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## **A New Path Around Rose City Park Golf Course**

### **Spring General Meeting**

**May 28, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda St.**

Imagine a new trail encircling the Rose City Park Golf Course. It is closer to reality than ever as the city has earmarked \$4 million to make this happen in our neighborhood over the next several years. And the upcoming General Meeting of the Rose City Park Neighborhood Association will be a key part of moving this project forward.

City planners will be sharing their initial design concepts and welcoming your input. Because this project has the potential to have a profound impact on our neighborhood for years to come, we are hoping to make this meeting more family-oriented and hear from neighbors of all ages. And what says family better than pizza?

To better accommodate families, we will be starting the meeting at 5:30 p.m. instead of the usual 7 p.m. There will be pizza and other refreshments as well as an area set aside for our younger neighbors, managed by a pair of experienced caregivers.

Come one, come all. What can be better than helping plan a great new neighborhood amenity and getting pizza at the same time?

**Full agenda on back page.**



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## CHAIR'S CORNER

BY ZACHARY LAURITZEN, RCPNA CHAIR

### Dear Neighbors,

I joined the Rose City Park Neighborhood Association for two reasons: First, I wanted to be part of developing a stronger community connection between neighbors by hosting events throughout the year. Second, I wanted to be part of creating a forum for discussing important topics to the neighborhood.



If this inspires you too, please consider joining our board! We are taking nominations. If you are interested, email [info@rcpna.org](mailto:info@rcpna.org). See page 6 of this newsletter for more information about serving.

Our next General Meeting on May 28 hits both goals! First, there is exciting news: Portland Parks and Recreation has \$4 million dollars to install a trail around all/parts of Rose City Park Golf Course. See the cover story for details on the meeting, which includes an earlier starting time and pizza.

At our February meeting more than 100 people from Rose City Park--and neighbors from Roseway and Hollywood--met to talk about the future of Sandy Boulevard. The message is clear: people care deeply about how Sandy impacts our neighborhood. Key themes included: making Sandy safer with slower and fewer vehicles, more trees, and a more thriving business corridor. We also heard that people value Sandy for transportation. For some that meant maintaining it as a car route, for others it meant adding special bus and bike lanes.

In partnership with our neighboring associations, our first step will be to ask the city for more information and planning on this critical roadway that divides our neighborhood. Stay tuned for more information.

I look forward to seeing folks on May 28 and at all the various events--parades, movies, concerts, garage sales--this summer! Please say hi! Be well, Zachary



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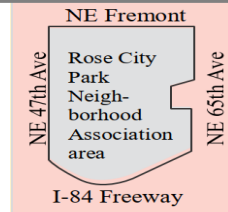
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The Rose City Park Neighborhood Association (RCPNA) is part of Portland's network of neighborhood associations, which represent their neighborhoods' interests in a wide variety of ways, including interfacing with public agencies and governing bodies.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



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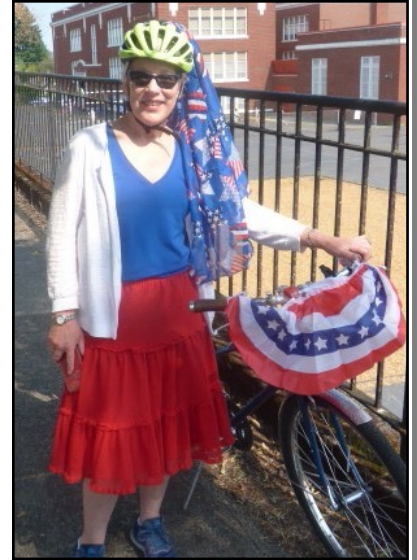
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# PLAN ON A SUMMER OF FUN EVENTS IN ROSE CITY PARK

Keep this Page as a Reminder of all the Summer Events

*Details may change. Check out latest at [RCPNA.org](http://RCPNA.org). For questions, contact [Communications@rcpna.org](mailto:Communications@rcpna.org).*



## July 4 - Bike Parade

Rose City Park Methodist Church, 5830 NE Alameda St.

Gather at 9:45 a.m. Parade starts at 10 a.m.

Bring your wheels and join your neighbors for the annual bike parade on the 4th of July. Follow us from the church to Rose City Park Elementary and enjoy some cool treats at the finish line.

## July 27 - Concert in the Park

Rose City Park, NE 62nd Ave & NE Thompson St.

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Get out your picnic baskets and dancing shoes! Join your neighbors for an evening in the park and a live performance from the local band, Covered Structure.

## Aug. 17 - Movie in the Park

Rose City Park, NE 62nd Ave & NE Thompson St.

Gather at 7:30 p.m. Movie starts at 8 p.m.

