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Potential changes to the Portland City Code and the future of neighborhood associations

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BY THE RCPNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Neighbors:

As you may be aware, a proposed revision to the Portland City Code could bring an end to the role—as we know it—that Portland’s neighborhood associations have had with City government for several decades, and which has been lauded by experts nationwide. This proposal has strong advocates and equally strong detractors, and recent developments have been quite rapid, with much being written from both perspectives, not always accurately.

The Rose City Park Neighborhood Association Board feels that this issue is too important for our neighbor members not to be provided with both sides’ interpretations of the proposed Code changes and the facts behind them, so that you can make well-informed decisions about the issue, and how to convey your views to the City Council, should you choose to do so.

Toward that end, the Board has assembled a variety of material that can be found at [Code 3.96 revision - two perspectives](#).

The RCPNA Board will be discussing this issue at its meeting on Monday, August 5 (7-9 pm at the German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St., and the Central NE Neighbors Coalition Board will be holding an emergency meeting on Wednesday, August 7 (7 pm at its office, 4415 NE 87th Ave.).

The City Council is planning to hold a work session on this matter. It was initially scheduled for September 3, however, several other neighborhood associations asked that the session be delayed until after the neighborhood associations have all had the opportunity to meet (most associations do not meet during the summer—RCPNA’s next regular General Meeting is scheduled for October 22). The information on the Council’s website *at press time* is that the work session will be held on October 3 (5-8 pm at an as-yet-undetermined location) but this has not yet been confirmed.

We will keep you as up-to-date as possible, via our e-mail blast (if you’re not signed up to receive these, you can do so on our website, www.rcpna.org), our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/rcpna), Nextdoor (www.nextdoor.com) and, time permitting, additional special digital-only editions of the *Review*.

If you have any questions about the proposed changes, please email info@rcpna.org. (Questions or comments about the *Review* should be send to editor@rcpna.org.)



THANK YOU FOR READING—AND PLEASE SHARE WITH NEIGHBORS WHO MAY NOT RECEIVE THIS DIGITAL EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER!

A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair's Note will return in the October issue.

MAY 21 GENERAL MEETING

The most recent RCPNA May General Meeting was held on May 21.

Both prior to and at the end of the regular agenda, a planning team from the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) provided an interactive presentation about options for improvements to NE 60th Avenue and NE Halsey Street. It included a number of depictions of proposed changes to the intersections at NE 47th and Halsey, NE 57th and Halsey, and NE 60th just south of Halsey. Attendees were able to speak one-on-one or in small groups with the PBOT representatives. The project's goals are to:

- make the intersection at NE 47th and Halsey safer with a new traffic signal and dedicated turn lanes,
- improve the flow of traffic on Halsey between NE 57th and 60th with new traffic signals and dedicated turn lanes,
- widen the sidewalk on NE 60th between Halsey Street and the MAX station, and
- construct bike improvements as part of the 60s Bikeway from SE Davis to NE Sacramento.

PBOT provided an "online open house" that allowed anyone interested to review the proposals in detail and to provide comment. The comment period ended June 24 and PBOT expects to publish by the end of July a summary of the comments and what changes may be made to the design in response. Construction is planned to start in the fall of 2020.

Representatives from the offices of City Commissioner Chloe Eudaly and State Rep. Barbara Smith Warner spoke and responded to questions from the audience.

Committee reports were given and updates provided about issues affecting the neighborhood. Do Good Multnomah, which has operated a veterans' and winter warming shelter in the neighborhood, has relocated to the Wy'East Shelter on SE 122nd. Progress is being made regarding the emissions from First Call Mortuary and safety concerns at the Ellington Apartments. Construction has begun on several new housing projects in the neighborhood.

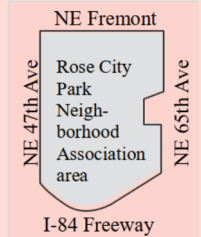
ABOUT RCPNA

- 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 show 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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There is also a collection of RCPNA-related public documents online at <http://www.rcpna.org/documents>  
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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.

As at every spring General Meeting, Officers and Board Members for RCPNA were elected. Last year's officers—Chair, Tamara DeRidder; Vice Chair, Ed Gorman; Secretary, Kara Mumma; and Treasurer, Richard Crockett—were re-elected.

