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Sen. Dembrow, Board Elections, at Next General Meeting

Join us on Tuesday, May 22 to Meet Senator Dembrow and Discuss Neighborhood Issues

TAMARA DeRIDDER

On May 22 Senator Michael Dembrow will provide a legislative wrap-up and cover the issues that will be proposed in the coming session. Topics are likely to cover items such as air quality, congestion pricing, and the pending carbon tax. A few hot land use topics will be highlighted, including Better Housing By Design and the Residential Infill Project. Each Committee will provide a brief update of activities including a wrap up on our Neighborhood Clean Up and Yard Sale as well as upcoming Concerts in the Park.

We will also hold our annual Board elections. Please submit your nominations, friend or foe, to serve on our RCPNA Board for a minimum 1 year term. That means you can nominate yourself or someone else located inside the neighborhood who is a resident or business owner. We will be losing two members this year, so this will bring our numbers down to eight. Our Bylaws allow up to 21 members. But, we need at least 11 members to move projects forward. Each Board Member is given a month to determine on what committee they will serve and their strength as a contributor. Board Members can contribute as little as four hours a month while others, such

as David Gates, start up their own committee. He is now Chairman of the Environmental Committee. As a Board, we have activities every month - either a regular meeting or a General Membership Meeting.

Even if you are not interested in serving as a Board Member or a Committee member, your skills could help us with our newsletter, conducting research, or developing questionnaires for the neighborhood. If everyone gave just one hour a month - we could make a change. Just imagine the impact of each of us collectively using that one hour to write a letter/email writing campaign to each City Commissioner calling for 6-months more time needed for projects such as the Residential Infill Project or the Parking Management Manual? Calling for a change in the City Charter? We need your help - together we can make a change.

Contact Tamara DeRidder at SustainableDesign@tdridder.users.panix.com if you are interested in participating as a Board Member or on a Committee. Board nominations are needed by Monday May 14th. 📧

Spruce up Your Space

Find Your Next Treasure at the Annual Spring Clean Up and Yard Sale

STEPHEN EFFROS

Do you like two-for-one deals? How about a win-win? What about the opportunity to bring your bulky items for collection, while discovering treasures and meeting other members of your community all at one event?

The Rose City Park/Hollywood annual spring Clean Up on Saturday, May 12, 9am-3pm, brings members of our community together to dispose of unwanted items, uncover reusable items, and support local social service organizations. You can bring your refuse to our dumpsters and resaleable items to the parking lot of St. Rose of Lima School and Church (54th and Stanton) for drop off. You may find your next prized possession too at our yard sale.

We accept lots of different items, including bulky items like furniture, mattresses, and appliances. We encourage recycling and

reuse and will salvage metal, plastic and other materials from the items you bring us. Items in good shape, that can be reused directly, go to the yard sale under the playground canopy or are donated to organizations that can use them. If you have yard sale items, please bring them early in the day so there is time to sell them. We also ask for a small donation if you are bringing items to the Clean Up.

But there are some things we cannot accept. This includes yard debris, construction material, and hazardous materials of all sorts (for example, products labeled 'warning,' 'caution,' 'flammable,' or 'poison'). Please check the Rose City Park website for more detailed information about what items we can and cannot accept (<http://www.rcpna.org/events-calendar/spring-cleanup-event/>). 📧

You're Invited

General Neighborhood Meeting - Tuesday, May 22 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: Senator Michael Dembrow



A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

Summer is now broadening its stretch into every part of our lives now, ready or not. Soon the children and teachers will be out of school, college age kids coming home with laundry, and plans for summer activities, including more school, begin in earnest. Although I am not a teacher both of my parents were. It seems ingrained in me to clock the seasons in school cycles.



But, currently, I have become a bit too wary to travel far knowing that the City of Portland never seems to sleep with their proposed plan and code changes. The material keeps rolling out in what seems like an endless stream. Reams of 'public involvement' material with a 30-day turn around just does not do justice to our neighborhood review process and is a means of structural failure in our City's Public Involvement process. This timeline for massive projects like this makes it just impossible for neighborhoods to be able to respond. For example, those of you following the Residential Infill Project the City published their "Residential Infill Project Proposed Draft" April 3 for a Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission hearing scheduled for May 8 and 15. That collective document is 303 pages without the 3 Volume Appendices. I am fairly sure that the first phrase in our RCPNA recommendation will be, "We formally request a 6-month extension on the Proposed Draft RIP."

We have an opportunity before us to make a change in how our city works or let it continue to fail to provide adequate time and engagement with the public. If you would like to make a difference in your community, become a RCPNA Board or committee member. Please contact me at SustainableDesign@tdridder.users.panix.com for more information. Board nominations are needed by Monday May 14.

Sincerely,

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

May 22, 2018
7 PM, German American Society
5626 NE Alameda St.

