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## Join Us

Your Roseway Neighborhood Association welcomes everyone.

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7.00-8.30pm, except August & December.

Meetings are in the STEAM room (182) at Roseway Heights Middle School at 7334 NE Siskiyou Street.

=Hope to see you there=

## SUPPORT FOR ROSEWAY BUSINESSES & FAMILIES

By Jenny Joseph, RNA Board Member

### PPS FREE MEALS FOR KIDS AGES 1-18

Scott Elementary  
Madison on the Marshall Campus  
Mon-Fri, 11am-1pm

### FOOD PANTRIES

Northeast Emergency Food Program  
@ 4800 NE 72nd Ave  
Tues-Wed-Thurs, 1-3pm

Mainspring Community Food,  
Clothing and Resources Pantry @  
3500 NE 82nd  
Mon-Wed, 9:30am-12pm

### TAKEOUT/DELIVERY AVAILABLE

**Kainos:**  
Delivery subscription available

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**Samo's Bistro:**  
Takeout or delivery daily, 9am-6pm

**Cameo Cafe:**  
Takeout daily, 8-1 or 2ish

**El Palenque:**  
Takeout available

## Roseway Neighborhood Cleanup

has been cancelled due to covid-19 safety restrictions.



**Pizza Otto:**  
Takeout available daily, 12am-8pm

**Mekha:**  
Takeout available daily, 11am-7pm

**Pho Gabo:**  
Takeout available daily, 10am-9pm

**Ben & Esther's:**  
Bagels Noshbox Delivery Available

**Annie's Doughnuts:**  
take out only



## RIP city looms

By Margaret Davis

Regardless of when and in what form City Council passes the Residential Infill Project (RIP), Roseway already registers a loss of (usually modest) housing torn down to make way for new construction. RIP likely will increase this trend, offering multiunit returns where simple single-family “old-growth” homes stand. The city instituted an appeal process (free if endorsed by the neighborhood association), but it is involved and neighbors wanting extra time to negotiate with a teardown builder have a short amount of time to file. Even if successfully filed, as seen recently with the demolition at the corner of Northeast Alton Street and 63rd Avenue, the city may work with the teardown builder to circumvent the appeal.

Roseway neighbors who want to avoid being exposed to the hazardous materials fallout of demolition and loss of affordable housing may try to use other means to prevent demolitions of viable housing. Among them: get to know your neighbors, consider circulating the Neighbor Pledge, and watch out for elderly residents who may succumb to lowball offers from predatory intermediaries who flip to the teardown builders, as happened on Northeast Alton Street and probably in the demolition at 3344 NE 77th Ave.

Local news reports show that hazmat control during demos seldom is undertaken in Portland, and with federal studies showing that particulates radiate 300 feet from the demo site, neighbors must educate and protect themselves to try and avoid irreversible health conditions and brain damage in children. It only takes a few grains of lead, for example, to make a lifelong disability for kids. You may not live near enough to the demolition to see it, but you and your property will be affected if you are within the 300-foot radius.

For the Neighbor Pledge; fliers on how to protect yourself, neighbors, and vegetable gardens from hazardous material; and other info, visit the neighbor-initiated volunteer grassroots group [www.unitedneighborhoodsforreform.blogspot.com](http://www.unitedneighborhoodsforreform.blogspot.com).

## 72nd Ave Bikeway: Sign-Up Form

By Britt Conroy

In October 2018, the Roseway Neighborhood Association and staff from The Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) hosted an informational session on the 72nd Ave Park Blocks to hear ideas about how the City could best provide a high-quality pedestrian and bicycle parkway along NE 72nd Ave between NE Fremont and NE Prescott, as part of a Metro-funded project that will stretch all the way to NE Killingsworth. Because of limited funding, PBOT now envisions bicycle users sharing the road with auto users between Sandy and Prescott, instead of a separated walkway and bike path in the Park Blocks, as originally planned. Details are still to be decided about how to safely accommodate all users, including whether reducing vehicle speeds and volumes will be part of PBOT’s approach.

If you would like to stay informed about opportunities to weigh in on the project’s design, sign up at [roseway.org](http://roseway.org)!

