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2019 Rose City Park Clean-Up Set for Saturday, May 4

No yard/rummage sale this year

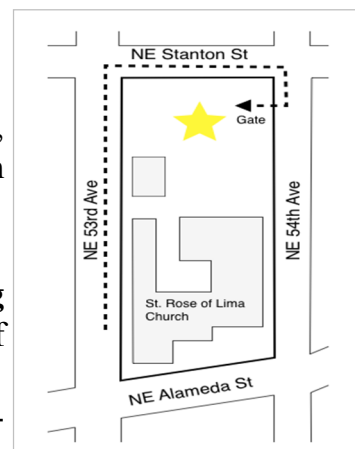
By SUZANNE DESMOND-GUBA AND KARA MUMMA

The Annual Hollywood/Rose City Park Clean-Up will be held Saturday, May 4, in the parking lot of St. Rose of Lima School and Church (NE 54th and Stanton).

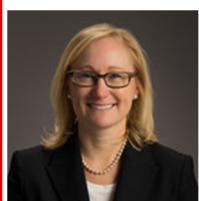
There will not be a sale this year.

As of publication, details are still being finalized, so please **keep checking our website (www.rcpna.org) for updates**, including the time, list of items we can accept (and those we can't), and how to volunteer.

All proceeds benefit the Hollywood and Rose City Park Neighborhood Associations. 🌸



Want to know more about land use and transportation for our area?



Newly elected Metro President Lynn Peterson will speak to us the RCPNA General meeting on March 19 about her vision about land use and transportation for Portland and the region. In November, Ms. Peterson introduced an ambitious agenda for Metro, and she's recently engaged with local jurisdictions to discuss excessive permitting costs and related public infrastructure requirements that dissuade developers from constructing "the missing middle" housing options such as duplexes, triplexes and ADUs.

Are you AND your pets ready for a disaster?

Your pets can't make their own preparedness plans, but you can, and it's not hard! Come to the RCPNA General meeting to learn some simple steps you can take to get ready from veteran natural disaster animal rescue volunteer Juli Warner. 🐾

You're Invited! March 19, 7-9 pm

Lynn Peterson, new President of Metro - and- Disaster Preparedness for Pets and their People

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



Spring is definitely here! My heart quickens this time of year with all the excitement. Plans for gardens, house repairs and vacations come to the forefront, whispering urgency. I air out the house and clean away dusty cobwebs to help me see just how much indoor work also is needed. Our opportunities changed over the winter and decisions need to be plotted out in moving forward.

In the neighborhood, the month of March raises the specter of the Residential Infill Project (R.I.P.) that has continued to keep our Land Use & Transportation Committee on its toes. This month the Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission will be forwarding its supportive recommendation to the City Council. As of this writing, up to four residential units per single-dwelling lot are proposed for all Portland neighborhoods. Most historically split lots zoned R5 (~5,000 sq.ft.) are to be rezoned to R2.5 (2,500 sq.ft.), allowing 2 parcels that may each contain up to four units. No off-street parking is required, and the maximum size of the units increases with each additional unit. Your voice needs to be heard on your thoughts about these proposed changes, both as individuals to the City Council and to our neighborhood association.

My take is that if R.I.P. is passed, the building companies supporting Home for Everyone and 1000 Friends have won, and residents with livable neighborhoods have lost. Within 20 years, you will not recognize this neighborhood. The number of demolitions will increase dramatically in order to make way for triplexes and four-plexes. Streets will be packed with cars, with activity happening at all hours of the night. We will become a neighborhood of apartment houses, complete with 3 times as many barking dogs, backyard parties, and a lot fewer trees that provide habitat as well as reduce the heat island effect. Why is R.I.P. a good idea you might ask? It will not be for additional affordable housing, as that is not required unless building a four-plex. R.I.P. will primarily increase the number of housing types for moderate-high income families—where the housing need does not exist. And ... the building community will be happy.

Time to clear the cobwebs and take action; see <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/67728>.

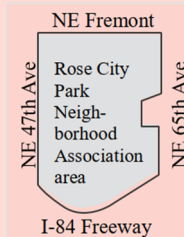
ABOUT RCPNA

- 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.

