

# 2012: WeGene Neighborhood of the Year for SCRROL (Santa Clara-River Road Outreach and Learning)

2013: 2nd Place Award in Multi-neighborhood projects at Neighborhoods  
USA (NUSA) for SCRROL



November 2013

**Welcome** to the RRCO eNewsletter.

## Hope your Halloween was full of Treats.

RRCO regular monthly meetings - Second Monday  
(USUALLY)

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
River Road Annex  
1055 River Road

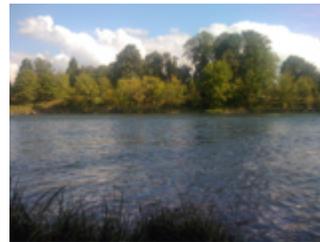
All RRCO meetings are open to the public and include a  
**public comment** period. Contact RRCO Co-Chair Jon  
Belcher [riverroadcommunityorganization@gmail.org](mailto:riverroadcommunityorganization@gmail.org) for  
more information.

## RRCO Seeks Newsletter Assistance

We are still seeking assistance with the layout of  
occasional newsletters--about one per year. Please  
contact Co-Chair Jon Belcher if you have skills that you  
want to put to use for your neighborhood.

## Santa Clara-River Road Implementation Planning Team (SCRRIPT)

The City interviewed 23 River Roaders and Santa Clarans  
to learn about their views of our neighborhoods'  
relationships with the City and how we want to be  
governed. It was an opportunity for neighbors to share  
their views, pro and con, and to suggest ideas for the  
future of our area. One neighbor shared ideas for



### RRCO Meetings 2nd Mondays 7-9pm

Nov 11: General Membership Mtg

Dec 9: Holiday Dessert Potluck

## Contact list

E-mail links aren't working properly. Here is  
a list of e-addresses for you to cut and paste  
in your browser.

**Co-Chair Jon Belcher:**  
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developing a food-forest permaculture along the river front. When the summary of those interviews is available, information can be shared with the neighborhood.

Stay informed about the work of the SCRRIP Land Use and Transportation Committees or participate in the process by contacting Co-Chairs Jon Belcher or Jerry Finigan.

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### ~ River Road Community Organization ~

#### RRCO General Membership Meeting

November 11, 2013; 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
River Road Annex, 1055 River Road

Neighbors will be discussing the Oakleigh Meadow Cohousing project with a potential vote to appeal the hearings official's decision, the new homeless Rest Stop close to River Road neighborhood, redevelopment of the Goodwill Building, an exercise in visioning our neighborhood of the future, and other emerging neighborhood issues. Plans for the Holiday Dessert Potluck will be shared. If you can volunteer to help with decorations, provide door prizes, layout food and beverages, or have ideas to contribute, please send a message to [riverroadcommunityorganization@gmail.com](mailto:riverroadcommunityorganization@gmail.com).

***Voter eligibility:** Must be a River Road resident, property owner, or business owner (one vote per business) and have attended and signed in for at least one meeting during the last 12 months.*

#### RRCO Holiday Dessert Potluck

December 9, 2013; 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
River Road Annex, 1055 River Road

Enjoy a cheery holiday gathering with neighbors. Bring your neighborhood ideas and a savory or sweet treat to share. We will provide seasonal beverages. We are grateful to Bev Barr who has agreed to coordinate the event.

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### Goodwill Building Redevelopment Committee: Making Great Strides

A neighborhood ad-hoc committee lead by Clare Strawn is actively pursuing redevelopment of the store at 1015 River Road, formerly occupied by Goodwill Industries. A

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**Oregon Passenger Rail:**  
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**Neighborhood Services - Rene Kane:**  
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**Heron Pond Habitat Team - Bill Allison:**  
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**River Road Website:**  
[riverroadco.org](http://riverroadco.org)

**Facebook Page:**  
[www.facebook.com/pages/River-Road-Community-Organization/361757733858734](http://www.facebook.com/pages/River-Road-Community-Organization/361757733858734)

### Ongoing Events & Neighborhood News

#### River Road Beautification Crew

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

#### Oregon Passenger Rail Open House

Wednesday, November 6, 5-7:00  
pm, Eugene Public Library, 100

guest editorial in the *Eugene Weekly* written by Jan Spencer has enticed several potential local tenants who would provide services that will be attractive to River Road residents. Discussions have included a natural foods store, a bicycle repair shop, a café and others. The building owners are interested in leasing to tenants that are a good fit with the neighborhood. NEDCO is participating in the conversation as well. In other words, things are getting exciting. If you are interested in potentially siting your small business there or are interested in contributing your expertise or investment, please contact Clare at [clarestrawn@gmail.com](mailto:clarestrawn@gmail.com).

### Homeless Rest Stop Site Recommendations

The City Council approved the establishment of a rest stop pilot program with two sites for up to 15 homeless individuals in each camp. The two pilot rest stops are at NW Expressway at Chambers, south of the River Road neighborhood; and Roosevelt, west of Garfield in the Trainsong neighborhood.

