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Meet Local Political Candidates, Welcome New Neighbors at October General Meeting

Join Us Tuesday, October 23 for Our Next General Meeting

ED GORMAN

The October 23 Rose City Park Neighborhood Association General Meeting is a must attend event if you have an interest in local politics; and if you wish to meet some of your new neighbors. The evening's agenda features the opportunity to witness four candidates for two political offices face off with their opponent while answering questions posed by audience members.

The candidates for Portland City Council Position 3 (formerly held by Dan Saltzman) Loretta Smith and Jo Ann Hardesty, will lead off the evening and will be allowed approximately 65 minutes to present their positions and answer questions from the audience.

Presentation time is limited and will be followed by a prepared question from the RCPNA Board. The floor will then be opened to questions from the audience for the remainder of their session.

Multnomah County Auditor candidates Jennifer McGuirk and Scott Learn will participate in a similar format. The time allocated for the Auditor candidates will be approximately 30 minutes.

The final event of the evening will feature recognition of new residents who have moved into Rose City Park over the past 12 months. If you yourself are new, welcome, and please join us. We look forward to seeing many of you at this important event. 🍷

Annual Concerts in the Park a Success!

Recap of the Annual Concerts in the Park

JENNIFER SANTHOUSE

The scene was idyllic as neighbors set out blankets and beach chairs to fill the upper lawn of Rose City Park for the annual Concerts in the Park sponsored by the Hollywood and Rose City Park Neighborhood Associations. On July 21, families picnicked and children danced as The Kooltones rocked through hits by The Rolling Stones, Billy Joel, Deep Purple and Marvin Gaye. The classic set list kept toes tapping while neighbors mingled to discuss the summer heat, garden harvests, and the upcoming school year.

The next Saturday, July 28, folks braved the heat to gather again, to enjoy the soulful, Louisiana-based sounds of The Bayou Boyz. The bayou blues, swamp pop, and funk were so cool that folks forgot about the heat and enjoyed a refreshing evening of music and community. This was the first year that I have been able to attend the Concerts, and I know it will not be the last. 🍷



The Bayou Boyz entertain the crowd with their soulful sounds.

You're Invited

General Neighborhood Meeting - Tuesday, October 23 at 7 PM

Come, meet your neighbors and learn about issues directly affecting your neighborhood

Hosted by The German American Society
5626 NE Alameda St. - ADA Accessible

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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

Fall 2018 is now upon us! From the rhythmic schedule of the school buses to the ripening grapes on our arbor, the changes can be felt on most levels of our lives. I have spent much of the summer planning and then engaging in a family visit back east. It allowed me the opportunity to meet up with many of my surviving family members that often serve as a touchstone on changes in myself, positive and negative, that have become apparent since we last met.



It is not always easy to confront and move beyond negative changes, much less confess publicly my shortcomings. But, here you have it: I tend to jump to the most negative conclusion in a given situation. As a land use planner, I have been trained to analyze options and that includes identifying a worst-case scenario regarding zone changes for public review committees. More recently, I shared my perception that by the Residential Infill Project (RIP) proposal of 2 to 4 residential units per lot in our neighborhood that primarily contains Low Density we *will* face more demolitions. However, I should have stated we *may* have more demolitions.

Why is that distinction important? Because it opens the way for a discourse between people that want/need to understand how and when this could happen. I have listened to testimony from other planning colleagues, for whom I hold great respect, who say that I am wrong due to safeguards promoting existing structures in the proposed code language. They too may be right.

One concern remains: if the City Council adopts the RIP as proposed by the Planning Commission, then changes to this language (amendments) can be made easily in the future with only public notice to the paper. No public notice to the property owners will be required. A key element to the RIP proposal is to limit the size of new units as a way to support the use of existing structures. Developers will likely press for larger units to make development more feasible. So, is it worth the risk?