Join us for an outdoor screening of *Night at the Museum*. You can bring your chairs and blankets, and we'll provide popcorn!

## Sept. 7 & 8 - Neighborhood-wide

### Garage Sale

Rose City Park Neighborhood

Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

It's back! Don't miss this chance to sell the items you no longer use—or shop around and discover new treasures! Registration to participate as a seller is required and will open in July, so stay tuned!

## Sept. 14 - Neighborhood-wide Clean Up

*Location and Time to be determined*

Looking to get rid of items taking up space? Or do you have things you weren't able to sell at the Garage Sale? You can drop off approved items at the Neighborhood-wide Clean Up. We'll take your items to be recycled or disposed of at no charge!



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# MAKING A GREEN INVESTMENT ON ROSE CITY BLUFF

**BY SUZANNE BRIGGS, ROSE CITY BLUFF RESTORATION VOLUNTEER**

Our green investments on the Rose City Bluff continue to grow! Now in our sixth year, our group of neighborhood activists, affectionately called the Rose City Bluffers, has continued to restore the area by removing invasive species and replacing them with native species. Last year our volunteers grew over 400 native plants.

Well, good news spreads and synergy happens. This year Jennifer Kinsey and Rachel Kato donated 129 bareroot trees and plants obtained from the Yamhill Soil and Water District Native Plant Sale. Species included Cascara, Oregon White Oak, Indian Plum, Mock Orange, and Douglas Spirea.

And, Rose City Park Elementary School's gardening program donated soil for the bareroot plants to be potted in donated recycled gallon pots that came forth from many neighborhood gardeners. The Elementary School had received a generous donation of soil from Roots Garden Supply. All of the potted plants will be nurtured throughout the summer by "foster parent" volunteers in anticipation of the upcoming Fall Native Planting Day next November.

In addition, Reed Lewis, Suzanne Briggs and Marcelle Thurston are coordinating the third annual spring Native Seed Project. As a consequence, 26 neighbors are now growing 21 species of native plants from seed. Come welcome these neighbors' gift of many potted starts to their final destination at the Fall planting party.

Join the RCBR Sunday email list to stay in touch with all 2024 events. (contact [rosecitybluff@gmail.com](mailto:rosecitybluff@gmail.com))  
The Rose City Bluffers meet every Sunday, 9:30 am at NE Sacramento and 62nd Avenue.



## Rose City Elementary Chess Success

The Rose City Park Elementary chess team tied for third in mid-April at the state's championship tourney which included 38 teams. The success came after a decisive first place finish in a regional heat that qualified the team for state.

Competing against teams from Laurelhurst, Vernon, Sabin, Bridger Creative Science, Rigler, Faubion, and the online Metaverse Chess Club, Rose City Park Elementary scored 21 points in the regional (maximum possible score is 25 points) from their top five players to take home the title.

Congratulations to Andrew To, Long Tran, Alicia Le, Ronan Brandon, and Logan Nguyen. The club, led by parent volunteers, Triet Nguyen, Anh Le, Tri To, Nick Brandon, Melissa Jackson and Truc Le, is new to the world of scholastic chess in the Portland area.

Congratulations overall to the spirited group on your achievement.



# Land Use and Transportation Projects

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

The LU&T Committee meets the third Thursday of every month from 7 p.m. to 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.

### Hollywood HUB

Starting the week of April 8 and continuing for about six weeks or so, crews will be working at the intersection of NE Halsey and 41st Ave. Initially, the work is on underground utilities.


During some of this time:

- 41st Ave will be closed to through traffic at Halsey Street during the hours of 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Halsey Street will be narrowed to one lane in each direction during the hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Pedestrians will be routed to 42nd Ave during the hours of 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Halsey Project

The schedule for the project, which changes Halsey from four lanes to two lanes and a center turn lane from 47<sup>th</sup> to 60<sup>th</sup>, has slipped once again. Tri-Met is hoping to take the project to bid in the next few weeks which would push the construction start to, at the earliest, this summer. Tri-met will schedule a meeting with this Committee once bids are received and a contractor is on board.

### Businesses Along Sandy Boulevard

The committee continues to discuss what the Neighborhood Association and this Committee can do to support businesses along Sandy Boulevard (and throughout the neighborhood). Empty storefronts in the neighborhood and in Hollywood are a concern for the long-term livability of Rose City Park. We will reach out to the adjacent neighborhood associations and business districts to see what support we can provide. We welcome input from neighbors and existing businesses Please contact us at [info@rcpna.org](mailto:info@rcpna.org). 



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# NEIGHBORS GET NEW RADIOS TO HELP IN EMERGENCIES

BY DON LEVINE, RCPNA BOARD AND NETS MEMBER

The Rose City Park-Hollywood NETs team has received a \$500 resiliency grant from Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN) to upgrade their radio communications with the purchase of 10 new, more powerful radios to be used for communication during community emergencies.

