



Hattie Larrouy Honored with 2018 Spirit of Portland Award

RCPNA Neighbor Receives “Award for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion”



Hattie Larrouy is the recipient of the 2018 Spirit of Portland Award for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, for leading the National Night Out event in Normandale Park (see the article in [our October issue](#)).

Hattie has lived in the Rose City

Park neighborhood for 27 years, and spent 30 years in public service prior to her retirement last year. As a public health nurse, she worked with immigrants and refugees, incarcerated women, and parents.

She is currently enjoying being a grandmother, volunteering with a women’s fly-fishing organization, becoming an Oregon Master Naturalist and working with other community groups who work with issues of equity.

When an issue of equity arose this summer at Normandale Park, she didn’t hesitate to respond swiftly, uniting RCPNA, County programs, City bureaus and community members to implement “Rose City Park Stands with Refugees and Immigrants National Night Out,” focusing on reducing hate, uniting community members and reaffirming our natural spaces as places of healing and solace. (The RCPNA Board has adopted National Night Out at Normandale, with the theme of Supporting Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, as a new annual event.)

Hattie was nominated by Sarah Berkemeier, of the City’s Office of Community & Civic Life, and Kari Koch, of Portland United Against Hate.

About the award, she says, “My neighbors and the City deserve a lot of credit for standing up and supporting the event we’ve created. The incident this summer is a microcosm of what’s happening nationally. Hate is being amplified, and it ripples out and spreads. I wouldn’t say that I’m a natural ‘activist,’ but it’s important to move out of our comfort zones and, when someone splashes hate around, respond by making a bigger splash of love and let that make big waves out into the community so that people feel supported. That’s what my neighbors have done by standing with refugees and immigrants.”

Ms. Larrouy and other awardees were honored at a public ceremony in November. The theme for this year’s awards was “*One city, many communities*,” making Ms. Larrouy’s contribution to a neighborhood event especially meaningful. 🌹

You’re Invited! January 22, 7-9 pm

Membership meeting on Crime Prevention, with training and panel discussion

Hosted by the German American Society
5626 NE Alameda Street — ADA Accessible

See agenda on page 8

A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

By TAMARA DERIDDER, RCPNA Chair



Happy Post-Holidays everyone! I feel like by the time January comes around it takes me a full month to just recover from the chaotic pace of the holiday season. When and where did my "normal" daily routine leave me with unfinished chores, bills, and, oh yes, projects at work? Don't get me wrong—I love the excitement of the holidays, lots of singing, touchstone times with family and friends, and experiencing amazing art, some which is edible.

In my 2019 New Year's resolution, I repeat my attempt at accepting that I am enough. Perfect as an individual in this time and in this place just as I am to effect change. As we all are. To not be discouraged that the issues internal and external to my immediate family unit have been resolved to a semblance of peace/detente. To love every day of life as an amazing gift of abundance in this time of climate change. Letting this love serve as a means for greater courage as shown by the local documentary "The Reluctant Radical." It seems to put much of my daily life into perspective as to the importance of minor irritations and slights.

Climate change makes clear that we, here in the Northwest, will see more immigration than ever as people relocate from the coastal areas. Our ample water and food resources may become challenged. This brings me to questions I want you to ponder: How does climate change impact our neighborhood? Do we build a wall and tell those in need that there is no space for them to stay? Do we allow more than two households for every 5,000 sq.ft. lot? Buy into an electric cart & bike franchise powered by solar panels that allows RCP residents mobility without gas fired vehicles? What can and should we do as a neighborhood to sustain our livability? I, for one, welcome your ideas and comments. Because only together can we build on and sustain our neighborhood livability for future generations.

EVENTS COMMITTEE

The new Events Committee is seeking volunteers and local businesses interested in being involved with RCPNA social events, including the Spring Clean-Up, Concerts in the Park and Community Partner associated events. If you have an interest in event planning, community involvement, or otherwise, please contact the Committee at events@rcpna.org.

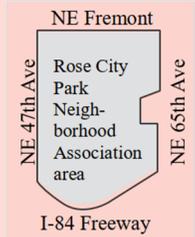
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- Our Mission -

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

- Association Membership -

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



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.