For today, I remain hopeful and somewhat skeptical that my dance here on earth will have the positive impact intended. But, I will do my best not to jump to conclusions. Especially when it creates the Us versus Them. Because I, for one, need to hear about the other options. I also believe that we as humans do our best work when we keep lines of communication open, and formulate the best ideas when we collaborate.

Sincerely,

Tamara DeRidder, RCPNA Chair

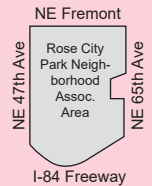
ABOUT

- 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.

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Oct 23, 2018
7 PM, German American Society
5626 NE Alameda St.

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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. The next Committee meetings are scheduled for October 18 and November 15. Agendas are posted on NextDoor and at our website RCPNA.org. Interested? Please attend!

Update on the Residential Infill Project

This proposed code amendment would densify the neighborhood allowing up to four units on a mid-block site and five units on a corner lot. Planning & Sustainability Commission (PSC) work sessions continue. Planning Commission action is expected by the end of the year with the project going to City Council for approval in early 2019. RCPNA has submitted our concerns and will wait for Commission action for next steps. For more information, please visit <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/67728>.

Better Housing by Design

This proposed code amendment would densify neighborhood multifamily zoned sites. Building heights up to 100 ft. and seven or more stories would be allowed in some areas. Planning & Sustainability Commission (PSC) work sessions are scheduled to begin in September. Planning Commission action is expected to follow. RCPNA has submitted our concerns and will wait for Commission action for next steps. For more information, please visit <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/71903>.

Various Demolitions and New Construction

The neighborhood has been informed of various demolition and new addition permits within Rose City Park. Some of the sites include 3204 NE 51st, 1105 NE 60th, 6314 NE Tillamook, 2032 NE 48th and 2112 NE 51st. All appear to be code compliant. Note – Demolitions of homes constructed before 1916 must be “deconstructed” with all materials recycled/reused.

Other Land Use Items

The LU&T Committee is working with the developer on the 47th and Sandy development to incorporate a public drinking fountain into the project. We are also working on the sidewalk widths for the Sandy 51 project (Sandy and 51st).

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Next FOT Planting

Mark Your Calendar for Next Friends of Trees Planting

DAVID GATES

If you are thinking of adding trees to your yard, you might want to start your research and planning soon, because our neighborhood’s Friends of Trees (FOT) planting date has been moved up two months earlier than the last several years. Rose City Park United Methodist Church will once again host the Friends of Trees planting in our neighborhood on January 19, from 9 am – 1 pm.

To learn more about the various trees available, please visit <https://friendsoftrees.org/browse-trees/>.

To sign up for a tree to be planted on your property, please visit <https://friendsoftrees.org/get-a-tree/>.

Last spring FOT planted 68 trees in Rose City Park, 42 in Madison South and 8 in Sumner, and pruned many young trees. 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 own trucks. Because several community businesses made generous donations, we also had bountiful breakfast treats and beverages, as well as pizza for lunch. We anticipate similar community support for the upcoming planting. Find out how to volunteer here: <https://friendsoftrees.org/volunteer/how-to-volunteer/>.

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 year in our neighborhood.



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Rose City Park Neighborhood Stands with Immigrants, Refugees on National Night Out

Traumatic Event Brings Community Together

HATTIE LARROUY

On Tuesday August 7, Rose City Park neighbors celebrated their first National Night Out in Normandale Park.

The event was held in response to an incident that happened in the park two weeks earlier: a group of women and children, some who were new to Portland, were picnicking and playing when they were attacked by a woman who screamed at them that they didn't "belong" in the park and that they should "go back where you came from."

Concerned neighbors contacted the RCPNA, and a group comprised of neighbors and City of Portland staff formed to reach out to the affected families and to organize the National Night Out event.

