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How is Portland's New Form of Government Working for You?

September General Meeting

Sept. 30, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda

We are nine months into Portland's new form of city government, and this is our chance to hear directly from our District 3 City Councilors (At the time of printing, we are still awaiting confirmation from Councilor Morillo). They'll share their impressions so far, what they've learned, and their perspective on the winners and losers in the latest budget. After their remarks, we'll host a Q&A where Rose City Park members can bring their questions to our city representatives.

Following that discussion, we'll share updates on summer activities, touch on a few bylaws revisions, and hear reports from our committees. We look forward to seeing you there!

Agenda:

7 p.m.-7:10 p.m. Welcome, introductions

7:10 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Discussion with District 3 City Councilors

8:15 p.m.-8:25 p.m. Rose City Park Bylaws Update

8:25 p.m.-8:45 p.m. Activities and Committee Reports

8:45 p.m.-9 p.m. Adjourn and Social Time



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CHAIR'S CORNER

BY ZACHARY LAURITZEN, RCPNA CHAIR

What a summer it's been in Rose City Park! From the joyful 4th of July children's bicycle parade to dancing in the grass at our concert in the park, this season has been full of the kind of moments that make this neighborhood feel like home.



We also came together to remember and honor lives lost with the beautiful new mural at Normandale Park, a moving community effort rooted in healing and care.

As this newsletter arrives in your mailbox, we're in the middle of two more great traditions: our annual neighborhood garage sale (1st weekend in September) and the Rose City Park clean-up (2nd weekend in September). Clear out the basement, go treasure-hunting, or just haul a load to the drop-off site!

We're not just hosting events that bring us together, we're also organizing the installation of Rose City Park street sign toppers to help foster a stronger neighborhood identity. Check out Victor's article in this issue to learn how to get involved!

And every Sunday, neighbors are gathering on Rose City Bluff with coffee from Bird's Eye Café and stewardship from the Rose City Bluff Restoration team. This pop-up space is a weekly ritual that's good for community and good for nature.

At our last general meeting we welcomed a wonderful group of new board members who have stepped up to serve you, their neighbors. Their energy and dedication are already making a difference, and we're grateful for their leadership and dedication.

As always, join us for our general meeting. This month it is Sept. 30th and, as always, it's a great chance to meet neighbors and learn about events and issues that impact us. See you there!



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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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Can You Top This for Fostering Neighborhood Unity?

BY VICTOR SANDERS

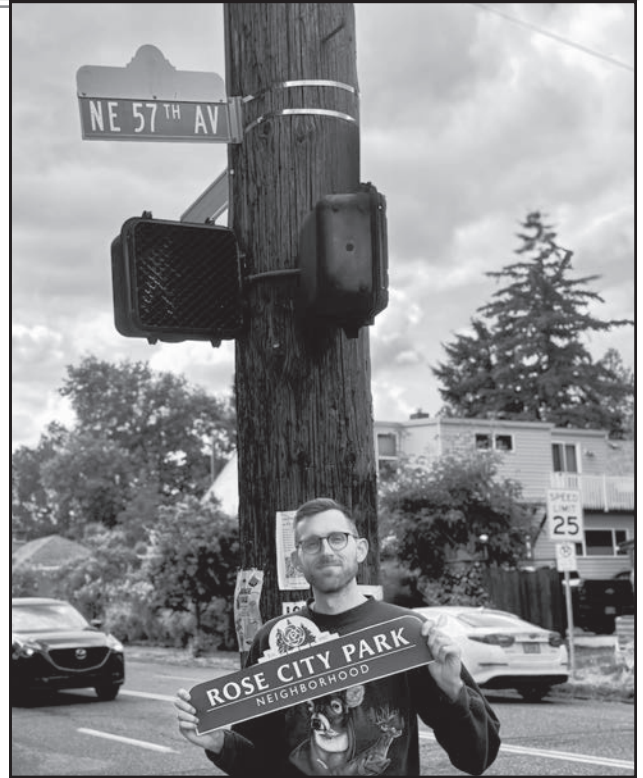
This summer, the Rose City Park Neighborhood Association renewed an initiative to bring sign toppers back to neighborhood streets. The project seeks to add a bit of neighborhood pride and identity to the blocks that make up Rose City Park.