Officers:

Tamara DeRidder, *Chair*
Ed Gorman, *Vice Chair*
Kara Mumma, *Secretary*
Richard Crockett, *Treasurer*

General Meetings:

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

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Board Meetings:

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

Previous issues of the Rose City Park Review are available online at <http://www.rcpna.org/past-issues>.

The Rose City Park Neighborhood Association has not reviewed and does not endorse any insert that may appear in this publication that does not present activities and events especially for the neighborhood by the Neighborhood Association.

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We are actively recruiting partners. Please email communitypartners@rcpna.org for more information about joining!



Focus on Do Good Multnomah

Do Good Multnomah shelter, located in the Rose City Park Methodist Church, has served the needs of approximately 40 houseless veterans each night since July 2016 but has increasingly been the subject of conversations in the neighborhood due to the addition of 40 winter-only emergency shelter beds.



We wanted to share some general information about the Do Good Multnomah organization and this shelter location.

Do Good Multnomah was founded in 2015 by Chris Aiosa, an Air Force Veteran and Portland State University graduate and the non-profit organization operates two shelters in Portland. Do Good partners with the community to provide year-round low-barrier emergency shelter to houseless veterans and winter emergency shelter to both veterans and non-veterans in Portland. Do Good emphasizes relationship-building, one-on-one engagement and direct community participation, to change the way houseless veterans are served, and each location has a case worker who helps its clientele become rehoused, re-employed, and able to rejoin the broader community.

Participants at Do Good's shelter may stay as long as they have a need and abide by the shelter guidelines which include no alcohol or drugs. The shelter is staffed 23 hours a day and the professional staff is trained to identify and de-escalate situations that could pose a threat to community members. Each day, staff members walk around the areas surrounding the church to ensure that it is free of shelter-related debris and that participants are not loitering. And every evening, staff monitor the participants for alcohol or drug use or other prohibited activities to maintain compliance with the shelter's guidelines.

Do Good Multnomah seeks community partnership through its presence at civic social events, attendance at Rose City Park Neighborhood Association general meetings, and speaking directly with local residents. If you are interested in supporting Do Good Multnomah, you can donate funds or needed items through their website (<http://dogoodmultnomah.org>) or their Amazon Wish List (<http://a.co/4Ixm8gw>), or you can donate needed items (new or clean and in serviceable condition items) at the Rose City Park Methodist Church location. The list of the most needed items can be found on Do Good's website.

If you have comments or questions about the Rose City Park shelter location, you can call (503) 490-0285 or send a message at Do Good's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/pg/dogoodmultnomah. ☺

More than 1,300 shelter beds are open year-round in the Portland area but only 255 are open all winter. Do Good supplies 40 year-round beds (available to male veterans only) and 30 of the winter-only beds (available to both male veterans and non-veterans). 50 additional beds are available at Do Good's St. Johns shelter. Beds at both locations must be reserved in advance.

Editor's note: RCPNA thanks Peggy Kmiec for inspiring this feature story, and for the great work she and NE Portland Proud are doing to help our neighborhood clean and safe.



Rose City Park United Methodist Church —Community Update

BY PASTOR STEVE ROSS

Following a year of research and planning, the Rose City Park United Methodist Church took a vote to decide which of three viable alternatives it would choose to pursue going forward. The vote was strongly, though not unanimously, in favor of developing non-profit, mission-aligned partners to share the facilities it will continue to own at 5830 NE Alameda so that the building would be fully utilized and economically sustainable. (The church rejected the alternatives of either discontinuing or of merging with another United Methodist Church and moving to its location.)

Since that decision the church and its partners have been developing the organizational and financial structures necessary to share the facilities. The partners are:

- Rose City Park United Methodist Church, a progressive congregation that has been located at the church since 1914;
- Christ Church Portland, an inclusive Christian congregation started about five years ago that moved into Rose City Park in May 2018;
- Rose City Park Neighborhood Preschool, a parents' cooperative preschool that has been serving families in the neighborhood from the church location for more than 40 years;
- POCA Tech, an acupuncture school accredited to prepare licensed acupuncturists through a community based model, at the church since August 2018; and
- Do Good Multnomah, which operates a homeless shelter serving primarily veterans, which has been at the church since 2016.