Neighborhood Emergency Teams (NETs) are all volunteer teams of local residents trained by the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management and Portland Fire & Rescue to provide emergency disaster assistance within their own neighborhoods. Rose City Park and Hollywood neighborhoods have a combined NETs team.

Previously, the team relied on low-power FRS (Family Radio Service) radios for emergency communication, which members purchased using their own funds. These lower-powered radios had limited range, and other local neighbors with their own hand-held radios would also be using these frequencies to communicate with family and friends during an emergency, creating additional communication difficulties.

Upgrading to the more powerful, different frequency General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) radios will increase the resiliency of the neighborhood to respond to emergencies by the RCP-Hollywood NETs team. These radios will be distributed on loan to team members who have obtained the required FCC license. 

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## Neighborhood Elections

Are you interested in making Rose City Park a more thriving place? Join the Rose City Park Neighborhood Association Board! Below are details about service:

Terms last one year: July 1 to June 30.

Board members are expected to attend our monthly board/general meetings, which last two hours.

Most Board members have specific areas of interest that amplify their service. varies depending on your interests. To be eligible, you must live, own property, or run a business in Rose City Park neighborhood boundaries.

If you are interested and/or have questions, reach out to us at [info@rcpna.org](mailto:info@rcpna.org) 

## Give Your Neighbor a Ride

Rose City Park neighbor Owen Kane has been helping out for five years as a volunteer driver for Project Linkage, a Metropolitan Family Service. Program. If you are a driver, you can join Owen in this satisfying volunteer opportunity. "I feel like it's the little things that go a long way to help the rider feel grounded – a smile, a joke, a listening ear, or asking about grandkids. It is more than a ride to me," said Owen.



This is a flexible volunteer opportunity where volunteers simply let Project Linkage coordinators know when they are available and the program lets you know who needs a ride and where. The dedicated team of staff and volunteers at Project Linkage has been addressing the critical need for older adult transportation in North and Northeast Portland for over 40 years. Project Linkage provides around 32,000 rides each year, but have to turn down 50-100 rides every week because there is no driver to send.

If you're interested in volunteering as a driver, call (503) 290-9427 or email the MFS Community Engagement Coordinator, Maruska Lynch, at [maruskal@mfs.email](mailto:maruskal@mfs.email). If you find yourself in need of a ride, you can call Ride Connection at (503) 226-0700 or [www.rideconnection.org](http://www.rideconnection.org).



## Normandale Park Shooting Memorial Meeting

On March 7, Rose City Park Neighborhood Association members provided space at the German American Society for Normandale Park mass shooting survivors, supporters, and community members to share thoughts on the second anniversary of the Feb. 19, 2022 shooting. The event was facilitated by Alison Stoll of CNN (Central Northeast Neighbors) and attended by Stephanie Howard, the Mayor's Director of Community Safety and Kimberley Dixon, the District Coalition Supervisor Office of Community & Civic Life.

All in attendance supported the current volunteer installed victim's memorial of planter boxes and lighting. Neighbors expressed a desire to paint a memorial street mural in the intersection of Hassalo and 55th Avenue where the shooting took place. The survivors in attendance said they have an artist who can create a design for the mural. Stephanie will submit the mural plan to City Repair who will advise on logistics. A community meeting will be called in the next few weeks to review the design options created by the survivor group's artist. When finalized it will be up to volunteers to purchase paint and implement the mural this summer. All felt a street mural would offer an opportunity for community to gather together and create something positive after the terrible events of the shooting.



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# RCPNA General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, May 28 2024– 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

In-Person Public Meeting (opens at 5:15 p.m.)

Location: [German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda Street](#)

In an attempt to welcome more families, we are trying something new! We will open doors at 5:30pm and pizza will be available. There will also be a spot for kids to play with two hired folks for childcare. Children should be at least two years old if you plan to use this service.

- 5:45 p.m. Welcome, Explanation of Elections**
- 6-7 p.m. Parks Bureau presentation, Q&A, community feedback on Rose City Park Golf Course trail**
- 7 p.m. Election results announced**
- 7:10-7:25pm Presentation about updates at the Portland Zoo**
- 7:25-7:30pm Announcements and Adjourn**

**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.*

May 16, Land Use	July 18, Land Use
May 28, <b>General Membership Meeting, 5:30-7:30</b>	July 22, Communications (virtual)
June 4 , Board of Directors	Aug. 6, Board of Directors
June 20, Land Use	Aug. 15, Land Use
June 24, Communications (virtual)	Aug. 26, Communications (virtual)
July 9 , Board of Directors	Sept. 24, <b>General Meeting, candidate forum</b>

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