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Churchill Area Neighbors General Meeting

Wednesday
May 23rd

**Where? The Churchill Estates
1919 Bailey Hill Road
When? @7:00pm-9:00pm**

With *special* guests

Mayor Kitty Piercy

&

NextStep Recycling's Lorraine Kerwood

See a demo of your
Churchill Area Neighbors web site.

Vote on the C.A.N. commu-
nity charter revision.



The Churchill Area Neighbors Newsletter May 2007

Message from the chair:

Hello Neighbors...

Over the last year I have had the honor of working with a fantastic group of people in revitalizing the C.A.N. in order to better serve our community. We have now begun an outreach effort to increase our attending members, web site accounts, and the general awareness of our existence. I would like to begin by extending an open invitation to the rest of the community to get involved. We are looking for schools, committees, clubs, Home Owner Association, churches, small businesses, and private citizens alike to open a dialogue with us and see how we may help each other. I invite you to call me, send an email, visit our web site, or come to a meeting. Craig Topham (ctopham@caneugene.org, 513-0321, meetings on 4th Wed-monthly-Churchill Estates)
C.A.N. chair

The new C.A.N. logo!

Have you noticed our fancy new logo? Unfortunately, this newsletter is not a colored publication, therefore, you cannot see the full beauty of the logo (the butterfly has blue in it). Nevertheless, Jonah Price, student of Churchill High School has been working for his Computer Graphics Class in a program called Student Run Enterprises. The logo is a part of his larger project to create lawn signs for the association. We are thrilled to be working with Jonah, and keep an eye out in your neighborhood for the new lawn signs.



Welcome to www.churchillareaneighbors.org

As members of the Churchill Area Neighbors web site, we encourage everyone to use their real names for the site's online username.

Although it is not required, we feel that real names lead to real conversations and relationships. We are attempting to help build community with a technology that can allow us to find a balance between our busy lives and the desire to preserve the quality of our community. This is a highly collaborative work in progress, and it is up to us to determine the experience and create the community.

Outside of the content you post, your username is the only piece of information that the public will see. Your email address, which is required to create an account, is not made public. It will only be used, if you wish, to receive a new password, or to receive certain news or notifications by e-mail.

We invite you to join your web site today! Look for the other article titled, **What can I do with [churchillareaneighbors.org](http://www.churchillareaneighbors.org)?** to learn more about what features are currently available on the web site.

All articles written by Craig Topham, unless otherwise noted.

A visit from Lorraine Kerwood of NextStep Recycling.

Lorraine Kerwood will be visiting us at our May general meeting to talk about her organization and how her efforts help our community.

NextStep Recycling is a volunteer-based, non-profit organization that is dedicated to educating and empowering disenfranchised Oregonians by providing refurbished computers, allowing access to technology and the Internet. NextStep Recycling reuses and recycles computer hardware in an environmentally sound manner, keeping toxins and e-waste out of Oregon's environment.

The organization also provides opportunities for citizens to give back to their communities by volunteering and helping others.

To learn more visit: www.nextsteprecycling.org or call 686-2366. NextStep Recycling is located at 2101 West 10th Avenue.



Transforming e-waste for the next generation.

Text and logo compliments of Next Step Recycling

What can I do with www.churchillareaneighbors.org?

Churchillareaneighbors.org is powered by a sophisticated Content Management System (CMS) called Drupal. Access to the site is divided between anonymous users (the general public) and registered members (Churchill Neighbors). The site has information about the Churchill Area, but it also has three interactive features for registered users.

1. As an anonymous user, you can check the web site to see a schedule of activities, meetings, and events happening in the neighborhood and surrounding area. As a registered member you can post events relevant to the community. The site can be a simple and effective way to publicize an event.
2. As an anonymous user, you can read articles and stories that are posted on the site. As a registered member, not only can you read the articles, but you can post comments. This will give you a chance to share constructive ideas and feedback on a given article in a much more immediate manner than a "letter to the editor" of a newspaper. If you fancy yourself a writer, you could attend a neighborhood meeting to learn more about publishing an article on the web site, or you can also submit an article or story for committee review.
3. The most interactive of the site's features are the forums. Tired of those pot holes on Bailey Hill road? Log in, upload your pictures, and discuss. Do you have questions about traffic calming? Neighborhood Watch? Emergency Preparedness? Log in and discuss. The forums are a powerful feature and could be the epicenter of future collaboration and unmitigated intellectual community building. Anonymous users can read the forums, but only registered members can participate in the discussions.

