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## Join Us!

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!

## October General Meeting by Paul Mooring Roseway General Meeting Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

The Roseway Neighborhood Association is inviting all Roseway neighbors to our last General Meeting of 2011 on Tuesday, October 11th at 7pm. Please join us at the Grace Lutheran Church at 7610 NE Fremont (near NE 76th). We will discuss various topics affecting our neighborhood as well as hold our General Elections! Ever wonder what goes on behind the scenes to pull off our neighborhood events??! Well, this is a perfect opportunity to join our board and participate! We will be holding elections for various officer positions and general board members. Nominate yourself, or a friend or a spouse! We're always looking for new members to increase the diversity of our board, so come out and join us! It's your Neighborhood Association.

You don't have to be a board member to come to meetings or participate in your community though, so don't be scared off if you just want to see how things are going. Our general meetings are a great opportunity for community members to check in and see what is going on in the Roseway Neighborhood. We hope to see you there!

## Community Calendar

### Roseway General Meeting

Tuesday, October 11th, 7 p.m.  
Grace Lutheran Church  
7610 NE Fremont

### CNN LUTOP meeting

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

### PDXIBD Meeting

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

### Roseway General Meeting

Tuesday, April 10th, 2012, 7 p.m.  
Grace Lutheran Church  
7610 NE Fremont

## LaVerne H. Henwood

Born December 11, 1927 in Dundee, Oregon

Died July 19, 2011 in Portland, Oregon

by Bonnie LaDoe

LaVerne and her husband Jim were long time residents of Roseway where they raised their two daughters: Linda, born in 1947, and Joyce, born in 1957. Both girls attended Gregory Heights School and Madison High School. Daughter Linda Main wrote the following as she reminisced about her parents and growing up in Roseway:

Jim and LaVerne Henwood moved into their home at 6949 NE Stanton St. in 1948. Dad lived there until his passing in 2008 and Mom continued to live there until December 2009. It was a quiet friendly neighborhood where everyone knew their neighbors. Mom had coffee regularly with some of the other ladies nearby. The mailman would stop and chat with everyone on the street. Little elderly ladies who lived in the neighborhood walked over to Sandy Boulevard to do their shopping and banking. It was a safe, comfortable part of the world.



LaVerne Henwood with daughters, Joyce and Linda

There have been many changes to the little stretch of Sandy Blvd. over the years. Safeway was on the southeast corner of 70th and Sandy. We knew all of the clerks and they knew us. Sprouse-Reitz (the “dime” store) was on the southwest corner. Kids loved to go there and buy an occasional toy or candy. Our dog once went in there, “stole” a ball and brought it home! Across the street on the northeast corner was the Rose City Fred Meyer, where Safeway is now. We only went there for cosmetics and personal items.

Down the street on 69th and Sandy was one of my favorite places: Davis’ Drug Store. I loved it because they had wonderful ice cream cones and sodas which we would often stop in for before we went on a Sunday afternoon ride. Of course our dog would get one, too. After all, they were only 5 cents! We knew everyone there too: Mr. Davis was the druggist, Mrs. Davis was taller than him with her hair on top of her head (I never was sure what she did) and Leona and Billie worked in the retail part of the store and behind the soda fountain. Leona made the best sodas. They carried candy, magazines, school supplies and all kinds of over-the-counter remedies and cosmetics. As I grew a little older, my other favorite store, on 67th and Sandy, was the record store where you could buy all of the latest 45s for \$0.99!

Even though all of these places have changed or are gone, some places still remain the same on our little stretch of Sandy: Fairley’s Pharmacy is still there with their old-fashioned soda fountain. And Calvary Presbyterian, where I went to church as a child and got married years later is, too. In the same block as Fairley’s is Bernie’s Beauty Salon, the old-fashioned hair salon where Mom got her hair done by her beloved hairdresser, Sherry. She picked Mom up and brought her home from appointments and was a true friend through the years, another testimonial to a close-knit neighborhood. Next door to Bernie’s is a men’s barber shop where my son goes for his haircuts. He, too, is in love with the Roseway neighborhood.

This was a wonderful place in which to grow up. The schools were safe and within a short walking distance. Our family made lasting friendships with many neighbors who moved away. Mom and Dad were the last of the “originals” on Stanton Street because, as Mom often said, it felt like home.