About a dozen sign toppers installed in 2003 are still standing, but most are in poor shape and need replacement. The goal is to replace these and install as many sign toppers as we have blocks.

Using block-by-block sponsorships, a Rose City Park sign topper could soon be on your block!

Sponsoring a sign costs \$100 and can be paid directly to the neighborhood association Venmo @RCPNA. Put the intersection for your sign in the comments. Neighbors can also work together and contribute as little as \$10 each to order a sign for your street. Or, you can pay by check.

Sponsored signs are expected to be delivered or installed throughout this winter and into next year. Visit rcpna.org/sign-toppers for more information.



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Tracking Neighborhood Land Use and Transportation (LU&T) Projects

BY KELLY DAVIS (CHAIR LU & T COMMITTEE)

The LU&T Committee meets the 3rd 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.

NE 60th 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. Note: Portions of Halsey will have one lane in each direction and a center turn lane.

NE 60th Avenue between NE Halsey and NE Holladay streets - West Side (90% complete)

- **Timeline:** May 26, 2025 – Late August 2025
- **Traffic:** Two-way vehicle traffic maintained. Pedestrian access maintained. Bus route maintained but stop locations may adjust around construction zones. No on-street parking on either side of the street.
- **Scope of Work:**
 - Excavation/sidewalk removal
 - Stormwater improvements
 - Sidewalk and ADA ramp installation

Paving: NE 60th Avenue between NE Halsey and NE Holladay streets - East Side (Began July 28)

- **Timeline:** July 28, 2025 – October 2025
- **Traffic:** Vehicle traffic detour around the construction zone on NE 60th. Access to NE Halsey via northbound 60th Ave will be closed. Please use NE 47th or NE 67th Avenues to reach NE Halsey Street from the south. Southbound traffic on NE 60th Ave will remain open. No on-street parking on either side of the street.
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Stairs at NE 62nd and Sacramento

The RCPNA Board is sending a draft letter to the RCPNA Board recommending that a letter be sent to Portland Parks and Recreation (PP&R) to bring the stairs at NE 62nd and Sacramento into compliance with accepted safety standards. The west side handrail is not compliant and there is no handrail on the east side. We understand that PP&R has had these stairs on their noncompliance list since at least 2014. Stand by for updates on this issue once we hear back from PP&R.

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Normandale Park Memorial Street Mural



On Saturday, Aug. 2, dozens of volunteers gathered for community healing and to participate in the painting of a street mural in honor of the victims, survivors, and family members of victims of the February 2022 Normandale Park mass shooting (www.normandalesurvivors.com).

The painting day at NE 55th and Hassalo was the result of months of planning and visioning between the survivors group and neighbors, with facilitation by the Portland Office of Community Safety, City Repair, and members of the Rose City Park Neighborhood Association. The design was created by the survivors group with input from all who attended a series of meetings throughout the spring. The feeling on at the mural site was both celebratory and mournful as burgers were grilled and music played.

A more permanent physical memorial is being considered for the southwest corner of the park which will require a longer period of planning and visioning.

-Nick Putnam



Connect with Mother Nature and Your Neighbors!

BY REED LEWIS, ROSE CITY BLUFF

RESTORATION VOLUNTEER

Did you know that a blackberry cane can grow forty feet in a year? The neighborhood volunteers at Rose City Bluff Restoration sure do. For seven years they've been cutting back and removing invasive plant species, including those pesky blackberries, and restoring the native habitat along a half mile stretch of hillside on the north side of Rose City Golf Course. To date, volunteers have restored about one-half acre with about four and a half acres to go.

In February hundreds of bare-root plants are distributed to willing neighbors. The growers then care for the plants over the summer in preparation for "Planting Day" in late October or early November when they plant their "babies" in their new home on the bluff. They'll then start the whole sequence again the next year. Along with the bare-root plants, many growers are raising native plants from seeds.

Come work with your neighbors year around in anticipation of the Fall Planting Day. Your help would be greatly appreciated! Every Sunday there are many ways to contribute including keeping the blackberries and other invasive plants in check, weeding and watering newly restored areas, as well as fostering baby plants.

