



# ROSE CITY PARK REVIEW

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## *Special digital-only edition*

### RCPNA General Meeting—March 31, 6-9 pm—Candidate Fair

All candidates who have filed for City Council positions 1, 2 and 4 and for Mayor by the March 10 deadline will have been invited to participate. As of early February, more than 30 candidates had filed, with at least another half-dozen expected to file, so it will be a very full evening.

In order to provide as much time as possible with the candidates, **the meeting will start an hour earlier than usual**, beginning with the mayoral candidates, who have another candidate fair to attend that evening.

The candidates will be given the opportunity to make a very brief opening statement, then respond to questions from the Board and neighbors (provided in advance online or at the meeting) will be presented to them. As the event nears, check our website or Facebook page for the latest information.

The meeting will be live-streamed and recorded for later viewing.

***Because of the large number of candidates and very limited time, there will be no questions taken from the floor.***

*Parking will be available in the German American Society lot across NE Alameda.*

*Parking may also be available in the Our Lady of La Vang Church lot directly west of the German American Society building; check for a sign at the curb. **This lot will be locked at 9:30 pm.***



### RCPNA WEBSITE UPDATES

The RCPNA website continues to receive improvements!

- The number of category menus at the top of each page has been expanded to minimize the number of levels one must “drill down” to reach the desired topic or page.
- More items now appear on each page, making it easier to access the most current ones.
- The Helpful Hints section has been completely redefined. It now contains a link to the Multnomah County List of Resources, which will always be the most current version.
- The Documents Archive section now has its own link on the home page.

Let us know what you think!



### RCPNA BOARD NEWS

In January, Board members Jamie Van Hoorn and Newsletter Editor Lynn Della, regretfully tendered their resignations for personal reasons. Lynn continues as the Newsletter Editor and Jamie will also participate to the extent possible.

At its February meeting, Geoff Gifford requested to join the Board and he was elected by unanimous vote.

Additional openings remain on the Board, as well as on RCPNA committees. If you are (or someone you know is) interested in joining the Board or a committee, or for more information, contact any Board member or simply attend the next Board or committee meeting.



## EVENTS

### ***Informational Meeting for Vietnamese Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Program***



***February 26, 6-7 pm***

***Rose City Park Elementary School Auditorium, 2334 NE 47th Ave.***

Dual-language immersion education provides social, cognitive and academic benefits to children and prepares them to be successful in a global society. Portland Public Schools offers free programs in five languages, and the Vietnamese program is housed at Rose City Park Elementary School. This program is relatively new and usually has no wait list. Both native and non-native Vietnamese families are welcome to apply. Attending the February 18 program is mandatory in order to enter a DLI lottery.

The Vietnamese Immersion program currently serves students from kindergarten through fourth grade. The goal is for them to become bilingual and biliterate, and they learn to listen, speak, read and write in both Vietnamese and English. Students and parents do not need to know Vietnamese in advance to be successful in the program.

Meet the principal, hear about the program, meet other kindergarten parents and learn about the VDLI program. A Vietnamese family from the Overlook neighborhood that has two young children in the program will be present to answer questions, and is open to forming study/play groups, and to provide support for interested families. (Contact Sarah-Truclinh Tran at [st.tran@gmail.com](mailto:st.tran@gmail.com) for more information.)

### ***Friends & Allies Summit***



***March 14, 3-5pm, Holocene, 1001 SE Morrison St.***

More than 100 different groups work together to keep our parks clean, accessible and thriving, by mobilizing volunteers, hosting movies and concerts, raising serious money and public support for improvements to parks they love, and more.

To help this important work continue, the Foundation will bring together friends and allies of Portland's parks, community gardens and nature spaces for a celebratory afternoon to highlight and honor the volunteerism, advocacy and programming of groups devoted to parks.

Among other events, the Summit will include success stories, learning opportunities, presentation of the Foundation's Champion Awards. The event is free but tickets must be reserved, which can be done [online](#).