Some of the other non-profit non-partner groups using the church facilities (most for many years) include NE Villages (a non-profit helping elderly people to remain in their homes), International Justice Mission (a non-profit fighting human trafficking worldwide), Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Toastmasters Club, Federation for the Blind, The Dahlia Society, Yoga classes, ManKind, several 12-step groups, Portland Symphonic Choir, Aurora Chorus, Encore Brass, and Friends of Trees. 🌱

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Climate Change in the 'Hood

Native Western Red Cedars are dying at an alarming rate

By TAMARA DERIDDER

My friend and premier arborist Chad Honl told me recently that he has found large Western Red Cedars dead in every neighborhood this winter. These Cedars are northwest signature species and considered sacred to the Native Americans who depended on them for everything from basketry to boats. But, now, even large, 60-foot trees are dying. Why?


Extended periods of drought/dry periods.

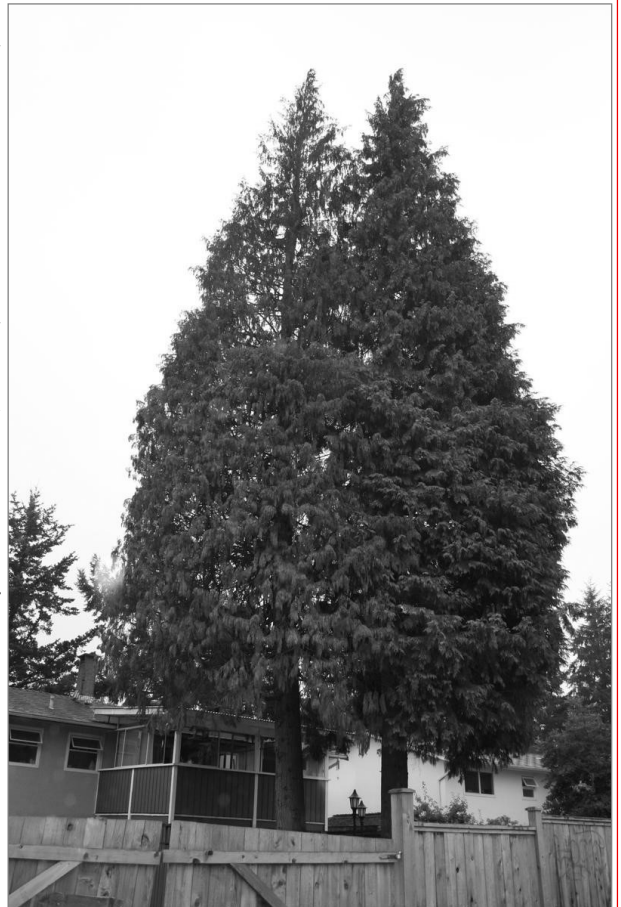
July and August historically, prior to the 1980s, had been the “normal” annual dry periods for Portland. Now, the annual dry period is starting as early as May and extending as late as October. This is taking a toll on our native tree species, such as Western Red Cedars and even native oaks, especially when the temperatures climb into the 90s and above. Locally, the soil was dry down to more than three feet this last summer.

To save the trees, Chad recommends trying to mimic our formerly normal annual rain cycles. To keep them healthy, water Western Red Cedars to a depth of at least 18” inside the drip line every 20 days during the dry months.

More information on watering techniques can be found at Oregon State University Extension Service websites:

- <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/default/files/documents/12281/wateringtips.pdf> and
- <https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/catalog/files/project/pdf/em9133.pdf>.

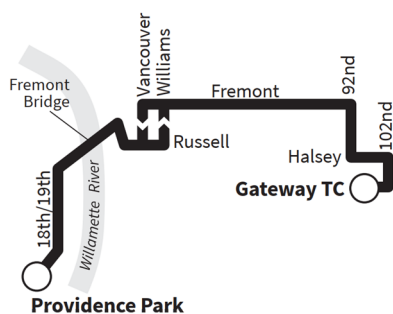
Water reuse tips can be found at <http://gardeninginadrought.com/2015/05/30/how-to-water-mature-trees>. 



