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## Ice Cream Social first, then some hot topics

### May General Meeting

May 27, 7:15 p.m. to 8:50 p.m.

**German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda**  
**(Ice Cream Social starts at 6:45 p.m.)**

May's General Meeting comes in many shapes and sizes. We're starting with an ice cream social on the steps of the German American Society at 6:45 p.m. We'll then hold neighborhood association board elections followed by a number of presentations about topics affecting our neighborhood including updates on the Halsey Street project and the Rose City Park trail, and a report on sex trafficking and what is being done to combat it. Please join us and bring a friend and appetite for ice cream!

### Agenda:

**6:45-7:15 p.m. Ice cream social**

**7:15-7:20 p.m. Elections**

**7:20-7:45 p.m. PBOT update on Halsey and Learn About  
Neighborhood Street Sign toppers**

**7:45-8:10 p.m. Golf course trail project Update**

**8:10-8:35 p.m. Sex trafficking report**

**8:35-8:50 p.m. Summer activities, committee reports**



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## CHAIR'S CORNER

BY ZACHARY LAURITZEN, RCPNA CHAIR

Dear Neighbors,

Spring has sprung! And, with those new beginnings, I want to invite you to consider something new: joining the Rose City Park Neighborhood Association board. Serving on the RCPNA board is a rewarding way to connect with neighbors, build lasting friendships, and give back to the community we all call home. At our upcoming general meeting this May, we'll be voting in next year's board, and I hope you'll consider being a part of it. Terms last one year: July 1 to June 30. Board members are expected to attend our monthly two-hour board/general meetings. Most Board members help out in general and also have specific areas of interest. To be eligible, you must live, own property, or run a business in Rose City Park neighborhood boundaries.



If you are interested in serving on the board, or have questions about what it entails, send an email to Zachary at [zlaritzen.rcpna@outlook.com](mailto:zlaritzen.rcpna@outlook.com) or contact any current board member.

At this month's general meeting we'll hear from the Bureau of Transportation about the upcoming Halsey Street construction, learn about a neighbor-led effort to install new "Rose City Park Neighborhood" sign toppers on our street signs, and get an update on the Rose City Golf Course trail project.

Zachary Lauritzen  
RCPNA Chair



## ABOUT RCPNA

### Officers

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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](http://www.rcpna.org) and social media. For info about partner Coalition members, check out [seuplift.org](http://seuplift.org).



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## Planning for Normandale Park shooting memorial moves forward



On April 2, Rose City Park Neighborhood Association members hosted space at Albina Head Start/Owen Blank Center near Frazer Park for Normandale Park mass shooting survivors, family members, supporters, and community members to share thoughts on creating a permanent memorial. The event was facilitated by Nanci Champlin, executive director of SE Uplift (SEUL) and Stephanie Howard, director of community safety for Portland. Members of the Bureau of Parks and Recreation and City Repair also attended.

Special thanks to the team from City Repair, who helped facilitate and develop a plan to move forward together regarding both a street mural and a permanent memorial. We discussed several themes and shared goals for this work and agreed to meet every other week, beginning April 15 with the goal of getting a street mural permit approved by June 30, 2025. Meetings will focus on determining what elements an artist should incorporate into the street painting, selecting an artist, and reviewing proposed artwork.

All are welcome to attend these bi-monthly meetings. While we are focusing on having the street mural done this summer, we will also continue to keep in mind elements that will help to inform possibilities for a permanent, physical memorial.

Albina Head Start/Owen Blank Center is located at 909 Northeast 52nd Avenue. Please email Stephanie at [stephanie.howard@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:stephanie.howard@portlandoregon.gov) if you would like to be added to the contact list or would like additional information.

—Nick Putnam



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# Rose City Park family buys Hollywood Star News

**BY LISA HEYAMOTO, ROSE CITY PARK NEIGHBOR**

The Hollywood Star News has new owners.

Local journalists and Rose City Park residents Todd Milbourn and Lisa Heyamoto purchased the 40-year-old newspaper in April from longtime owner Mary DeHart, who's now retired.

Becoming publishers is a dream come true for the couple, who have devoted their lives to journalism, teaching and building community. They started their careers in local news, met as reporters for The Sacramento Bee and taught journalism and storytelling for more than a decade at the University of Oregon.

"The Star News is a true gem of a newspaper," Todd said. "This is an incredible opportunity to serve our neighbors and this wonderful community while drawing on our decades of professional experience."

Todd's day-job is training journalists for an international business news company. He's also an RCPNA board member. Lisa works for a nonprofit that supports local news organizations, and volunteers at their daughters' schools.

Both can be found at Normandale Park twice a day with their very energetic puppy, Mochi!

