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MAY GENERAL MEETING RECAP

RCPNA held its first-ever virtual General Meeting in May, due to the COVID-19 gathering restrictions. The Board members and invited guests appeared live via Zoom, and the meeting was carried on YouTube (available for viewing at <https://tinyurl.com/y6olsopg>) and allowed viewers to raise comments or questions.

Portland Police officer Bob Boylan, of the Neighborhood Response Team (NRT) was again present. He made a brief presentation, then responded to several neighborhood concerns. He has agreed to attend our General Meetings as often as possible.

Deborah Kafoury, Multnomah County Chair, was also present. She primarily discussed how the ways in which the County was/would be responding to the Governor's COVID-19 orders (which, at that time, were still changing frequently). She also responded to Board and viewer questions and comments.

The election of next year's officers and Board members was postponed, because Oregon's open meetings law, to which RCPNA is subject, does not currently provide for remote voting. As of now, at least, the election is now planned to take place at the October General Meeting, which is scheduled for October 20. We'll keep you updated.



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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

By TAMARA DERIDDER, RCPNA Chair



Happy Summer, everyone!

It's time for the family barbecues, volleyball games at the beach, and camping trips. Right? Yes, with social distancing between play pods of folks.

Being stuck at home with an aging dog, it has become an important time for introspection as I watch the continued protests, including the removal of the George Washington statue that graced our corner of NE Sandy and Alameda.

Being white, it never occurred to me to ask if George Washington owned slaves. But there it is. We cannot erase this reality once the truth of it is known. The white-washing of America runs deep and cannot be remedied without persistent, conscious self-evaluation of our assumptions. Hard stuff to admit to our children that we, too, drank the Kool-Aid of acceptance and complacency. But self-realization is the good news, as it opens up the opportunity for dialogue for better understanding the issues that have long festered and begin to build our future, together.

Now, more than ever, I am working to dig deep to begin to rebuild my foundation of knowledge of my own path of privilege as well as the lasting impact to those without. I am dedicating time to re-educate myself through the words of those oppressed/disenfranchised. I question the role of the neighborhood association and want it to help bridge our understanding of these truths and their impacts.

Recently, I found that we live in a neighborhood where, for the past 100 years, much of the land was protected for white ownership. (See this recent study from the Portland Planning Bureau: <https://tinyurl.com/yy6s5gcc>). Through my work for Portland Public Schools, I uncovered documents establishing that the land we inhabit here in Portland was stolen (forcibly ceded) from Native Peoples (<https://tinyurl.com/m5onega>).

Should the statue of George Washington be replaced with a tribute to the Kalapuya and

the confederated tribes of the Willamette Valley? Streets be renamed? Reparations paid?

I am unable to sit still for long and need to act. But I need help from this community in framing the updated vision for the neighborhood association.

Together we can build a more equitable and just tomorrow. Thank you for your consideration.



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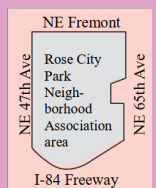
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• Our Mission •

The Rose City Park Neighborhood Association works to maintain and improve the livability of the neighborhood.

• Association Membership •

RCPNA is open to all persons of voting age who reside, own property or operate a business, government agency or non-profit organization within the boundaries of the neighborhood (area shown in map at right). 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 North-east Portland areas, check out www.cnncoalition.org.

UPCOMING RCPNA EVENTS

RCPNA October General Meeting

Tuesday, October 20, 7:00-9:00 pm

The agenda will (tentatively) include the election of the 2020-21 Board of Directors and officers (postponed from May), and presentation of the 2020 Walker Award(s).

There will be more information in the next newsletters, as well as on RCPNA's website (rcpna.org), Facebook page (facebook.com/rcpna.org) and on Nextdoor.

For dates of upcoming Board and committee meetings, see the calendar on page 12.



In the mood for a movie but don't want to go to a theater?

The Hollywood Theatre is partnering with the Expo Center to present the 6th annual PDX Drive-in Movie Spectacular! There will be 12 screenings through August, including action blockbusters, classic sci-fi, comedies, cult classics, and more.

No web information yet but keep checking hollywoodtheatre.org and www.expoctr.com!

