizontal section from a tree trunk. This is done when the ivy has become thick and too difficult to remove. By cutting, the upper section loses it's connection to ground water and eventually dries up and dies, making it easier to remove. Have a neighborhood contest. See who can find the longest vine! *Thank you Lynn Marx for capturing this thoughtful neighbor in action and the image on the next page.*

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## Public Health Standards Code Amendments

The Eugene City Council held a public hearing on the Public Health Standards Code Amendments on February 17, 2026 and is scheduled to decide on proposed land use code amendments on March 9, 2026. The proposed changes are intended to improve coordination between the issuance of building permits by the City of Eugene for new development in the E-2 Mixed-Use Employment, I-2 Light-Medium Industrial, and I-3 Heavy Industrial zones and permitting done by public health regulatory entities. See the full details at <https://engage.eugene-or.gov/public-health-standards>



## **Upcoming SHiNA Events at Wayne Morse Family Farm**

**Tuesday, April 21 • 6:30 p.m.**

What's on the May ballot? Get informed about coastal watershed issues and candidates.

**Sunday, May 17 • 1-4 p.m.  
Wayne Morse Historical Board  
Open House**

Enjoy a carriage ride around the meadow, visit educational community booths, learn about Senator Wayne Morse and his home, socialize with your neighbors.

**Tuesday, May 19, Tuesday, June 16, Tuesday, July 21, Tuesday, August 18**

Each month we will host a representative from a City department to share what their responsibilities are, projects they are working on, and take questions.

**Tuesday, September 15, Tuesday, October 20, Tuesday, November 17**

These meetings will be devoted to conversation about Eugene's City budget, process and challenges.

***Provide us with your email address and stay up to date with our email blasts!***

## **FAQs — What to know about the E-Commerce Development**

### **(Amazon Warehouse)**

The applicant, now known to be Amazon, intends to build a 317,640 square-foot building in west Eugene, near the Eugene Airport, on the west side of Highway 99, just south of Awbrey Lane. According to the building permit application, the applicant is proposing an "eCommerce facility with parking, fleet storage and stormwater treatment facilities." The facility and application process has inspired some questions from the community. The City of Eugene has created a FAQ to help better understand the process: Read more about this development in the Clear Lake Industrial Area at <https://www.eugene-or.gov/m/newsflash/Home/Detail/7289>

### **Forum on Proposed Amazon Warehouse — Active Bethel Neighbors Invites Everyone**

Saturday, March 14 • 2pm

Clear Lake Community Center (formerly Clear Lake Elementary School)

4646 Barger Dr., Eugene, OR 97402.

The agenda includes what should be a robust forum with two representatives from Amazon speaking to their proposed distribution center, along with one representative from the "Say no to Amazon" campaign and one representative from Beyond Toxics.

## **SHiNA Board Members**

Chris Jockheck, chair  
Ralph McDonald, co-chair  
John Rogers, treasurer  
Bev McDonald, newsletter  
Rita Fiedler  
Deb Rogers

## **Best Wishes Clay!**

Clay Neal has served as SHiNA's secretary for many years and we would like to acknowledge and thank him for volunteering for that role as well as contributing valuable insight, energy and good cheer to our discussions and meetings.

## ***A Message from the chair of SHiNA***

SHiNA is a city chartered neighborhood organization whose main purpose is to bring a shared sense of community to the residents of the South hills of Eugene. In this changing world it is a challenge that takes energy to create and maintain this community. To ensure we are good stewards we need to learn and have a good understanding about issues that concern each of us. To that end, our monthly meetings will be in the form of a 'community conversation'. We started this last year as an experiment with some success. We had the Mayor, the fire chief, a rep from EWEB, a panel discussion on the City budget, and a presentation on recycling to name a few of the topics. We welcome your input on topics you care about.

## **Southwest Hills Neighborhood Association**

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*Engage in democracy!*

*Engage in your neighborhood association!*

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