

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 2015

Welcome to the RRCO e-Newsletter.

RRCO regular monthly meetings –Second Monday

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

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

River Road Annex, 1055 River Road

RRCO General Membership Meeting

June 8, 2015 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

River Road Annex, 1055 River Road

General Meeting Agenda 7:00 to 8:30

- Announcements and introductions. (15 minutes)
 - James Manning – EWEB Commissioner – update
 - Permaculture Convergence
 - Resilient Food Network
 - SCRRIPT Update
- Confirm appointments of Anne Love and Mary Walston to executive board
 - Spring into action! Neighborhood beautification? Block parties? Tool exchanges?
Come see all the ways to get involved. Board meeting to follow

Executive Meeting Agenda 8:30 to 9:15

- Selection of representatives to Affordable Housing advisory committee.

Summary of June General Meeting

- The membership voted unanimously to support the Northwest Permaculture Convergence which is taking place August 28-30.
- Ellen E. Meyi-Galloway and Stephanie Jennings, both from City of Eugene Community Development, presented an overview of their “Land Acquisition for Affordable Housing Program” and then answered questions related to the potential purchase of property (approx.. 3 acres) at 1515-1525 River Road for affordable housing.

They answered questions that focused on design parameters, how the process will move forward and how the project will relate with the rest of the neighborhood.

- During the Executive Board Meeting after the meeting, Anne Love was appointed to the Executive Board. At the subsequent Board Meeting Mary Walston was also elected to the Executive Board.

Future meeting topics

July 13, 2015 7:00 to 8:30 – Board Meeting. We are giving you a summer break from General Meetings this month. We will be holding an executive board meeting however and we invite you to join us to discuss items of interest and to give you a chance to watch the board in action!

August 10, 2015 6:30 to 8:30 Neighborhood Picnic

We have secured a pavilion at Emerald Park for an old-fashioned neighborhood picnic. Stay tuned for more information!

September 12 Pancake Breakfast

September 14, 2015 7:00 to 8:30 General Meeting: Food Harvest

October 12 2015 7:00 to 8:30 General Meeting: Disaster Preparedness

Razor Park work parties

Neighbors are needed for an ongoing project to remove weeds/invasive plants in Razor Park! This is crunch time, as thistles and dock are setting seed, and the soils are still moist enough (but not for long) to be able to get them out by the roots, and also to grub poison oak. They plan to grub PO only through the end of June for this season...and have quite a ways to go to clear the wide buffer along the mowed paths that we've promised the city we will do.oid pesticide use by City crews. FMI Becky Riley Friends of Razor Park [541-461-4281](tel:541-461-4281) briley@efn.org

Land Use Updates

Lot Line Adjustments [LA-15-0014](#) and [LA-15-0015](#) propose to adjust property lines between Glass Spray (595 River Rd.), Las Morenas (585 River Road) and Family Karate Center (577 River Rd.) and the empty lot behind them to provide a larger parking lot for Family Karate Center.

Update: SCRRIPT

Santa Clara-River Road Implementation Planning Team

The meeting with River Road school families on April 29 was very worthwhile. Thank you to Betty, Maradee, Hillary, Jon, Pat, Carleen, Zach, Kate, Erin, Karen, and Odell for preparing and serving food, working with a dozen children, listening thoughtfully to a half-dozen moms, translating for all, and for the moms who shared their concerns and dreams for our neighborhood. It was a good experience, and we all learned some new concerns.

RRCO also had a table at the River Road Elementary School Fiesta on May 1. What a fantastic turnout! It was fun to see all the excitement, particularly for the children, and the hard work of lots of people to put on the Fiesta.

For more information contact Carleen Reilly at [<carleenr@gmail.com>](mailto:carleenr@gmail.com) or [541-689-8561](tel:541-689-8561).

Eugene City Parks and RECreate is focused on new and different ways to put the power of shaping your parks and recreation system in your hands. The pop-up tour is a pilot project aimed at moving beyond traditional community engagement tools to reach Eugene residents where you are in a fun and interactive way.

FREE activities include:

- Chatter Box Recording Station
- Picture Your Parks Photo Booth
- Parks & Recreation Information
- Public Input Opportunities
- Pedal Powered Music
- Kids' Activities
- Ice Cream

Events in our area include:

- 6/25 4-6 PM Bi-Mart Parking Lot

- 7/30 6-8:30 PM Aubrey Park (Concert in the Park)
- 7/31 7-9:30 AM Maury Jacobs (Breakfast at the Bridge)

4-J seeks historical information and artifacts

As they begin to design finishing touches for the new Howard and River Road/El Camino elementary schools, the designers are hoping to incorporate the history of River Road and these two schools. If you have any information or materials that may be of use please contact Beth Gerot at gerot_b@4j.lane.edu

Breakfast at the Bike Bridges

Breakfast at the Bridges is designed for path users and commuters to grab a quick bite to eat and a cup of coffee, meet City staff, learn more about transportation in Eugene, and get a bicycle safety check all at the same time.

- FREE breakfast of bagels, cream cheese and coffee provided by [Full City Coffee Roasters](#), [Bagel Sphere](#) & [Nancy's Yogurt](#)
- FREE bike safety checks
- Eugene Police will register bicycles at our events this summer!

Events in the River Road Area

(7:00AM – 9:30AM)

- **July 31st FRIDAY - Greenway Bridge**, Maurie Jacobs Park/across from Valley River Center
- **September 25th FRIDAY - Delta Ponds Bridge**, just north of the river path intersection to Delta Ponds Bridge

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 cleanup 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

NOTE: RRCO Board and General Membership Meetings are usually held at the River Road Annex, 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 jbelcher@efn.org, RRCO Co-Chair, with your questions or concerns about the neighborhood or River Road Community Organization.

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