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our next*

**General
Meeting,
Tuesday,
June 23**

6:30 pm (music)

7 pm (program)

Agenda on p. 2

**German
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Society**

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

Backyard habitats, edible gardens, and toxics

Focus on the environment at the June 23 RCPNA meeting

by Erich Stiefvater

The next meeting of the Rose City Park Neighborhood Association (RCPNA) will be held on June 23 at 7 pm at the German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St. The meeting is open to the public, and the German American Society building is ADA- and transit-accessible (TriMet bus lines 12 and 71). The doors open and music by Rose City Park neighbors Larry Wilder and Doug Sticker will begin at 6:30 pm.

The main program begins at 7 pm with an update on and future plans for the Rose City Park Community Visioning process that was kicked off at our April 28 meeting. This will be followed by a series of presentations on environmental topics.

Gaylen Beatty of the Columbia River Land Trust will discuss the Backyard Habitat certification program. Ian Wilson of Portland Edible Gardens will discuss ideas and tips for growing food at home. Finally, Mary Lou Soscia will discuss the Columbia River Toxin



Photo by David Gates

Backyard Habitats will be discussed at the June 23 RCPNA Meeting.

Reduction Plan and how neighbors can help reduce our toxic footprint.

We will also hear updates from our various Committees and discuss resources available for neighbors.

A detailed agenda for the meeting is on page 2. For more information, contact Tamara DeRidder at 503-706-5804 or SustainableDesign@tdridder.users.panix.com.

Get ready for summer fun!

RCPNA golf tournament and free park concerts July 18 and 25

by Larry Wilder and Michael Roth

Mark your calendars for another round of summer fun in Rose City Park!

The festivities begin on the morning of Saturday, July 18 with fun times and great prizes at our annual golf tournament at the Rose City Golf Course, 2200 NE 71st Ave. The tournament is an 18-hole scramble and is open to all players. Check-in is at 9 am with the first tee time at 10. A fee of \$65 includes the greens fee and food and drink, and money raised will go toward the restoration of the course clubhouse,



Photo from tonystarlight.com

Tony Starlight will perform at the RCPNA Picnic in the Park Concert on July 25.

Summer fun—continued on page 5



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General Meetings

June 23, 2015, 7 pm
German American Society
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Board Meetings

July 7, 2015, 7 pm
German American Society
5626 NE Alameda St.

**Volunteer needed. Also seeking four additional Board Members. Interested? Call 503-706-5804.*

RCPNA General Meeting — Tuesday, June 23, 7:00 pm

German American Society 5626 NE Alameda St.

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

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| 6:30 – 7:00 | Doors Open — Music by Larry Wilder and Doug Stickler |
| 7:00 – 7:10 | Welcome and RCPNA Business — Chair Tamara DeRidder |
| 7:10 – 7:30 | Review of Community Visioning Session and Next Steps |
| 7:30 – 8:30 | Focus on the Environment — Presentations on Backyard Habitats, Edible Gardens, and Toxics Abatement |
| 8:30 – 8:45 | Committee Reports |
| 8:45 – 9:00 | Resources for Neighbors |

Message from the Chair

Thank you to all who had a hand in the Rose City Park Neighborhood Visioning Workshop on April 28th! As mentioned at this meeting, the Workshop was the kick-off for a long-term discussion about what makes Rose City Park livable now and what will keep it that way in the future. We are attempting to identify issues and opportunities we face together as we continue to grow and how we can act on this information as individuals, as partner organizations, and as a Neighborhood Association. To view notes and results from the Workshop, go to http://www.rcpna.org/?attachment_id=264.

Based on our experience at the Workshop, at our May 5 Board Meeting we created a new working group, the “RCP Visioning Task Force.” This group will take the results of the Workshop and other information and build the next steps for further public involvement and planning. To add to our information, please go online and enter your thoughts at <http://www.rcpna.org/community-visioning/tell-us-what-you-think>.

We will provide an update on our visioning work at our June 23 neighborhood meeting. What can you do in the meantime to help promote positive change in our neighborhood? You can join one of our task forces, Committees, or our Board. You can also comment as a Rose City Park resident on the final draft of the city’s Comprehensive Plan Update by emailing the Planning & Sustainability Commission at psc@portlandoregon.gov.

Our June 23 meeting will also feature presentations on ways to protect and enhance the environment in and around our neighborhood. See the description on page 1 for more details.

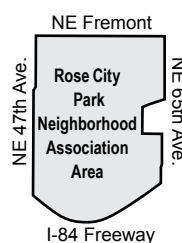
Thank you, and we hope to see you soon! ●

Tamara DeRidder, Chair

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

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RCPNA Updates

RCPNA Spring Highlights

by *Erich Stiefvater*

It's been a busy spring for RCPNA.

