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## Speed-dating with City Council District 3 Candidates

### Fall General Meeting

**Sept. 24, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

**German American Society, 5626 NE Alameda**

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

Rose City Park Neighborhood is well known for its candidate forums because we show up in large numbers to meet, ask questions, and learn more about candidates. This year we are hosting candidates for Portland City Council District 3.

With more than a dozen candidates joining us, this won't be your regular candidate forum with opening statements and Q&A. Rather, candidates will have a couple of minutes to introduce themselves and identify their priority topics. Then, members of the community will circulate—or “speed date”—from table to table, meeting candidates one-on-one. Here's your chance to personally connect with your future city councilors!

Do you want candidates to hear about your personal concerns? Log on to our website—[www.rcpna.org](http://www.rcpna.org)—and submit your questions there. We will share those questions with candidates before the event so they are aware of the topics on the minds of RCPNA voters.

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## CHAIR'S CORNER

BY ZACHARY LAURITZEN, RCPNA CHAIR

### Dear Neighbors,

I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated board and community members for their outstanding efforts the past few months. It has been an incredible season of community, connection, and celebration, all made possible by the hard work and commitment of your neighbors.



Events throughout the summer—the Fourth of July bike parade, the concert and movie in the park, the neighborhood garage sale, the neighborhood cleanup, the bluff restoration, Bird's Eye Cafe, and the candidate forum—happen because members of the board and volunteers step up to make our neighborhood a more thriving place.

These things don't just happen. They require countless hours of planning, coordination, promotion, and execution. I am deeply grateful to those folks on the RCPNA board who led events—Marina, Beth, Erik, Richard, and Don—and to members of our community—Melissa, Jeff, Michelle, Tommy, Joe, Michele (another one!), Jennifer, Suzanne, and Kay—for leading and contributing to the vibrancy of our neighborhood. In support of these folks are dozens of other awesome volunteers who make these events successful.

On behalf of the entire neighborhood, thank you for your tireless work and your unwavering commitment. Please join us for our last big event of the summer: our General Membership meeting on Sept. 24th, 7 to 9 p.m., at the German American Society, where we have a chance to personally meet the Portland City Council candidates who will represent our neighborhood. See you there!

With appreciation,

Zachary Lauritzen  
RCPNA Chair



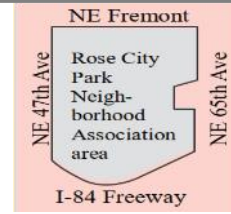
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The Rose City Park Neighborhood Association (RCPNA) is part of Portland's network of neighborhood associations, which represent their neighborhoods' interests in a wide variety of ways, including interfacing with public agencies and governing bodies. 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 Central Northeast Neighbors, 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 [www.cnncoalition.org](http://www.cnncoalition.org). 



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# How to keep pets safe as coyote sightings rise

**BY TODD MILBOURN**  
**BOARD MEMBER, RCPNA**

Coyote sightings are increasing at a record rate in Rose City Park.

Residents have reported 27 sightings this year, according to the [Portland Coyote Project](#). That's more than nearly any other year on record — and we still have five months left in 2024.

The growing presence of coyotes means residents need to be especially careful with pets, said Beth Quillien, an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife spokesperson. Coyotes are “opportunistic omnivores,” which means they’ll eat anything, including garbage, berries and rodents as well as cats and small dogs.

My family experienced this increased danger in the saddest way possible. In July, a pair of coyotes attacked and killed our beloved cat Winston after she snuck out late at night from our home on Clackamas Street. While no agency keeps official data on coyote pet attacks, neighbors have told me of at least three deadly incidents in our neighborhood in the past two years.

To protect your pets, follow these tips:

**Keep animals indoors** especially at night when coyotes are most active. If your kitty must go outside, consider a catio.

**Keep outdoor areas free of food scraps**, such as compost piles, fallen fruit, uncleaned grills, birdseed and pet food.

**Eliminate hiding places** for coyotes by trimming and clearing vegetation.

**Create an unwelcoming environment** by installing motion-activated lights and sprinklers.

**Make lots of noise** if you encounter a coyote. Yell. Whistle. Place a few rocks in a can and shake it.

**Report sightings** to [portlandcoyote.com](#) to ensure accurate record-keeping. If you see a coyote acting aggressively, call ODFW at (503) 947-6000.