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January 22, 2019, 7:00pm
March 19, 2019, 7:00 pm
May 21, 2019, 7:00 pm
[no meeting during summer]

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Board Meetings:

February 5, 2019, 7:00pm
April 2, 2019, 7:00 pm
June 4, 2019, 7:00 pm

General and Board meetings are held at:
The German American Society,
5626 NE Alameda Street

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RCP REVITALIZATION PROJECT COMMITTEE

RCPNA Adopts Rose City Park Revitalization Project

New committee formed and new Board member elected

By BEN DUDLEY, JOE SARACENO, LYNN DELLA AND TAMARA DERIDDER

Ben Dudley and Joe Saraceno, the committee will work with Portland Parks and Recreation and the Rose City Park Revitalization Project (RCPRP) concept, appeared at the RCPNA Board meeting on December 4 to introduce the Project and explore how the Association might work with them to achieve its goal.

In November, Joe and Ben met with the Asset & Development Division Manager at Parks and Rec and the Senior Policy Director from Nick Fish's office to introduce their idea and get feedback regarding next steps. Both offices expressed support and a willingness to help provide guidance through the process.

Joe stated, "Parks asked us to submit our intention to work with the community to develop a plan that, at a minimum, replaces damaged play equipment, which we have done. Our hope is to receive direction on the necessary funding required and a timeline for the process."

After their presentation and some discussion, the Board agreed to take on the effort as a project of the Association, led by a new committee. Joe was elected to the Board to fill out the unexpired term of Olivia Dwinnell, who stepped down, and was appointed chair of the new RCPRP Committee.

Through preliminary investigation by Vice Chair Ed Gorman, it was confirmed by Executive Director Alison Stoll that the Central NE Neighborhood Coalition will serve as the non-profit fiscal agent for this project.

Ben, who lives in Madison South, and Joe, who lives in Rose City Park, share the RCPRP's goal of connecting neighbors in an effort to revitalize the play area in Rose City Park. In addition to RCPNA,



Joe Saraceno and Ben Dudley

and look forward to partnering with the RCPNA and our neighbors to bring this dream to life."

For information about RCPRP, email RCPRP2018@gmail.com or follow the project on Instagram [@rcprevitalizationproject](https://www.instagram.com/rcprevitalizationproject).

Additional updates will appear in the Rose City Park Review, the RCPNA webpage (www.rcpna.org) and the RCPNA Facebook page (www.facebook.com/rcpna).

GRAPHIC ARTISTS AND MEDIA COORDINATORS!

The RCPNA Communications Committee seeks volunteers for these vacant positions. For more information, contact communications@rcpna.org.

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LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

By KELLY DAVIS

The Land Use and Transportation Committee (LU&TC) meets regularly on the 3rd Thursday each month from 7-9 pm at Head Start at Owen Blank School, 909 NE 52nd Avenue. The next meetings are scheduled for February 21 and March 21. Agendas are posted on NextDoor and the Association's website, www.RCPNA.org. Interested? Please attend!

Rose City Park Revitalization Project

Ben Dudley and Joe Saraceno are leading an effort to renovate Rose City Park. The plan is to focus on the play area with new playground structures, picnic tables, signage and other improvements. See the article on page 3.

Contact Code Update

This project by the City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) is reviewing the "Neighborhood Contact" requirements in the Zoning Code to create a more effective process to support early information sharing and create opportunities for project developers to talk with neighbors.

Sara Wright from BPS outlined the project for the LU&TC, including the updated proposal for notification by developers of upcoming projects. For additional information, visit www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/74046.

Update on the Residential Infill Project (RIP)

The Committee continues to monitor this proposal to densify our neighborhood. RCPNA Chair Tamara DeRidder authored a letter to Planning Lead Morgan Tracy, listing a number of questions and concerns regarding the latest project update being recommended to the City Council.

RCPNA 2018 Neighborhood Priorities

The Committee identified the top transportation priorities listed by neighbors and will focus on several issues, including the intersections of 57th and Halsey, 57th and Sandy, 57th and Hassalo, and improvements to NE 60th.

Other Land Use Items

The Sandy 51 Apartment Project at 51st and Sandy has received its building permits and is finalizing the various subcontractors, specifications and schedules. No start date has been determined.

