



# ROSE CITY PARK REVIEW

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April 2016

Join us for  
our next

**General  
Meeting,  
Tuesday,  
April 26**

7 pm

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American  
Society**

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**Come meet  
your neighbors  
and hear about  
important  
issues and  
exciting things  
happening  
in Rose City  
Park!**

## Candidates Fair at April 26 RCPNA meeting

Candidates for Mayor and City Commissioner #4 to appear

by Richard Crockett

The next meeting of the Rose City Park Neighborhood Association (RCPNA) will be held on April 26 at 7 pm at the German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St. The meeting is public, and the German American Society building is ADA- and transit-accessible (TriMet bus lines 12 and 71). The doors will open at 6:30 pm.

The meeting will feature another of our signature Candidates and Issues Fairs. We will hear presentations by mayoral race candidates Ted Wheeler, Jules Bailey, and David Schor; by candidates for City Commissioner

Position #4 (Steve Novick's seat); and on the Temporary Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax for Street Repair, Traffic Safety. The first portion of the meeting will focus on general Neighborhood Association business.

Light refreshments will be served. A detailed agenda can be found on page 2.

We hope to see you on April 26! 🌸



## Agencies working on air toxics

Arsenic hotspot at 52nd and Sacramento concerns RCP neighbors

by David Gates

The Multnomah County Health Department (MCHD), Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) are collectively working to investigate sites in Portland with high arsenic levels detected in an initial, experimental moss testing method reported in late February.

An *Oregonian* analysis of the U.S. Forest Service's moss test at that time highlighted a potential arsenic hotspot in Rose City Park in the area near NE 52nd Avenue and Sacramento.

Concerned neighbors came to our March 1 RCPNA Board Meeting to express concerns about the hotspot and its potential source(s). Since that time, RCPNA has been monitoring developments and talking with neighbors to gather concerns and with agency officials to gather accurate and up-to-date information.

The agencies are developing a formal method to decide which hotspots to investigate first, using relevant air toxics data and information about vulnerable populations.

Specific information about the prioritization methodology should be available in the near future.

Current projections are that validated information from the Forest Service moss study will be available this summer. DEQ and its partner agencies plan to update the public in a multi-neighborhood forum in Northeast Portland sometime this summer, possibly in July.

Look to the Central Northeast Neighbors website ([cnmcoalition.org](http://cnmcoalition.org)) for announcements regarding the investigation plan and for the date and location of the forum.

Until the forum, look to the joint DEQ/OHA/MCHD website ([saferair.oregon.gov](http://saferair.oregon.gov)) for more information and multi-agency reports and factsheets.

If you'd like to follow or contribute to RCPNA's work on this topic, send an email to [environment@rcpna.org](mailto:environment@rcpna.org). We will share updates on our website and on NextDoor as they become available. 🌸



## ROSE CITY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD

### Mission Statement

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

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### General Meetings

April 26, 2016, 7 pm

June 21, 2016, 7 pm

German American Society  
5626 NE Alameda St.

### Board Meetings

May 3, 2016, 7 pm

July 5, 2016, 7 pm

German American Society  
5626 NE Alameda St.

\*Volunteer needed.

## RCPNA General Meeting — Tuesday, April 26, 7:00 pm

German American Society 5626 NE Alameda St.

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

- 6:45 – 7:00 Doors Open
- 7:00 – 7:20 RCPNA Business
- 7:20 – 7:50 Candidates for Portland Mayor
- 7:50 – 8:20 Candidates for City Commissioner Position #4
- 8:20 – 8:50 Temporary Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax for Street Repair, Safety
- 8:50 – 9:00 Wrap-Up
- 9:00 Adjourn

## Message from the Chair

Air quality has certainly caught the attention of Portlanders in the last few months. The widely reported cadmium and arsenic pollution associated with two glassmaking companies and an alleged arsenic hotspot right here in Rose City Park (see story on page 1) have neighbors near and far concerned about the air they and their families are breathing.

The question we all should be asking is how can we better identify the air toxins and then act on mitigating or abating the sources. The call for a local air quality commission is a great first step.

The state also needs to implement stricter regulations on diesel emissions. While the cadmium and arsenic pollution are getting all of the attention right now, the reality is that the diesel and benzene generated by vehicles along our major roadways (including I-84) are more pervasive. The fact that Oregon has fallen behind California and Washington in adopting these regulations means Oregon has become a dumping ground for older diesel vehicles that can't meet new emissions standards.

Our Land Use/Transportation Committee has worked to press for better mapping and documentation on air toxins in both the Portland Plan and the current Comprehensive Plan Update. Air quality mapping is included in these documents, although they are currently relegated to appendices.