### ***Mayor's Discussions about Homelessness***

***March 3, 6:30-8:30 pm, University of Portland Bauccio Commons, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd.***

***March 7, 9 am-12 pm, Multnomah Arts Center Gymnasium, 7688 SW Capitol Highway***

Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler will present his Homelessness Policy Agenda and hear citizen ideas and priorities for improving efforts to address homelessness. Events are free but reservations are encouraged; go to <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/wheeler/80228>.



### **Updated Speed Limit on NE 57th Avenue**

The Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) has changed the speed limit on NE Halsey to 25 mph between NE Sandy Boulevard and NE Fremont Street, effective January 8, as part of the City's Vision Zero goal.



## PREVIEW OF COMING (and tentative) EVENTS



### **Possible RCPNA Earth Day event**

**April 22 (tentative, details TBA)**

As part of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day this year, it has been proposed that RCPNA sponsor or participate in some sort of celebration. Since there is not a regular Board meeting in March, the Board will be discussing this informally between now and its meeting on April 7. For more information about Earth Day, see <https://www.earthday.org/history/>.



### **RCPNA-Hollywood Neighborhood Association Clean-Up**

This year's event is still in the planning stages. As it becomes available, information will appear in future newsletters. For the most current information, visit our website or Facebook page.



### **RCPNA May General Meeting "We Love Our Neighborhood"**

**May 26, 7-9 pm, German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda Street**

The focus of the May General Meeting will be to showcase and celebrate the best of the Rose City Park neighborhood. It is expected that information tables will be available for RCPNA and its various committees, our Community Partners, and others.



### **Rose Festival Junior Parade**

**June 3, 1-3 pm, Hollywood-Rose City Park neighborhoods (NE 52nd & Sandy to Grant High School, via NE 40th and Tillamook)**

The Junior Parade is the oldest and largest children's parade in the nation, and draws families from all over the city to Hollywood/Rose City Park, both as participants and spectators. For more information, see <http://www.rosefestival.org/event/junior-parade>.



### **RCPNA-Hollywood N.A. Picnic in the Park Concerts**

**July 18 and 25, Rose City Park, NE 62nd and Tillamook**

The first concert of the 2020 will feature LaRhonda Steele and the second will showcase Norman Sylvester. The events, co-sponsored by the Rose City Park and Hollywood Neighborhood Associations, will again be held at Rose City Park. Attendees are encouraged to bring beach chairs and blankets, and picnic dinners; the music is suitable for all ages.



## EPA SEEKS INPUT ABOUT CLEANER EMISSION STANDARDS

### **Comments Requested by February 20**

In January, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency published an advance notice of proposed rulemaking known as the Cleaner Trucks Initiative (CTI), describing the Agency's plans for establishing new emission standards for NOx and other pollutants for highway heavy-duty engines. Pre-proposal comments on the rulemaking are being solicited through February 20, 2020. The proposed rule can be viewed [here](#) and information about the Cleaner Trucks Initiative [here](#).

EPA plans to issue a notice of proposed rulemaking in the late spring of 2020, with a final rule expected in calendar year 2021 and is recommending implementation to start in the Model Year 2027 time-frame.



### Our Laws and Our Lungs

By TYLER HALL

*Smoke in our air from Portland restaurants has become our problem, and we deserve better!*

You may be familiar with it. Random billowing clouds of smoke from an unidentifiable source below the rooflines. Or in plain sight!

Most of the time we shrug our shoulders and continue sorting out our daily lives. Sometimes the smoke is closer than normal, and you wonder where it's coming from. If nearby—you stop to smell and really try to track it. Is it the nursery on Fremont? Maybe it's the Hollywood Library or maybe it's someone's house going up!?

When it's not an emergency in this city, a more likely culprit is a restaurant exhaust vent. There is a reason for it, and sadly, it is due to a loophole. A complicated regulatory environment without a rudder has gotten us to where we are today.