RCP to benefit from Tri-Met expansion

As of March 3, TriMet bus Line 24, which had operated only in NE Portland, has been extended across the Fremont Bridge into NW and SW Portland.

24-Fremont/NW 18th



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From Northeast to Northwest, the new Line 24 is best

Northeast Portland is getting a faster connection to Slabtown, Good Samaritan, Providence Park and more. Starting March 3, Line 24 will be extended across the Fremont Bridge through Northwest Portland to West Burnside.

Line 24 is just the start. Visit trimet.org/new24 to see Line 24's route plus the other new ways to go by transit rolling out March 3.



LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

By KELLY DAVIS

University of Western States new campus

In November, UWS sold its former campus and purchased the larger, former Banfield Pet Hospital Building at 82nd and Tillamook to replace it. The school's curriculum continues to focus on health science, with the majority of students in the chiropractic program. There will be about 600 students (average age 26) on campus, with 50-60 faculty, 25 teaching assistants and another 100 employees. There are about 500 parking spaces and good access to mass transit, parking should not be an issue. The school will take steps to limit parking in the residential neighborhood. The current dog park will become a park with tables and benches available to the public. A phased move-in is planned to begin in September.

H.B. 2001—Statewide residential infill bill

The State Legislature is expected to vote early in the new session on HB 2001, which effectively eliminates the single-family zone in cities with 10,000+ people. This bill closely mirrors the Portland Residential Infill Project. Even if passed early on, it will take time to implement. The Committee voted to send a letter of opposition to both the bill sponsor and our neighborhood representatives.

The next opportunity for public input on the Portland R.I.P. will be at the City Council hearing in May or June. Neighbors are encouraged to submit their opinions via editorials, letters to the editor, letters to commissioners/legislators and testifying at Council meetings.

Other Land Use Matters

60th Avenue Improvements. Representatives from PDOT will attend our March meeting to review preliminary design documents. New sidewalks, bike lanes and signal upgrades are included in the project. Street lighting is currently not budgeted but will be part of the discussion.

St. Rose of Lima/Trackers Earth Summer Camp. A meeting with neighbors was held in November, with all issues reportedly addressed and an emergency contact number provided for any further concerns. Review meetings will be held after this year's program.

The LU&T Committee meets regularly on the third Thursday of every month from 7-9 at Head Start at Owen Blank School, 909 NE 52nd Avenue. The next Committee meetings are scheduled for April 18 and May 16. Agendas are posted on NextDoor and at www.RCPNA.org. Interested? Please attend! ☺

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

By DAVID GATES AND SUZANNE BRIGGS

Mid-range arsenic levels in RCP

We now have a specific answer from DEQ about the follow-up testing after the original USFS moss study that recorded elevated levels of arsenic at one isolated location in Rose City Park, and the subsequent actions that began a couple of years ago.

A "follow-up specifically on the Rose City Park location at NE 52nd and Broadway for arsenic, our sample at the same location, along with the four surrounding samples, did not confirm elevated arsenic seen in the USFS study. The detected levels were in the mid-range of the other dense urban sites and one location on the NW corner of the grid resulted in a non-detect for arsenic." The report and fact sheets can be found at www.oregon.gov/deq/FilterDocs/mossreport.pdf and www.oregon.gov/deq/FilterDocs/mossfacts.pdf.

Citizen-led effort to improve Sacramento Ridge along RCP Golf Course

As detailed in the January issue of the *Review*, a group of neighborhood volunteers are working to remove the invasive ivy, spurge laurel and some blackberries from the far north corner of Rose City Park at NE 62nd and Tillamook, in order to protect and encourage the many native trees and plants that exist on the bluff. The group meets every Sunday morning (weather permitting) at the 62nd Avenue stairs. If you would like to join the group, contact Suzanne Briggs at sbriggs@att.net for more information.

