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## Join Us!

RNA General Meetings are held three times a year on the second Tuesday of April, July, and October. Board meetings are held every month, with the exception of August and December.

All meetings are open to the public.

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

Hope to see you there!

## Roseway Concerts Were a Success! by Angela Carpenter

Roseway's three free concerts drew hundreds of people to Glenhaven Park this summer, making for a second successful year as part of Portland Parks & Recreation's Summer Free For All.

Melao de Cuba, 7th Seal, and Geno Michaels & Soul City provided the entertainment for all ages, bringing in crowds of 400-600 people each week. For three weeks in July, Glenhaven Park was the place to be, from conga lines to kid's art projects, burritos to cannoli — and even an accepted marriage proposal for two concertgoers!



Binghi Holder leads 7th Seal at one of the Glenhaven Summer Concerts. Photo by Angela Carpenter.

Expect another dance party next summer, and who knows — we might even be able to offer four shows next year!

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## Roseway October General Meeting

Come join the full Roseway Neighborhood Association for our October General Meeting and Board Member Elections. Learn about what is going on with your RNA board and what events and activities we have planned for the winter. We will also have guest speakers and light refreshments. Join on Tuesday, October the 8th at **Roseway Heights School Library** at 7pm.

## Roseway Elections

Like getting involved in YOUR neighborhood? Like being in the inner circle and helping to get things done? Like that feeling of accomplishment when you do something amazing for your community?!

Then the Roseway Neighborhood Association Board is looking for you! During our October General Meeting, we will hold elections for several RNA board positions. We will also hold officer elections which include a new Board Vice Chair. If you have any interest in getting more involved in YOUR Roseway Neighborhood, then please show up and add yourself as a nominee for open board and officer positions. We would love to have you! See **page 7** for additional volunteer opportunities.

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## Thanks to concert vendors and sponsors for helping make it all happen:

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The high-energy performance of Melao de Cuba brought the crowd to their feet. Photo by Angela Carpenter.

## The Gateway Green Plan by Lindsey Wise

Have you ever looked over at that area of open grass and trees between I-205 and I-84, just east of our neighborhood past Rocky Butte? It used to be part of the Rocky Butte Jail but was orphaned after the construction of I-205. Plans are in motion to develop these 38 acres of partially wooded land into a public recreation area. The Gateway Green plan will redevelop this fallow land into a multi-use off-road biking park with walking trails and open space. Other possible uses include green energy demonstration areas and a children's natural play area. The non-profit Friends of Gateway Green is currently running an Indiegogo campaign to fund building permits and construction financing.

If you're interested in learning more about the project or contributing to the campaign, see :

[www.gatewaygreenpdx.org](http://www.gatewaygreenpdx.org) or

[www.indiegogo.com/projects/build-gateway-green](http://www.indiegogo.com/projects/build-gateway-green)

Not only will donating help create Gateway Green, you can also get discounts to Columbia Sportswear or The Lumberyard, among other rewards. And imagine, some years from now that big stretch of weeds and trees could be transformed to a haven for bicyclists, picnicking families, joggers, and birdwatchers, and a great green addition to East Portland.

