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Roseway General Meetings are held three times a year on the second Tuesday of April, July, and October.

The meetings are held at Grace Lutheran Church, 7610 NE Fremont, 7 p.m.

Hope to see you there!

Board Member Elections! Will You Participate?

by Nathan Farney

What: The Roseway Neighborhood General Meeting

When: 6:30 to 8:30 pm, Tuesday October 12

Where: Grace Lutheran Church, 7610 NE Fremont

In addition to the board elections and general frivolity, there will be two guest speakers: Dr. Verenice Gutierrez is the new Principal at Harvey Scott school and will speak to neighbors, and a representative from the Oregon Historical Society will speak about their November ballot measure.

Even though National and State politics get most of the press, local projects and decisions made at the neighborhood level can affect our lives more practically and directly. Why not get involved? It's easy, it's fun, and they don't criticize us on any political talk shows.

October 12 is our annual election for Roseway Neighborhood Board Members. This year we'll be electing a new President and Vice President, and we also have openings for several new board members.

It's easy to nominate someone who's interested or even yourself, and once you are nominated we have a voice vote to elect you to the board. Its very easy.

So what does it mean to be a board member? There is a board meeting on the second Tuesday of each month that never lasts more than one and half hours. You'll attend our annual planning session in the new year where we assign leaders to things like the neighborhood cleanup, the garage sale, the mural project, and where we brainstorm any other priorities that people want to pursue. Members of the board also represent our neighborhood at things like Land Use planning meetings, Portland Streetcar project meetings, and others. Whatever your interest, your neighbors will benefit from your participation. Finally, the holiday party is always a blast.

I joined the board three years ago and became president two years ago after attending a general meeting on a whim. It's been a really positive experience and I've made a lot of good friends in the neighborhood. I encourage you to come and check it out if you haven't been to a meeting before.

Plus it is a great opportunity to meet the people who affect our lives in Roseway the most our neighbors!

Funds Available for Community Watershed Stewardship

by Bridger Wineman

We all live in a watershed, though in the city it is not always apparent. But even where streams and wetlands have been replaced by streets and homes, there are ways we can protect and enhance the natural systems. Planting native plants and trees, building rain gardens and swales, removing impervious surfaces, and educating neighbors about the importance of a healthy watershed can all make a real difference.

Most of the Roseway Neighborhood is part of the Columbia Slough watershed. Portland's combined sewer system serves the area south of Fremont and west of 70th Avenue. Combined sewers carry both storm water runoff from streets and sewage from homes and businesses in the same pipes. When it rains, some of this mixture of sewage and storm water overflows to the Willamette River. However, when the City of Portland completes its combined sewer overflow control program next year, combined sewers will overflow an average of four times each winter and once every three summers instead of every time it rains.

But even in the parts of Roseway which have a separate sewer system for storm water, Portland's 37 inches of annual rainfall represent an opportunity that's too often missed. The rain is a resource which, with your help, can promote awareness of our connection to nature, provide habitat for wildlife, and green

and beautify the neighborhood while bringing the community together.

Watershed stewardship means taking ownership of how our individual actions and lifestyles affect the watersheds where we live. The City of Portland Community Watershed Stewardship Program CWSP provides grants of up to 10,000 to community groups for projects that enhance watershed health. Over the last 15 years, CWSP has funded nearly 200 such projects including rain gardens, pavement removal, naturscaping, natural area restorations, and community education like curricula and community art projects.

If you would like to start your own watershed stewardship project through your community of faith, school, or other community organization CWSP can help make it a reality. The program provides project scoping, and grant writing support as well as referral for technical assistance. The annual stewardship grant application will be available in January 2011, and will be due in April 2011. Funds will be available in July 2011.

Please visit www.portlandonline.com/bes/stewardship or call Bridger Wineman at 503 823 7917 for more information.

Editor's Note: This is a potential project for a new board member. Are you interested in making it happen?

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Interested in making a difference in kids lives in your neighborhood? Harvey Scott SUN needs you! by Annie Nguyen

It is the second year that Harvey Scott K 8 will have a SUN program Schools Uniting Neighborhoods . The SUN initiative brings together city, county and state resources with school districts, parents and neighborhoods to transform local schools into community learning centers by providing: after school programming; family events; educational opportunities for adults and support Scott's community engagement work.