Coyotes thrive in urban environments, where food sources are plentiful, and have existed in Portland since at least the 1980s. Quillien said following best practices not only protects your pets, but your neighbors’ as well.

“It takes an entire community,” she said.



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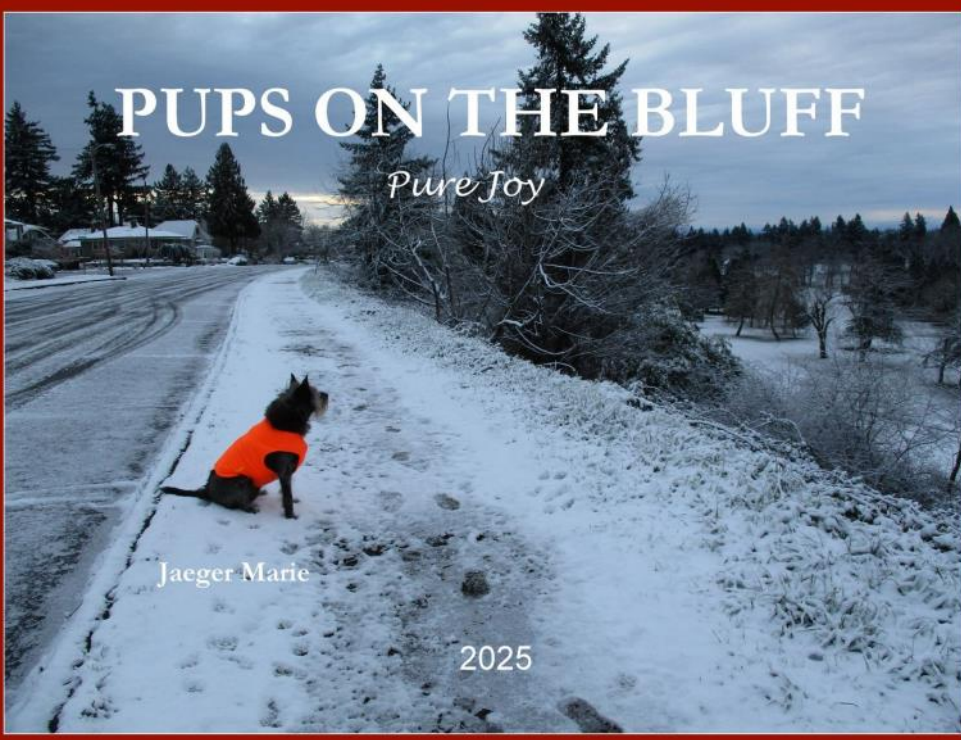
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# Make a Date with the Pups on the Bluff Calendar

BY SUZANNE BRIGGS, ROSE CITY BLUFF RESTORATION VOLUNTEER

Dogs and owners alike love their daily visits to the Rose City Bluff. The Bluff, which runs along the NE Sacramento Street, is the destination to meet old and new friends. The pups are thrilled when people stop and call out their names.



Last year Melanie Loveland and Ginger Neil, both long time Rose City Park residents and avid photographers, decided to capture these local dogs' joyful and thoughtful moments. The end result is the **2025 Pups on the Bluff** calendar which features beautiful photos of pups and owners who regularly walk the bluff.

The calendar sells for \$25 and is available at [Green Dog Pet Supply](https://www.greendogpet.com), 4327 NE Fremont St, [Pups on the Bluff](https://www.pups-on-the-bluff.com) website , or by contacting Melanie at [wildpups-](mailto:wildpups-2025@yahoo.com)

[2025@yahoo.com](mailto:wildpups-2025@yahoo.com). All of the calendar proceeds will be donated, 50 percent to the Rose City Bluff Restoration and 50 percent to the [Oregon Friends of Shelter Animals](https://www.ofosa.org) (OFOSA). Many thanks to the local **Pups on the Bluff** business sponsors – Daddies Board Shop, Clyde's Prime Rib , Meticulous Plumbing and Urban Timber Tree Services.

Support the wildlife and flora along the bluff and give a helping hand to animals who need a forever home. It is a wonderful opportunity to have a beautiful calendar and know at least 12 dogs by name who treasure the Rose City Bluff's wild nature trail. Know that your support goes a long way in helping these worthy causes.

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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 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**

Anamic Construction/Development is planning a housing project at the former Word & Spirit Church and adjacent properties (2833 NE 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave, 6140 NE Stanton and 6201 NE Stanton). There are four lots with 20 total units planned.

