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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 Cleanup May 30th! by Jessica Ediger Reese

The weather is heating up, the flowers are blooming, and that means...it's time once again for the hugely popular **Roseway Cleanup!** This year's date is **Saturday, May 30th at Glenhaven Park** (NE Siskiyou St. and 82nd Ave.) from **9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** This event is a great opportunity to clean out your house, yard, and garage, all while supporting the Roseway neighborhood at the same time. We will accept METAL, PLASTIC, YARD DEBRIS, WOOD WASTE, ELECTRONICS, BULKY WASTE and TIRES. We will NOT accept old-fashioned tube TVs, paint, light bulbs, dirt, sod, concrete, chemicals, batteries, or other hazardous waste. For more information go to [www.oregonmetro.gov/tools-living/garbage-and-recycling](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/tools-living/garbage-and-recycling) or call **503-234-3000**.

Suggested donations are \$10/car, \$15/truck, \$20/large truck, \$3/tire, \$5/tire w/ rim. The YOU PRICE IT area also returns. Donate your reusable household goods and enjoy shopping for garage sale-style bargains!

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: Plastics, Yard Debris/Wood Waste; Metal; Bulky Waste; Greeters/ Cashiers, Traffic Control, You Price It, and Rebuilding Center. As an added bonus, all volunteers get to bring a load for free, get first pick at the You Price It area, and receive complimentary refreshments.

To **volunteer**, please e-mail [rosewayvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:rosewayvolunteer@gmail.com) and let us know your top three volunteer preferences and whether you are willing to be a shift leader. PLEASE BRING: Refillable coffee mugs, water bottles to make this a GREEN event. We'll happily provide refills!

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## Tree by Tree, Block by Block: Join the tree inventory

by Caitlin Shelman

In summer 2015, dozens of tree lovers will explore and survey the Roseway neighborhood on a mission to identify, map, measure, and assess every street tree. This inventory is the neighborhood's first and most comprehensive street tree inventory ever performed. The project is being organized by the Roseway Tree Team, a group of neighbors committed to improving their urban forest. A partnership with Portland Parks & Recreation, the inventory is the neighborhood's first step in expanding, diversifying, and protecting trees in Roseway.



Tree inventory data provides a baseline for tracking forest composition and changes over time. This has never been more important, as Portland's urban trees face challenges such as a changing climate, development pressure, and invasive pests and pathogens.

Tree enthusiasts are needed, regardless of skill level, to volunteer with the project. On inventory days, volunteers will be paired with a trained team leader to collect data. Together teams will walk the neighborhood and identify, map, measure, and assess trees. Certified arborists and Parks staff will be on hand to help in this exploration of the community's urban forest. Workdays are not yet confirmed, but there will be 3-4 workdays between June and September. The dates will be shared on the RNA website and social media.

Volunteers looking to gain more experience with tree identification can become inventory Team Leaders and guide novice volunteers on data collection routes. Team Leaders attend a training session and commit to participate in at least three inventory workdays. Becoming a Team Leader is an excellent opportunity to improve tree identification skills and learn more about assessing tree health and site conditions. Team Leader training sessions are offered on June 10th and 13th.

Register at: <http://portlandoregon.gov/parks/treeinventory>

For more information, contact inventory organizers at: [RosewayTreeTeam@gmail.com](mailto:RosewayTreeTeam@gmail.com)

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## 2015 Friends of Trees Planting

by Caitlin Shelman

This year's **Friends of Trees** planting in Roseway will be held on **Saturday, April 4th**. The staging site for the planting is at the Morningstar Baptist Church located at **4927 NE 55th Ave**. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please send an e-mail to **roseway@plantitportland.org**.

## Park Blocks Tree Planting

by Caitlin Shelman

On February 14th, nearly 50 neighborhood volunteers came out to the Roseway Park Blocks to plant 19 new trees and fill holes in the grass. The planting was led by Karl Dawson of Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry. Marcie Olson served as camp host, while Bob Price and his dedicated crew led the lawn repair efforts.



Park Blocks Tree Planting February 14th, 2015

## Roseway Garden Walk: Second Edition by Del Lewis

Based on the success of last year's inaugural Garden Walk, the Roseway Neighborhood Association is hosting a second event on **Sunday, June 7th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** The RNA is looking for neighbors interested in sharing their gardens with the neighborhood. For last year's event, we had **11 gardens** on the tour and we hope for more this year. If you or a friend would enjoy the opportunity to visit with neighbors, discuss ideas about gardening, show off the results of your planning and hard work, or otherwise **volunteer**, please contact the author of this article at **don.abbie@gmail.com**. This event is meant to foster closer connections be-

tween neighbors, illustrate the potential for beautification, encourage the exchange of ideas, and celebrate the Roseway community. Last year, neighbors drove, biked, and walked from garden to garden, enjoying the locale flora of Roseway.