Several of last year's Board members did not seek re-election but members Neil Chodorow, Kelly Davis, Terry Parker, Jennifer Santhouse and Joe Saraceno were re-elected, and five new members—Lynn Della, Jay and Meg Griffith, Don Levine (returning to the Board) and Michelle Neidiger—were elected.



Upcoming RCPNA Summer Event

For updates and additional information about this events, visit the RCPNA website (www.rcpna.org), our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/rcpna), or Nextdoor (www.nextdoor.com).



National Night Out

Tuesday, August 6, evening, 6-8 pm

RCPNA and the Hollywood Neighborhood Association are co-sponsoring a National Night Out event near the children's playground area at Normandale Park.

At press time, the event was still in the final planning stages but will include food, live music from local singer/songwriter Joaquin Lopez, an activity area for kids coordinated by Soccer Shots, and information about RCPNA's community sponsors and other local organizations.



Other Summer Events



Columbia Slough Watershed Council Regatta

Sunday, August 11, 2019, 10 am - 2 pm

Multnomah County Drainage District, 1880 NE Elrod Drive

Regatta isn't a race but, rather, a family-friendly fun paddle for both experienced and novice paddlers.

The event features complimentary 45-minute canoe and kayak rentals (all equipment provided) for registered attendees. Participants with their own human-powered watercraft and safety equipment are also welcome to register and join the fun. Crews will be available to help unload and transport boats.

Other activities include visiting with local environmental and water-based organizations, hands-on activities and live music, as well as walking tours of the levee system that helps to protect the airport and regional industry from flooding. FEMA representatives will be available to collect stories about attendees' experiences touring the watershed and levees. Free t-shirts will be provided while supplies last.

A suggested registration donation of \$10-\$60/person or \$30-125/family (sliding scale) is requested, but no one will be turned away due to lack of funds.

For registration and more information, visit <https://columbiaslough.org/events/event/248/>.



Church/Cultural Celebrations

Our Lady of La Vang Catholic parish (Giáo Xứ Đức Mẹ LaVang)
5404 NE Alameda Street

- **Church Anniversary and Patron Feast**, August 11, 11 am-2pm
- **New Year Festival**, September 15, 2pm-6pm

The church, which is located on NE Alameda behind the German American Society property, serves a primarily Vietnamese population of more than 5,000 parishioners (and allows RCPNA members to use its parking lot for our General Meetings).

Church leaders extend an invitation to all neighbors to attend these two annual public celebrations.



The **RCPNA Events Committee** seeks volunteers and local businesses interested in being involved with RCPNA social events, including Concerts in the Park, the Spring Clean-Up and Community Partner associated events. For more information or to volunteer, email events@rcpna.org.

The **RCPNA Communications Committee** is looking for a media coordinator.
For more information, email communications@rcpna.org.

The **Rose City Park Playground Project** is in need of a grant-writer.
For more information, email rosecityparkplaygroundproject@gmail.com



A busy time for the Rose City Park Playground Project

By JOE SARACENO, COMMITTEE CHAIR



The Rose City Park Playground Project (RCPPP) is alive and well! We kicked off our fundraising efforts in June with two fantastic events.

The first was the Soccer Shots' ORANGEFEST Play Day in Rose City Park on June 1st, and the second was the June 30th fundraiser and raffle at Baerlic Brewing at the Barley Pod (our supporters kicked the keg of RCP Ale. Well done team!).

We're so pleased with the amount of support we have received from local residents, businesses and our neighborhood associations!

We've also launched our RCPPP Committee, which is 14 members strong! The Committee has played a crucial role in fundraising, building community and business support, volunteering at events, and helping to keep this project energized!



June 30th Baerlic Barley Pod Fundraiser & Raffle



June 1st Play Day event

We still have a long way to go to meet our goal but the outpouring of support and enthusiasm from our neighbors has inspired us with renewed energy and inspiration.

If you're interested in contributing to the RCPPP fund or being part of our Committee, you can email Ben and me at rosecityparkplaygroundproject@gmail.com and we'll let you know how you can contribute via cash or check, or learn more about volunteer opportunities. We could really use an inspired grant writer!

To learn more, please visit our GoFundMe page (<https://www.gofundme.com/f/rose-city-park-playground-project>), where you can also make a contribution.

