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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!

## April General Meeting by Paul Mooring Roseway General Meeting Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

Please join the Roseway Neighborhood Association for our April general meeting to be held at the Grace Lutheran Church on April 10th at 7:00pm. We'll have several speakers, including the Audubon Society. We'll discuss upcoming events for Roseway like Movies in the Park, Concerts in the Park, the 2012 Neighborhood Clean Up and a wide array of other topics that your neighborhood association is hard at work on for this year. We hope you'll join us! See you there! More info will be posted to our website at [www.roseway.org](http://www.roseway.org)

## Roseway Clean Up by Denise Gorrell

The hugely popular Roseway Clean Up will take place again this year, on **Saturday, May 19, 2012**, at the **Rose City Nazarene Church (7016 NE Sandy Boulevard) from 9am to 3pm**. Volunteer spots to be filled are available from 8am to 4pm. We need over 75 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. 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 thanks, all volunteers get to bring a load to the Clean Up for free, get first pick at the You Price It tent, and receive complimentary refreshments, plus it's a fun way to spend time with your neighbors on a good cause.

**Please e-mail us at [rosewayvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:rosewayvolunteer@gmail.com)** and let us know your top three preferences, in order, for the area and shift 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 10th, 7 pm  
Grace Lutheran Church  
7610 NE Fremont

### CNN LUTOP meeting

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

### Roseway Clean Up

Saturday, May 19th, 9am-3pm  
Rose City Nazarene Church  
7016 NE Sandy Boulevard

### Roseway Garage Sale

Saturday, June 23rd, 9am-3pm

## Behind Closed Doors by Ngoc-Lan Phan

“Do you notice that over here, everybody has their house doors closed? You hardly know the faces of your neighbors.” These are the comments that I often hear from the older generation of the Vietnamese immigrants, including my mother, my aunts and uncles, and other Vietnamese people that I have come across. Sadly, I do agree with them sometimes. At least I understand their perspectives.

Although I came over here to Oregon since I was just about 10 years old, I still remember growing up in the city of South Vietnam. As soon as the sun rises each morning, I can hear the bustling sound of the neighbors’ talking and yelling to each other, passing motor vehicles, street vendors hauling their goods, next door neighbor’s chanting, and church bells. In the late afternoons, the sound is compounded by the noises of children playing in front of their own houses or the neighbor’s house. This sound would continue throughout the day until night falls when the last few people go back to their homes to go to sleep.

I am certain that this is what the older Vietnamese generation misses the most about living in Vietnam: The connection between surrounding neighbors through the “openness” of other people’s daily activities and the familiar noises or voices, in which case I strongly suspect language is the main component.

My mother would like very much to be able to

communicate with our neighbors but language is the main barrier for her. She grew up in a time where girls were not encouraged to attend schooling. She was lucky enough to be allowed to go to school for a few years and finished only third grade. Even this put her at a slight advantage comparing to other Vietnamese women around her age.

Among a few of her main methods of obtaining entertainment and connection to her Vietnamese cultural identity and the Vietnamese community, both here in the US and back home in Vietnam, are through reading the various Vietnamese newspapers and periodicals; watching Saigon Broadcasting Television Network; and some Vietnamese entertainment DVDs that I occasionally bring home from the library.

By the way, I do work at the library (Gregory Heights). I often see Vietnamese speaking patrons come in to the library and check out many DVDs. I often wish that these people would also check out books; but I now believe more and more that perhaps watching these DVDs provides a cultural connection for these people. Still, it makes me sad to think of my mother, my aunts and uncles, and other older Vietnamese people who do not seem to be able to mingle and communicate with their neighbors or other community members mainly due to the language difference. If you ask my mother and my aunts and uncles, they would probably reply that this is the price they have to pay in exchange for freedom.

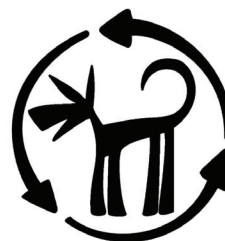
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# Hey, kids, let's put on a summer concert!

by Angela Carpenter

Want to help boost the fun factor in Roseway? Now's your chance. Roseway is partnering with Portland Parks & Recreation to bring the city's free, family-friendly summer concert series to Glenhaven Park in 2012. Pete Krebs and his Portland Playboys will christen our foray into the series with their brand of Western swing.