Once the list of gardens is set, we will publish a list and map on the RNA website at **roseway.org** and post the information to **Nextdoor.com**. Flyers will also be available at Fairley's Pharmacy and Safeway as the event draws closer.

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## People of Roseway by Mark R. Sandri

Since my wife and I moved to Roseway and bought our first home in 2009, I've been curious who my neighbors are, where they're from, and what they do for a living. I'm also interested in knowing about the history of Roseway and how our neighborhood has evolved over the years. With this in mind, over the next few issues I'll be writing about conversations I've had with Roseway residents and business owners.

For this first column, I met with two new local business owners, **Mark Caso** of **Bacchi's Italian Delicatessen** and **Michael Whitesele** of the **Lumberyard Bike Park**. Over several evenings, we had the chance to discuss what brought them to this neighborhood, how their business fit into Roseway, and what they love about working and living here.

### **The Lumberyard - a biker's paradise in Roseway**

Michael Whitesel is a lifelong Portlander who has lived in every corner of the city. After college at the University of Oregon, he traveled for several years before finding himself back in Portland, working in the tech industry. Following the 2000 tech bubble, he invested and operated several small businesses, including a home manufacturing company in Colorado. After the real estate market collapse in 2008, Michael moved back to Portland and made an effort to find work that he was truly passionate about. Around this time, he became involved in local mountain biking groups where he met Will Heiberg, his future business partner. Like many mountain bikers in Portland, they were frustrated by the few mountain biking options in the city. Through this frustration, the idea of the Lumberyard was born.

I met with Michael at the **Lumberyard Bike Park** on 82nd Avenue and toured the facility. The park is a large open layout of bike ramps, banked bike tracks, and jumps, surrounded by a restaurant, bar, and bike shop. It's a family-friendly facility that is unique not only to the Pacific Northwest, but the entire country, with one other similar facility in Cleveland, Ohio.

Opening a place such as this was destined to be a challenge. As anyone that has worked through the permitting process(es) will tell you, it can be a disheartening experience. This was especially true for something like an indoor bike park. As Michael phrased it, there isn't a box to check for "indoor mountain biking facility." Nevertheless, Michael and Will worked through the process and were able to get the business off the ground without the help of grants or loan assistance.

Since opening in 2012, Michael and his team have adapted their business in terms ranging from course layout, course materials, and hours. A welcome surprise source of business has been birthday parties and other gatherings. They are now able to accommodate up to 3 parties at a time, which is a great way to expose new kids to the park. They employ around 12 people, 3 of whom are full-time. People have come to the Lumberyard from all over the country and all over the world. It really is a tourist attraction right here Roseway. For more information, go to [www.lumberyardmtb.com](http://www.lumberyardmtb.com).

Michael moved to Roseway in 2011 to be close to his business and has grown to love our community. The 3.5 years he's lived here is the longest he's lived in any one place in Portland. He thinks Roseway is a great place to live and raise a family and he can envision raising his young son in our neighborhood. Since moving here, he's noticed many other young families like his moving to Roseway.

### **Bacchi's - an Italian Market Comes to Roseway**

For many years, Mark Caso has thought about opening an Italian deli in Portland. Despite our city's affinity for gourmet and craft sandwiches, there simply wasn't an Italian-style market/deli serving espresso, sandwiches, and gelato. In 2013, Mark opened **Bacchi's Italian Delicatessen** on Sandy Boulevard and 67th Avenue, which has since become a mainstay in the Roseway community.

Mark and his family have lived in the Rose City neighborhood since 1999. Soon after moving to Portland in the 1989, he was referred to a mechanic in the space that is now Ken Van Damme's Automotive. He came to know this mechanic as being the best and most trustworthy in the city and through him, he became acquainted with the Roseway neighborhood. He believes this mechanic's character was and is emblematic of the neighborhood at large.

Prior to opening Bacchi's, Mark didn't have much experience in the foodservice industry. After years working construction in the technology sector, the 2008 recession led to a change in careers. He thought briefly about opening a deli. He then learned that Portland was participating in a pilot federal program deemed "cash for caulkers," a program providing federal funding for residential weatherization. Mark decided to open a weatherization company in the space that would later become Bacchi's. During its peak, Mark's company had 4 employees and provided healthcare benefits. However, once the federal money

dried up in 2013, business began to fall off, and he was given a second opportunity to open a true Italian deli in Portland.

Given that he had several years left on his commercial lease, the decision where to open his deli was already made for him. Although the space was a bit smaller than ideal, it was otherwise a perfect location along the busy Sandy corridor. Since its opening, it has become a neighborhood favorite and has attracted customers from all over. Similar to the Lumberyard, Bacchi's is a local business - owned and operated by a neighborhood resident - that has become a city and region-wide attraction.

