

# the SUNA Times

## Spring 2013



*The Official Newsletter of the South University Neighborhood Association.*

### Current Edison Funding Situation

*Statement of Support from the Neighborhood by Kari Parsons*

Continuing reductions to public education operating budgets are taking their toll on 4J schools. At our neighborhood school, Edison Elementary, the budget for the 2013-14 school year leaves Edison short one teacher and down many hours of critical Instructional Assistant (IA) time. This is sobering news. The result is that if we want to avoid blended grades and even larger class sizes, Edison's fundraising dollars that previously went to support physical education and music instruction will now be needed to ensure each classroom has a teacher and that we have basic instructional supports.

Over \$120,000 is needed to maintain the current level of teaching and instructional assistants (to say nothing of PE and music). Edison parent fundraising has never cracked the \$100,000 mark before and we are coming into our last, but most favorite, fundraiser below our



typical numbers. This is where you, our amazing neighborhood supporters, come in.

On May 17, Edison will hold its 33rd Annual Jog-a-Thon.

We could run those kids around the track until they collapse, or we can count on you to increase your support this year. You can contribute a flat amount on the Edison website using PayPal or, when your local Edison student knocks on your door, you can pledge per mile or

give a flat amount. Please, please give generously. The stakes are high. Edison will only remain a thriving, sought-after anchor for our neighborhood if we can continue to offer the comprehensive educational experience we think children should have – and this year in particular we need bountiful fundraising to be able to do that.

We love the Edison Jog-a-Thon because it is student-led, community-supported, and just plain fun. Our students raised \$33,000 last year and with your help we'll raise \$44,000 this year. We may be behind the pack this year

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### UO Student Day of Service in Campus Neighborhoods

*by Karen Hyatt, Assistant Director of Government and Community Relations/Neighborhood Liaison University of Oregon*

More than 60 students and 40 neighbors, volunteers, and city and university staff completed service

projects in campus neighborhoods on Saturday, April 13.

The work was all part of the fourth annual "Takin' It to the Streets" UO Student Day of Service in Campus Neighborhoods event.

The day was a collaborative effort between the City of Eugene, the University of Oregon, and neighborhood associations.



Students and community volunteers improved paths at Hendricks Park, weeded, planted and maintained facilities at Washburne Park, planted street trees in the West University neighborhood, and distributed Thunder Cans fliers in South University and Amazon neighborhoods. The day culminated with a celebratory lunch in West University Park with remarks provided by Mayor Kitty Piercy and Vice President for Student Affairs Robin Holmes and entertainment by the UO co-ed a cappella group Mind the Gap. The lunch was catered by Qdoba.



The many partners who made this event possible include Fairmount, South University and West University Neighborhood Associations & leaders, City of Eugene Parks

and Open Space and Neighborhood Services divisions, Friends of Trees, Friends of Hendricks Park, UO Holden Center Duck Corps program, UO CommUniversity Assistant program, and UO Student Alumni Association, and UO Government and Community Relations.

## Spring Cleaning - And EPS Volunteer Coordinators Go Together!

by Clara T. Matsler, Parks and Open Space Planning

Indeed, spring does invoke thoughts of spring cleaning for some, and Eugene Park Stewards is no exception. Now is a great time to contact your EPS regional volunteer coordinator to designate some spring cleaning activities in a park or natural area in your region. EPS volunteer coordinators welcome ideas for work parties, and perhaps your group is willing to participate in an activity already scheduled, or you might have a date and time that works best for your particular group.

Unsure of what might fit into your calendar? EPS volunteer coordinators have some spring cleaning work parties scheduled in each region this month, including Cottonwood and Hazelnut Groves, Tuesday mornings in Hendricks Park, Oregon Arbor Week tree plantings, Blanton Ridge and Spencer Butte, Delta Ponds, and Hays Tree Garden to name a few. Volunteers are always welcome, and there's spring cleaning to be done somewhere in our park system!

Eugene Park Stewards like hearing from organizations, community members and service groups too. We welcome your ideas for volunteer events in neighborhood, community and metropolitan parks near you. Contact our volunteer coordinators, Carrie Karl at 541-682-4850, Lorna Baldwin at 541-682-4845, or Katie Blair-Terrazas at 541-682-4831, or email us at: eugeneparkvolunteers@ci.eugene.or.us

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## Thursday, May 16, is Public Works Day

at the Public Works Yard, 1820 Roosevelt Blvd.

The event offers lots of equipment to explore and a variety of kid-friendly displays about Public Works services ranging from airport security to stormwater education. For adult visitors, there are plenty of Public Works staff on hand to provide information and answer questions.

