

The River and Garden District

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

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

June 2014

Welcome to the RRCO eNewsletter.

RRCO regular monthly meetings -
Second Monday (USUALLY)

General Membership meeting - 7:00 to 8:30
p.m.

RRCO Board meeting - 8:30 - 9:15 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.

As funds run low for mailing postcards and
newsletters, encourage your friends and neighbors
to sign up for monthly e-News from
RRCO: riverroadcommunityorganization@gmail.com.

Big News

The River Road Board decided to hold a
General Membership meeting each
month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. for the
coming year, followed by a Board
meeting from 8:30 to 9:15 p.m. This is a
trial run. There is so much community
activity that the larger neighborhood
wants attention paid to, and we want
plenty of time for open deliberation and
community participation.

**RRCO General
Membership Meetings
2nd Mondays 7-8:30 pm;
Board meetings - 8:30 to
9:15 pm**

June 9: Public Safety & Plant
Swap

July 14: Branding & Beautifying
our Neighborhood

August 11: Food Preservation &
Veggie Swap

September 8: Transportation
Issues

RRCO Pancake Breakfast

Celebrate the River and Garden District with a Fall Pancake Breakfast. Volunteers are needed to help our able team. Set up tables, flip pancakes, wash dishes, donate fresh fruit, or just bring a friend and enjoy a special time of the year. Send an e-mail to riverroadcommunityorganization@gmail.com to volunteer. The date will be coming soon.

RRCO Board Seat Opens

Steve Leyman has resigned from the RRCO Board. Thank you, Steve, for your service. You provided a thoughtful perspective on issues and helped move things along.

We are seeking interested candidates. The Board has the power to appoint to open positions between elections, and we want to make sure we know of neighbors who might be interested in serving the River Road community. Exercise your voice and use your energy for the common good.

RRCO Seeks Newsletter Assistance

A volunteer has stepped forward for newsletter layout, but another person on the team to share the load would be great. Volunteers need computer graphics skills to layout occasional newsletters-- about one per year. Content and pictures are provided. Contact Co-Chair [Jon Belcher](#) to put your skills to work for your neighborhood.

Santa Clara-River Road Implementation Planning Team (SCRRIP)

Watch your mailbox for an intriguing invitation from River Road and Santa Clara Community Organizations for you to participate in or even host small group listening sessions. We are further refining ideas explored in the outreach project (SCRROL) that focused on Land Use, Transportation, Parks, and Governance. This is the beginning of the implementation phase to obtain an area plan, make recommendations to fix neighborhood connectivity and traffic problems, address concerns like public safety, and increase parks in the Santa Clara neighborhood. Here's a chance to shape the future.

Announcements

Pancake Breakfast - Coming Soon

Opportunities

Report Graffiti on EWEB Poles

Call [541-685-7457](tel: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](tel: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@rancholocosalsas.com

Ongoing Events & Neighborhood News

Veggie Potluck at Jan Spencer's
March 9 at 4:30, 212 Benjamin

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.

For more information, contact the SCRRIP
Transportation Committee ([Jon Belcher](#)) or Land
Use Committee ([Jerry Finigan](#)).

A recent video was made for the Working Cities
series (6 min). It includes some references to River
Road and Santa Clara.

<http://vimeo.com/90070606>

~ River Road Community Organization ~

RRCO General Membership Meeting

June 9, 2014; 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

RRCO Board Meeting - 8:30 to 9:15 p.m.

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Public Safety & Plant Swap. Representatives from
the Eugene Police and Lane County Sheriff have
been invited to discuss our public safety challenges.
It's time to roll out our Graffiti Response Plan, too.
Bring extra plants to swap with your neighbors.

RRCO General Membership Meeting

July 14, 2014; 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

RRCO Board Meeting - 8:30 to 9:15 p.m.

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Branding & Beautifying Our Neighborhood. Bring
ideas for a logo and slogan depicting River Road.
Opportunities will be shared to beautify River Road,
the river front, and other areas of our
neighborhood.

RRCO General Membership Meeting

August 11, 2014; 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

RRCO Board Meeting - 8:30 to 9:15 p.m.

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Food Preservation & Veggie Swap. Learn how to
make your garden bounty last through the winter
and share your excess with your neighbors.

