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# What will changes in Portland city government mean to me?

Fall General Membership Meeting
In-Person September 26, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.

After more than a century, Portland is changing how we vote for the city commission and in a larger sense how the city is run. We are inviting someone to talk about voting/ballots, another to talk about the district maps, and someone with knowledge of how the council will operate to do a presentation on what folks can expect for the new city council that is coming with the charter reform that passed in the last election. After the presentation, there will be time for questions. **Full agenda on back page.** 

# **Rose City Park Garage Sale**

# September 9-10 Rose City Park Neighborhood

Sign up to be a seller at www.rcpna.org or scan this QR code Deadline for seller sign up is Aug. 31, 2023.

More information will be available shortly about this event, and the map of sellers will be distributed in August.





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#### **CHAIR'S CORNER**

By Zachary Lauritzen, RCPNA Chair Dear Neighbors,

With our recentlycompleted Rose City Park **Neighborhood Association** Board elections, I want to welcome three new members: Laura Serecin, Kip Pheil, and Erik Mitchell. Also exciting is that we are welcoming back every



single member from last year's Board! Thank you for your service!

The summer months bring a flurry of activity: the concert in the park (July 22), the concert/ celebration at the golf course (Aug. 27), the neighborhood garage sale (Sept. 9), two events at Roseway Heights Middle School (Aug. 19 and 25), and a volunteer opportunity every Sunday morning on the Rose City Bluff. Please join us at these events!

Speaking of bringing community together, the Rose City Park 4th of July Children's Bicycle Parade was a great success. Thanks to Jeff Sublett, Michelle Block, Melissa Jackson, the Rose City Park United Methodist Church for the treats, our local fire department for leading our parade, and the RCPNA Board that bought all the popsicles! Hundreds of kids and families walked, rolled, scooted, and rode through the neighborhood. And thanks to all the neighbors who came out and cheered.

These opportunities to spend time together build a stronger neighborhood fabric where we know one another by name, we reduce isolation and loneliness, and share common experiences. In that spirit, I aim to create a monthly Rose City Park Neighborhood Association walk. This would be a

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The Rose City Park Neighborhood Association (RCPNA) is part of Portland's network of neighborhood associations, which represent their neighborhoods' interests in a wide variety of ways, including interfacing with public agencies and governing bodies. RCPNA's mission is to work to maintain and improve the livability of the neighborhood.

Membership in 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 (NE Fremont St. to I-84 and NE 47th to NE 65th Avenues). There are no dues or other requirements preventing a neighbor from being a member.

RCPNA is governed by a board of directors, unpaid volunteers who are elected annually at a general membership meeting, and it operates under the aegis of Central Northeast Neighbors, one of several area coalition offices that provide support to Portland's 95 neighborhood associations. Learn more at www.rcpna.org and social media. For info about partner Coalition members, check out www.cnncoalition.org.



once-a-month short stroll around a part of the neighborhood that would give folks a chance to come together.

If you are interested in helping make that happen, please email me at zlauritzen.rcpna@outlook.com.

Here's to a wonderful rest of your summer in Rose City Park Neighborhood!



#### TAKE A SWING AT HISTORY AS ROSE CITY GOLF COURSE TURNS 100

By Suzanne Briggs, Rose City Bluff

Come celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary of the Rose City Golf Course on Sunday, Aug. 27.

An afternoon of activities is planned beginning at 3 p.m. Golf staff and volunteers will provide instruction and free golf games for those interested in trying their shot. Non-golf activities for adults and kids will also be available.

At 6 p.m. there will be a Parks Summer Free-for-All concert featuring BridgeCity Soul. Food, drinks and desserts available for purchase behind the Rose City Golf Clubhouse. Bring your family and friends and become acquainted with this historic treasure.



Rose City Park Golf Course as it looked in 1932. It is on the National Register of Historic Places

The property we now know as Rose City Golf Course has a fascinating and diverse history. Between 1906 and 1922, it was the site of a horseracing track, then a motorcycle and car racing track and even an air show in 1910. The last event prior to its conversion to a golf course was a staged spectacle of two locomotive steam engines colliding head-on, which according to reports attracted huge crowds.

In 1921, Herbert L "Jay" George, a resident of Rose City Park, who lived on NE Sacramento above the race-track property, became enamored with golf after playing the City's new Eastmoreland Golf Course. He recognized that the defunct racetrack property could become the City's second golf course and quickly organized a successful effort that accomplished its transformation.

In May 1923, the City assumed management of the course. In 1932 the Rose City Golf Clubhouse was built and is now on the National Register of Historic Places. Come join the celebration and learn more about this notable site.



#### July 4 Bike Parade Makes Spokes Happy

About 400 Rose City Park residents got rolling on the July 4 Bike Parade sponsored by the Rose City Park Neighborhood Association.

Participants started at the Rose City United Methodist Church with a fire truck escort that took them out to 70th Avenue and then to the grounds of Rose City Park School where treats and other prizes were awarded.



# REPORTING NON-EMERGENCY CRIMES OR NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES? HERE IS WHO TO CALL TO GET ACTION

#### Non-emergency-Call 503-823-3333

The non-emergency number is for situations that are **not an immediate threat to life or property and emergency services will eventually be dispatched**. Below are some examples of non-emergency situations where responders will be dispatched:

- —Your vehicle was stolen.
- —An assault occurred and the suspect is no longer at the scene.
- —You are involved or witnessed a hit and run.
- —Report a missing person.
- —A community member is harassing you.
- —To report a crime that happened, and the suspect is known.

