

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

December 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 – third Monday 7 – 8:30 PM

River Road Annex, 1055 River Road

River Road Community Organization Meeting Agenda

Monday December 14th, 2015 - 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

River Road Annex 1055 River Road

Please bring a sweet or savory dish to share. Spend some time in the warm glow of good friends and neighbors. Liquid refreshments will be provided.

We look forward to discussing upcoming efforts to create an Area Plan. Learn more about this important process, which encompasses issues of transportation, land use, parks, neighborhood services like public safety, and governance in the River Road neighborhood. Planning efforts start soon. We want to know what you think! Come join us!

RRCO Board Meeting

There will be no RRCO Executive Board meeting in December.

Future Meetings

Monday January 11th Meet your neighborhood businesses

Monday February 8th Progress Report on Disaster Preparedness

Monday March 14th Neighborhood Elections. Please contact Jon Belcher at jbelcher@efn.org to learn more about how you can help the 'hood!

Monday April 11th Public Candidates Forum

Watch for your RRCO postcard, E-News or Facebook Page for future meeting dates and topics!

Greenway Oak Grove Parcel Acquired For Razor Park

Friends of Razor Park has been working for several months to get the City of Eugene to purchase a parcel of land at the north end of Razor Park (along the Willamette Greenway). The lot contains a small Oregon white oak grove which is significant ecologically, and also contributes greatly to the majestic feel of the north entry to the park.

The stars aligned, and the City of Eugene made a base offer on the parcel. However, additional funding was needed to meet the seller's price. An outpouring of generosity this week from our neighborhood and community helped raise the nearly \$10,000 needed to secure the deal. Special thanks to all who donated (or wrote to the City, or asked friends to write)! It has been a heavy lift, but with a few additional major donors, we managed to raise the needed funds quickly. If all goes as planned, the property transaction should be complete.

Thanks also to the RRCO general membership who passed a motion in support of this acquisition, and to the RRCO board for writing letters to City officials that helped get the City involved to begin with. The opportunity to acquire this parcel (and protect it from development) was a long time coming, but it is a fine gift for our neighborhood and our furred and feathered friends who live in the Greenway!

There are still a few hundred dollars in transaction costs that need to be covered. Additional donations, earmarked for Razor Park Acquisition, can be sent to the Eugene Parks Foundation, PO Box 11618, Eugene, O 97440-3818. Or, you can contribute online via the Eugene Parks Foundation website: www.eugeneparksfoundation.org/giving.htm (For Project, select Other, then specify "Friends of Razor Park/Razor Park Acquisition" within the Paypal screen, Note to Seller.)

-Becky Riley Friends of Razor Park

Park Maintenance Work Event

There will be a work party for volunteers to maintain the plants at CADOJEN/Maynard park (at the end of East Maynard Avenue) on Saturday December 19 from 10am-1pm!

It would be great if you can bring recycled newspaper for around trees, shovels & a wheelbarrow if you can but that is not necessary. We will be borrowing a few tools from the city & hope they provide a few snacks... But it's nice to add a snack to the table to share if you can!

Let's hope for nice weather for these hours... But rain the day before!! Please pass this message on to others- thanks for your support! For more information contact Jen Hornaday [541-914-2225](tel:541-914-2225)

Update: SCRRIPT

About 110 River Road and Santa Clara neighbors shared information about their concerns in the Listening Sessions, and we are compiling a list of the concerns/challenges that we want to address. Our first project is organizing to develop an Area Plan that will define what we, as neighbors, think should be built where, how we protect our open spaces, and agree on land use and transportation solutions--among many items.

At the RRCO Holiday Dessert Potluck, we will have our first peek at a draft timeline that shows the decision-making levels and opportunities for public input. You may also indicate what skill or interest you have in formulating ideas and solutions in partnership with a team of neighbors.

Send Carleen Reilly an e-mail if you want to received the weekly River Road Community Resource Group (RR CRG) e-message. And encourage your neighbors to join the RR CRG, too. carleenr@gmail.com

Volunteer neighborhood leadership needed

October RRCO meeting introduced the Map Your Neighborhood program for emergency preparedness. The program provides training and materials for neighbors (at most 30 nearby households) to share information and plans in case of emergency.

Five block captains volunteered on Monday night. They will be inviting their neighbors to a house party to learn how they can support each other in a crisis to be sure that everyone is OK.

Now we need someone to volunteer to support the block captains. That person would distribute materials and information to people who want to host Map Your Neighborhood Activities. They would also follow up to see how the block meetings and other activities are developing and serve as a liaison to the RRCO board. There is \$1400 available to pay for materials if we can organize this initiative.

For more information, contact Clarestrawn@gmail.com

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

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

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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, RRCO Co-Chair, with your questions or concerns about the neighborhood or River Road Community Organization.

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