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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 at the Grace Lutheran Church at 7610 NE Fremont, on the corner of 76th Ave & Fremont.

=Hope to see you there=

Another Successful Roseway Clean Up

By Avery Pickard, RNA Secretary

This year's Roseway Neighborhood Cleanup on Saturday, May 11, 2019 was by all accounts a great success! Things came together early in the day with good weather and cars lining up early to move through the line. Dozens of community members took advantage of the opportunity to offload a variety of items- metal, electronics, appliances, furniture, bicycles, mattresses, lawn mowers, yard debris, clothing, and household items - for an affordable donation. We filled and hauled off 10+ containers and offered a fabulous and varied Reusable Items sale in the shade.

Without a doubt, amazing volunteer participation made this event possible. We offer our sincere thanks to the many community members that pitched in for a shift or three. Morning donuts and afternoon pizza from Otto's helped, too.

The event crew has debriefed on feedback from attendees, shared ideas for continuous improvement and has also planned a review of event metrics. Acknowledgment is also due to our partners at Central

Northeast Neighbors for their logistical management. Thanks to all who attended this year's event. A lot of fun, plenty of sun, and a darn good cleanup!



Roseway Summer Calendar:

Tuesday, July 9th 7PM
RNA Board Meeting
7610 NE Fremont St

Friday, July 26th 5PM
Ice Cream Social
Mason and 72nd

Sunday, July 28th
Movie In The Park
Wellington Park

Saturday, Aug 3 10AM
AARP Neighborhood Walk
Meet at Glenhaven Park

Thursday, Aug 8,15,22
Concerts in the Park
Wellington Park

Tuesday, Sept 10th 7PM
RNA Board Meeting
7610 NE Fremont St

Tuesday, Oct 8th 7PM
RNA Board Meeting
AND ELECTIONS!
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Tuesday, Nov 12th 7PM
RNA Board Meeting
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Soak Those Roots!

By Catherine Clark

Many Oregon natives, along with people new to Oregon, don't know that their trees may need water during the warmer months. In Portland, we get about 43 inches of annual precipitation, but the rainfall is not evenly distributed as we live in a Mediterranean climate. Average annual precipitation for June and September is less than 2 inches, and less than one inch in July and August. Your young trees, those less than five years old, really need some supplemental water during these dry periods. The first three years are critical in establishing your tree, and both Urban Forestry and Friends of Trees recommend 10-15 gallons per week for each tree. One easy and effective method of watering is to use a 5-gallon bucket with several holes drilled on the side about an inch from the bottom of the bucket. You can direct the stream of water directly to the root ball, and the slow stream really soaks in to the soil. Continue watering weekly until we get some steady rainfall in the fall.

Some of the newer trees on the NE 72nd Ave park blocks between NE Beech and NE Mason Sts. could really use some watering help from neighbors. These trees have aged out of the two year Urban Forestry establishment period defined by the Title 11 tree code, so their staff will no longer water them. Urban Forestry did just receive permission to extend the establishment period to five years, but it will take them a year

or two to add staff and equipment to reach all the trees they plant. The Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) is going to give these trees a much more limited third or fourth year watering later this summer, but some of the trees need water now. It would be great if some of you could help out with watering to keep our trees alive and healthy. If you'd like more information you can contact me at Roseway@plantitportland.org, but feel free to adopt a tree or trees, and water them.

Urban Forestry is going to do one more round of tree removal and replanting for us this fall. A tentative planting day of October 5th, 2019 is scheduled. We have identified about 20 failing trees for removal, and space for about 18 new trees. Working with Urban Forestry, we do our best to select species that are resilient in the urban environment, and as drought tolerant or resistant as possible. There will be more information coming from the Roseway Neighborhood Association and Nextdoor as we move along in the process. We would definitely love to have volunteer planters for this event.

We are also in a preliminary planning phase with Urban Forestry for a Spring 2020 Pop-up arboretum and tree walks on the NE 72nd Ave park blocks. More information will be available at a later date.

6th Annual Roseway Garden Walk

By Brye Leffler, RNA Board Member

The 6th Annual Roseway Garden Walk took place on Sunday June 9, 2019. Attendees came from Roseway, Cully, and other Portland neighborhoods to visit the various gardens on display and learn more about hardy perennials, food production, naturescaping, rain gardens, and more. Thank you to all the garden hosts for sharing your beautiful displays and knowledge with the community!



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Why Do People Volunteer?

By Catherine Wilson

This year, volunteer turnout for the cleanup was outstanding. (Thank you to all those volunteers.) Last year was simply a casualty of the times—because it was scheduled for August, perhaps it was the potential for heat or vacation days which forced a cancellation.

On a positive note, there are many reasons people volunteer and I want to focus on those. Volunteering is a selfless act of zeal or devotion to another person or group in which the person volunteering feels he or she is making a difference or has an impact. For others, it may be about learning a new skill, or putting to use an old skill. For some it means meeting new people. For others it may mean packing your resume or even career advancement. Most of all, people feel a desire to give back. Whatever the motivation, the committed volunteer

usually feels good, feels needed and feels a part of a change.

Having been involved in neighborhood associations since the mid 80's, I am still learning about volunteering and what motivates people to volunteer. With the changes on-going at the Office of Community and Civic Life (formerly the Office of Neighborhood Involvement), now is a critical time for neighborhood associations and volunteer citizen involvement. Our voice as a neighborhood is powered by you, the volunteer. Remember: in order to get a return, you must invest. Invest in your neighborhood now and VOLUNTEER.