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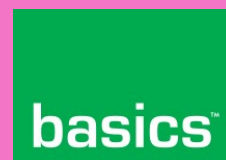
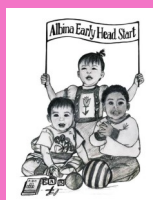
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Tamara DeRidder, AICP

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 <https://www.rcpna.org/community-partner-program/> or email communitypartners@rcpna.org.

LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The LU&T Committee meets regularly on the third Thursday of every month from 7-9 pm (virtually on Zoom until in-person meetings will again be at Head Start at Owen Blank School, 909 NE 52nd Avenue). The next scheduled meetings are August 20 and September 17; as noted elsewhere in this issue, until further notice, all RCPNA meetings will be conducted remotely. Agendas and updates will be posted on our website (<https://www.RCPNA.org>) and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/rcpna>), and on Nextdoor.

TRACKING NEIGHBORHOOD LU&T PROJECTS. Except as listed below, we have no new information regarding the projects we have been tracking.

Residential Infill Project (RIP)

The City Council voted to approve all six amendments proposed on July 9. Amendments include changes to the affordability index (60% medium family income - MFI), preservation of historic resources and other amendments (for more information, visit https://www.portland.gov/sites/default/files/2020-03/combined-amendment-packages_030920.pdf). The Bureau of Planning will make necessary changes and the City Council will vote on the package as a whole on August 5.

1435-1455 NE 62nd

Zoned CM1*; owned by Barley Pod LLC. Permit records updated 4/20/20; work continues.

3255 NE 50th

Kenneth and Holly Kondziela have been issued a permit to deconstruct a 1,100-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1922. Plans are under review to build a new three-story duplex with a two-vehicle garage.

3450 NE 50th

Grove Development of Southwest Portland is proposing to build a new three-story, 18-unit apartment complex made up of two structures connected by stairs and balcony. Deconstruction/demolition at the site has been completed.

5024 NE Fremont

Zoned CM1*; owned by Fremont Street Project LLC. Permit records updated 4/24/20; work continues.

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

Due to the COVID-19 interruption, construction is now scheduled to start in Spring 2021 instead of Fall 2020 (subject to further changes as necessary).

Our Lady of LaVang Parish - 5404 NE Alameda St

No new information.

Sandy 51 Apartments (2351 NE 51st Ave)

Zoned CM3*; owned by Sandy 51 Apartments LLC. Electrical, mechanical and plumbing are at inspection stage. Permit records updated 5/11/20; progress continues.

Thompson 6 – Townhouses (4950-4968 NE Thompson)

Zoned RM2*; owned by Thompson Six LLC. No new information.

Umpqua Bank Apartments - 4728 NE Sandy Blvd.

Zoned CM3*; owned by Koz on NE Sandy Blvd. LLC. Mechanical check has been completed. Permit records updated 5/8/20; work continues.

*For more info regarding zoning, visit <https://portlandmaps.com/bps/zoning/#/map/>.



RCPNA MAKES DONATION TO OREGON FOOD BANK

Closed schools and community centers have created a gap in meals for countless kids, and seniors, people with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems face higher risks in public spaces—forcing many to remain at home. Many new programs and resources are available to families affected by the public health and economic crisis.

At its regular July meeting, the RCPNA Board voted to donate \$500 to the Oregon Food Bank to help address the inequities in our communities and support those in need.



RCP Residential Real Estate Trends - How's the Market?

BY JAMIE VAN HOORN, Rose City Park Neighbor and licensed Real Estate Broker



As a real estate agent I'm often asked, "how's the market?" Recently, people have been surprised by my answer.

Despite navigating through a global pandemic, a civil movement, and an election year, Portland real estate continues to be a solid investment. Homeowners continue to gain equity year over year.

Historically, the market gets hot in the spring and summer and cools as we move into fall and winter. This year, the market was doing just that in March, as inventory was building and buyers were ready to shop. When the pandemic hit and the city shut down, the market paused. However, it wasn't long before the market started bouncing back. Now, interest rates are at historic lows and demand is greater than supply, putting us right back in a strong seller's market.

The median list price is a leading indicator that gives us insight into how the market is doing. If the market is strong, sellers are confident listing their home at a higher price. Back in April, as the market was heating up, the median list price in Portland was \$619,000. During the stay-at-home order in May, median list price fell to \$585,000 but rebounded quickly, and currently sits at \$635,000.