## Study Spanish and Explore Mexico with NE Portland Language School

by Rebecca Pilsbury

Tierra Educational Center in NE Portland is offering a unique full-immersion trip to Pátzcuaro, Mexico this December 10-18th. The center opened in 2009, with a mission to offer small group Spanish and ESL services to help bridge communication and cultural barriers between the growing immigrant population and the community at large. In honor of that mission, this immersion trip has been specially designed to integrate its participants with a Mexican and indigenous community in this small colonial pueblo in the state of Michoacán. Participants will study Spanish and regional history in 20 hours of classes, learn about local traditions by attending medicinal plant and artisan workshops, explore ancient pyramids and ruins, visit one of the largest Monarch butterfly overwintering

areas in the world, and much more! The trip includes eight nights lodging in an 18th century hacienda-style hotel, traditional Mexican meals, and pre-departure and in-country trip assistance provided by a representative of Tierra along with the Center for Languages and Ecotours of Pátzcuaro (CELEP).

In order to retain the authenticity of the town and the emphasis on small group interaction, this trip allows a maximum of only 8 participants, so register soon! If traveling abroad is unavailable to you, be sure to check out the plethora of local Spanish classes for children and adults available at Tierra Educational Center. Visit [www.tierracenter.com](http://www.tierracenter.com) or call **503-213-3677** for more information.

## Ramblings of a Bicycle Convert by Paul Mooring

When we first moved to Portland, many years ago, I really didn't have an opinion on commuting to work on a bike. I'd never really given it a whole lot of thought. I'd owned many bikes as a younger kid even riding back and forth to my first job at K-mart, although we lived in a smaller town not a major urban center like Portland. Needless to say, I grew up in an area of suburban sprawl where kids rode bikes to our friends' house and our bikes were our symbol of freedom. Most adults, however, had to drive to their work 50 miles away, which made it practically impossible to commute by bike.

When we first arrived and settled into our Irvington rental, we often saw people out on their bikes, going to work or to market and we'd talked about getting bikes for fun. But after only a short time something changed and my attitude soured towards bikers. It was certainly not helped by the two super aggressive bikers, whom on different days of the same week decided that they would both run stop signs while turning left in front of me and nearly ending up as hood ornaments on my truck. From then on all I could see was the lawlessness of the biking community. The stop signs they would carelessly ride

through, failing to follow rules of the road, not using any lights at night—while wearing all black clothing! Such was the reckless community, I thought, that made up the Portland bike scene.

But over time, as I began to look past my own pre-judgments and early negative experiences, my stance softened as my wife and I broached the topic of bike commuting. I started to see more of the law abiding bikers who were merely interested in getting to work, or wherever, and back safely. And most recently after

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buying our new house and being less than 7 miles to our respective jobs, over Labor Day weekend we took the plunge after some expert consulting from Jay at River City Bikes, and made a purchase.

That Monday, we drove down to the Banks/Vernonia rails-to-trails to put our bikes through their paces. I was reminded of a couple of things during our 14 mile ride: First and foremost, my biking muscles are a bit rusty, but secondly, I rediscovered how much I had missed the freedom of riding. It really is an immense pleasure. So much so that we both started riding to work, well at least

one time each at the time of this writing. I hope by the time it's printed we have logged several more miles on our bikes.

In the end, can I consider myself a serious bike commuter? Not even close. One of our good friends moved here a few years back and her only mode of transportation is her bike—that is serious. We're not there yet, and probably never will be. But I can say that I'm happy we decided to get bikes and we now think about where we can bike to when considering our transportation options. It's a start.

**An Open Invitation to Further Art Frenzy (blast of trumpets)** by Peggy Sullivan

Because Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) had funds available this year to promote community-building and/or anti-graffiti efforts (worldly shrug), last month I had reason to trot through the City of Portland's Original Art Mural permit process (humble shuffle-step), and I gotta tell you, it was not at all the nightmare that some fear! (clap of hands) Except for the fact that the Bureau of Development Services office is closed on Mondays (chagrined shrug) it was a Tuesday cakewalk, I kid you not! And so by the end of October the brick wall between D's Tavern and Brickhouse Pizza will host the second work of mural art in the Sandy Blvd Mural District (trumpets again)!

