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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 general meeting and ice cream social

by Paul Mooring

You are invited! Please join us for our annual July Neighborhood Association general meeting and ice cream social. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, near the upper end of the 72nd Avenue Park Blocks, with ice cream from Lawson's Mobile Ice Cream Service available starting at 6:30 pm. At this meeting we'll discuss upcoming events like Concerts in the Park, National Night Out and Movies in the Park.

We hope to see you there for ice cream and neighborhood conversation!

Roseway neighborhood gets its first intersection painting

by Caitlin Shelman

On June 2, a diverse group of Roseway neighbors gathered to paint a stained-glass-style rose design on the pavement at NE 77th Avenue and Beech Street. The project was the culmination of a small group's efforts to create community and beautify our neighborhood. Throughout the winter, the intersection committee worked with an organization called City Repair, as well as the city of Portland, to get a permit and work through the logistics of making this painting a reality.



Dozens of painters of all ages help bring the rose mural to life. (Photo by Angela Carpenter)

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Community Calendar

Roseway General Meeting

Tuesday, July 10th, 7 pm
Grace Lutheran Church
7610 NE Fremont

Roseway Concert in the Park

Pete Krebs and his Portland Playboys
Saturday, July 28th, 6:30pm
Glenhaven Park

CNN LUTOP meeting

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

Roseway Movies in the Park

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2
Saturday, September 1st, dusk
Wellington Park

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We would like to give a special thanks to Miller Paint, which donated 50 percent of the cost of the paint, and to Delphina's Bakery and Brickhouse Pizzeria for helping keep the dozens of volunteers fed. The funding for the project came from an anti-graffiti grant from Central Northeast Neighbors.

Be sure to walk, bike or drive by to check it out! If you want to make something like this happen at your intersection, email caitlin.shelman@gmail.com to find out more.



The mural brings new life to NE 77th Avenue and Beech Street, which will be part of a new greenway to safely connect parks and schools. (Photo by Caitlin Shelman)

Movies in the Park

Be sure to join the Roseway Neighborhood Association and Portland Parks & Recreation as we host our **second annual Movies in the Park**.

On **Saturday, September 1**, when the sun goes down, we'll be hosting a showing of "**Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2**" at **Wellington Park**. Popcorn will be provided, and vendors will be on hand selling other snacks. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs. Visit www.portlandonline.com/parks and click on "Summer Free For All" for a schedule of other dates and movies.

Library hours are changing by Lindsey Wise

You may be surprised to learn that Multnomah County Library branches, including Gregory Heights, **will be closed on Mondays starting July 1**. Despite voters overwhelmingly passing the library bond last month, the library is still facing funding shortfalls due to the recession. In addition, many branches will open at 11 a.m. rather than 10 a.m. some days of the week. See www.multcolib.org/hours for hours for each location.

Don't let this deter you from using our wonderful library system, especially with the summer reading program beginning June 15, with prizes for kids and teens. There's a program for adults too!

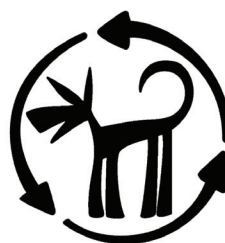
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Summer concert in Glenhaven Park by Angela Carpenter

As you're making your summer plans, don't forget to include the Portland Parks & Recreation summer concert at Glenhaven Park!

Pete Krebs and his Portland Playboys will deliver old-school Western swing beginning at **6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 28**. Look for the stage on the NE Siskiyou Street side of the park, near the playground. This family-friendly event is free and open to all ages, and well-mannered dogs on leashes are welcome.

Bring a picnic, or bring cash to buy goodies from Whole Foods Market and Masala Pop Indian spiced popcorn. If you're 21 or older, you can also bring in your own wine and beer, thanks to a special event permit. During

intermission, organizers will pass the hat to help raise money for next summer. The hope is to expand to a multi-concert series in 2013.

