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Strengthening the Community with Local Action

February General Meeting

Feb. 24, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda

Join us for the February RCPNA General Meeting, where we'll highlight local actions and activities that strengthen our community. There will be a number of short, engaging presentations from the Portland Food Project, emergency-preparedness leaders, and the Portland Police Bureau, plus a special look at the Portland Art Museum's completed major renovation project. Come get inspired, learn simple ways to make a difference right here in our city, and connect with fellow neighbors. We hope to see you there!

Agenda:

February General Meeting Schedule, Feb. 24

7:00-7:15 Welcome, introductions

7:15-7:20 Bylaws approval

7:20-7:40 Portland Food Project

7:40-8:00 Emergency Preparedness

8:00-8:20 Portland Police Bureau

8:20-8:40 Portland Art Museum

8:40-9:30 Committee Reports, Announcements

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CHAIR'S CORNER

BY ZACHARY LAURITZEN, RCPNA CHAIR

A mentor taught me to “think globally, act locally.” It’s a phrase that stuck with me, and in times like these—when the world can feel turbulent and overwhelming—it feels especially relevant.



None of us can fix everything everywhere, but all of us can make a meaningful difference right here at home.

Our next RCPNA General Meeting will highlight exactly that. We’ll hear from neighbors and community partners who are working every day to strengthen our corner of Portland: people helping bring healthy food to those who need it most, volunteers organizing emergency preparedness efforts, and residents leading projects and activities that make Rose City Park a safer, more welcoming place. These are tangible, local actions that reflect the best of who we are as a neighborhood.

Just as important as any project is something simpler: knowing those who live around us. Strong neighborhoods are built on relationships. When we check in on a neighbor, share resources, or simply learn someone’s name, we help create community, which is something we know is good for us.

In that spirit, I hope you’ll join us at our next General Meeting on February 24th. Come meet a new neighbor or two, reconnect with familiar faces, and strengthen the bonds that make Rose City Park such a special place to call home.



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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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Portland Food Project: Make An Impact on Hunger - We Make it Simple

Do you shop for groceries? Are you wanting to take action at the local level to ease hunger in our Portland community? At the February General Meeting, the RCPNA Board has invited the Portland Food Project, a 100 percent volunteer-run non-profit organization, to share their simple and efficient model for getting food to hungry folks.

The Portland Food Project (PFP) is a network of over 120 coordinators who each have a route of neighbors and friends comprising their team of donors. Each donor fills a green cloth reusable bag with healthy, non-perishable food six times a year.

Neighborhood coordinators collect full bags from front doorsteps once every other month, and deliver them for distribution to 16 local partner food pantries. Donor teams can also be friends or coworkers at a business or other organization, and not necessarily neighbors who live close to one another. Others have stepped up by giving cash donations that the PFP turns into gift cards for the pantries to purchase specific food needs. Monetary donations are a practical option for donors for whom shopping is difficult.

The last months of 2025 brought a surge of new coordinators and food donors as people responded to the greatly increased need for food due to economic issues and cuts to the SNAP program. At the end of 2025 the PFP had distributed the equivalent of nearly 12,000 bags of non-perishable foods to pantries.

In an effort to facilitate ways to make a meaningful impact in our neighborhood, we invited Portland Food Project to present at our February General Meeting.

If you would like to become a member or learn more about the PFP, join us on February 24th or go to www.portlandfoodproject.org. When you sign up as a regular food donor, the PFP assigns you to a coordinator in your area. If you can make a larger commitment, consider becoming a neighborhood coordinator and recruiting friends, neighbors, or coworkers for your own route. Questions can be emailed to info@portlandfoodproject.org.



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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.

Townhouses at NE 50th and Thompson

From the Developer/Builder:

You've likely noticed that construction is nearing completion on the new townhomes at NE 50th and Thompson. The developer describes these six units as modern, flexible homes with large windows and a mix of layouts, including 2-bed/2-bath and 3-bed/2-bath options featuring a ground-level space that can serve as an office, gym, or guest studio. Four units will include full car garages, while the remaining two will have dedicated bicycle garages. Completion is expected in March 2026. Contact information for the development is Melissa Lee Ramis at 503-313-9276.

Stairs at NE Wistaria Dr. and NE 51st Ave.

The Committee wrote a letter to Director Williams at Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) regarding the disrepair of the stairs at NE Wistaria Dr, and NE 51st Ave. The stairs had been blocked off and were unusable. We don't know if it was a result of our letter, but, thankfully, the stairs have been repaired and reopened.

