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Dembrow, deconstruction, and new friends

New Neighbor Night, hot topics at October 13 RCPNA meeting

by Erich Stiefvater

The next meeting of the Rose City Park Neighborhood Association (RCPNA) will be held on October 13 at 7 pm at the German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St. The meeting is open to the public, and the German American Society building is ADA- and transit-accessible (TriMet bus lines 12 and 71). The doors open at 6:30 pm.

The meeting will serve as our “Welcome New Neighbors Night.” We extend a special invitation to new residents and business owners who moved to or set up shop in Rose City Park over the past year to come meet some of your neighbors and learn more about our historic, dynamic Northeast Portland neighborhood. A catered dinner and door prizes will be offered.

Our program for the evening will begin at 7 pm and feature: Oregon State Senator Michael Dembrow; Shawn Wood, who will discuss deconstruction in the City of Portland; and a presentation and discussion of the Centers



Photo courtesy of Michael Dembrow

State Senator Michael Dembrow will speak at the October 13 RCPNA meeting.

and Corridors Parking Project, a parking permit concept that would be applied to new areas zoned residential. A detailed agenda for the proceedings can be found on page 2.

Whether your tenure in Rose City Park is short or long, we hope you can join us on October 13 for an evening of good food, conversation, and updates on goings-on in the neighborhood. 🍷

Housing on neighbors’ minds, city agenda

Proposals for demolition tax, homelessness emergency floated

by Erich Stiefvater

Housing access and affordability are issues of great concern among Portland residents in Rose City Park and beyond. They are also beginning to find their way onto the agendas of city officials.

In mid-September, Portland Mayor Charlie Hales proposed a tax of \$25,000 be levied on developers who tear down livable single family homes. The proposal, which is scheduled for a City Council hearing on October 14, is intended to make developers think twice before tearing down habitable homes and replacing

them with new, often larger ones. Residents and neighborhood groups have complained that the replacement houses are often out of scale and character for Portland’s historic neighborhoods, and drive up home values without adding housing capacity.

The Mayor has also convened a Residential Infill Stakeholder Advisory Committee to assist the city’s Bureau of Planning and Sustainability in reviewing Portland’s single dwelling development standards. The Committee will address the

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German American Society
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RCPNA General Meeting — Tuesday, October 13, 7:00 pm

German American Society 5626 NE Alameda St.

Come and meet your neighbors! Doors open at 6:30 pm.

- 6:30 – 7:00 Doors Open — Dinner and Table Conversations
- 7:00 – 7:20 Welcome New Neighbors and RCPNA Board Member Intros
- 7:20 – 7:45 State Senator Michael Dembrow
- 7:45 – 8:10 Deconstruction — Shawn Woof, City of Portland
- 8:10 – 8:25 Treasurer and Committee Reports
- 8:25 – 8:45 Discussion of City Parking Committee Proposal
- 8:45 – 9:00 Door Prizes and Dismissal

Message from the Chair

Fall-like weather seems to have arrived overnight, together with the rush to get the children, teachers, and bus drivers off to school. If you're like me, there are too many projects and too little time to get it all done before the rains arrive. So, instead, we opt to prioritize to get the biggest bang for our buck, so to speak.

That is exactly what our board has been doing as well. We held a retreat in September to try to get a handle on a plan of action for the year. Our plate is overflowing with continuing needs, ever-changing policies/regulations, and development activity that impact our neighborhood. We will provide updates on our work in these and other areas in future newsletters.

In some cases, what is on our plate is punctuated by timelines. There are many land use and transportation issues percolating, for example, and many deadlines for public input. To meet these deadlines and assure our neighborhood concerns are considered, your help is needed. See our Land Use update at right for details on specific issues and related action items.

Other continuing neighborhood issues are also important, such as safety, economic vitality, web-savvy communication, and a streamlined process that will help our board be more responsive. We have a real need for more volunteers that are web-savvy to help improve our communication platform, to build our Neighborhood Emergency Team, and to be more inclusive with the business community and diverse populations.

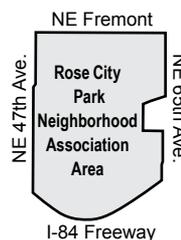
Thank you for helping make Rose City Park the best neighborhood to live. Please let us know if you are interested in helping with these or other projects to support our neighborhood. ☺

Tamara DeRidder, Chair

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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 this Neighborhood Association.

