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**General
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7 pm

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

January 24 RCPNA General Meeting

**Featuring Air Quality, Neighborhood Tree Inventory, and
Residential Infill Project Updates**

by Suzanne Desmond-Guba and Ramona Reule

Rose City Park Neighborhood Association's (RCPNA's) next interactive general meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 7 – 9 pm. The meeting is open to the public and will be held at the German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St., which is ADA-and transit-accessible (TriMet bus lines 12 and 71). Doors open at 6:30 pm.

We are pleased to have several wonderful speakers who will cover a wide array of local topics. From NE Neighborhoods Public Safety Action Committee, RCPNA Board Member Gary Points will provide an update on the Committee's actions towards keeping Rose City Park one of the safest neighborhoods in the area.

For those who are interested in local environmental issues, a representative from DEQ will provide an air quality update, as well as discuss the proven dangers in our air. Likewise, RCPNA Board Member David Gates and a representative from Portland Parks and Recreation will discuss the outcomes of the City of Portland and Neighborhood Street Tree Inventory. In more tree news, a speaker from Friends of Trees will provide an overview of FoT's services, how to volunteer, as well as how to order yard and street trees for the annual Rose City Park tree planting in March.

To wrap up the meeting, an agent from the City of Portland Planning and Sustainability will provide an update on residential infill projects. 🌳

Agenda

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

7:00 – 7:10	Welcome and Introductions - Tamara DeRidder, RCPNA Board Chair
7:10 – 7:25	NE Neighborhoods Public Safety Action Committee Update – Gary Points, RCPNA Board Member
7:25 – 7:45	Air Quality Update – DEQ
7:45 – 8:15	City of Portland and Neighborhood Street Tree Inventory Overview – Portland Parks and Recreation/David Gates, Board Member Friends of Trees Overview - Speaker to be Announced
8:15 – 8:45	City Residential Infill Project Update – City of Portland Planning and Sustainability
8:45	Closing Comments



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General Meetings

January 24, 2017, 7pm
German American Society
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Board Meetings

February 7, 2017, 7 pm
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March 7, 2017, 7 pm
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*Volunteer needed.

Message from the Chair

Happy New Year! It is the time of year to take stock in the bounty we experienced over the holidays, share New Years resolutions so they don't get lost along the way, and contemplate the experiences that 2017 could hold for us and our loved ones. For me, one of the first things I do is clear out the old to make way for the new. In Britain they celebrate 'Boxing Day' the day after Christmas. I love this concept and try it on every January by going through my old clothes, tools, and canned goods supplies to see what I can do without. It's kind of like turning the ground over in the garden to make way for new growth.

That said, let's all join in celebrating a RCPNA Boxing Day at our January 24th General Membership Meeting. I began this annual tradition last year and received 8 bags of clothing donations! Please help us share the bounty with those in need. Bring your lightly used items in bags and/or boxes so that we can carry them down to the JOIN donation center for the homeless or the NE Emergency Food Program for the low income and homeless. All food donations should be non-perishable and these will go to the Emergency Food Program. Don't forget the spare toiletries and old hiking socks that someone might want.

In this time of taking stock we have a new world ahead of us. With a new president in the White House and both House and Senate of the same party changes may come faster than we think. Remember that you are not alone in these changes. Support and services are available through the Hollywood Senior Center, wide array of local churches, Multnomah County Services, and NW Villages, at their new location on NE 42nd.

Together we will also be facing local changes with our new Mayor Ted Wheeler and City Commissioner Chloe Eudaly. The city will be busy with creating new Zoning Code language for the Residential Infill Project with an Overlay that may allow up to 3 residential units on properties that had only allowed a house and an accessory unit. It will be up to volunteers like yourself to help your neighborhood association make sure the development standard changes for new structure maintain the historic mass and scale of the neighborhood fabric we have come to call home. The city will begin a transportation study on NE Sandy, from Hollywood to NE 82nd, to determine the best route for a new bikeway and pedestrian amenities for which we will need your input.

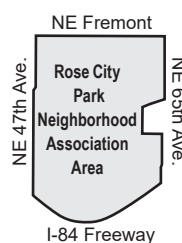
Hopefully, by the time you read this message, our community has established clear options for addressing those who are house-less in our neighborhoods. Our neighborhood has been working with the housing agencies, Portland Parks and Recreation, and Portland Police Bureau in an effort to maintain civility and safety for all involved. My personal goal for 2017 is to get all the house-less children into a home. Please join me in a moment of gratitude for our lives together, our ability to work through our differences through civil discourse, and our willingness to envision a resilient sustainable future. ☺

Tamara DeRidder, Chairwoman

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.