This promises to be a great event. Thanks to our sponsors for making this happen! Please support them and look for some of them at the concert: Albina Community Bank, Brickhouse Pizzeria, Dharma Rain Zen Center, Kristan Knapp Fund, Laurelwood Public House and Brewery, Madison South Neighborhood Association, Multnomah County Cultural Coalition, Oregon Cultural Trust, Pacific Power, Park City Pub, Realty Trust Group (Sue Coon and James Coon), Roseway Neighborhood Association, Roseway Roots and Whole Foods Market.

Update on mowing of the 72nd Avenue Park Blocks by Bob Price

To date, we have collected **\$300 toward mowing of the Park Blocks** through the generous help of several folks. Thank you for your contributions! This was enough to pay for the first mowing May 19-20 by Rose City Little League, which did an excellent job. However, we need more contributions to cover the cost of two more cuttings this spring.

The Portland Bureau of Transportation cannot tell us when, or if, its next mowing will take place. Without contributions, we will not be able to fund our own mowings, leaving us at the mercy of the financially strapped city.

Please send your contributions, in any amount, to **Central Northeast Neighbors, 4415 NE 87th Ave., Portland, OR 97220**.

National Night Out

Join us **Tuesday, August 7, for National Night Out**, a national effort designed to heighten awareness of crime and drug prevention; generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs; and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. Check www.roseway.org for details, still to come.




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Madison Garden Program: Take a tour; get involved! by Jane Rosenstein

Care to take a peek at Madison High School's community garden?

The community is welcome to tour the garden during the Portland Parks & Recreation summer concert in **Glenhaven Park on Saturday, July 28**. Please come walk the garden and be inspired by the good work being done in our neighborhood school. On a clear day, there's even a beautiful view of Mount Hood!

Madison High School is located at 2735 NE 82nd Ave., adjacent to Glenhaven Park. Madison opened the community garden in 2010. It includes:

- Community plots rented to the public through Portland Parks & Recreation.
- Annual beds used by various classrooms at the school.
- An outdoor classroom featuring a cob structure.
- A food forest with perennial food sources.
- A greenhouse, under construction.

The garden program gives Madison students an opportunity to engage in experiential learning focused mainly in the

sciences. Program staff also coordinate an annual food week at Madison in an effort to start discussions about the social, political, cultural and economic factors that affect access to good, nutritious food.

Garden program coordinator Susan Wiencke is in the process of planning a career and technical education program in sustainable agriculture for the 2013-14 academic year. This would be the first program of its kind in Portland Public Schools. Other ideas for the future of the program include integrating food and nutrition education into multiple academic subjects, and potentially the construction of an on-site teaching kitchen.

For more information or to get involved with the garden, **email Susan Wiencke at swiencke@pps.net**. Folks willing to help water during the summer months are appreciated! Information will also be updated at www.madisonschoolgarden.org.

For information on public community garden plots, call the Portland Parks & Recreation Community Gardens Program at 503-823-1612.

July 4th by Ngoc-Lan Phan

July 4th is soon approaching, and this year I am celebrating it quietly. Contemplating and offering my thanks to the forefathers of America, who created the Constitution that spelled out the equal rights of each human being. I feel so embarrassed with myself, thinking that it had taken this long (in my lifetime) to realize the value of being free to be a person – to be respected, to be heard, and treated humanely.

I am here, as a daughter of a refugee, who fled Viet Nam to seek political freedom. My mom had seen and experienced what it was like to live under the Vietnamese communist government. She did not want me, my brothers and sister to have to see and go through the same experience as she did. So, she did what any parent would do, risked facing the

unknown, and left everything behind and together with many other Vietnamese people, headed out on a beat-up ship into the ocean on that fateful date of April 30, 1975. Later that year, my family ended up here, in Portland.

I live and mingle among other Vietnamese people within the Vietnamese community in Portland, but I can't say that I know who they are underneath. I believe many are here for the same reason as my family. While others, I think, are here because they are following a different kind of dream. To these people, I wish I can say to them, "Wake up. Open your mind and learn the true meaning of freedom and remember the reason why we are here in America."