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



Central Northeast Neighbors

CNN is the coalition office for the Rose City Park Neighborhood Association, and provides support and funding for this newsletter. For valuable information about your larger Northeast Portland neighborhood, go to their website at www.cnncoalition.org.

RCPNA Summer Highlights

by Erich Stiefvater

The highlight of our summer was our Picnic in the Park Concerts on July 18 and 25. We co-sponsored the concerts with the Hollywood Neighborhood Association again this year. We had a good turnout for both concerts, the first of which featured Portland bluesman Norman Sylvester and the second Tony Starlight.

We also held our Michael Roth Memorial Golf Tournament on July 18 at Rose City Golf Course. Thank you to our sponsors and participants. A portion of the registration fees were donated for the restoration of the course's clubhouse.

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Additional details and photos of these events can be found on our website at www.rcpna.org.

Committee reports Land Use/Transportation

by Tamara DeRidder, Co-Chair

The City Council is scheduled to adopt the Comprehensive Plan Update, Transportation Systems Plan, and Comprehensive Plan Map by the beginning of the new year. The Residential Infill Task Force will take the next 17 months to address infill scale, pattern, and split-lots/skinny-lot houses. Then, in 2016, the City will be focused on updating the Municipal Code/Development Code that will regulate the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan. Please join us at our next Committee meeting to discuss these and other pressing land-use and transportation issues affecting our neighborhood. Meeting details are provided at the end of this article.

Our Committee has been hard at work in using the information provided by the April Community Visioning Workshop and identifying the top elements where this Committee can help promote action. The item with the greatest amount of support was to "Promote good infill design."

To follow up on that issue, our board forwarded two candidates, myself and Terry Parker, to our coalition office, Central Northeast Neighbors, to serve on the city's Residential Infill Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC). Ultimately, David Sweet of the Cully neighborhood was chosen to represent our eight-neighborhood coalition. Please look at the City of Portland website and add your name to news

updates on this 18-month process at www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/67728.

The first question we need to respond to is how do we describe the "fabric" of our neighborhood? Please respond to this question at our website at www.rcpna.org/archives/408, or contact us by e-mail or phone to let us know your thoughts. Our Committee will take the lead in conducting public outreach so that our representative on this SAC will provide the city our input.

The second-highest concern to come out of our community visioning session was "Need building height limits on Sandy." This, coupled with the number of comments we received relating to Sandy Boulevard, offers opportunities and challenges.

Over the course of 2015 and 2016, our Committee will be looking to expand its collaboration with the businesses along Sandy and elsewhere to broaden our understanding of their needs. This will touch on many areas, including Sandy Civic Corridor design as well as parking needs and impacts. In the short run, the Comprehensive Plan Update on Civic Corridors will have a direct impact on our ability to limit heights along Sandy. Your help is needed in reviewing

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Neighborhood News

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the sections of the Update that are being forwarded to the City Council for work session that start in late September and public hearings starting in November. See t.e2ma.net/message/0vd3pbb/gw8rj for more details.

We receive land-use notices from the city. The majority of the notices we've received to date are primarily Type II requests such as adjustments to setbacks for new homes and accessory dwelling unit construction. We also receive notice for Type I actions that include Short Term Rentals, Demolitions, and Home Occupations. If you are interested or concerned about a property's permit on any type of action, you can find it by using PortlandMaps.com and entering in the site address, then clicking on the "Permit/Cases" tab.

Also, to see the Type II or higher land use notices for ours and other neighborhoods, please check out www.portland-oregon.gov/bds/35625.

Lastly, we continue our work with Portland Bureau of Transportation in dealing with traffic related issues for the neighborhood. Neighborhood safety -- including traffic safety -- is an issue our board will follow this year.

The Land Use/Transportation Committee will next meet on Thursday, October 15 at 7 pm at the German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St. The meeting is open to all. For more information, contact Tamara at 503-706-5804 or SustainableDesign@tdridder.users.panix.com.

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scale of houses, narrow-lot developments, and alternative housing options.

The Mayor also in late September proposed a "homelessness state of emergency" be declared. The move would allow the city, Multnomah County, and the state to take quick actions to address the lack of affordable housing and create emergency shelters. Such actions might include waiving zoning codes and converting city-owned buildings into shelters or supportive housing units. Los Angeles and Seattle are also considering similar measures.