Over 60 neighbors showed up at our Community Visioning Workshop on April 28. After presenting some information about the history and demographics of the neighborhood, RCPNA Chair Tamara DeRidder shared information about the city's land-use and development plans that may impact Rose City Park. RCPNA board members and other volunteers then led neighbors in discussions in small groups about what makes the neighborhood livable, what are some threats to that livability, and how everyone can stay engaged and involved as change occurs.

At our Board Meeting in May, we started a Visioning Task Force and adopted an action plan for the upcoming year. We also said goodbye to some long-time Board Members and hello to a handful of new ones (see page 5).

Committee reports

Land Use/Transportation

by *Tamara DeRidder, Co-Chair*

Much is happening on the land-use front in and around the neighborhood. We are doing our best to stay on top of them and communicate them to interested neighbors.

Neighborhoods are now supposed to be given notification when major remodels and demolitions occur. We have started receiving such notices, and will begin posting them to our website and Facebook page.

We co-sponsored a Residential Info Expo on June 4, which was focused on affordable and neighborhood-friendly living options. We used the event as an opportunity to present concerns from our neighborhood, including those raised at our Community Visioning Workshop on April 28. See <http://www.seuplift.org/expo-on-affordable-infill-housing-solutions> for details.

We're continuing to follow developments on the Comprehensive Plan Update. Recent activity has included reviewing and addressing comments on the proposed policy changes

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In May we also held our Annual Clean-Up and Yard Sale. See page 4 for more details and some photos from the event.

Notes from these and other RCPNA meetings and activities can be found online at www.rcpna.org.

for Campus Institution Zones (think Providence).

The city recently adopted a new notification process for disposing of city property. Read more at <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/onil/article/529079>.

Neighbor Ted Hart shares with us that the stop signs at Broadway and 60th Avenue are having some effect in improving the speeding traffic at that intersection. Bob Durstan, a neighbor monitoring traffic around the Rose City Futsal facility reports that the city will conduct a traffic study at 52nd Avenue and Hassalo Street in June, which will hopefully yield useful data to inform potential traffic pattern changes in the area.

The Land Use/Transportation Committee will next meet on Thursday, June 18 at 7 pm at the German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St. The meeting is open to all. For more information, contact Tamara DeRidder at 503-706-5804 or SustainableDesign@tdridder.users.panix.com.

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Neighborhood News

May 16 Neighborhood Clean-Up and Yard Sale a sweeping success

by Richard Crockett

RCPNA and the Hollywood Neighborhood Association held another successful Neighborhood Clean-Up and Yard Sale on Saturday, May 16.

About 50 volunteers joined RPCNA and Hollywood Board Members to help residents declutter their domiciles and yards. Two hundred and fifty (250) intake forms were processed during the six-hour event. The Clean-Up generated \$4,925 in donations and yard-sale proceeds 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 (and thanks to Steve Colburn for the photos)! 📷



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Summer Fun—continued from page 1

a National Historic Site.

Advance registration is required by July 13. Register with Adrian Esteban at 971-219-0287 or rcpnagolf@gmail.com. Contact Adrian if you have questions or are interested in sponsorship opportunities.

The fun continues later that day with the first of our two free Hollywood and Rose City Park Neighborhood Associations' Picnic in the Park Concerts, this one featuring Portland's own Norman Sylvester. Sylvester has been synonymous with stellar entertainment in Portland for years. Inducted into the Oregon Music Hall of Fame in 2011, he has exploded across the Portland music scene with renewed vigor and popularity.

The second concert will be held the following Saturday (July 25), and will feature Tony Starlight. Tony, for many years a fixture on Sandy Boulevard in Hollywood, always has a fun show. Tony performs a wonderful mix of music and comedy. You're never sure who is going to show up: Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Ricky Ricardo—or will it be someone from the 70's, such as Neil Diamond or Tom Jones? It is always great and always fun as Tony puts the SHOW back in show business.

Both the July 18 and 25 concerts are from 6 to 8 pm, and will be held at the west end of Rose City Park at NE 62nd Avenue at Tillamook Street. Pack a picnic basket or get some carry-out from one of the many local eateries. For questions, or to volunteer, contact Craig Lindsay at lindsaycp@hotmail.com. 🍷



Portland bluesman Norman Sylvester will perform at the July 18 Picnic in the Park Concert.

RCPNA Board transitions

by Erich Stiefvater

This spring we said goodbye to several of our long-term Board Members. Thank you, Bob Dueltgen, Fred Stovel, and Dale Bailey, for your hard work and many years of faithful service! You leave big shoes to fill.