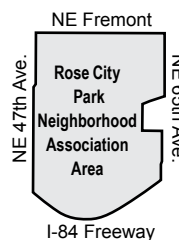
RCPNA will continue to seek information and resources for neighbors with specific air-quality concerns, as well as continue to press for air quality to be considered as part of city development planning. In the meantime, we urge neighbors to keep themselves informed on the issue and seek out hard data and reliable sources when investigating specific concerns about potential local sources of pollution. ●

Tamara DeRidder, Chair

### 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 this Neighborhood Association.

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### 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](http://www.cnncoalition.org).

## RCPNA Winter highlights

by Erich Stiefvater

We had a good turnout for our January 26 general meeting, which featured presentations about affordable housing, “houselessness,” and aging in place.

Neighbors packed our March 1 Board Meeting to express concerns about the alleged arsenic hotspot in Rose City Park near 52nd and Sacramento (see story on page 1).

Additional information about these and other RCPNA meetings can be found on our website at [www.rcpna.org](http://www.rcpna.org).

## Community Partners

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[www.germanamerican.org](http://www.germanamerican.org)

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Find out how you and your business can become a Community Partner by contacting RCPNA Chair Michael Roth at 503-493-8316 or [msrWistaria2010@gmail.com](mailto:msrWistaria2010@gmail.com).

## Committee reports

### Communications

by Erich Stiefvater, Chair

Many thanks to our webmaster Gail Zuro for her continued work refining our website and email communications. As Gail works to clean up our lists and set up a MailChimp electronic newsletter, you may get an email prompting you to affirm that you would still like to receive messages from RCPNA.

Gail will soon be stepping out of her webmaster role and down from the RCPNA board as she pursues other interests. We're grateful to Gail for whipping our electronic communications into shape over the last couple of years, and will be seeking to fill her big shoes. See page 5 for more details.

Thanks to Central Northeast Neighbors for donating \$350 to RCPNA to prepare an informational postcard to help improve our outreach and connect neighbors to important resources. Look for them in an RCPNA newsletter or neighborhood event soon.

We have ongoing needs for volunteers to help hand-deliver our paper newsletters. Email [editor@rcpna.org](mailto:editor@rcpna.org) if interested.

### Land Use/Transportation

by Tamara DeRidder, Co-Chair

We have made great strides in holding public meetings and coming to thoughtful recommendations for the rezoning of the Euclid Heights Subdivision and the 60th Avenue Station Area for the Comprehensive Plan Update. A big thank-you to all involved, and an extra shout-out to all who helped distribute 800 fliers announcing meetings on this topic.

We recommended down-zoning Euclid Heights from R2.5 to R5 and redesigning the 60th Station Area to Mixed Use Dispersed Commercial along 60th Avenue and Halsey Street with stepped-down residential behind starting from R1 (45-foot max) to R2 (35-foot max). We recommended this design to pull the high-density residential uses away from the air toxins along the freeway. For more information on the status of the Comprehensive Plan Update, see [portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/567120](http://portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/567120).

Our recommendations now go to the City Council for their final hearings on the Recommended Comprehensive Plan that should wrap up by the end of April. We are also working with neighbors to plan for their implementation.

The city's Transit Communities transportation improvements process is nearing completion and may still be seeking input; see [portlandoregon.gov/transportation/68193](http://portlandoregon.gov/transportation/68193) for more details. The increased collaboration that our Committee has formed through Transit Communities is helping Ted Hart and the neighbors along NE 60th north of Halsey and south of Sandy Boulevard, with access diverters to limit north-bound cut-through traffic.

*The Land Use/Transportation Committee will next meet on Thursday, April 21 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](mailto:SustainableDesign@tdridder.users.panix.com).*

### Newsletter Submission: *Your help and participation are always welcome!*

**Articles:** Rose City Park residents and business owners may submit articles (limit approximately 250 words).

Articles are subject to editing. Send to: [editor@rcpna.org](mailto:editor@rcpna.org).

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## Homelessness toolkit, forum

by Ramona Reule

The city recently released a online homelessness toolkit containing information and resources for residents who want to stay informed and for people experiencing houselessness to get help. The toolkit results from the “homelessness emergency” declared late last year by Portland Mayor Charlie Hales and the subsequent work done by the city to identify ways to address a problem of growing concern to Portlanders.

The toolkit is available at [portlandoregon.gov/toolkit/69885](http://portlandoregon.gov/toolkit/69885). It includes frequently asked questions and statistics about housing and homelessness in Portland; information about city and regional initiatives to address homelessness, including affordable housing; lists of safe spaces to sleep; and information for people who want to donate or volunteer.

