

### The Fire and After ...

From the June 8th NeN General Meeting  
By John Faville, NeN Board

"We weren't prepared, but we had to go.... I didn't have anything but the shirt on my back. I always said I was going to pack a go-bag, but I didn't do it.... We didn't know evacuation routes.... Roads kept closing.... We needed to know back roads."

John and Kathi Jaworski lived in the NeN area for years before moving up the McKenzie River. Right into the area most hit by the Holiday Farm fire. Their house survived, but they were badly shaken up. They spoke of that experience at our June 8th General Meeting. (John was the founding Chair of NeN.)



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# Getting NeN Prepared for Emergencies



**Evacuation routes here in NeN:  
at a future General Meeting**

"Warnings had become routine." But then late one night the alert jumped from level 1 right to level 3, 'evacuate now!' John & Kathi went and knocked on people's doors. "That's what saved lives."

"Get to know your neighbors and their needs. You're going to need their help in some way."

"It was almost 3 weeks before we could come back, several months before we had TV or Internet.... Now all of us up here have generators, just in case."

**Neighborhood mapping:  
CERT can help with this**

**Community Emergency Response Team  
Contact Andy Davis, NE District Leader  
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## Emergency help here in NeN?

The Station 6 Firehouse next to Sheldon High School is an emergency incident center.

## Where can you get water?

There's an EWEB well by Sheldon High School that will be staffed during an emergency. EWEB is planning to develop wells at all public schools.

## Emergency communication network

As John and Kathi found out, technology breaks down during a disaster. CERT is developing an emergency network. Eyes and ears on the ground talking to people with ham radios who then report the info to the City and County staff who are coordinating response.

On October 23rd, CERT is running a city-wide drill to test the system.

## You can help. Volunteer to be part of the network.

**Contact Andy Davis at 803-316-7529 or andydavis@msn.com**



## What NeN is doing:

- Planning a presentation about area escape routes for a future General Meeting
- Building a very localized emergency preparedness section at our site: [neneugene.org](http://neneugene.org)
  - Our area's resources and contacts and needs
- **Gathering a team of neighbors who want to be involved in preparedness**
  - **If you're interested, send an email to [newsletter@neneugene.org](mailto:newsletter@neneugene.org)**

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**We have openings on the Board.  
Think about joining us. Email to:  
newsletter@neneugene.org**

## UPDATES

### WinCo's Application

to develop the vacant Shopko site has been appealed to the State Court of Appeals. Ruling likely by September. What's at issue? Whether WinCo must bring the site up to current code standards for traffic impact, pedestrian access, and landscaping.

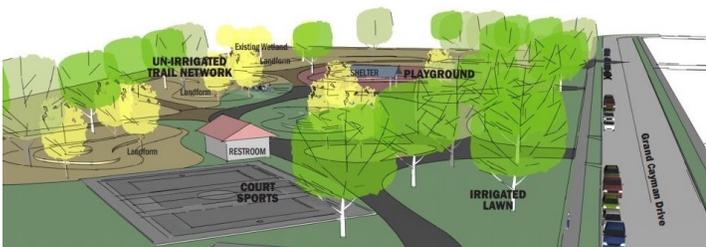


### Delta Ridge's Additional Units

have full approval, adding 626 units to the 360 approved in 2017. They expect to begin construction in March-April of 2022.

### The New Park at Striker Field

will be breaking ground any day now. NeN plans to hold a Grand Opening in the fall. The new name? The City is still mulling it over.



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# Allocating the Payroll Tax Money

From the June 8th NeN General Meeting

By Anne Millhollen, NeN Board

The Community Safety Initiative (CSI) taxes employers based on the number of employees and taxes employees based on their hourly earnings. It was enacted in 2019 and will come back for a vote in seven years. The money from 2020 is coming in now and the Eugene City Council is reviewing how the funds will be apportioned.

As Councilor Clark explained, the initiative was originally proposed to address deficiencies in the safety system. Due to low staffing, the police are unable to respond to 33% of 911 calls, covering higher priority calls, but not the lower priority ones. The police need enough staff to answer *all* calls and to allow 20% of their time to be unallocated so they can also work on prevention.

Councilor Yeh described how community safety also includes fire, municipal court, jail, and help in alleviating homelessness. A consistent approach to the allocation of funds will keep the system in balance. For instance when police tell people who are homeless that they have to move, the City needs to be able to offer them a legal alternative; a small portion of the money will go to that.

In the fall, the City Council will listen to alternative ways to spend the funds. But both councilors were “not expecting large changes” to be made to the originally planned allocation.



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## LTD Looks to the Future

From the June 8th NeN General Meeting

By Kirstin London, NeN Board

General Manager Aurora Jackson talked about planning for what's next. During COVID all decisions were halted, but LTD is ready now to look for the best way to deploy its fleet of buses and to diversify it. This fall, when students are back and ridership increases, LTD will analyze the data and assess what has changed and what is causing that change.

LTD asks “where people are and where they want to go.” What's the best frequency on a route? The role of special services like RideSource? Smaller sizes than the fleet of 40-60 foot buses? Links between neighborhoods and major transit?

Jackson put the question to the NeN community, “what are YOUR needs?” Think about our neighborhood as a whole. Its unique needs. Maybe we don't rely on buses for our commute but do employ someone who does. Or have a student in the household who might be taking the bus.

Public transportation has to work for everyone.

