

### July 19th General Meeting: Homeless Camping in Our Area ... Mental Health Stabilization Center

There will be two major topics at our upcoming General Meeting:

- **Captain Doug Mozan, Eugene Police Department, about the homeless camping we've been experiencing.** How widespread is it? Why is it occurring? How do we report it? How will it be handled? Come to the meeting ready to report any incidents and ask questions.
- **Jason Davis, Lane County Health & Human Services, about their plans to create a mental health "Stabilization Center."** It will be able to handle up to 42 people in crisis at once, both referrals and walk-ins. They are very early in the planning process and are gathering community input about how to design the center and where to locate it. Bring questions!

And we're planning for this meeting to be **face-to-face, back to the way it used to be!**

It will be **July 19, 7 to 9 pm, at Gilham Community Church, 3633 Gilham Road.**

We're planning for a face-to-face meeting, but you might want to check as the date nears.

**Sign up for our newsletter to hear about any changes.** Email [newsletter@neneugene.org](mailto:newsletter@neneugene.org).

There will hand sanitizer and masks available. **And cookies!**



**July 19th, 2022, NeN Meeting**

- Captain Mozan, EPD, about homeless camping in NeN: why it's happening, how to report it
- Lane County speaker about their plans for a mental health stabilization center
- Meeting open to everyone who lives or has a business here
- 7 to 9 pm, Gilham Community Church, 3633 Gilham Road

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# Why NeN Needs the “Arterial Bridge” (and What It Is)

By John Faville, NeN Board Member

**What it is.** This new bridge will parallel the Beltline bridge and provide a route for crossing the Willamette River between Green Acres Road and the Santa Clara area. It will carry local traffic at local speeds and will create the only route for transit to cross the river north of downtown. There will be separate, dedicated lanes for biking and for pedestrians.

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the City of Eugene have been working on plans for fixing Beltline’s problems for decades. The result is the Beltline Facility Plan for addressing the whole stretch from Delta Highway to River Road. The arterial bridge is a part of the plan that can be constructed separately from the rest. (A diagram is below.)

**Why it matters for NeN.** It will create a safer and easier route for the roughly 17,000 local trips that have to use the Beltline each day. It will make it possible for LTD to run routes all the way from the new Santa Clara Station to PeaceHealth Hospital. Cyclists and walkers will be able to connect to the City’s current and future plans for active transportation.

A new bridge will make our area more resilient in the case of disaster. The existing Beltline bridge is 60 years old and seismically fragile. And accidents and congestion have at times cut off the only route for emergency vehicles.

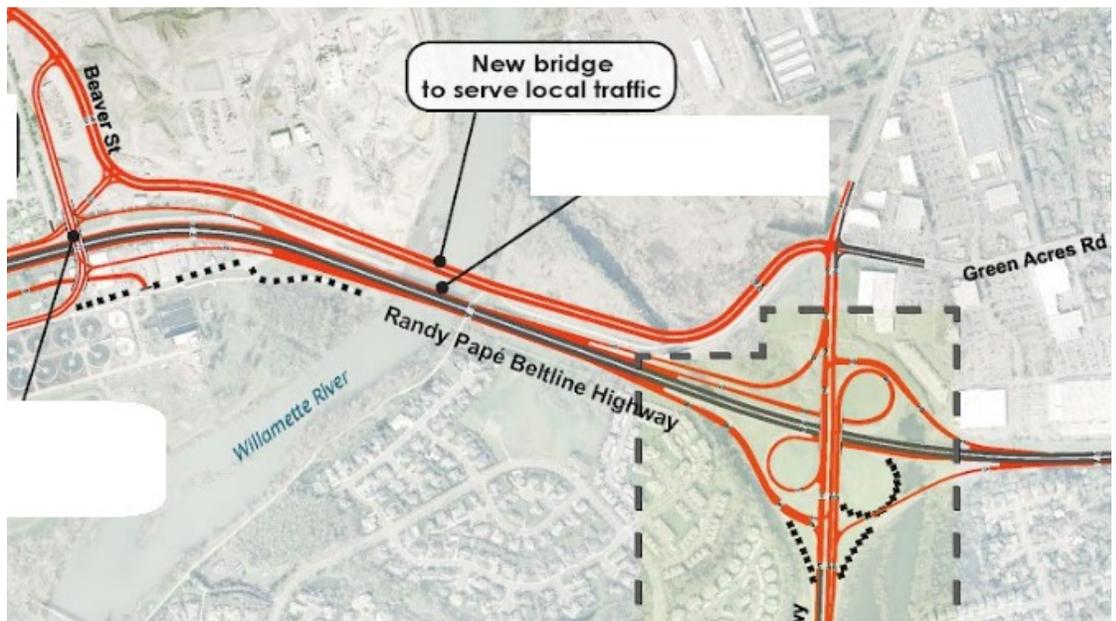
**Paying for it.** The bridge will be a large project, \$125 million. The federal infrastructure bill provides money for transportation, but there are many hands reaching for it. ODOT, the City, and LTD will all play roles in making sure that funding reaches our area and our needs.