Concerts in the park include food vendors, hands-on visual art activities for children and a chance to meet your neighbors. Bring a picnic and your dancing shoes, and well-heeled dogs on leashes. Under a special-use permit, you can also bring in your own beer and wine.

**Roseway's concert will be Saturday, July 28, 2012, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.** Our hope is to expand to a series of concerts as early as next summer.

To make all this happen, we need your help. Each neighborhood that takes part in the citywide series raises the money to cover expenses, such as performer fees and equipment. Your contribution will help start a tradition that will grow over time and enliven our neighborhood. No donation is too small. And if you're a business that would like to become a sponsor at the \$150 level or above, this is the perfect chance to connect with many potential new customers. Through your tax-deductible sponsorship, you have the potential to reach:

- A citywide audience with inclusion in the Portland Parks & Recreation summer concert and movie season brochure.
- A targeted neighborhood audience through other promotional information.

As a sponsor, you also can bring in a promotional table to the events you support. Sponsors often hand out literature about their business, gather mailing list signatures, or hold raffles or other giveaways.

This year only, sponsors who give a minimum of \$150 will receive the same benefits as those at the Good Neighbor Sponsor level (normally \$250). And because Glenhaven is hosting only one concert this year, sponsors who give \$250 or more can table at one to three additional park concerts, depending on the giving level. Go to <http://bit.ly/wcQrsu> for a sponsor form, which details sponsorship levels and their benefits to your business. Please note that sponsor payments are due May 15 to be included in promotional materials. To make an individual donation, please send a check to:

**Summer Concerts  
Portland Parks & Recreation  
1120 SW Fifth Ave. # 1302  
Portland, OR 97204**

Make your check payable to Portland Parks & Recreation, and write "Glenhaven Park" in the memo line. To pay by credit card, call Judith Yeckel at 503-249-8159.

For more information, or if you'd like to discuss corporate sponsorship in person, **email Angela Carpenter at [violetsilver66@gmail.com](mailto:violetsilver66@gmail.com).**

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# Bee Local by Damien Magista

I started Bee Local in 2009, and am thankful for the opportunity to share this great project with the Roseway neighborhood. You may be asking yourself, "What is Bee Local all about?" Essentially Bee Local is micro-batch honey produced in urban neighborhoods throughout Portland. Much like wine, honey from each neighborhood has its own taste profile, with a different color, taste and texture. Currently I have honey varieties from 4 neighborhoods and am expanding this season into several others.

Honeybees are fascinating and much needed pollinators. They belong to the insect order of hymenoptera (membrane wing) along with sawflies, wasps and ants. Recently you may have heard about a mysterious disease wiping out honeybees called Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD). A colony or hive will look healthy until one day the beekeeper goes out to check on them and finds all the bees have left. The empty hive is left behind and no dead bees or any other evidence that something was wrong with the colony. To date, it is a mystery as to why this happens.

CCD is most often seen in large commercial apiaries. Every year large scale beekeepers lease out their bees to nut and fruit farmers in the Central Valley of California. The bees are trucked to pesticide laden groves and sent out to pollinate. They are put under tremendous stress and we think their immune systems are somehow compromised.

Imagine if you were rudely awakened at 4am, knocked around, sent to some unfamiliar place, with only Wonder

Bread to eat, given all sorts of chemical treatments and to top it off, all food stores taken from you. I think we all would become sick as well. Honeybees that are treated well and kept in urban environments don't tend to fall to CCD.

By placing hives in varied locations we are increasing the productivity of our city's gardens, increasing awareness of the importance of the honeybee, our relationship to the land around us and utilizing previously unused urban spaces for food production. This process begins a conversation about sustainability and the current challenges the selfless honeybee is facing.

Through Bee Local, I hope to help people begin to see the connection between our shared environment and food sources. They love the idea that their flowers, gardens



and trees are contributing directly to the flavor of the honey. The goal is to help our communities begin to take an increased stewardship of the land around them.

