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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!

## Come one, come all! by Paul Mooring Roseway General Meeting Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

Come one; come all to Roseway Neighborhood Association's first general meeting of the new year. On Tuesday, April 12th, the RNA will host the general meeting at the Grace Lutheran Church, 7610 NE Fremont at 7:00pm. At this meeting we'll discuss upcoming events like the Roseway Cleanup, National Night Out and Movies in the Park. We hope to see you there!

## Fifty Volunteers Needed for the Roseway Cleanup May 14

by Denise Gorrell

This year's Cleanup will take place on Saturday, May 14, 2011 at the Rose City Nazarene Church from 9am to 3pm. Volunteer spots are available \*for you\* from 8am to 4pm. More details on **page 2**.

We need over 50 volunteers to make this event a success. The volunteer shifts are 3 hours long, and scheduled from 8am - 11am, 10:30am - 1:30pm, and 1pm - 4pm. You are welcome to sign up for more than one shift. Shift leaders and volunteers are needed for: yard debris/wood waste; metal; bulky waste; greeters/cashiers, traffic control, plastics, you-price-it, and Rebuilding Center & Community Warehouse. As an added bonus, all volunteers get to bring a load to the Cleanup for free and get first pick at the you-price-it tent. Please e-mail Denise at [rosewayvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:rosewayvolunteer@gmail.com) and let her know your top three preferences, in order, for the area and shift(s) for which you would like to volunteer and whether you are willing to be a shift leader. Please respond quickly as time slots are filling up. Thank you!

## Community Calendar

### Roseway General Meeting

Tuesday, April 12th, 7 p.m.  
Grace Lutheran Church  
7610 NE Fremont

### Roseway Neighborhood Cleanup

Saturday, May 14th, 9a.m.-3p.m.  
Nazarene Church (across from Safe-way on Sandy Blvd.)

### 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 Safe-way on Sandy Blvd.)

### Roseway General Meeting

Tuesday, July 12th, 7 p.m.  
Grace Lutheran Church  
7610 NE Fremont

### Movies in the Park event at Wellington Park

Wednesday, August 3rd  
Details TBA

## Getting to Know Some New Board Members by Connie Pilcher

**Jeff Bernheisel** is a returning board member. He moved to Roseway in 2003 and served on the Roseway board. He is a real estate agent specializing in the NE/SE core area of Portland. Livability issues and attracting new businesses to our area and promoting improvements on Sandy Boulevard are his passion. Jeff has graciously consented to being our web master and does computer trouble shooting for the board. We are happy for his return.

**Bob Price** is also a returning board member. He was active in the 80's and early 90's. Bob was born and raised in NE Portland. He is semi-retired after 40 years in the land use and development consulting field. His interests include care of the 72nd Avenue parkway, problem houses in the area, and advising on new city regulations.

**Lindsey Wise** is a new board member who moved into the neighborhood in 2010. She is a botanist and data manager at PSU. She is very involved in invasive weed awareness and says we can make a big difference in preventing the spread of these species by keeping an eye out for them on our properties as well as in our parks and open spaces. She enjoys being involved in the community and wants to promote a clean and safe neighborhood environment.

Our next issue will cover the other two new board members, **Eric Gorrell** and **Ted Carlston**.

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## Neighborhood Cleanup May 14 by Jessica Ediger Reese

Your friendly neighborhood association is hosting the annual Spring Cleanup this May 14th from 9am to 3pm at the Rose City Nazarene Church, 7016 NE Sandy Blvd. **Roseway residents are invited to recycle yard debris, wood, metal and plastics as well as dispose of non-hazardous waste.** Additionally, after much success last year, we are pleased to bring back our you-price-it zone. Bring your useable items to donate and shop the treasures brought by neighbors. All unsold items will be donated to charity.

This year we **cannot accept hazardous waste, such as gasoline, oil, paint or batteries. Also, no dirt, sand, commercial waste, electronic waste or asphalt roofing materials will be accepted.** For more information on how to best dispose of these items, please go to [www.metro-region.org](http://www.metro-region.org), click on "Garbage and Recycling" or call 503-234-3000. Information on electronic waste is found at [www.oregonecycles.org](http://www.oregonecycles.org).