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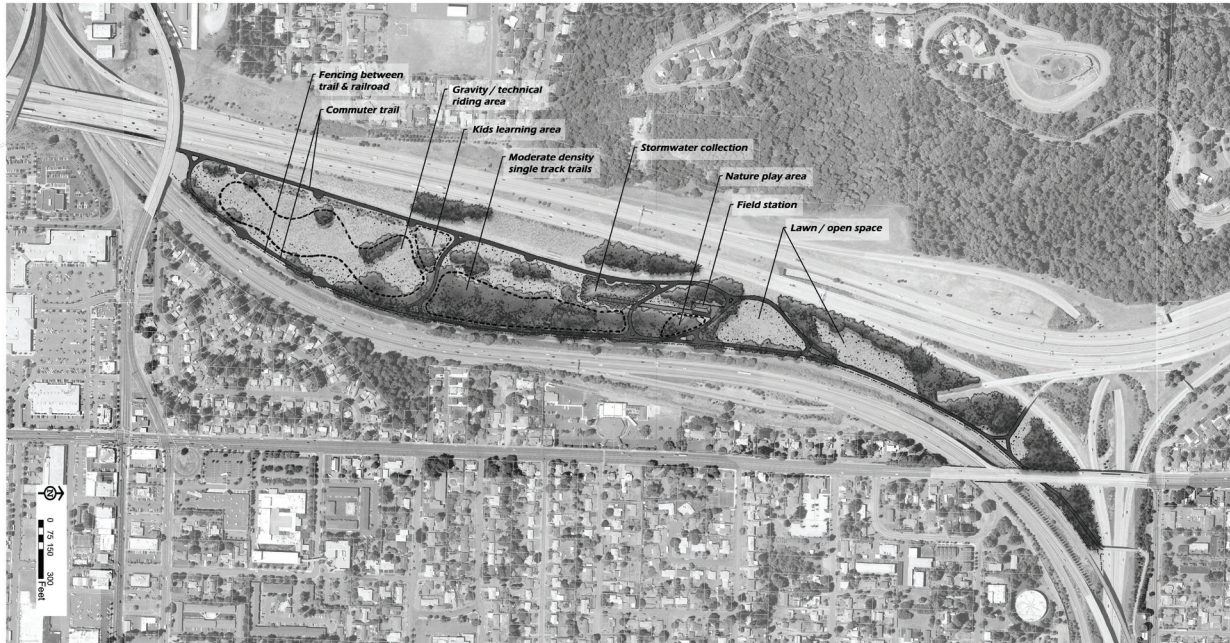
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## Nextdoor by Lindsey Wise

My fellow neighborhood board members recently introduced me to a site called Nextdoor (nextdoor.com). It's a bit like Facebook, but for neighborhoods. Unlike Facebook, you don't search out friends or "like" pages to follow information. Instead, you automatically see posts by other people in your neighborhood. This creates a great way to connect to others in your neighborhood and post information you'd like your neighbors to see, such as trying to find lost pets or return a pet to its owner, buying or selling items, sharing warnings about scams or crimes, or getting recommendations about local plumbers, electricians, babysitters, etc. It's also a wonderful way to see if there are other people in your neighborhood

interested in putting together events. Recently there was a crop swap where people traded their extra garden produce, and a group has formed to look into starting a community garden. I like the site because it feels safe and useful – only my neighbors will see what I write, and the site is community-oriented so rather than updates about Candy Crush Saga or memes I get to read about free furniture giveaways, development plans like the Gateway Green, and the occasional report of a car fire (luckily I have only seen one of those so far). If you've been reluctant to try social networking, this might be a good way to start. Go ahead, check it out, it's a nice community and you're sure to be welcomed.

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# Outside and out of the Rain! by Peggy Sullivan

In early September, after our long and lovely California summer, on that warm and slightly muggy, cloudy Thursday, the rains made a dramatic return! But still, my dinner party was enjoyed out of doors under the cloud-fabric ceiling of my backyard pavilion. And it got me to thinking about how many perfectly nice days we experience in the fall and spring (and "normal" summers) when the air temperatures are warm enough to be outside and it would be perfectly comfortable except for the rain?

So many of our homes in Roseway have nicely covered front porches, and I imagine quite a few have equally nice roofed back porches, and I wonder how many of us think to make them more livable? A couch long enough for napping on, a table and chairs for al fresco dining, maybe a rug on the floor and a lamp on the wall - and, ideally, with a view of the tree you just planted this fall. Plus, assuming you enjoy random visits with strolling neighbors, who doesn't appreciate an invitation to wait out the rain shower with you, gossiping on your front porch?

In my role as a garden designer, I now automatically include a covered outdoor room (always with room for a couch) in plans for clients; sometimes it's even easier (and less expensive than constructing a free-standing structure) to extend a roof from under the eaves. Just make sure you consider a wall that doesn't face into the seasonal breezes, so a windy day won't shower discomfort upon you. For those without extended porches or eaves, you could take a cue from my neighbors Bob and Chris Ann, who erected a pop-up canopy over the fabulous round paver patio that they put in this summer (and where I hope to enjoy an autumnal evening or two). He likes shade, she likes sun, they both like a dry space outside on a drizzly day. (A good idea is always worth stealing - but just the idea, mind you, not your neighbor's canopy). And those canopies are relatively inexpensive for all the gracious dry times they could provide a family on a warm wet fall day. No need to even mention how much the dogs will love it!