We are currently seeking volunteers for our after school programming to be a homework tutor, mentor, role model, or support person in the enrichment

classes Gymnastics, African Drumming, Soccer, Arts & Crafts, the list goes on! for a minimum of one hour a week between 2:15 and 5:30; Monday Thursday.

Harvey Scott K8 is located in 6700 NE Prescott St. between 66th and 68th Avenues.

All of our volunteers complete an Interview and Background Check before they begin their volunteer service. If you are interested in knowing more about our program and ways to get involved contact Annie Nguyen at anguyen@impactnw.org

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The Heights Craft Bazaar Coming in November by Val Gogoleski

The Heights at Columbia Knoll's annual craft bazaar is taking place on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 12 and 13 at the retirement facility, 8320 N.E. Sandy Blvd., on the corner of 82nd Ave. Valet parking is available

both days during the 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. sale. Jewelry, decorative items, plants, treats and knitted scarves are among the handmade creations featured by resident and guest artists.

More Murals, Anyone? by Peggy Sullivan

Graffiti begets more art, if we're lucky. One of the bureaus of our fair city has a sum of money available for projects addressing both community involvement and the elimination of graffiti, and Sandy Blvd, including Roseway, is a prime area for combining the two actions. Sandra Lefrancois from Central Northeast Neighbors contacted me last month to suggest that RNA pursue it, and so we are, como no?

visibility. Somewhere around 5,000 is the amount available of course a bit more money will be needed, realistically and the work has to be completed by November 2011. By the time you're reading this, the Roseway Neighborhood Association will have put in a proposal for the money to advance Sandy Blvd as a Mural District, so all we need now is the wall, the building owner, and someone to usher the project through to completion. Having helped out with the "Community in Motion" mural that graces the bicycle shop wall on 72nd Avenue, I can tell you that it's gratifying, educational, mostly fun and hardly took up any more time than any other type of birthing project. Email me if you want to shepherd this along: studios_72nd_ave@hotmail.com.

The goal is to find a building that gets tagged (or might be tagged) and a building owner who sees art as a benefit to business, community and posterity. The guidelines strongly suggest that spray paint is not a good medium for the mural projects, and that the murals go up on a wall with high

Oregon Historical Society Ballot Measure

In keeping with the election theme, a representative from the Oregon Historical Society will attend our October 12 meeting to speak to us about a Ballot Measure they have placed on the November ballot. The topic: this November, "voters will decide on a

measure that will provide the necessary resources to keep the Oregon Historical Society open and to preserve its vast holdings in Oregon history. This is a nonpartisan measure that currently does not have campaign in opposition."

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What's New at Harvey Scott School! Connie Pilcher

Exciting changes await the 600+ K 8 students at Harvey Scott School this Fall! A new Principal, Assistant Principal and Counselor will provide the leadership for a school environment that will meet, challenge and engage the diversified student body. This environment will help the students acquire the skills necessary to become productive citizens in our vastly changing society. Principal Dr. Verenice Gutierrez along with Celina Garrido Meyer and Jennifer Christ have set goals for a united K 8 and consistent discipline that facilitates an environment where students will learn and will not be distracted.

The school has needs in many areas beyond the standard school supply list and volunteer help. Roseway homeowners might be able to provide some of the larger items needed. The teachers' lounge needs a couch, chairs, functioning microwave, and a refrigerator. The students also need children's shoes and Tri Met student bus passes. If you are able to help with any of these items or have questions about current needs, please contact the school. Their phone number is 503 916 6369.

Dr Gutierrez will be a guest speaker covering these needs and school changes at our next general meeting of Roseway Neighborhood Association on October 12th.

Harvey Scott School 1st Annual Community Pancake Breakfast!

What: A pancake breakfast open to the whole community, hosted by the Scott School PTA

Where: Scott School located at 6700 NE Prescott Street, in the cafeteria

When: Saturday, October 23, 2010; 8:00am - 10:00am

Cost: 5.00 per person.

Check out the website at <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/scott/> for more information.



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Be Proactive in Fighting Crime by Connie Pilcher

Roseway is fortunate to have a low crime rate but we must work to keep it that way.