There were some trifling details to attend to, like filling out the permit application and doing up some scaled drawings (wink and eye roll), and eating pizza and drinking beer (cheerful shrug) while Roseway neighbors came by to see the rough drawing of the mural (Zest of

Life, it's called, people eating and drinking and sharing food - real life, only art. Angelina Marino, the muralist on this project, worked much much harder than I did). But the permit process was less tricky than rocket science (shoulder shrug), and can be done by any building/business owner and the artist who hustled them into it (another two-step here). Go have a pizza with Thana and Paul at Brickhouse, check out the mural rough, they'll tell you the whole story as they've experienced it (raised eyebrow).

SO! If there are, among our illustrious Roseway residents, artists and businesses who want to make more art happen (because murals only happen if artists want to make them) I am offering whatever assistance you need, to get you through the process (upward shrug of shoulders), clear explanations to ease your fear of bureaucracy (arms akimbo), draft your scale drawings



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for you (if your kids can't do it for you), and even go downtown to 4th street with you for the permit, as moral support, should you require it. (This offer good for one year from date of publication) (tee hee). RSVP ASAP to **Peggy Sullivan, [peggysathome@comcast.net](mailto:peggysathome@comcast.net)**.

## Rats! Rats. by Chris Ann Daugherty

It was my first day of retirement! I stepped into our outdoor pond room, which had just been reconstructed to promote total serenity. The Buddhas, gnomes and leprechauns encircling the pond smiled at me as I rested easy on a chair. I had just begun to enter a state of nirvana, when out of the corner of my eye, I saw a rat scurry along the ledge of the room's foundation! So as you can imagine, my feeling of bliss quickly scurried away, too.

Rats! Of course if you live in a big city, you can't entirely escape them. However, as most people, I don't want them in my backyard! Yuck! So after setting out poison, and talking with a neighbor who had already called the county for intervention on what to do, I found there are some things we all can do to keep the rat population down in our neighborhood.

- Make sure all dog food, cat food, and chicken feed is inside or in a sealed container where a rat cannot get to it.
- Do not feed squirrels peanuts. Squirrels and rats love peanuts. Squirrels often bury their peanuts and rats find them, which encourages the rat population.
- If you are feeding birds, make sure that the seeds do not drop to the ground and feed the rats.
- Keep clutter out of your yard, and bushes trimmed. Rats love to hide there. They also like to live under porches and decks, so seal them off as much as you can.
- Set out traps or poison to curb the rat population, but beware! Once a rat figures out how to get food out of a trap without getting caught, it will always get away scot-free!
- Call Multnomah County Vector Control (503-988-3464) for more information or visit their website. If you want, they will even come to your house, help you figure out how to get rid of rats, and provide kitty-proof traps.

That first week of retirement I saw a rat three times! I haven't seen one since we started our poison control program. Although we don't have any pets besides fish, the poison is safe to be around pets. We also trimmed bushes and pulled weeds where we had seen the rats. Please, be a good neighbor and help control the rat population; we will all rest a little easier, retired or not!

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## Free Trees for Roseway Residents by Caitlin Shelman

Have you been eyeing that empty planting strip in front of your house? Do you have a neighbor who has room for more trees? Now's your chance to help make Roseway a lot greener! Our neighborhood is part of a pilot program to plant even more trees in Portland this 2011-2012 planting season. This means that our street trees are free! There are two ways to get your trees:

Just like always, you can plant with Friends of Trees. When you sign up with them, they send an inspector to your house to choose the best locations for new trees and the right size of tree for your strip, and then you choose your trees from the approved list. Under this pilot program, when you order street trees you will not be charged upon checkout. Yard trees are still just \$35 dollars. When you plant with Friends of Trees, part of the process is volunteering on our Neighborhood

Planting Day which will be on March 31st, 2012. Volunteer options include participating in a planting team, bringing a breakfast or lunch dish to share, and helping with registration. You can visit [friendsoftrees.org](http://friendsoftrees.org) to create an account and start the process.

If you would like trees planted, but would rather let the city choose trees and plant them for you instead of planting with Friends of Trees, you can "opt in" to street trees. This is a good option for those who are unable to volunteer on our FOT planting day. To sign up for this option, or for any tree planting questions, please email [roseway@plantitportland.org](mailto:roseway@plantitportland.org).

We don't know if Roseway will be selected for free trees next year, so take advantage of this fabulous opportunity now!

## Parking Guidelines for Portlanders by Connie Pilcher

The City of Portland's Bureau of Transportation recently sent Roseway Neighborhood Association their new brochure, "For Your Information: General Parking All Over The City". Included in this brochure are listed parking compliance rules.