Speeding on NE Sandy (from NE 52nd to NE 57th)

The Committee wrote a letter to Chief Bob Day of the Portland Police Bureau regarding speeding on NE Sandy from NE 52nd to NE 57th. We received a detailed response from Sgt. Christopher Petrov (Traffic Officer) who outlined some of the steps PPB could take to monitor the speeding issue including deployment of the Motor Officers to NE Sandy Blvd., replacement of photo enforcement cameras at existing locations, installation of new photo enforcement cameras at new locations and deployment of new photo radar vans on Sandy. Sgt. Petrov will attend our February General Meeting to discuss this and other traffic issues further with neighbors.



Get Recognized!

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Are you looking to get more out of your marketing budget? RCPNA's regular (hard-copy) issues of the *Review* are published at least three times a year and are hand-delivered to more than 4,000 neighborhood homes and businesses.

Ads can be purchased for single issues or for the entire year. Paid advertising enables RCPNA to publish the newsletter, provide grants to local organizations, and sponsor events such as the summer concerts and neighborhood clean-up. To place an ad or for more information, email

advertising@rcpna.org.

Neighborhood News Shorts

Spring Clean-up: Save the Date

We are in the preliminary stages of planning the RCPNA semi annual Cleanup Dumpster Day! We are tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 25th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St Rose Church. We're bringing back all your favorites: recycling opportunities for styrofoam, metal, electronics, and mattresses as well as big dumpsters.

Additionally, we aim to have Community Warehouse present to take selected household goods for reuse. Stay tuned for more information and additional recycling opportunities. As usual, we are always looking for volunteers for 2, 4, and 6 hour shifts. If you'd like to help, email Erik at emitchell@rcpna.org. You can also email cleanup@rcpna.org with your questions.

Make a Difference: Join RCPNA Board

Thinking about getting more involved in the neighborhood? Consider joining the Rose City Park Neighborhood Association Board! Elections are in May, and now is a great time to learn more, meet current board members, and see how your skills and voice can help shape our community. We'd love to have you involved. Reach out to info@rcpna.org if you'd like to know more.

Board Seeks Insight for Best Way to Commemorate Local Tribal History

The RCPNA Board adopted a revised Land Acknowledgement statement at our January 2026 meeting. This marked a waypoint in efforts to more meaningfully recognize the impact of European and American migration to what has become Rose City Park. The Board initiated an effort to place a plaque or other marker as an element of the Golf Course Trail project. The Board welcomes your insight into how to commemorate the generations who lived in and near Rose City Park and better assure that tribal members who make their homes here now are part of a vibrant RCPNA.

First Batch of Sign Toppers Delivered

Thanks to neighborhood donations, the first 40 intersections are ready for installation. You can help reach our goal of covering every intersection in Rose City Park by sponsoring your block. The neighborhood association is working now on the most cost effective way to install these signs to meet city requirements. 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. Visit rcpna.org/sign-toppers.



VIETNAMESE DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION

FEBRUARY 23, 2026
5:30-6:30pm
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INFORMATION SESSIONS

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February 18, 2026 - March 18, 2026

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April 15 - September 2026

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2026 RCPNA 4th-5th Grade Essay Contest

The Rose City Park Neighborhood Association is excited to announce the 2026 Elementary Essay Contest for all 4th and 5th graders in our community!

Students who attend Rose City Park Elementary, St. Rose, or who live in Rose City Park but attend another school are all invited to participate.

This year's prompt asks students to reflect on their sense of place and community: "What makes the Rose City Park neighborhood a great community?

Write about how people help each other and/or what makes it feel like home. Fun and exciting prizes to local shops for winners as well as publishing the winning essay in the next newsletter!

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NE 60th and Halsey Street Area Improvement Project – Schedule Update

The project (now under construction) will repave and reconfigure sections of the 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.

Northbound NE 60th Avenue was scheduled to reopen in late January 2026, at the time this newsletter went to press:

- NE 60th Avenue & Halsey Street Intersection – Complete January 2026
- NE 47th Avenue and Halsey Street Intersection – Complete Spring 2026
- NE 57th Avenue and Halsey Street Intersection – Complete Spring 2026
- NE 55th Avenue and Halsey Street Crossing – Complete Spring 2026
- NE 50th Avenue and Halsey Street Crossing – Complete Spring 2026



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Summer of Fun on the Way for RCPNA in 2026

We may be still in the grips of winter, but you know it will soon be time to enjoy the line-up of fun family-oriented events--the 4th of July Bike Parade, Concert in the Park, neighborhood-wide garage sale,--that the RCPNA is already busy planning.

Sign up for our email bulletins at RCPNA. Org to always be in the know.



RCPNA CALENDAR

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

Feb. 24, General Meeting

March 3, Board of Directors

March 17, Land Use

April 7, Board of Directors

April 27, Land Use

May 5, Board of Directors

May 19, Land Use

June 2, Board of Directors

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