The city is coordinating its work with Multnomah County, Home Forward, and the City of Gresham. The Home for Everyone initiative ([ahomeforeveryone.net](http://ahomeforeveryone.net)) is a community-wide effort to house homeless Multnomah County citizens.

RCPNA recently formed a committee to keep Rose City Park residents informed of the issue as it impacts the neighborhood and to identify ways neighbors can get involved. Initial successes include holding a special neighborhood meeting and getting improved enforcement of parking rules at Normandale Park to reduce overnight camping.

The committee is also working to bring to the June 28 RCPNA meeting a presentation by Living Stages and Right 2 Survive titled “Home is Where the Heart Is.” The presentation is an interactive community forum about the qualities and conditions that make a home. It includes participants who have experienced homelessness, with the goal of deepening the collective understanding of home and housing as an essential and urgent need facing our community. 🌱

## Dance honors older Americans

by Vivian Foster

May is Older Americans Month. To help celebrate, the Hollywood Senior Center is holding a Spring Fling Dance on Friday, May 20 from 5 to 7 pm.

The dance will feature upbeat music provided by DJ Mac with Yellow Tux Entertainment. Refreshments will be served, sponsored by Hazelwood Retirement. The event is free, but advance registration is required. To sign up, please call 503-288-8303.

The Senior Center is located at 1820 NE 40th in the Hollywood District. Other events at the Center in May include presentations on pneumonia vaccination, the Japanese Garden, older adult wellness, and a cooking demonstration by New Seasons Market. For a full calendar of Hollywood Senior Center events, or to get on the mailing list, email [vivian.foster@hollywoodseniorcenter.org](mailto:vivian.foster@hollywoodseniorcenter.org). 🌱

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## Reminder: RCPNA Neighborhood Clean-Up May 21

The Rose City Park and Hollywood Neighborhood Associations will hold our annual Neighborhood Clean-Up on **Saturday, May 21** from 9 am to 3 pm in the parking lot of the Archbishop Howard School, 5309 NE Alameda St. We'll help you de-clutter your domicile in exchange for a modest donation that will support the work of our Neighborhood Associations.

The event also includes our “Neighborhood Yard Sale,” where you can donate your used treasures and take home real bargains.

See the flyer inserted in this newsletter, or [www.rcpna.org](http://www.rcpna.org), for more details, including a list of accepted items.



### Questions?

Contact Rob Coleman,  
Clean-Up Chair  
503-473-2482.



## RCPNA seeking webmaster, newsletter editor

by Tamara DeRidder

After a collective 10 years of service to RCPNA, Board Members Erich Stiefvater and Gail Zuro will be stepping down from the Board and from their roles, respectively, as newsletter editor and webmaster. We thank them for their work supporting and refining the ways RCPNA reaches and engages the people who call Rose City Park home.

We are sad to see Erich and Gail go, but are hoping we can find a couple of communications-savvy Rose City Park neighbors to build on and extend their good work. If you have technical or journalistic experience, interests, or inclinations, we'd love to hear from you.

The webmaster role involves maintaining and providing technical support to RCPNA Board Members in the use of our WordPress website, DreamHost discussion groups and mail forwards, MailChimp account, and Facebook and Twitter accounts. The webmaster also advises our Board on recommended technology investments and usage policies.

## Protect yourself from rats

by Michael Roth

With sewer work underway in and around Rose City Park, local residents have reported an increased presence of rats. Rats can carry disease and damage property.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offer recommendations for cleaning up after a rat infestation. These begin with wearing protective equipment, such as rubber gloves, goggles, and respirator with HEPA filters, which should be decontaminated after the cleanup or discarded in double plastic bags.

When cleaning, it is important to not stir up dust by sweeping or vacuuming up droppings, urine, or nesting materials. Urine and droppings should be sprayed with a disinfectant or a mixture of bleach and water (one part bleach to 10 parts water) and left to soak for five minutes. Use a paper towel to clean up urine and droppings, and disinfect items that may have come in contact with them.

The general areas around which rats may have traveled should be cleaned and disinfected as well. Mop floors and clean countertops with disinfectant or the bleach solution. Steam clean or shampoo upholstered furniture and carpets with evidence of rat exposure, and wash any bedding with laundry detergent in hot water. At the end of cleaning up, remove your gloves and thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water, or use a waterless alcohol-based hand rub.

Additional tips for preventing rodent infiltration, getting rid of mice and rats if they appear, and cleaning up after them can be found at [cdc.gov/rodents](http://cdc.gov/rodents).