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Board Meetings

June 5, 2018
7 PM, German American Society
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*** Volunteer needed.**

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.

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Tracking Proposed Projects

Keeping You Abreast of the Latest Neighborhood Projects

KELLY DAVIS

The LU & T Committee meets regularly on the 3rd Thursday of every month from 7-9 PM at 909 NE 52nd Ave., Head Start at Owen Blank School. Next Committee meeting is scheduled for May 17. Agendas are posted on NextDoor and at our website RCPNA.org. Interested? Please attend!

Charles Rice School to Become Pioneer Special Education School

Portland Public Schools presented the project to the LU & T committee on 3/15/18. A Type 3 Conditional Use review is required.

The relocated school will serve about 60 middle and high school students with emotional/behavioral issues supervised/taught by 30 staff members. Students will arrive in 12-15 small buses and 5-6 cabs. The school will observe a typical school calendar (including summer school) with hours from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Improvements proposed include new fencing, landscaping, sidewalks, ADA ramps and interior upgrades. There are currently 25 parking spaces including 3 visitor and 2 handicapped spaces.

Subsequent to the meeting, a lawsuit was filed by a Pioneer School parent in federal court to block the move to Rice. PPS announced on 3/30/18 that the Pioneer program would remain at its current location for the upcoming school year.

Umpqua Bank Six-Story Mixed-Use Project (47th and Sandy)

KOS Development is scheduled to attend the April 19 LU & T meeting with an update to the design/planning of the project. Stay tuned for a report on that in the next newsletter.

Rose City Park Methodist Church

Reverend Steve Ross outlined possible plans for the outside use of the Church's facilities. He will return to the LU & T Committee in June with the outcome of the current study and decisions made by the congregation.

Other Land Use Issues

The LU & T Committee briefly reviewed the COP Better Housing by Design Project, the PDOT Parking Manual Update and the Neighborhood Contact Code Update. All had required extremely short review time frames for comments and the Committee will write letters noting that to the various Bureaus. 📌



A Walk to Remember

Learn the Fascinating History of Rose City Park

JOHN NIKKEL



Rose City Park neighbors pose for a picture during March 31st's Rose City Park Tree History Walk.

On a very cool March 31st Saturday morning around 50 Rose City Park neighbors, along with some folks from adjacent neighborhoods, gathered in the southwest corner of Rose City Park to take a walk with historian David Hedberg. Hedberg, author of *From Stumptown to Tree Town*, lead the walk and shared some fascinating history of the neighborhood, the park, and the trees of the neighborhood. Do you know about the great train engine's crash in the middle of the golf course, or that elephants once roamed the park? Oh, and how did some unusual trees make their way to the neighborhood's planting strips?

Also, why did the neighborhood some years ago plant native shrubs and trees along the slope on the golf course's north border? Yes, all of those beautiful plants that a neighborhood group is now trying to save from encroaching blackberries. You can join them and help clear those invasive, overgrown blackberries. The group meets every Sunday morning, at 9:30 am, on the steps going down from Sacramento St. to the park.

Please visit <https://www.flickr.com/photos/urbanforestry/sets/72157694490604904> for some photos from March 31st's Rose City Park Tree History walk with Urban Forestry and the Rose City Park Tree Coalition. 📌

Editor's Note: For more information on how you can get involved and make a difference in your local environment, please contact David Gates at gatesdavid@gmail.com, or visit the following links:

Rose City Park Tree Coalition's Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/RCPTreeCoalition/>

Urban Forestry's Calendar: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/61420>

Seeking Newsletter Editor

Improve Your Neighborhood with Your Talent and Passion

SUZANNE DESMOND-GUBA

Have a way with words? A flair for design? A desire to make a difference in your community? The Rose City Park Neighborhood Association (RCPNA) has the perfect volunteer opportunity for you!

After dedicated service to RCPNA, volunteer Suzanne Desmond-Guba is stepping down as newsletter Editor. We thank her for her work and are sad to see her go, but are hoping we can find a communications-savvy Rose City Park neighbor to build on and extend her work. If you have journalistic or print design experience, interests, or inclinations, we'd love to hear from you.

The newsletter editor coordinates and contributes content to our neighborhood newsletter, lays out articles and ads in InDesign, performs minor touch-up work on photos and graphics in Photoshop, coordinates with the Advertising Coordinator, 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.

Not familiar with InDesign or Photoshop? No problem! Suzanne will gladly provide help and support to transition the new volunteer over the next few months to get them ready to hit the ground running this fall.

This role is an opportunity to give back, build a resume, or get involved. 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. Please email communications@rcpna.org for more information about this fun volunteer opportunity and to get in touch with Suzanne. 🌸

Candidates Fair a Success

Overview of the RCPNA 2018 City Council Candidates Fair

ED GORMAN

A near capacity Max Kade Hall in the German American Society building hosted an engrossed audience that witnessed the April 3 General Meeting dedicated to the candidates running for Positions 2 and 3 of the Portland City Council.

