

# The Village Voice

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## Flag Day: Fly It Proudly!!!

Why is June 14th for Flag Day, you may ask? It goes back to 1777, when on June 14th of that year; in Philadelphia, the Continental Congress passed a resolution specifying the flag carry 13 stripes and 13 stars. School teachers in the 1800's were the first to teach and observe the flag's "birthday" on June 14th. It became official in 1949 when President Truman signed into an Act of Congress to ensure the observance be held on June 14th. Respect it! Revere it! Fly it proudly! It is the most recognizable symbol of our United States of America. ~ *Vicky Brockelman*



Who is this cute couple?

## Editor's Corner

YOU ARE SO BEAUTIFUL!! Our W.E. Village is expanding! New growth is sprouting up all over. New houses are coming in. New beautiful plants and gardens are evidenced in many yards. Way to go everyone!! It is wonderful to see so many take pride in our own yards and also help our entire Village to look so attractive. You are to be commended. We want to hear from you! ~ *Vicky Brockelman*

## Points of Interest

**Welcome!** Say hello to your new neighbors Michele Corarrubias and Brian Haugen. They live on Bridgewater Drive.

**Energy Tip:** Air Vents - Moving furniture and drapes away from vents may amount to only \$20 or so in annual savings, says Charlie Szoradi, founder of Greenandsave.com. "But improving airflow," he adds, "makes incremental improvements to the whole heating and cooling system."

**In the Kitchen:** What the hell is a crumpet?! Here it is! The closest thing in the good ol USA we have is an english muffin. But it's not quite like an english muffin entirely. You don't split them in half, they are simply one spongy type bread, with nooks and cranny's for the butter to melt into after you stuff em in the toaster (or under the grill) and warm them up until they are slightly brown on the top. Crumpets are mostly a breakfast food but great for an early afternoon snack too. ~ *Calla Taylor*

**Humor:** Fatherhood is pretending the present you love the most is Soap-on-a-rope. ~ *Bill Cosby*

**Longest Day:** Summer solstice begins June 21 at 5:28 AM PST. Sol + stice derives from a combination of Latin words meaning "sun" + "to stand still." As the days lengthen, the sun rises higher and higher until it seems to stand still in the sky.

**Sports Cup:** The saying goes something like this: "there was a fight and a hockey game broke out." Wednesday the Blackhawks won the 2010 Stanley Cup. Now on to soccer (football); the rules of soccer are very simple, basically it is this: if it moves, kick it. If it doesn't move, kick it until it does," then you win the World Cup if the prima donnas play well.



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## Happy Anniversary

Please join me in wishing Phil and Joyce Schnabel of 5259 Olympic Circle a wonderful 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Yes, you read it right, 65 years! The two were married June 10, 1945 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Payette, Idaho where they helped each other with homework while attending the University of Idaho at Moscow.

They have seven married children, thirteen grand children (four married), and four great grandchildren — all of whom live within 100 miles of Joyce and Phil. Mei Ling, their adorable dog, completes the picture.

A successful marriage, the Schnabel's say, "is a lifetime commitment. Respect, help, and love each other." Humor is an important ingredient. And, "no matter how serious your disagreement, never separate. Love children." Good advice from people who know. ~ By, Sandra Rochowansky

Photo on the cover page – Schnabel's wedding day.



Photo by, Sandra Rochowansky

## Father's Day Tribute

### Some thoughts about Dads and Fathers:

The first observance of Father's Day is believed to have been held on June 19, 1910 through the efforts of Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington. After listening to a church sermon in 1909 about the newly recognized Mother's Day, Dodd felt strongly that fatherhood needed some recognition. She wanted a celebration that honored fathers like her own father, William Smart, a Civil War veteran who was left to raise his family alone when his wife died giving birth to their sixth child. ~ Jill Stein

"A father carries pictures where his money used to be." ~ *Unknown*

My father owned a small town men's clothing store and passed on to me enumerable sayings, having to do with the business: "Courtesy oils the wheels of business", "The customer is always right", "Clothes make the man". He also believed in a straight thirty percent markup, rather than charging what the market will bear, as they do today. ~ *Joe Palen*

"My father used to play with my brother & me in the yard. Mother would come out and say "you're tearing up the grass." "We're not raising grass, "Dad would reply." We're raising boys." ~ *Harmon Killebrew*

"The older I get, the smarter my father seems to get" ~ *Tim Russert*

Regarding my father, ever since he died everything he did, every weird habit and gesture is endearing now that he isn't here for me to tell him. One particular habit which gave my mother and me great opportunity for teasing him was how slow he drove his old car. When he came to a green light, he didn't just slow down; he'd stop. Either my mother or I would ask him, "Are you waiting for a particular shade of green?" or my favorite, "Dad, if you go any slower we'll be going backwards." ~ *Alicia Riggs*

There are many people who were not raised in a home with a dad. Hurrah for extended families and the choice to choose your friends! ~ *Anonymous*

## Garden Patch

Plant summer flowers - In sunny spots, plant tubers, rhizomes, roots or potted plants of calla lily, canna, dahlia, gladiolus, montbretia, and tigrida. In shade plant Japanese anemones and tuberous begonias.