Hours of the event are 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. More than 1,000 local schoolchildren already have signed up for class tours – mostly in the morning. Families are encouraged to visit in the early afternoon, after most of the class tours are finished.



For more information: <http://www.eugene-or.gov/index.aspx?NID=605>

## SUNA President Message:

by Carolyn Jacobs



From where I sit, it seems that 2013 has continued to be a time of both accomplishments and struggles for the neighborhood.

After several years of concerted effort, the City finally passed the Social Host Ordinance (now known by the Ordinance on Unruly Behavior). This already appears to be an important tool for dealing with the more severe instances of irresponsible and unlawful behavior on the part of a small number of residents.

Our enormous show of support for maintaining a small neighborhood elementary school within the center of our neighborhood contributed to the 4J decision to take off the table the idea of closing Edison. We are currently in conversation with the architecture firm which has been hired to study the various issues involved with both renovation and/or new construction for the Edison building.

At the same time the neighborhood continues to be faced with the construction of new rental properties from the single unit size (though still 5 bedrooms) to the enormous multi unit size. Unfortunately, we still seem to appear to be a gold mine in the eyes of developers. Efforts on all fronts continue to keep us engaged with the City, the University and neighborhood residents.

## Get The SUNA Times OnLine



*Neighborhood Services has added a subscription service to each of the 19 neighborhood association pages to allow community members or anyone interested in the activities of Eugene's neighborhood associations to subscribe to receive publications electronically. The project includes the creation of an online subscription service for the electronic delivery of neighborhood newsletters or other publications. Those interested in subscribing to the*

*service may do so on any of the neighborhood association pages on the Neighborhood Services website at <http://www.eugene-or.gov/nassociations>. (All information provided will be kept confidential.) Anyone can sign up to receive publications from as many neighborhood associations as they want and can unsubscribe at any time.*



June 5th through 8th 2013  
Hayward Field

**Broadcast Information**

June 6 at 6:50 p.m. ET: ESPN3

June 7 at 7:30 p.m. ET: ESPNU

June 8 at 5 p.m. ET: ESPNU

**Venue Info - Hayward Field**

At the heart of Eugene’s successful bid for the 2008 and 2012 U.S. Olympic Track and Field Team Trials, Hayward Field looms as one of the world’s most famous track and field venues.

In 2010, Track Town USA welcomed the NCAA Outdoor Championships for the 10th time since 1962 – the most of any venue in modern history. It’s also the only facility to ever host three consecutive U.S. Olympic Trials (1972, 1976, 1980), while six U.S. Championships have graced the storied venue, including recent events in 1999, 2001, 2009 and 2011.

The centerpiece of ‘Track Town, USA,’ Hayward Field attracts athletes, coaches and fans from thousands of miles away because of its renowned crowds well-versed in the sport and ready to roar in approval. Hayward Field’s historic, covered grandstands are equally beloved, and comparable to many famous European venues. The ‘Carnegie Hall’ for American track and field plays host annually to the nation’s finest single-day track and field contest, the Prefontaine Classic, which features the top mix of national and international talent on American soil each year.

Oregon’s fabled track and field-only facility is named for the first of several legendary coaches, Bill Hayward, who guided the Oregon men’s team from 1904-1947.

Hayward Field was initially constructed for football in 1919. Two years later, a six-lane cinder track was installed and a full schedule of track events were transferred from Kincaid Field on the opposite edge of campus. The facility was utilized for both sports until the opening of Autzen Stadium in 1967. The stadium (current capacity: 10,500) has undergone significant improvements in modern history, including a new track surface, permanent lights, a video board and newly configured infield.

In 2007, distance running fans celebrated a new permanent lighting system that was unveiled for the Oregon Invitational distance carnival. The grand venue can now easily accommodate the most televised hours of Olympic Trials coverage ever, thanks to eight, 110-foot light poles and an additional lighting system fixed to the top of west and east grandstands.

Powell Plaza – unveiled in 2005 to welcome fans into the fabled facility – details UO’s rich track and field heritage and is named after the family of Lloyd Powell, a track teammate of former coach and athlete Bill Dellinger. That same year, the facility welcomed a new four-lane, fully-lit 400-meter all-weather track that encircles six new tennis courts on the southwest edge of the track.

Situated on the northwest corner of the facility, the \$2 million Bowerman Building was completed in 1992 and dedicated to Bill Bowerman and his family who donated funds necessary to construct the all-purpose building. The two-story, 15,000-square foot brick building houses the university’s hailed

International Institute for Sport and Human Performance along with athletic treatment, locker rooms and meeting rooms. Memorabilia and various exhibits commemorate great athletes, teams and moments of the program’s history.

