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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!

## State of the Neighborhood

by Nathan Farney, President of the Roseway Neighborhood Association

So how are we doing? There have been a lot of changes in the neighborhood and in the Nation since the last issue of the Roseway Reporter. Peggy Sullivan led the effort to get the beautiful mural painted on the corner of NE 72nd and Fremont. If you haven't checked it out yet, it's well worth it. We think it's the best mural in the city. **The dedication ceremony is coming up on April 18.** (Read more on page 6).

Come find out what your Neighborhood Association has been up to at **our next General meeting: Tuesday, April 14 at Grace Lutheran Church**, 7610 NE Fremont. You are invited! We missed many of you at our last meeting, so please do come out and find out what's been happening. We'll also have speakers and opportunities to volunteer.

Haveyoubeenlooking for an opportunity to participate in your community? How about encouraging positive, sustainable development around that will help boost Roseway livability and property values? If you have an idea about improving Roseway, you'll find plenty of support and kindred spirits at the

meeting. Motivated to contribute but looking for an idea? Come out and talk to us about how easy it is to do!

Do you want to ...

- Take on the next mural project?
- Get some Neighborhood banners?
- Participate in streetcar or transit development planning?
- Help set up or tear down at neighborhood gatherings? (Read more on pages 3 and 6)
- Help with the neighborhood cleanup? (Read more on page 3)
- Host a plant exchange?
- Represent Roseway at city planning meetings?
- Build a neighborhood information kiosk and bench?
- Deliver this newsletter?
- Write for the newsletter?

See an idea you like? Got a better idea of your own? Come out and let's get it done! The only requirements are a positive attitude and willingness to give it a try.

So come out to the **next General Meeting on April 14**. Bring your ideas.
Let's make Roseway even better!

## Storefront Improvement Program Extends up Sandy

The Portland Development Commission's Storefront Improvement Program now includes commercial properties along Sandy Boulevard between Northeast 57th and 82nd avenues. From safe crossings and streetlights to streetcar and main street improvements, we are letting our city leaders know that Roseway is ready to be a significant part of the future of Portland. For more information, or to apply, go to http://www.pdc.us/city\_wide/storefront.

## Spring Cleaning - The Annual Roseway Cleanup by David Drouin

As the east winds howled through the neighborhood this winter, the Roseway Neighborhood Association Board members were already thinking about Spring—a time to clean up the yard, the house and to plant a garden in anticipation of the sun-filled days ahead. The RNA Board spent some rainy winter days planning a perfect opportunity for Roseway neighbors to do just that.

As in years past, CNN (Central Northeast Neighbors), Metro and the Portland Office of Sustainable Development have graciously agreed to help fund the 2009 Annual Spring Cleanup. After several years of coordinating the Roseway Neighborhood Spring Clean-ups, Jane Rosenstein will be partnering with RNA Board Member and Cleanup coodinator, David Drouin, to ensure the 2009 Annual Spring Cleanup is a success.

Tough financial times present an opportunity to reconsider throwing out items that might be creatively reused by someone else. As a Master Recycler, Jane will focus on the Reuse aspect of the event by heading up the 'You Price It' station. In the past, the volunteers have been consistently amazed at some of the treasures that are brought to the event.

The current economic situation has also brought some changes to the event. Agri-Plas, Inc.—longtime partner

#### **WE WILL ACCEPT**

- Bulky waste (furniture, mattresses, etc.)
- Yard debris and wood waste
- Appliances and scrap metal
- Tires (\$3 with rims, \$2 without rims)
- Reusable household items for our "You Price It" area (leftovers will be donated)
- Reusable building supplies

of the cleanup event—will not be accepting plastics for recycling at the cleanup. Please recycle your plastics curbside in the new big blue bins. Unfortunately, plastic materials brought to the event this year will be hauled to the landfill with the other mixed waste loads. The cleanup will not be accepting electronic waste. If you have electronic waste, please recycle it responsibly! Oregon E-Cycles will accept tvs, computer and monitors for FREE. For more information and to find convenient drop off locations near you, visit www. oregonrecycles.org or call 1-888-532-9253.

At the closing of the 2008 event, many vehicles still lined the street with drivers hoping to drop off a load at the cleanup. In an attempt to assist more neighbors in their cleanup efforts, the 2009 Spring Cleanup hours will be extended to 3pm. In order to involve new members of the community and to reduce the drop-off wait time, we are moving the event to a more central and accessible location, the **Rose City Nazarene Church**, across the street from Safeway at 7016 NE Sandy Blvd.