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Chair's Corner By Esther Arellano Harlow

My tenure as Board Chair began because I had been spending more time at home than ever before, thanks to my two young children. I wanted to find a way to get more involved and give back to our local community. The goal of the neighborhood association is to “act on issues of livability and quality in the neighborhood.” This brings up a few questions for me: What is “livability” and what is “quality” and how are they defined? Lots of people focus on safety-in my neighborhood growing up, I learned that the better you are connected to your neighbors, the safer you are. I started researching the history of Roseway. Who has lived in our neighborhood, and why? How were connections formed? How did that affect the way the neighborhood looks now? And most importantly: how do we avoid the mistakes of the past and become a resilient, diverse neighborhood with a strong community that grows with grace? Scott Greer, an alumnus and former teacher at Roseway Heights Middle School, shared some troublesome history of

our neighborhood that he had researched at the Oregon Historical Society: the Gregory Heights plat 1912 deed transfer to the Gregory Investment Company stated “for a period of 25 years from February 1, 1909,...no Chinese could live there except as employees of the residents, on the threat that the property would revert to the sellers upon failure to comply.” This was obviously in context of the national reaction against the Chinese immigration. During the 10 years before and after this transfer, the Chinese population in Oregon went down by 2/3. How this, and other racist covenants truly affected our neighborhood, we will never know. But, I hope the lesson it teaches us is that every neighborhood has an opportunity to act on “livability”: what we do to protect the people living here, welcome newcomers, and shape policies and practices that are inclusive. Please join me on the journey to find the answers to sincere and impartial livability.

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Meet A Board Member *Catherine Wilson*

Catherine moved to Portland 45 years ago, from southern California. She had visited her twin sister who was attending college in Salem, and it was then that she decided Oregon would be her home.

She has lived in places all over Portland. Before moving to Northeast 20 years ago, she lived in Northwest. It was there she first became involved in neighborhood associations; NWDA when Margaret Strachan was Mayor.

At first, her move to Northeast was somewhat traumatic and lonely. All of her friends lived on the other side of the river. But when she became involved in her neighborhood on-goings, she began to settle in and enjoy, and collect animals. She also was able to invest in a fixer house, which has definitely kept her mind and body busy. Her work history in architecture and real estate sales helped her greatly in the visualization of what her house/home could become.

She is now officially “retired” but has found an outlet for her creativity: she now spends many hours at her floor loom, weaving a plastic fabric that she sells in the form of pillows, window coverings and table runners weaving a fabric from newspaper delivery bags, collected from her neighbors and from a manufacturer who would be sending them to a landfill. That repurposed and reused bag fabric is made into pillows, window coverings and table runners..

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And yes, she still does the neighborhood association thing.



People and the Environment

By Brye Lefler, RNA Board Member

On Saturday, June 1, 2019, garden enthusiasts poured onto the Madison High School grounds to salvage a variety of plants in advance of the school modernization construction. Although the well-established naturescaping installment, community garden plots, school garden, and edible forest garden will be lost due to construction, garden staff generously opened the grounds up to the community to share the botanical bounty. Community members came with trucks, cargo bikes, squeaky wheelbarrows, buckets, shovels, trowels, and pruners to harvest native plants, fruit trees and bushes, culinary herbs, and more.

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An Editor's Thoughts on the RIP

By Catherine Wilson

Do You Know About the Residential Infill Project? The Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability has been busy in an attempt to rewrite code and make recommendations to PSC regarding housing type, size and density. The proposed changes are meant to alleviate the housing crisis in Portland by creating more housing. The code changes would definitely do that, but it would also mean that single family zoning would disappear, according to maps describing affected areas and the new units taking their place would inevitably not be affordable. And I believe BPS knows that, and is offering the code changes as an "option". In the most basic terms, the code changes would increase density and completely alter the types of building allowed. For example, depending on lot size, houses, duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes would be allowed in over 90% of

residentially zoned areas. One house could have 2 ADU's. There would be a re-zoning of historically narrow lots in R5 to R2.5. It would mean the deletion of minimum parking requirements in single family residentially zoned areas. It would also allow property line adjustments to create buildable small flag lots. No doubt, there would be reduction of prized tree canopy in many neighborhoods due to this "new construction". The changes above are only some of what could happen to our neighborhood. PSC will be publishing a draft of the proposal and a map app in late July 2019. There will be a briefing to City Council in November. Following that briefing, City Council will hold hearings. For e-updates, sign up at portlandoregon.gov/bps/infill and/or contact the Project Manager: morgan.tracy@portlandoregon.gov



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RNA Meetings Are Open To The Public. Membership to the Roseway Neighborhood Association includes: *Residents-owners of a primary residence, renters and houseless people* Owners of a business or businesses registered within bounds of Roseway We often have guest speakers, policy makers and grassroots organizations sharing information about things that effect neighborhood livability. We also discuss the projects we are working on, like the Neighborhood CleanUp and National Night Out, which help build our community and improve our neighborhood. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month, from 7pm to 8:30. Our meeting place is the Grace Lutheran Church, on the corner of 76th and Fremont. The space is located on the ground floor with an accessible door. We are working on sound accessibility. We encourage family attendance: children are welcome to use the "preschool" room to play. Any questions-please contact us at rna-board-pdx@googlegroups.com



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