



January 2013

2012 WeGene Neighborhood of the Year

Happy New Year and Welcome to the RRCO eNewsletter.

RRCO regular meetings are USUALLY the Second Monday of each month. All RRCO meetings are open to the public and include a **public comment** period. Contact RRCO Co-Chairs Jon Belcher or Carleen Reilly [by email](#) for more information.



~ River Road Community Organization ~

RRCO Meeting - Board meeting

When: January 14, 2013; 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Where: River Road Annex, 1055 River Road

You may have made New Year's resolutions or may feel they have no value, but RRCO needs help in determining where to focus this year to make the 'hood an even better place to live. We received many ideas from the futuring exercise at last month's Holiday Dessert Potluck, but many of you weren't able to attend. Please send your top three goals for the board to pursue in 2013 by January 9. We will use them to craft our "to-do" list at our 1/14 board! meeting. Thanks!

[Jon Belcher](#) (jbelcher@efn.org)

Check out the [RRCO website](#) to review the article written for *The Tribune News* that summarizes our neighbors wishes for the neighborhood. In addition, we will be plan for the February meeting and report our recent activities on land use, natural food

RRCO Meetings 2nd Mondays 7-9pm

RRCO Meetings
Jan 14, 2013:

Board meeting
Feb 11: Gen
Membership Mtg
- Area Planning
with Terri
Harding, City of
Eugene
Mar 11: Board
elections

UpComing Events &

store pursuit, and ongoing needs to address crime prevention. Board meetings welcome our River Road neighbors.

RRCO General Membership Meeting

When: February 11, 2013; 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Where: River Road Annex, 1055 River Road

Terri Harding, Senior Planner with the City of Eugene, will attend the meeting to begin the conversation with River Road neighbors about updating the Neighborhood Plan for the River Road and Santa Clara neighborhoods. The neighborhood's SCRROL Report and Recommendations and current SCRRIPT (Implementation) work is understood by the City to be the starting point for the neighborhood planning effort. The city's work will begin in earnest after adoption of the new comprehensive plan and urban growth boundary (anticipated late 2013). Zach Galloway, a newly hired planner, will accompany Terri and will assist with the River Road-Santa Clara neighborhood planning effort. This meeting will be an opportunity for neighbors and city staff to jointly discuss our best outcomes for working together on the update to the Neighborhood Plan.

RRCO General Membership Meeting - Board elections

When: March 11, 2013; 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Where: River Road Annex, 1055 River Road

An innovative program is planned to encourage the development of our community that reflects our values of cooperation and respect for the environment. More information will be available soon.

We are recruiting eligible neighbors to be RRCO Board members. If you live in the neighborhood, own property or a business, and have attended at least one meeting in the prior year, you are eligible to run for a seat. We encourage you to participate and give voice to your ideas and concerns. [Contact us for more information.](#)

Special Board News

Tuula Rebhahn, the RRCO Board Secretary, and her partner Hannah Cooper are on a cross-country bicycle tour. They have been reporting their adventures via Facebook, their blog and e-mail. Their project, Food Cycles Bicycle Tour, has them bicycling from here to Boston via the southern states to promote eating locally and living low-impact. They plan to get involved with local food movements by working on organic farms, giving talks in the communities they visit, and blogging about what they see and learn along the way. Catch up with their prior messages and follow their progress at foodcyclesbiketour.blogspot.com, or "like" them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/FoodCyclesBikeTourin>

Neighborhood News

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

Opportunities

Book Club: Is anyone interested in a River Road Book Club this Spring? [Contact RRCO.](#)

Artists and Musicians

Do you think we could have an art gallery and live musicians at the September Pancake Breakfast? If so, [contact RRCO.](#)

RRCO Board members & SCRRIPT Team member are being recruited. This is your chance to get better acquainted with your neighborhood. [Contact RRCO.](#)

Eugene Park Stewards

Feb 6, 2013 - Volunteer training. [Contact Lorna Baldwin.](#)



Beltline Ramp Meter Project

On January 7, the Oregon Department of Transportation plans to begin constructing ramp metering lanes on to Beltline at River Road-eastbound, River Avenue-eastbound, Green Acres-westbound, and Coburg-westbound. A 3-page press release with complete details is posted on the RRCO [website](#).

Friends of Hazelnut Cottonwood Groves

Join friends and neighbors to clean up the Hazelnut (Filbert) and Cottonwood groves the 2nd Saturday of each month from October through May from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

Have you heard about the hazelnut orchard and the adjacent cottonwood grove adopted by neighbors Joan Connolly and Jan Spencer? They received generous guidance from Honor Earth Farm on growing hazelnuts successfully, including pruning, mulching and monitoring for pests. The community is invited to come learn and participate in creating a safe, agriculturally productive, and beautiful habitat for critters, neighbors and passers-by. Located adjacent to the bike path between McClure and Oakleigh streets (parking on Stults), Friends of Hazelnut Cottonwood Groves meet the second Saturday from October through May from 9 a.m. to noon. Tools, gloves and snacks provided by Eugene Park Stewards. Contact lorna.j.baldwin@ci.eugene.or.us or [541-682-4845](tel:541-682-4845).



Oakleigh Meadow Cohousing

Since we last wrote, OMC (Oakleigh Meadow Cohousing) welcomed two new associate member households and talked with about a dozen other prospective households. We are growing!

Our architect, Chuck Durrett, will meet with us in early January for the private unit design workshop. We'll gather in small groups to talk with Chuck about design options for each unit size, from 2-bedroom/1-bath to 4-bedroom/3-bath. We're researching refrigerator sizes, window dimensions and light fixtures. We've agreed that we want lots of light and state-of-the-art soundproofing as well as use of high-quality, environment-friendly materials.

Monthly site visits continue, even in wet weather (Oregonians aren't put off by a little rain, right?). Our next site visit is tentatively set for **Sunday, January 20 from 3:00 to 4:00 pm**; please check our website (<http://www.oakleighmeadow.org/>) for updates/current events. Walk the beautiful meadow, imagine living along the river, and meet community members. The site is at the end of Oakleigh Lane, off River Road. Please drive slowly on Oakleigh Lane. Children and animals at play. You can park along the road and walk to the end of the street; you'll see the property on the right.



One of our members has written about her experiences with her future neighbors for *Communities* magazine. "New Beginnings at

Oakleigh Meadow Cohousing" chronicles both the joys of working together to build a neighborhood and the bumps encountered along the way. You can read the article online on our website under "Articles and Links."

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 to work on land use, governance, transportation, or parks and recreation issues.
riverroadcommunityorganization@gmail.com.

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Contact [Jon Belcher](#) or [Carleen Reilly](#), RRCO Co-Chairs, 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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