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Legislative Update from Sen. Pham and Rep. Tran

Winter General Meeting

Feb. 26, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda

(Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

We look forward to seeing you at the February General Meeting. We are hosting Sen. Khanh Pham and Rep. Thuy Tran, our representatives in the state legislature. At the time of the General Meeting, the legislative session will be very active with many issues that affect our city, our neighborhood and our every day lives being discussed in Salem. This will be our chance to deepen our relationship with these elected leaders and hear about their priorities and updates about the session. There will be time for Q&A, so bring your questions!

*Scheduling note: The general meeting is usually on a Tuesday, but complications caused us to set this meeting for **Wednesday, Feb. 26.***

Agenda:

7-7:30 p.m. Welcome, Introductions, Sen. Pham and Rep. Tran speak

7:30-8 p.m. Q&A with Sen. Pham and Rep. Tran

8-9 p.m. Neighborhood association business and announcements

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CHAIR'S CORNER

BY ZACHARY LAURITZEN, RCPNA CHAIR

Dear Neighbors,

Happy new year! There is much to look forward to in 2025 and we hope you will join us in a meaningful and engaging year.



This year we look forward to hosting a number of community events: concert in the park, 4th of July Bike Parade, neighborhood garage sale, neighborhood cleanup, three general meetings, and ongoing discussions about critical neighborhood issues at our Land Use and Transportation committee and at our general board meetings. We also expect to see construction start on the Rose City Golf Course Trail and continued habitat restoration on the bluff.

Last September, we hosted the District 3 City Council candidates. We had an amazing turnout with more than 100 neighbors attending. One candidate after another shook my hand and commented how impressed they were by the engagement of you: Rose City Park neighbors. Thank you! We left an impression on the candidates that Rose City Park Neighborhood Association members show up and know their stuff. I am so proud of being part of such an active and engaged group of friends and neighbors.

In this vein, we hope you will join us on Wednesday, Feb. 26th, from 7-9pm at the German American Society when we welcome our state legislators: Sen. Khanh Pham and Rep. Thuy Tran. Bring a friend and join us!

When you see me, please say hi and tell me what you would like to see in our neighborhood. Here's to another great year in Rose City Park. See you around!

Zachary Lauritzen
RCPNA Chair



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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 Southeast Uplift, 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 seuplift.org.





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Rose City Bluff 2025 Native Seed Project Takes Root

BY SUZANNE BRIGGS, ROSE CITY BLUFF
RESTORATION VOLUNTEER

Rose City Bluff Restoration is kicking off its 2025 Native Seed Project. Each year volunteers sow seeds and care for young plants during the summer and fall. Dozens of our neighbors participated in the project over the last two years which resulted in hundreds of new native plants for the bluff.

This year the Native Seed Project will include growing plants from seeds and bare root plants. You do not need to have expertise in growing plants from seeds. The only requirement is that you care for the young plants through the summer months. Rose City Bluff Restoration will provide the seeds or young plants, pots, soil and instructions. Growers will pick up their designated plants and all of the supplies at the Bluff on Sunday, March 23.

Throughout the year, the project coordinator and growers enjoy sharing and supporting each other. Friendships grow right along with the plants. If growers have summer vacation plans, the project coordinator will help find volunteers to periodically lend a watering hand. If you are interested in growing native plants for our Fall Planting Day, contact rosecitybluff@gmail.com.

Rose City Bluff Restoration is a volunteer community organization dedicated to the ecological restoration of the Rose City Bluff. We meet nearly every Sunday, 9:30 am, at NE Sacramento and 62nd. Come join us! If you have expertise and/or an interest in native plants, invasive species, birding, pollinators, trees, neighborhood history or anything related to Rose City Golf Course and the bluff, we invite you to share your knowledge with us.



News about the RCPNA Newsletter

As you read your edition of the Rose City Park Neighborhood Association (RCPNA) newsletter, do you ever wonder how, exactly, that newsletter got to your porch? Without a stamp or assistance from the US Postal Service, three times a year, this newsletter gets to you and every other household in Rose City Park, 4,200 residences and businesses in all.

How does this happen and who is involved? This newsletter is brought to you almost entirely through volunteer efforts. With exception of the printer, no one involved in the creation and distribution of this newsletter is paid. Decades ago, the structure for the RCPNA's newsletter delivery system was created and while the individuals in key roles have changed many times over, the system has continued to work. This system, developed so very long ago, is an achievement of which we can be proud.

