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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 Cleanup May 24th! by Jessica Ediger Reese

The hugely popular Roseway Clean Up will take place again in 2014, **Saturday, May 24th, at Glenhaven Park** (NE Siskiyou St and 82nd Ave) **from 9am to 3pm**. This community event is a great opportunity to clean out your garage and support your neighborhood at the same time. We will accept METAL, YARD DEBRIS, WOOD WASTE, ELECTRONICS, BULKY WASTE and TIRES. Suggested donations are \$10/car, \$15/truck, \$20/large truck, \$3/tire, \$5/tire w/ rim. Please note: we will NOT accept paint, chemicals, batteries or other hazardous waste.

The crowd-pleasing YOU PRICE IT area is also back. Donate your reusable household goods to the community and give them a new home. Then, enjoy shopping for garage sale style bargains!

In order to make this event a success, we need over 75 VOLUNTEERS. Come join the fun! 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. As an added bonus, 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. Several volunteer spots are still needed and we look forward to seeing you!

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.

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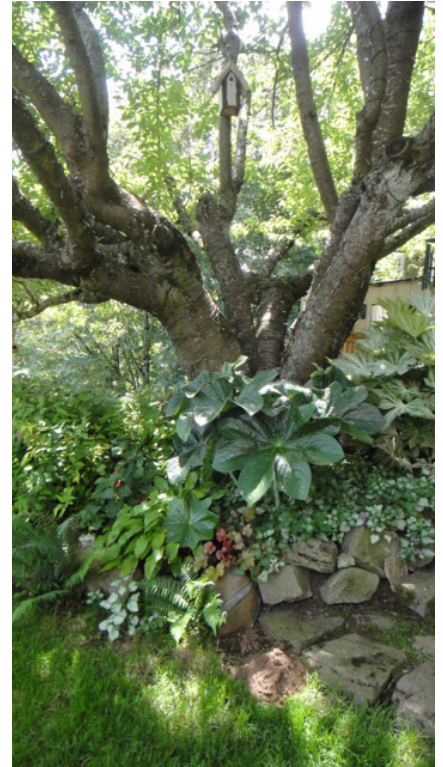
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RNA Garden Walk by Del Lewis

Roseway Neighborhood Association is initiating a new event to foster closer connections between neighbors, to encourage an exchange of ideas about gardens, to illustrate the potential for beautification, and to celebrate our community.

On **June 28, 2014 from 11:00 till 3:00** a number of Roseway residents will open their gardens for us to view. Many of us have walked by these gardens and appreciated the plantings and landscaping from the street. Now we will have an opportunity to see full gardens and perhaps discuss plants and ideas with the proud caretaker. Most gardens in our neighborhood are small and some gardeners have consequently made careful plant and hardscape selections while others have taken a more natural and seemingly random approach to their gardens. Garden style is a matter of individual preference and character, but every garden is a unique adventure.

Perhaps seeing what others have created will inspire us with ideas for our own gardens. Perhaps the walk might even motivate us to actually start those projects we've been postponing till a "better time". But it will most certainly be a great opportunity to connect with and enjoy the neighborhood.



A listing of gardens that will be open will be available. You'll find a printable map and address listing for each open garden on our **website www.roseway.org**. For those more tech savvy, a link will be provided on our website which allows you to open an online map from your Google Map enabled device (iPhone, iPad, Android phone or Tablet, etc.). With this Google map, you can utilize your smartphones' GPS to access turn-by-turn directions to each home. A small number of printed addresses will be available at Fairley's and Safeway and there will also be signs posted at each open garden.

If you or a friend would like to open your garden for this Roseway Garden Walk, please contact Del Lewis at **don.abbie@gmail.com**


Mark your calendar now and plan to join us for this special event. Take a walk and enjoy some of the special places in our neighborhood.



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2014 Northeast Portland Sunday Parkways, July 27th!

by Alexis Gabriel

Celebrate a delightful Sunday in July by participating in the Northeast Portland Sunday Parkways presented by Kaiser Permanente on **July 27th, 11 am – 4 pm**.