Have interest in learning how to set up your own hive or want to learn more about honeybees? I am offering a beginners' Urban Beekeeping course this season. Classes will run from May through September. **To sign up for the course and for more information about Bee Local please visit [www.beelocal.com](http://www.beelocal.com).**

# First Class of Gregory Heights turns 100 by Ted Carlston

This spring marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first graduating class of Gregory Heights School. Gregory Heights School opened its doors in 1911 using portable buildings, making the end of the first school year 1912.

The original part of the current building opened in 1923. And has been added onto several times—three in my lifetime!

## Backyard Habitat Program from Portland Audubon

by Nikkie West

As recent decades of urban and sub-urban landscaping have favored non-native, exotic plant species, crucial linkages between our native plants, bugs, and birds become increasingly broken. These imbalances weaken the ecological web that supports the birds and other wildlife we love so much.

Despite these imbalances, there are still nearly 500 species of native birds that spend at least some portion of their life cycle in the Portland Metro area. And for the first time ever, backyards and neighborhood gardens are recognized as important pieces in the management of national wildlife populations. Right in our own backyards, we all have a great opportunity to make space for NW biodiversity and save the important web of insects, birds,

and animals that call the Pacific Northwest home. Are you interested in learning more about what you can do for these species?

Portland Audubon's Backyard Habitat Certification Program Manager Nikkie West will be giving a special presentation at Roseway's April 10th meeting (see front page for details). This presentation will give you the basic knowledge and tools needed to enhance wildlife habitat in your backyard and will show you how the Backyard Habitat Program can help you along the way. For more information about backyard wildlife habitat see: [audubonportland.org/backyardwildlife/backyardhabitat](http://audubonportland.org/backyardwildlife/backyardhabitat) or contact **Nikkie West at [nwest@audubonportland.org](mailto:nwest@audubonportland.org)**.

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## Urban Farming in Roseway

by Connie Pilcher

I took a few moments to drop by the home of Seth Rigles and Caitlin Shelman at 4034 NE 71st Avenue. Curiosity had gotten the best of me on their most ambitious urban farming project. I had assumed they were in the gardening or landscape business but came to find out he works for a software company and she is a teacher. I asked them if they had done this before and found out this is their first attempt. They lived in Amsterdam before buying a home in Roseway. They both like to know where their food comes from and had seen articles on urban farming in the Detroit area. So while they were still in Amsterdam, they began planning and designing and reading up on urban farming.

The hardest part of setting up and planning the layout was moving the soil around, and removing grass and cement. They mulched in lasagna type layers of cardboard, compost and straw. They got loads of soil from Nature's Needs (one of Portland's compost facilities). With such good preparation, upkeep now is minimal. Last summer, they had some disappointing

crop failure with their potatoes, onions and corn as it was such a wet season. However they enjoyed great success in tomatoes, habaneros, garlic, and many berries.

Their biggest effort now is converting their old garage into a green house. This will be utilized mainly in the spring and the fall. Their goal is to establish more perennial beds and save and use their own seeds. The property is divided up into producing areas. The front of the property has fruit trees with garlic and daffodils at the base. The south side of the house will have citrus trees in wine barrels that will be moved into the green house in cold weather. The back yard has beds for crops with trees and vines growing on the fences. In the corner chickens produce eggs.

Their best advice to anyone starting out is to have a plan, and prepare the soil well. As I know how hard they have worked to establish their beds, I asked them if they would do it again. Without hesitation they replied: absolutely!

## Spring Cleaning – It's more than just cleaning house by Paul Mooring

Spring is just around the corner and the sun has been shining here in Portland. You can feel the electricity in the air as people have been aching to get back to the parks and play football or soccer or just hop on their bikes and ride on a beautiful day. Even a day spent preparing the yard for spring by planting flowers or cleaning up the garage can be a day well enjoyed.

However, while spring cleaning can be a fever caught this time of year, there are other areas of our lives that we routinely forget to check in with and do some required maintenance. Areas such as financial planning or even estate planning are often left in the filing cabinet to be worried about at some date in the distant future. But these are important areas of our lives that need to be looked at and cleaned up from time-to-time.