The Rose City Park Neighborhood Association has not reviewed and does not endorse any insert that does not present activities and events specifically for the neighborhood by the Neighborhood Association that may appear within the newsletter.



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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

Committee reports

Land Use/Transportation

by Tamara DeRidder, AICP - Co-Chair

My head is still spinning after dealing with the number of items former Mayor Charlie Hales was trying to address prior to the end of his term in December, as well as new developments and the zoning changes as part of the 2035 Comprehensive Plan. A big shout out to both our Land Use and Transportation Committee members and those on our Board for helping take the lead to address these issues. Thank you!

The list is long, but, here are some highlights:

1. Residential Infill Project. We did our best to limit the proposed Housing Opportunity Overlay to smaller area as a 'pilot project' with the hopes that we all could work out the new implementation issues before it impacted the majority of our neighborhood area. We strongly supported retaining existing homes where possible. Over the next couple of months look for new zoning code language to be floated out for public comment. Once that is adopted by the City Council these new standards for infill design will start being developed.

2. Early Implementation Package - 2045 Comprehensive Plan. RCPNA strongly opposed the rezoning of the 60th Ave. Station Area due to safety issues of inadequate sidewalks along 60th Ave, rallied community efforts to keep the off-street parking requirements for new apartments, and did our best to have the definition of city bikeway to include 'health' in the location determination. The city proposes a project along NE Sandy Blvd. in 2017 that will include the proposal of a bikeway, likely removing parking and travel lanes. We are hoping for 2017 grant funding that will address the sidewalk safety issues along NE 60th between NE Halsey and the Max Station Area at I-84.

3. Taco Time becomes a Mixed Use Development- NE Sandy Blvd. & 51st Ave. A six-story mixed use development has been approved for the former Taco Time site together with the large green 4-square house site located on the corner of NE 51st and NE Thompson. The new building will contain 89 residential units, 19 off-street parking spaces, and commercial/retail located on the floor level. The management of on-street parking in this area will be of critical concern as we move forward.

4. Portland Clinic comes to RCPNA. This spring the former Rheinlander restaurant site, 5035 NE Sandy Blvd., will make way for

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Venerable Properties' new 2-story building that will contain 32,000 square feet of space. Portland Clinic will be leasing 24,000 square feet leaving the remaining store front space available for lease. The design has not been formally submitted as yet, but is said to include at least 45 parking spaces. This will make a welcomed addition to the neighborhood by providing readily accessible health services from family doctors to medical specialists. Please help us welcome them to our community.

Interested in getting involved with land use or transportation issues? Please join us! We meet monthly on 3rd Thursdays 7:00- 9:00 pm at the German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda. All meetings are open to the public and handicap accessible. ☺

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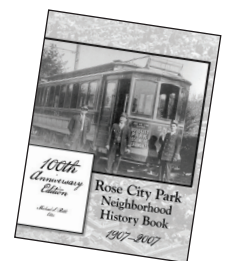
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Trees, Trees, Trees

by David Gates

The Rose City Park Tree Inventory is now finished. The inventory report* is full of color photos of trees in our neighborhood, as well as graphs, charts and listings of what and how many of each tree that exists in the collective parking strips (and a few unimproved street areas) of our neighborhood. This report also gives us clues as to what types of trees were popular at different times in the past, and "trending" trees. Some of these trees have been more successful than others in terms of health and appropriateness for the locations and other limitations of our street trees. Our RCP tree inventory gives us ideas of opportunities to maximize street tree plantings in both size and diversity. We have lots of different types of trees in the neighborhood, but we also have some predominate species that could face problems in a relatively short time span.



The yearly Tree Summit also recently concluded (in November), and we had 10 RCP citizens and friends attend. We now have 14 members of the RCP Tree Coalition. Initial post-inventory meetings will happen in November to start the process of formulating a neighborhood plan to promote a healthy urban forest that also maximizes its street tree space potential- to help our citizens find the right tree for the right space, and to consider appropriate large form trees. Toward that end please note that some of the Friends of Trees selections are free.

