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MAX Station Makeover

New Mural Inspired by Local Lore

ANNE LINDSAY, NATHAN VAUGHAN

A legend about Portland's founding tells us that across generations, people in Portland have seen small green archers throughout downtown. Along with the archers, people have also seen a celestial stag, a phantom building and a huge tree from time-to-time. Whenever the archer hits someone, their vision changes.

TriMet is bringing the spirit of the Green Man to Rose City Park with a mural by Portland artist, **Daniel Duford**, for the NE 60th Ave MAX Station. It builds on the motifs and narrative of *The Legend of the Green Man*, two statues and ten illustrated panels by Duford installed along the Transit Mall in 2010.

The mural, along with one at NE 82nd MAX Station by **Alex Chiu**, will soften the harshness of these once tree-shaded station areas, made desolate through removal of trees some years ago due to safety. The projects were subject to a public review and feedback process before moving forward and funded by TriMet though the

Blue Line Station Rehabilitation Program's percent-for-art requirement. More improvements will come to this station in the future.

As we go about our daily commutes, it is easy to forget that we live in a landscape that is alive with geologic history and wildness. Using self-styled mythic motifs, Daniel's mural tells a fanciful story that draws attention to the magic that is present in what may seem like an otherwise ordinary landscape. Contact Michelle Traver, at traverm@trimet.org for this and other art projects at TriMet.



New murals help enliven the 60th Ave MAX Station and continue artist's theme on the Green Man (right). More improvements are in the works for this station.

Neighborhood Meeting

New ONI Director to Speak

TAMARA DERIDDER

Rose City Park Neighborhood Association's (RCPNA's) next interactive general meeting will be on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, 7 to 9 PM. The meeting is open to all and will be held at the German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St., which is ADA and transit accessible (TriMet lines 12 and 71). Doors open at 6:30 PM.

Suk Rhee, the new Director of the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) will be keynote speaker. ONI provides a wide range of neighborhood livability services directly to residents as well as information and referral services. Everything from cannabis

regulation to crime prevention and graffiti abatement to refugee resettlement. ONI has a uniquely broad mission within the city. Suk joined the Office of Neighborhood Involvement as Director in August 2017. Prior to that, she served as Vice President of Strategy and Community Partnership at Northwest Health Foundation.

The meeting will focus on welcoming new neighbors, introducing our Community Partners and our regular committee reports on the neighborhood. Learn about commercial and residential developments, safety issues, emergency preparedness and local environmental concerns. This is also a great chance to meet many of the neighborhood board members, both new and returning, and share your comments and concerns about the neighborhood. And finally, if you have time, the neighborhood association would love to have you get involved. We have something for everyone. See you there!

You're Invited

General Neighborhood Meeting - Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 7PM

Come, meet your neighbors and learn about issues directly affecting your neighborhood including a new plan by the city to increase density.

Hosted by The German American Society
5626 NE Alameda St. - ADA Accessible

Special Guest: Office of Neighborhood Involvement Director, **Suk Rhee**



A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

It's October and fall is in the air! We are on the cusp of quickening in most of our lives. The days get shorter, Halloween looms, and then we dive into the Holiday Season. Until 8:28 am on Thursday Dec. 21st, Winter Solstice, the daylight in our part of the world becomes less and ever more precious. These pivotal points in our yearly cycle tend to get lost in all the glitter and hustle of the season. I find these celestial truths comforting during these times over-the-top tweets and strained decisiveness. It helps me center and awaken to my power to make the decisions before me.



The awesome solar eclipse this year was both magical and humbling for me. It was as if humanity and all living things began to change as the light started fading mid-morning on Aug. 21st. As minutes ticked by and shadow increased, the earth here in Portland became cooler 1 degree a minute. A hush entered the air, our bees went back inside their hives, solitary crows called alarm not knowing where the flock was for their evening rookery gathering. Then as the eclipse came into its full - for a few precious minutes it seemed as if everything stopped moving, stood still, held its breath, kept quiet...

