

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

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



December 2013

Welcome to the RRCO eNewsletter.

Hope your Holiday season is filled with a warming sense of community. Celebrate with RRCO neighbors at the Holiday Dessert Potluck on December 9.



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 riverroadcommunityorganization@gmail.org for more information.

RRCO Seeks Newsletter Assistance

Could you assist with layout of occasional newsletters-- about one per year? Please contact Co-Chair Jon Belcher if you have skills to put to use for your neighborhood.

Santa Clara-River Road Implementation Planning Team (SCRRIPT)

RRCO Meetings 2nd Mondays 7-9pm

Dec 9: Holiday Dessert Potluck

Jan 13, 2014: Board Mtg

Feb 10, 2014: General
Membership Mtg ??

Announcements

On December 11 at Noon in Harris Hall at the Lane County Courthouse, a City Council work session will listen to River Road and Santa Clara opinions gathered at neighborhood interviews held on October 14 and a small group session held November 23. Suggestions may be made about next steps to implement the recommendations from SCRROL and sort out our neighborhoods' relationships to the City of Eugene. An agenda is being developed.

Stay informed about the work of the SCRRIPT Land Use and Transportation Committees or participate in the process by contacting Co-Chairs Jon Belcher or Jerry Finigan.

~ River Road Community Organization ~

RRCO Holiday Dessert Potluck

December 9, 2013; 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
River Road Annex, 1055 River Road

This is an exciting time to be a part of the River Road community! Development of the new River Road (and Santa Clara) area plan is underway. How could we improve transportation in the area? What type of commerce would we like to see? During the Holiday Dessert Potluck, it's your opportunity to share your own ideas regarding these and other questions. Please add your voices as we continue to work on transforming our visions and goals into real change in the River Road community!

Bring a savory or sweet treat to share. We will provide seasonal beverages. Enjoy a cheery holiday gathering with neighbors.

We are grateful to Bev Barr who volunteered to coordinate the event. Our thanks to generous neighborhood businesses who are providing door prizes: Wildtime Foods - Grizzlies Granola; a book signed by internationally famous mystery writer and neighbor Carola Dunn. If you want to donate a door prize, let us know at riverroadcommunityorganization@gmail.com.

RRCO Executive Board Meeting (most likely--stay tuned)

January 13, 2014; 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
River Road Annex, 1055 River Road

Eugene Planning Commission Hearing

Oakleigh Meadow Cohousing hearing, December 5, 6:00 p.m. at Harris Hall, 125 E 8th

Eugene City Council Work Session

Wednesday, December 11, Noon
Harris Hall, 125 E 8th Ave, Eugene
Considering River Road and Santa Clara opinions and ideas.

Contact list

E-mail links aren't working properly. Here is a list of e-addresses for you to cut and paste in your browser.

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Heron Pond Habitat Team - Bill Allison:

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It's time to take stock of the past year and plan the coming year. Neighbors are always welcome and can contribute during the public comment period.

River Road Website:
riverroadco.org

Facebook Page:
www.facebook.com/pages/River-Road-Community-Organization/361757733858734

Oakleigh Meadows Cohousing Hearing

A public hearing will be held to consider an appeal on the land use application for Oakleigh Meadow Cohousing PUD at the Eugene Planning Commission Public Hearing on Thursday, December 5 at 6:00 in Harris Hall, which is located at 125 East 8th Ave. You can present testimony at the hearing or submit a written statement to the Planning Commission in c/o Becky Taylor via e-mail: <becky.g.taylor@ci.eugene.or.us>.

Goodwill Building Redevelopment Committee: Making Great Strides

A neighborhood ad-hoc committee lead by Clare Strawn is actively pursuing redevelopment of the store at 1015 River Road, formerly occupied by Goodwill Industries. A guest editorial in the *Eugene Weekly* written by Jan Spencer has enticed several potential local tenants who would provide services that will be attractive to River Road residents. Discussions have included a natural foods store, a bicycle repair shop, a café and others. The building owners are interested in leasing to tenants that are a good fit with the neighborhood. NEDCO is participating in the conversation as well. In other words, things are getting exciting. If you are interested in potentially siting your small business there or are interested in contributing your expertise or investment, please contact Clare at clarestrawn@gmail.com.

Update on Homeless Rest Stop Sites

This is from the Register Guard on 11/29: "The city of Eugene has signed an agreement with Community Supported Shelters to supervise the first "rest stop" for homeless people on city-owned property at Roosevelt Boulevard and Garfield Street, and organizers hope to have the site operational within the next couple of weeks."

"The pilot program, approved by the City Council in October, will allow up to 15 people to sleep overnight in tents. The rest stop residents will not be required to vacate during daytime hours."

Ongoing Events & Neighborhood News

River Road Beautification Crew

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

Opportunities

Holiday Dessert Potluck

Contact RRCO to help with set up, clean up, or donate door prizes: riverroadcommunityorganization@gmail.com

Report Graffiti on EWEB Poles

Call 541-685-7457 with pole Transformer number or switch box number and Street Address of property close to EWEB facility. For graffiti on a traffic control box, call Eugene Public Works 541-682-4800 with the location.

Eugene Park Stewards

Seeking volunteers to remove invasive species along the river bank. Contact Lorna Baldwin.

Heron Ponds Habitat Team

“If the experiment proves successful, the city hopes to establish a second **rest stop** site, at Chambers Street and Northwest Expressway, later this winter, said Michael Wisth, a community programs analyst for the city.”

Contact Bill Allison, mrbill@rancholoco-salsas.com

It was anticipated that the second stop at the southern edge of RRCO would be managed by the Nightingale group whose leadership includes Alley Valkyrie who listed her concerns with the site at our 11/11 general meeting. On 11/12, Ms. Valkyrie and five others submitted a letter to the Mayor and Council citing their concerns for lack of access and drainage on the site as well as poor handicap access and the concentration of more homeless people in the Trainsong Neighborhood. Michael Wisth reported on 11/30 that the City is still seeking a manager for the second site.



River Road and Howard Elementary School Replacement

Eugene 4-J has extended an offer to RRCO to designate folks to participate in the design process to rebuild River Road and Howard Elementary Schools. Five neighbors have volunteered and will participate along with 4-J staff, school parents, and planners. Stay tuned for more information as things progress.



Please email RRCO Co-Chair Jon Belcher, <jbelcher@efn.org> for additional information. We will keep everyone informed of the process as it moves forward.

Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) Conference in Eugene

Put these dates on your calendar: May 21-24, 2014. Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) will be holding their conference in Eugene.

NUSA will include notable keynote speakers (Jim Diers/Asset Based Community Development, Michelle Hunt/Dreammakers and Julian Agyeman/Just Sustainabilities); 45 workshops in 7 tracks and 10 tours. Word has it that River Road has an application in for a presentation and tour about permaculture.

We expect to welcome over 600 people from all over the United States as well as Canada, the Netherlands, South Africa and Japan. Contact Rene Kane for information about workshops and tours.



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Eugene Park Stewards

To learn more about local park or trail adoptions or upcoming Eugene Park Stewards events, please contact us at

<Eugeneparkvolunteers@ci.eugene.or.us>.

To become involved in EPS volunteer projects in the West Region, contact Lorna Baldwin, 541-682-4845 or lorna.j.baldwin@ci.eugene.or.us

RRCO Neighbors in Eugene Celebration Parade: Hooray!



RRCO E-Updates:

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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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Contact Jon Belcher, RRCO Co-Chair, with your questions or concerns about the neighborhood or River Road Community Organization.
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