One of the more inspiring presentations of the Summit included a personal story of the presenter's family (with young kids) pitching in to help rake the leaves of a large deciduous tree each fall for a senior citizen that was concerned about the upkeep of the tree. Strategies such as this example are just one way that we can engage our neighbors about what the future of our neighborhood will look like in the future. We also heard the tale of another presentation point speaking of making the mistake of selecting a tree simply because of the springtime foliage (a single feature focus). That tree, though beautiful in the spring, later turned out to have several problematic aspects, including a very short life span.

A Friends of Trees presentation will be part of our January 24th General Meeting. Jesse Stemmler will make the presentation and be available for questions and guidance in selecting trees during and after the meeting.

*To view the report, look at this link: <<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/433143>>. Once there scroll down to Rose City Park and click on "Inventory Report." Also, look for it online, at the RCPNA website at <http://www.rcpna.org/>. 🌳

Make Your Friends of Trees Selection by February 20th

by Jesse Stemmler

Wishing you had some more fall color at your home? Have you considered adding a tree or two to your yard or parking strip? Trees have many benefits including providing sidewalk shade, slowing traffic, reducing storm water runoff, cleaning the air, and making us feel better in general...to name a few. Planting a tree on the south or west side of a house or yard can block afternoon sun and provide significant cooling to the area. Planting an evergreen conifer can create a quick green screen or block an imposing streetlight from your bedroom window.

Friends of Trees is now taking orders for yard and street trees for the annual Rose City Park tree planting taking place in March. Interested households can get a tree planted at their home for only \$35 a tree. To sign up and see a list of trees for your home, go to the Friends of Trees website to make an account. When you sign up early, you get the greatest selection of trees to choose from.

Sign up today or research your trees at www.FriendsofTrees.org/plant. You can also reach your local Friends of Trees neighborhood coordinator volunteer Jesse S. at RoseCityPark@plantitportland.org with any questions or concerns.

Join us at the RCPNA General Meeting for a Friends of Trees presentation, information and ideas: January 24th, 2017 at The German-American Society building at 5626 NE Alameda St, Portland, OR 97213 (exact time to be determined, but approx. 7-9 pm.)

Sign up deadline: February 20th, 2017

Planting Day: Sat, March 25, 2017, 9am – 1pm, Arrive at staging site by 8:45am to enjoy hot coffee and breakfast treats. Volunteers will also provide a potluck lunch for all volunteers after the planting is complete. 🌳



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Neighborhood News

Neighborhood Stars

Tamara DeRidder, AICP Chairwoman, RCPNA

The RCPNA Board has a variety of opportunities to become more deeply involved with issues in your local community. Board appointments hold a special honor as they are given to members who exemplify they work well with others, represent our neighborhood's concerns, and seek a means to facilitate positive action. On Nov. 15th Chairwoman Tamara DeRidder appointed David Gates to serve as Alternate to Vice Chair Anne Lindsay as RCPNA's Board member for Central NE Neighbors (CNN), our district office. He replaces former Board member Rob Coleman.

David Gates also serves as Chairman for our very active Environmental Committee. He is always seeking volunteers that share his interest in generating short-term projects and events that make tangible environmental improvements for our neighborhood. Formerly in marketing, David received his teaching degree 15 years ago and has served as a substitute teacher in many of the local schools. He currently works part time at Alder Creek Kayak, Canoe and SUP continuing his passion for waterways and maintaining environmental contacts as former board member of several river recreation and protection associations. Recently he helped organize the Rose City Park Tree Coalition that worked with Portland Urban Forestry that conducted the street tree inventory for RCP. He looks forward to similar collaborations in efforts to expand and diversify the tree canopy in our neighborhood.

On Nov. 15th the Board appointed Gary Points to serve as our representative on the newly formed NE Public Safety Committee (PSAC). Gary also serves as Chair of our Entertainment Committee and is a member of our Safety/NET Team. As our representative Gary will take point on updating us at neighborhood meetings regarding the status of criminal activity and crime prevention. Neighborhood representatives meet monthly with NE Police Commander Burke to collaborate on community solutions. He can be reached at PSAC@rcpna.org.

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Calling all Volunteers

by Suzanne Desmond-Guba and David Fellows

Want to give back to your community but not sure how? Here are a few volunteer positions we need filled.

