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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!

Roseway Cleanup coming June 1! by Jessica Ediger

The hugely popular Roseway Cleanup will take place again this year, on **Saturday, June 1, 2013 from 9am to 3pm** (location TBD). This is a great opportunity to clean out your garage and support your neighborhood at the same time! We accept many kinds of materials and do our best to recycle, resell, or donate as much as possible, though please note we cannot accept electronic items or hazardous waste such as paint cans.

In order to make this event a success, we need over 75 volunteers. 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. Along with helping your community, getting some exercise, and bonding with your neighbors, all volunteers also get to bring a load to the Cleanup for free, have first pick at the You Price It tent, and can enjoy drinks and snacks on us. Several volunteer spots still need to be filled from 8am to 4pm, particularly during the 1 pm to 4 pm shift.

To volunteer, please e-mail us at 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. Thank you and we hope to see you there!

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR EVENT SPONSORS AND PARTNERS:

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Roseway Neighborhood General Meeting by Paul Mooring

Please come join the Roseway Neighborhood Association on April 9th at 7pm for our spring meeting. These meetings are a chance to meet your fellow neighbors, discuss important issues of the day and hear about events taking place in Roseway. We'll go over a variety of

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topics and community information including our annual Spring Cleanup, Summer Concert series, Movies in the Park, July Ice Cream Social and other related items. We are working to line up a speaker who will discuss the Columbia River Crossing. Come out and join us for this evening. The meeting takes place at the Grace Lutheran Church, located at 7610 NE Fremont. We hope to see you there!

Show support for Neighborhood Funding by Office of Neighborhood Involvement

The Office of Neighborhood Involvement, known as "ONI", and all city bureaus, were required by Mayor Charlie Hales to submit a 10% cut to each of their budgets. The ONI Budget Advisory Committee, on which neighborhood and other civic involvement groups are well represented, is proposing 'add-back' restoration to those cuts. Your testimony at these public hearings will indicate to the new Council that there is community support for the restoration of funds for neighborhood and community involvement services. Cuts are proposed to Neighborhood Small Grants, two Crime Prevention positions, and to support staff of neighborhood cleanups.

Two meetings are being held this Spring:**Thurs., April 11**

6:30pm-8:30pm

Montgomery Park

2701 NW Vaughn Street, Portland, OR 97210

Thurs., May 16th

6:30pm-8:30pm

City Hall – Council Chambers

1221 SW 4th Ave., Portland, OR 97204

Up Out of the Mud – Or a New Way to Improve Local Streets by Bob Price

For years local residents have been frustrated with the City of Portland for its strict requirements on street improvements. Regardless of what improvements needed to be made, the Bureau of Transportation had one standard for streets, and that was a full improvement to include sidewalk, planting strip, curb, gutter and at least 20 feet of paved street. This was called a "half street improvement" and would apply to the frontage along a particular property (or group of properties if several owners banded together). Unfortunately, the cost of such improvement standard was generally unaffordable to all but the most dedicated property owner or developer. Economically,

it just didn't "pencil out" for most individual property owners. For years, this is the only standard that PBOT would accept, regardless of the local circumstances.

Now, the city has listened to people who have been asking for some lesser but acceptable standards to make street improvements more affordable. A "Street by Street" program has been created that allows for a considerably lesser standard of street improvement that costs considerably less and can be done by a single property owner. The goal is to improve local residential streets and overcome the problem of potholes and vehicle/pedestrian conflicts.



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This program may apply to several streets within the Roseway neighborhood which may be paved, but have little else in the way of storm drainage or pedestrian

facilities. A summary of this program can be found at www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/58466.

Dharma Rain Groundbreaking and Work Parties by Kakumyo Lowe-Charde

Dharma Rain Zen Center has purchased the east half of Siskiyou Square and is preparing to gradually transform it into an inspiring campus that will benefit our membership, youth programs, the local habitat and watershed, surrounding neighborhoods, and our numerous non-profit and public partners. Environmental restoration work has already begun, and the official start of construction will be this summer.

It will be held June 8th, from 3-4 pm, with an optional tour afterwards. The Groundbreaking will be held at Siskiyou Square. Please enter from 85th, but park in off-street parking nearby (such as Glenhaven Park). All are invited, no charge, although donations to support the restoration of the site and establishment of the temple are gratefully accepted. Dharma Rain is also hosting work parties for the general public on April 20th, May 25th, and June 1st (there is such a thing as a free lunch).

The plan for the site and our method of arriving at it both stem from our core mission to help people bring ever more awareness to their lives. Please come and celebrate this undertaking by attending the Groundbreaking Ceremony.