The "Bacchi" name comes from a family-owned ranch, originally in northern California. In the 1930s, the Bacchi ranch hosted rodeos and raised cattle. In the 1960s, following a lengthy battle with the state of California, the ranch was forced to relocate to Southern Oregon. Today, the ranch is still active and owned by members of the Bacchi family.

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## A Brief History of Garbage and the 3 R's - #1 REUSE

by Jessica Edger Reese

During our hunter-gatherer period, humans discarded organic waste by the trailside and moved on, having no need for a way to "properly" dispose of it. As we began to settle, we tossed out our scraps to feed livestock or fertilize our fields. But as cities formed, solid waste became a real problem because we retained our habit of simply tossing waste out the window. Anthropologists have even attributed the fall of some large civilizations to the accumulation of waste because it was so vast, contaminating their food and water. This led the Greeks to develop the first municipal dump, around 500 B.C. in Athens.

Now, although we have much in common with the ancient Greeks, it is extremely unlikely they could have imagined what we throw away today (or how much). Our modern "waste stream" is comprised of three things: 1) organic; 2) manufactured goods like glass, metal, plastics, construction materials, and paper; 3) toxic wastes like motor oil, pesticides, and cleaners. In 2009, Americans generated 4.3 lbs of waste per person, per day...and there were 300 million of us. Oregon was no exception that year, generating 5.2 million tons of waste. That's enough to completely fill the Rose Garden Arena every three and half weeks!

Happily, there is hope. There is much we can easily improve on. The best part is, it's likely you are already taking positive steps. The hierarchy of the 3 R's we've come to love are: REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE. In this, the first of three articles on these subjects, we'll take a look at the most important and the most

impactful of the three: REDUCE.

Many of us hear this and first believe that in order to "reduce" we must "do without" something we want. While this may be true if we're trying to 'reduce' our bodyweight - as we'll need to 'do without' the Twinkies - this is hardly the case with waste. Some examples:

Do you make a shopping list and mostly stick to it? That's a perfect form of REDUCE. Purchasing only what you will consume reduces waste, not to mention your grocery bill. Let's think of this not so much as an attempt to reduce, but a way to avoid costly excess. Either way you look at it: win-win.

Moving further, we graduate to the more romantic notion of how we use things more than once, helping us to reduce (This may sound like REUSE, and it sort of is, but we'll get more into REUSE in the next article). Using fabric napkins, dishcloths and sponges instead of throw-away napkins and paper towels whenever possible reduces how much goes into the waste stream and how often we need to purchase paper products. Also, about that reusable coffee cup at the office and the travel mug and water bottle you refill over and over. Think of how many disposable cups you'd have thrown away since this time last year.

Do you use the Multnomah library and access all those books, DVDs, and music CDs? How much money would you save each year by borrowing a book or a movie that you're likely to read or watch that one time? How about tools that spend 99% of their lives idle in



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the garage? The Tool Library (NEPTL.org) is a great, FREE resource and all we need is proof of address in NE Portland to have access to shelves and shelves of garden tools, power tools, lawn mowers, even tile saws. What other opportunities could we grasp and learn to share our neighborhood toys?

In short, creative REDUCE saves us money, uses less of our precious planet's resources, and reduces our waste stream. Healthy, vibrant communities thrive in such conditions.

## Dig up some fresh ideas for the yard this spring! by Erik Carr

East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District is offering **FREE workshops** to teach simple gardening practices that will help you create beautiful landscapes that conserve water, increase home value, reduce pollution, and create habitat for birds and pollinators. Perfect for all levels of do-it-yourselfers, these workshops offer simple tips to help you create your own attractive, low-maintenance landscape. There will be 4 topics to choose from this spring:

**Naturescaping Basics:** Learn how to incorporate native plants for a low-maintenance, chemical-free landscape that conserves water and minimizes pollution while saving you time, money and energy!

**Rain Gardens 101:** Learn how to build your own rain garden! Explore the critical role rain gardens can play in urban stream restoration, and how they add beautiful landscaping to your yard at the same time.

**Urban Weeds:** Got weeds? Come learn about how the most common garden invaders get established in your yard and how to get the upper hand without turning to synthetic herbicides.

**Native Plants:** Come learn about Portland's common native plant communities, see examples of species that

do well in similar growing conditions, and pick up simple tips help your native plantings succeed!

See full schedule and register online at [www.emswcd.org/workshops-and-events/upcoming-workshops](http://www.emswcd.org/workshops-and-events/upcoming-workshops). Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Information: 503-222-7645.

*\*Information courtesy of East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District*



## Community Calendar

### Roseway General Meeting

Tuesday, April 14th, 7 p.m.  
Grace Lutheran Church - 7610 NE Fremont

### Roseway Neighborhood Cleanup

Saturday, May 30th  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Glenhaven Park

### 2nd Annual Roseway Garden Walk

June 7th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Please go to [roseway.org](http://roseway.org) for more information

### Concerts in the Park

Thursday July 9th, 16th, and 23rd  
Glenhaven Park



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