Email Newsletter Editor

Want to help the neighborhood stay up to date with the latest and greatest local news? The RCPNA Communications Committee is looking for a volunteer to lead our Email Newsletters initiative. You would consolidate and edit updates from the Committees once a month and put them together into an email blast using the MailChimp system. You'll be the first to know about issues impacting your neighbors, and will greatly help us spread the message! This is a fantastic way to get involved with and to serve your local community. To learn more, please email info@rcpna.org.

May Cleanup

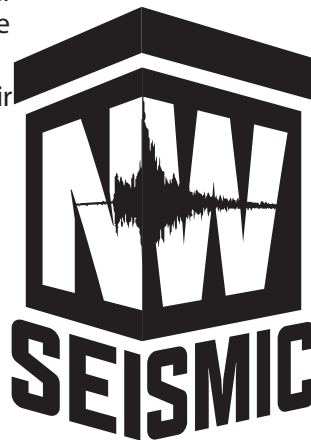
Enjoy yard sales, directing traffic, or helping people recycle old junk? Then the May Cleanup is the event for you!

Since this event is comprised of two major activities – a fundraising yard sale and a neighborhood cleanup – we need several types of volunteers to help out.

For the yard sale, we're looking for folks to help sort through items donated for the sale, determine reasonable prices, help potential customers, and collect money.

For the cleanup, we need people who can direct traffic, answer questions, accept donations, and direct people to the appropriate recycling stations.

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Northeast Village PDX to Serve Rose City Park

by Anne Lindsay

Rose City Park seniors who love their neighborhood and want to age in their own homes will want to check out Northeast Village PDX. This "virtual village" is now offering memberships to seniors in a number of northeast Portland neighborhoods. It's one of several in the greater Portland and Vancouver area.



These grassroots, nonprofit organizations use trained, background-checked volunteers to provide services that can help keep members in their homes as long, happily, and inexpensively as possible. Villages also offer a rich menu of social, wellness and educational activities and lists of vetted and/or recommended professionals – plumbers, electricians, roofers and more – who can be hired for major projects beyond the expertise of volunteers.

How does the village work? Members join at either the full service or associate level. Full service members have access to the full range of programs, volunteer services and vendor recommendations. Associate members also have access to the activities and programs plus the vendor lists, but limited access to volunteer services. At both levels, members may also choose to volunteer. As of November 10th, Northeast Village PDX had 65 members, and it keeps growing.

To receive a service, the member simply makes a call to the Northeast Village PDX office to request such things as transportation to a medical appointment, help with light housekeeping or yard work, walking a dog, or assistance with paperwork or record-keeping. Using a database, the office volunteer then matches a service volunteer with the member's request, and the service is confirmed.

Northeast Village PDX supports seniors staying home, staying active, and staying connected. Find out more at nevillagepdx.org; e-mail info@nevillagepdx.org, phone 503-895-2750. The village office at 5012 NE 42nd Ave. in Cully is open Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Stop in and learn how one call does it all. ☺



A Fond Farewell

by Anne Lindsay and Craig Lindsay

Long time residents Dr. Thomas J. Wright and Carol M. Halvorson have put their house up for sale and are moving from Rose City Park to Carol's recently deceased mother's house in Southwest.

Many Rose City Park residents will miss Carol's annual dahlia sale. Carol retired from Park Rose school district's alternative school in 2006 but has continued to tutor there and has donated the proceeds of her annual dahlia sale, at least \$600 every year, to the school.



Dr. Wright still does therapy with Portland Family Therapy. For a number of years, he was the President of the International Business Association—businesses in Rose City Park and Roseway. He helped organize several International Day festivals for the association.

Thomas Wright has lived in the house on southeast corner of 58th and Klickitat for 42 years raising two children there. Carol has moved to Rose City Park 23 years ago. The house is one of the first in Rose City Park, and Thomas says he fell in love with it at first sight. There are still the original gas pipes for gas lighting in the house. It has 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, built in cabinets and book shelves, wood paneling throughout the main floor, wood floors, and large walk-in bedroom closets. Thomas put tongue and groove flooring on the porch as well as on the overhangs.

Carol and Thomas have done two Camino de Santiagos. In 2012, they walked the 500 mile French route starting in St. Jean Pied de Port, France, walking over the Pyrenees and then across Spain to Santiago. It took them 42 days. In 2015, they walked the Camino de Madrid, a 200 miles route which was beautiful also, but Carol said it did not have the same infrastructure that the more used route offers.

