

The Meadow

On Pitney Pond



News and Events Summer 2017

WELCOME TO THE
NEW RESIDENTS!

69, 72 & 31

We are glad to have you
as a part of our community!

Join us July 15, 1-3pm
for the
**ANNUAL
COMMUNITY
BBQ**

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers,
Chips & Drinks On Us!

Please bring a salad or dessert



Improving our Community



Weekend Home Improvement Project

Redirecting her steps changed the look of the entire home!

June Yard of Excellence

The new June winner for the Yard of Excellence is #96.

Congratulations to Meagan for her hard work and vision. When she bought her home back in 2012, not only was the home interior in serious need of refurbishing, but the yard was 100% rock. There was zero green and a deep bed of rock which left the space utterly unusable.

Removing the rock was a worrisome and potentially expensive endeavor.

The alternative proved to be an ad on Craigslist for free rock. There were several huge boulders that found a new home.

The process has brought about a showpiece lawn and home that has likely more than doubled in value!

Thank you for all your efforts and dedication. Each beautiful yard improves the community.

Lawn Landscaping Plans



There are many ways to improve your yard and the goal of the required landscape plans is to help prevent maintenance issues in the future. Rock beds have their value in that they can provide a low water use feature. But, they come with two drawbacks. The first is the overall look can

be harsh, so maintaining more "green areas" around your home provides busy visual appeal. Secondly, maintenance often becomes an issue. Dirt and debris, along with weeds, pop up quickly and require constant upkeep.

Happy gardening!



Did you know? At 329 feet the Coast Douglas-Fir in Oregon is considered the tallest tree in the state.



One Top Improvement

Wow #85 has had quite the make over! Repainting ones home is one of the Top 10 ways to improve your home. Good job! It looks fantastic!

Thank you to all in the community for being careful about what goes down the drain! We have not had a pump plugged up for a month now and that helps keep costly repairs to a minimum. Good Job!

Most Improved Yard

Check out the “new” look upon entering the community. A special thanks to everyone who cares about the place we each call home. This pretty view was improved by our friends in homesite #24 who took down an old shed and fence. Again, thank you!



Before



After

The Register-Guard

LANE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

County property tax bills going up after all

Lane County Assessor Mike Cowles last week said that taxes for most county residential property owners would stay about the same or decline slightly, but the opposite is in fact true. Most Lane County property owners will face tax increases for the 2016-2017 tax year.

Cowles said his office sent an erroneous chart to The Register-Guard last Friday that showed taxes staying about the same, or declining slightly, for the great majority of median-assessed homes in different taxing districts throughout the county. The state Constitution generally

limits increases in the assessed value of properties to 3 percent a year, though that can be exceeded if properties undergo significant improvements or expansions.

Country-wide, the standard annual 3-percent increase is assessed values is one of the main drivers pushing up property taxes.

Some homeowners in other parts of Lane County will shoulder much larger tax hikes than those in Eugene and Springfield.

Property owners in Junction City, Mapleton and Cottage Grove will

have hefty tax increases, mainly because of voter-approved bonds to pay for new and renovated school buildings and for firefighting equipment.

The largest increases will occur in Junction City, where the taxes on a median assessed home this tax year will rise by \$326.75, a 13.7 percent jump, according to the assessor's office.

In Junction City, voters last year approved a \$14.6 million construction bond to improve Junction City High School and upgrade Territorial and Laurel elementary schools, Cowles said.

Upcoming Events

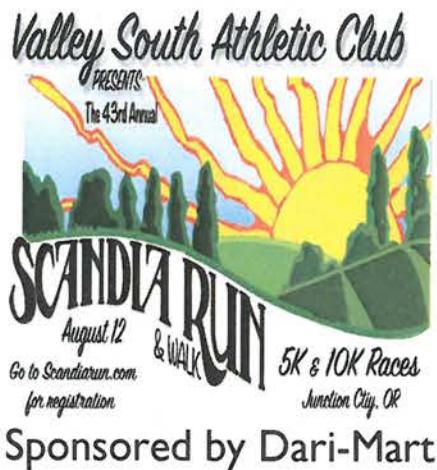
July 1st



Harrisburg Harvest Festival Tractor & Truck Pull

It's time for the Harvest Festival! The festivities are Friday, August 4 and Saturday, August 5! Join in the fun! There is music, contests, a kids zone, vendors, displays, horseshoe tournaments, camping, and the rocking truck and tractor pulling!

August 12



August 4–5, 2017 Gates Open

Friday 6:00 pm

Saturday 2:00 pm

Admission - Adults-\$10/day
Admission Kids 10 and under - \$5/day
Truck and Tractor Pulling Main Events
Friday at 7 pm, and Saturday at 6 pm
Local & Amateur Truck & Tractor Pulling
Saturday from 3:00 to 5:00

57TH ANNUAL SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL

August 10-13
10 am - 10 pm
Sunday 10 am - 8 pm

FREE ADMISSION

Celebrate our heritage
of Sweden, Denmark,
Norway and Finland! Daily
entertainment on 3 stages.
Fabulous food, crafts and
colorful festivities.

For Info Call 541-998-9372
Junction City, Oregon
www.scandinavianfestival.com

Did you know? Oregon has more
ghost towns than any other state!