[com](#)

SCRRIP Co-Chair Jerry

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Goodwill Building Redevelopment -

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Neighborhood Services - Rene Kane:

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Eugene Park Stewards - Lorna Baldwin:

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

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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

River Road

Permaculture Tour

Coordinated by Jan Spencer for
Neighborhoods USA 2014. Hosted by Ravi &
Michele at Dharmalaya. Visitors from all
over the nation. Food from Govinda's &
RRCO neighbors. The evening was a huge
success. Thank, Neighbors.

RRCO General Membership Meeting

September 8, 2014; 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

RRCO Board Meeting - 8:30 to 9:15 p.m.

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Aren't you sorry you didn't sign up for this NUSA tour?

Transportation Issues. Find out the latest plans for improving transportation in the neighborhood. Traffic calming, improved transit, and better functioning of Beltline. Join the conversation to make ttransit work for River Roaders.

North Eugene High School Ukelele Band at NUSA

Goodwill Building Art Display

As we wait for news of new occupants in the Goodwill Building, the art display is changing up. Check it out and appreciate Steve Norris's efforts to cheer our neighborhood.

Contact Clare Strawn <clarestrawn@gmail.com> or Karrie Walters <karrie42@gmail.com> for the latest information.

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Public Safety Notice

There has been another spate of unauthorized door-to-door solicitations. Vigilant citizens have been calling Eugene Police recently with reports of suspicious door-to-door solicitors. Reports of aggressive soliciting have come from areas near Riverview St., Coburg Rd./Pioneer Pike, Delta Hwy/Ayres Road, Honeywood St and South Eugene. While door-to-door sales could be legitimate, it's difficult to know for sure.

1. If they truly are selling products or services, or collecting for a cause, there's no way to know if they are illegitimate until it's too late to do anything about it. Products can be shoddy, and organizations non-existent. Services such as re-surfacing driveways can be outright scams. The safer move is to buy or donate directly, locally, working with groups you are familiar with, who have local references, and who you can find for follow-up as needed.

2. Criminals commonly use cover stories as excuses to see if a home is vacant, or to see what valuables are visible once you've opened the door. If

you answer the door they can claim to be selling products, collecting cans, or looking for an old friend. If you don't answer the door, they know the coast is clear for a break in. Daytime break-ins are common because that is when many people have gone to work, leaving their homes vacant.

Your safest move is to refuse to open the door to anyone you are uncomfortable with, and call police right away so that we can come out and identify them. As a primary line of defense; signs can be posted at your front door or gate that read, "No Solicitors," or "No Trespassing;" refuse to open the door to strangers - even with a chain latch on; install peep-holes and porch lights so that you can see who is at the door; Talk to them through the door, inform them you don't do business with door-to-door solicitors. Also, consider contacting your neighbors to give them a heads-up!

If you have questions or concerns about suspicious activity in your neighborhood, report it to the Eugene Police Department non-emergency line: [541-682-5111](tel:541-682-5111). If you see someone committing a crime - call 9-1-1!

Eugene Park Stewards

Work Party at Filbert Grove

Monthly work parties at **Filbert Grove** occur the 2nd Saturday of each month, 9:00 to Noon.

We have work parties at the Filbert Grove, located along the bike path just north of Stults Ave. at the end of McClure where it deadends into the Greenway. 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.

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

Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) Conference in Eugene

River Road was well represented at the NUSA Conference this past week. Jan Spencer coordinated a panel for River Road that made a slide presentation about what we are doing to build a local food culture. Panel members included Heiko Koester, Nick Rutledge, Jason Schreiner, Doug Black, Ravi Logan and Jan Spencer.

Govinda's prepared the majority of the potluck with side dishes provided by several River Roaders. Other River Roaders made financial donations for the feast. Ravi and Michele, along with their students, at Dharmalaya were great hosts. Several River Roaders and Santa Clarans took workshops to educate themselves about managing traffic problems, how to outreach and establish good dialogue with neighbors, how to live more sustainably, and gained inspiration from projects undertaken by neighborhoods around the country and across the world. It was a rich experience that we hope to use right here.

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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1055 River Road. *We usually meet the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are open to the public with a **public comment period.***

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