



June 2013

2012 WeGene Neighborhood of the Year
SCRROL: Second Place Award in Multi-neighborhood
projects at Neighborhoods USA - 2013

Welcome to the RRCO eNewsletter.

RRCO regular meetings are USUALLY the Second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the River Road Annex, 1055 River Road. All RRCO meetings are open to the public and include a **public comment** period. Contact RRCO Co-Chair Jon Belcher [by email](#) for more information.

RRCO is seeking another Board member

Are you interested in guiding the direction of the neighborhood organization? We have one more seat to fill, as one board member moved out of the neighborhood. Your help is needed to create a vibrant community.

Santa Clara-River Road Outreach and Learning Project (SCRROL) -- Finalist for national recognition

Two Eugene neighborhood groups - Harlow Neighbors and Santa Clara/River Road Outreach and Learning (SCRROL) were finalists for the annual national Neighborhood of the Year Award given by Neighborhoods USA (NUSA). They convened in Minneapolis from May 22 to 25.

Harlow Neighbors won the national Neighborhood of the Year Award with Feed Hope, a joint project between the neighborhood association, area churches and Food for Lane County. Their work served the needs of many elementary school children who, although qualified to receive free or subsidized breakfasts and lunches during the school year, had limited access to healthy daytime meals during school breaks. With over 300 volunteers, Feed Hope coordinated donations, packaged and distributed 4,500 healthy, nutritious meals to children in the Harlow neighborhood.

SCRROL's joint project won 2nd place in the multi-neighborhood category.



RRCO Meetings
2nd Mondays 7-9pm

June 10:
Board Mtg

July 8: To be Determined

UpComing Events & Neighborhoods

SCRROL addresses complex issues of service delivery in the River Road and Santa Clara areas. With a patchwork of city and county lands, the area is served by numerous special service districts that provide water, streetlights, parks and recreation services, and fire protection. The SCRROL group conducted a series of community forums, living room conversations, and community social events to educate and assess residents' priorities for neighborhood improvement, reaching more than 700 neighbors.

Eugene will host the Neighborhoods USA conference in 2014 and plans are underway for three days full of informative workshops, exciting tours and engaging speakers.

Thanks to Neighborly News for this text, albeit somewhat edited.

City Council Work Session - May 8 at Noon

"Comprehensive Plan for Bringing Properties into City"

The City Council held a Work Session on May 8 with City Staff and representatives from Santa Clara and River Road contributing views from SCRROL. The topic broaden much beyond annexation to issues such as parks, police services, transportation, and area plans along with how to work on a relationship between the neighborhood and the City of Eugene. Any proposal for annexation would be voluntary with options like no annexation fee and holding taxes at their current level for 10 years, or sooner if the property sells. The next step will be to take a financial inventory to determine whether all city benefits could be delivered under such an arrangement. We are asking for area plans for both neighborhoods to lock in the livability features of our communities. The status of River Road Park District and annexations of non-contiguous properties are yet to be resolved. Here is the link to a webcast of that meeting. <http://ceapps.eugene-or.gov/CEWEBCAST/WEBCAST/Play.aspx?mid=715>

Here's the link to the AIS: http://ceapps.eugene-or.gov/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_0_5848_319_0_43/http%3B/cesrvlf02/CMOWeblink/0/doc/909064/Page1.aspx

~ River Road Community Organization ~

RRCO Executive Board Meeting

When: June 10, 2013; 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Where: River Road Annex, 1055 River Road

Neighbors are always invited to attend Board meetings to be fully informed. We will be doing some goal setting, review our very successful transportation forum, and discuss the City Council Work Session. An update will occur on the

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River Road Beautification Crew

Meets each Sunday from 10:00 to 12:00 at Global Delight - River Road and Hilliard Lane. We would appreciate your support and company.

Opportunities

Pancake Breakfast

Do you want to have the September Pancake Breakfast continue? Volunteers are needed if it is going to happen.

Artists and Musicians

Seeking RR artists and live musicians for September Pancake Breakfast.

[Contact RRCO](#)

Recruiting an

RR Beautification project and the possible adoption of Heron Slough and river front upkeep. Other potential topics are homeless camp sites around the city and some in River Road (very preliminary discussions at City Council), City funding crisis with possible impacts on neighborhoods, and the NUSA awards and 2014 NUSA convention in Eugene.