About indoor smoke inhalation—according to the US National Institutes of Health, indoor burning of cooking fuels such as wood are a significant risk factor for COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease). (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3266023/>)

Restaurant kitchens are like most kitchens, in that there are choices in the fuel source for cooking food, typically wood, charcoal, natural gas or electricity. In addition, food sometimes burns. So, along with the choice of cooking fuel, the method of preparation can also be a factor in restaurant emissions, which is unregulated once it leaves the restaurant. This is because Multnomah County regulates restaurants—but only the interior, and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality regulates industrial emissions—but not restaurants. This creates a clear gap in regulation of external restaurant emissions.

Unfortunately, this leaves restaurants, customers, and local community members caught in the middle and left to sort it out for themselves. When that happens, what suffers most is the community, regardless of who “wins.”

In a recent example where this scenario played out, Mama Bird (in Northwest Portland) was temporarily shut down due to unhealthy amounts of smoke billowing out into nearby residences. This was resolved by the installation of an industrial scrubber, which cleans harmful smoke particles from the air before it is vented out. In our neighborhood, however, Du's Grill, which is located within blocks of two different school, has been emitting unscrubbed smoke for years.

The solve? There are a few that come to mind.

Industrial scrubbers remove particulate matter from smoke. A scrubber can cost \$60,000 for the machine alone and more than \$100,000 once installation and labor costs are tallied. They are expensive but should be part of the cost of doing business, if polluting the air with grilled meat in our communities is one's business.

Community engagement. Make it known to the managers and owners of businesses that do not do our air any kindnesses that it is not well received, and urge our business community to remain our allies in keeping Portland's air less polluted!

And, hopefully, the most lasting kind of solve, regulatory support from our politicians. Without their help to cleanup this regulatory gap, we won't be able to put in place clear and permanent safeguards to protect our air. We need the partnership of our local politicians to add this topic back onto the agendas of our city councils, and county and state government.

Air quality is an important thread of vitality that we all rely on to lead lives of health and happiness. When it comes to Portland's restaurants and the emissions that they create, let's make sure the food that we eat isn't also making us sick!



# LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

By KELLY DAVIS

The LU&T Committee meets regularly on the third Thursday of every month from 7-9 pm at Head Start at Owen Blank School, 909 NE 52nd Avenue. The next meetings are scheduled for February 20 and March 19. Agendas are posted on Nextdoor, on the RCPNA Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/rcpna>) and at [www.RCPNA.org](http://www.RCPNA.org). Interested? Please attend!

## **TRACKING NEIGHBORHOOD LU&T PROJECTS**

### **1435 NE 62nd**

A three-story mixed use building with three units is proposed, reportedly to be 7,500 sq.ft. Information on parking and other details of the project are not yet known. (No new information.)

### **5024 NE Fremont**

Building permit was applied for in December.

### **60th Avenue MAX Station Area Improvements** - NE Halsey St (47th-60th); NE 60th Ave (Halsey-Glisan)

Project has completed its 60% design drawings. Despite neighborhood association objections, the bike route continues to be shown on "Snake Hill" (61st Ave.).

### **Our Lady of LaVang Parish** - NE Alameda between 54th and 57th

The church has announced its purchase of a larger facility and it expects to have completed its relocation by sometime this summer. RCPNA will stay in touch with the Archdiocese to understand the future plans for the current property. (No new information.)

### **Sandy 51 Apartments** - 51st Ave. and Sandy Blvd.

Construction is underway, with completion estimated in November or December 2020. (No new information.)

### **Thompson 6 – Townhouses** - 4932 NE Thompson

Project has received building permit but is on hold pending financing approval. Groundbreaking is expected to occur in the spring.

### **Umpqua Bank Apartments** - 47th Ave. and Sandy Blvd.

Construction is underway for a six-story, mixed-use building with 112 living units above ground-floor retail tenant space, bike/vehicle parking, mechanical and trash rooms; completion date has not been announced.



## ABOUT RCPNA

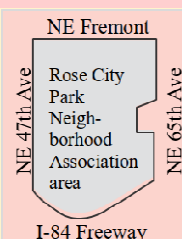
### **Our Mission -**

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 information about the wider Northeast Portland areas, check out [www.cnncoalition.org](http://www.cnncoalition.org).