Seven of the 10 candidates running for the two positions were represented in the event. By position they were: Position 2: Philip Wolfe, and Nancy Becker representing Nick Fish; Position 3: Felicia Williams, Andrea Valderrama, Loretta Smith, Jo Ann Hardesty, and Stuart Emmons.

The candidates each gave a short opening presentation and followed their presentation by answering this prepared question:

“Given the strong concerns of the residents of the Rose City Park neighborhood as documented in the Neighborhood Association survey regarding the rezoning of 200+ properties within the boundaries of the neighborhood from a current R5 designation to an R2.5 designation; and concerns for the proposed new “a” overlay that allows duplexes everywhere and triplexes on corner lots, what is your position on the issue?”

They each then used the remainder of their approximately 11 minute allotted time segment to answer questions from the audience. The questions asked of all the candidates were recorded and were presented to each candidate in the days following the event. Each candidate was afforded the opportunity to answer all the questions asked by the audience and to return their answers to RCPNA. The questions and the answers that were returned have been uploaded to the RCPNA website for viewing. Access them at rcpna.org. 🌸

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On a Winning Streak

Grant High Constitution Team Wins, Again

DAVID GATES



Grant High School won the “We the People” state Constitution competition for the second year in a row. The Generals beat their longtime rival, Lincoln, and four other teams January 13 at the Mark O. Hatfield Courthouse. Grant will compete in the national event April 28-30 in Washington, D.C.

The win was Grant’s 12th in the last 17 years of the competition, which started in 1987. Lincoln, which finished runner-up, won the other 19 years.

The Generals, who finished runner-up at nationals last year, will try to win nationals for the third time. Lincoln has won six national titles, the last in 2016.

The team needs to raise \$80,000 to send 30 students, as well as teachers to the national competition. Donations may be made to Grant Constitution Team, c/o Courtney Lobo, 3317 N.E. 47 th Ave., Portland, OR 97213. 🍷

118 Trees Planted, 173 Pruned

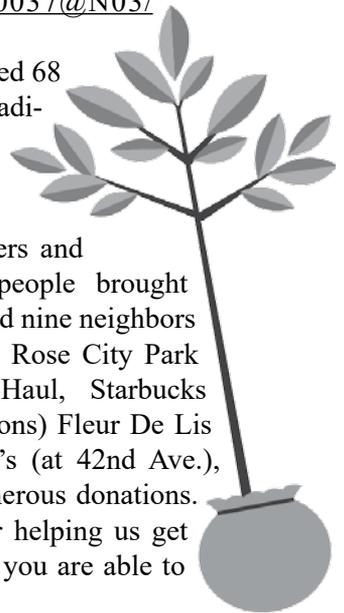
March 24 Friends of Trees Annual Planting Event a Success

DAVID GATES

The City of Portland is a great place to enjoy urban trees. The trees work extremely hard for us, despite being given less than ideal conditions. Friends of Trees plantings provide access to highly subsidized, city-approved trees every spring in our neighborhood. To view photos of our shared day, please visit our Flickr account here: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/29140037@N03/albums/72157693147497151>.

At this year’s event, we planted 68 trees in Rose City Park, 42 in Madison South and 8 in Sumner, as well as pruned 173 trees in Madison South.

We had 129 volunteer planters and 15 pruners. Additionally, six people brought potluck foods to share with us, and nine neighbors delivered trees with their trucks. Rose City Park United Methodist Church, U-Haul, Starbucks (Cesar Chavez & Fremont locations) Fleur De Lis Bakery, Chipotle, Papa Murphy’s (at 42nd Ave.), and Spielman’s Bagels made generous donations. Please tell them “thank you” for helping us get these trees planted the next time you are able to visit. 🍷



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Painting Freda's Tree Mural Party On

Meet Neighbors and Beautify Rose City Park

SUZANNE DESMOND-GUBA



For the 12th year in a row, streets will be blocked off to paint the magnificent intersection mural of NE 56th Avenue and Stanton, Saturday, June 2.

At some point you may have stopped to admire the bright colors, or perhaps wondered about the meaning behind the stunning tree motif. From 1912 to 2003, a majestic chestnut tree graced the corner of Stanton and NE 56th Avenue. Everyone in the neighborhood lovingly called it "Freda's Tree," but who was Freda, and why was there a tree named after her?

Freda Frauendorf was born in Germany's Black Forest in 1886 and immigrated to Portland, Oregon, circa 1908. Later that same year, she married her husband Alfred during the Rose Festival. Freda loved trees, so once her house at 3028 NE 56th Avenue was completed in 1910, she quickly set about planting as many trees as she could in her yard. When she ran out of space on her own property, Freda began planting trees in the yards of her new neighbors.