You can also help us spread the word! Follow us:



Instagram [@rcppplaygroundproject](https://www.instagram.com/rcppplaygroundproject)



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rcppplaygroundproject>

Stay tuned for more updates or feel free to reach out to us!



Another Speed Limit Change!

As of July 9, the speed limit on two segments of NE Halsey Street has been reduced. From NE 66th Avenue to Weidler Street, the new limit is 30 mph and, from NE 137th to 162nd Avenues, it is 40 mph.

Just as with the other recent speed limit reductions, these changes support the City's Vision Zero goal to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries, since speed is a factor in nearly half of deadly crashes that occur in Portland and lower speeds result in fewer crashes. When crashes occur, lower speeds make it more likely that people will survive. To learn more about Vision Zero, visit its website, <http://visionzeroportland.com>.



Focus on St. Rose School

St. Rose School celebrates 25 years of community service

BY SHELLY M. DAVIDSON

ST. ROSE'S MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

Through service, students of St. Rose School learn to live out the virtues—the habit—of doing good, and 2019 marks St. Rose School's 25th anniversary of providing monthly sack lunches to St. Francis Dining Hall in Southeast Portland. The Dining Hall operates in conjunction with St. Francis Parish to provide meals to our underserved population.

Every third Monday of the school year, students are sent home with simple brown paper bags. What they bring back to school the next day is much more. Many take time to color pictures on the bag. Some include encouraging notes. Each packs a meal for a complete stranger.

Students have a hands-on opportunity to practice generosity and kindness by filling these bags with nourishment—in the way of encouragement, food and faith—for those who otherwise might not have a meal or kind word that day.

A volunteer parent collects the lunches from each classroom on delivery day and, with the help of students from the sixth-grade class, transports the lunches to the Dining Hall. Lead volunteer Eric Storm reports that, on average, St. Rose families donate 150 lunches per visit.

He says, "St. Francis is always thrilled to receive our sack lunches and see the smiling faces of our students. Because of everyone's generosity, 150 people get to have a nice lunch they may not otherwise receive that day. I am happy to be a part of this great project."

Since the inception of this service project, St. Rose estimates that it has delivered more than 30,000 sack lunches to St. Francis Dining Hall, and it hopes to continue this beloved tradition for many years to come.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The sack lunch program is only one of a number of service projects in which St. Rose students participate. 🍷



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We want to remind our non-profit business neighbors that the Review is a great place to share information about upcoming events. Subject to space and time limitations, we will include it in our next issue at no charge. For lead time and other details, please email editor@rcpna.org.

Paid ads are also welcome from any businesses operating in or for the benefit of the Rose City Park neighborhood. For pricing and other information, email advertising@rcpna.org.

OTHER NEWS IN (and near) THE 'HOOD

University of Western States Moving to 82nd & Tillamook

The University of Western States (UWS) has begun the process of relocating its campus to NE 82nd Avenue and Tillamook, which it expects to finalize by May 2020. Its new five-acre property includes the 150,000-square-foot building that formerly housed Banfield Pet Hospital.

UWS selected the 82nd Avenue facility (which is technically in the Madison South neighborhood) for a variety of reasons, including closer proximity to inner Northeast Portland. The new campus is in a more prominent location, which allows the university to more easily serve its new neighborhood and the broader Portland community.

The remodeled new space will feature active learning spaces, hands-on laboratories, expanded meeting rooms, dedicated study settings, and dynamic work areas for faculty and staff, and the new campus will provide a modern health care facility designed to fulfill patient needs, as well as providing exceptional opportunities for clinical training.



Founded in 1904, UWS grants doctoral degrees in chiropractic medicine, as well as graduate studies in human Nutrition and Functional Medicine, Exercise and Sport Science, Sport and Performance Psychology, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Sports Medicine, Diagnostic Imaging and Residency, and continuing education. Coursework is provided both on campus and online. The University currently has more than 150 on-campus employees and more than 1,200 students worldwide.

“We are thrilled to welcome the faculty, staff and students of University of Western States to the Madison South neighborhood,” said David Smith, president of the Madison South Neighborhood Association. “Our residents are excited to visit the university’s on-campus clinic, and we are looking forward to exploring partnerships between UWS and local businesses and schools to help strengthen our community.”