Prune spring bloomers - By shaping and thinning trees and shrubs like azalea, camellia, forsythia, rhododendron and star magnolia right after they flower, you'll protect next year's blooms, whose buds will form this summer.

Care for Spring Flowering Bulbs - After bloom, keep beds weeded and lightly watered. When bulb foliage naturally withers, cut leaves back and stop watering.

Now is also a great time to be putting in your tomato plants. Also be sure to find and destroy slugs after the rain. Now is a good time to apply slug bait. ~ *Dave Reese*



Violet Iris ~ *Calla Taylor*

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## Board of Directors

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## Newsletter Publication & Submissions

This newsletter is provided as a service to the members of the West Eugene Village Homeowners Association and is published on a monthly basis. If you have an announcement or information you would like to share with the community, please send submissions to: [majorvicki@gmail.com](mailto:majorvicki@gmail.com) or call 541-337-1577 to leave a message.

## Upcoming Events

June 14, Flag Day – wave them high  
June 20, Father's Day Celebration  
June 21, Summer Solstice begins  
July 04, Bach Festival in Alton Baker Park  
July 24, Eugene Emeralds Baseball and Star Wars entertainment event.

Are you interested in starting a garden club, card or board game club, prayer group or hosting a rotating tea party?

Use the newsletter to get started. If you have an event you want to have listed, please send submissions to Vicky Brockelman at [majorvicki@gmail.com](mailto:majorvicki@gmail.com) or call (541) 337-1577

**Reminder:** All newsletter submissions are due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. Submissions may be edited for size, content and space availability



Jim LaMonica & Laura Quaas staining picnic tables

## Message from the President

One thing I miss most about my father is watching him use his hands. Besides having the fastest belt in the West when we were kids in trouble, he could make perfect popcorn balls, whip up a batch of fudge in just a few minutes, make potato soup that we'd actually enjoy eating, and mend almost everything we brought to him. Dad's motto, "Busy hands build better lives." Any holiday is a good reminder to get involved with family and community events. ~ Calla Taylor

## Committee Updates

**Architecture Committee** received and approved two requests for paint color changes on two of the spec homes on Olympic Circle, and one request for multiple items is under review.

The **Bylaws & CC&R** Change Committee has completed the edits for the change of ownership information listed in the CC&Rs. A new Deed with a complete legal description for the HOA was recorded June 8.

**Security & Compliance Committee** would like to remind everyone that the sidewalks are for pedestrians, not for driving on or parking. The low curb design is great as an easement into your driveway; but a poor design when it comes to traffic control. If you must park along the street, stay on the street and off the curb so people can pass by freely.

**Maintenance Committee** stained the last two picnic tables; park fence is in, and next week the street lights near the park will be fixed. If you see items that need repair, contact Dave Reese at (541) 520-4792.

## Special Thank You

Leah Lambert has "gone the extra mile" to keep the neighborhood looking presentable by mowing the lawn of the unoccupied home adjoining her lawn. That deserves a big Thank You. ~ Mary Faber  
The City of Eugene's street division installed the missing Cobblestone Lane street sign at the Avalon entrance. Thank you Mr. Rick.

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## Sales and Services

Free tickets to Eugene Emeralds vs. Vancouver Canadians, July 24, 7:05 PM; baseball game with your favorite Star Wars characters. Contact Calla Taylor if you are interested in joining a few of your neighbors and a bunch of Jedi fans helping support Alvord-Taylor, a great nonprofit agency.

**Garage Sale:** Let us know if you want to advertise your yard or garage sale in the next newsletter.

**Food Drive:** Stop by any Dollar Tree store on Father's Day weekend and pick out a few food items to donate to the Lane County Food Bank. All donations stay in Lane County.

**Listings:** If you have something you want to include, send an email to [c.taylor.eug@gmail.com](mailto:c.taylor.eug@gmail.com) or call (541) 461-3295.

**Where's the Newsletter?** The next time you pick up your mail look for the outdoor document holder (literature box) mounted on one of the support beams. This is where you will find the newsletter and other handouts, fliers or updates from the HOA Board & Committee Chairs. Back issues are available on our website: [www.wevhoa.org](http://www.wevhoa.org)



Sonja Eick's new Pink Dogwood



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