There are several things one can do in preventing crime. The easiest is to keep your porch light on during the night. It has long been established the biggest deterrent to crime is good lighting. For the energy conscious homeowner Eco bulbs save energy, have a long life and are environmentally friendly.

Other programs you can participate in are Neighborhood Watch: know all the neighbors on your block; exchange phone numbers, and look out for anything suspicious. There is also the Roseway Foot Patrol! You need to be trained to participate but it only takes one hour in a small group with a police officer. The time commitment is only about

one hour a week. You and a partner patrol an area in the evening at a time and day you select.

All you need is the official vest, cell phone and a flashlight. You can get more information by contacting Mary Thompkins at mary.thompkins@ci.portland.or.us or by phone at 503 823 3150.

Lastly REPORT ANY CRIME, no matter how insignificant. According to the police if it is not reported, it did not happen. It is important to make the call because the crime stats depend on these reports. If it is happening now call 911. If you are not quite sure call the Non Emergency number 503 823 3333. An easy way to remember this number: all city numbers are 823 prefix...keep that in mind and then add the 3333.

Problem-solving phone numbers in Portland

Report a crime or fire	9-1-1	Street maintenance	(503) 823-1700
Police (non-emergency)	(503) 823-3333	Animal control	(503) 988-7387
Police Info & referral	(503) 823-4636	Abandoned Auto Hot line	(503) 823-7309
Drug house complaints	(503) 823-DRUG	Disabled autos on private property	(503) 823-7306
Noise control	(503) 823-7350	Poison Control hotline	(800) 222-1222
Graffiti hot line	(503) 823-5860	Crime Prevention Coordinator,	(503) 823-4763
Nuisance hot line	(503) 823-7306	Mary Tompkins (mary.tompkins@ci.portland.or.us)	

Roseway Community Calendar

Roseway General Meeting BOARD ELECTIONS!

Tuesday, October 12th, 7 pm
Grace Lutheran Church
7610 NE Fremont

Harvey Scott 1st Annual Community Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, October 23, 2010
8am 10am
6700 NE Prescott Street

FREE Community Carnival on Sandy Blvd.

Sunday, October 31st, 6pm 8pm
Our goal is to provide a safe, fun place for families while developing a healthy sense of community and increasing awareness of local community business.

PDXIBD Meeting

4th Monday of each month at 7pm
Nazarene Church across from Safeway on Sandy Blvd.

The Heights at Columbia Knoll Annual Craft Bazaar

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 12 and 13
8320 N.E. Sandy Blvd.
9 a.m. to 4 p.m

CNN LUTOP Meeting

1st Monday of each month at 7pm
CNN Community Room
4415 NE 87th Avenue

Radon in Roseway by Nathan Farney

In the last issue of the newsletter, I wrote about my experience testing our basement for radon. Much of Northeast Portland, especially at the top of the Alameda ridge, has elevated radon levels in basements. Radon is a radioactive gas that seeps from the ground into basements and causes lung cancer if there is extended exposure. Fortunately, it is not difficult to fix. Several people asked how my personal experience turned out, so here is the second and final installment in our ongoing saga of radon reduction. For more information about Radon, go to www.epa.gov/radon/

After our radon test from the hardware store came back with radon levels more than five times more than the recommended action level by the EPA, I started calling radon reduction companies in the area, and I ended up going with Ecotech LLC (<http://www.ecotechllc.com/> or 503.493.1040). I was very satisfied with the whole experience. They came out initially to do a "Radon Recon" to evaluate my basement. They sketched out my basement and proposed a solution with an estimate. Their estimate was for about 1,500 and included everything from labor to permits and parts. They installed a single suction point that creates a vacuum in the dirt under my foundation and exhausts the air above my roofline away from any windows. Although most situations don't require a second suction point, after the first measurement I still needed more radon reduction, so they installed a "T" connection and a second suction point in a different part of the basement. That second suction point cost less than 500. This reduced our Radon levels below the EPA recommended action level our initial reading was very high, and we are breathing much easier in our home. While the cost is not cheap, I was very relieved that a reasonable and simple fix existed for this serious health issue in my home.

Find more information about radon at www.epa.gov/radon/

Contact Ecotech LLC for a Radon Recon at <http://www.ecotechllc.com/> or 503.493.1040

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