**CORRECTION:** Sponsor List for 2019 Roseway Summer Concert Series at Wellington Park

In Fall 2019, the Association’s newsletter included an erroneous listing of sponsors for the Wellington Park concert series. The series was hosted by Roseway Summer Concerts Committee in partnership with Summer Free For All, a program sponsored by Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R). Local sponsors and patrons included are Roseway Neighborhood Association (RNA), Maid Brigade of Portland, Consolidated Community Credit Union (CCCU), and the generous citizens of the Roseway community.

## Take a Walk on the Wild Side

By Suzanne Briggs

Come discover one of our neighborhood's hidden treasures - the Rose City Bluff Trail.

Hidden along the north edge of the Rose City Golf Course, below NE Sacramento Street, it is a half-mile long nature trail.

Since March 2018, a group of area residents have been working to reclaim this bluff from invasive brambles of overly successful non-native blackberries in order to expose and encourage native plants; and to encourage its use as a walking trail. The faithful group continues to meet every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. at the 62nd Avenue and NE Sacramento stairway while other volunteers work on other weekdays. Trail patrons often pause to express their appreciation which has created many new friendships. The Rose City Bluff weekly email now connects over 50 trail advocates.

Two years later, the hillside is now transformed with

expanded views and uncovered precious native plants. In February we began planting more native species of plants donated by volunteers and our neighbor Greg Shepherd, co-owner of Xera Plants. Also, in February, Greg led the first of our native plant trail walks to help us learn about our native flora. More than 35 neighbors gathered for this event.

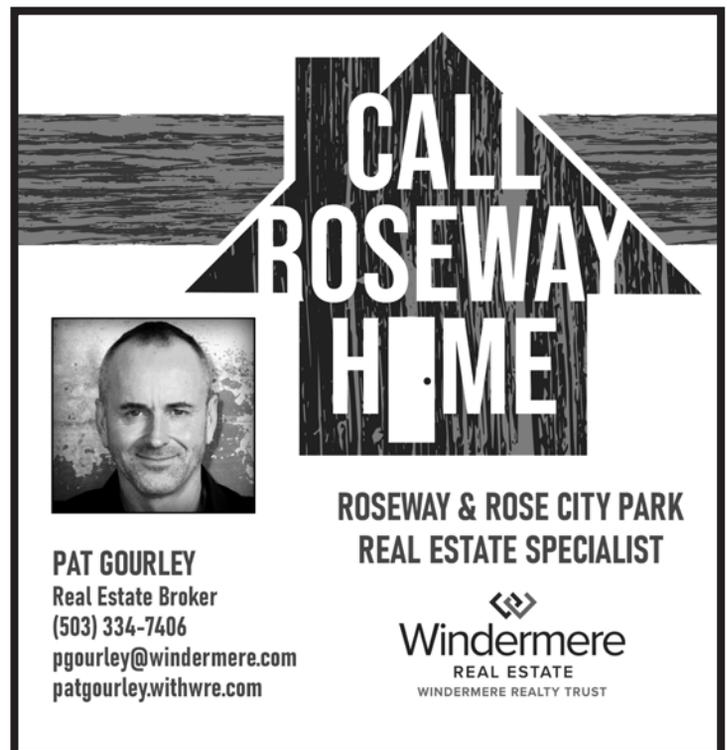
As well, area resident, Trask Coby, an avid birder, has helped us learn more about the bird species that inhabit the bluff. He tracks observed species on the Ebird website: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L2499891>

Come join us - to work or to walk! The Rose City Bluff is constantly changing with the seasons, so more Native Plant Walks will be scheduled in the future. If you would like to be included on our email distribution list, please contact Suzanne Briggs at [sbriggs@att.net](mailto:sbriggs@att.net). See you on the trail!

## Celebrate New Year in the Park

By Avery Pickard, RNABoard Secretary

**UPDATE: THIS IS EVENT MAY BE CANCELLED OR POSTPONED. CONSULT EVENT WEBSITE FOR UPDATED PLANS.** Roseway community members are invited to New Year in the Park 2020 on Saturday, April 25 from 9:30 am – 6:00 pm in Glenhaven Park. This year marks the 6th Annual Festival and celebrates. This grand cultural festival celebrates Thai, Lao, Cambodian, and Burmese New Years and is free to attend. Sample unique and authentic food offerings and enjoy a day of live music, dance, and children activities. This event aims to promote community engagement and awareness for Southeast Asian culture. Additional information can be found at [www.newyearinthepark.com](http://www.newyearinthepark.com).