The evening's program included remarks from City-Commissioner-in-charge-of-parks Amanda Fritz, RCPNA Chair Tamara DeRidder, Kathy Wai (representing State Rep. Alissa Keny-Guyer), Kari Koch of Portland United Against Hate and neighbor Hattie Larrouy. Speakers acknowledged the rise in hateful acts, emphasized a vision of a community where all are welcome and safe and shared resources for responding to hateful acts. Christine Penwell, principal of St. Rose School, spoke on behalf of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Parish, reading a letter of forgiveness and prayer from the families that were the target of the hate incident.

Throughout the evening, Multnomah County Children's Librarians provided story time and issued First Library Cards to children, the Fifty Licks ice cream truck provided free cones, and a voter registration crew circulated while the crowd enjoyed music by Tony Alo Ramirez and Avery Gibson and a potluck picnic.

The evening was well attended and RCPNA is considering making National Night Out in Normandale Park an annual neighborhood event.

Thank you to neighbor volunteers and these local businesses for making the evening a success: Fifty Licks Ice Cream, Baerlic Brewing, Paper Jam Press, American Dream Pizza, Starbucks, and Fire On the Mountain Buffalo Wings Fremont.

Members of the organizing committee: Som Subedi - Portland Parks; Sarah Berkmeier - Rose City Park Neighborhood's Crime Prevention Officer; Sandra LeFrancois - Community Liaison for Central NE Neighbors Coalition; Ed Gorman- Vice Chair for Rose City Park Neighborhood Association; Mike Boyer of the Park Rangers, and neighbors Hattie Larrouy and Kathy Spence. 🍷

* All photos courtesy of Molly Ennis.



Tony Alo Ramirez



Left: Parks for New Portlanders Community Youth Ambassadors, Khanh Le, Naw Bi Tha, and Ludmila Bodina pose for a quick photo.



Right: Laura Hernandez and Tony Alo Ramirez enjoy ice cream with their infant.



Left: A local family enjoys the music, beautiful weather, and sense of community. Right: Suk Rhee, Bureau Director, Office of Community & Civic Life; Som Subedi, Parks for New Portlanders; Mike Boyer, Supervisor, Portland Parks and Recreation

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Neighbors Recognized

Ramona Reule and Steve Effros Awarded the 2018 Walker Community Service Award

TAMARA DeRIDDER, AICP

Resigning Board Member Ramona Reule is one of those people no organization should do without! She was the unsung hero that picked up loose ends, addressed issues independently and competently, and took on projects that needed attention including: The Houselessness Committee; Nextdoor postings for Communications Committee; Advertising Coordinator, overseeing advertising sales and documentation; and New Neighbors Night postcards and raffle. Such people often get overlooked when it comes to awards, which makes it all the more important to celebrate them when we can. Great work, Ramona!



Tamara DeRidder awards Ramona Reule 2018 Walker Community Service Award

Resigning Board Member Steve Effros was able to take our Board to a new level as Secretary/minute taker. He was able to deftly transcribe our Board and General Meeting minutes on his laptop during these meetings - often while also participating! He chaired our Neighborhood Cleanup and Yard Sale for two years. His ability to manage the chaos and ingenuity in solving problems with his team saved our Association lots of possible expenses. This 2018 Cleanup was our most successful money-making event yet, clearing over \$4,000. Thank you, Steve! 🍷



Tamara DeRidder awards Steve Effros 2018 Walker Community Service Award

One Woman's Mission

Keeping Hollywood, Rose City Park Sparkling Clean

PEGGY KMIEC

My name is Peggy Kniec and I am a stay-at-home mom in the Rose City Park neighborhood. I started a group of volunteers to help me clean up when I noticed just how much litter is on our sidewalks, gutters and planters. We are a growing group of volunteers cleaning up the Hollywood, Rose City Park and surrounding neighborhoods. You might see us wearing bright yellow vests with grabbers, gloves and buckets to pick up cigarette butts and litter. We walk leisurely in groups of two or three or eight! and chat for an hour while picking up litter.