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I don't mean to say to the Vietnamese people, or anyone, that they should dwell in the past, but the past or history have taught and helped many people to treasure and value what it is to be a human being in a society – to be guaranteed the right to vote, freedom of speech, of peaceful assembly, and to have equal rights.

This is what I will do come July 4th this year. I wish and pray that many will join me to pause for a few minutes on this day to give thanks to all who had gone before us in the name of love for humankind and to pray and imagine a world of peace and compassion for each other.

Successful Roseway Neighborhood Cleanup

Our annual Roseway Neighborhood Cleanup was a success this year due to our volunteers, sponsors, and neighbors who pitched in to help beautify our neighborhood and raise money for a good cause. Fifty-plus **volunteers helped us raise more than \$1,500**, with a portion being donated to the Roseway Concert in the Park fund. **This year's concert will be held at Glenhaven Park on Saturday, July 28.**

VOLUNTEERS: Thank you for all your hard work. We truly appreciate your willingness to volunteer, especially with the challenges surrounding the street construction and early closure, and we look forward to another successful cleanup next year.



Proud volunteers stand in front of their handiwork—a properly packed yard debris container. (Photo by Dave Drouin)

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Home improvement by Paul Mooring

This is the time of year when many of you, myself included, will embark on the seasonal excitement known as home improvement. All manner of projects, from a new garden bed to an entirely new kitchen, are waiting to be started and completed by proud homeowners who love nothing more than to improve the quality of their life and that of their home.

As you might guess, some of us may at times bite off more than we can chew in this arena, but thankfully we live in Portland, where the most studious among us need only do a bit of research to find everything from simple advice about your pergola to full-scale handyman assistance.

I've done a fair amount of searching for help and guidance with my own projects at home and can tell you there are lots of resources. By far my favorite place is the **Northeast Portland Tool Library, www.neptl.org**. This place exists so that you do not have to spend hundreds or thousands of dollars on new table saws or garden rakes. The Tool Library is a nonprofit (donations welcome) dedicated to providing free access to tools that you cannot afford or only need once in a while. The Tool Library is located at 5431 NE 20th Street (at Killingsworth). It has just about every type of hand and electric (no gas-powered) tool one can ask for, and the list of tools grows every month. If you need a tile cutter or jack hammer for a day, you can borrow one for FREE! You can also get advice on how to use the tools, and there are even workshops and projects on the website.

For those of us who really want to work on our homes ourselves but may not have the wherewithal or vast knowledge required for things like electrical or carpentry work, you can still get that do-it-yourself experience while getting expert advice. Enter Empowered Hands, www.empoweredhands.com. Through the Roseway Neighborhood Association board, I've had the opportunity to meet these folks, and the concept is excellent and pretty unique to Portland. Say you have a bathroom to remodel but don't know the first thing about it. You can work with Bill Skorohodov, and he will act either as expert onlooker helping you accomplish your task, or he will get his hands dirty and work side-by-side with you. Either way, unlike your typical contractor, you actually get to participate in the entire process and learn a thing or two along the way.

For those who may feel more at ease letting the experts handle your to-do list, there is Angie's List, www.angieslist.com. Here you can find reviews on all sorts of qualified contractors from bathrooms to driveways. Too often people will pick a contractor without having a source of referrals or access to the contractor's credentials. Angie's List helps fill in that gap by allowing you to search, screen and filter out contractors based on 100 percent customer feedback and reviews. The downside is the yearly subscription price to use the service, but I feel that I've saved my money here many times over by using this service to pick reputable contractors for more challenging work for my house, like gutters and leveling my deck eaves.

Whether you choose to go it alone or enlist the help of a contractor or other service, the key is to ALWAYS do your research:

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Make sure your project, if required, is properly permitted by the city. You can visit the Portland Bureau of Development Services (www.portlandonline.com/bds) to see if your project requires a permit. You can even apply online for things like electrical and mechanical work that don't require a plan.

If you use contractors, call their references and make sure they are licensed, insured and bonded, and check that they have an Oregon Construction Contractors Board (CCB) number, which is required for all legitimate contractors.