The 98% coverage here in Portland gave me a bounty of what I call shadow feathers. The eclipse light caused changes to all the shadows. These photos capture only the images of an experience that was so primal that it raised the hairs on the back of my neck.

These moments help underscore how small we are in the scheme of things yet part of a wonderful, chaotic whole on this living space we call earth. As we prepare to dive into this darkening time, take a moment to remember all that connects us rather than divides us.

Raise a glass of good cheer to those you love, those who have passed, and to the new life coming our way. Remember to share what you can with those in need, be it a parched tree or a person without a home - understanding we could use the same if the tables turned. Peace on Earth and Goodwill to All.

Tamara DeRidder, RCPNA Chair

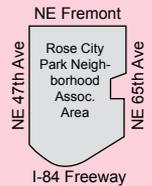
ABOUT

- Our Mission -

The Rose City Park Neighborhood Association works to maintain and improve the livability of the neighborhood.

Neighborhood Association Membership

All persons of voting age who reside, own property, or operate a business, or others who show cause for interest in the area map at right, shall be eligible for membership. There are no dues or requirements imposed which would in any way prevent a person from becoming or remaining a member of the Rose City Park Neighborhood Association (RCPNA).



CNN is the coalition office for the Rose City Park Neighborhood Association, and provides support and funding for this newsletter. For valuable information about the wider Northeast Portland neighborhood, check out their website: www.cnncoalition.org.

Board Officers

Tamara DeRidder, *AICP, Chair*
Ed Gorman *Vice Chair*
Richard Crockett, *Treasurer*
Stephen Effros, *Secretary*

General Meetings

October 24, 2017
January 23, 2017
7pm, German American Society
5626 NE Alameda St.

Newsletter

Suzanne Desmond, *Editor*
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Board Meetings

November 7, 2017
December 5, 2017
7pm, German American Society
5626 NE Alameda St.

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The Rose City Park Neighborhood Association has not reviewed and does not endorse any insert that does not present activities and events specially for the neighborhood by the Neighborhood Association that may appear within the newsletter.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS



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Community Partners help fund this publication and consist of community-minded organizations and businesses looking to make a positive impact in their neighborhood through continued funding. We are actively recruiting partners. Please email communitypartners@rcpna.org for more information about joining!

PPS Announces Changes

Sweeping Plan Awaits Board Vote for 2018

NATHAN VAUGHAN

Portland Public Schools has unveiled plans to redraw school boundaries and relocate programs affecting 17 campuses. This is Portland Public Schools' latest effort to shift from K-8 schools and toward a middle school model. District leaders have struggled to provide electives and support for older students at K-8 schools because they were spread thin across many sites. Here's how this proposal would affect our neighborhood beginning with the 2018 school year if approved by the board.

ACCESS Academy: Would move out of its shared space in the Rose City Park school building and into the Humboldt school building (currently occupied by Kairos PDX charter school).

Beverly Cleary K-8: Would remain a K-8 school, but would consolidate from three campuses (Fernwood, Holyrood and Rose City Park) to two (Holyrood and Fernwood). Boundaries would be reduced on western and eastern edges from 57th to 42nd Ave

Madison High: Part of western boundary would expand, shifting an area away from Grant High.

Rose City Park: Would reopen as a neighborhood elementary school with its own boundary. The RCP building currently houses both the ACCESS Academy program and is one of the three Beverly Cleary K-8 campuses. Rose City Park Elementary students would feed to Roseway Heights Middle School.

Roseway Heights K-8: converts to a middle school with Lee, Rose City Park, Scott and Vestal as its feeder elementary schools. Roseway Heights students would feed to Madison High School. 🌸

Volunteers ID, Revel In Trees

DOLORES & DAVID JUDKINS

Portland Parks' Urban Forestry Division has begun its first round of surveying park trees starting with 12 parks including our own Rose City and Normandale Parks. We volunteered and helped inventory trees at Alberta, Unthank, and Rose City parks. It has been interesting and fun, discovering unique trees in the parks and working with other volunteers and the Portland Parks staff. An arborist is included in every survey team but even so, not every tree can be successfully identified in the field. When this happens Parks staff ends up consulting with the Hoyt Arboretum for verification. The variety of trees in the parks is amazing!