# Nearby Neighborhood Changes by Ted Carlston

Some quick notes on recent changes near Roseway:

1. Kruger Farms has opened a produce stand at the Rose City food carts in the 5300 block of Sandy Blvd.
2. Plaid Pantry returns to 62nd and Sandy Blvd. This building was most recently Rose City Market and

- Yerkovichs coffee/tanning, but had been a Plaid Pantry from the mid-1960s on.
3. The Red Room has closed. It was a music venue/bar on 82nd across from the Madison lower parking lot.

# Follow Our Lead

At the last meeting of the Roseway Neighborhood Association, a motion was made and it was unanimously approved by the Board to donate one hundred dollars to the Sisters of the Road Cafe in the name of **Lee Perlman**.

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## Ride Connection Seeks Volunteers by Von Harlan

Ride Connection serves as your neighborhood transportation resource for older adults and people with disabilities. Last year the organization provided over 400,000 rides for its customer base at no cost to these individuals who use this service for getting to life-sustaining appointments and life-enhancing activities. Volunteer drivers are urgently being sought to drive today right in your community. Last year 24,882 ride requests were turned down due to the lack of drivers.

### There is a "Wheel Need" for Volunteer Drivers!

Join hundreds of volunteers who are offering life-sustaining and life-enhancing transportation services to older adults and those with disabilities throughout the tri-county area by using their own wheels (and vehicles)! The needs are huge and the rewards are even greater! For more information call Ride Connection at 503.528.1738 or go to the Ride Connection Network at:

**iwanttodrive.org**. To request a ride please call **503.226.0700**

## Talk is Cheap, or How shall we avoid being Hot, Flat and Crowded in Roseway? An Opinion Piece and Exhortation to Action, by I. M. Wary

To counterbalance my usual diet of slightly sleazy but satisfying detective/thriller novels, this late summer I picked up "Hot, Flat and Crowded" by Thomas L. Friedman (2008). And while I've had to renew it a couple times, because it's chewy and dense reading, it's actually given me more thrills and chills than a well-constructed mystery novel. It's also caused some deep thought and wonderment about how we live and identify ourselves, and has lead me to examine closely how the style to which I've become accustomed.

Friedman's book is a call for a green revolution, actually systemic change in how we generate, disseminate and use energy, primarily. The second half of his tome counters some of the gloomy scenarios of the first half, and he writes encouragingly about existing new technology and the pressing need to release the thousands of garage-tinkering Einsteins to invent more green technologies. And of course, he writes about the lack of political will to engender systematic change. Because, of course, such change, necessary as it is, is risky for politicians and downright uncomfortable for entrenched powers.

I have been thinking, especially, about all the young families in Roseway - this summer we've probably all welcomed a new wee young neighbor, because our water here is so special, or something....and I think about the condition of the world these babies will grow up to inherit, and while yes, it's a fine thing to recycle etc., seriously, people, it is simply not enough!

Eventually, there will be systemic changes because of environmental changes, and the question is whether we will initiate our adaptations or have them become inevitable because we took no action at all. Let's face it, change will only happen because we demand it, and quite frankly, because our children won't live glorious lives without it. I propose that we start the conversation, here in Roseway, with small neighborhood groups reading Friedman's book this winter, and then talking among ourselves, what actions will we take to start making a difference right now? Perhaps by next summer the small groups could begin gathering into larger groups and gosh, maybe even starting to take some action. Poor Thomas Friedman, in 2008, kept saying "now, we have to start doing this now", and oops, it's 2013 already!

Really, people, read the book, don't be daunted! Needs must out, have to start somewhere, to understand what we need to change ... how does that quote go? how a small dedicated group of people can be a considerable force for change ... indeed, it's how most any change comes about. I'm just sayin.

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## Remember to Smell the Roses by Paul Mooring

Let's face it. We all live increasingly busy lives. Between work, family, school and finding time for recreation and vacations, you can fill up a calendar pretty quickly. As a new father and having recently accepted a new position at my company I find myself in this very situation more and more often these days. Pulled between the multitude of responsibilities of family, work and even the mundane things like trying to get shirts to the dry cleaners. It becomes ever more difficult to find those precious few moments to clear your head of the constant influx of emails, chatter and other stimuli.