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

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

### Residential Infill Project (R.I.P.)—Update

The City is reassessing the rules that govern the types of housing permitted in our neighborhoods. The changes proposed by this project would allow more housing units to be built in residential neighborhoods, provided they follow new limits on size and scale.

Changes would modify the single-dwelling zoning rules to better meet the changing housing needs of current and future residents. The project addresses increasing the range of available housing options while limiting the size of buildings and improving building design.

In January, in preparation for submitting written testimony, the RCPNA Board conducted a survey and submitted a detailed [report](#) to the City Council conveying the results. The Council received more than 500 pieces of written testimony on the Recommended Draft proposals and also heard live testimony from 140 citizens at two public meetings.

The Council is now reviewing the testimony to identify ways to modify the proposals. It held a work session with staff on January 29 to discuss technical amendments, which include:

- Changes to align the proposals with recently adopted projects for consistency
- Changes to align duplex allowances with state mandates in HB 2001
- Changes to respond to the SB 534 requirement to recognize certain substandard platted lots
- Creating a combined process for lot consolidations and property line adjustments.

Potential amendments may be found online at [https://beta.portland.gov/sites/default/files/2020-02/summary\\_of\\_february\\_12\\_-\\_amendment\\_package\\_020620.pdf](https://beta.portland.gov/sites/default/files/2020-02/summary_of_february_12_-_amendment_package_020620.pdf).

The Council was to discuss additional amendment concepts on February 12 to determine which concepts could be developed into formal amendment proposals, and will hold another public hearing in March to hear testimony on the final specific amendments.

For more information, visit the project website ([www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/infill](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/infill)) or contact Morgan Tracy (email [Morgan.Tracy@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Morgan.Tracy@portlandoregon.gov) or phone (503) 823-6879).

### Proposed Revision of City Code Section 3.96—Update

On January 9, the City Council heard from 35 people who had signed up to testify at the November 14 hearing but were unable to do so. No additional testimony was taken and no other new information was presented.

A January 30 work session to review the November 14 Resolution was postponed. Since the record remains open, residents may still submit written testimony. Testimony should refer to City Council Item 1053 and may be emailed to [cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov) or mailed in hard copy to Portland City Council, 1221 SW 4th Ave., Portland, OR 97204.

For more information, see <https://swni.org/article/proposed-revision-civic-engagement-city-code-396>.

### Rose (Sandy Boulevard Bus) Lane Project

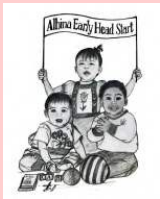
The City Council was expected to receive a presentation about the Rose Lane Project and consider recommendations for implementing the Rose Lane vision, at its February 13 meeting, which members of the public were encouraged to attend and at which testimony was to be accepted. The Rose Lane Project report was published in early February. For more information about the Project, see its [website](#) or contact April Bertelsen, Transit Coordinator, at [April.bertelsen@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:April.bertelsen@portlandoregon.gov) or (503) 823-6177. To request translation, interpretation, modifications, accommodations, or other auxiliary aids or services, contact (503) 823-6177, Relay: 711.

## OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

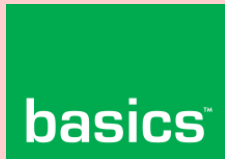
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### ◆ SILVER ◆



Albina Early Head Start & Head Start



### ◆ BRONZE ◆



Tamara DeRidder

RCPNA Community Partners are organizations and businesses wanting to make a positive impact in their neighborhood through ongoing support. Their contributions help fund RCPNA events such as the summer concerts, and make this publication possible, as well as providing space for our annual clean-up event and places to hold our meetings.

Partnerships are available at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels, which provide the donors with increasing benefits commensurate with their level of contribution.

For more information, visit the [Community Partners](#) section of our website or email [communitypartners@rcpna.org](mailto:communitypartners@rcpna.org).