Portland Parks estimates volunteers donate the equivalent of \$5.4 million in time annually, with over 61,000 hours logged in northeast Portland alone. The Urban Forestry park survey program is just one of many ways to get involved. Really into trees? Consider the Neighborhood Tree Steward program where you will learn how to become an advocate and leader for trees. To find out more about all the volunteer opportunities at Portland Parks, contact Steve Pixley, Volunteer Program Coordinator 503-823-5121 or simply visit www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/60388

The Urban Forestry folks also regularly organize "tree walks" throughout the city, providing an opportunity to meet some amazing neighborhood trees up-close and personal. Join us Saturday, October 7, for a walk through the nearby Beaumont-Wilshire neighborhood beginning at Grand Central Bakery & Cafe, 4440 NE Fremont 9:00 am and will last about two hours. 🌸



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Developments, Infill Changes Tracked

Major Projects Continue to Move Forward

ED GORMAN

An appeal was filed on a land use decision for the Everett Custom Homes project, a 64 foot-tall housing development on the former Taco Time property located at 5036 NE Sandy Blvd. A hearing is scheduled for September 28, so by the time you read this, the hearing may have already happened. See www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/article/652607.

We haven't heard anything new on the proposed redevelopment of the Umpqua Bank property at 47th and Sandy for several months. Right-of-way dedication requirements have slowed the project down and presented quite a challenge to the design team.

The Portland Bureau of Transportation is developing improvement plans for NE 60th from the MAX Station to Halsey St., with proposed wider sidewalks and enhanced street lighting.

The city-wide Residential Infill Project would change zoning regulations and allow duplexes and triplexes into areas currently zoned single family. The stated goal is to adapt Portland's single family zoning rules to meet the needs of current and future generations. The project will address the scale of new construction and home additions. The project will also look at improving narrow lot development and make recommendations about where these lots may be appropriate. The initial comment period closed August 15. A draft is being created and will be made available online September 15, with a seven week comment period to follow. Design concepts may be reviewed at www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/623488. Read the online draft after September 25th and submit comments during the next seven weeks. More info on the project may be found at www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/67728.



Illustration showing proposed changes to maximum coverage and height under consideration in the Residential Infill Project (Graphic: City of Portland BPS)



Community gardener Chris Cross stakes tomato plants laden with fruit.

Many Hands Tend Garden

Community Garden Thrives in Former Playground Blacktop

TAMARA DERIDDER

The Rose City Park Neighborhood Community Garden turns 5-years old this year! All the hard work paid off and today the Frazer Park Community Garden, located near NE 52nd and Pacific, is now the centerpiece of bustle and bounty in the middle of the park.

Opening in May of 2012, the garden was the culmination of dedication and hard work which took over three years. While Chair of the Community Garden Committee I spent nearly two years working with neighbors before settling on a size and location. The City of Portland DEQ came through with a grant to test the soil at the site. Unfortunately, the soil underneath the existing blacktop showed high levels of lead (likely from the demolished former boys home on the site). DePave lead volunteers from the neighborhood, Friends of Parks, and neighboring school, in the break-up and removal of large chunks of asphalt. Commissioner Nick Fish, then head of Portland Parks, joined in the fun. He continued to champion our cause by securing funding for the excavation and removal of the top three-feet of contaminated soil and replacement with fresh top soil.

A generous "thank you" goes out to all of you who participated in the planning of this ground-breaking project. This includes the Frazer Dog Park contingent, including sometime-facilitator **Kristina Smock**, who helped us focus on equity. Head Start School Director **Elaine Harrison** and staff who provided space for numerous meetings. **Lora Price**, then President of Friends of Community Gardens, who designed the perimeter plantings, wrote grants for the plants and materials, and led her volunteers in the planting of said plants. **Leslie Pohl-Kousbau** and later, **Laura Niemi** Portland Community Garden's Coordinator, helped launch the project and provide guidance through to the end. DePave was uproariously fun, making the removal of asphalt a community party event. Last, but not least, I'd like to thank **Commissioner Nick Fish** and his staff for committing his tenure to making 1,000 community gardens in 1,000 days and making Frazer Park Community Garden first on that list!