City staff will begin working to identify an operator, outreach to neighbors, and establish agreements to open the first location as soon as possible.

Your questions and concerns are welcomed. Please feel free to voice them to Michael Wisth at 541.682.5540 or [Michael.C.Wisth@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:Michael.C.Wisth@ci.eugene.or.us)

Send a message to [<jbelcher@efn.org>](mailto:jbelcher@efn.org) if you would like to have RRCO send you a map of the area.

### River Road and Howard Elementary School Replacement

As you probably know, both River Road and Howard Elementary Schools are going to be rebuilt on their current sites; and then the old schools will be removed. RRCO has been asked by the 4J School District to designate two people to each school's design committee to serve as advisors to the Design Team. We are looking for volunteers who know these properties and their effect on the nearby area so they can give feedback on how the design will fit with their surroundings. Another plus is to have knowledge of how the current school facilities operate. Nearby streets will be improved for student access via the Safe Routes to Schools Program, so knowledge about sidewalks and bike paths is also valuable.

West 10th Ave.

## Opportunities

### Holiday Dessert Potluck

Contact RRCO if you want to help with the planning:  
[riverroadcommunityorganization@gmail.com](mailto:riverroadcommunityorganization@gmail.com)

### Report Graffiti on EWEB Poles

Call 541-685-7457 with the pole Transformer number or switch box number and the Street Address of the property close to the EWEB facility. For graffiti on a traffic control box, call Eugene Public Works 541-682-4800 with the location.

### Eugene Park Stewards

Seeking volunteers to remove invasive species along the river bank. Contact Lorna Baldwin.

### Heron Ponds Habitat Team

Third Saturday of each month until November, 9 am. Contact Bill Allison, [mrbill@rancholoco-salsas.com](mailto:mrbill@rancholoco-salsas.com)

The commitment would be to attend approximately two meetings for one of the schools, share your thoughts and give a short report to the Community Organization. The first Howard workshop will be on November 23, tentatively set from 9:00-2:30.



If you would like to participate, please write a few lines about why you are interested and what knowledge and skills you can bring to the table, along with your address, email and phone number. Please email that information to Jon Belcher, [jbelcher@efn.org](mailto:jbelcher@efn.org) by Thursday, November 7. Thanks to all for your consideration. We will keep everyone informed of the process as it moves forward.

### Oregon Passenger Rail Study

The Oregon Department of Transportation is studying ways to improve intercity passenger rail service between the Eugene-Springfield urban area and the Portland-Vancouver, Wash. urban area. After a robust public process earlier this year, the project team developed a set of preliminary alternatives for passenger rail routes in the Willamette Valley. These alternatives have been evaluated to see how well they meet the goals and objectives of the project. This fall, we are seeking public input on the evaluation results to help decide which of the alternatives should move forward in the study process.



### Oregon Passenger Rail Public Open Houses Begin Next Week

The project team has evaluated the preliminary rail route alternatives for the Oregon Passenger Rail project. Join us to review the results and provide your input.

**Eugene - Wed, Nov 6, 5-7pm, Eugene Public Library, 100 W 10th Ave**

#### Online Open House

Can't make it to an open house? Visit [www.OregonPassengerRail.org](http://www.OregonPassengerRail.org) between Nov 5 and Nov 18 to participate in our virtual open house where you can review and provide comments on the evaluation results.

### Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) Conference in Eugene

Put these dates on your calendar: May 21-24, 2014.

Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) will be holding their conference in Eugene.

NUSA will include notable keynote speakers (Jim Diers/Asset Based Community Development, Michelle Hunt/Dreammakers and Julian Agyeman/Just Sustainabilities); 45 workshops in 7 tracks and 10 tours.

We expect to welcome over 600 people from all over the United States as well as Canada, the Netherlands, South Africa and Japan. Contact Rene Kane for information about workshops and tours.

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### Eugene Park Stewards

Eugene Park Stewards facilitates and supports volunteers who provide vital stewardship to more than 70 developed parks and thousands of acres of natural areas. Each adoption group plays a different role, depending upon group members' skills and interests and the needs of the park site, thus, as the seasons change so will the projects. The West Region and EPS Volunteer Coordinator is Lorna Baldwin.

To learn more about local park or trail adoptions or upcoming Eugene Park Stewards events, please contact us at  
<[Eugeneparkvolunteers@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:Eugeneparkvolunteers@ci.eugene.or.us)>.

To become involved in EPS volunteer projects in the West Region, contact Lorna Baldwin, 541-682-4845 or [lorna.j.baldwin@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:lorna.j.baldwin@ci.eugene.or.us)



**RRCO Neighbors in Eugene Celebration Parade:  
Hooray!**



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**RRCO E-Updates:**

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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 Santa Clara-River Road Implementation Planning Team (SCRRIP) to work on land use, governance, transportation, or parks and recreation issues.

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NOTE: RRCO Board and General Membership Meetings are usually held at the River Road Annex, 1055 River Road. *We usually meet the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are open to the public with a public comment period.*

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