“This move presents University of Western States with a unique opportunity to engage as a vital member of the neighborhood, and to further enhance our clinic settings as we serve the community,” said Dr. Joseph Brimhall, UWS President. “We are excited to remain in Northeast Portland and look forward to our next 115 years.”



CONSTRUCTION WATCH

Construction in the neighborhood continues. Here’s the latest:

- NE 46th & Fremont (*The Bridgetown*) - This 50-unit apartment building with ground-floor retail, including a restaurant space is complete and operating (see <https://thebridgetownpdx.com>).
- NE 47th & Sandy (southeast corner) - Umpqua Bank project. Six-story mixed-use building with bank and other commercial space, bike parking and limited car parking on ground floor, 112 apartments on upper floors. Construction permits are under review by the City.
- NE 51st & Sandy (southwest corner/former Taco Time location) - Multi-story apartment homes with limited parking. Construction has begun, with foundation work underway.
- 4932 N.E. Thompson (former 1908 single-family home) - Proposal to build six townhouse units with four garages, including two three-bedroom units without parking. The City has not approved the building plans or issued any construction permits.



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 30, 7-8:30 pm, Communications Committee Basics Market, NE 50 th Avenue & Sandy Boulevard	Monday, August 5, 7-9pm, RCPNA Board of Directors German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.
August 6, 6-8 pm, National Night Out Normandale Park, children's playground area, NE 54 th and Wasco St.	August 7, 7 pm, emergency meeting of the Central NE Neighbors Coalition Board (see p.1) at its offices, 4415 NE 87th Ave.
August 11, 10 am-2 pm, Columbia Slough Regatta (see p.3) Multnomah County Drainage District, 1880 NE Elrod Drive	August 11, 11 am-2 pm, Anniversary & Patron Feast (see p.3) Our Lady of LaVang parish, 5404 NE Alameda St.
August 15, 7-9 pm, Land Use & Transportation Committee Head Start at Owen Blank School, 909 NE 52 nd Avenue	August 27, 7-8:30 pm, Communications Committee Basics Market, NE 50 th Avenue & Sandy Boulevard
September 3, 7-9pm, RCPNA Board of Directors German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.	September 3, time TBA, Portland City Council Work Session regarding changes to City Code 3.96.10 (see p.1)
September 15, 2pm-6pm, New Year Festival (see p.3) Our Lady of LaVang parish, 5404 NE Alameda St.	Sept. 19, 7-9 pm, Land Use & Transportation Committee Head Start at Owen Blank School, 909 NE 52 nd Avenue
September 24 7-8:30 pm, Communications Committee Basics Market, NE 50 th Avenue & Sandy Boulevard	October 22, 7-9pm, RCPNA GENERAL MEETING German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.
November 3, 7-9pm, RCPNA Board of Directors German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.	December 3, 7-9pm, RCPNA GENERAL MEETING German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.

OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

As always, we want to acknowledge and thank our Community Partners, whose financial and in-kind contributions make so many of Rose City Park Neighborhood Association's activities and events possible:

GOLD MEMBER: *German American Society*

SILVER MEMBERS: *Basics Market, Laurelwood Brewpub, Portland General Electric*

BRONZE MEMBERS: *Fire on the Mountain, Kara Mumma Real Estate, The Portland Clinic*



SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

This issue started out as an experiment.

As you may know, the regular publication schedule of the *Review* includes issues in October, January, March and May, the months in which the RCPNA holds General Member meetings. What that schedule does not do is provide the Association with a forum for communicating with members during the five-month stretch between May and October, in which the majority of the Association's special events occur.

We decided to publish a special midsummer edition this year to focus on these events, as well as to provide updates on issues pertinent to RCPNA residents and businesses and general information that might otherwise be "stale" by October.

As it turned out, the story about the proposed change to the City Code that would have serious repercussions for RCPNA and all Portland neighborhood associations would, itself (we felt), have warranted notification to our neighbor members.

This edition of the *Review* will be posted on the Association's website (www.rcpna.org), Facebook page (www.facebook.com/rcpna) and Nextdoor (please join our group—nextdoor.com/groups/21949593), and emailed to the RCPNA email list (you can sign up on the home page at www.rcpna.org), as are regular editions of the *Review*.

Please let us know what you think about it (you can email editor@rcpna.org)!