Suggested donations are: \$8 per car, \$15 per small pick-up, SUV or minivan, \$20 per full size pick up or van, \$30 per pick up with trailer, \$2 each tire off rim and \$4 each tire on rim.

How can you help to make sure our annual Cleanups continue? Volunteer! Here is a chance to connect with more people in our community and make a difference. All volunteers may bring a load for free and refreshments are provided. We had a fantastic time last year with 47 volunteers, filled huge containers for recycling and had the satisfaction of knowing the neighborhood was even more beautiful than before. Whether you were a star at a previous cleanup or this is your first time, we'll be happy to see you!

See **page 1** for information on how to volunteer.

# Portland Metro Wants You to Opt-In

## Metro Introduces “Opt-In,” Helping People Speak up on Public Issues

Making sure we live in a great place takes the involvement of lots of different people with a variety of viewpoints. However, it’s hard to find the time to join a committee, attend an open house or write a letter to your local official. Now there’s an easier way to tell regional leaders what’s important to you.

Join Opt In, a new online opinion panel developed for Metro by Davis Hibbitts Midghall, with input from Northwest Health Foundation, United Way of the Columbia-Willamette, and Portland State University’s College of Urban and Public Affairs. Visit [www.oregonmetro.gov/connect](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/connect) to sign up.


## The 72nd Avenue Parkway by Bob Price

Last year you may have noticed that the five parkway blocks in 72nd Avenue suffered from declining care. Until 2010, we were spoiled by the excellent care provided by Portland Parks and Recreation (PPR). Because of budget and staff cuts however, the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT), (which owns and is responsible for the park blocks), ended its contract with PPR for annual care, and has brought that function in-house.

Unfortunately, because PBOT already has its plate full with many other maintenance responsibilities throughout the city, our park blocks are lower on their priority list. Last year PBOT cut the grass four times. Local neighbors also pitched in to do some cutting and maintenance on a sporadic basis. When we asked the city for a higher level of care and maintenance, we were invited to create our own solution to the problem. In other words, do not expect to see PBOT doing cutting and maintenance any more frequently than last year.

We’ve taken the city’s suggestion to heart, and one solution, in the form of additional cutting, is being investigated. However, additional cutting may cost money. If you appreciate the park blocks you may choose to contribute a small amount toward paying for more frequent mowing. Neighbors and volunteers are still working on the solution, so for more information or to contribute, come to our General meeting on April 12 (see the front page).

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In addition to the mowing, you may have noticed that the city (PPR under contract to PBOT) has recently cut down a number of the trees in the parkway. Most of these trees have reached their effective life span and were suffering from rot, breakage, and general age. Some smaller trees are also being removed because they are diseased or suffering from rot and damage. PBOT hopes to have the Bureau of Environmental Services do some replanting in spaces where the original trees were located. Stay tuned.

## Invasive Species by Lindsey Wise

Spring is on its way, so it's time to plan the garden and enjoy daffodils and crocuses bringing welcome color to our gray days. But spring is also a time when unwelcome plants show up on our properties and in our parks. Some of these weedy species cause more trouble than just being an annoyance in your flower bed. Some species are particularly pernicious, and can seriously degrade our natural areas as well as our yards and gardens. By keeping an eye out for invasive plants on our properties, we not only protect our own yards from being overrun, we also protect the city's biodiversity and natural resources.



Portland has a list of weeds that are commonly found in the city that we citizens can help control or remove (<http://bit.ly/hgFlGg>). Commonly encountered plants that can wear out their welcome include English ivy, Yellow flag iris, and Tree of heaven. While some species like English ivy can be hand-pulled, others like yellow flag iris can require more work. For these plants, preventing their establishment is much more effective than removing them after they have taken hold.

