

River Road Community Resource Group:

What a sunny warm morning! Get on that bicycle or out in the garden if you can.

Recap of RRCO meeting on Public Safety

For those of you who attended the Monday evening meeting with the line up of Eugene and Lane County law enforcement officers and Parks and Open Space spokesperson, this may be a bit of a repeat. A 4-page handout was distributed. **[Let me know if you want me to send you this document. Neighbors tell me that they don't like attachments.]** Hopefully it will be posted on the RRCO website soon. <http://riverroadco.org/wp/> Many of the resource links are posted in a Public Safety section on Resources.

This session was not geared to hearing our neighbors' personal experiences with crime. We have done that quite a few times over the last 5 years. (It was August of 2011 when our house was burglarized--along with many other in our neighborhood. In September of 2011, we had our first major forum with police officers.)

Monday evening's program was aimed at seeking solutions. Neighbors offered many ideas that I won't go through here. **A follow up meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m. at Emerald Park on Lake Drive in Room D.**

A clipboard was circulated to get a list of people who would like to work on a Public Safety committee. The May 17 meeting and the committee will review this list of ideas and probably come up with their own for all of us to consider.

Also located on the RRCO website is a set of documents from the 2014 Listening Sessions. One is entitled: **What we heard -- Public Safety - Final**. You can read what our neighbors told us about the problems, their suggested solutions, and what would be the best outcomes/vision for the future.

http://riverroadco.org/wp/?page_id=847

The bottom line is that we, as neighbors, need to band together to implement any solutions; and we are one another's best defense with ongoing mail theft, vandalism, burglaries, bike theft, and gang activity.

Report every event to the City and to the County. The two governmental jurisdictions do not share data and the final word from the sheriff Monday evening was that they probably never will. The Sheriff's department needs software that includes management of a jail. The City has other needs. The City tracks crime data and uses it to focus their forces. Lane County has no data analyst, and they are focused on getting more patrols on the street. However, we were unable to obtain a picture of what kinds of crime occurs and where. Many of you have reminded me of the many deaths in recent times through child abuse, domestic violence, arson, personal grievances, and mental health issues. But we haven't found a compilation that would help us be more aware and focus prevention energies.

Here's some EPD stats and other information from the handout:

Rough look at EPD calls 2015

It is difficult to compare to other neighborhoods because of incomplete data. The numbers below do not include the neighborhood south of Park or west of Grove and Emerald Park or calls to Sheriff.

- 171 property crimes (16 bikes)
- 61 crimes against persons (18 sexual)
- 41 auto related
- 36 drugs and DUII
- 25 behavioral problems
- 6 animal related
- 5 weapons violations
- 44 warrants

You can see interactive map of Eugene PD calls on

<http://projects.registerguard.com/police/eugene/2016/>

You can see the map of Sheriff's calls here:

<http://www.lanecounty.org/Departments/Sheriff/Pages/default.aspx>

In an emergency, call 911. They will sort out which department to call. The EPD and Sheriff's office back each other up. EPD non emergency, [541-682-5111](tel:541-682-5111); drug TIPLINE. [541-682-6266](tel:541-682-6266); sheriff non emergency, [541-682-4150](tel:541-682-4150).

When you are in Eugene parks, use the Park Watch application (<http://www.eugene-or.gov/2411/Park-Watch---Report-A-Safety-Issue>) on your PC or Smartphone to report issues. Options include Illegal Camping, Drug Deals or Drug Use, Graffiti, Public Urination, Theft, Trash, Garbage, Debris in Park, Vandalism, etc.) Then enter the location (e.g., West Bank). This allows you to drag a marker to the exact location and then enter a description and your contact information) with the option of requesting that it be kept confidential.

Alternately, you can call their phone line: [541-682-4800](tel:541-682-4800).

Well, neighbors. I hadn't meant this to be so long, but I do want to empower you to participate in creating a safer neighborhood, right now and in the future.

Stay safe,
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