

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

January 2014

A Happy New Year & 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 riverroadcommunityorganization@gmail.org for more information.

RRCO Seeks Newsletter Assistance

Newsletter layout assistant of occasional newsletters needed - about one per year. Contact Co-Chair Jon Belcher if you have skills to put to use for your neighborhood.

Santa Clara-River Road Implementation Planning Team (SCRRIPT)

Envisioning Santa Clara & River Road: Confronting challenges & planning our community for the next 20 years.

A community conversation about how we can reach our community goals and our ongoing listening sessions with the City of Eugene

The Santa Clara/River Road Outreach and Learning project (SCRROL) identified 10 goals and priorities as our communities move into the future. Santa Clara and River Road Community Organizations continue to work together to begin

RRCO Meetings 2nd Mondays 7-9pm

Jan 13, 2014: Board Mtg

Feb 10, 2014: General Membership Mtg

Mar 10: General Membership Mtg - Board elections

Announcements

Brunner-Schmitz Open House

Saturday, Jan 18, 2014, 10:00 - 2:00

implementing these goals in a group called SCRRIPT (Santa Clara/River Road Implementation Planning Team). The formalization of this will be an Area Plan for River Road and Santa Clara that cements these goals into a vision for the future.

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 Land Use Update

The Oakleigh Meadows Cohousing project appeal to the Planning Commission was upheld with additional conditions, primarily additional setback requirements. Opponents have until 1/8 to appeal the decision to the Land Use Board of Appeals. <http://ceapps.eugene-or.gov/PDDOnline/LandUse/ApplicationDetails?file=PDT-13-0001>

It was determined that a separate property on 90 Oakleigh Lane has to be annexed before the garage/shop can be converted to a living space. . <http://ceapps.eugene-or.gov/PDDOnline/LandUse/ApplicationDetails?file=AA-13-0007>

The property on 201 Crocker Lane has been approved for a two lot partition including a panhandle lot. <http://ceapps.eugene-or.gov/PDDOnline/LandUse/ApplicationDetails?file=PF-13-0011>

There will be a zoning hearing on Wednesday January 22, 2014 at 5:00 PM in the Sloat Room (99 W. 10th Avenue) by the Hearing Official. The requested zone change for the 17.55 acre site at the intersection of Maxwell Road and the Maxwell Connector is from Low density residential and neighborhood commercial to R-2 medium density and neighborhood commercial and general office. More information at <http://ceapps.eugene-or.gov/PDDOnline/LandUse/SearchApplicationDocuments?file=Z-13-0013>

Please contact Jon Belcher (jbhelcher@efn.org) for more information or to be included on the RRCO land use mailing list.

1410 River Road

Filbert Grove Work Party

Saturday, Jan 11, 2014, 9:00 - Noon
1410 River Road

Mayor's State of the City Address

Wednesday, Jan 4, 2014, 5:30;
Lobby of the Hult Center;
Accomplishments, goals, awards, and music.

Contact list

Here is a list of e-addresses for you to cut and paste in your browser.

Co-Chair Jon Belcher:
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Homeless Rest Stops - Michael Wisth:
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Oregon Passenger Rail:
www.OregonPassengerRail.org

Neighborhood Services - Rene Kane:
<http://www.eugene-or.gov/neighborhoods>

Eugene Park Stewards - Lorna Baldwin:

~ River Road Community Organization ~

RRCO Holiday Dessert Potluck - **BIG THANK YOU**

Thanks to all the neighbors who helped set up and staff the Dessert table. We appreciate **Michael Lambros's Global Delights** for their continued support of RRCO events with coffee, tea, and all the condiments.

River Road businesses gave generously to provide Door Prizes at our Holiday Dessert Potluck. Please thank them for their community participation. And thank our neighbor Jen Hornaday for contacting our neighborhood businesses.