Portland Sunday Parkways is about opening streets and connecting neighborhoods. All people – walkers, runners, bicyclists, mobility device users, seniors, adults, and children – enjoy a day of healthy physical activities right here in Northeast Portland. The July 27th event will bring people together for 8 miles of biking, walking, and rolling on this fun filled traffic-free route with no start and no end. The route takes participants through the Going Street Neighborhood Greenway and along the Cully Boulevard Cycletrack. Music, activities, and food will be found and enjoyed at the Woodlawn, Alberta and Fernhill Parks, as well as Rigler School.

Dress comfy. The parks are programmed with activities for young and old. Bring some cash. The Sunday Parkways Marketplaces adjacent to the parks have enticing food and beverages. Merchandise vendors will offer a variety of goods, all easy to transport. And community organizations offer information to keep us in the know.

Don't forget the other Sunday Parkways dates: East - May 11th, North - June 22nd, Southeast - August 24th, and Southwest - September 28th.

Also, Sunday Parkways needs volunteers, is always interested in having local vendors and community groups participating, and is greatly appreciative of any donations. To find out more about these opportunities, visit **www.PortlandSundayParkways.org** or call 503-823-7599.

The Roseway Real Estate Market by Patrick Gourley

The Portland real estate market as a whole has made a resounding comeback. Portland is currently considered one of the strongest housing markets in the United States. Home values in the Portland area increased 13.7% over the previous year and have returned to 2007 levels or above.

One of the factors driving the rising values is the lack of available inventory. Northeast Portland's current inventory of listed homes is at a low of 2.3 months, this is 20% lower than the inventory levels at this same time in 2013. The low inventory, compounded

by the improving economy and the large buyer pool generated by the continued low mortgage rates have pushed values upward.

Roseway is at the center of this trend. Our neighborhood has always had a strong interest by first time buyers, but we are also seeing increased interest from more affluent buyers who are downsizing from the Alameda and Irvington neighborhoods, as well as homeowners who are abandoning the suburbs for "close in" more accessible neighborhoods.



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The average per square foot price of a home in Roseway increased 15.7% from 2012 to the end of 2013. Prices have continued to rise in the first two months of 2014. The average number of days a property is on the market in Roseway has also dropped by 22% over the last 12 months.

All of these factors signal a strong seller's market. With this in mind, a homeowner hoping to make a quick profit must realize there are two key factors in selling your home are: Price & Presentation.

Even in the hottest of markets an overpriced home will sit without a buyer. Avoid "testing the market" with an unrealistic price. Once a home has aged on the market for a couple weeks without an offer a seller may be forced to take a price reduction. In many cases once this has occurred a seller will end up with final

sales price lower than if they had reasonably priced the home in the beginning.

Presentation is key to maximizing a home's value. Most buyers do not have the ability to look beyond their first impression. If the home is cluttered and unclean, that is what a potential buyer will remember. A seller does not have to do a full remodel to maximize a home's sale price. In most cases decluttering, removing wall paper, a clean coat of paint in a neutral color and some landscaping will be more cost effective.

If you are considering taking advantage of the current real estate market be sure to consult a local real estate professional who is familiar with your neighborhood and the current market. They will be able help you make the decisions as to where your time, effort and dollars are best spent to bring the highest return.

Rose City Park Sewer Repair Project

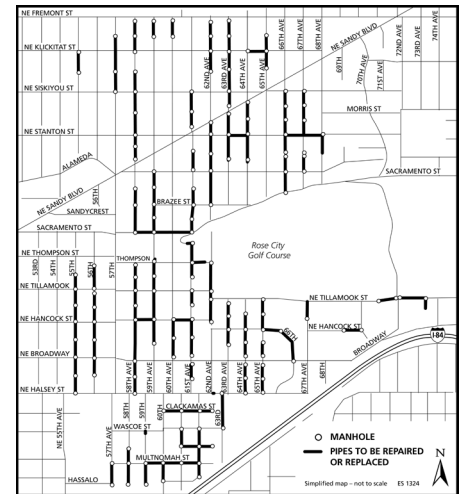
by Kristen Kibler, Public Outreach Coordinator for the Rose City Sewer Repair Project