The group also has an official, city-approved SOLVE It for Earth Day project, which will take place on Saturday, April 20, from 9am-1pm. For questions about the Earth Day project or other aspects of the improvement effort, contact Joe Bartholomew at jb@joebartholomew.com. To register for any 2019 Earth Day volunteer project, see the list on the SOLVE website, www.solveoregon.org. Entering your ZIP Code in the "Find a Volunteer Effort" box should help you find this listing quickly.

100 trees planted in RCP and surrounding neighborhoods

On January 19, Friends of Trees and many volunteers planted 100 trees in Rose City Park and surrounding neighborhoods. Many thanks the organizations that made this truly a community event: Rose City Park United Methodist Church, Annie's Donut Shop, Basics Market, Fleur de Lis Bakery, Rose City Safeway, Hollywood Starbucks, Hollywood Trader Joe's and several people who lent their pickup trucks or provided potluck meals for the volunteers. ☺

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Bridging the Gap between Housed and Houseless Neighbors

Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN) Neighbors Helping Neighbors Pilot Project —
January 26, 2019 Report


BY ALISON STOLL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS, INC.

On January 26, 25 volunteers came together to reach out to 10 areas of identified encampments of houseless folks in central NE Portland. We are fortunate to have had volunteers from Sunderland, who live in Dignity Village, as part of our committee. It was good to have partners who have lived the experience of being houseless and were able to help everyone feel comfortable and know how to introduce oneself and our project.


Volunteers handed out 176 42-gallon heavy-duty garbage bags, 50 bottles of water, 8 sharps containers and—through a partnership with Sunderland neighborhood and Dignity Village—60 pounds of pet food, along with Street Roots Resource Guides. They reported that many campers greatly appreciated the effort and looked forward to disposing of their trash. If campers did not want to interact, they stayed in their tents. Most asked volunteers to please just leave the bags and other things for them.

We partnered with the City's Homelessness/Urban Camping Impact Reduction Program to have Clean Start pick up and dispose of filled trash bags the following Tuesday. Clean Start collected 22 filled trash bags—924 gallons of trash—as well as 8 sharps and 4 abandoned shopping carts. The team will go back a few more times. Our volunteers supplied the locations of abandoned sites for future cleanup.

The CNN Livability Committee meets the third Wednesday of every month in the Bob Ueland Community Room at Central Northeast Neighbors, 4415 NE 87th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. All are welcome to join. The committee is working on solutions to help homeless and houseless in our community. 📍



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CALENDAR



General Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

The German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.

Guests:

Lynn Peterson, Metro President

Juli Warner—Natural Disaster Preparedness

7:00 – Welcome and Preview

7:10 – Natural Disaster Preparedness for Pets and their People - presentation and short Q&A - Juli Warner

7:40 – Metro - presentation and Q&A - Lynn Peterson, Metro President

8:30 – RCPNA Committee Chair updates

8:40 – Update about a Good Neighbor Agreement with Do Good Multnomah

8:50 – RCPNA Board Q&A

9:00 – Adjournment

*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 German American Society building.
This lot is locked at 9:30 pm.*

The **Events Committee** seeks 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 events@rcpna.org.

The **Communications Committee** seeks a media coordinator. For more information, email communications@rcpna.org.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 19, 7-9 pm, RCPNA General Meeting
German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda Street

March 26, 7-8:30 pm, Communications Committee
Basics Market, 5035 NE Sandy Boulevard

April 18, 7-9 pm, Land Use & Transportation Committee
Head Start at Owen Blank School, 909 NE 52nd Avenue

May 4, time TBA, Hollywood/RCP Clean-Up
Parking lot of St. Rose of Lima School and Church
(NE 54th and Stanton)

May 21, 7-9 pm, RCPNA General Meeting
German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda Street

March 21, 7-9 pm, Land Use & Transportation Committee
Head Start at Owen Blank School, 909 NE 52nd Avenue

April 2, 7-9: pm, RCPNA Board Meeting
German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda Street

April 23, 7-8:30 pm, Communications Committee
Basics Market, 5035 NE Sandy Boulevard

May 16, 7-9 pm, Land Use & Transportation Committee
Head Start at Owen Blank School, 909 NE 52nd Avenue