For more details on the groundbreaking or work parties, please call us at 503 239 4846, or check our website at: www.dharma-rain.org.

Crosswalks and Pedestrian Safety by Ted Carlston

When a car hits a pedestrian, it does not matter who is right: the pedestrian loses. You've probably seen or experienced near-misses in the Roseway neighborhood yourself. Take a moment to remind yourself of these state pedestrian crossing laws.

A second Oregon law [ORS.811.005-065] states that a pedestrian is crossing the roadway when any part or extension of the pedestrian (cane, wheel chair, etc.) enters the roadway and they show the intent to cross. Pedestrians need to allow enough time and distance for the vehicle to stop before crossing.

Under Oregon law [ORS.801.220] ALL public street intersections have a crosswalk, whether they are marked or unmarked. Crosswalks also exist between intersections if they are marked with painted white lines. Drivers must stop and remain stopped until the pedestrian clears the lane in which you are traveling, or which you are turning into, AND the next lane. It is also illegal to pass a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk.

Before crossing a street, remember what you were taught as a kid: Stop. Look to the left. Look to the right. Look back to the left. If all is clear and safe, then cross.

Be alert, be visible, be aware, be safe. You can reach the Portland traffic and safety hotline at 503-823-SAFE [7233] or by e-mail at safe@portlandoregon.gov.



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Sandy Boulevard Safety Project by Britt Conroy

On March 6, the City of Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) held a public open house at the Hollywood Senior Center to introduce the Sandy Boulevard High Crash Corridor Safety Project. PBOT staff sought community feedback on unsafe sections of Sandy Blvd. between NE 12th Ave. and NE Killingsworth St., as well as shared crash data and other concerns regarding this corridor. The open house is part of a PBOT process that by the end of the year will create a High Crash Safety Corridor Safety Plan. The plan will likely recommend enhancing safety in the corridor through engineering improvements, education efforts and enhanced enforcement of traffic laws.

This section of Sandy Blvd. is one of ten High Crash Corridors identified by the City. During the period 2002-2011, there were 58 crashes involving pedestrians along this part Sandy Blvd, roughly twice the city average. Similarly, the incidence of crashes on this portion of Sandy Blvd. due to disregarding of signals or running red lights was nearly 40% higher than the city average. Over these ten years, five people were killed and another 28 suffered “incapacitating” injuries in crashes along this stretch of roadway.

This PBOT-led process will result in immediate improvements to Sandy Blvd., as well as create the above Safety Plan that City officials can reference when applying for grants, including from the Oregon Department of

Transportation or Metro. Traffic Safety Engineer Wendy Cawley stated that PBOT has already budgeted \$30,000 for “maintenance” safety projects as part of this Sandy Blvd. initiative, which could include new signage or striping. Other project elements for which PBOT has yet to budget could include installing crosswalks with rapid flash beacons (cost: roughly \$40,000 per crossing) or adding pedestrian islands (roughly \$25,000 per crossing), Cawley said. Education efforts could include temporary speed reader boards or transportation safety advertisements in local high school newspapers, among other possibilities.

High Crash Corridor Safety Plan staff will now start reviewing public feedback from the open house and elsewhere, and continue to analyze crash data along the corridor. In July, PBOT will begin work on a draft High Crash Corridor Safety Plan, followed by a second open house and the implementation of some education, engineering and enforcement strategies in September or October. PBOT will finalize the HCC Safety Plan in December of this year, allowing the City to apply for implementation funding.

For more information about PBOT’s High Crash Corridor Program, visit <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/54892>. To provide suggestions for the Sandy Blvd. Safety Plan, email Ms. Cawley at wendy.cawley@portlandoregon.gov.

Community Calendar

Roseway General Meeting

Tuesday, April 9th, 7 p.m.
Grace Lutheran Church
7610 NE Fremont

Roseway Neighborhood Cleanup

Saturday, June 1st
9:00 a.m.-3 p.m.
Location TBD

Check back on www.roseway.org, follow us on Facebook and look for signs in the neighborhood!

Dharma Rain Groundbreaking and Work Party

Saturday, June 8th, 3:00-4 p.m.
Siskiyou Square

Northeast Portland Sunday Parkways

Sunday, June 23rd, 11:00 a.m.-4 p.m.
www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/46103

CNN LUTOP meeting

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

Update on Cutting the Parkway by Bob Price

Thanks to the generosity and concern by the many residents of the Roseway Neighborhood for the health and looks of the 72nd Avenue Parkway Blocks, we were able to obtain enough in contributions to have the Parkway Blocks cut three times this season, in addition to the three times done by the City of Portland's Bureau of Transportation. Receiving individual donations ranging from \$5.00 to \$75.00, we gathered just about \$900 to pay for three cuttings by Rose City Little League (Jeremy Powers) and Madison High School Boys Soccer (Kurt Krohn) at \$300 per cutting. With able assistance from local residents Jerry Hunt and Karl Korocho, and, perhaps most importantly, the loan of the riding mower by Scott and Cindy Everist, we were able to keep the Parkway Blocks looking cut and neat for the spring and summer.

