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Meeting,
Tuesday,
June 21**

7 pm

Agenda on p. 2

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Spotlight on houselessness

Community forum theater main event at June 21 RCPNA meeting

by Erich Stiefvater

The next meeting of the Rose City Park Neighborhood Association (RCPNA) will be held on June 21 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 main offering will be a presentation on houselessness by Living Stages and Right 2 Survive called “Home Is Where the Heart Is.” It will present an interactive community forum that engages both housed and houseless people in conversation about the qualities and conditions that make a home.

Living Stages has been working to raise awareness of houselessness, which has become more acute in Portland and cities across the country. Right 2 Survive is a group of houseless and formerly houseless individuals and supporters dedicated to teaching about and defending the human, civil, and constitutional rights of people experiencing houseless-

ness. Historically, houseless people were more invisible, and stereotypes have been barriers to living a successful life in our society. As the housing crisis continues, these problems are affecting more people.

More information about the presentation and Right 2 Survive can be found online at www.right2survive.net/get-involved/living-stages/.

We will also hold our annual RCPNA Board elections. We have several openings on our Board, and encourage neighbors to consider joining to support and advocate for our neighborhood.

We will also hear updates on the Residential Infill Project and neighborhood air quality, and hope to have our neighborhood police officer and crime prevention coordinator on hand to discuss crime and safety issues.

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

We hope to see you on June 21! 🍷

Get ready for summer fun!

RCPNA free concerts July 23 and 30

by Craig Lindsay

RCPNA and the Hollywood Neighborhood Association will be co-hosting our annual free Picnic in the Park Concerts on July 23 and 30.

Both concerts will be held from 6 to 8 pm at Rose City Park, 62nd and Thompson St., several blocks north of Halsey St.

Our July 23 concert will feature the Midnight Serenaders. They play hot jazz and vintage swing, plus a Hawaiian flavor with steel guitar and ukulele. Remember, “It don’t mean a thing if you ain’t got that swing.” More in-

formation about the band can be found at midnightserenaders.com.

Our July 30 concert will feature Bloco Alegria, Portland’s Rio-style samba band. Imagine yourself in Rio, without the mosquitoes and the Olympic crowds, having a great time celebrating the music, dance, and culture of Brazil. More online at blocoalegria.org.

Pack a picnic basket or get carryout at a local eatery and then come join us to enjoy the music and meet your neighbors. 🍷



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

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General Meetings

June 21, 2016, 7 pm
German American Society
5626 NE Alameda St.

Board Meetings

July 5, 2016, 7 pm
German American Society
5626 NE Alameda St.

*Volunteer needed.

RCPNA General Meeting — Tuesday, June 21, 7:00 pm

German American Society 5626 NE Alameda St.
Come and meet your neighbors! Doors open at 6:30 pm.

- 7:00 – 7:05 Welcome and Introductions
- 7:05 – 8:05 LivingStages/Right 2 Survive Interactive Presentation
- 8:05 – 8:20 Recruitment and Election of RCPNA Board Members
- 8:20 – 8:30 Neighborhood Crime Report
- 8:30 – 8:50 Update on Residential Infill
- 8:50 – 8:55 Air Quality Update
- 9:00 Adjourn

Message from the Chair

It has been an amazing year for our Board and neighborhood. I have been honored to work with some of the most outstanding people I have ever met and, together, moved minor mountains to become one of the most active neighborhood associations in the city.

Our successes over the past year have included adding or re-energizing committees (Environment, Emergency Preparedness, Homelessness, and Local Business), reaffirming the work of the Land Use and Transportation Committee, and added on-going monitoring of the Residential Infill Project, demolitions, and transportation. Our Communications Committee made great strides in improving our outreach tools and processes, and Richard Crockett, our Treasurer, has helped us better align our mission and activities with our budget. We provided consistent opportunities for residents to comment on the city's Comp Plan (see Land Use/Transportation Committee report on page 3), and convened a special community meeting on homelessness. As we look ahead to the summer, we will be helping convene a residential infill community meeting on July 14 (see page 6), supporting a neighborhood tree inventory (see page 5), and hosting our annual Picnic in the Park Concerts (see page 1).

To continue this successful track record, we need your help. We will hold Board elections at our June 21 meeting (see page 5). Several of our Board members have elected to not renew their Board membership, including our newsletter editor Erich Stiefvater, our webmaster Gail Zuro, and our Clean-Up Chair Rob Coleman. Please consider nominating yourself or a neighbor to serve on our Board.

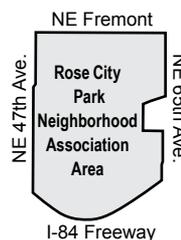
Thank you again for your continued support, and we hope to see you at one of our meetings or events soon. 🌟

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.

