

SANTA CLARA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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River Road—Santa Clara Neighborhood Planning is in the home stretch!

After 5 years, thousands of hours volunteered by hundreds of residents, and too many meetings to count, the River Road/Santa Clara Neighborhood Plan is being reviewed by residents before it makes its way to the City of Eugene and Lane County planning commissions, Eugene City Council, and Lane County Commissioners. **This plan will guide decision making about how our neighborhoods grow and change over the next 30 years and will help us advocate for resources to move toward the vision laid out by residents.**

At the outset of this collaborative process, we set the stage for ongoing resident oversight and responsibility through the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) made up of 11 voting members and 2 alternates. Their role is to weigh the perspectives and input of the whole community and act as a representative body of the neighborhoods in creating a recommendation for the plan.

Both the Santa Clara and River Road Community Organizations must send recommendations to the CAC, who in turn sends a recommendation on to the joint planning commissions. They review the plan, make changes they deem appropriate, and forward their recommendation on to the Lane County Board of Commissioners and the Eugene City Council.

This train of recommendations begins with you, the residents. We trust that you have looked at the plan (below are links to the plan

documents) and given feedback either in person or online. If not, please send that feedback along without delay to both RRSCPlan@eugene-or.gov and contact@santaclaracommunity.org

SCCO's process for making a recommendation will be:

- Post feedback from outreach week of June 19th. See SCCO website for details.
- Executive board deliberation and decision week of June 26th. See SCCO website for details (date TBD). This meeting will have the opportunity for public comment at the beginning and then be closed to participation during deliberations.
- July 6th SCCO general meeting will feature a presentation of the feedback, a synopsis of the deliberations, and reporting of the board decision for a recommendation. General membership may affirm or overturn a board decision at this meeting.

You can continue to be involved and advocate for your beliefs at public hearings in front of the joint planning commissions and the elected officials.

Stay informed at the project webpage
<https://engage.eugene-or.gov/rrsc-neighborhood-plan>

<https://santaclaracommunity.org/scco/rrsc-neighborhood-plan/>

RRSC Neighborhood Plan Documents

Draft Neighborhood Plan <https://www.eugene-or.gov/DocumentCenter/View/65547/RRSC-Neighborhood-Plan-Draft>

Draft Action Plan <https://www.eugene-or.gov/DocumentCenter/View/65546/RRSC-Action-Plan-Draft>

Draft Neighborhood-specific Code

- Summary <https://www.eugene-or.gov/DocumentCenter/View/69844/RRSC-Neighborhood-Specific-Code-Amendments-Summary>
- Full Text <https://www.eugene-or.gov/DocumentCenter/View/69810/RRSC-Neighborhood-Specific-Code-Amendments>



SCCF Summer Garden Party

Fundraiser for the Santa Clara Community Foundation

SAVE-THE-DATE

Saturday, July 22, 2023, time TBD

Come join the fun as we continue to raise money for our various neighborhood community projects.

There will be food & drink, music, activities, a silent auction, door prizes, tabling opportunities for local artisans, and lots of community engagement. But, remember it's a fundraiser so be prepared to support the Foundation's local projects—ongoing, and in the works. Like the "old schoolhouse" community center, and the Hileman Landing Park rehabilitation projects.

The Garden Party will be hosted by Tim & Deneen Foelker at their properties in north Santa Clara off E. Beacon Drive. If you're a "Foundation Friend" volunteer (or want to become one) and want to assist at the party please call 541-689-8897 or visit the SCCF web site. <https://santaclaracommunityfoundation.org/>

If you plan to attend please **RSVP** at our web site. If you have offers of items or services for the Silent Auction please give Tim a call at 541-689-8897.

Santa Clara Community Foundation is the Santa Clara neighborhood's very own 501(c)3 community supporting organization serving all the residents of our beautiful northwest Eugene area, in Lane County, Oregon.

Santa Clara Projects

Update information and links

Santa Clara Community Garden

Garden plots (240 sq. ft) are available behind St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 4110 River Road. There are tools available to help take care of your veggies, and water is provided. The plot rental fee is \$60 for the year.

For more information contact Peter at: thurstop@gmail.com

Irving Mural Project (Irving Grange)

<https://irvinggrange.org/irving-community-mural/>

Peace Village Co-op



SquareOne Villages is currently under construction on Peace Village Co-op at 3060 River Road, in front of the Peace Presbyterian Church. The 70 units of permanently affordable, resident-owned housing are expected to be complete by the end of the year. Applications will be available this fall, and you can sign up to be notified when applications are released at www.squareonevillages.org/peace

City of Eugene and Lane County Transportation Projects.