Get multiple bids for contractors. If you're going it alone building your own deck, check out local stores and big-

box stores to see who will give you the best price.

Always be safe! Know how to operate your power tools, and wear safety glasses and any other required protective equipment. The last thing you want is a trip to the ER.

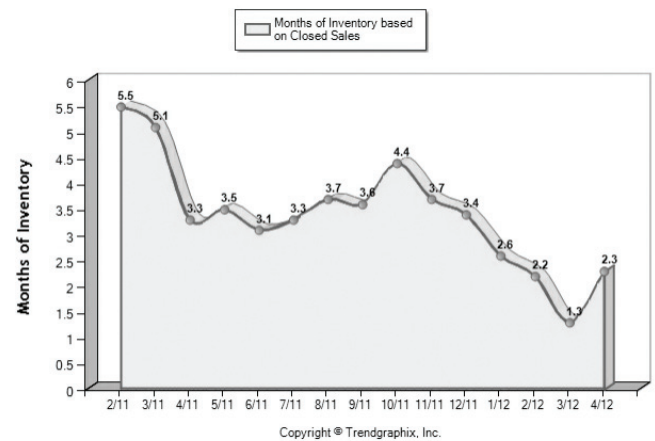
Whether you are building a birdhouse with your child or an addition for your home, Portland has tons of resources, many free or low cost, to help you complete your projects. Please don't take the information in this article as an endorsement of services, as the information is simply based on my own experience. Be sure to do your homework, and you'll have a successful and fulfilling do-it-yourself season! Good luck!

As Roseway grows by Patrick Gourley

Throughout the United States, individual neighborhoods have shown to have "stand alone" real estate markets that are at odds with national, state, or even citywide statistics. Roseway has proved to be one of those areas. Roseway is attracting buyers who want a well-established neighborhood that has benefited from thoughtful planning and a strong, vibrant sense of community. Buyers appreciate the various styles of architecture throughout the neighborhood.

Not only is Roseway attracting strong interest from first-time buyers, but also more affluent buyers who have chosen to abandon the suburbs to reduce commute times. Roseway is only 15 minutes to the downtown core, offering a wide selection of quality homes – from early 1900s Craftsmans to Mid-Century Moderns of the 1950s and early 1960s. Buyers appreciate the eclectic mix of architectural styles throughout the area. They have also discovered Roseway's strong neighborhood sense and easy access to local amenities.

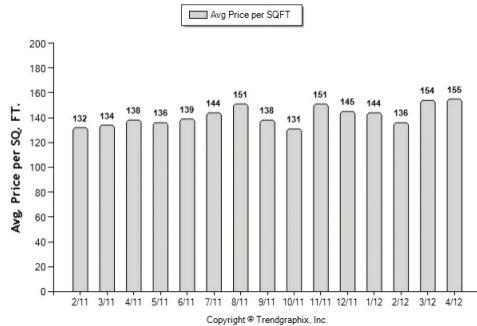
Over the past 15 months, the average sale price of a home in Roseway has grown from a low of \$132 per square foot in February 2011 to a current average of



\$155 per square foot, a 17 percent increase. Whereas the Portland metro area as a whole has shown a decrease in the average price per square foot for a home during that same period, as reported by the Regional Multiple Listing Service. In addition, the inventory of homes available for sale in Roseway has decreased by more than 50 percent over the past 15 months. Since February 2011, the inventory has reduced from 5.5 to 2.3 months as of April 2012. Currently, the average "days on market" for a home listed after January 1, 2012, in Roseway is less than 25 days.

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Quick home sales have occurred for properties priced correctly for the neighborhood. It is very important, if you are considering selling your home, to be sure to seek the advice of a licensed professional who lives and works in the area. Avoid the temptation to “test” the market by setting your price above the current market value. This will only diminish the demand for your home and in the long run affect your bottom line. Equally important is the presentation of your home to potential buyers. Before you offer your home to a buyer, make sure it is in a condition that is both respectful of the integrity of the home and the neighborhood as a whole. Not only are you selling your home, you are selling Roseway as a community.

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