RCPNA Updates

RCPNA Spring highlights

by Erich Stiefvater

We had a good turnout for our April 26 general meeting, which featured another of our signature Candidates & Issues Fairs.

We held our Annual Clean-Up & Yard Sale on May 21 (see article on page 3). At our June 7 Board Meeting, we reviewed and adopted a budget for RCPNA for next year (July 2016 to June 2017).

Additional information about these and other RCPNA meetings can be found on our website at www.rcpna.org.

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Committee reports

Land Use/Transportation

by Tamara DeRidder, Co-Chair

Our neighborhood and those on our Committee and Board are some of the most amazing unsung heroes. There is absolutely no way any one person alone could have completed what we were able to do together, and I am eternally grateful to everyone involved. Over 75 percent of our Comprehensive Plan recommendations made a positive impact on the final Plan document that will be published in June. All but one of the zone changes recommended by our neighborhood have been approved. The one we lost was opposing a rezoning of the New Deal Cafe property from R5 to Dispersed Commercial.

Starting in January, our Committee led public involvement efforts for the redesign of the Comp Plan Map designations for properties in the 60th Ave. Station Area and for keeping Euclid Heights, south of Halsey Street from NE 47th to 49th, designated R5. Together with neighborhood volunteers and a few Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) employees, we distributed over 1,000 fliers announcing two large public meetings to discuss the possible changes. Both Mayor Charlie Hales and Commissioner Amanda Fritz praised our efforts and tentatively adopted our recommended changes.

Now our neighborhood is facing the potential upzoning of the 60th Ave. Station area from predominantly R5 to match the new pattern proposed by the Comp Plan Map for this area. The Planning and Sustainability Commission agreed with the neighborhood back in 2011 that the area should not be upzoned to this density until we at least get five-foot-wide side-

walks along NE 60th. Our Committee agrees with PBOT that new development that may come with the rezone could help build these sidewalks, but urges the honoring of the historic homes in the area that was one of the first neighborhood of the Rose City Park subdivision. Your input is needed to help both the Commission (July 12th) and the City Council (August-September) make this decision. See www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/68193.

The Residential Infill Project is now moving ahead rapidly, as the mayor wants to get recommendations to the City Council before the end of his term in office. A last-minute Comp Plan policy by city staff on "middle housing" caused a negative reaction by many neighborhoods as it proposed that additional units (up to tri-plex density) be allowed in all single dwelling zones (R5) within a quarter mile of a centers (see article on page 6). The city will publish its plan on June 13 and will seek public input through August 8. RCPNA is working with Central Northeast Neighbors to host a community workshop on this topic, tentatively scheduled for July 14 from 6:30 to 9:30 pm at the German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St. Please join us and tell your neighbors to come.

The Land Use/Transportation Committee will next meet on Thursday, July 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.

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

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Neighborhood News

May 21 Neighborhood Clean-Up and Yard Sale a sweeping success

by Richard Crockett

RCPNA and the Hollywood Neighborhood Association hosted our annual Neighborhood Clean-Up and Yard Sale on Saturday, May 21. Volunteers joined RCPNA and Hollywood Board members to help residents declutter their domiciles. The Clean-Up generated over \$3,000 in donations and yard-sale proceeds. This was down from previous years, likely the result of damp weather and new restrictions from Metro on accepted items. The proceeds will be used to fund the two RCPNA and Hollywood Picnic in the Park Concerts and other activities of the Neighborhood Associations.

Thanks to all who made the event happen, especially “retiring” Clean-Up Chair Rob Coleman! 🍷



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Northeast Village PDX Will Begin Membership Drive July 1st

by Margaret Baldwin

After much planning and discussion, we are excited to begin our Northeast Village PDX membership drive in July. Our goal is to help older adults in Northeast Portland remain in their homes and engaged in the community for as long as possible.

Northeast Village PDX is part of a large and growing “Village” movement that reaches across the country and includes several villages forming in Portland, plus a local “hub,” Villages NW, that provides administrative and coordination services.

As part of our membership drive, a calendar of social and cultural events and programs will be available to all interested neighbors starting in July. Charter memberships will be ready to purchase July 1.

This initial membership drive will give the membership enrollment team an opportunity to see how the process works and a cadre of early enrolling charter members to give us feedback and assistance.

Regular member enrollment will begin August 1. Services to

Seeking tree count volunteers

by David Gates

Street trees are important public assets in urban environments, where they serve as a buffer between our transportation corridors and our homes. In this role, street trees filter stormwater, reduce the effects of car emissions, increase property values, calm traffic, and regulate summer temperatures, among other benefits.