How We Do It

The Logistics of Delivering Our Newsletter to 4,000 Homes

HELENE & ROGER FARNEN

As you read your edition of the Rose City Park Neighborhood Association (RCPNA) newsletter, do you ever wonder how, exactly, that newsletter got to your porch? Without a stamp or assistance from the US Postal service, four times a year, this newsletter gets to you and every other household in Rose City Park, a Portland neighborhood comprised of approximately 4,100 residences and many businesses. So, how does this distribution happen and who is involved? More importantly, have you ever wondered how YOU could get involved in this effort to bring relevant neighborhood news and information to the people of this neighborhood?

This newsletter is brought to you entirely through volunteer efforts. With exception of the printer, no one involved in the creation



Newsletters awaiting delivery.

and distribution of this newsletter is paid. Decades ago, the structure for the RCPNA's newsletter delivery system was created and while the individuals in key roles have changed many times over, the system has continued to work. This system, developed so very long ago, is an achievement of which we can be proud.

With assistance from the RCPNA Communications Committee members, the newsletter editor constructs the newsletter from articles submitted by RCPNA board members and community members, and incorporates paid advertisements from supportive local merchants. Once the newsletters are printed, folded and stapled by the printer, they are handed off to the Neighborhood Newsletter Delivery Team. Our current delivery team consists of 2 coordinators, 11 captains and 52 route carriers.

The carriers personally deliver the newsletter to your porch.

The captains shuttle the bundles of newsletters to the carriers.

The coordinators bundle the newsletters according to count for the 52 individual delivery routes and deliver those bundles to the captains. The coordinators also maintain and recruit volunteers to serve as Delivery Captains and Newsletter Carriers.

But of all of the volunteer positions, the carrier's role is probably the most interactive. It takes just about an hour for a route carrier to distribute between 50 and 100 newsletters, but it is an hour where carriers get to meet Rose City Park neighbors and serve the community in which they have chosen to live.

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Neighbor Recognized

Suzanne Desmond-Guba Awarded
The 2017 Walker Community Service Award

DAVID FELLOWS

Rose City Park resident **Suzanne Desmond-Guba** was awarded the Walker Community Service Award by the Rose City Park Neighborhood Association in July 2017. The award, named after longtime RCPNA Chair George M. Walker, is given annually by the board to recognize a member of the neighborhood for their outstanding service to the community.



Suzanne Desmond-Guba

Suzanne was nominated with enthusiasm by members of the Communications Committee, who witness first-hand how much she does for the neighborhood as our Newsletter Editor. The Editor produces four issues of the Rose City Park Review each year, coordinating stories, event calendars, pictures and local advertisements together into a publication that is enjoyed by all residents. Suzanne has been tremendous since taking over the role, bringing a professional, detail-oriented dedication to the newsletter's production from content to print quality. She recently revamped our entire template with the help of talented designer Nathan Vaughan. In addition, Suzanne was instrumental in producing the final design for our new website at www.rcpna.org.

Congratulations to Suzanne and a big thank you on behalf of the entire neighborhood for all that you have done and continue to do as a volunteer! 🍷



Summer Concerts were a hit (top) and featured Portland's first lady of blues, LaRhonda Steel (bottom) and Nancy Consecu w/ Murray School of Irish Dancing.

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CRAIG LINDSAY

Prepare for an epic disaster? Could a Houston hurricane happen here? After all, who knows, it might be another 300 years before the next Cascadia subduction zone event—or not. So, maybe we'll prepare mañana. But tomorrow never comes.

Try this: think small, work steadily to become more prepared.

How's this for a first step—check your smoke alarms. Portland Fire & Rescue (PF&R) recommends doing it every month. According to PF&R, 65% of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms that work or no smoke alarms at all. Smoke alarms are the single most important item to help you survive a fire. Make it a habit: simply push the



button on the same day each month. Additionally, many people don't know that the reliable lifespan of an average smoke alarm is just 10 years. So, if you haven't replaced yours since Obama was first elected, consider an upgrade. At a minimum, alarms should be mounted in every bedroom and adjacent hallway and at least one on every floor of a house, including basement.

