

# the SUNA Times

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## Neighborhood Liveability

*By Malcolm Wilson, SUNA Co-chair*

SUNA is now in its second season of promoting livability and respectful behavior in the neighborhood. We hope that we have refined some of our tools and will respond better to protect the equal rights of all neighbors to the quiet enjoyment of their residences.

We are working closely with the City and the University of Oregon to get the word out to everyone about the community expectations for civil behavior (noise disturbances are prohibited 24 hrs/day in Eugene). As a result of these connections, the SUNA Livability Committee has developed some new strategies.

We want to encourage residents disturbed by excessive party noise to be active in the defense of their rights. Specifically, when an incident arises, we ask residents to identify the address (if there is one) that's the source of the noise, phone the police (541-682-5111) to complain (and be willing to sign a complaint), and contact me (mwilson@uoregon.edu) so that we can provide a follow-up visit to the address (by a neighbor or a UO official). In this way, we can insure that the complaint is sent via the police to the landlord and information about follow-up can be shared with the Livability Committee. If it's likely that UO students were involved in the incident, follow up with the University at [goodneighbor@uoregon.edu](mailto:goodneighbor@uoregon.edu).

Remember that whenever we take action against noisy disruptions, we benefit our neighbors as well as ourselves. We are cautiously optimistic that the situation may improve this year, but we must all do our part.

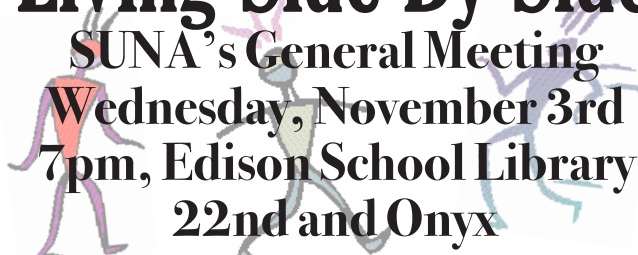
## Living Side By Side

**SUNA's General Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 3rd**

**7pm, Edison School Library**

**22nd and Onyx**



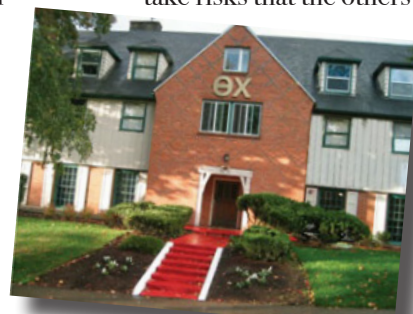
## View From Theta Chi

*By Gabe Borlant-Guertler*

*University of Oregon, Theta Chi Fraternity President*

To all members of the university area community,

As the president of a local fraternity, I fully understand the responsibilities held by a person in a leadership position. Leaders must understand that their image reflects the greater group, and that the group follows its leader's example. A leader cannot be afraid to sacrifice and take risks that the others are not expected to, and most importantly, leaders must accept that sometimes they are wrong.



As leaders of the university area community, the members of SUNA have shown that they have the best interest of all university residents in mind. My personal involvement with SUNA has been very rewarding, and its members have considered my suggestions genuinely. I would advise for all major student organizations to embrace SUNA and begin a relationship that would benefit all parties.

Considering recent events, it is pivotal that students develop a line of communication with the surrounding community. Bill Gates once said, "any tool that enhances communication has profound effects in terms of how people can learn from each other, and how they can achieve the kind of freedoms that they're interested in." Gates spoke of the computer, but our situation requires the same mentality in order to achieve cohesion in the community. The tool in this case is the SUNA General Meeting on November 3rd at 7:00 in the Edison Elementary School Library. I will be in attendance and I hope to see as a strong contingency of students. The time for open conversation between the student body and its neighbors has come.

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# Hi and Welcome to SUNA

by Carolyn Jacobs, SUNA Chair



You are receiving this because you live the neighborhood bounded by 18th and 24th avenues and Patterson and Agate streets. We're the neighborhood dotted with all the newly decorated fire hydrants!! (Did you catch the picture in the Register Guard this summer!?)

Many of you who were here in August were able to join our summer social event in University Park. We had a great turnout of about 200 adults and children who enjoyed ice cream, donated by Prince Pucklers,

and baked goods, from Eugene City Bakery, a Tree Climbing Workshop provided by the City of Eugene's Outdoor Recreation Program, Fire Truck Visit and Face Painting, Bubbles, Coloring and Games for the little ones, a visit by the National Night Out Caravan, including several City Councilors and some great conversation with new and old friends and neighbors.

As we move into fall the SUNA board and other volunteers are continuing to work on several very important projects which effect us all. The Transportation Safety committee is working on visibility and crossing issues in the vicinity of 18th and 19th Avenues. The Parking Committee is working toward a resolution of onstreet parking issues and the Livability Committee is working to combat negative behavior issues which have accompanied the increasing concentration of young renters at the northwest end of the neighborhood, and adjacent areas to the west of us. Some of us are also participating in Envision Eugene, searching for ways to protect the older well established neighborhoods such as ours as the City plans for ways to house and employ a predicted increase in population during the next 20 years.

If any of these topics are of interest to you let us know! Get involved! There's a need for all types of volunteers! We're also always looking for people to help us plan and put on general membership meetings, workshops, and social events.