Other leading market indicators are days on market, inventory and whether homes are selling at, above or below list price.

Currently, homes in Portland are selling on average 10 days faster than at this same time last year. We did see a dip in new listings and pending sales in April but these numbers are steadily rising and closed sales year-to-date are only about 7% behind 2019.

So how do our homes in Rose City Park fair in comparison to the rest of the city? In our neighborhood, the median estimated home value is about \$546,000, while median list price is \$549,900. Homes in RCP are selling in about 50 days on average and generally within 1% of list price.



Thinking of buying or selling a home in Rose City Park soon? Here are my pro tips!

For buyers, ask your Realtor, friends or family for a recommendation on a quality local lender and get pre-qualified before you start home shopping! Due to the pandemic, many sellers are uneasy about having lots of people in their homes and are asking their Real Estate Agent to vet potential buyers to make sure they are serious before allowing home tours.

For sellers, ask your real estate broker about how they will market your home and choose someone who can offer you a robust marketing plan. Today, most buyers search for homes online and, with Covid-19, they are touring fewer homes before making an offer. Therefore, photos, video, virtual tours, social media and simply reaching as many potential buyers as possible online becomes even more important.



EAST PORTLAND CANDIDATE FORUM TO BE HELD AUGUST 3

There will be a virtual candidate forum with Portland City Council candidates Chloe Eudaly, Dan Ryan, Loretta Smith and Mingus Mapps at 7pm on Monday, August 3.

You can access Zoom either on its website or via its app. The direct link to the Zoom event is <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77938463024?pwd=cHFicDRSU1JuWEFsVStBMUV3QU12Zz09>; you can also join by <https://zoom.us/join> and entering Webinar ID 779 3847 3024 (and, if asked, Passcode 728862). For additional information, contact Ron Glanville at (503) 341-1402.

ROSE CITY BUSINESS PROFILE: ARROWOOD

THIS IS THE FIRST IN A NEW SERIES BY ROSE CITY PARK NEIGHBOR NATE RAMSEY, WHO RECENTLY RETURNED TO THE AREA AFTER LIVING IN THE WASHINGTON DC AREA FOR SEVERAL YEARS. NATE IS ALSO AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE RCPNA COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE.



For most owners, the restaurant business is a consistently challenging one. Small margins on dishes and drinks and large margins on workload and responsibilities can add up to noxious amounts of stress. Combine that with a global pandemic leading to shifting government mandates and changing social norms, and it's a wonder any sit-down restaurants are eager to reopen. Thankfully, Arrowood Restaurant is among those who are.

I met with owner and Roseway resident Mike Duggan during the last week of May to discuss not only the current state of his restaurant nearly three months into the COVID-19 crisis but also what he views as the business' core mission, how the restaurant came to be, and when we might expect to see octopus on the menu again.

First things first. When Gov. Brown's mandated closure of all bar and restaurant dining rooms went into effect on March 17, Arrowood quickly shifted to takeout-only service. The menu was pared down to burgers, salads and other dishes that traveled well. And instead of pouring beer from behind the bar, Mike readied the taps for growler fill-ups, along with canned six-packs from Second Profession Brewing, a separate on-site brewery that owns the prime lease on the property. He started taking meal orders over the phone, acting as cashier and even running food out to customers waiting in their vehicles while chef Katie Pitcher prepared meals in the kitchen. Nineteen weeks on from the governor's original order, takeout service continues at Arrowood, though the dining room also recently reopened. Both inside and outside seating arrangements were reconfigured to accommodate social distancing guidelines.

Notably absent from the restaurant are the 12 servers, bartenders and kitchen staff who normally keep the food and drinks flowing and the customers happy. Like many restaurants and other businesses, Mike had little choice but to lay off most of his employees when the governor's order came down. He plans to hire back many of those laid off staff members as sales and necessity allow.