A good example of a pretty plant that can take over your entire yard, and your neighbor's, is Lesser Celandine (aka Fig Buttercup). It's blooming now with bright yellow flowers rising from clumps of glossy green, heart-shaped leaves. It looks great when you first plant it, but can end up pushing out your other plants because it spreads so quickly and is so hard to eradicate. In Portland it's taken over community gardens and city parks. Luckily there is a native plant called Marsh Marigold that looks very



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similar and can be planted as an alternative. While it's true we don't always know what plants will end up becoming problems, by doing a little research before planting and by keeping an eye on plants around us we can help prevent weeds from becoming problems in the future.

These invasive plants started out as ornamentals or ground cover, but have spread beyond what was intended. Luckily, there are native species and less-enthusiastic ornamental plants that can be just as effective, and beautiful, in our yards. Our local nurseries and garden centers can help you choose a plant that will look great in your yard but won't spread uncontrollably. Our local Soil and Water Conservation District ([www.emswcd.org/](http://www.emswcd.org/)) hosts classes gardening with native plants, and has information on weeds and weed prevention too.

### The East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District offers a free training seminar:

**Date:** May 14 & 15 2010 (Same program both days-sign up for one only)

**Location:** Metro, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland

**Time:** 12:00-2:00 pm

[www.emswcd.org/weeds/weeds-we-want-you-to-tell-us-about-edrr/171-multnomah-weed-watchers-free-training](http://www.emswcd.org/weeds/weeds-we-want-you-to-tell-us-about-edrr/171-multnomah-weed-watchers-free-training)

## Dogs and Wellington Park

by Connie Pilcher

Portland has areas in 31 parks where dog owners can let their dogs exercise and play off-leash. Wellington Park is NOT one of them. The closest Off-Leash area is Sacajawea Park located at NE 75th and Alberta. Wellington Park is a sports park and allowing dogs to be off-leash is subject to a \$150 fine. That includes the Harvey Scott Playground adjacent to Wellington Park. Teachers have expressed their dismay over the amount of dog feces that is tracked into the school and classrooms, and they have to clean up the mess. Please see [www.portlandparks.org](http://www.portlandparks.org) for a complete list of parks with off-leash areas.

## Sandy Repaving Project

by Paul Mooring

Current plans are underway to repave Sandy Blvd. and make storm water improvements between NE 47th and 82nd. Starting the first or second week of May, and lasting through October, the rehabilitation project will remove all the old asphalt from "curb to curb" and repave with new asphalt. Some streetlights will be updated and modernized and storm water bioswales will be installed to help capture storm water runoff. Check out [www.roseway.org](http://www.roseway.org) soon for more information.



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## Gregory Heights Class of 1971 Reunion by Joyce Henwood Phelps and Sue Dieter

The graduating class of 1971 from Gregory Heights School (recently renamed Rose City Heights) will be celebrating its 40th reunion. We'd love to see features, photos, stories or trivia to add to our event. If you know individuals who attended the school from 1962 to 1971, please contact Joyce Henwood Phelps (phelpsjoyce@yahoo.com) or Sue Dieter (suedieter59@comcast.net).

## PDX Nears Final Runway Improvements

The Port of Portland completed many major projects in 2010 including the extension of the north runway. Many major projects will also be undertaken in 2011. Among the largest and most complex is the reconstruction of the south runway which will complete our three-year runway rehabilitation program.

The south runway reconstruction is scheduled to begin in April and rebuild the existing 11,000-foot runway. Construction activities will require the runway to be closed for the majority of the six month project, resulting in an increased use of the crosswind (north-south) by both cargo feeder and turboprop aircraft. During the closure, residents will likely notice changes in flight patterns and aircraft noise in communities north and south of PDX.

The number of flights over the Roseway neighborhood is anticipated to be similar to what was previously experienced during the two previous construction years. However, a six week period from the middle of July to the end of August will open a portion of the south runway and close the

crosswind runway, temporarily lessening flights over the neighborhood.

Port staff have worked with the Federal Aviation Administration air traffic control managers to ensure safe and efficient operations during the project while attempting to limit the effects of aircraft noise on neighbors during the south runway closure. The FAA will continue to restrict jet use of the crosswind runway except when winds or other extraordinary conditions require its use. In addition, late night aircraft operations will use the north runway whenever possible.