## GUEST ARTICLE

### Friends of Trees January Event and Update

By DAVID WHEELER

On Saturday, January 18, our neighborhood was busy planting trees. The Tree Planting is an annual event that Friends of Trees in Portland makes possible. This year Michelle Yasutake (Neighborhood Tree Specialist) from Friends of Trees was the organizer for our neighborhood. Tim Batog, the neighborhood coordinator from Sumner, and myself from Rose City Park were also able to help. Due to the number of trees to be planted, the RCP, Sumner and Madison South neighborhoods were combined.

There were 129 volunteers of all ages. A total of 119 trees were planted in the three neighborhoods, of which 68 were in RCP. Several local businesses generously donated food, including Starbuck's on Sandy, Sizzle Pie, Annie's Donuts and Safeway. Many neighbors also dropped off wonderful homemade foods for the volunteers. Everyone involved would like to thank all those from Friends of Trees for making this possible.

On a more personal note, there has been a change in the Rose City Park Neighborhood Coordinator for Friends of Trees. As some of you may know, David Gates, who has been the Neighborhood Coordinator for the past many years, has recently decided to step down from his position. He has done an amazing job keeping the neighborhood informed and donating hours of his time to raising awareness of the benefit of trees. David deserves a great deal of appreciation and I hope, if you see him in the neighborhood, you will acknowledge his efforts.

As a neighbor and friend of David's, I have agreed to act as Neighborhood Coordinator for RCP. It should be a relatively easy change, as my name is also David—last name Wheeler. I have a long history of working with trees and look forward to helping in any way possible.


The best way to contact me is by email to [dwheel-erpx@gmail.com](mailto:dwheel-erpx@gmail.com).



# COMMUNITY SERVICES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## Multnomah County Community Involvement Committee (CIC)

There are two vacancies on Multnomah County's Community Involvement Committee (CIC), which serves as the County's advisory body on community engagement and involvement. The CIC plays a crucial role in bringing community voice into county decision-making, and CIC members engage in an ongoing review of the County's community involvement policies and programs, bring community concerns to County leadership, and assist in facilitating communication between the County and the community.

The County is seeking applicants who have personal, professional and/or lived experience with communities typically underrepresented in decision-making; who bring a commitment to shared leadership, consensus-building, and working across difference; and who have a sincere interest in public service and community involvement. To learn more and start your application, visit <https://multco.us/oci/cic>. The deadline is 5pm on February 21. For assistance in completing an application or for any questions, contact the Office of Community Involvement at [community.involvement@multco.us](mailto:community.involvement@multco.us) or call (503) 988-3450. 


## Portland BDS Adjustment Committee

Most development standards in the Portland Zoning Code may be adjusted through a discretionary Adjustment Review. Adjustment Reviews are administrative reviews with the decision made by a Bureau of Development Services land use planner. The decision of the planner can be appealed and, if appealed, a hearing is scheduled before the Adjustment Committee. The Adjustment Committee's sole role is to consider these appeals in a public hearing setting and make final decisions.

The Committee consists of seven volunteer members, none of whom may hold public elective office. Members serve one four-year term, and are limited to a maximum of two terms. The Committee must include three persons representing the public at large; two members in either urban design, architecture or landscape architecture; and two members experienced in engineering, financing construction, management of buildings, or in and development. Members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. Hearings take place at 2:30 pm on the on the first and third Tuesday of each month, but are held only if an appeal has been submitted. All hearings are held at 1900 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

One of the positions currently vacant represents the public-at-large; the other represents urban design, architecture or Landscape Architecture. They will filled as soon as possible, and applications will be accepted on an open and continuous basis.

Applications should be submitted to the Office of Community and Civic Life (OCCL) with a cover letter or a resume describing the applicant's interest, background and experience. The application form may be accessed through the [Civic Life website](#) or by calling (503) 823-4519 to request the form.

For more information about the Adjustment Committee, contact Douglas Hardy, of the Bureau of Development Services, at (503) 823-7816 or [douglas.hardy@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:douglas.hardy@portlandoregon.gov). 

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