We also elected to our Board three new members: Deborah Lynn Field, David Gates, and Amanda Petretti. Welcome aboard, and we look forward to working with you to make Rose City Park an even better place to live, work and play! 🍷

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Award for youth eco hero

by Erich Stiefvater

The Children's Environmental Health Network (CEHN) is accepting nominations of youth to receive the 2015 Nse-du Obot Witherspoon Youth Leadership Award. The award honors youths for their exceptional environmental leadership, commitment to environmental health, participation in community action, and leadership skills.

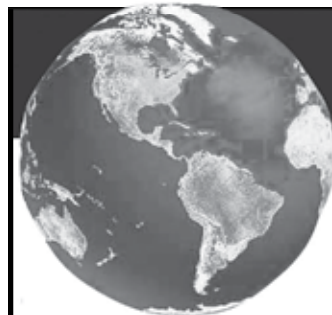
Youth ages 12 to 18 in middle and high school are eligible. The nomination form is available at <http://www.cehn.org/NOWaward>. Nominations will be accepted until 4:00 pm on June 30.

This year's award will be presented at the CEHN 10th Annual Child Health Advocate Award Reception. This event honors child health advocates within science, policy, community health, and media who are advancing the protection of children from environmental hazards. The awards event will be held in Washington, DC, in October of this year. 🌱

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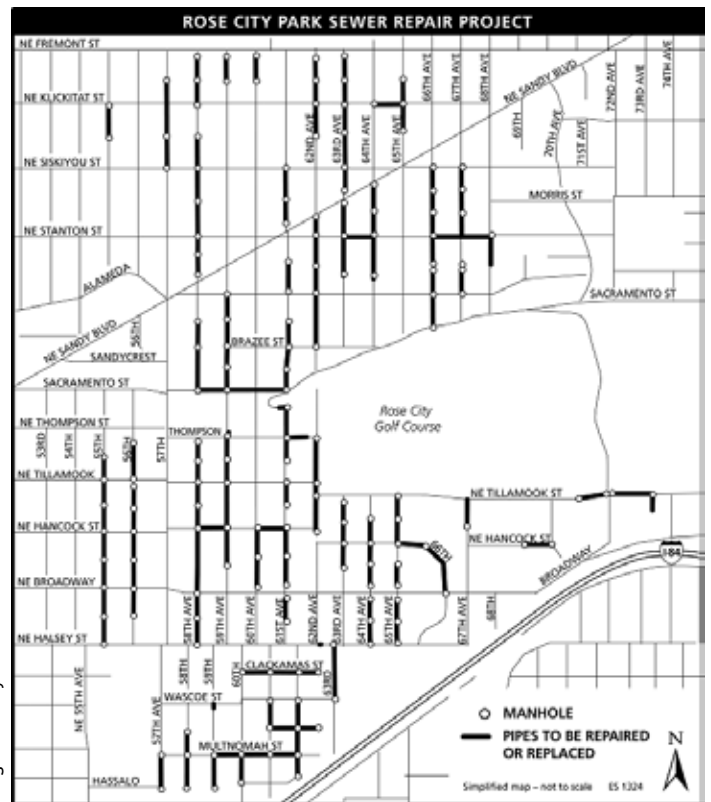


Latest sewer news

by Erich Stiefvater

The city's Bureau of Environmental Services is continuing its project to replace about 40,000 feet of deteriorating sewer pipe in parts of the Rose City Park and Madison South neighborhoods (see map below). Project work will continue through the spring and summer.

Residents can contact Kristen Kibler with JLA Public Involvement at 503-235-5881, extension 106, if they have concerns during construction. To receive email updates for the project, send an email to kristen@jla.com with "Rose City Park" in the subject line. Project information is also online at <https://www.portland-oregon.gov/bes/article/437458>. 🌱



BES map showing planned sewer reconstruction work in and around Rose City Park.

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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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Calendar

- June 18, 7 pm. Land Use/Transportation Committee.** German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.
- June 23, 7 pm. RCPNA General Meeting.** German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.
- July 7, 7 pm. RCPNA Board Meeting.** German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.
- July 16, 7 pm. Land Use/Transportation Committee.** German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.
- July 18. Michael Roth RCPNA Golf Tournament.** See article on page 1 for more details
- July 18 and 25, 6 pm. Picnic in the Park Concerts.** Rose City Park. See page 1 for more details.



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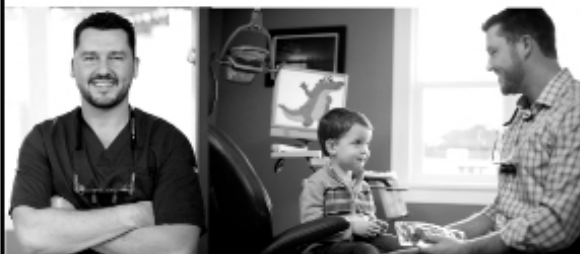


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