

The River and Garden District

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

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

January 2015

Welcome to the RRCO e-Newsletter.

RRCO regular monthly meetings –Second Monday (USUALLY)

General Membership meeting-7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

RRCO Board meeting-8:30 -9:15 p.m

River Road Annex, 1055 River Road

RRCO January General Membership Meeting: Cancelled.

Our January 12th RRCO General meeting is now scheduled at the same time as the last part of the Oregon Duck's participation in the College Football Championship. Because we know that Public Safety is a major issue in our neighborhood, we have rescheduled our presentation by the Lane County Sheriff's Department and the Eugene Police Department for our next general meeting on February 9th. We want to give you the best opportunity to attend this important meeting. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

RRCO General Membership Meeting

February 9, 2015; 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

RRCO Board Meeting- 8:30 to 9:15 p.m.

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Public Safety

It's time to get down to business and explore some short -term solutions and long-term ideas for our safety. Many suggestions came in from our Listening Sessions that we can consider. We have invited the Lane County Sheriff's Department and the Eugene Police Department to update us on what is happening with crime and what we can do to help reduce it.

We are planning our meeting agendas for March, April and May. Please contact us (jbelcher@efn.org) with your suggestions for topics.

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Board elections will be held at our March 9th General Meeting with six positions to be filled. Please consider joining us as we endeavor to make River Road an even better place to live, work and play. Questions? Contact us at [tjbelcher@efn.org](mailto:tjbelcher@efn.org)  
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City Club to host program on Neighborhood Associations including RRRO on January 23

And Just What Do Neighborhood Associations Do?

Eugene has twenty-three officially recognized neighborhoods that cover nearly the entire city, and a bit more. If all politics are local, then Neighborhood Associations are where you find the issues being raised, worked through and (hopefully) resolved. For this City Club program, representatives from eight Neighborhood Associations will share an issue or two that has been important to the constituents they represent. Why is the issue important at the neighborhood level? Who did the Associations work with--or challenge--to represent the neighbors? Collaboration or confrontation..what yielded the best results? What kind of advocacy best served to build community within the neighborhoods? What are Eugene's Neighborhood Associations likely to be working on 2015?

The panel includes: Joanne Gross (Active Bethel Citizens), John Fisher (Cal Young Neighbors), David Kolb (Crest Drive Citizens Association), Andrew Fischer (Friendly Area Neighbors), Kevin Reed (Northeast Neighbors), Jerry Finigan from the Santa Clara, and **Carleen Reilly from the River Road Community Organizations**, and Heather Sielicki (Southeast Neighbors). We'll likely hear about land use, transportation planning and project funding, pollution abatement, neighborhood-level communications, volunteer driven projects to improve livability and tree preservation. The program will be moderated by Rene Kane, longtime neighborhood advocate and now staffer for the Office of Human Rights and Neighborhood Involvement program.

You can attend the program at the Downtown Athletic Club (999 Willamette) atnoon on January 23 (there is a \$5 admission charge for non-members and validated parking in the Oak Street Overpark) or catch it on KLCC (89.7 Mhz) onMonday 1/26 at 6:30 PM or in their archive at KLCC.ORG thereafter.

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## *Update: SCRRIPT*

The Santa Clara/River Road Implementation Planning Team completed the Community Listening Sessions in September.

In November there were community forums both in Santa Clara and River Road at our regularly-scheduled neighborhood meetings. All those who participated in the Listening Sessions were invited. After reporting findings from Listening sessions and collecting reactions, both meetings began a list of volunteers who would like to participate in a resource group that will provide advice and consent as the Area Plan moves forward. This would involve a meeting once every 4 to 6 weeks.

In the meantime, the SCRRIPT group hopes to compile all the recommendations and findings in a comprehensive report that may be shared with the community and used in the Santa Clara and River Road plans as they are created.

All those wishing to participate in the Resource Group may do so by contacting [jerfinigan@comcast.net](mailto:jerfinigan@comcast.net) (or in River Road [carleenr@gmail.com](mailto:carleenr@gmail.com)) (Thanks to Jerry Finigan of SCCO for this write-up)

### RRCO E-Updates:

[riverroadcommunityorganization@gmail.com](mailto:riverroadcommunityorganization@gmail.com)

Sign up for the RRCO's e-news, change your e-address, receive Police Alerts or bike/ped info, work on the Graffiti cleanup team, organize a Neighborhood Watch group or become a member of the Santa Clara-River Road Implementation Planning Team (SCRRIPT) 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

Contact Jon Belcher [jbelcher@efn.org](mailto:jbelcher@efn.org) , RRCO Co-Chair, with your questions or concerns about the neighborhood or River Road Community Organization.

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