- Status of the project - with permit approval, demolition should begin in August/September.
- There are no architectural plans yet. An architect should be selected shortly and the design process will begin.
- 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.
- All the units developed are now planned to be for sale not rental.
- Parking would be provided at the bigger units, but parking for the smaller units is unknown at this time. The intention is to save all the street trees on the properties.

Overall schedule is not yet confirmed. Much is dependent on the design/permitting/construction time frames that have not yet been determined.

We are 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 completed Schematic Design (30 percent) on the trail project on Aug. 8. They will host a virtual update on Sept. 11. Details forthcoming.

We are hoping for a review with the Neighborhood Association Board in October. For updates see the PPB website – <https://www.portland.gov/parks/construction/rose-city-recreational-trail-project>.

### **Long-Term Sandy Blvd. Plan**

The neighborhood association (via LU&TC) will request the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) develop a plan in conjunction with the adjacent neighborhoods (RCPNA, Roseway, Kerns, Hollywood and perhaps Laurelhurst) for the future of Sandy Boulevard.

This is a follow-up to the RCPNA General Meeting – Future of Sandy Boulevard - held on Feb. 27, 2024. 

# Scenes of a Summer in Rose City Park



Above, neighborhood kids enjoy face painting and balloon art at the Concert in the Park. To the right, parents and kids alike had fun at the July 4 Bike Parade.



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## Candidates confirmed for RCPNA forum

As of Aug. 22, these candidates had confirmed their attendance at the RCPNA

Candidate forum:

**Matthew Anderson**  
**Theo Hathaway Saner**  
**Philippe Knab**  
**Angelito Morillo**  
**Luke Zak**  
**Terry Parker**  
**Rex Burkholder**  
**Jesse Cornett**  
**Chris Flanary**  
**Steve Novick**  
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**Jonathan Walker**  
**Kelly Janes**  
**Daniel Gilk**  
**Kent Landgraver**  
**Tiffany Koyama Lane**



## History Corner: When the trains ran at Rose City Park



**BY TERRY PARKER, RCPNA BOARD MEMBER**

The photo to the left of Amtrak's Pioneer with the afternoon sun shining on the nose of the locomotive was taken in the early 1980's at the location of the Graham siding between Halsey Street at 67th and 60th Avenue on Union Pacific's mainline through Sullivan's Gulch. On the other side of the row of tall Cedar trees is the T. H. Banfield Expressway now commonly called I-84. The freeway was constructed in the 1950s and named for Thomas H. Banfield, the chairman of the Oregon State Highway Commission who spearheaded the project. The trees were likely planted as part of the freeway project.

Today the trees are gone, replaced by the tracks for the region's first MAX light rail line. Planning, which included an option for a light rail line coupled with adjacent transportation infrastructure, took place in the mid-1970s under the title of The Banfield Transitway Project. With construction starting in 1982, the freeway was also upgraded and improved, and the 1917 Halsey Street bridge over the railroad tracks shown in the background of the photograph was replaced with a modern structure. Light rail service on the line between downtown Portland and Gresham commenced on Sept. 5, 1986.

With passenger station upgrades along the route through Oregon, Idaho and Utah, Amtrak's Pioneer started operating in 1977 providing passenger train service between Seattle and Portland to Salt Lake City, and later to Denver, both cities having Amtrak connections to Chicago. To some extent, The Pioneer was Amtrak's attempt to replace renowned name trains such as The City of Portland and The Portland Rose, both of which were formerly operated by the Union Pacific between Portland and Chicago. The Pioneer ran for approximately 20 years on various schedules before being discontinued.



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# RCPNA General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024– 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

In-Person Public Meeting (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

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

## Detailed Agenda

6:30—7 p.m.	Doors open, time to mingle with candidates
7—7:20 p.m.	Welcome, Overview of evening, RCPNA business
7:20—7:40 p.m	First half of candidates introduce themselves
7:40—8:10 p.m	Speed dating
8:10—8:30 p.m	Second half of candidates introduce themselves
8:30—8:55 p.m	Second speed dating
8:55—9 p.m	Close of meeting

## RCPNA CALENDAR

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

Sept. 17, Land Use

**Sept. 24, General Meeting—Candidates**

Oct. 1, Board of Directors

Oct. 17, Land Use

Nov. 12, Board of Directors

Nov. 21, Land Use

Dec. 3, Board of Directors

Dec. 19, Land Use

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