See more PF&R tips at www.portlandoregon.gov/fire/article/379129.

Rose City Park's Neighborhood Emergency Team (RCP-NET) can help you with smoke alarms, make emergency exit plans and preparations for other disasters. Don't feel overwhelmed: think small, take small steps to become more prepared. For assistance contact RCP-NET at rosecityparknet@gmail.com



Important Phone Numbers

Provided by the City of Portland and other agencies See complete list at rcpna.org/helpful-links-info/

Abandoned Vehicle Hotline	503-823-6814	Park Problems (safety, security, maintenance)	503-823-5459
Animal Control Services	503-988-3066	Portland Police Bureau, Northeast Precinct	503-823-5700
Child Welfare Hotline (report child abuse)	503-731-3100	Police Non Emergency (file a report, talk to an officer)	503-823-3333
Crime Prevention Coordinator	503-823-2779	Pothole Helpline	503-823-2867
Drug House Reporting	503-823-3784	Senior Helpline (24-hour hotline, reoprnt abuse)	503-988-3646
Graffiti Abatement Hotline	503-823-4824	Streetlight Outage	503-823-5216
Mental Health Hotline (24-hour crisis line)	503 988-4888	Water Main Breaks	503-823-4874
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CALENDAR

Oct 19 7 pm. Land Use & Transportation Committee
Owen Blank Head Start, 909 NE 52nd Ave

Oct. 24, 7 pm. RCPNA General Meeting
German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.

Oct. 11, 7 pm. RCP-Neighborhood Emergency Team
email rosecityparknet@gmail.com for location

Nov. 5, 9 am. Constituent Coffee w/ Senator Michael Dembrow
Hollywood Senior Center, 1840 NE 40th Ave

Nov. 7, 7 pm. RCPNA Board Meeting
German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.

Nov. 16, 7 pm. Land Use & Transportation Committee
Owen Blank Head Start, 909 NE 52nd Ave

Nov. 5, 9 am. Constituent Coffee w/ Senator Michael Dembrow
Hollywood Senior Center, 1840 NE 40th Ave

Dec. 5, 7 pm. RCPNA Board Meeting
German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.

Jan. 23, 7 pm. RCPNA General Meeting
German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.

Feb. 6, 7 pm. RCPNA Board Meeting
German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.

March 20, 7 pm. RCPNA General Meeting
German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.

* Communications, Environmental and RCP-NET committee meetings
TBA. See www.rcpna.org for details as they become available.

RCPNA General Meeting Agenda

Come and Meet Your Neighbors!

Tuesday, October 24th, 7 – 9 pm. German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St. ADA-and transit-accessible. Residents, property and business owners located within RCPNA are encouraged to attend but all are welcome to participate.

- 7:00 -7:05 Welcome and Introductions – Tamara DeRidder, RCPNA Chair
- 7:05 – 7:10 NE Neighborhoods Public Safety Action Committee (PSAC) Update – Gary Points, Safety Committee Member.
- 7:10 – 8:00 New Director of Office of Neighborhood Involvement, Suk Rhee newly hired by Commissioner Eudaly – Introduction by Tamara DeRidder
- 8:00 – 8:20 Community Sponsors present their services & their info tables, including: German American Society, The Portland Clinic, Fire on the Mountain, PGE, and Laurelwood Public House & Brewery
- 8:20 – 8:30 Environmental Committee activities and updates – David Gates, Chairman
- 8:30 – 8:40 Land Use & Transportation Committee – request input on Residential Infill Project. See questionnaire at RCPNA.org and review document at City’s website: www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/67728
- 8:40 – 8:45 RCPNA Vice Chair, Ed Gorman introduces the committee info tables & Jan.GM neighborhood open house:

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Public Safety	Environment
Entertainment	Land-Use/Transportation
- 8:45 Adjourn Meeting.

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