

# 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

July 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

**!!!!Please note!!!! This month's meeting is solely a board meeting. Nonetheless, everyone is welcome to attend. You will have the opportunity to share your thoughts as we work through the agenda.**

**RRCO Board Meeting  
July 13, 2015 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.  
River Road Annex, 1055 River Road**

## Executive Board Meeting Agenda 7:00 to 8:30

- Announcements and introductions.
  - Second Little Library is assigned
- SCRRIP and Area Plan Update
- Our request for a speed limit reduction on River Road. What is possible and what should our strategic plan be?
- Incorporating River Road with the State. Getting a checking account is complicated.
- Further planning for our summer events and future meetings, specifically the Picnic on 8/11 and Pancake Breakfast on 9/12

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## Mark your Calendars: River Road Community Organization PICNIC!!!!

Come join us at Emerald Park (1400 Lake Drive) from 6:30 to 8:30 to meet neighbors, City Councilor Claire Syrett, and the planners of Moving Ahead who will provide ice cream. More details to follow but put it on your calendar now!

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## Future meeting topics

### 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

## Watch Your Snail Mailbox

Soon you should see a River Road Community Organization newsletter. Check it out! Thanks for the hard work by Clare Strawn, Ally Mayer, Karrie Walters-Warren and Carleen Reilly for making it happen!

## Land Use Updates

### 621 and 475 River Avenue Stor N Lok Applications

The owner is proposing to expand their storage facility from 475 onto 621 River Avenue replacing a now demolished Veterinary Clinic. They propose 5 storage buildings totaling 24,450 sq. ft.

[Adjustment Review - Minor](#) :The request is for 621 River Avenue to adjust the setback requirement of 0-15 ft to 35 feet to allow an access lane at the front of the property. They are also asking to remove the requirement to have the building façade and landscaping in that first 15 feet. They are also asking to be allowed to have their bay openings face River Road.

[Site Review](#) This is required for Storage Facilities in C-2 Zoning

[Variance Request](#) The request is for 475 River Avenue to increase the allowed fence height from 42" to 60" on the front of the property for security purposes.

### Maxwell & North Park Area:

[Zone Change Request](#), [Metro Plan Amendment](#) and [Metro Plan Amendment](#) from General Office (GO) to Medium Density Residential (R2)

8.7 Acres between the Maxwell Connector and North Park, just north of under construction Pennington Estates. They also plan to request that the C-1 (neighborhood commercial) property to the north on Maxwell be rezoned to C-2 (Community Commercial)

If you have concerns or seek more information please contact Jon Belcher [jbelcher@efn.org](mailto:jbelcher@efn.org)

Update: SCRRIPT

Santa Clara-River Road Implementation Planning Team

SCRRIPT is actively planning a double-barreled event on July 30. Santa Clara is hosting a Concert in the Park on July 30 at Awbrey Park on River Road at 6:30. Eleven Eyes, "electronica-accented" dance music will be featured. You can ride a Pedal Powered bike and take a survey to guide the development of Eugene's Parks and recreation facilities through the next decade.

Before the Concert, SCRRIPT will be gathering the River Road and Santa Clara Community Resource Groups at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church at 1410 River Road (across the street and to the south of Awbrey Park). We'll meet at 5:15 for some refreshments and gather at 5:30 to meet one another face-to-face. We'll have a brief explanation of the Area Plan development and potential timeline for our work. We'll end by 6:30. Bring your lawn chairs and picnic to eat during the Concert.

SCRRIPT will also have a display at the RRCO picnic on August 10 at Emerald Park at 6:00 p.m. Bring your questions and ideas so we can chat about them.

We are still looking for new members for our Community Resource Groups (CRGs). Contact Carleen Reilly at <[carleenr@gmail.com](mailto:carleenr@gmail.com)> for more information or to sign up for regular weekly e-mails.

See you around this summer.