The LU&TC is talking with neighbors adjacent to Baerlic Brewing (at 60th and Halsey) about a Good Neighbor Agreement with Baerlic. ☺

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

By DAVID GATES

Friends of Trees Rose City Park Neighborhood Planting on January 19

This is an east and low-cost way (due to community volunteering and city subsidies) to acquire city-authorized trees for planting in your parking strip and/or yard. For \$35 per tree, FOT will secure permits, coordinate utility inspections and markings, and start the hole where the tree will be planted, and on the day of the planting send a crew to plant the tree.

The biggest planting day needs are: volunteers to help plant, pickup trucks, and potluck lunches for volunteers. If you are getting a tree and can't be on the planting crew, you could send a delivery pizza to the church. The coordinating location is **Rose City Park United Methodist Church**. Arrive by **8:30 am** and get fed breakfast treats. Crews are generally finished planting by 1:00 pm. Browse trees and register at <https://friendsoftrees.org>.

Blackberries have been rampant **just below the Sacramento Ridge** for many years. This invasive plant isn't visible if you just drive by or walk on the upper trail. A group of dedicated volunteers ("the RCP Liberators") has been abating the brambles on the lower trail for the last year and revealed, among other things, some native plants that were planted decades ago. Consider this an invitation to join this informal group on Sundays. For times and dates, contact John Nikkel at jonniki@gmail.com. ☺

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Welcome Back, Rose City Park Elementary School!

School is home to District's Vietnamese Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Program

By JENNIFER SANTHOUSE



Viet Hung Jr. Dragon and Lion Dance Team,
photo courtesy of Portland Public Schools

When refugees from South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia arrived in Portland *en masse* in the late 1970s, many settled and established businesses near the Indochinese Cultural and Service Center located in the Hollywood neighborhood. Vietnamese-speaking households are more widely dispersed throughout the city now, the proximity to several long-standing Vietnamese businesses and services made Roseway Heights School, now Rose City Park Elementary School, a practical location for the expanding Vietnamese DLI program. Within this program, students receive instruction in both Vietnamese and English and can become bilingual, biliterate and develop cultural competency to succeed in our increasingly global society. And through school-wide activities, Principal Cohen and the RCP teachers and staff enthusiastically incorporate traditional Vietnamese activities, such as the school opening drum ceremony and Tet Festival, which add an international dimension to the traditional reading, writing and 'rithmetic lessons. 🌀

Two lions danced to the sharp beats of drums and cymbals, celebrating the Grand Reopening of Rose City Park Elementary School on August 30. After more than a decade and many heated boundary discussions, the school reopened this fall to educate neighborhood students and serve as the home of the District's Vietnamese Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Program. Principal Jeremy Cohen and Vice Principal Anh Nguyen-Johnson welcomed students who previously attended Roseway Heights and Beverly Cleary schools, as well as new kindergarteners, and their families into the historic brick school building. The reopening signified a new beginning for the 106-year-old school, which has endured multiple additions and recent critical upgrades, including new security doors and a PA system to keep students connected and safe. Additional improvements will add an elevator and a chair lift increase accessibility.



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NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY

By TERRY PARKER

1940 photograph shows the steel fabrication facility that once occupied the Southeast corner of most of the Rose City Park neighborhood. It was located between the Union Pacific Railroad to the south and NE Halsey Street to the north. The Douglas-fir-lined street in the bottom left hand corner of the photograph is NE 64th Avenue. I-84 was yet to be built.

In the last part of the 1950s, huge steel bridge beams were assembled here. Two large overhead cranes in the long center building would carry a finished beam to the north end, swing it around about 45 degrees and load it onto trucks sitting on a scale.

The trucks included a cab-over three-axle tractor and a separate three-axle non-powered unit at the rear with steerable front wheels. The beam itself provided the connection between the two vehicles. The driver's compartment of the rear unit was under the beam. The loaded trucks would then cross Halsey, head north on 64th for one block, turn east on Broadway, turn south on 65th (all residential streets) and then head east on Halsey.