In an effort to inform the community about the changes, the Port will again reach out to neighbors to provide information and discuss questions and concerns. Those with ideas on how the Port can reach out to neighbors or who have questions or concerns are invited to contact Brooke Berglund at 503.415.6532, or [brooke.berglund@portofportland.com](mailto:brooke.berglund@portofportland.com). For questions about aircraft noise, please contact the Port Noise Management Department at 503.460.4100, 800.938.6647, or [pdxnoise@portofportland.com](mailto:pdxnoise@portofportland.com).

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## To Spray or Not to Spray – Is that really the question? by Paul Mooring

Hello fellow Roseway residents! Spring is fast upon us. Trees are showing the first buds of life, bulbs are sprouting up all over Roseway and by the time this article is published, hundreds of new trees will have been planted in Roseway by the “Friends of Trees” volunteers. Spring is going to be beautiful indeed.

I set about thinking of what to write about for our first newsletter of the year, and a recent conversation that my neighbor and I had seemed to be a fitting subject. Both of us really love the beauty of a lush, green lawn, but were at pains of how to maintain our lawn while still trying to live up to the Portland ethos of using less water and managing lawn care in a sustainable way. Something as simple as fertilizer and weed control can quickly become a complex topic if you are trying to avoid putting harsh chemicals on your lawn.

I set out to find some alternatives to lawn care and discovered, to my own surprise that there are many manufacturers have jumped on the eco-friendly bandwagon and we now have many more options to consider this spring than we did just a few months ago. Couple these products with some solid “how to” advice on lawn care and I’ve discovered a pretty good balance of how to keep the yard green and healthy all summer and not dump tons of chemicals into the earth.

For weed control it can be as simple as heading to your local home improvement store. One of my favorite weed sprays is by Ortho called “Eco-Sense”. They make a great weed killer that you can spray directly on your lawn without damaging it. It kills most broadleaf weeds including crab grass and best of all, it’s pet/kid friendly and uses iron to kill weeds instead of herbicides. I’ve used this and it does work. Corn Gluten is another way to control weeds on your lawn and it also add nitrogen which is important for the overall health of your lawn.

Now that you’ve killed the weeds, there are things you can do to lower your lawn’s impact on the earth.

First, water early in the morning and remember you don’t need to water every day. In general, your lawn only needs about 1”-2” of water every week to maintain its green color. You should water deeply to penetrate to the roots and very infrequently. I tend to water 15 minutes 1-2 times per week during summer when there is no rain in the forecast.

Secondly, improve your soil. The soil pH should be between 6.5 and 7.0. Natural sulfur can be spread if your soil is not acidic enough, or natural lime if it’s too acidic. Scotts makes a great fertilizer called “Organic Choice” which returns nutrients to the soil using organic and safe ingredients. You’ll need a spreader, but if you don’t have one, the Northeast Portland Tool Library ([www.neptl.com](http://www.neptl.com)) will be happy to lend you one for free. If your soil is too compact, consider renting an aerator to help airflow and delivery of nutrients deep to the roots.

Lastly, don’t mow your grass too short and consider electric mowing options. Ideally you should mow your grass to a height of 2.5” to 3.5” tall. The taller the grass, the deeper the roots and the healthier the lawn. Avoid using gas mowers where possible. Many major manufactures make battery or human powered mower options, and these help you stay fit as well. It’s like a 2-for-1! With some simple steps you can feel good about maintain a green and healthy lawn all summer long, and still contribute to the preservation of our water systems and environment. Good luck and happy mowing!



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## Go Solar! by David Drouin

It's more affordable than ever to generate solar power for your home. We participated in the Solarize NE program and are thrilled with our system, even in the darker months of winter. Come to the General Meeting on April 12th, where a representative from SolarCity—the solar installer for both Solarize NE and SE—will explain the latest incentives available to homeowners and be available to answer questions about going solar.

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Nuisance hotline	(503) 823-7306
Street maintenance	(503) 823-1700
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Disabled autos on private property	(503) 823-7306
Poison Control hotline	(800) 222-1222
Crime Prevention Coordinator, Mike Boyer	(503) 823-2779

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