## Spray Park Update

By Denise Sorom, SUNA Board

SUNA continues to work with the Eugene Parks Foundation and the City of Eugene on alternatives to the empty wading pool at University Park. If you are interested in this project, please contact Denise Sorom at (541) 345-1416 or [denisesorom@yahoo.com](mailto:denisesorom@yahoo.com)



## Sight Distance

By Al Couper,

South University Resident

Motorists, bike riders and pedestrians traveling between the South University neighborhood and the University will enjoy greater "sight distance" at intersections along 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue thanks to a cooperative effort between SUNA and the City Traffic Engineering Department to extend the yellow "No Parking" curb painting.

The project was initiated by several SUNA members who gathered and displayed technical information regarding the City Code standards for "vision triangles" at street intersections.

Following review by the City, a set of initial recommendations was presented to the SUNA team. In many cases the City and the SUNA team were in agreement. The SUNA team then submitted additional data regarding the intersections that were in still in question.

Based on that information, results were achieved that generally agree with or slightly exceed the SUNA recommendations. Tom Larsen, City Traffic Engineer noted that "no parking" zones always involve some level of trade-off between visibility and provision of parking. He added that the safety considerations are considered paramount.

SUNA members working on the project are Bill Aspegren, Al Couper, Janet Heinonen and Carolyn Jacobs. The intersections under consideration are at Alder, Kincaid, Harris, Potter, Onyx and Emerald Streets. Painting was completed during the last week of September.

All of us are fortunate to live in a historic, diverse neighborhood within walking and biking distance to schools, restaurants, grocery stores and shops. Seniors, children, working families and students all share this neighborhood. Please be respectful of your neighbors, and keep voices low especially when walking at night and enjoy the neighborhood!

# Neighborhood Parking

By Carolyn Jacobs, SUNA Chair & Bill Aspergen, SUNA Board

The City is proceeding more slowly than anticipated with efforts to bring currently unregulated blocks of the neighborhood into the parking permit program.

- Converting SUNA to all permit parking will be completed by the first of the year. The delay is due to the City's many other high priority parking and signing projects. As the remaining blocks are converted, residents will be notified.
- Those blocks that currently have 2 hour permit parking need to renew their stickers immediately. Reminder notice have been late in going out. It will cost \$40 per year for each vehicle.
- The City's newly created high-density permit zone H should be fully signed and in effect by October 1st. This zone will run from the alley west of Alder to the alley west of Agate and between the south side of 18th and the north side of 19th. Residents of this area will need a permit to park more than 2 hours. The permit will cost \$60 per month, with a 3-month minimum. Adjacent areas of the West University neighborhood will also be part of zone H. West University is currently all permit parking.
- The Fairmont neighborhood is now all permit parking seven days a week from 7am to 11pm.
- Meters have been added on many

blocks close to the University in all three surrounding neighborhoods.



# Corner Art Projects

By Mimi McGrath-Kato, SUNA Secretary

Over the summer, you may have noticed some small corner art projects taking place throughout the neighborhood. Beginning in June, nearly all of the 30 hydrants in the neighborhood were decoratively painted by neighbors. We have a great variety of hydrants now: a Dalmatian standing guard on the corner of 24th and Agate, an Octopus on 20th and Onyx, an ear of corn at 23rd and University, and a beautiful nod to Alder Bike Boulevard at 18th and Alder.

All hydrants were cleaned and primed by a volunteer crew ahead of time so that volunteers could focus on the artistic painting. Then a kickoff event was held at Edison Elementary School on June 19th (after a rain delay of a few weeks thanks to our very wet spring this year). Volunteers were invited to come to the kickoff to pick up their paint kits (kits contained a packet of information that



includes a project overview, hydrant cleaning and painting instructions, samples and ideas for the paint design, and contact information), sign paperwork, have coffee and snacks, and participate in a fire truck tour. More than 40 volunteers participated (adults and children) and the fire truck visit and tour was excellent. It set a great tone for the day, showed the fire department's support for the project, and lent a festive community atmosphere to painting. After the fire truck tour, volunteers dispersed throughout the neighborhood to paint. Those who could not participate on the kickoff day painted when they were available through the summer.

Overall, the project was a great success. There has been much positive feedback from people within and outside of the neighborhood. The project was covered in three news articles - including the front page of the Register Guard - and on two newscasts. Volunteers commented that passersby often thanked them for their work and gave them a great deal of positive feedback, commenting on the improvement it made and the effect they felt it had on the neighborhood. Many thanks go out to all the neighbors who helped and participated. Nice work!



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### PROBLEMS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD? WHO TO CALL

- Excessive noise, disruptive and out-of-control parties, property crimes, vandalism (everyone, including students should use): Eugene Police: (541) 682-5111 (non-emergency) to report.  
Email SUNA ([mwilson@uoregon.edu](mailto:mwilson@uoregon.edu)) with complaint details for followup. If it's likely that UO students were involved cc the University of Oregon at [goodneighbor@uoregon.edu](mailto:goodneighbor@uoregon.edu)
- Parking violations, i.e. cars across sidewalks: (541) 682-5729
- Yard messes, i.e. yard couches, extensive garbage/broken glass: File City of Eugene Land Use complaint at <http://tiny.cc/q13ku>. ([www.sunaeugene.org](http://www.sunaeugene.org) also has link.)
- UO students needing a late-night ride home: 541-346-RIDE

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