

The River and Garden District

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**



February 4, 2014

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.

Watch for a postcard in the mail with information about upcoming meetings. As funding runs low for mailing postcards and newsletters, encourage your friends and neighbors to sign up for monthly electronic e-mails from RRCO: riverroadcommunityorganization@gmail.com.



~ River Road Community Organization ~

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

Several updates will inform us about the repurposing of the

RRCO Meetings 2nd Mondays 7-9pm

Feb 10, 2014: General
Membership Mtg - Howard
School replacement, EWEB
Commissioner, other

Mar 10: General Membership
Mtg - Board elections,

Goodwill Building to a community gathering place with businesses our community desires, Howard School Replacement, EWEB Commissioner to provide info and take questions, SCRRIP status, and land use activity. Changes are planned for the schedule for LTD bus #55. They want to know what ideas are feasible.

In order to be a candidate or vote in next month's election, a neighbor or business person must attend at least one meeting in the prior year. February is the last month to gain eligibility to be a member and vote or run for a seat on the RRCO Board.

Additional information about February RRCO meeting

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE NATURAL FOODS, A BAKERY, AND COMMUNITY SPACE IN THE GOODWILL BUILDING ON RIVER ROAD?

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP TODAY!

Help launch a neighborhood nonprofit to guide the effort and also provide support for other community projects. **Please take the survey** at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/J58ZRYT>.

Help find a potential anchor tenant that best serves the needs of the Neighborhood.

Learn about how Community Lending Works

<http://www.communitylendingworks.org/> can help build a fund for neighborhood community development including the Goodwill building, community food hub, arts and education by keeping our assets local. CLW also offers low interest loans to individuals, families, and micro-enterprise.

And what can it do for you?

Low interest loans to individuals, families, and micro-enterprise

Investment opportunities and tax deductions for neighborhood development

What can it do for the River Road community?

Goodwill Bldg update

Apr 14, 2014: Board Mtg - Officer elections

Announcements

Filbert Grove Work Party

Saturday, Feb 8, 2014, 9:00 -Noon

Contact list

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

Co-Chair Jon Belcher:

riverroadcommunityorganization@gmail.com

SCRRIP Co-Chair Jerry Finigan:

jerfinigan@comcast.net

Goodwill Building Redevelopment -

Clare Strawn:

clarestrawn@gmail.com

Homeless Rest Stops - Michael

Wisth:

Michael.C.Wisth@ci.eugene.or.us

Oregon Passenger Rail:

www.OregonPassengerRail.org

Neighborhood Services - Rene

Kane:

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

Eugene Park Stewards - Lorna

Baldwin:

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

Build a fund for neighborhood community development including Goodwill building, community food hub, arts and education by **keeping our assets local.**

Information and discussion about Community Lending Works on Monday Feb 10, 7 pm at the River Road Annex, 1055 River Road .

For more information, contact Clare Strawn 541-285-4504 cstrawn@gmail.com or Jan Spencer janrspencer@gmail.com

LTD Proposes changes to Route 55

Route 55 may lose its legs on Horn Lane, Lake Drive, Howard Avenue and Grove Street on one end but extend service to the Downtown Eugene Station at the other end in a pending proposal.

These are three ways for you to learn about the proposal and provide input:

- Attend the 2/10 RRCO General meeting (7-9 PM) at the River Road Park Annex where representatives will describe the proposed changes, answer questions and take input.
- Attend the LTD open house also at the River Road Park Annex on Wednesday, February 26 6 PM where representatives will also describe the proposed changes, answer questions and take input.
- Log onto the [LTD Annual Route Review Webpage](#) where you can find a map of the current and proposed routes, take a survey or email feedback.
- You can also attend other open houses, Neighborhood Meetings and LTD Board Public Hearings as outlined on this [webpage](#).

River Road and Howard Elementary School Replacement

Design has started on a new Howard Elementary School building. Groundbreaking may occur as early as spring 2014.

A design open house will be held on February 4 for community members to view the initial design, share comments, and visit with the architects and other design team members. Neighbors are cordially invited to attend.

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

Heron Pond Habitat Team - Bill Allison:
mrbill@rancholoco-salsas.com

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 bank. Contact Lorna Baldwin.

Heron Ponds Habitat Team

Contact Bill Allison,
mrbill@rancholoco-salsas.com

Schematic design: <http://4jnewschoolshoward-riverroad.org/howard-schematic.html>

A postcard will be sent to residences near the school. We would appreciate any assistance you can provide spreading the word in other ways.

New School Design Open House

Tuesday, February 4, 5:30-7 pm.

Howard Elementary School, 700 Howard Ave.

- 5:30 p.m. Open house begins
- 6:00 p.m. Presentation
- 7:00 p.m. Ending time

Stay in touch:

- Join the mailing list for school design news by emailing howarddesign@4j.lane.edu
- Watch for updates at www.4j.lane.edu/bond

Alternatively, you may also attend RRCO's February General Meeting where School Board members, 4-J staff and Pivot Architects will describe the plans and take your comments.



Eugene Park Stewards

Work Party at Filbert Grove

Saturday, February 8, 9:00 to Noon

Monthly work parties at **Filbert Grove** occur the 2nd Saturday of each month.

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.)

A photo gallery 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

What: David Grier in Concert
When: Friday, February 7, 8 pm
Where: House Concert 755 River Rd Eugene, OR
Admission: \$20 door
Contact info: Mike Meyer mmeyer@efn.org RSVP's requested
Parking one block away on either side

David Grier is an award winning Bluegrass guitarist.

RRCO E-Updates:
riverroadcommunityorganization@gmail.com
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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*p.m. All meetings are open to the public with a **public comment period.***

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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