Whether these measures have an impact on easing the strains on Portland's housing remains to be seen. They are clearly of concern to many of our Rose City Park neighbors, as discussed at our April Community Visioning Workshop.

If you have concerns about them as well and want to find ways to get involved, we invite you to join us for our Land Use and Transportation Committee's monthly meetings. The Committee is monitoring these and other housing and development issues and identifying ways to keep neighbors informed and engaged. See the Committee's report on the facing page for more details.

Readers may also wish to connect with United Neighbors for Reform, a citizen-organized group monitoring and seeking reforms to the demolition code. They are online at unitedneighborhoodsforreform.blogspot.com.

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Fall's here, and your comfortable, safe home awaits

by Stephanie Swanson

After what seemed like an endless, hot summer, we're all breathing a sigh of relief as temperatures are finally dropping—winter is just around the corner! But before the cold sets in for good, fall is the perfect time to take some easy steps to make your home cozier, healthier and safe for this winter and beyond.

Watch your windows. Did you know your windows can help keep your home warm in the winter? Take advantage of the winter sun's heat by opening south-facing curtains, drapes and blinds during the day, and then closing window coverings at night to keep the heat in. If you don't have blinds or shades, consider installing them to reduce heat loss (they'll also help keep your house cool next summer).

Lower the dial and get cozy. Keep your home 10 to 15 degrees cooler when you are not at home, and lower the temperature slightly at night to save energy. Nothing's cozier than bundling up with blankets on a winter night!

Breathe easy. Many homes trap allergens and pollutants, which affect indoor air quality and can seriously impact

the whole family. Checking for radon and installing a carbon monoxide detector are two simple steps that will help everyone breathe more easily.

Get prepared. Back to school is a great time to take stock of emergency preparedness plans and supplies. It's also a good time to ensure your home is prepared for what may come. Seismic "hardening" of your home helps keep your home secured during severe storms, high winds, and earthquakes. It's also a necessary first step if you're looking to get earthquake insurance.

For more information about how to improve the comfort, health and safety of your home, visit Enhabit.org/neighborhood and take a quick online quiz. 🍷

2016 RCPNA Clean-Up May 21

by Rob Coleman

It's not too early to start planning ahead for the annual RCPNA Neighborhood Clean-Up and Yard Sale. It will be held next spring on Saturday, May 21 from 9 am to 3 pm in the parking lot of the Archbishop Howard School, 5309 NE Alameda St.

Look for more details in upcoming editions of this newsletter, and on our website at www.rcpna.org. Contact me, Rob Coleman, at 503-473-2482 if you'd like to help plan or volunteer. 🍷

CNN offers neighborhood grants

by Erich Stiefvater

Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN) encourages neighborhood and community groups in its service area to apply for one of its 2016 Neighborhood Small Grants. The goals of this grant program include building strong and diverse community participation, leadership, and community connections. Engagement of historically under-represented and under-served communities is a high priority.

A total of \$10,000 is available, and grant proposals can range from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Proposals are due on November 2.

More information, an application form, and a list of past funded projects can be found on the CNN website at cnmcoalition.org/?page_id=342. 🍷

RCPNA, ONI on NextDoor

by Erich Stiefvater

NextDoor is a platform that is a free neighborhood-based bulletin board. It allows you to connect with your immediate neighbors and active members of your neighborhood association. You can also connect more broadly with neighborhoods near you. This makes finding others with similar interests an easy task. RCPNA, the city's Office of Neighborhood Involvement, and other neighborhood associations and groups are using the tool as one way to communicate with neighbors.

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If you have some InDesign experience, we can use your help with layout and preparing custom ads for advertisers. If writing's more your thing, we always welcome contributions of articles about news and happenings in and around Rose City Park. We are also looking for volunteers to help deliver newsletters to residences and businesses. It's a great way to get some exercise and meet your neighbors.

Whether you have a lot of time to give or only a little, we can work with your schedule. If interested, contact Erich at 503-840-0493 or editor@rcpna.org.

The holidays are coming!

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Neighborhood History Book**
makes a great gift.

Contact Michael
at msrWistaria2010@gmail.com.



Help count RCP trees

by Tamara DeRidder

The city's Urban Forestry Department is looking for volunteers to help with the 2016 neighborhood street tree inventory.

This inventory is an essential step to understanding how our neighborhood's trees contribute to cleaning the air, cooling our urban area, and aesthetics. There is likely to be an increase in air pollution as our city grows that will impact neighbors near major travel corridors.