WHEN Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**WHERE** Rose City Nazarene Church parking lot

**FEES** \$5 per car load; \$10 per pickup/SUV load; \$15 per trailer load; \$25 per truck and trailer load

#### WE WILL NOT ACCEPT

- Hazardous wastes or explosives (including paints, fluorescent lightbulbs, batteries) Call (503) 234-3000 for information on disposing these items.
- Rocks, ashes, sod or concrete
- Commercial landscaping or construction debris
- Electronic waste such as TVs, computer monitors, CPUs, VCRs
- Plastics or cardboard (please recycle curbside!)

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#### **GET INVOLVED!**

If you have been looking for a way to get involved in our neighborhood, but don't have a lot of time to commit, this may be the event for you! Call David at (503) 449-8725, or email him at rosewaycleanup@gmail.com to find a way to be a part of this annual event.

#### POSITION WHAT THEY DO

Volunteer Coordinator Recruits volunteers and assigns cleanup jobs
Sponsorship Coordinator Solicits donations of money, goods and services

Business Sponsors

Contribute food and beverages to hard-working volunteers

Set Up Crew

Sets up volunteer area, works with You Price It Coordinator

Publicity & Sign-making

Creates and distributes fliers, signs for the day of the event

Neighbor Assistant Organizing a pick-up for elderly or disabled residents on clean-up day

Hospitality Picks up refreshments for volunteers

Greeter Checks in customers, collects fees, load assessment

Traffic Monitor Assists customers and haulers in entering and exiting the event

Metal sorters

Local youth groups to sort the metal for profit
Unloader/Sorter

Help customers with their loads (and get dirty!)

Clean Up

Ensure that the event area is cleaner than before

## **Madison High Community Outreach**

by Anna Gennari - Community Engagement Specialist at Madison High School

Come celebrate our community at Madison High School! Free food from around the world, wonderful cultural performances, and at least ten different community organizations will be showcasing their upcoming events and programs in detail. This is a great time to hang out with neighbors you already know, or meet some that you don't know. The entire event is FREE and open to ALL. **April 30th 6pm-8pm Madison High School**. For more information contact Anna Gennari (503) 916-5338. Please show up at the next Roseway Neighborhood General meeting (April 14 at 7pm at Grace Lutheran on Fremont) to meet the organizer and get further information about the SUN program and other upcoming events.

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## Looking Back at the Oregon Centennial Celebration

by Bonnie LaDoe - Neighborhood Historian

As Oregon celebrates its 150th birthday this year, I thought it would be fun to look back at the Oregon Centennial Celebration in 1959.

Unfortunately, as far as I know, there were no celebrations particular to our neighborhood, but there certainly was a lot going on around the state. The theme of the Centennial was "Frontier of the Future." An official Centennial emblem reflected that theme and was on special coins and most of the souvenir ware. A wagon train carrying special mail left Independence, MO in April and arrived in Oregon in August.

Every town had its own celebration, but the largest and most lavish was the Oregon Centennial Exposition and



The author with her collection

International Trade Fair held for 100 days from June 10th to Sept 17th at what is now the Expo Center in North Portland. It was the largest fair in the west since the 1939 Golden Gate Exposition in San Francisco. The big Paul Bunyan statue built for the Centennial and sponsored by the Kenton Neighborhood Association still stands and was recently added to the National Register of Historic Places.

My personal Centennial memory is of the Statehood Banquet held on the evening of February 14, 1959 in the lobby of the US Bank in downtown Portland. I was working for US Bank then and was selected, along with other young women employees, to be a "hat check girl" at that event. It was a huge affair with Governor Mark Hatfield introducing the principal speaker, Vice President Richard M. Nixon. Certainly a memorable evening!

Perhaps because of that experience, I began collecting Oregon Centennial Souvenirs in 1979 and have now amassed quite a collection. And unbelievably, I'm still finding ones I don't have, but the prices are certainly different than when I first started collecting! Although many are the usual souvenir ware, Viletta's Art Studio in Roseburg made beautiful china and Johnson Bros. made plates expressly for Meier and Frank.

Although I say I'm no longer collecting, somehow a piece I haven't seen shows up—and, well, you know the rest of the story.