With assistance from the RCPNA Communications Committee members, our newsletter editor (Tom Gauntt) constructs the newsletter from articles submitted by RCPNA board members and community members, and incorporates paid advertisements from supportive local merchants.

Once printed, folded, and stapled by the printer, the newsletters are handed off to the Neighborhood Newsletter Delivery Team. Our current delivery team consists of 2 coordinators, 11 captains and 52 route carriers. The coordinators bundle newsletters for each route. The captains shuttle the bundles of newsletters to the carriers. The carriers personally deliver the newsletter to your porch.

Of all of the positions, the carrier's role is probably the most interactive. It takes about an hour for a carrier to distribute between 50 and 100 newsletters, but it is an hour where carriers get to meet Rose City Park neighbors and serve the community in which they have chosen to live.

The coordinators—Helene and Roger Farnen—also maintain and recruit volunteers to serve as Delivery Captains and Newsletter Carriers. Would you like to have a direct impact on your neighborhood and help with the newsletter? There are two ways to contribute: First, contact us at info@rcpna.org to write articles or assist with distribution. Second, printing the newsletter has a significant cost! If you would like to advertise in the newsletter or simply make a financial contribution to support RCPNA, you can do so at the QR code below. This year we have received a generous donation to the newsletter from Southeast Uplift.

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Get Involved, Stay Involved

Besides staying informed from reading the newsletter, you can get more timely information by signing up for our email updates. Go to RCPNA.org and look for the graphic to the right to sign up for emails and be notified of volunteer opportunities.

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Land Use and Transportation Projects

BY KELLY DAVIS, CHAIR, LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

The LU&T Committee meets the 3rd Thursday of every month from 7-9 p.m. at the German American Society at 5626 NE Alameda. Information on the meetings and proposed agendas will be posted ahead of time on NextDoor and on our website at RCPNA.org. These are open public meetings, and all are invited to attend.

Anamic Construction - Development on 62nd & Sandy/Stanton

The Committee received preliminary plans from Anamic Construction/Development for a housing project at the former Word & Spirit Church and adjacent properties (2833 NE 62nd Ave, 6140 NE Stanton and 6201 NE Stanton). There are four lots with 20 total units planned.

- Status of the project – demolition is complete with grading and site preparation underway. We assume plans are or will be submitted for permit shortly.
- The 20 units will consist of three sets of 4-plexes on the lots zoned R2.5 - total of 12 units and two sets of four cottage clusters/detached units on the bigger lots - total of eight units.
- Unfortunately, none of the units will have garages or off-street parking.
- Comments on the plans from the Committee and neighbors have been submitted to Anamic. We hope to receive a response soon.

We are still hopeful that Anamic Construction and/or their designer will attend an upcoming committee meeting to review the status of the design. We will keep the neighbors informed.

Rose City Recreational Trail Project (at RCP Golf Course)

Portland Parks Bureau received the Community Survey (10/23 – 12/9) and published results on the website (<https://www.portland.gov/parks/construction/rose-city-recreational-trail-project>). They will hold a community event to review project status in late Spring or early Summer and an open house (either virtually or in-person) to review the final design plans. We will keep the neighbors updated when scheduled.

Hollywood Hub Housing Project

Work on the update to the light rail station access is essentially complete. Site work and pile foundation work is underway for the apartments. Neighbors will likely notice increased truck traffic and some lane closures on Halsey. As a reminder, this project has **224 units, 7 parking spaces, 349 bike parking stalls, community/ground floor amenity spaces and a central courtyard.**

Traffic on 52nd Avenue

We received a report from PBOT on their analysis of new traffic counts. Bottom line is that most of the neighbors requests for crosswalks, traffic calming, stop signs or other measures were rejected due to low traffic/pedestrian counts. PBOT will install new speed limit signs - 20 MPH at several locations, a playground warning sign at Frazer Park and pedestrian crossing signs at NE Pacific Street. Frustrated neighbors may take other action with the new City Council and Mayor.



A New Feature: The Rose City Park Roses

One of the beauties of living in a community are the acts of support, kindness, and generosity. The Rose City Park Neighborhood Association board wants to create a space to give thanks and recognition, from one neighbor to another, and we're calling it the Rose City Park Roses. In each newsletter we will share the recognitions and notes of appreciation we receive. Please send yours to info@rcpna.org and look for it in the next newsletter. The Board will start the appreciation ball rolling.