Todd and Lisa plan to keep the Star's focus on neighbors, local businesses and community happenings. Todd and Lisa are especially excited to engage with community members, business owners and non-profit leaders, and wholeheartedly welcome feedback about what you'd like to see in the paper's next chapter.

To advertise, subscribe or donate to the Star News — or just say hello! — visit [www.star-news.info](http://www.star-news.info)



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# Land Use and Transportation Projects

## BY KELLY DAVIS, CHAIR, LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

The LU&T Committee meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month from 7-9 pm 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

Anamic Construction/Development is starting construction on four lots in RCP (2833 NE 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave, 2890 NE 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave., 6140 NE Stanton and 6201 NE Stanton). A total of 20 units are planned with no off-street parking. We forwarded comments from our committee and neighbors (generally criticizing the lack of garages) to the developer and received the following response: "A floor plan with garages won't fit on any of the Stanton properties because it's a 5,400 SF lot. So there's not enough room to put a garage. We have spent a good amount of time with our architect in early renditions trying to fit a garage and make the living area big enough to make the house functional, but we were not able to come to a suitable design. So we went ahead with a design that did not include garages."

### NE 60<sup>th</sup> and Halsey Street Area Improvement Project

The Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) has hired Kodiak Pacific Construction Co. to begin work on the NE 60th Avenue and Halsey Street Area Improvements Project in the Rose City Park and North Tabor neighborhoods. Construction is scheduled to begin this spring and continue through spring 2026. Utility companies are now working in the project area moving elements like pipes, wires, and poles in preparation for project construction.

The construction contractor planned to have schedule and detour information available the last week of April. Please check the project website and via the GovDelivery email subscription tool. View the project website and sign up for GovDelivery email updates on their webpage: [NE 60th Avenue and Halsey Street Area Improvement Project](#)

The project will repave and reconfigure sections of street, replace outdated traffic signals, add turn lanes, improve sidewalks, and build and enhance pedestrian and bike crossings. PBOT's aim is to improve traffic flow and make the street safer for pedestrians as well as people riding transit, biking, and driving.

PBOT knows residents have been waiting patiently for construction of this project. Both the Covid-19

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## Land Use Update

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pandemic and the complexity of designing around existing underground water and sewer systems caused this delay. The project team changed plans multiple times to find ways to reduce costs.

PBOT will also be constructing safety improvements along NE Halsey Street between 68th and 92nd avenues. This is a separate project focused on safety and access to transit and slated to begin construction later in the summer. For more information on that project, visit the webpage: [NE Halsey Street \(68th to 92nd avenues\) - Safety and Access to Transit Project](#)

Please contact the Halsey Construction Project Team at [HalseyConstruction@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:HalseyConstruction@portlandoregon.gov) or 971-313-9293 with any questions.

## Rose City Park Neighborhood Street Sign Toppers



We have selected a design for the new RCPNA Sign Toppers to be placed around the neighborhood on top of some of the existing street signs. Thank you to Victor Sanders who made this happen. Victor will attend our May General Meeting to review the design and to solicit support from neighbors to fund portions of the project. Signs will be installed at no cost as part of the Halsey Improvement project. Neighbors can fund signs around the perimeter of the neighborhood or outside their homes if desired. Further details and costs will be shared at the May meeting. 

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## *I See You . . .*

My husband and I sadly are not current dog owners. We take daily neighborhood walks and enjoy encountering all the friendly pups with their compassionate owners. Many will let us get a pat in, and strike up friendly conversation. It really scratches an itch for us (pun intended). We're so impressed with the kind dog training, evidenced by treat induced corner stopping, patient dog sniffing stops, and diligent poop clean up. We've met so many kind neighbors with their furry and hairy quadruped family members. Thanks for sharing them with us!

*-Jeanne and Tom*

Thank you to the family who maintains the incredible roses on "snake hill" (61st Ave). It feels like a little curvy European street with rock walls and a manicured garden. We so appreciate having the beautiful roses to enjoy on our family walks. Bravo!

*-Dale*

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**Junior Rose Festival Parade,  
June 4, Assemble at 52nd & Sacramento at 11 a.m., parade starts at 1 p.m.**

**July 4 Bike Parade,**

**Assemble at 10 a.m. at Rose City Methodist Church**

**Free Summer Concert**

**July 26, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m, Rose City Park**

**Neighborhood Garage Sale**

**Sept. 6 & 7 Details to follow**

**Neighborhood Clean up**

**Sept. 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**St Rose of Lima Parking Lot**

**Go to [RCPNA.Org](http://RCPNA.Org) for updates on these events**

## RCPNA CALENDAR

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

May 15, Land Use

**May 27, General Meeting**

June 3, Board of Directors

June 19, Land Use

July 1, Board of Directors

July 17, Land Use

Aug. 5, Board of Directors

Aug. 21, Land Use

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