**Announcement of Student-Athletes into Final Championships:** The list of student-athletes, by event, who have been qualified from the preliminary championships competition will be announced on Sunday, May 26, by 5 p.m. ET.

**Bring Summer a Little Closer...  
Summer Recreation Guide:  
May - August Activities!**

Don’t wait! The Summer Recreation Guide isn’t printed yet, but you can register now for most activities held from May – August, including summer camps! The 2013 Summer virtual Recreation Guide will be online and the paper version will be available at community centers, pools, libraries, and 20 other locations around town in a couple of weeks.

But don’t wait - you can register for most summer activities – including summer camps – right now just by going to RecEnroll.

Learn more at [www.eugene-or.go/recenews](http://www.eugene-or.go/recenews)



[sunaeugene.org](http://sunaeugene.org)

## Edison Funding *(con't from page*

– and the finish line just got moved – but we know we can beat our personal best with your help. Go to the Edison website today to support our neighborhood school!  
<http://schools.4j.lane.edu/edison/>

### Dine Out for Edison!

Two local businesses have generously offered to support Edison Elementary by donating a portion of their revenues on special fundraising days in May. Please mark your calendars for these events:

#### Tuesday, May 7th - McMenamins East 19th St. Cafe

5 pm - 1 am - No Flyer Needed  
50% of the evening's sales are donated to Edison  
For more information: <http://www.mcmenamins.com/events/113427-Friends-and-Family-Night>



#### Wednesday, May 22nd - Yogurt Extreme

Campus (879 E. 13th Ave.) and South Eugene (2846 Willamette St.)  
11 am - close - Flyer Required  
25% of sales are donated to Edison  
(go to <http://schools.4j.lane.edu/edison/> for a copy of the flyer)



**Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30pm Edison Cafeteria**  
**Saturdays 9:00 - 10:00am Edison Gym**

help keep our neighborhood school funded by participating in ZUMBA @ Edison  
\$5 per person/\$10 per family, scholarships available  
30% of sales are donated to Edison

## Hello Thunder, Glad To Hear You *by Eugene Neighborhood Services*



Behold the sound of a Thundercan. We hear it roll through our neighborhoods each week when our neighbors walk their empty garbage and recycling bins in from the street.

Did you know garbage and recycling bins can remain on the curb for no more than 24 hours? It is a City Rule, but it is also who we are. We are residents of Eugene who contribute to more livable, less cluttered streets, and enjoy making a little thunder along the way.

Spread the word. Encourage your neighbors. Roll Thunder.

**Time of Can Placement:** Cans may be placed at the curbside no earlier than 7 p.m. on the day before pick-up and the empty can(s) must be removed from curbside no later than midnight on the day of collection. To Report Cans in Street Please feel free to use the on-line form (link below) to report cans left in the street.

<http://ceapps.eugene-or.gov/PDDONLINE/CodeCompliance/ComplaintStart>

### UO Day of Service, Students Organizing Before Distributing Thunder Cans Flyers



# Board Candidate Profiles



I have enjoyed living in the South University neighborhood for just over three years, but I have wanted to live here since 2004, when I moved to Eugene to begin working at the University of Oregon School of Law.

Relocating to this neighborhood from the close-in country was a wonderful decision for my family. During the past few years, we have established strong relationships with our neighbors and taken advantage of all that our neighborhood has to offer. I am excited to continue serving on the SUNA Board; I plan to live in this neighborhood for many years, and I want to do all I can to preserve and improve it.

Thanks, Rebekah Hanley



Mike Russo – I am running for your board to protect and improve this beautiful neighborhood. I have served on the board for several years and have enjoyed working with the other SUNA board members.

This March, my wife and I celebrated our 24th year living in Eugene, the last twelve of which have been on Potter Street. My sons Andy and David attended South Eugene High School and Edison Elementary School, respectively.

It has been my privilege to work on behalf of the neighborhood on several key issues. Navigating through the complex and political planning process with fellow board members has been rewarding and we've won more battles than we've lost. Our collective experience has been invaluable as we work with the City to create outcomes that favor the neighborhood.



Kari Parsons has lived in two different homes in SUNA since she moved to Eugene with her family in 2004. She, her husband, and their three kids love Eugene and feel that this wonderful neighborhood and its community-minded residents can take credit for 99% of that love and appreciation. Kari's passion for the neighborhood can only be equaled by her passion for our local neighborhood schools. Kari's children have attended, or currently attend, CPS and Edison. Starting in the fall of 2013, Kari will be co-chair of Edison's Parent Council. Kari was raised in northern California, went to college in Washington state, and earned her Masters in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of California, Irvine in 1999. She worked in strategic and intergovernmental affairs at the county level prior to becoming a consultant in 2000. Parsons Consulting, Inc. is primarily focused on tracking and building regional quality of life and well-being through the use of community indicators – data and information that can assess whether a region is progressing, stagnating, or falling behind on key measures of well-being. As a SUNA board member, Kari hopes to keep our neighborhood thriving by encouraging community-building activities and advocating for policies that enhance livability.