There are opportunities for a new webmaster to improve system templates and functioning, work with our Communications Committee to make more effective use of the tools, and identify promising new tools and strategies for electronic community engagement.

The newsletter editor coordinates and contributes content to our neighborhood newsletter, lays out articles and ads in InDesign, and works with a commercial printer and a delivery coordinator to distribute newsletters to volunteers who deliver them to all doorsteps in Rose City Park.

A new editor would be welcome to refresh or re-design the newsletter, write articles on neighborhood people and topics of interest, and help our Board puzzle out how to best use our printed newsletter and our electronic communications tools for maximum impact.

Both roles are opportunities to give back, build a resume, or get involved. Erich and Gail will provide help and support to transition in new folks over the next few months to get them ready to hit the ground running next fall.

Please consider lending your time and talents to serving your neighbors and helping make Rose City Park an even better place to live, work, and play. Email [info@rcpna.org](mailto:info@rcpna.org) for more information about these opportunities and to get in touch with Erich or Gail.

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# Fixes close Grant Pool

by Erich Stiefvater

Portland Parks & Recreation recently started work on upgrades to Grant Pool that will keep the outdoor pool closed for most of the summer. Construction is now underway to replace the mechanical systems, which date to the 1920s and 1940s.

Systems and equipment to be replaced include plumbing, pumps, motors, pipes, strainer baskets, chemical controllers, sanitation systems, pool gutters, deck drains, and filters. The work will also include accessibility improvements.

The work is funded through the \$68 million Parks Replacement Bond passed by Portland voters in 2014. A bidding and procurement problem delayed the start of the work by two months. Parks staff hope the pool will be ready for a re-opening in early August, if not sooner.

Other nearby pools are available for use at Creston outdoor pool and the indoor pools at Matt Dishman, Montavilla, and East Portland Community Centers. Swimming lesson registration for the 2016 summer session begins Monday, April 18, 2016, and Grant neighbors are welcome to register for a swim team at another pool.

Grant Pool will have two sessions of swim lessons in August, and a couple of swim lesson sessions in September. Grant Pool is scheduled to remain open until October 9, 2016 to accommodate users of Matt Dishman Pool, which is scheduled to be closed for 6-8 weeks starting in mid-August for bond project work to re-plaster the pool and replace the spa. 🌱

# Tree survey gearing up

by David Gates

Do you love the trees in our neighborhood? Want to learn GIS skills? Need service hours? Want to meet more neighbors? Like to carry a clipboard around the neighborhood and have people wonder what you are up to?

If so, the Rose City Park Tree Coalition can use your help with the Street Tree Inventory for our neighborhood. Every street tree in Rose City Park will be counted. The Street Tree Inventory is a Portland Parks & Recreation, Urban Forestry program that assesses the total number, different species, and the health of our street trees. We will be counting and classifying our street trees from 8:30 am to noon on Saturday July 9, August 13, and August 27, and from 4:30 to 8:30 pm on Wednesday, July 20.

Volunteer team leaders need to attend training on either June 4, 8 or 11. Data collectors, working with team leaders, only need to let us know you will be helping. If you are interested, e-mail [RCPTreeCoalition@gmail.com](mailto:RCPTreeCoalition@gmail.com), or look up "RCP Tree Coalition" on Facebook. 🌱

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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                               | <a href="http://www.multcopets.org">www.multcopets.org</a>     | Planning and Zoning Info Line                                 | 503-823-7526    |
| Assessment & Taxation                                | 503-988-3326   | ( <i>permits and zoning information</i> )                     |                 |
| Information also at:                                 | <a href="http://www.portlandmaps.com">www.portlandmaps.com</a> | 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> ) |                 |
| ( <i>resolve problems with city bureaus</i> )        |  |   |                 |

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# Calendar

**April 26, 7 pm. RCPNA General Meeting.** German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St. See agenda on p. 2.

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

**May 10. Deadline for Articles and Advertising.** June 2016 RCPNA newsletter.

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

**May 20, 5 pm. Spring Fling Dance.** Hollywood Senior Center. See article on page 4.

**May 21. Neighborhood Clean-Up and Yard Sale.** See insert for details.

**June 4, 8, 11. Training for Street Tree Inventory.** See page 6 for details.

**June 16, 7 pm. Land Use/Transportation Committee.** German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.

**June 28, 7 pm. RCPNA General Meeting.** German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.

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

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

**July 23 and 30, 6 pm. Picnic in the Park Summer Concerts.** Rose City Park, 64th and Tillamook. See June newsletter.



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