Mike's winding path to becoming a do-everything restaurant owner started with him doing just about everything while working in restaurants owned by other people, over the course of more than 30 years. Growing up in Beaverton, Mike's first job was as a 17-year-old busboy at the Stockpot Broiler, a fine dining restaurant on the Red Tail (formerly Progress Downs) Golf Course property. While he lasted in the job only 5 months (what high school kid wants to work Friday and Saturday nights?!), he received positive feedback from supervisors, and the effect had reach. He wrote about the experience in a marketing class and wound up winning an award for restaurant management from the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), along with a trip to the DECA national conference in Orlando, Florida. The experience got him thinking about the restaurant industry as a possible career option.

After saving up money working at the Helvetia Tavern in Hillsboro, Mike moved to St. Thomas, in the U.S. Virgin Islands. He knew no one there and had even fewer job prospects. But he soon got himself hired on as waiter at a fine dining restaurant, working bar shifts, prep shifts, line shifts, and generally soaking up as much information as possible from its young owner and chefs.

Then, in 1995, Hurricane Marilyn devastated the island, including Mike's house and car, as



well as the restaurant. This prompted a return to Portland and the start of 15 years working for McMenamins. He moved into management and moved around to various McMenamins locations (John Barleycorn, Edgefield, Hotel Oregon and Kennedy School, among others). A few years and a few restaurant jobs later, Mike was the general manager at Tabor Tavern on East Burnside when he made the decision, in 2018, to open his own restaurant, for which he'd been steadily saving and planning.

A search around Portland for restaurant space with a functioning walk-in refrigerator and range hood vent brought him to the current Sandy Boulevard location. After several months of repairs, design, furnishing and other prep work, Arrowood (named for Mike's late grandmother) opened to the public on October 12, 2019. In many ways, it's your standard restaurant and bar, serving American food (burgers, fries, pasta) and drinks (IPAs, lagers, mixed drinks). The environment is welcoming to all demographics (couples, kids, grandparents, happy hour seekers), partly because it doesn't double-down on any one theme. Far from this giving the restaurant a generic look and feel, the affect is pleasantly authentic. Think of adjectives parents might use to describe the adult they hope their kid might one day become: warm, interesting, dependable, and comfortable in their own skin.

During non-pandemic times, the menu is surprisingly eclectic for a restaurant that also offers key crowd pleasers. The restaurant has been known to serve such dishes as smoked pork loin, eggs Benedict, grilled lamb skewers and falafel sandwiches. Arrowood also smokes its own meats, such as brisket and salmon, using the smoker located in the back parking lot. The drink menu offers a notable variety, with 14 rotating beers on tap, up to 8 of which contain Second Profession brews, as well as numerous cocktail and wine options.



The inside of the restaurant is anchored by a large bar area in the center of the room, with booths and a few tables surrounding it in the shape of a jagged C. The most compelling piece of art in the restaurant is a part-painting, part-sculpture rendering of a pig caught in barbed wire. Mike says he tries to find stimulating pieces of art made by local artists or otherwise sold locally. Prior to the lockdown, Arrowood had also been hosting twice monthly art showings – free and open to the public—in a

room adjacent to the main dining area. This is consistent with Mike's goal of making Arrowood a reliable and accessible neighborhood space, whether hosting special events, serving up brunch entrees, or just pouring good beer.

Notwithstanding a winter slowdown in January, Mike says Arrowood's customer base was steadily growing during the five months it was open prior to the coronavirus lockdown. Warming weather, plenty of compelling spring sporting events on television (Arrowood has three screens) and plentiful outdoor seating along 59th Avenue would almost certainly have furthered this trend through the spring months. But that wasn't to be. Nor were many other things expected to occur over the past few months. As this most turbulent of springs gives way to summer, let's hope Arrowood's earlier trajectory resumes. Either way, I look forward to dropping in and trying out the octopus ... or maybe just sticking with the delicious green chile burger.



ARROWOOD

5846 NE Sandy Blvd. — Portland, OR | (971) 373-8049
Monday-Sunday 4-9pm — Happy Hour 4-6pm (Monday-Friday)
Take-out and dine-in food and beverages
Food & drink specials, including a rotating \$5 cocktail

Find Arrowood online at arrowwoodportland.com or at facebook.com/pg/arrowwoodportland



Upcoming Rose Festival Events

The annual **Treasure Hunt** began on July 19. Clues will continue to be posted daily (10:00am) through August 1 at <http://www.rosefestival.org/programs/treasure-hunt> (past clues are also available there, along with more information about the Treasure Hunt). The treasure to be found is a 2.5-inch by 3-inch block of Lucite with a special Rose Festival Medallion embedded in it. The webpage also includes information about the prize package awarded to the winner.