You can keep track of special volunteer opportunities on Rose City Bluff website or by signing up for the weekly email: rosecitybluff.org. Or just meet your neighbors every Sunday at 9:30 am, rain or shine, at NE 66th and Sacramento.



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Baerlic Brewing Parking and Delivery Issues

An immediate neighbor to the Baerlic Brewing cart pod (at NE 60th and Halsey) came to the Committee to discuss parking issues. Neighbors are generally happy with the Baerlic cart pod, they have repeated problems with visitors and vendors blocking driveways preventing access.

They have contacted the city which told them they could request parking on only one side of the street. A Committee member will work to poll neighbors about changing parking, will talk with the Manager at Baerlic and will search for the Good Neighbor Agreement from 2017. 

I See You . . .

Thank you to the Bird's Eye Cafe team! We love swinging by and seeing friends, neighbors, and new folks. It's such a meaningful contribution to our community. I encourage folks to swing by on Sunday mornings to say hi!

-Sonya

Tell us what makes RCP special. Call out your neighbors for the great little things they do everyday that makes us all proud to call this little corner of the world our home. Send *I See You's* to: Editor@rcpna.org 

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PAQUI Cooks up Modern Mexican Cuisine

BY CELESTE VARNER, BOARD MEMBER

Paqui, the brand-new vision of modern Mexican food, by Andres Mundo Jr has opened in the former Arrowood location at 5846 NE Sandy Blvd. Mundo, along with his wife and his parents are creating a new go-to neighborhood spot bringing made-from-scratch family food to Rose City Park with a quaint, local, family-friendly vibe.

Paqui opened in early May and is still in its soft-opening phase. "We are listening to the neighborhood and shifting to find the sweet-spot in what this neighborhood wants and needs." Andres and his family own Elixir Mezcaleria in Gresham, and have been looking for a location in Portland for many years. NE Portland has always held a sense of home for Andres and Kina who met while Andres cut his restauranting teeth managing Shandong for nearly a decade. Even before opening their restaurant in Gresham, they had been looking for the perfect Portland neighborhood gem, so when this location popped up, they were eager to jump into action.

In contrast to their offerings at Elixir, Mundo is excited to bring a more diverse menu featuring seafood, vegetarian dishes and some family signatures. Kina Arella, runs the front of the house and is excited to serve food that has heart and story,

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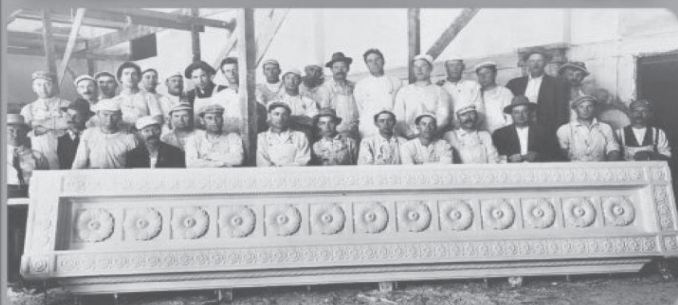
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“My father-in-law is the head chef and my mother-in-law makes all the sauces and stewed meats. These are the flavors from Andres’ childhood.” The menu is changing and adapting to keep fresh and seasonal, from slow-cooked Chicken Tinga, to house-made enchiladas and chillequilles. Diners can expect to find fresh-to-order dishes, bold flavors, great drinks and friendly service in a family-friendly atmosphere; the Mundo family is hoping to be your new neighborhood hang-out.

“I still have many ideas for transforming this space, creating a restaurant space, and a separate bar space with pool tables for casual hang-outs. Once we have that set, we will plan an official Grand Opening in the next few months.”

Paqui is open 7 days a week, 8 a.m.-10 p. m. Breakfast, Brunch, Lunch and Dinner along with a full-bar.



RCPNA CALENDAR

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

Sept. 18, Land Use

Sept. 30, General Meeting

Oct. 7, Board of Directors

Sept. 16, Land Use

Nov. 4, Board of Directors

Nov. 20, Land Use

Dec. 2, Board of Directors

Dec. 18, Land Use

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