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## Roseway Community Calendar

## Roseway General Meeting

Theme: Economics Tuesday, April 14th, 7 pm Grace Lutheran Church 7610 NE Fremont

## Spring Fling

Saturday, April 18th, 12-3pm 72nd Ave. Park Blocks

### **Neighborhood Cleanup**

Saturday, May 16th, 9am-3pm Nazarene Church (across from Safeway on Sandy Blvd.)

## **PDXID Meeting**

4th Monday of each month at 7pm Nazarene Church (across from Safeway on Sandy Blvd.)

### **CNN Meeting**

Wednesday, May 6th, 7 pm CNN Community Room 4415 NE 87th Avenue

## **Roseway General Meeting**

Tuesday, July 14th, 7 pm Grace Lutheran Church 7610 NE Fremont

## NOTICE: Proposed Change to Roseway Neighborhood Association Bylaws

We will be reviewing some proposed changes to the Roseway Neighborhood Association bylaws at our next General Meeting: April 14, 7pm, at Grace Lutheran Church, 7610 NE Fremont. The process for changing the bylaws includes a review of the proposed changes on April 14, and then a vote to adopt the changes will take

place at the next General Meeting in July. We will present the proposed amendments in writing for a reading at the April general meeting, and vote on them at the July general meeting. If you'd like to review the current bylaws," you can check them out under "neighborhood bylaws at http://www.portlandonline.com/oni.

## Hats Redux by Dorothea Van Duyn

Though it seems to have left center stage as requisite wear, the hat remains one of the best garments for self-expression. In every photo of the Great Depression of the 1930s, one rarely sees a man or woman without a hat. Perhaps it was a sign of "though we're broke, we have style and hope that things will get better."

What they knew then, that many have forgotten, is any old hat can be made spectacular with a little bit of thought. A pin, a ribbon, a feather or even just a tilt to the brim could personalize a hat and bring a good feeling to both the wearer and those who saw the hat. We encourage you to wear a hat to our Spring Fling in April. Not just wear a hat: "flare" a hat. I bet you have some old thing stuffed in the back of your closet or packed away in a box. Pull it out and decorate it! Pin it, glue it, festoon it with whatever you find that strikes your fancy.

There will be judges on hand to award recognition (and maybe even prizes) to those who rehabilitate a hat with the most impressive style. Great fun for the whole family and it won't cost much, if anything! See you at the Spring Fling!





## Spring Fling and Mural Dedication Party Coming Up! by Peggy Sullivan

Tough winter, tough times, tough luck again! Ah, but when the going gets tough, the tough throw a party! So little else makes sense, you know?

On **Saturday, April 18** our neighborhood will be celebrating spring and dedicating our first public mural with a Party on the Park blocks. Even as this will include a last bit of mural fundraising, of course we're thinking about these difficult times, about now versus then. So the theme for this neighborhood party is "Restyling 1929 for 2009" - if you need an excuse to comb through vintage stores (or your attic) for your grandparents' favorite 1930's hats, have at it. Recommended dress is those fabulous Depression-era styles. Look at photos of early-century breadlines, and take your cue from there!

From noon until 3 p.m. 72nd Avenue will be blocked off at Fremont Street north to Beech, so that we can party without parked cars (thanks to the kindness of our neighbors on the block). While the Mural Dedication Ceremony will happen around 2:00, during the 3-hour party there will be something for everyone:

- A breadline at \$5.00 for a bowl of soup & bread (discount if you bring your own bowl)
- The Babies' Bar, a place for babes and their tenders to hang out, with all their strollers angled at the curb, of course!
- The Victory over Fear Garden exchange table, so sow some extra vegetable starts, or pot up crowded perennials from your beds to gift your neighbors (contact annasommo@gmail.com, or call her at 503/442-5685)
- The Bike/Trike/Alternative Vehicle Parade of Style, for Roseway residents between the ages of 4 and 94

to cruise their decorated transports to the oohs and aahs of onlookers (feel free to imitate the figures in the mural)

- Wheelbarrow Relay races, wherein gardeners, construction workers, street athletes and anyone with flames painted on their wheelbarrows will test their speed & balance skills in teams - form your teams now!
- Skateboard Slalom contests, including, we hope, a Masters' group for the long-experienced boarders.