Fleet Week returns July 29-August 2 ... but only virtually! Components include a virtual tour of the USS Portland, video of the christening of the new USS Oregon submarine, a virtual tour of a Royal Canadian Navy ship, and so much more. Check the website (<http://www.rosefestival.org/event/fleet-week>) for exact dates and times.

The announcement of the 2020 **Rose Festival Queen** will be made on **Thursday, July 30**, on the organization's social media accounts:

- * Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/PortlandRoseFestival>)
- * Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/pdxrosefestival/>) and
- * Twitter (<https://twitter.com/PDXRoseFestival>)
- * YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/user/PortlandRoseFestival>)



The Queen's **Coronation** will air on August 1 at 4pm (rebroadcast at 4pm on August 2) on KPTV ("PDX FOX12") (<http://www.kptv.com>). (You can also find the KPTV app in the App Store or Google Play.)



Rose Festival Honors is a fundraising luncheon that focuses on the power of women coming together, and the positive impact of mentorship. The 2020 honoree is Marcia Randall, of the Randall Group, in recognition of her decades of supporting higher education for young women on the Rose Festival Court.

The event, which will be held on August 11 from noon-1pm, honors the role of mentorship with the Rose Festival, and celebrates the power of Women Empowering Women, and features as its keynote speaker Tracy Curtis, Region President of Wells Fargo, and Grace (Neal) Stratton, 2006 Rose Festival Queen. The luncheon will be held at an as-yet-unnamed location; registration is free but donations are encouraged; see <https://tinyurl.com/y68yiwht> for more information.

The 38th Annual **Rose Festival Art Show** will open on August 6 with a reception and awards presentation, from 6pm-8pm. The last day for the in-person show is August 28 but the online show will continue through September 30.



The themes for this year's show are *Roses* and *Parading in Place* (the 2020 Rose Festival Theme, which includes Portland and Rose Festival scenes). This year's Juror is Michael Orwick. (**Note to artists:** consignments are still being accepted. For consignment information, visit the Oregon Society of Artists' web page (<https://tinyurl.com/y68yiwht>).)

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Other upcoming 2020 Rose Festival events:



Mask Dances of Three Nations (China, Japan and Korea) is scheduled be performed October 11, from 3-4pm. Admission is free but reservations are required. For more information, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mask-dances-of-three-nations-tickets-108624562992>.

The annual **Rose Festival Foundation Dinner & Auction** will be held on October 16. The purpose of this event is to raise mission-critical funds. The event will feature silent and live auction packages, and a chance to support the future of this treasured Portland tradition. For more information, to buy tickets or to donate, visit <https://tinyurl.com/y2e893qs>.



The Rose City Sing-off, now in its 10th year, has been rescheduled to November 7 at 6:30pm, at the Imago Dei Community Center. For more information, visit <https://www.rosecitysingoff.org/>.



The 60th anniversary **Rose Cup Races**, originally scheduled for July 10-12, have been postponed until July 9-11, 2021. Visit <https://rosecup.com/> for more information.

Events that have not yet been rescheduled, postponed or cancelled include

- * Starlight Run
- * CityFair
- * Starlight Parade
- * Junior Parade
- * Rose Society Rose Show
- * Grand Floral Walk
- * Grand Floral Parade
- * Float Showcase
- * Dragon Boat Races
- * Oregon City Heritage Days
- * Milk Carton Boat Race
- * Portland Open
- * Portland Classic

All events, including those that have not yet been rescheduled, are listed (with links) at <http://www.rosefestival.org/event-calendar/highlight-events>.



Rose Festival “Parading in Place”

On May 23, a Rose Festival VIP procession drove through selected neighborhoods to thank creative community members for their participation. One neighborhood that drew special attention was in Rose City Park on Northeast 54th between Siskiyou and Stanton, where neighbors have worked hard during social-distancing requirements to support one another and connect their community.

One neighbor, Karen Joyce said that the neighborhood recognizes that small businesses are struggling. “They worked so hard to bring their dreams to reality and then they just had everything swept out from under them,” she said. “It’s heartbreaking. We love our local businesses and want them to be around when all of this is all over. We miss them.” The Joyce family decorated their front porch in support of Tony Starlight’s Showroom.