Mike Westervelt: I have lived in the South University Neighborhood for 8 years and I have served on the SUNA Board for almost 5 of those years. I feel extremely fortunate to live in a neighborhood where all basic amenities are within walking/biking distance and our son can walk to all (3) of his schools: Edison, Roosevelt and now South. Along with laying out the SUNA newsletter and various other postcards etc., I have involved myself with issues that relate to the liveability of our neighborhood and have recently worked with others in securing a matching grant for a more permanent solution to the STOP sign removal issues that our neighborhood faces. (The pilot project is now being installed along Alder, from 19th to 24th, see update on page 7). I look forward to serving with such a great bunch of motivated people for another 2 years.



Tammy Young came to Eugene in 2008, moving here with her husband and two daughters and has lived in SUNA since September 2009. Tammy is a Southern transplant having grown up in Arkansas and graduated from the University of Central Arkansas in Conway. She has worked as an operations manager in medical facilities, both private and academic based. She also has a background in writing source code for electronic medical record programs. She first came to Oregon in 2000 when researching a software product to implement at the Geriatric Clinic at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. She fell in love with Oregon and asked her husband to find a practice here and as they say "the rest is history". She and her husband picked Eugene to live in because it is a University town and chose SUNA because of its proximity to Edison, Roosevelt, South and the UO. Tammy and her family love this neighborhood, particularly all the things that can be accomplished by foot or bike. Tammy's youngest daughter attended CPS and both girls are now at Edison. Tammy is currently on the Site Council at Edison and previously served as Parent Council Co-Chair from 2010-2012. She loves gardening; volunteering at Edison; visiting with friends and all things that make up a great neighborhood such as SUNA.



# Eugene Public Works Paving Project Information

**Fixing Eugene's Streets** by Eric Jones & The Public Works Webpage

## Alder Street Pavement Preservation Project

*Paving of Alder Street from the south side of E 18th Avenue to the north side of E 24th Avenue*

### Project Overview

- The street is showing significant deterioration, thus the existing pavement and base rock will be completely removed and replaced, or alternatively, recycled in-place and repaved, curb to curb.
- Sidewalk access ramps may be reconstructed at several locations.

### Construction Schedule

- Tentative Construction Schedule-Spring/Summer 2013

### Traffic Impacts

- Watch for construction signs and equipment.

### Project Funding

#### Major Funding Source

- 2008 Street Bond & Local Gas Taxes

#### Minor Funding Sources

- Stormwater Utility Fees & Wastewater Utility Fees

## 2014 and Beyond

### Harris Street (18th to 28th)

- Paving repair work, tentatively in 2016 (work funded by local gas taxes). EWEB plans to do some underground utility work in 2014, prior to paving project.

### Potter Street (24th to 29th)

- Paving repairs tentatively scheduled for 2016 (2012 bond measure project).

### Wastewater

- Correct "community sewer" problems on Alder Street, probably in 2014 (repair work will take place behind the curbs and should not affect the road repairs).
- Pre-paving wastewater system repairs on Harris and Potter streets, probably in 2014, in advance of the paving repairs.

### Parks

- Summer 2013 playground surface renovation (going from sand to chips) at the University Park Playground.
- Summer 2013 road repair to the section of Fairmount that winds through Hendricks Park.
- The playground at Amazon Park will be completely renovated in 2014.

## For More Information

- Eric Jones, Public Affairs Manager, 541-682-5523, Eric.R.Jones@ci.eugene.or.us - general questions and information about Eugene Public Works projects and services.
- Brian Davies, Project Manager, ph 541-682-5676, Brian.S.Davies@ci.eugene.or.us - Alder Street Paving Project.
- David Starns, Engineering Associate, 541-501-0371, David.Starns@ci.eugene.or.us, wastewater and stormwater systems repairs.
- Emily Proudfoot, Landscape Architect, 541-682-4915, Emily.A.Proudfoot@ci.eugene.or.us, park projects.
- Online road reports at [www.eugene-or.gov/traffic](http://www.eugene-or.gov/traffic)
- On the web at [www.eugene-or.gov/pw](http://www.eugene-or.gov/pw)
- General service requests on the web at [www.eugene-or.gov/pwservice](http://www.eugene-or.gov/pwservice)
- Metro roadwork hotline at 541-984-8484
- On Twitter at [www.Twitter.com/EugenePW](http://www.Twitter.com/EugenePW)

## Hilyard Street Pavement Preservation Project

*Paving of Hilyard Street from the south side of E Broadway to E 13th Avenue Project Location*

### Project Overview

- This project will rehabilitate the pavement on Hilyard Street by replacing the top layers of deteriorated pavement and removing sections of pavement that have completely failed.
- Sidewalk access ramps may be reconstructed at several locations.

