



# RIVER ROAD

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

August 2013

## 2012 - WeGene Neighborhood of the Year for SCRROL SCRROL: 2nd Place Award in Multi-neighborhood projects at Neighborhoods USA - 2013

**Welcome** to the RRCO eNewsletter.

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 [by email](#) for more information.



### **RRCO Welcomes New Board Member *Kendall Blake***

Kendall Blake was appointed to a vacant position at the July meeting, and he will be confirmed by the General Membership at the September meeting. Kendall has lots of ideas and energy plus skills to make banners and signs. Welcome Kendall to the Board when you get an opportunity.

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

SCRRIPT meets monthly to discuss joint neighborhood problems and make recommendations to further our mutual interests. Land Use and Transportation Committees are 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](#).

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

Aug 12: Board Mtg

Sept 9: General  
Membership Mtg

### **UpComing Events & Neighborhood News**

#### **River Road Beautification Crew**

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

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## ~ River Road Community Organization ~

### RRCO Executive Board Meeting

**When:** August 12, 2013; 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
**Where:** River Road Annex, 1055 River Road

The RRCO Board will continue work on September's program. We are excited about plans to hold a River Road Community Harvest Potluck in October. Work continues on graffiti eradication, homeless camping, River Road Beautification Crew, and establishing a Communications Committee. Watch for a newsletter in your mailbox with more information on these and other neighborhood topics.

### RRCO General Membership Meeting

**When:** September 9, 2013; 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
**Where:** River Road Annex, 1055 River Road

Update and discussion will occur about siting EmX on River Road, a city planner will inform us about a zone change of property near Maxwell, and we'll hear about the rebuilding of Howard and River Road Elementary schools, potentially including sidewalks for Safe Routes to Schools. Other neighborhood reports will be made about graffiti eradication, homeless campsites, SCRRIP Land Use and Transportation activities, RR Beautification project, and Communications coordination.

### RRCO Meeting - To be decided

**When:** October 14, 2013; 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
**Where:** River Road Annex, 1055 River Road

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## RRCO Letter of Support for EmX

On the RRCO website [Letter of Support for EmX](#), you can read the letter sent to support the application for a planning grant to the siting of the next leg of EmX in our metro region. The General Membership will be asked to affirm this letter at the September meeting. This segment is called the NW Eugene-LCC Transit Corridor Plan, which includes River Road up into the Santa Clara neighborhood.

## EWEB Wipes Out Graffiti

We have good news. EWEB has hired a contractor to paint over graffiti on their facilities. Please call 541-685-7457

company.

River Road Green Bike  
Tours - August 10 and 24  
Contact Jan Spencer for info:  
[janrspencer@gmail.com](mailto:janrspencer@gmail.com)

## Opportunities

### River Road Community Harvest Potluck

RRCO is working on plans for a Harvest Potluck in October. Stay tuned for details or contact RRCO Co-Chairs for info [riverroadcommunityorganization](http://riverroadcommunityorganization)

### Eugene Park Stewards

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

### Heron Ponds Habitat Team

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

and give them the pole number of Transformer or the switch number of the box along with the Street Address of the home or business close to the electrical facility.

If the graffiti is on a traffic control box please call Eugene Public Works 541-682-4800 with the location to get them to paint over it.

Jon Belcher ([jbelcher@efn.org](mailto:jbelcher@efn.org))



## Green River Road Bike Tours

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

### North River Road

Saturday, August 10, 11 a.m.

- 1] Teresa & Than's place - 605 Howard
- 2] Jen & Doug's
- 3] Nick Anzelmo's - new
- 4] Robert & Tiffany's - new
- 5] James - new
- 6] Jo & Jeff - new Potluck at the end of the tour

Please join us on August 10th for a post bike tour potluck (all are invited, not just the bike tourists.) Potluck at Jo and Jeff's, 1543 Grove Street, will be about 2:30, following the bike tour. This is the last house on the bike tour. Potluck dishes can be stashed at the beginning of the bike tour for cool keeping.

There is shade in the back yard of our little lot where we can meet, mingle and munch. We'll have cold drinks waiting.



### Mid River Road - Saturday, August 24

Part A: 11 a.m.