- Lane Transit District - Dozen bike & pedestrian blinking lights
- Carola Dunn - 3 Daisy Dalrymple mystery paperback books
- Brad Averill, Grizzlies Granola - 3 each 1 lb pkgs granola and cashews
- Kira Lehman's sister - two handmade origami dragon ornaments crafted from vintage silk
- Tio Pepe - two coupons - one \$5 off, one 10% off dinner
- Devote 30 computer store - wireless headsets, one white, one black
- North Eugene Automotive - free oil change, \$45 value
- Salon 51 - \$20 gift certificate
- Modern Classics Tattoo shop - 20% off any tattoo over \$100
- Muddy Paws - 4 free dog wash coupons & 2 doggie gift bags
- The Barber Shop, 903 River Road - three \$5 off haircut coupons
- River Road Sewing and Vacuum - free rental of carpet cleaner
- Jen Hornaday - \$20 off 1 hour massage
- Doug Hornaday, Artistic Arborist - 1 hour of tree care (up to \$150 value)
- Jen Hornaday - bee stickers, 1 each Bee Friendly, I love Bees, Give Bees a Chance bumper sticker
- Jen Hornaday - pint jar of honey, \$10 value
- River Road Rec Center - one 3-month adult pass (up to \$130 value), and one 10 punch card for use of Fitness Center

<http://www.eugene-or.gov/neighborhoods>

lorna.j.baldwin@ci.eugene.or.us

Heron Pond Habitat Team - **Bill Allison:**

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River Road Website:

riverroadco.org

Facebook Page:

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

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

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

- John and Maria Rudy - 1 hr free massage

RRCO Executive Board Meeting

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

It's time to take stock of the past year and plan the coming year. The ideas our neighbors suggested at the December meeting will be key to thinking about our future activities. Neighbors are always welcome and can contribute during the public comment period.

RRCO General Membership Meeting

February 10, 2014; 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
River Road Annex, 1055 River Road

RRCO General Membership Meeting - Board Elections

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Exciting News about the Goodwill Site

Thanks to the leadership of Clare Strawn, we are making progress towards placing neighborhood friendly businesses in the building formerly occupied by the Goodwill Store. NEDCO (Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation) is interested in working with us to find funding and to develop a sustainable business plan for the project. Coupled with a willing owner, we are building a good base for making our long term dream come true. Stay tuned for more information about how you can get involved or contact Clare at [clarestrawn@gmail.com](mailto:atclarestrawn@gmail.com).

Homeless Rest Stop Sites

The City of Eugene has selected the Trainsong site at Roosevelt Boulevard and Garfield Street for their first pilot site. It will allow up to 15 people to sleep overnight in tents.

Contact [Michael Wisth](#), a community programs analyst for the city, if you have any questions.

River Road and Howard Elementary School Replacement

Five neighbors volunteered to participate in the design


bank. Contact Lorna Baldwin.

Heron Ponds Habitat Team

Contact Bill Allison,
mrbill@rancholoco-salsas.com

Good Earth Home Garden & Living Show

Jan 24 - 26, 2014; Lane Events Center--Fairgrounds; Free admission with canned food donation for Food for Lane County; Exhibits, seminars, food for healthy living.



process--along with 4-J staff, school parents, and planners--to rebuild River Road and Howard Elementary Schools. The Howard design team has met and are excited about the upgrades to the school and the surrounding neighborhood.

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.

Brunner-Schmitz - Open House

The Brunner-Schmitz House was primarily built in 1920-22 and is a good representation of an early 20th Century farm house. Alterations to the building are minimal, and the original floor plan is intact. Much of the surrounding vegetation is mature. The house itself became a City of Eugene Historic Landmark in 2010.


Since making it a Historic Landmark, Don and Sylvia Sherry have hosted an annual open house at the Brunner-Schmitz House. This is not related to their business but is meant as an opportunity for people to view the inside of the house. (Many people in the neighborhood have been curious about the house or have a history of coming to the fruit and nut dryer that used to be out back.) They will host the Open House on January 18th from 10:00-2:00, 1410 River Road. They will provide some history about the house, beverages and cookies as well.

Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) Conference in Eugene

Put May 21 - 24 on your calendar.