I was talking to my brother the other day and he was telling me how excited the kids were to be going back to school. I asked why and he told me because they were looking forward to being busy again because there weren't enough activities over the summer. I was dumbstruck by the comment. Having been a child of the 80s I remember when summer was king. We couldn't wait for school to be out and summer to start. Even though my Mom knew where her boys were at any given moment, we believed it was our time to do whatever we wanted and go where our meandering hearts took us. For me it was many lazy days at my friends' pool or hours of pointless wandering around the local foothills where we had found caves and other interesting things to do or do nothing at all. We were independent, leaving the house in the morning and coming home at sunset. Though we enjoyed doing things, we were often content with no activity at all.

As I talk to many of my friends around Portland and around the country, keeping in touch through Facebook

or email, it seems they are experiencing the same thing. We have become so busy that many seem to be losing touch with the premise that it's the journey, not always the destination that is the adventure. As we go go go from one activity to the other, we are constantly thinking about what's next, rather than what is happening in this very moment and sometimes we seem to miss what is right in front of us.

My wife bought my son a book for Christmas but really I think it was meant more for me. It's called "Goodnight iPad." The story is about a grandmother tired of the Bings, Bongs and Beeps of her family's "modern home" and proceeds to throw all the distractions (iPads, Xboxes and cell phones) out the window while getting everyone to bed. Every time I read him the book, which he loves, it's a small reminder that there are more important things to keep in perspective and to enjoy the thing right in front of you, in my case the simple and daily act of reading with my son.

Let's be clear, I'm not writing these things as a lament of being busy. I enjoy having things to do and really love my job and family. It's more a reminder to myself and others who may feel the same way that it's also important to take a few moments every day and smell the roses. For me it's stopping to admire a wonderful sunrise as I drive to work. I also enjoy my weekly yoga class where I get an hour and a half to turn off my cell phone and my mind and be "in the moment" while getting a bit of important exercise. It's increasingly important to find time to shut down for a moment, even if you have to put it on your calendar.



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## Roseway Neighborhood Survey

The Roseway Neighborhood Association hopes to gather information from the Roseway community in order to gain an understanding of what the Roseway neighborhood currently provides for its residents, and to understand what people want to see in the future. We plan to use this information to create a cohesive image for the Roseway neighborhood. We want this image to accurately reflect the opinions and observations of everyone who lives, works, and does business in the neighborhood. The perspective of each community

member matters to us. Please take 5-10 minutes of your time to complete this survey online, so that we can form a comprehensive picture of the Roseway community.

Take the Roseway Survey at:  
[www.surveymonkey.com/s/Roseway](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Roseway)

This is your opportunity to be heard!  
 Submit your responses by **OCTOBER 31st!**

## Roseway Reporter Volunteer Opportunities

The Roseway Neighborhood Association needs *you* to get involved in the Roseway Reporter Newsletter! After many years of putting the newsletter together and bringing it to your door, some of our volunteers are finding new ways to make Roseway a great place to live and work. That means you have a chance to bring forth your creativity and energy to deliver the latest Roseway news and information to your neighbors. If you have skills and time, we want to hear from you!

The Roseway Reporter has four issues a year: Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall. The following opportunities are open immediately, and the newsletter *will not continue* without new volunteers. So, please contact us before the end of the year!

### Current Volunteer Opportunities

#### Newsletter Layout & Design

The Newsletter Layout & Design requires a basic knowledge of Adobe Creative Suite. Editors and our

Advertising Coordinator coordinate articles and content. Time commitment is between 5-10 hours per issue. Contact **Dave Drouin** at [dddrouin@gmail.com](mailto:dddrouin@gmail.com), if interested.

#### Newsletter Delivery Coordinator

The Newsletter Delivery Coordinator picks up the newsletter from our printer in Gresham and works with Delivery Route Captains to ensure that everyone in Roseway gets their newsletter. Time commitment is between 5-6 hours per issue. Contact **Melinda Palmer** at [palmer4142@aol.com](mailto:palmer4142@aol.com), if interested.

#### Newsletter Delivery Volunteer

The Newsletter Delivery Volunteers are assigned a route and bring the Roseway Reporter to your door. Time commitment is between 2-4 hours per issue, depending on the route and how much time you take to stop and smell the roses (highly recommended). Contact **Melinda Palmer** at [palmer4142@aol.com](mailto:palmer4142@aol.com), if interested.

## Community Calendar

### Roseway General Meeting & Elections

Tuesday, October 8th, 7 p.m.  
 Roseway Heights School Library

### CNN LUTOP meeting

1st Monday of each month at 7 p.m.  
 CNN Community Room  
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