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# Meet a Board Member - Brye Lefler

Brye Lefler joined the Roseway Neighborhood Association (RNA) board shortly after moving back to Portland with his family last year following a five-year hiatus. He first moved to Portland in 2008 and having lived in multiple neighborhoods on the east side, finds the pace of life and sense of community in Roseway to be his favorite so far. Although Portland has changed significantly since he last lived here, Brye sees the RNA as an important venue for addressing current concerns and developing creative possibilities for what our neighborhood could become.

Brye's background includes collaborations with universities, federal land management agencies, Native American Tribes, and stakeholder groups to balance natural resource conservation with sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities on public lands. After focusing much of his past work at the national and regional scales, Brye is excited to have the opportunity to engage in issues of importance to

Roseway Neighborhood. His experience with natural resources, sustainable agriculture, multi-modal transportation, and parks and open space informs his RNA involvement on topics related to people and the environment. Brye is looking forward to meeting his neighbors he hasn't yet met at local businesses, farmer's markets, and other Roseway events!



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# More Thoughts by an Editor on The Rewrite of Code 3.96

By Catherine Wilson

The hurricane behind the staff that was pushing for the rewrite has slowed. The meeting scheduled for January 30, 2020 by City Council for a work session on the Resolution introduced on November 14, 2019 was postponed. There are many ingredients in this rewrite recipe failure: four positions on City Council that are up for election or re-election. The passing of Nick Fish left an open spot on Council. But, probably the most notable reason for Eudaly’s need for life support is that she simply does not have the votes. In addition, Neighborhood Coalitions still do not have a contract for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020. Sadly, the date for Council vote on the Resolution and amendments is still “to be determined”.

To receive email updates from Civic Life, go to [portlandoregon.gov/civic/78721](http://portlandoregon.gov/civic/78721)

# IRCO: Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization

By Catherine Wilson

IRCO is Portland’s hub for community resources and services engaging immigrant, refugee and other underserved groups. A specific focus under IRCO’s umbrella is the Asian Family Center or AFC. AFC provides programming offering early learning, family engagement, gang prevention, academic support, community development, domestic violence services, poverty reduction and housing and energy assistance. Outreach and service delivery provided by AFC is provided in more than 20 languages. AFC is located at 8040 NE Sandy Blvd. If there is interest in volunteering or receiving services, Visit [irco.org](http://irco.org) or call AFC at 503.235.9396



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# People and the Environment

By Brye Lefler, RNA Board Member

## Introducing the Roseway Park Blocks Placemaking Project

This winter, a team of your neighbors got together and envisioned a way to bring people together to celebrate and enhance one of our most beloved and unique community assets – the Roseway Park Blocks. We submitted an application into the Placemaking Program run by the non-profit City Repair, which works to foster “thriving inclusive and sustainable communities.... through projects that honor the interconnection of human communities and the natural world... [and by] creating public gathering spaces.” We are excited and honored to be one of 30 projects selected this year.

We plan to develop an artistic intersection painting that represents the things we love best about our neighborhood. The site we have selected at NE 72nd and Mason is significant, in that it has served for years as the location of the annual Roseway ice cream social.

This project is supported through a small grant awarded by the Office of Community and Civic Life and Central Northeast Neighbors to increase the number and diversity of people who are engaged in projects and decisions in the Roseway Neighborhood. We are also working with PBOT for assistance with technical aspects of the project. This project builds on on-going efforts from other neighbors and groups to improve the Roseway Park Blocks for benefit of the public.

**PLEASE NOTE:** the original summer 2020 project schedule is currently on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. More information will be shared once a new timeline has been established. In the meantime, please contact the Roseway Neighborhood Association by April 30 with design ideas or with interest in volunteering at [rna-pdx-board@googlegroups.com](mailto:rna-pdx-board@googlegroups.com).