Other neighbors whose contributions were especially noticed included Brian and Karen Aase, whose front porch was decorated in support of Garden Fever, a local plant nursery; Royal Rosarians Drill Master Antonio Harris Sr., who blew a whistle to greet the procession, and Mary Getty, who waved; and Rose Festival Princess Carmella Thomas, who held a sign and her tiara as part of the Rose Court decorations outside her home.



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“SHARE MY STORY”

Northeast Emergency Food Pantry needs volunteers

By JANE PAGLIARULO, Rose City Park neighbor

[EDITOR'S NOTE: JANE SUBMITTED HER STORY IN RESPONSE TO THE BOARD'S REQUEST PRIOR TO THE MAY GENERAL MEETING FOR NEIGHBORS TO TELL THEIR STORIES ABOUT WHAT THEY WERE DOING DURING THE STAY-HOME ORDERS. BECAUSE JANE'S WAS MORE LENGTHY, AND TOLD A DIFFERENT TYPE OF STORY THAN MOST OF THE OTHERS, WE ASKED IF WE COULD SHARE IT HERE AND SHE GENEROUSLY AGREED.]

I have been spending the COVID times by helping others. I am a volunteer with NET, the Neighborhood Emergency Team. Did you know that each neighborhood in Portland has a team that is ready to spring into action to help their neighbors, whenever there is an emergency that makes it impossible for professional rescuers to respond?

A couple of us went around and hung posters saying DO YOUR PART -- COVID 19. These posters gave info about staying 6 feet apart and washing hands, which were portrayed in pictures so even illiterate folks or those who don't speak English could get info. Then the county created information in 12 different languages, and we hung those.

I also help out at the Northeast Emergency Food Pantry 3 days a week. It's a great workout!

Many of the volunteers who usually do this are over 60, so they are staying away, and the regular volunteers, who have been there every day for months, are overwhelmed--with so many COVID-related layoffs, the demand for food boxes has tripled. We need help!

Most of the time, volunteers pack boxes. Usually there are about three other people, filling boxes with fresh produce, along with cheese, yogurt, boxed salads, eggs, etc. Other volunteers put together dry food boxes. Clients are not currently allowed in the basement; instead, volunteers take the boxes outside on carts two days a week for the clients to pick up. There's a big sunny parking lot surrounded by trees. The clients are required to stay in their cars, and we place the boxes into their trunk, along with bags of apples and potatoes, milk, eggs, and frozen meat. The heavy work of that happens Thursday and Saturday from 1-4 pm. Usually, we feed 600 clients in a day. The need is climbing exponentially and at an alarming rate. The Oregon Food Bank keeps sending more food but we can't get it out the door fast enough.

So, it's a totally safe place to be, from a volunteer perspective! We are able to maintain a 6-foot distance between volunteers. All volunteers are required to wear masks, and masks are provided. The weather's nice so the doors are open; it's not a small space; we all wear gloves (provided by AJ). (I even got in my Wednesday workout without going to the gym! I just hefted bags of apples and potatoes, did some squats while emptying the Bosc pears into the bins, pushed--or pulled--dollies up the ramp and out to the parking lot.) There is even a volunteer who is there just to cook a hot lunch for us volunteers—one day, it was BBQ ribs and chicken, and banana bread! It was totally tasty. Also, if you know of a family near you that is in need, you can pack a box for them.

Do you know of any young and helpful people who could pitch in? People who are unemployed bartenders, out-of-work baristas, or working from home, who could spare a couple hours on a Monday afternoon or a Wednesday morning to pack boxes would be most welcome! Starting at 9 am and going every day but Sunday. Put in an hour or two or stay all day; there is even an evening shift! You can also call ahead, to see when they have the greatest need.



COVID-19

(2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS)

We continue to hope this finds you and yours all well and safe, and to take another moment to acknowledge those who have passed away due to COVID-19.