Certain tree types are better than others at scrubbing out particulate matter, increasing oxygen load, and/or are drought resistant and provide native habitat. As we look ahead to increasing our neighborhood livability for future generations, we need to combine science with neighborliness to encourage the planting and maintenance of our street tree assets.

If you'd like to help with the inventory, contact Patrick Key at 971-334-0347. The deadline for applications is January 15. For more information, go to www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/433150.

The perils of pet waste

by Tamara DeRidder

RCPNA recently helped mediate a dispute between residents and property owners regarding improperly disposed-of pet waste. In addition to the annoyance, pet waste left on others' parking strips and yards is unneighborly and detracts from livability.

If you have a pet, please be a good neighbor and clean up waste left in public spaces and others' private property. If pet waste is a persistent issue problem for you and your neighbors, we'd like to hear from you. We may be able to help identify solutions. Contact us at info@rcpna.org.



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Contact information for neighborhood issues

by Erich Stiefvater

As a resource for Rose City Park residents, particularly new arrivals, following are some helpful phone numbers provided by the City of Portland and other agencies.

Abandoned Vehicle Hotline	503-823-6814	Park Problems (<i>safety or security in parks</i>)	503-823-5459
Airport Noise	503-460-4100	Parking Patrol	503-823-5195
Animal Control Services	503-988-3066	(<i>blocked driveways, illegally parked vehicles</i>)	
Animal shelter website	www.multcopets.org	Planning and Zoning Info Line	503-823-7526
Assessment & Taxation	503-988-3326	(<i>permits and zoning information</i>)	
Information also at:	www.portlandmaps.com	Police Information Line	503-823-4636
Central Northeast Neighbors	503-823-3156	(<i>case numbers on reports; questions; referrals</i>)	
Child Welfare Hotline (<i>report child abuse</i>)	503-731-3100	Police-Non Emergency Line	503-823-3333
City and County Information & Referral	503-823-4000	(<i>file reports by mail or phone; talk to an officer</i>)	
Code Compliance Intake	503-823-2633	Portland Police Bureau, Northeast Precinct	503-823-5700
(<i>business and zoning violations</i>)		Pothole Program	503-823-BUMP
Crime Prevention Coordinator	503-823-2779	Senior Helpline	503-988-3646
Drug House Reporting	503-823-3784	(<i>report abuse of seniors; 24-hour hotline</i>)	
Gang Enforcement Team	503-823-4106	Sewer Repair and Emergencies	503-823-1700
Graffiti Abatement Hotline	503-823-4824	Street Light Out	503-823-5216
Liquor Outlet Complaints (<i>24-hour line</i>)	503-872-5070	Street System/Vendor Permits	503-823-7002 x5
Mental Health Hotline (<i>24-hour crisis line</i>)	503-988-4888	Towing Information	503-823-0044
Metro Enforcement Division	503-797-1835	Traffic Signal Not Working	503-823-1700
(<i>report illegal trash dumping</i>)		Vector and Nuisance Control	503-988-3464
Neighborhood Mediation	503-595-4890	(<i>report concerns with rats, insects, health issues</i>)	
Noise Problems (<i>ongoing noise issues</i>)	503-823-7350	Water Main Breaks	503-823-4874
Nuisance Properties	503-823-2633	Women's Crisis Line	503-235-5333
Ombudsman Office	503-823-0144	(<i>24-hr hotline for battered women, others in crisis</i>)	
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October 13, 7 pm. RCPNA General Meeting. German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St. See page 2.

October 15, 7 pm. Land Use/Transportation Committee. German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.

October 20, Hollywood/Rose City Park Neighborhood Emergency Team Meeting. 1505 NE 46th Avenue.

November 3, 7 pm. RCPNA Board Meeting. German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.

November 19, 7 pm. Land Use/Transportation Committee. German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.

December 1, 7 pm. RCPNA Board Meeting. German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.

December 10. Deadline for Articles and Advertising. January 2016 RCPNA newsletter.

December 17, 7 pm. Land Use/Transportation Committee. German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.

January 21, 7 pm. Land Use/Transportation Committee. German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.

January 26, 7 pm. RCPNA General Meeting. German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.

February 2, 7 pm. RCPNA Board Meeting. German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.

February 18, 7 pm. Land Use/Transportation Committee. German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.



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