My wife and I are expecting the birth of our first child, a spring baby by coincidence, and as any first time parent knows, you spend a lot of time thinking about the "what if's" in your life. Will I be able to afford college? Am I setting aside enough for retirement? What will happen to my kid if the unthinkable occurs to my wife and I? All these things go racing through your mind, sometimes all at once. Children are definitely a great motivator to ensure that you're keeping your financial house in order.

Children or no, keeping your information and investments current and relevant are important, and what better time than spring to ensure that you're up to date? Here are some easy tips to keep you on the right track:

- Take time to review your investments. Are your investments relevant to today's market conditions?
- If it's available to you, review your employers' 401k contribution choices and consider what the returns are to ensure that you're investing within your comfort zone for risk/return.
- Talk to a financial planner. They can help you navigate the murky waters of planning for retirement.
- Run your credit report. You can get free reports at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)
- Get those taxes filed. This takes a lot of stress and worry off your plate. Call a qualified tax accountant to help or purchase easy to use tax software like Turbo-Tax or a similar program if you want to go it alone. You can file federal taxes online for free at [www.irs.gov/efile](http://www.irs.gov/efile). You may qualify to file your state taxes online at [www.oregon.gov/DOR/ESERV/online.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/DOR/ESERV/online.shtml).
- Review your Will. Has any of the information changed and are you still comfortable with the language, named executors and beneficiaries? If not, call a qualified attorney to help.
- Review your home and life insurance policies for any changes based on your current situation.
- Back up your computers to a portable hard drive.
- Go through filing cabinets and shred old documents that you no longer need.
- Look at buying a fireproof safe to store important documents and computer files, or think about renting a safe-deposit box.

By addressing these important aspects of your life and financial picture you'll have that much more peace of mind when you get out to smell the roses as the warmer days arrive. Good luck!



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# Speaking of Budget Cuts by Bob Price

As with virtually everything else, the maintenance on our 72nd Avenue Parkway between Sandy Blvd. and Prescott has been cut back. A major change took place 2 years ago when the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT), the actual agency that has ultimate responsibility for the Parkway, ended its agreement with Portland Parks and Recreation for the cutting and maintenance of the Parkways. PBOT took this task back into their "house" to save money. As a result, the cutting of the parkway was reduced to once a month. And further cuts may be in order. While more cuts are likely, we will not know the scope of any additional cuts and changes for sure until later this spring. However, we want to plan ahead.

Last year Roseway Neighborhood Association dipped into its own treasury and paid for two (2) additional cuttings, one in the middle of April and one in the middle of May. RNA asked Rose City Little League to do the cutting with their new John Deere Riding Mower. This was eagerly accepted by RCLL who could use the task as a

fund raiser. This is a win-win for Roseway Neighborhood, Rose City Little League, and the City of Portland. However, because we are not sure that we will be able to continue using our own RNA funds, we are asking local residents to contribute what they wish to a fund to pay for more cutting of the parkway, probably by RCLL again this year. If you are willing to see that care is continued for our parkway, we ask you to consider contributing any amount. Each cutting cost \$250 last year, and we estimate we will need 3-5 cuttings this year.

Because RNA is not eligible to receive donation funds, any donations must be sent to Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN) at 4415 NE 87th Avenue, Portland 97220. Please write "Roseway Parkway Cutting" in the memo line of your check. If you have any questions, please call RNA Board Member Bob Price at 503-807-4009. Please consider helping to make our parkways look green and beautiful again this year.

## ROSEWAY ANNUAL GARAGE SALE JUNE 23th, 2012

Have items in your garage you're looking to sell? Sign up for the annual Roseway summer garage sale! For \$5, we will advertise the garage sale in the Hollywood Star Reporter, the Oregonian and Craig's List. We create maps with each address and list the items you are selling. Maps will be available the day before the event at [www.roseway.org](http://www.roseway.org). Downloadable signage will also be available on our website so be sure to look for all the details and information soon! All money collected stays right here in our Roseway Neighborhood for community events and projects.

**To host a sale, return this slip and a \$5 check** (Payable to RNA) to the address below in a stamped envelope to:

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