Vehicles parking in violation of the following regulations are subject to citation and/or tow. Some of the violations listed below are seen on a daily basis in Roseway.

- Blocking driveways.
- Blocking visibility (height of 6' or more within 50' of an intersection).
- Parking in bike lane or across crosswalk.
- Parking on area between roadways of a divided street (i.e. 72nd Ave) whether marked or unmarked.
- Vehicles For Sale on Public Street.
- Missing front or rear license plates.
- Motorcycles should be legally parked at the curb and not on planting strip or sidewalk area.
- Parked vehicles over a foot from the curb.
- Vehicles parked on the planting strip (area between the curb and sidewalk).
- Parking across the pedestrian way (area between curb and property line).
- Parking for truck, trailer, bus and RV is allowed ONLY while actively loading and unloading.
- Vehicle alarms must cancel within 3 minutes.
- Parking the wrong way of the street at the curb (facing oncoming traffic).
- Parking within 10' from a fire hydrant.

**The phone number to contact Parking Enforcement for vehicles in violation is (503) 823-7309, Monday through Saturday 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM**

## The Aptly Named “Stinky Bob” by Lindsey Wise

Introduced species (those that were intentionally or accidentally transported into a new environment) are often beneficial to our society. Bringing plants from other continents to the US allows us to have a variety of flowers and shrubs in our gardens and benefits our economy through trade and harvest. But there are times when the costs of an introduced species outweigh its benefits.

Stinky bob, aka herb Robert, (*Geranium robertianum*) is an annual geranium that shows up on roadsides and trails and in parks and gardens around the state. It blooms in the spring or the fall and has bright pink flowers and green to red stems with feathery leaves. It is native to Europe, Asia, and Africa. Although its flowers and foliage are attractive, its stems, roots, and leaves produce a strong skunky odor when crushed.

It seeds readily and spreads quickly, producing dozens to hundreds of new plants each year. This alone might not be much to worry about, but the real trouble with this plant is that it spreads into forests and other native habitats where it then displaces native species. Plus, as I have mentioned, it smells really awful.

The good thing about stinky bob is that it is easy to pull by hand. Since it is an annual, its roots do not grow very deep and you can easily pluck them the soil. It's best to pull them before they go to seed, or you may end up spreading the seeds while you pull! Be sure to



pull from the base of the plant to get the roots, as the stems can snap easily but leave the roots in the soil. I would recommend wearing gloves for hand-pulling so your hands don't end up skunky too. Place any pulled plants in the trash as composting will not kill the seeds. If you've had stinky bob in your yard for a while, you'll see seedlings pop back up for a few years because there are seeds in your soil, but keep plucking and you'll see your efforts rewarded.

There are plenty of other geranium species that are as pretty or prettier than stinky bob, so you can easily replace these weedy plants with an ornamental that does not spread. Ask at your garden store or nursery and they will gladly give you some recommendations.

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## Join a Planning Committee for Intersection Murals in Roseway by Caitlin Shelman

Would you like to help add even more character to our neighborhood while calming traffic and building community among your neighbors? Every spring, neighborhoods across Portland team with City Repair for “placemaking” projects at intersections. By painting a mural on the road in an intersection, neighbors reclaim a public space and help slow traffic. With so many unsigned intersections and unimproved streets in Roseway, our roads are truly shared by kids, pedestrians,

cyclists and vehicles. An intersection painting project might be the perfect way to create safer, more beautiful places for all of our road users.

If you are interested in joining a planning committee for this project, please email me at [caitlin.shelman@gmail.com](mailto:caitlin.shelman@gmail.com). For more information about the process, check out <http://cityrepair.org/how-to/placemaking/intersectionrepair/>.

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| Police Info & referral                                  | (503) 823-4636  |
| Drug house complaints                                   | (503) 823-DRUG  |
| Noise control   | (503) 823-7350  |
| Graffiti hot line                                       | (503) 823-5860  |
| Nuisance hot line                                       | (503) 823-7306  |
| Street maintenance                                      | (503) 823-1700  |
| Animal control  | (503) 988-7387  |
| Abandoned Auto Hot line                                 | (503) 823-7309  |
| Disabled autos on private property                      | (503) 823-7306  |
| Poison Control hotline                                  | (800) 222-1222  |
| Wayne Schull, Neighborhood Response Officer             | (503) 823-07431 |
| Mary Tompkins,<br>Community Crime Prevention Specialist | (503) 823-4763  |

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