I post the schedule each month under the "General" section of Nextdoor.com. Currently, we have 31 members, but anyone is welcome to show up to help us. No need to RSVP, but email me if you do not have gloves, a bucket, or grabber, so I can bring one for you. If you want to be added to my email list (used solely for litter clean-up of course), please email me your email address at pegruns@yahoo.com.

Next meet-ups:

- Mon 10/15- Hollywood Starbucks- 7pm
- Sat 10/20- Hollywood Trader Joes- 9am
- Tues 10/23- NE 47th & Sandy- 10am
- Mon 10/29- NE 57th & Halsey- 9am

Editor's Note: Do you know an outstanding neighbor who deserves to be recognized for his or her community service? If so, please contact us at Communications@rcpna.org, and we'll do our best to highlight their contributions. 🍷

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Food As Your Pharmacy

Portland Clinic Announces Partnership with Basics Market

CHRIS BENWARE



The Portland Clinic is proud to announce a first-of-its-kind partnership with Basics, a specialty food retailer focused on nutrition, home meal preparation and healthy eating.

“We couldn’t be more excited to offer our patients access to healthy, locally sourced food and nutrition and meal prep educational opportunities through our collaboration with Basics,” said Dick Clark, CEO of The Portland Clinic. “Good nutrition is imperative to achieving good health, and we believe the outcome of this partnership will be to benefit our patients’ overall health while providing a new outlet for local food producers.”

The Portland Clinic and Basics are co-located in a new wellness facility in Northeast Portland. The integrated space, at Northeast Sandy Boulevard and 50th Avenue, hosts all staff and providers from the two former Portland Clinic Eastside locations. The building is 6,000 square feet larger than the two previous locations combined and will provide all major medical services offered at the previous Eastside locations.

This is the first known collaboration of its kind that allows patients to seamlessly incorporate good nutrition into their daily lives. The Portland Clinic and Basics plan to replicate this model in different parts of the city with new stores and clinics like the Northeast Portland location flagship building.

The proximity to Basics will allow The Portland Clinic to take a holistic, population-based approach to healthcare by incorporating nutrition programs via Basics to establish patterns of good eating as a cornerstone to maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

The Portland Clinic has preliminary plans to measure the outcome of this new relationship specifically with a small group of patients suffering from diabetes. By measuring and charting blood sugar variations over time before and after participating in the Basics program, The Portland Clinic will be able to measure the effectiveness of nutrition referral services and adjust the program to achieve the greatest positive impact on health. In addition, Basics will be offering a nutritional education program to Portland Clinic patients and others who have difficulty affording balanced meals. Patients can participate in a series of classes aimed at helping them learn to shop for and prepare healthy, affordable meals. 🍎

What’s in a Name?

Fascinating History Behind Portland Street Names

TERRY PARKER

There is a lot of history contained in the origin of Portland street names. Condensed from the book Portland Names and Neighborhoods by Eugene E. Snyder 1979, the following is a sample of three streets in our neighborhood.

Alameda St: Originally dedicated as “The Alameda” in the Rose City Park plat of 1907. The name comes from the Spanish word “Alamo” meaning a poplar or cottonwood tree. One of the extended meanings for “Alameda” is a public walk or promenade lined with trees. Due to the awkward variation from the standard street address, The Alameda was later changed to Alameda Street.

Fremont St: Originally named Ash Street in Albina. When Albina became a part of Portland in the consolidation of 1891, the street was renamed for John C. Fremont (1813-1819), an army captain explorer of Oregon country, later a general and, in 1856, the Republican candidate for President defeated by Democrat James Buchanan.

Halsey St: Shown on early maps as Barr County Road in the Rose City Park area as late as 1913, it was likely in reference to Samuel E. Barr who took up a Donation Land Claim around what is now Rose City Golf Course. The name Halsey was applied in the Holladay plat of 1870 (a land development by Ben Holladay) for William L. Halsey who came to Oregon in 1870 and later became Vice President of the Oregon & California Railroad and also of the Oregon Central Railroad. The Halsey Street name was eventually extended through to Troutdale.