For details, updates, and contacts visit the following webpages:

- West Bank Bike Path extension
<https://www.eugene-or.gov/4860/West-Bank-Path-Extension>
- Irvington Drive and Hyacinth Street - Eugene Enhanced Walking Network
<https://www.eugene-or.gov/4832/Eugene-Enhanced-Walking-Network>
- River Road Santa Clara Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge
<https://www.eugene-or.gov/5028/River-Road-Santa-Clara-Bicycle-and-Pedes>
- Spring Creek Dr Traffic Calming Pilot
<https://www.lanecounty.org/springcreek>
- Hunsaker Lane Improvements
<https://www.eugene-or.gov/4988/Hunsaker-Lane-Improvements>
The Hunsaker/Irving intersection will be the 1st protected intersection in Eugene <http://www.protectedintersection.com/>
- Division Avenue Roundabouts
<https://www.eugene-or.gov/4857/Division-Avenue-Roundabouts>

SCCO meetings are the first Thursday of each month and should last about 1 1/2 to 2 hours

Sunshine and Fun at the 12th Annual Awbrey Park Wildflower Celebration

Blue skies and 77-degree weather greeted visitors to the Awbrey Park Wildflower Celebration. Every spring, the Friends of Awbrey Park invite the Santa Clara community to a celebration of native flowers, shrubs, and trees. While the plants were the main attraction, attendees were also entertained with live music by local musicians, lots of kids games, rock and face painting, cake, and the opportunity to connect with several neighborhood groups, learning more about Santa Clara.



Attendees could take a self-guided tour just to explore the plants or turn the tour into a treasure hunt for a native plant to take home. The tour guided people past False Solomon's seal, camas, fawn lilies, trillium, red flowering currant, Hooker's fairy bell, Oregon grape, and much more. The tour guided people along the outer edge of the park's playfield, then over two bridges into a small forest. There children found salamanders and newts while trying to figure out the various bird calls.

There were a lot of first-time visitors to the park, including many from just a few blocks away. They were glad to find a well-maintained park and took advantage of the information that was available about the various groups. The Santa Clara Community Organization was present with information about the planning timeline for the Neighborhood Plan. Other groups included the Santa Clara Foundation, the Irving Grange, Mural Mice (a favorite with the kids), Save the Bee, three different Emergency Preparedness groups, the Master Gardener's mobile clinic, Boy Scout Troop 182, the River Road Santa Clara Volunteer Library, and the Eugene's Parks and Open Spaces Volkswagen van.

Follow the Friends of Awbrey Park by searching on Facebook for 'Friends of Awbrey Park – Eugene.'

The Friends of Awbrey Park have been holding five to six work parties a year for 15 years. You can contact them for advice and information by emailing them at awbreyparkvolunteers@gmail.com or check the SCCO calendar for event dates and times <https://santaclaracommunity.org/scco/calendar/>

Article submitted by G. Haliski. Photos courtesy of J. Damewood, Susanne, Jesika, and others.

Adopt a Santa Clara Park — Let's take care of our parks.

Santa Clara is home to several city parks, including nine Neighborhood Parks, a Natural Area Park along the river, and a future 35-acre Community Park. Plus two county parks. All can use your help.

You can form a volunteer group to 'adopt' and take care of your nearby park. Some parks just need a spring and fall tune-up, while others could use monthly work parties.

Wendover Park volunteers hold monthly work parties.

To join them, contact karenla@uoregon.edu

Or contact the city at eugeneparkvolunteers@ci.eugene.or.us

Hileman Park volunteers. To participate, follow the link at <https://santaclaracommunityfoundation.org/hileman> and fill out the form for dates you're available.

Interested in volunteering at other county parks (Whitely Landing). Email: laneparks@lanecountyor.gov

Volunteering at undeveloped parks can be a good way to learn about future park designs and amenities and possibly influence the future of a park.

SCCO Summer Events

Summer Fun in Santa Clara

Looking for an event the entire family can enjoy? SCCO is planning a picnic with music at one of our local parks. Bring a picnic lunch, enjoy games in the park for the kids, and meet some neighbors as you listen to music by local artists.

The specific date is still TBD, but you can find more information as details unfold on the SCCO website at santaclaracommunity.org.

AND... if you're interested in volunteering for this event, you can contact Terri Reed at tannereed@gmail.com.



Game Nights in the Park

July 11 Wendover Park. 5-7pm

July 18 Arrowhead Park. 5-7pm

There will be lots of activities for all ages. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun: play games, bring chairs and a picnic, meet neighbors, and learn more about Santa Clara.

Check the SCCO calendar for other Santa Clara summer events at <https://santaclaracommunity.org/scco/calendar/>

Would you like to participate in support for neighborhood diversity? To request one of our colorful, free lawn signs, please email sjc@santaclaracommunity.org





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1250 Irvington Drive
Eugene, Or 97404

Next SCCO Meetings

July 6

August 3

September 7

Contact Us

Email: contact@santaclaracommunity.org

Visit us on the web at: santaclaracommunity.org

Find us on Facebook under:

Santa Clara Community Organization

We are also on Twitter: Find us by searching Twitter for:

@sccoorg

Meetings

1st Thursday of each month

7:00 PM in person or via Zoom. Meetings last about 1.5 to 2 hrs

Find the meeting location and Zoom link on the web at :

santaclaracommunity.org

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