- 1] Jan's place - 212 Benjamin
- 2] John Pitney's
- 3] Heiko's
- 4] Dharmalaya
- 5] Jason and Kaverii

Part B, 2 p.m.

- 1] Leave Dharmalaya - first stop Amazing Acre - 356 Horn Lane
- 2] Vistara
- 3] Mark's

- 4] Liz and Aaron
- 5] Sandra's

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. Contact Jan Spencer for more information: [janrspencer@gmail.com](mailto:janrspencer@gmail.com).

### Eugene Park Stewards - Be a Part of Volunteerism

Volunteers play a vital role in City of Eugene parks system, and together, can make remarkable improvements to well-loved and much used parks. One such case is a project at Amazon Dog Park, where regular dog park users banded together and secured donations to bring forth a much needed path graveling project. Each year as the rains fall, the paths in the dog park are often overcome with water, making it difficult for dog park users to recreate with their pets. Volunteers help spread 15 tons of gravel on the lower and upper paths, to improve the trails before the rains begin. Eugene Park Stewards would like to acknowledge Wildish Industries, United Rentals of Eugene, Toby's, Genesis Juice, and Humble Bagel for their generous donations of materials and refreshments in support of this project.



Volunteerism can take you out of the city and into more natural areas, too. Spencer Butte's West Trail, off the Willamette Trailhead, offers you the opportunity to experience the local outdoors while working alongside the Obsidians and Eugene Park Stewards, caring for the trails, and learning more about invasive species and their removal.

Visit our Volunteer webpage, and check out our calendar of events where upcoming opportunities await. We hope to see you at one of these volunteer events, are eager to find out what volunteer opportunities you'd like to see happen in our parks, or connect your volunteer group with a Friends group on those larger projects. For more information, contact regional volunteer coordinators at:

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### Oakleigh Meadow Cohousing



Come visit Oakleigh Meadow Site, the 3rd Sunday of each month, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. **On August 10, a larger site visit in conjunction with Corvallis cohousing will occur. a flyer is at <http://oakleighmeadow.org/node/112>.**

Web Page: [oakleighmeadow.org](http://oakleighmeadow.org)

Facebook: [facebook.com/oakleighmeadowcohousing](https://facebook.com/oakleighmeadowcohousing)

### Point to Point SchoolSolutions is Here!

Make your mornings run smoother with Schoolsolutions. Schoolsolutions is a free transportation matching service for families with students in grades K-12. It matches families together to develop walking, biking, and carpooling groups. Any family can enroll regardless of how they get to school now.

With benefits like saving time and money, reducing congestion and pollution at your school, and developing healthy and active kids who wouldn't sign up? The more families that sign up for Schoolsolutions at your school the greater the walking, biking, and carpooling network will be...and more importantly the more mornings you can be stress free.

For more information and to sign up, visit [www.point2pointsolutions.org/schoolsolutions](http://www.point2pointsolutions.org/schoolsolutions) or contact Allie Camp at [allison.camp@ltd.org](mailto:allison.camp@ltd.org)

### Heron Ponds Habitat Team

The Heron Ponds Habitat Team will be working the third Saturday of each month until November. This month we will start at 9:00 a.m. We will also start at 9:00 a.m. in August. There is lots to do so bring your gloves & a shovel!

Thanks,

Bill Allison, [mrbill@rancholoco-salsas.com](mailto:mrbill@rancholoco-salsas.com)

### Healthy Bees = Healthy Gardens Save the Bees Events:

Please join us for these 2 great events this summer!

- Sat August 3 @ Oakway Plaza from 12-4: Tim Greathouse & Moo do Academy Tae Kwon Do will be breaking boards to benefit the bees in our community! Please help support this great cause

- write a check to N.C.A.P- "Bustin' For Bees"!

- Sunday August 25 @ Washington Park in Eugene from 12 - 3: Fun Educational event to help save the bees: Free food samples, speakers, Honey tasting, creating pesticide free neighborhoods, Native plant walk, & more! Please come & sign The Honey Bee Friend Pledge!

For more information please contact Jen & Doug Hornaday at [healthybeeshealthygardens@gmail.com](mailto:healthybeeshealthygardens@gmail.com) or

[www.healthybeeshealthygardens.com](http://www.healthybeeshealthygardens.com) or Face book!

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**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. [riverroadcommunityorganization@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://riverroadco.org)

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