What else would you like to see? Remember, this is about collaboration, teamwork and community, from subjects to be discussed in the forums, to features or services to add to the site. The Drupal system we use has a wide variety of features and the content is limited only by our neighborhood's imagination. To learn more, find the editorial, **What powers your community web site, and how else can we benefit?**

The C.A.N. charter is being revised.

In order to become the dynamic and modern Neighborhood Association you deserve, Churchill Area Neighbors is changing its guiding charter. We will be voting on the changes at our upcoming General Meeting in May. Both the old charter and the proposed modifications can be found on your website, <http://www.churchillareaneighbors.org>

Mayor Kitty Piercy's May meeting visit

Mayor Piercy will be available for a question and answer session where all Churchill Neighbors are invited to participate. She will also be discussing her Climate Challenge.



The Mayor's Climate Challenge is an effort to reduce Eugene's carbon footprint. Throughout 2007, she will be encouraging all Eugene residents to participate in the challenge. The University of Oregon Climate Leadership Initiative is partnering with her on this endeavor to provide tools and support for anyone willing to participate. This initiative offers an exciting opportunity to improve our environment, save money, and take pride in our community accomplishments.

Information on ways to reduce emissions is available at www.sustaineugene.com, a web site with three important elements:

- A tool to calculate your carbon emissions.
- A pledge form to let us know you're participating in the Mayor's Climate Challenge.
- Tips to help you decide what will be part of your personal efforts to meet the challenge.

For more information about the City of Eugene's efforts to reduce greenhouse gases, check out the City's web site at: www.eugene-or.gov/sustainability.

CERT training offered to C.A.N.

by Suzanne and Alan Buck
"The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program



educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community."

Funded by a grant from Invitrogen, the Churchill Area Neighbors are proud to offer a no-cost opportunity for you to be a part of this vital program. We are currently enrolling a class to take place in the fall of 2007. This is an intensive but worthwhile program consisting of 8 three-hour sessions and one Saturday half-day. The class will be held from 6-9pm at the Fire and EMS training center (1704 West 2nd Avenue, Eugene) on Tues 9/11, Thurs 9/13, Tues 9/18, Thurs 9/20, Tues 9/25, Thurs 9/27, Tues 10/2, and Thurs 10/4. The half-day mock drill will be Saturday, October 6th from 8 am - 12 pm. The training is first-come, first-served and fills quickly. We encourage you to sign up as soon as possible. When the class is full, all names will be added to the waiting list in the event of an opening. To enroll, please email cert@churchillareaneighbors.org

For more info visit: www.cert-eugene.com or www.citizen Corps.gov/cert/faq.shtm

What powers your web site, and how else can we benefit?

An editorial

Churchillareaneighbors.org is powered by an Open Source Software program called Drupal. Open source software most often is FREE, that is, it doesn't cost anything. But what else does Open Source mean, and why should we care? Open source means that the program's source code is available under a license or an arrangement such as the public domain. This is in contrast to closed source software where the source code is not available at all. What this translates into is that Open source software is also FREE, as in freedom (not price). Therefore, we can study, change, improve, and share the software in almost any way we see fit.

Open Source Software is often developed in a public and collaborative manner. Does that sound like the character of Eugene? Just read Drupal's mission statement: "By building on relevant standards and open source technologies, Drupal supports and enhances the potential of the Internet as a medium where diverse and geographically-separated individuals and groups can collectively produce, discuss, and share information and ideas. With a central interest in and focus on communities and collaboration, Drupal's flexibility allows the collaborative production of online information systems and communities." **Again, does that sound like the character of Eugene or what?**

Open Source Software is a part of a social movement which seems to go hand in hand with the spirit of community of Eugene. You can draw delightful analogies from the Lane County Farmer's Market to the Oregon Country Fair to illustrate this comparison. A page on your web site has been dedicated to this movement in an effort to give back to what we as a community are benefiting from by using these free systems and programs.

Because Drupal is an open source project, it is developed and updated by hundreds of people all around the world. This also means that innovations are freely available to improve the C.A.N. web site. With this in mind, the question turns back to you: What do you want your community web site to do?

Visit www.churchillareaneighbors.org, create an account, and begin to learn more and to contribute to your community today!

The West Eugene Wetlands Partnership Celebrates American Wetlands Month

May is designated as Wetlands Month across America. It is an ideal time to celebrate and explore Eugene's local wetland ecosystems. Wetlands nurture millions of plants and animals, and replenish and cleanse the Earth's water supply. They provide humans with sanctuary and stewardship opportunities, and connect children with their natural world. This year the nonprofit Willamette Resources and Educational Network (WREN) and the West Eugene Wetlands Partnership are hosting several events throughout the month in celebration of wetlands.

Visit www.wewetlands.org to learn more.

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