Late this spring, Environmental Services will begin construction on the Rose City Park Sewer Repair Project. The project will replace approximately 40,000 feet of public sewer pipes mostly in the Rose City Park neighborhood. The pipes are between 60 and 104 years old and failing due to age. There are some pipe sections identified for repair in the southwest area of the Roseway Neighborhood, specifically NE 65th through NE 68th Avenues between NE Fremont and Sacramento.

Construction throughout the entire geographic area is anticipated through end of summer 2015. Even if you do not have sewer repairs near your home, you may notice the construction and experience some related traffic delays. Improving these aging and failing pipes will help protect the public and the environment by reducing the possibility of costly breaks, leaks, blockages and sewage releases to homes, businesses and streets.

During construction, we'll be sending regular email updates to keep neighbors posted on the schedule, construction activities, possible traffic detours and delays, parking restrictions and other impacts. I encourage you to sign up now to be added to the project's email update list by emailing kristen@jla.us.com with "Rose City Park" in the subject line.

More information about the project is available online at www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/rosecitypark or you may call Kristen Kibler, Public Outreach Coordinator from JLA Public Involvement on behalf of Environmental Services, at 503-235-5881 x106.



Climate Change in Roseway by Peggy Sullivan

Yesterday's dry spell provided me time to stroll the 'hood (after wrestling with my 2013 tax accounting, and a fine head change it was)! I stopped wherever folks were out working in their gardens, to chat and do a little horse (plant) trading: some of Del's ferns for a couple divisions of my apricot-blooming epimediums, perhaps? Daphne blooms released their sweet fruity fragrance everywhere, topping the loamy scents of warming soil.

The sad floppy blades of New Zealand flax (*Phormium*) were a common sight, especially the older ones that had grown large and impressive in these past few years of California-like summers here in PDX. Zonal denial can lead a gardener to the euphoria of exotic plants in the garden, but eventually it will break your heart. Plants native to southern climes simply can't survive prolonged extremes of frigid weather (and it appears that we'll be experiencing more dramatic changes as our "maritime" climate adapts to the polar vortexes that arise with the increasing carbon content of the world's atmosphere). It's likely that our relationships with flora from the southern hemisphere will be a romantic fling rather than a lifetime commitment. Which can be fun, too!

What was not so fun was the Sunday night when suddenly the winds blew up from the south, after my neighbors had put their trash and recycling containers out on the curbs. When I carried some stuff out at midnight for Monday's pick-up, the wind had already had its contrary southern way and my front yard was dotted with damp chunks of cardboard and crushed

cans and plastic bits, oh my! Thinking I might affect the trash's run was soon proven a laughable concept, as I wrestled with prone garbage containers spewing their guts into the street. Who knew that those ugly, ungainly containers were designed to fail in big south winds? Winds don't come from the south on Sunday nights! At least, they commonly don't, or haven't....

And this fierce winter weather seems to be finishing off the dying ornamental plum trees along the 72nd Avenue park blocks (which I think is a good thing) - lots of funky firewood to be had along those grassy swaths while you're walking your dog.

So when you plant your new trees this spring and fall (which of course you'll be doing because shaded walks will be a blessing when the sun becomes fierce), make sure to water them deeply so their roots will keep them strong and upright in the face of changing winds. Oh, and maybe bungee cords to secure the garbage can covers, when those winds come again?

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Every Drop Counts: Simple Steps to Help Save Water and Money

by Lindsey Berman, Conservation Program Manager, Regional Water Providers Consortium

Many of us have ignored the sound of a trickling stream coming from our toilet, or maybe we've chosen to overlook those small, slow drips from a bathroom faucet or kitchen sink.

After all, how much water do they really waste?