Carleen Reilly and the SCRRIPTers

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## Road Projects Happening in the 'Hood This Summer

Lane County:

Contact: **Jim Steers, Project Manager, [541-682-6929](tel:541-682-6929)**

*Road Name: Maxwell Rd (River Rd - Prairie Rd)*

*Description: The project includes repairing failing asphalt, paving the roadway and placing pavement markings.*

*Scheduled Construction: Construction will continue weekdays. Traffic will be merged into the center lane, as necessary. Expect minimal delays.*

*Road Name: River Rd (Maxwell Rd - Horn Ln)*

*Description: The project includes repairing failing asphalt, paving the roadway and placing pavement markings.*

*Scheduled Construction: Construction will continue weekdays. Traffic will be merged into a single lane, as necessary. Expect minimal delays.*

*Construction is anticipated to continue until August 28.*

Follow the progress at: <http://www.lanecounty.org/Departments/PW/Pages/summerroadconstruction.aspx>

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## 4-J seeks historical information and artifacts

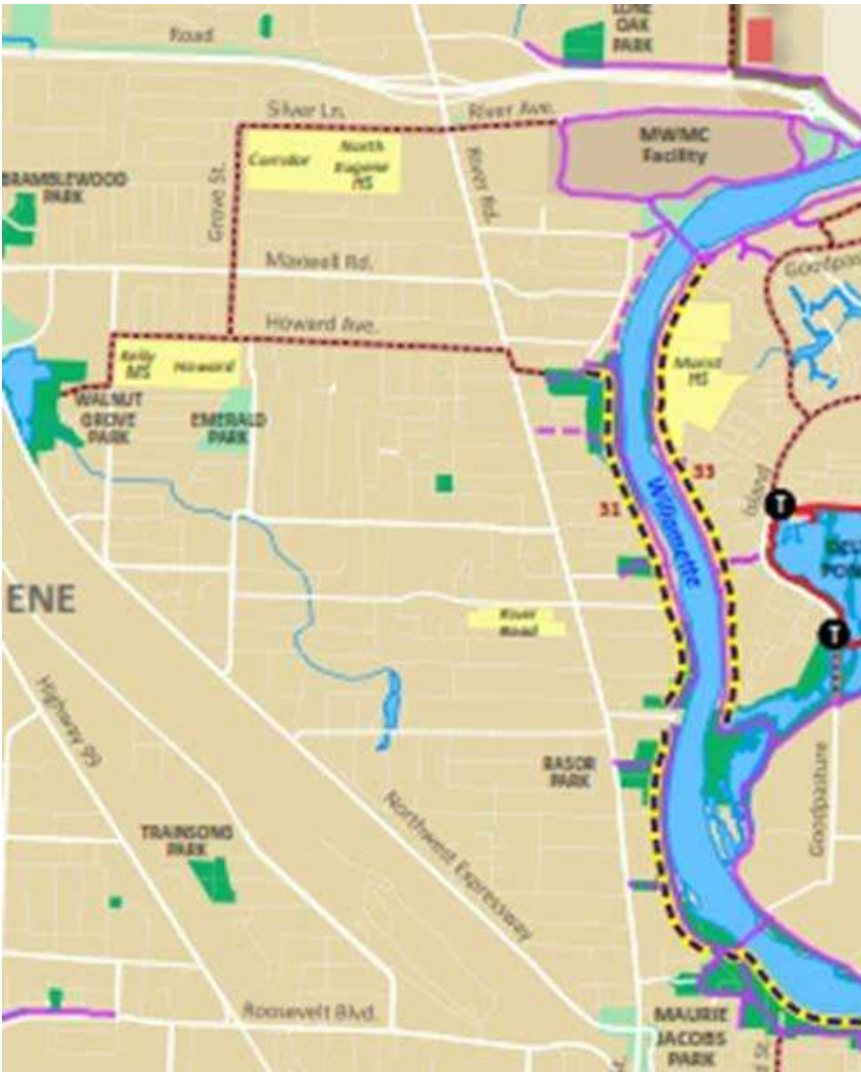
As they begin to design finishing touches for the new Howard and River Road/EI Camino elementary schools, the designers are hoping to incorporate the history of River Road and these two schools. If you have any information or materials that may be of use please contact Beth Gerot at [gerot\\_b@4j.lane.edu](mailto:gerot_b@4j.lane.edu)

Also check out the construction progress at: <http://www.4jnewschoolshoward-riverroad.org/home.html>

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## Eugene Trails Plan Final Open House - 6:00 - 8:00PM, Tuesday July 28, 2015!

Please attend and share your thoughts on the following projects in our neighborhood:



For more information see <http://www.eugene-or.gov/index.aspx?NID=2543>

## 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:

[riverroadcommunityorganization@gmail.com](mailto: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 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

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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](mailto:jbelcher@efn.org) , RRCO Co-Chair, with your questions or concerns about the neighborhood or River Road Community Organization.

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