**NeN is gathering support for the project.** We’re meeting with elected officials and City staff. We’re also talking with ODOT staff, Lane County commissioners and staff, LTD, you name it. We’ve drawn the Cal Young, River Road, and Santa Clara neighborhood associations into the discussions. It will matter if we’re all behind it.

## What you can do.

Make sure your city councilor, Mayor Vinis, and the rest of the city council know that you want this bridge.

You can also Google “Beltline Facility Plan” to learn about the overall package of ODOT projects.



## Northeast Neighbors Board

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We send out emails about the issues and events that affect our neighborhood: City and County actions that will matter here, events in the area, NeN meetings and announcements.



To get our eNews, send us an email:  
newsletter@neneugene.org

You'll get updates for our next General Meeting: July 19th, 7-9pm, Gilham Community Church, 3633 Gilham Road

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## An Invitation from NeN

**Northeast Neighbors (NeN)** is the City-chartered neighborhood association for the area north of the Beltline, between the Willamette River and North Game Farm Road.

The City listens to us when we tell it about our needs for parks, safety, better roads, and less crowded schools.

**Our meetings.** Everyone here—renters, home owners, business owners, everyone—is welcome at the open meetings we have four or five times a year.

Your elected officials and City and County staff come to the meetings, so they are a good place to hear them speak and to make your opinions heard.

We offer an open platform where ideas and opinions can be shared by all.

**Pitch in.** If you want to get things done to make this area an even better and more inclusive place to live, join us. Come to a board meeting and see if you want to play a role.

We advocate for the neighborhood to City and County, inform neighbors of issues that affect them, and create events that build a strong community.



# NeN Has A New Park

A brand new 12 acre park. It's at the southwest corner of North Delta Hwy and Ayres Road, formerly part of River Ridge golf course. Trails are in place, fences are up, bridges repaired. It's a great place for walking. Parks is still working on parking options and safer crosswalks.



# How to Report Illegal Camping and Vehicles

Neighbors have told us about some recent incidents of illegal camping in the area.

**The City has a site for reporting it:**  
[eugene-or.gov/4902/Report-Concerns](http://eugene-or.gov/4902/Report-Concerns)

They make it clear there how to report camping in vehicles, on public property, in parks, and on private property.

**A few numbers you can call too:**

- Police non-emergency 541-682-5111, particularly if it's on your property.
- For car camping, leave a message at 541-682-5729 (location, make, plate #).
- For camping in parks, call 541-682-4800 (M-F, 9am-4pm).

**Of course, if it's an emergency or you see a crime, call 911.**

Once you've reported it, let us know about it. Email [newsletter@neneugene.org](mailto:newsletter@neneugene.org). We take this issue very seriously.

# The Park at Striker Field

Grading. Building. Planting. Come and watch.

**The park will open some time this fall.** There will be a large playground, spray play, open playing field, walking paths, parking, picnic shelter, restrooms, and an informal performance amphitheater.

Some planned amenities got postponed: petanque, pickleball, and basketball. But the City Manager has added funds to the budget to cover them, though timing is not set yet. (Thank you Councilor Clark.)

**Here's the design:**