Three warehouse buildings were constructed on the site in 1968. In 2008, one was torn down and replaced by a parking lot for Providence Home Services. In the 1950s, the small commercial building near the bottom of the photograph was a dry cleaners and laundry. 📷



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January 22, 2019 General Meeting to Focus on Crime Prevention

If you have recently been paying attention to social media and/or visiting with your neighbors, you are aware of an uptick in crime in the neighborhood. This is disconcerting to us all. The RCPNA Board discussed this condition at the December Board meeting and decided to dedicate the January General Meeting to informing neighbors of details and providing methods to reduce vulnerability to criminal activity.

At press time, there is a commitment from the City of Portland Office of Community and Civic Life Crime Prevention Specialists to present a training on crime prevention. The Portland Police Bureau North Precinct has committed to providing an officer at the meeting, who will interact with those attending. We have reached out to the Portland Housing Bureau, requesting a representative to attend the meeting and engage neighbors on the City's recently acquired Ellington Apartments; at press time, we had not yet received a reply.

This promises to be a very informative experience and, hopefully, you will leave more knowledgeable and with a tool kit to reduce your vulnerability to criminal activity.

See agenda on page 8. Updated information will be posted on the RCPNA website (www.rcpna.org). ©

Personnel Changes

The past few months have brought some goodbyes and some hellos.

As noted in our October issue, Board members Steve Effros and Ramona Reule stepped down and, at the May 2018 General Meeting, **Neil Chodorow** and **Jennifer Santhouse** were elected to the Board.

Steve's additional position as Secretary has been filled by **Kara Mumma**. Ramona's additional position as Advertising Coordinator for the *Review* has been filled by Jennifer; as the Ad Coordinator, she is a member of the Communications Committee. Jennifer and Kara also serve on the Events Committee.

Another vacant Board position was recently filled by **Joe Saraceno** (see the article on page 4).

Suzanne Desmond-Guba transitioned from the Editor of the *Review* to the chair of the Communications Committee. Beginning with this issue, **Lynn Della** takes over as Editor, and is also a member of the Communications Committee. ©

Winter Weather Considerations

We are predicted to have a mild El Nino winter this year, with slightly warmer- and rainier-than-average conditions—highs averaging in the mid-40s but the lows hovering in the 30s, even slipping below the freezing mark several times. While we likely won't see much snow in the Portland area, the prognosticators are calling for above-average rainfall (some are calling for 10", which is 4" above average), notably in late January, which will likely bring flooding.

For those of us with adequate shelter, this won't present much problem but, for those who are unsheltered, being wet and cold can be devastating. People seeking to get warm (and dry) when warming centers aren't open can go to government buildings open to the public, including libraries and community centers. Seasonal (winter) shelters that provide beds no matter what the weather, will be open but only by reservation (call 211 or visit [2-1-1 info](#)).

The Rose City Park United Methodist Winter Shelter (5830 NE Alameda) serves our area; it is open daily 6:30pm-7:30am December-April, has 40 beds (30 for non-vets) available by referral (call 211 for screening) and serves homeless families and women in their 3rd trimester of pregnancy who are sleeping outside or in a vehicle. Assistance animals permitted with documentation. ©

CALENDAR



General Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

The German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.

Crime Prevention Training* and Panel Discussion

- 7:00 – Welcome and Preview
- 7:10 – Crime Prevention Training by specialists from the City of Portland Office of Community and Civic Life
- 7:45 – Update on local criminal activity by a representative from the Portland Police Bureau
- 8:00 – Update on the Ellington Apartments (increased criminal activity?) by a representative from the Portland Housing Bureau
- 8:10 – Panel Discussion with audience participation
- 8:40 – Raffle with prizes awarded
- 8:55 – Questions from audience and final comments
- 9:00 – Adjournment

For “Boxing Day in January,” RCPNA will gladly accept your donations of bags of lightly used clothing and/or canned food for the Northeast Emergency Food Program, which is sponsored by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) (<http://emoregon.org/nefp>).

Parking is available in the German American Society lot across NE Alameda and in the Our Lady of La Vang Catholic Church lot directly west of the GAS building.

This lot is locked at 9:30 pm.

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January 19, 8:30 am-1:00 pm, Friends of Trees Planting

United Methodist Church, 5830 NE Alameda Street
(see article on page 4)

February 26, 7:00-8:30 pm, Communications Committee

Basics Market, 5035 NE Sandy Boulevard

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