### Construction Schedule

- Tentative Construction Schedule-Spring/Summer 2013

### Traffic Impacts

- Watch for construction signs and equipment.

### Project Funding

#### Major Funding Source

- 2008 Street Bond & Local Fuel Taxes

#### Minor Funding Sources

- Stormwater Utility Fees & Wastewater Utility Fees





## The Value of Older Neighborhoods

*From "A Citizen's Guide to Potential Design Guidelines for a Mature Neighborhood"*

*(publication by 'Chambers Reconsidered' city staff and consultants)*

"What is most distinctive about...older neighborhoods is not the historic character of any particular house but the overall pattern of streets and alleys, the architectural coherence of housing stock, and the way that houses and streets work together to create a unique sense of community...."

Anyone looking at housing in Eugene recognizes the value of these older neighborhoods. Although not everyone's ideal, they offer a desirable housing option for many people, and for some they represent the most livable neighborhoods in the city. These neighborhoods are not necessarily historic but they are part of our city's history and are important to its identity....

As a matter of civic responsibility the city and its citizens should recognize the most coherent of these neighborhoods as cultural and physical artifacts and promote the understanding and preservation of them."

### SUNA Launches Facebook Page

*by Constance Van Flandern & Chad Laws*

SUNA invites you to "like" and participate in our new "South University Neighbors Forum" on facebook. A faster way to see and share what's happening around our community, this growing space is intended to be a go to portal for all neighbors to share relevant info, discuss issues, promote activities and collaborate on line.



Visit <https://www.facebook.com/SUNAforum>, "like" it, "bookmark"

it and contribute to it!

Please contact Constance Van Flandern at [supergenius66@yahoo.com](mailto:supergenius66@yahoo.com) if you would like to be a contributing editor to our page.

Not a Facebook Fan? Many families in SUNA are not Facebook users but would like to be connected to their neighbors in case of emergency. Over 100 SUNA neighbors belong to an email list serve which sends out weekly crime reports from Officer Putnam specific to our neighborhood. Representatives from the University and our City Councilman, Alan Zelenka, stay connected with issues concerning SUNA residents via this list serve. If you would like to be included please email Helen Beardsworth [hbeardsw@gmail.com](mailto:hbeardsw@gmail.com) and ask to be added to the list serve.

**[sunaeugene.org](http://sunaeugene.org)** 

### Update: SUNA Traffic

#### Enhancement Project *by Mike Westervelt*

As I wrote in the last newsletter, Jeff Lanza and I spearheaded this project and secured a \$4,000 matching grant donation from the University of Oregon. This was a City of Eugene Matching Grant project, thus giving us a total of \$8,000.



This pilot project has almost been completed! We purchased hardware from Brandon Industries (similar to the photo at left). Brown Contracting Inc., of Eugene installed the footings and breakaway sections of the posts in late March. The remaining hardware (posts, signs, etc) are at the Traffic Department awaiting installation.

This project aims to not only find a more permanent solution to the issue of complete posts and signs being stolen but to beautify the neighborhood and to provide a calming effect on car, pedestrian and bike traffic. It will provide community building with the university, and benefit all others who use our neighborhood as a gateway to events at the UO.



This project will entail (10) posts/signs along the Alder corridor from 19th to 24th. A huge thank you to Karen Hyatt in UO Community Relations for making this a possibility.



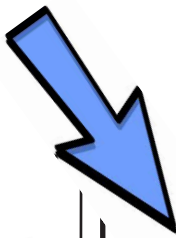
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**NEIGHBORHOOD OPEN HOUSE**  
**TUESDAY May 14TH 7:00 p.m.**  
**Edison School Cafeteria 22nd/Onyx**

SUNA Board Elections  
 City Fee Measure - *Bonnie Bettman McKornack*  
 Music by Mind The Gap  
*(UO A Cappella Singing Group)*  
 4J Bond Measure – *Laura Illig*  
 EPD - Crime Prevention/Neighborhood Watch  
*Drawing for a Gift Certificate to Local Restaurant*