#### **Call 311**

<u>3-1-1</u> is the first point of contact for non-emergency situation where Police, Fire, Ambulance, and Portland Street Response are **not** needed to be dispatched. Call takers can help answer questions, assist with requests, and take reports. Call takers can even assist community members who are having trouble filling out online police reports. Staff are fluent in English, Spanish, Romanian, and Tagalog and have resources to assist community members in additional languages.



Hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., excluding federal holidays. Below are some examples of non-emergency situations to call 3-1-1:

- —You want to report a campsite.
- —Your bike was stolen.
- —Trash is overflowing in a public place, which can also be reported online.
- —You have a complaint about noise.
- —You want to report a pothole or debris in the road.
- —You are having a difficult time filling out a police report.



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#### **New Editor for Newsletter**

Tom Gauntt is the new editor of the Rose City Park Neighborhood Association newsletter. He is taking over from Linda Hoskin who will continue her involvement in the RCPNA, but in different capacities. Tom worked as a newspaper editor and reporter for 20 years and in corporate communications. He is a lifelong Rose City Park resident.

# **Land Use and Transportation Projects**

By Kelly Davis, Chair, Land Use and Transportation Projects

The Committee meets the third Thursday of every month from 7-9 pm at the Owen Blank Early Head Start building at 909 NE 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Information and proposed agendas will be posted on NextDoor and at RCPNA.org. The next Committee meetings are scheduled for Aug. 17 and Sept. 21.

#### Hollywood HUB

TriMet and Bridge Housing presented an update on the design of the new apartment buildings at the Hollywood Transit Station at our April LU&TC meeting. The project as currently designed has 224 units and has eight parking stalls. They are actively looking for shared parking agreements with adjacent businesses and car sharing opportunities. Construction is set to for the summer of 2024.

#### Traffic Changes at Sandy/Alameda/57th

The NE Alameda and 57<sup>th</sup>/Sandy project has much of the post-project neighborhood street evaluation complete. Preliminary traffic data finds that the project did not significantly increase traffic on neighborhood streets. In addition, traffic volumes on NE Alameda now meet the neighborhood greenway guidelines and traffic speeds have been significantly reduced. NE Alameda is reported to be a safer, more comfortable street for people walking, biking, and rolling. PBOT is still awaiting data on traffic and transit performance on NE 57<sup>th</sup> and Sandy. When they have all that data, hopefully in another six months, they will be able to provide updates on this project's performance. Then any changes or additions would be implemented.

#### **Halsey Project**

The schedule for the project, which changes Halsey from 4 lanes to two lanes and a turn lane from 47<sup>th</sup> to 60<sup>th</sup>, has slipped again. Tri-Met is hoping to take the project to bid in the next month or two which would push the construction start to the fall of 2023 at the earliest.

#### Traffic on NE 52<sup>nd</sup> and 53<sup>rd</sup>

Some neighbors came to our recent LU&TC meeting to discuss traffic concerns on NE 52<sup>nd</sup> and 53<sup>rd</sup>. Traffic volumes have increased on 52<sup>nd</sup> in part due to PBOT's Slow Streets project. Truck traffic and general traffic at the Futsal facility is also a concern. The LU&TC will invite Rose City Futsal EAST to an upcoming meeting to discuss their Good Neighbor Agreement (from December 2013).

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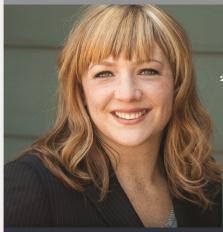
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#### **ROSEWAY HEIGHTS LOOKS BACK AT A CENTURY**

In the early 1920s with NE Portland growing at hectic pace, the school district approved another school in the area and Rose City Park was already getting crowded. Construction of Gregory Heights Elementary School was completed in 1923 and the first students coursed through the doors.

August is the time to celebrate the school now known as Roseway Heights Middle School. Anyone who went to school there or lives in the community now is invited.



**Aug. 19, 9 a.m. to noon. School Beautification.** Give back to our school grounds. Weed, Plant and collect trash

Aug. 25, 4 p.m. Community Picnic and Centennial Celebration. Be part of a fun event featuring student and alumni speakers, decade reunions, tours of the building, walk through showcase with photos and memories stretching back 100 years as well as learning about what is going on today at the school.

If you went to Gregory/Roseway Heights, there is still time to share your photos and memories by sending them to <a href="mailto:RHMS100years@gmail.com">RHMS100years@gmail.com</a>

# Rainbow Repainting

Neighbors at NE 61st and Tillamook got their rollers out and repainted their rainbow intersection. Great to see people banding together.



## **RCPNA General Membership Meeting**



Tuesday, September 26, 2023 - 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

In-Person Public Meeting (opens at 6:45 p.m.)

**Location: German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda Street** 

#### **Agenda**

7-7:05 p.m. Welcome

7:05-7:40 p.m. Presentation: Now that the city's government is changing, what does that actually mean? District maps, voting rules, council operations, and more.

7:40-8 p.m. Q&A

8-8:30 p.m. Portland Police Bureau's Neighborhood Response Team: Update and Q&A

8:30-9 p.m. RCPNA Committee Reports, community announcements

All neighborhood meetings are public meetings open to all

#### RCPNA CALENDAR

All RCPNA meetings are open to the public. Meetings are 7-9 pm unless otherwise noted.

Aug. 17, Land Use & Transportation Committee	Oct. 3, Board of Directors	
Aug. 31, Communications Committee (virtual)	Oct. 19, Land Use & Transportation Committee	
Sept. 5, Board of Directors	Oct. 26, Communications Committee (virtual)	
Sept. 21, Land Use & Transportation Committee	Nov.2, Board of Directors	
Sept. 26, General Membership Meeting	Nov. 16, Land Use & Transportation Committee	
Sept. 28, Communications Committee (virtual)	Nov. 30, Communications Committee (virtual)	

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