In a short period of time, Freda had filled her entire street with trees; so in 1912, just before the city put in the street, she planted a three-foot tall chestnut sapling on the corner of NE 56th Avenue and Stanton, a full block away from her house. Not only did the chestnut outlive the woman who lovingly planted it, but it also survived long after all of the other trees Freda grew.

Unfortunately, Freda's Tree eventually became diseased and had to be removed in 2003. To honor Freda and her tree's legacy, the neighborhood designed the existing mural in 2006, and has painted it ever since - just feet from where the original tree once stood.

Please join us for a day of remembrance, painting, and laughter on Saturday, June 2 from 9 am to 1 pm. Donations for paint and supplies are welcome, but not expected. Paint, supplies, snacks, drinks, and good company will be provided. Please contact Suzanne Desmond-Guba at Suzanne.Desmond@gmail.com for more information. 🍷

** Historical information on Freda Frauendorf taken from Rose City Park Neighborhood History Book 1907-2007, edited by Michael Roth, and The Other Side of Oregon by Ralph Friedman.*



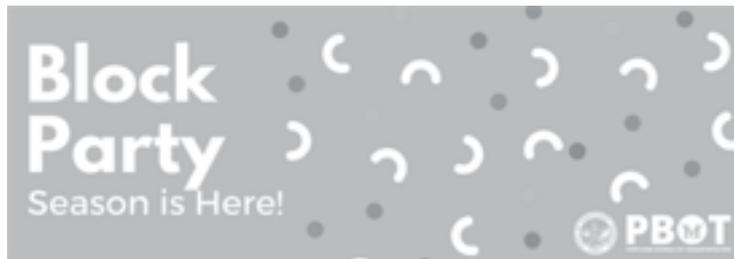
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PBOT Now Offering Free Block Party Permits

CRAIG LINDSAY



Summer is just around the corner, and it is a great time to get to know your neighbors. Block parties are a good way to develop your neighborhood's sense of community. There are benefits to knowing your neighbors, besides being able to borrow a tool now and then or give the plants a drink when you are gone for a long weekend. In case of emergencies, neighbors helping neighbors is the most effective way to get initial help. That's what community is about.

The city's block party permits are now free. They aren't for organizations or private parties; they are just for neighbors. The Bureau of Transportation allows a neighborhood street to be blocked off up to four blocks. Check out PBOT's informational and application form at www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/66080.

So, this summer, fire up the barbeque in the middle of the street and party on! 🍷

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The "Big One" Could be Worse Than Previously Thought

CRAIG LINDSAY

That's the gist of the report on the impact of the Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake released in mid-March by the Oregon Department of Geology. The Portland metro area in the worst case could see more than \$80 billion in building damage, tens of thousands wounded or killed, and a quarter million facing long-term displacement.

For more information, please read The Oregonian's article about the study, "When the 'Big One' hits, Portland faces mass casualties, widespread destruction: Study" (www.oregonlive.com/pacific-northwest-news/index.ssf/2018/03/when_the_big_one_hits_portland.html).

What are your plans? In disasters, neighbors helping neighbors has been the greatest factor in helping communities come back. Take the lead and organize your block. Know who has skills and equipment and who has special needs.

For help in getting started, please contact RCPNA's Emergency Preparedness Committee at emergency-preparedness@rcpna.org, or join us at our next meeting. 🌸



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, report 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
Noise Problems	503-823-7350	Women's Crisis Line (24-hour hotline for battered women)	503 235-5333

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CALENDAR

May 9, 7 pm. RCP-Neighborhood Emergency Team

Rose City Park United Methodist Church, 5830 NE Alameda St

May 12, Neighborhood Clean Up and Yard Sale

St. Rose Catholic Church parking lot, 5309 Alameda St.

May 17, 7 pm. Land Use & Transportation Committee

Owen Blank Head Start, 909 NE 52nd Ave

May 22, 7 pm. RCPNA General Meeting

German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.

May 23, 7 pm. Communications Committee

Rose City Park United Methodist Church, 5830 NE Alameda St

June 5, 7 pm. RCPNA Board Meeting

German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.

RCPNA General Meeting Agenda

Come and Meet Your Neighbors!

Tuesday, May 22, 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 - 7:10	Welcome and Introductions
7:10 - 7:25	Board Elections
7:25 - 7:30	Bylaws Sub-Committee
7:30 - 7:45	Better Housing By Design Project (see: https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/618889)
7:45 - 8:00	Residential Infill Project (see: https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/678210)
8:00 - 8:30	Senator Michael Dembrow
8:30 - 8:55	Committee Updates
8:55 - 9:00	Wrap Up and Final Thoughts
9:00	Adjourn



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