



April 2013

2012 WeGene Neighborhood of the Year

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.

New RRCO Board Members Seeking one more Board member

Board elections were held in March. Jon Belcher, Michal Lambros, and Carleen Reilly were re-elected for another 2-year term. We welcome Karrie Walters-Warren and Steve Lehman as new Board member elected for 2 years. Bev Barr, Kate Kelly, and Kira Lehman are continuing for a second year in their terms. We are sad to report that we received a resignation notice from Ray Neff, who is moving from River Road neighborhood. Therefore, we are seeking another neighbor to complete our Board. Let us know if you want to help build our neighborhood.

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

The Santa Clara-River Road Outreach and Learning project finished its work last August. This was a cooperative effort of the River Road Community Organization and the Santa Clara Community Organization to attempt as many face-to-face contacts as possible with residents of both neighborhoods to discuss issues in the areas and attempt to determine priorities for the future from our residents. This project took a year and a half, involved a leadership team and more than 40 volunteers. This resulted in more than 700 face-to-face discussions and resulted in a full report of its findings.

SCRROL was submitted for consideration for "Neighborhood of the Year" award at the Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) conference in Minneapolis at the end of May. SCRROL was notified that it has been selected as a finalist for this award, and three members of the Leadership Team will attend to represent the project.



RRCO Meetings 2nd Mondays 7-9pm

Apr 8: Board mtg
officer elections,
goal setting, plan
May & June mtgs

May 13: Gen Mtg
Transportation:
Beltline, Eugene
TransPlan, public
transit, &
Lower River Road
envisioning

UpComing Events & Neighborhood News

Friends of Hazlenut
and Cottonwood
Groves Work Parties -
Second Saturday of the
Month - 9 to Noon

SCRRIP: The Santa Clara/River Road Implementation Planning Team continues to meet each month. This is a group of 17 volunteers from both River Road and Santa Clara and its mission is to try to make the goals identified in 2011 and 2012 by the outreach group (SCRROL) a reality.

~ River Road Community Organization ~

RRCO Executive Board Meeting

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

Where: River Road Annex, 1055 River Road

Board meetings are open to the public. RRCO Board officers will be elected: Two Co-Chairs and a Secretary Treasurer. We are recruiting for an open Board seat. We will plan the May and June meetings, make announcements, request volunteers, and hear public comment.

RRCO General Membership Meeting

When: May 13, 2013; 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Where: River Road Annex, 1055 River Road

We anticipate the focus will be Transportation: Beltline Project, Eugene Transportation Plan, and perhaps LTD/EmX. Christina Bollo, UO Doctoral Student in Sustainable Architecture, will share her ideas for the HACSA property on Lower River Road.

RRCO Meeting - To be decided

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

Where: River Road Annex, 1055 River Road

Jump in with Eugene Park Stewards this Spring

Perhaps you've noticed Eugene Park Stewards and volunteers at work in parks all over town this past season. With winter now over and spring inviting us outdoors, EPS and volunteers have events going on somewhere in your region of town, and you're invited to jump in anytime you like. Check out our revamped Volunteer webpage where you can easily click inside the Calendar box to learn more about any of our numerous volunteer activities, like hiking trail maintenance, Arbor Week tree plantings, or Tuesday Morning Regulars at Hendricks Park.

Also from our Volunteer webpage, read our monthly newsletter from the Quick Links box where we'll show you photos of our volunteers and tell you all about what they have done recently, provide some items of interest about other work in our parks and share partner news. While you're there, be sure to subscribe to our newsletter so it automatically comes to you.

Eugene Park Stewards like hearing from organizations, community

Opportunities

Pancake Breakfast

It's not too early to organize for our September Pancake Breakfast. Volunteer if you want it to continue.

Artists and Musicians
Seeking RR artists and live musicians for September Pancake Breakfast.

Contact [RRCO](#).

Recruiting an RRCO Board member & SCRRIP members.

Participate and get better acquainted with your neighborhood. **Contact [RRCO](#).**

River Road/Hilliard Ln. Revisioning. Contact [Will Dixon](#) if you are interested in participating in a 2-workshop with neighbors.

Suburban

Permaculture Contact [Jan Spencer's](#) house. Apr 6 - Permaculture Design Projects.

Eugene Park Stewards Work Party. April 13.
Contact [Lorna Baldwin](#).

members and service groups too. We welcome your ideas for volunteer events in neighborhood, community and metropolitan parks near you. Contact our volunteer coordinator, Lorna Baldwin at 541-682-4845, or email us at eugeneparkvolunteers@ci.eugene.or.us.



Contact Lorna Baldwin, West Region Volunteer Coordinator for more information at [541-682-4845](tel:541-682-4845) lorna.j.baldwin@ci.eugene.or.us Learn about work plans and safety protocols, get helpful materials in a handbook to have at your fingertips, and connect with other volunteer leaders. Visit www.eugene-or.gov/eps<<http://www.eugene-or.gov/eps>> for more information.

Hazlenut and Cottonwood Grove work party - Apr 9, 9:00 to noon

Tools provided and snacks, too. A collaboration with the Eugene Park Stewards Program and citizen volunteers taking care of public property. Help plan a Filbert Fest.

A work party will be planned for Rosetta Park soon.

Are you interested in a pesticide/herbicide free Willamette Greenway. Volunteer to keep down the blackberry bushes and invasive weeds. Contact Lorna Baldwin to learn more.



Oakleigh Meadows Cohousing

Meadow Maze Treasure Tromp
Saturday, March 30th
10:00 a.m. - Gathering
10:30 a.m. - Treasure Hunt
11:30 - Potluck Social & Games

Park in the meadow at the end of Oakleigh Lane or ride your bike. Wear clothing appropriate for a tromp in the long wet grass!* Bring a basket for treasures and something to share for the potluck. RSVP: Required with # and age of kids so we can be sure to have enough treasures for everyone!
joan.m.connolly@gmail.com OR 541 543-0508 *A little light rain is fine, but if there is heavy rain, the event will be cancelled.

Eugene Police Services

FREE GUN LOCKS

The Eugene Police Department provides free gun locks to anyone who needs one. If you are in need, drop by police headquarters at 300 Country Club Road, 24 hours, 7 days a week, and ask for them at the front counter. You can also pick them up at our UO substation, at 13th and Alder, 8-4, M-F.



Crime prevention tips available, too.

If you have questions, contact Eugene Police Crime Prevention unit at [541-682-5137](tel:541-682-5137) or visit our website: www.eugenepolice.com<<http://www.eugenepolice.com>>

Special Board News

See Tuula Rebhahn, prior RRCO Board Secretary, and her partner Hannah Cooper eating ice cream cones at the Creole Creamery in New Orleans on their Facebook page. Follow their cross-country bicycle adventures on Facebook, their blog and by e-mail. Food Cycles Bicycle Tour is taking them from Oregon to Boston via the southern states to promote eating locally and living low-impact. They have introduced us to people involved with local food movements, worked on organic farms, given talks in schools and such. They blog about what they see and learn along the way. Follow their progress at foodcyclesbiketour.blogspot.com, or "like" them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/FoodCyclesBikeTour>.

RRCO E-Updates:

Please let us know if you would like to be taken off of RRCO's e-news list, change your e-address, receive **Police Alerts** or **bike/ped info**, participate on the **Graffiti clean up team**, have an interest in organizing a **Neighborhood Watch** group or want to be a member of the RRCO Board or participate in 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