# Roseway Calendar 2020

## APRIL

Meeting April 14th (check web site for location updates. Possibly online if necessary)

New Year in the Park April 25th (see article on page 3)

## MAY

Meeting May 12th

## JUNE

Placemaking Project June 6-7

(see article on page 6)

Garden Walk June 7

Meeting June 9th

## JULY

Meeting July 14th

Ice Cream Social / NNO July 31

## AUGUST

No August Meeting

## SEPTEMBER

Meeting September 8th

## OCTOBER

Meeting October 13th

## NOVEMBER

Meeting November 10th

## DECEMBER

No December Meeting

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Check out the website: [roseway.org](http://roseway.org)

# Success Story of Pizzeria Otto

By Caitlin Hill, RNA Board Member

Pizzeria Otto, which opened in Roseway in the Fall of 2014, is a neighborhood staple and serves Neapolitan style (thin crust) pizza, salads, and other delicious foods and drinks. The owner, Clark Hale, lives in the Roseway neighborhood and was passionate about pizza in his previous career in software. When he moved to Roseway he decided to open the pizzeria. Otto, which means eight in Italian, is inspired by the Federico Felini film 8 ½ and the fact that eight is a lucky number in many Asian cultures. Last fall Clark Hale opened another Pizzeria Otto in the Foster Powell neighborhood that is twice the size of the original restaurant and promises a very similar menu.

# Ice Cream Social

By Caitlin Hill, RNA Board Member

Thanks to support from Office of Community and Civic Life and Central Northeast Neighbors Coalition, the Roseway Neighborhood Association will be holding their annual ice cream social at NE 72nd and Mason on July 31, 2020. This year the RNA hopes to include more community members in the planning and execution of the event to make sure we are meeting our neighbor's needs. If you are interested in volunteering in outreach, planning, set-up, or helping the day of the event, please let the Roseway Neighborhood Association know by emailing [rna-pdx-board@googlegroups.com](mailto:rna-pdx-board@googlegroups.com). Please also be sure to save the date to celebrate our neighborhood together.

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# Chair's Corner By Esther Arellano Harlow

Welcome to another year in our neighborhood! My fellow board members have been hard at work organizing together. We're hoping to bring together another great round of events and activities in the neighborhood.

First, an aside. As I am writing this in early March, the coronavirus epidemic is ramping up around us, and toilet paper and antibacterial wipes are sold out at our local grocery stores. I wonder what will have changed by the time you read this. One thing that has been at the forefront of my mind is how important our community ties are a time like this. The primary goal of our neighborhood association is promote our neighborhood livability. What does livability look like for me, and for all my neighbors? It may mean a safe place to sleep at night, a place to practice hygiene so that you don't get sick or get others sick, or coming together in mutual aid at times of crisis or emergency. It may mean creating a welcoming environment for everyone, which sometimes takes more work than simply extending an invitation. It may mean tackling the short term immediate issues, or taking a long view towards fixing the problems that created the short term problems, or both. I am very thankful to be on a board with neighbors who are volunteering their time to do all of the above. To me, our events provide an opportunity for us to connect beyond the block level, and nourish the web of interdependence we share.

The first great news to share! Our meetings have moved. Due to COVID-19, we are tentatively planning on holding April and May meetings online and by phone. We had planned to hold these meetings. We had planned to hold these meetings(during the school year) at Roseway Heights Middle School on the main floor. The building and room are wheelchair-accessible, and we have opportunities to use other rooms like the gym as necessary. The building dates back almost 100 years., and its history connects our community across generations. When in person meetings resume, we are very excited to take advantage of this public asset (to which we all contribute).



Stay tuned on Facebook, Nextdoor, and our website to find out where we are meeting. We are investigating spots to meet in June and July, while school is out. Let us know if you have a great idea, but we might just be outside at a park! Stay tuned on Facebook, Nextdoor, and our website!

After that, we will be hosting the Neighborhood Cleanup you know and love on May 23. We will really need volunteers! Please be on the lookout to sign up. Help keep our neighborhood beautiful and fundraise for our events at the same time. It's a fun day smashing stuff, getting rid of stuff, and buying stuff (these are a few of my favorite things).

We will also be bringing back the Garden Walk and hope to include a bike ride this time around. We will also, yet again, have our Ice Cream Social Block Party this summer. You may remember that last year, we tried out having it on the park blocks in an intersection closure. Our board has taken it a step farther and is looking to paint the intersection. An "intersection repair" is one way to turn under-used public areas into vibrant public spaces where neighbors can meet and gather. It also helps slow cut-through traffic and make streets safer. The intersection painting itself will be a fun event, so make sure to show up!

If any of these events speak to you, we hope you show up (or better yet, volunteer). If you have an idea for something the board should do - please come make it happen! We have a great team of energetic supporters. It can be as simple as committing to do something you're interested in, and making it happen behind the scenes. Or, you can

join up with our board to work together across the year to bring these events together. See you in the streets.

We want to hear from you:

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