The Rose City Park Tree Coalition can use your help with the Street Tree Inventory for our neighborhood. The inventory maps the location, size, and health of all street trees in the neighborhood, identifies possible planting locations, maps them by priority, and provides a powerful tool to educate neighbors about the important role of trees in our neighborhood.

The inventory will also help us identify short and long-term goals based on inventory data, such as identifying the diversity of tree species.

Inventory work days and tree teams offer an opportunity to connect with neighbors who care about trees. There are four inventory days, from 8:30 am to noon on July 9, August 13, and August 27, and from 4:30 to 8:30 pm on Wednesday, July 20.

Team leaders will need to attend training in June, while data collectors, working with Team Leaders, only need to let us know which days you will be helping. We especially need a volunteer arborist for each workday. Light refreshments will be provided.

If interested in helping with the Inventory, send an e-mail to RCPTreeCoalition@gmail.com to sign up, and look for RCP-TreeCoalition on Facebook. 🌳

full-service members will begin November 1.

Prospective members and volunteers can pre-enroll online at www.nevillagepdx.org or by emailing vcondon100@gmail.com. A member of the membership or volunteer enrollment teams will contact you. Membership fees are payable upon registration.

More information about NE Villages PDX, including a description of the different membership levels and fees, can be found on the website. 🌳

Board transitions, elections

by Tamara DeRidder

Several of our long-serving Board members are moving on to follow other pursuits. Thank you, Michael Roth, Erich Stiefvater, Rob Coleman, and Gail Zuro for your hard work and years of faithful service! You all leave big shoes to fill.

At our June 21 meeting, we will hold elections for RCPNA Board membership. We are grateful for the current Board members who will stand for re-election, and have several openings on the Board for others who might like to join.

Board membership is open to anyone who lives, works, or conducts business in Rose City Park. Requirements consist of attending Board and General Meetings and serving on at least one committee. If you're not feeling ready for that level of commitment, there are many other ways to get involved. In addition to a newsletter coordinator, we're also looking for someone to chair our Clean-Up Committee, and there are other ongoing activities we can use extra help with.

It's a great way to get involved, give back, build connections, and join a dedicated group of folks working to make Rose City Park an even better place to live, work, and play. Contact me at SustainableDesign@tdridder.users.panix.com if interested 🌳

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Infill options input sought

by Erich Stiefvater

The city's Residential Infill Project (RIP) is developing regulatory concepts that address the scale of new housing and remodels as well as appropriate types and locations for alternative housing options in single-dwelling zones.

At their April 5 meeting, the RIP Advisory Committee (SAC) discussed alternative housing options that would promote relatively smaller, less-expensive residential units in portions of select single-dwelling zones. This type of housing – typically in the form of duplexes, tri- and fourplexes, garden apartments, and cottage clusters – is referred to as “middle housing”: housing types between single-family homes and multi-family apartments. Middle housing accommodates a greater diversity of household sizes, incomes, and ages, and serves the changing needs of households over time. It also acknowledges that middle housing is particularly valuable for meeting equity and affordability goals, when located in high opportunity areas such as centers.

Project staff are preparing for public review of the Residential Infill Project's regulatory concepts this summer. Outreach events have not been finalized, but they will include a series of open houses throughout the city, targeted outreach to stakeholders who were not well represented in previous public outreach surveys, as well as providing information to other interested groups.

Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN) will host an open house on the proposal on July 14th from 6:30 to 9:30 at the German American Society. Watch the CNN website at cnmcoalition.org for updated information.

Air quality update

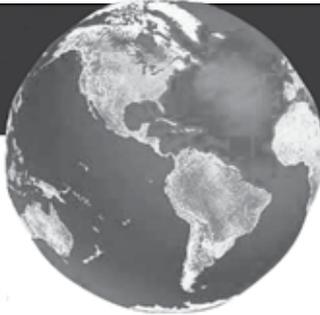
by David Gates

The Multnomah County Health Department (MCHD), Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) are collectively working to investigate sites in Portland with high arsenic levels detected in the initial, experimental, moss testing method reported in late February. The agencies developed a method to decide which locations to investigate first, using relevant air toxics data and information about vulnerable populations. The Central Northeast Neighbors coalition (of which Rose City Park is a part) had three hotspots.

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

Watch the Central Northeast Neighbors website (cnmcoalition.org) for announcements regarding the investigation plan, and for the date and location of the forum. Until the forum, look to the joint agency website, saferairoregon.gov.

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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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June 21, 7 pm. RCPNA General Meeting. German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St. See agenda on p. 2.

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 Concerts. Rose City Park. See page 1 for more details.

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

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

September 10. Deadline for October RCPNA newsletter.



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