RRCO Meeting - To be determined

When: July 8, 2013; 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Where: River Road Annex, 1055 River Road

City Funding Crisis

Because the City Service Fee was rejected at the ballot box, many services may potentially be cut: fire, police, library hours and locations, pools, park restrooms, sustainability programs, Neighborhood Services, equity, and lots of social services like CAHOOTS, Looking Glass, Station 7, Centro Latino, Womenspace, and others. If you have any concerns or ideas, please make comments to the Budget Committee. It will be a major hit to any of these programs, including the River Road Community Organization. Get more information at the City's website. You can make comments from a link on that page. <http://www.eugene-or.gov/index.aspx?NID=1154>

Homeless Camping Sites

The City Council is deliberating where to locate some temporary homeless camping sites. They expanded the list of potential parks and public places across the City. Efforts may be impacted by the City's budget cuts. We recognize that homeless people need a safe place to spend the night and all neighborhoods will need to share the responsibilities, but we are concerned about having adequate policing and oversight particularly in the River Road neighborhood. Here is the link to the work session: <http://ceapps.eugene-or.gov/CEWEBCAST/WEBCAST/Play.aspx?mid=719> Link to AIS: http://ceapps.eugene-or.gov/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_0_5848_319_0_43/http%3B/cesrvlf02/CMOWeblink/DocView.aspx?id=916173&dbid=0.

Transportation Forum

We had a very successful forum at the May meeting with more than 60 people attending. With Beltline, EmX, and Eugene transportation projects planned for our future, we learned the outlines and heard that we will be getting updates in the next few months with open houses, forums, and more details. They want our feedback on what we think will work best for our transportation needs. We are concerned about a potential bridge across the River, with some people favoring it and a lot of people against it. We need lots more information.

RRCO Board member & SCRRIP members.

Participate and get better acquainted with your neighborhood. SCRRIP is focusing first on Land Use and Transportation. Let us put your knowledge to work. **Contact RRCO.**

Eugene Park Stewards

Heron Slough Adoption. Seeking volunteers to remove invasive species. **Contact Lorna Baldwin.**



Here is broad information about EmX's plans. The next quarterly EmX Steering Committee meeting will be:

Tuesday June 4, 2013
5:30-7:30 pm
LTD Administrative Offices
3500 E. 17th Avenue (off Glenwood Boulevard in Glenwood)

This is a great "one-stop shopping" opportunity to 1) provide comments to Lane Transit District, 2) learn about the operations of the two running EmX lines, 3) learn about work developing West Eugene EmX, 4) learn about the feasibility of additional EmX lines in Springfield, to Thurston and to Lane Community College, and 5) learn about the draft Long-Range Transit Plan.



Lane Transit District is conducting a planning process to identify strategies that will help provide efficient and effective transit service to meet the long-term (20-year) needs of our community. You can comment on the draft Long-Range Transit Plan:

Friday, June 14, 2013
3:00-7:00 pm
Sprout! Farmer's Market
418 A Street, Springfield

You can also email comments to L RTP@ltd.org.

Eugene Park Stewards - Make Volunteering With EPS a Habit!

Eugene Park Stewards have volunteer work parties. Be sure to visit the City of Eugene Parks and Open Space events calendar here: <http://www.eugene-or.gov/calendar.aspx?CID=55>. EPS volunteer coordinators always appreciate a large turnout at work parties. Be sure to wear outdoor appropriate clothing and footwear as the weather can be unpredictable.

Contact our volunteer coordinator, Lorna Baldwin at [541-682-4845](tel:541-682-4845), or email us at lorna.j.baldwin@ci.eugene.or.us.



Heron Slough Adoption

Have you seen this new slough along the West Bank bike path near Copping Street? As recently as 1936 the Willamette River flowed through this area before it shifted east to its current location. The project reconnected the river to create Heron Slough. The lower half of this quarter-mile long slough, constructed as part of the Delta Ponds project, is now connected to the Willamette River year-round, providing important backwater habitat for native fish, including juvenile Chinook salmon. At moderate and high flows, water from the river flows through the slough from Heron Pond, creating an important side channel that reduces flooding downstream by giving the river a place to spill out into the floodplain. This little stretch of the Willamette is always melodic with the sound of song birds, attracted to the remnant forest of mature cottonwoods and ash, as well as the hundreds of newly planted riparian

trees and shrubs.

Eugene Park Stewards is looking for individuals and groups to adopt sections of this quarter-mile slough and provide much needed stewardship. Please contact the EPS West Region Volunteer Coordinator at [541-682-4845](tel:541-682-4845) or lorna.j.baldwin@ci.eugene.or.us for more information or to sign up!

RRCO E-Updates:

Sign up for the RRCO's e-news, change your e-address, receive **Police Alerts** or **bike/ped info**, work on the **Graffiti clean up team**, organize a **Neighborhood Watch** group or become a member of the RRCO Board or the Santa Clara-River Road Implementation Planning Team (SCRRIPT) to work on land use, governance, transportation, or parks and recreation issues. riverroadcommunityorganization@gmail.com.



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Contact [Jon Belcher](#), RRCO Co-Chair, with your questions or concerns about the neighborhood or River Road Community Organization. "Like" River Road Community Organization on [Facebook](#) or find us on the web at riverroadco.org

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