Next season, we must address this need all over again. The City's budget just doesn't allow for more than 3 or 4 cuttings by the Bureau of Transportation, and that just isn't enough, especially when the grass is growing vigorously in the months of April, May and June. As such, we will continue to ask Roseway residents to contribute on an on-going basis throughout the year so we can accomplish the same neat and clean look next year. Please send any contributions to Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN), 4415 NE 87th Avenue, Portland, OR 97220-4901. Be sure to note that your contribution is for the "cutting of the 72nd Ave. Parkway Blocks."

Once again, a big "THANK YOU" to all those who contributed this past season. The Roseway Neighborhood very much appreciates your thoughtfulness and participation.

Tadpole Tales by Columbia Slough Watershed Council

Come join an educational walk through the Columbia Slough. Children aged 3-5 and their parents are invited to enjoy a short story and guided nature walk through the slough. Watch birds fly overhead, search for hidden animal homes, and learn about local trees and flowers. Topics will vary each week at each location and may include: pond life, birds, dirt and worms, and mammals. Walks are conducted every Wednesday from March to May 2013 from 10am to 11am. There is a \$3 admission/donation per child (adults are free)

Locations will change each month:

April: Columbia Children's Arboretum, 300 NE Meadow Ln., Portland 97211

May: Columbia Slough Water Quality Facility, 19595 NE Sandy, Portland

Routes are accessible to strollers. Families are welcome to bring a snack. Advanced registration required by emailing intern@columbiaslough.org or calling **503-281-1132**. More information at:

http://www.columbiaslough.org/calendar_detail.aspx?calendar_id1231

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New Winter Newsletter Feedback by Lindsey Wise

This February the Roseway Neighborhood Association published our first Winter Newsletter! These were mailed by USPS to save our volunteers from delivering them in the cold and the wet, but we have heard that many of you did not receive your issues. We have posted the newsletter online to our website at roseway.org – **click on Documents** to access this and all past newsletters.

We will go back to hand-delivering for the fairer-

weather newsletter issues, but we would love to hear your feedback on the Winter Newsletter. If you didn't receive it, you can send us your address and we can try to work out these kinks next time. If you did receive it or you've now read it online, what did you think? Did you like getting another newsletter? Will the neighborhood calendar be useful for you? Let us know by e-mailing us at rosewaynewsletter@gmail.com. We appreciate your comments!

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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, so that we can form a comprehensive picture of the Roseway community. Thank you.

Please detach this survey and return to the April 9th General Meeting at Grace Lutheran Church.

What best describes your relationship to the Roseway neighborhood?

(Mark all that apply)

- I live in a home I own in Roseway
- I live in a rented home or apartment in Roseway
- I rent commercial or residential property to others in Roseway
- I work as an employee of a business located in Roseway
- I own a business located in Roseway

How long have you lived/worked in Roseway?

- Less than 1 year
- 1-5 years
- 5-10 years
- More than 10 years

How would you describe the Roseway neighborhood to others?

What do you like most about the Roseway neighborhood?

What drew you to the neighborhood as a place to live, work, or do business?

(Mark all that apply)

- Transportation and accessibility
- Sense of community
- Affordability
- Ethnic or racial diversity
- Amenities like parks and nearby businesses
- Schools
- Safety
- Other (please specify)

What do you find unique or special about the Roseway neighborhood?

What changes, if any, would you like to see in this neighborhood?

Over, please »

In your ideal neighborhood, how valuable are the following?

(Rank from 1 to 10, with 1 representing the most valuable)

- safety
- economic diversity
- ethnic and/or racial diversity
- parks and open spaces
- affordability
- entertainment venues *(theater, concert hall, arcade, etc.)*
- accessibility
- social gathering places *(coffee shop, restaurant, bar, etc.)*
- strong sense of community
- nearby professional services *(dog groomer, dentist, childcare, beauty salon, etc.)*

Your opinions and observations are important to us. Thank you for being a part of Roseway!

What is your age?

- under 18
- 18 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 to 74
- 75 or older

What is your race? Choose one or more.

- White
- Black or African American
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Other



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