We know that you've been overloaded—and often overwhelmed—with the amount of information and misinformation, and rapidly changing orders and recommendations about what we should (and shouldn't) do to keep our rate of infection as low as possible. Although the number of cases in Oregon has increased considerably, enough of us are following the Governor's mandates and the Oregon Health Authority's recommendations to keep our numbers well below those of much of the country. As of July 26, Oregon's number of cases per 100,000 population is a very respectable 54, and there are fewer than 1 death per 100,000.

The hardest-hit counties are Morrow, Umatilla, Malheur, Jefferson and Hood River, all showing more than 100 cases per 100,000. Marion County has 84 cases per 100,000, Multnomah has 63, Washington has 51, Yamhill has 39 and Clackamas has only 34. Sherman County has had only 8 cases. (If you're interested, there's regularly updated information of all states and countries at <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/oregon-coronavirus-cases.html>).

The Oregon Health Authority (<https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>) continues to be the best source of information.

As you should by now be aware, last Wednesday, Governor Brown announced several new measures to help suppress COVID-19 in Oregon and drive transmission rates back down, which went into effect on Friday, July 24. The new requirements are:

Face Coverings:

- ◆ **Required for ages 5 and up** when indoors or outdoors.
- ◆ **Required** when exercising indoors (other than in your own home) and outdoors when you can't physically distance (at least 6 feet) from others.

Gathering Limits:

- ◆ The capacity limit for restaurants, gyms, venues (concert halls, movie theaters, etc.) is **reduced** to 100 people indoors.

Bars and Restaurants:

- ◆ Must close at 10pm statewide, regardless of what opening phase the county is in.

Keeping yourself safe

- ◆ Wash your hands frequently with soap and running water (warm or cold) for at least 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer (60-95% alcohol content—do **not** use hand sanitizer than contains methanol!).
- ◆ Practice physical distancing.
- ◆ Greet others with a wave, a nod, or a bob. Bump elbows rather than shaking hands. Do not hug.

Keeping others safe

- ◆ Stay home if you are sick.
- ◆ Cough or sneeze into your elbow or armpit, or a fresh tissue (which you should dispose of right away).
- ◆ Avoid spitting in public.
- ◆ Use a new (or freshly cleaned) face mask or cloth, paper or disposable face coverings in public. Do not reuse single-use masks and dispose of used ones responsibly.

Keeping yourself safe

- ◆ Avoid touching your face, especially your mouth, nose and eyes.
- ◆ If possible, sanitize the handles of shopping carts or baskets, and wash your hands once returning home. Wash your hands with soap and water before wash fruits and vegetables, which you can do as you ordinarily would.

RCPNA CALENDAR

All RCPNA meetings are open to the public.

Rose City Park neighbors and business owners/operators are especially welcome.

Until further notice, General, Board and committee meetings will be held via Zoom, and live-streamed (where viewers can ask questions) and recorded for later viewing on YouTube.

Search "rcpna video" on YouTube to access both the live streams and recordings.

Communications Committee meetings will be conducted via Zoom but will not be streamed or recorded.

Aug. 3, 7-8:30 pm, Communications Committee	Aug. 4, 7-9pm, Board of Directors
Aug. 20, Land Use & Transportation Committee	
Aug. 31, 7-8:30pm, Communications Committee	Sept. 1, 7-9pm, Board of Directors
Sept. 17, 7-9pm, Land Use & Transportation Committee	
Oct. 5, 7-8:30pm, Communications Committee	Oct. 15, 7-9pm, Land Use & Transportation Committee
Oct. 20, 7-9pm, GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	
Nov. 2, 7-8:30 pm, Communications Committee	Nov. 3, 7-9pm, Board of Directors
Nov. 19, 7-9pm, Land Use & Transportation Committee	
Dec. 7, 7-8:30pm—Communications Committee	Dec. 8, 7-9pm, Board of Directors
<u>Postponed until 2021 or later</u> (dependent on Covid-19 restrictions and other factors)	
Picnic Concerts in the Park	National Night Out

Rose Festival "Parading in Place" (continued from page 9)

Our congratulations to these RCP neighbors, and our grateful thanks to The *Hollywood Star* for permission to excerpt Ted Perkins' article and to use Katharine Kimball's photos!



Karen Joyce's salute to Tony Starlight



Brian and Karen Aase supporting Garden Fever



Royal Rosarian Mary Getty



Royal Rosarian Drill Master Antonio Harris, Sr.



Unidentified parade clown