A more complete list of The Streets of Rose City Park will soon be added to the Neighborhood Association’s website RCPNA.org. 🍎

Call for Short-Term Housing Enforcement

TAMARA DeRIDDER, AICP

The City Auditor recently confirmed that 80% of Portland’s Short-Term rentals are not regulated by a permit. In Rose City Park Neighborhood alone, AirDNA identifies that 72% of these Short-Term rentals are providing full house rentals. I believe it is very likely that the majority of these full house rentals do not abide by the Municipal Code requirement (33.207.050) that states, “accessory short-term rental must be accessory to a Household Living use on the site.”

Instead, owners rent out the entire house and property as a Short-Term rental without having a long-term resident/owner residing at the site. This whole-house and whole-apartment rental for Short Term housing has markedly increased over the past year as reflected by reports on AirDNA.

These types of rentals clearly rob our Portland area of available long-term housing and drive up rental prices, due to increased scarcity and other factors.

On August 5, our Board approved a letter to the Portland City Council on this topic and I delivered it as public communications to the Council on September 5. The letter can be found at the RCPNA.org website under News Releases. Here are the links to the letter and corresponding attachment:

Letter: <https://tinyurl.com/ya878sc2>

Attachment: <https://tinyurl.com/y9rdxuee>

As stated in the letter:

“As a community we can ill afford supporting more short-term housing at the expense of our residents and livability. With increasing density, such as the proposed Residential Infill Project, there is no guarantee that the majority of these new units will not end up as short-term housing. In this day and age of realizing unintended consequences, it is important to keep an eye on who will benefit the most out of creating more units per lot in single dwelling zone.” 🌸

Help Get the Word Out

Improve Your Neighborhood with Your Talent and Passion - Join Our Communications Committee

CRAIG LINDSAY and SUZANNE DESMOND-GUBA

Sharpen your communication and publicity skills. RCPNA needs volunteers to help with communication and publicity activities.

We have an annual Spring Clean-up event, as well as two Summer Picnic in the Park Concerts that need promotional posters and signs designed and distributed.

Throughout the year, we also have general meetings and special meetings that need press releases to be written and sent to local news outlets.

Our newsletter team could also use an Advertising Coordinator to serve as a liaison between our advertisers and newsletter team.

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CALENDAR

Oct 18, 7 pm. Land Use & Transportation Committee
Owen Blank Head Start, 909 NE 52nd Ave

Oct 23, 7 pm. RCPNA General Meeting
German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.

Nov 2, 7 pm. Communications Committee
Location to be announced

Nov 6, 7 pm. RCPNA Board Meeting
German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.

Nov 14, 7 pm. RCP - Neighborhood Emergency Team
Location to be announced

Nov 15, 7 pm. Land Use & Transportation Committee
Owen Blank Head Start, 909 NE 52nd Ave

RCPNA General Meeting Agenda

Come and Meet Your Neighbors!

Tuesday, Oct 23, 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 Welcome and Introductions
- 7:05 Preview of the event proceedings, City Council Position 3 candidate introductions by RCPNA Vice Chairman Ed Gorman
- 7:10 City Council position 3 Candidate Presentations and Question and Answer Session
- Initiated with a prepared question from the RCPNA Board
- Jo Ann Hardesty
 - Loretta Smith
- 8:15 Multnomah County Auditor Candidate introductions by RCPNA Vice Chairman Ed Gorman
- 8:16 Multnomah County Auditor Candidate Presentations and Question and Answer Session
- Jennifer McGuirk
 - Scott Learned
- 8:45 Welcome Rose City Park New Neighbors and Wrap Up
- Raffle
 - Novelty Awards
- 9:00 Adjourn

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