According to the EPA, more than 1 trillion gallons of water leak every year in homes across the U.S. That's enough water to sustain the population of Los Angeles, Chicago and Miami combined each year. It's also estimated that leaks in almost 10 percent of American homes drip away nearly 90 gallons of water a day. In the greater Portland metro area, that can mean about \$100 in water charges literally going down the drain each year. Many of these leaks occur in old fixtures, such as leaky toilets, faucets and showerheads. Fix these drips and you'll be amazed at how much water and money you can save.

Plus, in many cases household leaks can be easily fixed by a do-it-yourself plumber and replacement parts don't require a major investment! For example, faucet leaks are often caused by faulty washers that don't allow your faucet to shut off properly. Replacing a faulty washer takes less than five minutes, costs less than \$1 and is an easy way to recoup water and money savings.

Toilet leaks, on the other hand, are often caused by old, faulty toilet flappers that have decayed or have developed mineral build-up over time. Replacing a toilet flapper is relatively easy and costs less than \$5. In either

case, just remember to bring your old one with you to the hardware store so that you can get a replacement part with the proper fit.

For more tips to help you discover and repair leaks, visit the Consortium at www.conserveh2o.org.

About the Regional Water Providers Consortium:

The Regional Water Providers Consortium (a group of 22 local water providers plus the regional government Metro) is committed to good stewardship of our region's water through conservation, emergency preparedness planning, and water supply coordination. The Consortium provides resources and information to help individual and commercial customers save water. www.conserveh2o.org

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Parkway Maintenance in the Roseway Neighborhood

It's that time of year again. Time for the Roseway Neighborhood and the residents of 72nd Avenue to start thinking about cutting and maintaining the parkway blocks. We have not yet heard from the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) about their funding for cutting and maintaining the parkway blocks, but we are assuming that funding will be no better than last year when PBOT cut the parkway blocks four (4) times. Fortunately, we raised enough funds to cut five (5) additional times. That was \$1,500! We hope to match that amount again this year. It is through the generosity of the residents on 72nd Avenue that we were able to raise this money. Once again, we will have the Madison Varsity Soccer Team (MVST) benefit from the fund raising efforts, and the volunteer time of several residents to get the cutting done and litter picked up. The Board of the Roseway Neighborhood Association (RNA) hopes that you have noticed the excellent job done by the MVST on the 5 blocks of the Rose Parkway on 72nd Avenue.

In an effort to keep the parkways mowed and in decent condition, RNA is paying MVST to cut the grass at our request. This is a great fund raiser for MVST, and is a real benefit for those of us who live on the parkways. However, we need financial support in order to keep the parkways maintained. The cuttings and litter pick up by MVST, outside the cuttings done by PBOT with our tax dollars, will depend on contributions and donations by local residents. We will be counting on PBOT doing four (4) cuttings this spring, but we have no assurance

those cuttings will take place, or when.

There are five (5) parkway blocks and we pay MVST \$300 per cutting, or \$60 per block.. This will be a total of \$1,500 for the season. While contributions are strictly voluntary, we are counting on a feeling of civic pride to raise this money. Checks can be made payable to "Central Northeast Neighbors", or "CNN" for short. On the memo line of your check, please write "parkway cutting" or "grass cutting". CNN will hold the funds for RNA and will distribute the funds to us at our request and RNA will then pay MVST. These funds will be used ONLY for grass cutting of the parkway blocks.

Checks can be mailed or hand delivered to CNN, located in Fire Station 12, at:

**Central Northeast Neighbors
4415 NE 87th Avenue
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We definitely appreciate your consideration and assistance. If you have any questions, or would like a check picked up and hand delivered to CNN, please contact:

**Bob Price, RNA Board Member
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We, both RNA and MVST, thank you very much for your continued support!

Community Calendar

Roseway General Meeting

Tuesday, April 8, 7 p.m.
Grace Lutheran Church
7610 NE Fremont

CNN LUTOP meeting

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

Roseway Neighborhood Cleanup

Saturday, May 24th
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
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