Carol and Thomas said, "We will dearly miss our neighbors, the Rose City Park neighborhood, and the beautiful house. The family home we are moving to is more suited for our "growing wiser" years."

Rose City Park neighbors will also miss Carol and Thomas and their contributions to the neighborhood. ☺

Help Prevent Crime

Join Neighborhood Watch (NW) and learn how YOU can help keep our neighborhood safe.

For More information, contact Mark Wells at mark.wells@portlandoregon.gov or 503-823-2781

Contact information for neighborhood issues

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.

For additional helpful phone numbers, please visit <http://www.rcpna.org/helpful-links-info/>

Abandoned Vehicle Hotline	503-823-6814	Park Problems (safety or security in parks)	503-823-5459
Airport Noise	503-460-4100	Parking Patrol	503-823-5195
Animal Control Services	503-988-3066	(blocked driveways, illegally parked vehicles)	
Animal shelter website	www.multcopets.org	Planning and Zoning Info Line	503-823-7526
Assessment & Taxation	503-988-3326	(permits and zoning information)	
Information also at:	www.portlandmaps.com	Police Information Line	503-823-4636
Central Northeast Neighbors	503-823-3156	(case numbers on reports; questions; referrals)	
Child Welfare Hotline (report child abuse)	503-731-3100	Police-Non Emergency Line	503-823-3333
City and County Information & Referral	503-823-4000	(file reports by mail or phone; talk to an officer)	
Code Compliance Intake	503-823-2633	Portland Police Bureau, Northeast Precinct	503-823-5700
(business and zoning violations)		Pothole Program	503-823-BUMP
Crime Prevention Coordinator	503-823-2779	Senior Helpline	503-988-3646
Drug House Reporting	503-823-3784	(report abuse of seniors; 24-hour hotline)	
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 (24-hour line)	503-872-5070	Street System/Vendor Permits	503-823-7002 x5
Mental Health Hotline (24-hour crisis line)	503-988-4888	Towing Information	503-823-0044
Metro Enforcement Division	503-797-1835	Traffic Signal Not Working	503-823-1700
(report illegal trash dumping)		Vector and Nuisance Control	503-988-3464
Neighborhood Mediation	503-595-4890	(report concerns with rats, insects, health issues)	
Noise Problems (ongoing noise issues)	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	(24-hr hotline for battered women, others in crisis)	
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January 19, 7pm. Land Use/Transportation Committee.
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January 24, 7 pm. RCPNA General Meeting.
German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.

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

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

March 7, 7pm. RCPNA Board Meeting.
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March 10, Deadline for April RCPNA newsletter content submission

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

April 25, 7 pm. RCPNA General Meeting.
German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.

Tax Time is Almost Here

by Craig Lindsay

Tax time is almost here, but it doesn't have to be taxing or expensive for you. There are a variety of free tax preparation services and free filing—without surprise charges.

In Oregon, we have a winning combination that helps people do their taxes, saves taxpayers money, and brings in cash to the Oregon economy. AARP-Tax-Aide partners with Cash Oregon to provide free tax preparation to Oregonians.

While there is no age limit—this service isn't just for seniors—there are certain types of income sources that the preparers have not been trained to do—for example, rental income, business income if there are employees or losses.

Last year in the State of Oregon, 1,280 volunteer helped taxpayers prepare taxes free of charge. In the Portland Area, over 500 volunteers served 20,255 taxpayers bringing over 22 million in federal tax refunds to working Oregonians and into the local

economy.

There are a number of sites in Northeast Portland: Hollywood Senior Center, Salvation Army Rose Center, Dishman Community Center, Concordia University, Multicultural Center on MLK and Killingsworth, NAYA Family Center on Columbia Blvd and Mt Hood CC Maywood Park campus.

There are also free preparation sites at Our Lady of La Vang and Programa Hispano. Those sites have lower income limits than the Tax-Aide sites but more language capabilities. A full list of all sites, their locations and hours is at cashoregon.org under the free-tax-sites tab.

Finally if you want to prepare taxes yourself, Oregon's Department of Revenue has links to a number of free programs—be sure to use the Oregon links because some of the programs on the IRS site do Federal taxes for free but charge for state taxes. ☸

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