Shout out to Victor Sanders a neighbor who came to the Land Use and Transportation Committee (LU&TC) with a proposal to replace/add to the street sign toppers originally installed some 15 years ago. Victor surveyed the status of the existing signs, proposed where to add new, developed some alternate designs, researched costs for fabrication/installation and came to a LU&TC and Board meeting to review. We really appreciate neighbors who see an opportunity to improve the neighborhood and put in the work to make it happen. Thanks Victor!! -Kelly

Welcome (back) to the neighborhood RB! - Colby & Lara on 63rd

I recently joined Rose City Park's Buy Nothing Group on Facebook and love and appreciate my neighbors sharing the things they don't need anymore for continued reuse, avoiding the landfill. Thank you! -Erik

To my neighbors at 61st and Tillamook: thank you for painting the rainbows on every corner. My kids love to visit and hop from one color to the next. -William

To the Christmas Light Bonanza House on the west side of 59th just north of Sacramento: it is amazing! Our family visits over and over and over and always finds something else that makes us smile. Thank you :) -Jen

Neal, your work on the blackberry thicket on the east side of 72nd Drive is truly inspirational. You've pulled out all the invasive plants, planted trees and shrubs, and mulched. You've given so much energy and effort in that little space. Your efforts are truly appreciated and a gift to us now and generations ahead! -Zachary

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A brief history of Portland Fire Station 28

by Terry Parker, Board member



Located on the Southwest corner of NE Sandy Boulevard and 56th Avenue, Portland Fire Station 28 was built in 1913. As one of the various Lee Holden- designed two-story fire stations that were built around the same time, it is the oldest working firehouse in the City of Portland. When the building was originally constructed,

there were stalls in the apparatus bay for horses that pulled the fire apparatus. Years ago I was told by a then retired fireman that on hot summer days there was a sense horses had been housed there. Portland Fire apparatus city wide became fully motorized in 1920.

In the 1950's and 60's, the apparatus housed at Station 28 was a 1940's Mack triple combination pumper. It was purchased on Sept. 9, 1943 for \$9,862. Also in the 1950's, located on the West side of the firehouse was a large tower with a Civil Defense Siren on top that was occasionally tested as a drill for residents in the area to take cover.

In 1984, the building was vacated when Multnomah County Fire District 10 was consolidated with
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Tour the Rose City Park Fire Station

Have you checked out our fire station on Sandy and 56th? Do you have a child who loves fire trucks? Did you enjoy board member Terry Parker’s article on the history of the station? Then we have the event for you! Rose City Park Neighborhood Association is partnering with the Portland Fire Bureau to schedule an open house tour of the station on one weekend in April. There will be tours of the station, pictures with firefighters, and a general good time. Keep an eye out on social media, our website, and in your email for more details!



History

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another station located at NE 59th and Going Street was near enough that two stations were not necessary for the area. Station 28 was given to the Portland Office of Neighborhood Associations and became the offices for the Central Northeast Neighbors. The building was renovated to house the watch room, an exercise room, an auxiliary apparatus bay on the first floor, and crew quarters on the second floor. The entire Station 28 facility was designed to meet current seismic/structural standards for essential facilities. The artwork in front of the station was part of the mandatory 1% for art required with the construction of new buildings. Station 28 was placed back in service in 2005 along with a modern American LaFrance Eagle fire engine which has since been replaced with a newer model Pierce fire engine.

Today Station 28 crews respond to a variety of medical and fire emergencies involving residential and commercial properties. The crews also coordinate and run the Portland Fire Cadet Program. The program is for youths between 16 and 20 years of age. The program runs from September through May and consists of weekly training every Saturday. From the drill ground, assignments, quizzes, and “ride-alongs,” each of the cadets gains a basic understanding of fire suppression, CPR-First Aid, vehicle extrication, forcible entry, and command structure knowledge.



RCPNA CALENDAR

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

Feb.20, Land Use

Feb. 26, General Meeting—Salem Update

March 4, Board of Directors

March 20, Land Use

April 1, Board of Directors

April 17, Land Use

May 15, Land Use

May 27, General Meeting

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