



July 2013

2012 WeGene Neighborhood of the Year for SCRROL
SCRROL: 2nd Place Award in Multi-neighborhood projects at
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Happy 4th of July and 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.

Santa Clara-River Road Implementation Planning Team (SCRRIPT)

SCRRIPT meets once a month to discuss joint problems and make recommendations to further our mutual interests. Land Use and Transportation committees are starting work by reviewing documents with components impacting River Road and Santa Clara. If you want to stay informed about the work of these committees or help with the process, contact Co-Chairs [Jon Belcher](#) or [Jerry Finigan](#).

~ River Road Community Organization ~

RRCO Executive Board Meeting

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

Where: River Road Annex, 1055 River Road

The River Road Board will be working on the September program, including the siting of EmX along the River Road Corridor. A letter of support was sent to LTD for the planning phase. Other topics include the City Council Work Session on Homeless Camping and the possibility of a site or sites in our neighborhood; the River Road Beautification project; a Graffiti Removal Team, a committee on communications, and ways to



RRCO Meetings
2nd Mondays 7-9pm

July 8: Board Mtg

Aug 12: Board Mtg

Sept 9: General Membership Mtg

UpComing Events & Neighborhood News

River Road Beautification

invite more neighborhood participation in RRCO. The Events Committee will make their recommendation about whether to continue the Pancake Breakfast. Let us know if you have any interest in seeing it continue. Neighbors are always invited to attend Board meetings to be fully informed.

RRCO Executive Board Meeting

When: August 12, 2013; 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Where: River Road Annex, 1055 River Road

Agenda to be decided later.

RRCO General Membership Meeting

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

Where: River Road Annex, 1055 River Road

September's meeting is shaping up with information you won't want to miss. Potential items include an EmX update, zone changes for a Maxwell property, SCRRIP Transportation and Land Use Committees' reports, and possible new information about the rebuilding of River Road schools.

City Council Discusses Homeless Camping Options

On Wednesday, June 26, 2013, the Eugene City Council held a work session to further discussion about the possibility of establishing one or more homeless camping areas within Eugene. The AIS (http://ceapps.eugene-or.gov/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_0_5848_319_0_43/http%3B/cesrvlf02/CMOWeblink/DocView.aspx?id=940633&searchid=e945ae7b-ac2e-472e-b0dd-5e62a208bd57&dbid=0) identified twenty potential sites, two of which are within the RRCO boundaries:

- o A 1.1 acre property near the junction of NW Expressway and the Chambers Connector
- o A 5.0 acre portion of the West Bank Park roughly bounded by Formac Lane, Lanson Lane and East Hatton Avenue.

(The AIS contains much more information including potential ordinance language.)

The discussion was very preliminary. Some councilors expressed interest in opening only one site. At least one other councilor felt we shouldn't open any. Several councilors expressed concern about funding and adequate oversight, about whether to have one or more sites (or none), how it would be funded, how many and what types of folks would be

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.

Santa Clara Celebration at Awbrey Park

July 18 at 5:30
Let the games begin. Bring your own picnic. Music starts at 6:00. Join neighbors and friends for a summer evening.

Opportunities

Pancake Breakfast

No volunteers have come forward, so if you want to continue this tradition, make your voices heard. Contact RRCO Co-Chairs at riverroadcommunityorganization@gmail.com

Eugene Park Stewards Heron Slough Adoption. Seeking volunteers to remove invasive species. Contact [Lorna Baldwin](#).

served etc., but Councilor Brown mentioned four sites that he thought might have merit. One of those is the NW Expressway/Chambers Connector site. Councilor Syrett pointed out that a site is already being built nearby on N. Garfield Street.

The next City Council work session is scheduled for 7/10.

The 6/26 webcast can be viewed at <http://ceapps.eugene-or.gov/CEWebCast/WebCast/ArchivedWebCasts.aspx#> The Homeless Camping discussion begins at 35:30 on the link.

This link to the Register Guard article may work:

<http://www.registerguard.com/rg/news/local/30074915-75/acres-avenue-park-street-eugene.html.csp>

Jon Belcher (jbelcher@efn.org)



Tentative dates for 3 green River Road bike tours

Visit River Road properties making big changes - food, energy, water, cooperating with neighbors, front yard gardens and more.

July 27 - south neighborhood

August 10 - north neighborhood

August 24 - mid neighborhood

We will visit some never-before-visited new transformation sites in the n'hood and other sites never on bike tours before, plus sites we have seen before that are maturing nicely.

10th Annual Winter Cropping Workshop, Sat, June 22

10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

805 Horn Lane

Where's your food coming from this winter? Curious about feeding yourself out of your garden, November thru May? Did you know that we can readily grow a dizzying array of crops, outside, without protection, through Pacific Northwest winters?



Come learn what it takes to raise fall and overwintering cabbage, caulis, broccoli & romanesco; kale, collards, Brussel sprouts, beets, carrots, celery, celeriac, endive, escarole, lettuce, cilantro, chicory, radicchio, arugula, choy and assorted Asian vegetables, scallions, leeks, kohlrabi, mustard, parsley, rutabagas, turnips, radishes, swiss chard and more, through the longest harvest season of the year.

We'll be touching upon a slew of concerns including season-extension, and how best to source locally winter-proven varieties, as seed and transplants.

Questions to Nick: fellowservant@yahoo.com

Oakleigh Meadow Cohousing

Come visit us for the Oakleigh Meadow Site visit, on July 21st at 3:00. If you miss this one, we have them the third Sunday of every month.

Web Page: oakleighmeadow.org

Facebook: facebook.com/oakleighmeadowcohousing

Thank You from Eugene Park Stewards

Eugene Park Stewards shouts out a friendly thank you to everyone who volunteered with us this spring! Stewarding miles of hiking trails, pruning trees, weeding landscape beds, and removing ivy is never an easy task; we couldn't have done it without you!

Indeed, summer is here at long last, and many more volunteer opportunities are on the horizon. Be sure to visit our Volunteer webpage from the City's website, where you can view our many upcoming volunteer events in the calendar, read the current or past EPS newsletters, learn more about visiting a Friends group, and about being a Volunteer Leader.

EPS volunteer coordinators are always eager to hear about your volunteer event ideas, so don't hesitate to contact Lorna Baldwin, west region, at [541-682-4845](tel:541-682-4845).

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

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