Over 600 people will be visiting Eugene for the Conference. They will be both city staff, like we have here in Eugene, who provide services to their city's neighborhood associations and people from many of those neighborhood associations - from all over the country. This will be a great opportunity to show and tell out of town visitors what is happening in Eugene Neighborhoods.

A panel from River Road has been chosen to make a slide presentation at the Conference about what we are doing here to build a local food culture. There is a lot to show and tell. This will be an unprecedented opportunity to reach out to a much broader set of people - from all over the country and several foreign countries, too. Panel members will be Heiko Koester, Nick Rutledge, Jason Schreiner, Andrew Black, Ravi Logan and Jan Spencer.



Eugene Park Stewards

Monthly work parties at the **Filbert Grove** start the 2nd Saturday of each month. The first work party for 2014 is **Saturday, Jan 11, 9:00 to Noon.**

Filbert Grove is located at the end of McClure, along the bike path--just north of Stults Ave. The City will provide tools and snacks. Please dress for the weather. we will be digging out black berries and doing a bit more pruning. (This is not a good project for toddlers.)

The Filbert Grove is becoming a great neighborhood food resource. Close to 50 lbs of filberts were collected this past Fall. One day, there were 5 people collecting filberts at the same time, even a guy from Lithuania.

Work parties are fun. It's a beautiful site. We have support from the City of Eugene Park Stewards Program. This is a City program we can appreciate!

Here is a gallery of fotos of work parties over time, from the Filbert Grove.

<http://www.suburbanpermaculture.org/filbert-grove.html>

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

River Road House Concerts

The cultural life of River Road is getting zestier. Some House Concerts are livening us up. Check the River Road Facebook page to see all the house parties being held around Eugene and look at the one right here in River Road. Yippee!

What: Blind Boy Paxton and Lauren Sheehan

When: Wednesday, February 5, 2014 7:30 pm


Where: 755 River Rd Eugene, OR

Admission: \$15 door

Contact info: Mike Meyer mmeyer@efn.org

Website: <https://myspace.com/jdogsblues> <http://www.laurensheehanmusic.com/>

Tickets at the door only. Parking one block away on either



side. Please RSVP at mmeyer@efn.org

“Easily the most talented young acoustic bluesman to come along in many, many years.” - Living Blues Magazine

River Road Neighbor Hired by LTD for Tree Assessment on West 11th

LTD hired Sperry Tree Care, owned by our River Road neighbor, Nathaniel Sperry, to help with the siting of the West Eugene EmX. These details are interesting because it gives us a preview about how the work would be done when EmX comes up River Road. Here's a segment from the LTD E-newsletter.

RIGHT TREE, RIGHT PLACE

We've all navigated an uneven sidewalk where tree roots have caused upheaval and wondered why that wasn't planned better. Beginning as early as mid-2014, more than four and a half miles of sidewalk will be rebuilt where roadways are widened along the West Eugene EmX route. With this opportunity, the City of Eugene, LTD, and the landscape professionals on the design team are working together to create a landscape that will enhance the urban tree canopy, clean stormwater, and work well for pedestrians and adjacent businesses.

As part of the planning process, LTD hired Sperry Tree Care to walk the route to measure, count, and evaluate tree health. Nathaniel Sperry noted, "Along West 6th, 7th, and 11th Avenues, there are lots of stressed trees in hostile environments." He observed some situations of "right tree in the right place," as well as many cases where the wrong variety of tree was planted in a small space, resulting in poor tree health and sidewalk damage.

The EmX project landscape design will provide more soil rooting space for new street trees to improve their long-term health and protect sidewalks from upheaval. Tree varieties will be selected from the City of Eugene-approved street tree list. The project also will install stormwater planters with attractive vegetation to filter runoff and serve as a buffer to protect pedestrians on the sidewalk from moving traffic.

CONNECT TO PROJECT NEWS

Web: weemx.ltd.org



Blog: See postings every few weeks at [weemx blog](#)

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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. **"Like"** River Road Community Organization on **Facebook** and **'invite'** your friends to **'like'** us or find us on the web at riverroadco.org