Roseway businesses will be providing gift certificates, both as prizes and for an ongoing raffle (that's the fundraising bit). While we hope to have this party pretty well-organized by the time you are reading this invitation to come join your neighbors in fearless fun, OF COURSE we'll need a few more volunteers to help pull it off: set-up crews needed at 10:30 a.m. for an hour, take-down crews around 3 p.m. for about an hour, event overseers/organizers needed at various moments, and any musicians, especially fiddle- and guitar-players who can look like the ones in the mural, and maybe even be able to play some music - oh! and a soundman/woman, who can help pull together the sound equipment we hope to have at hand.

At the very least, even if it rains (we'll have tarps set up all over the place, not to worry), we'll all have fun, and perhaps even a little job creation might happen when neighbors start talking with each other. So give Peggy a call, or email her (503/288-8502, studios\_72nd\_ave@hotmail.com). Especially if you've been laid off, or had your work hours cut back, here's your opportunity to feel appreciated again for your work abilities!

## Exploring the Arctic: Winter's Impact on Roseway Gardens by Peggy Sullivan

Probably it all seems like a dream to you now, that snowdeep life of December past. Why, parents can barely remember how they rued having children after 2 weeks of being house-bound with their own darlings, and no doubt the dents and such have already been pounded out, at the autobody shop, from the vehicles of those brave/foolhardy enough to drive around town back then. Ditto the burst plumbing, and of course we'll all be adding more insulation in the attic this summer.

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Meanwhile it's coming on spring, so the other results of those 18 inches of snow and sub-freezing temperatures are becoming oh! so painfully clear:

Many of the New Zealand flax, and the spiky cordylines, those brave upright spears that once waved in the wind have folded their tents and left for the southern hemisphere again. Although surprisingly, some of the woody shrubs. like Callistemons and Leptospermums, survived with only some leaf burn. Not surprisingly, the needled conifers, the Hinoki cypresses and firs, hardy specimens that they be, laughed in the face of December's snow. Well, except for two shrubby white pines, that laughed until the weight of the snow tilted them face down, root balls heaved up. They are pruned and propped up now, and that embarrassment is nearly forgotten.

A couple wee new trees in my backyard garden look very funky, as in nearly dead. If you have some forlorn-looking woody shrubs, a slight fingernail scrape along an inconspicuous branch will show if there's still living tissue, and give you hope again. My rule of thumb is to be patient, and not pull out anything right away. Sometimes that might extend into summer, although others may interpret such patience as laziness.

Of course, pretty much anything in pots was toast by the new year - unless everyone but me had the good sense to provide some insulation for said potted plants? Still, there's nothing like a newly-emptied pot to provide reason for a therapeutic nursery visit. And especially if you do pull out plants wasted by the freeze, those baby shrubs with which you'll replace them will grow cheerfully and all the faster if you provide them a summer companion plant-in-a-pot, some annual that will be huge in July while the newby gets girth. The heartbreak of gardening is only assuaged when you find something else that makes your heart beat faster.

The Hardy Plant Society of Oregon's annual Spring sale happens April 11 and 12, at the Expo Center, where there will be lots of people wandering around looking for new horticultural romances, and the wholesale nursery folk there will have lots of suggestions if you appear dazed and confused.

And the following week-end we'll be celebrating spring and the Mural Dedication in the Painted Park block again, where there will be the Victory over Fear Garden plant swap, so buy a couple extra wee things to share. Bring them over in your flame-painted wheelbarrow.

### Problem-solving phone numbers in Portland

Report a crime or fire	9-1-1
Police (non-emergency)	(503) 823-3333
Police Info & referral	(503) 823-4636
Drug house complaints	(503) 823-DRUG
Noise control	(503) 823-7350
Graffiti hot line	(503) 823-5860
Nuisance hot line	(503) 823-7306
Street maintenance	(503) 823-1700
Animal control	(503) 988-7387
Abandoned Auto Hot line	(503) 823-7309
Disabled autos on private property	(503) 823-7306
Crime Prevention Coordinator,	(503) 823-2779
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Daddies Board Shop - Dan	503-281-5123
D's Bar and Grill - Thana Marie	503-281-1276
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Ohana Hawaiian Cafe - Matthew Ho	503-335-5800
Quality Inn - Marco Gastelo	503-256-4111
Rose City Liquor - Jeffrey Robertson	503-284-7591
Rose City Massage - Diane Foster	503-261-9783
Rose City Speedway Station - Luis Hernandez	503-595-5940
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The Missing Link - Joe	503-281-5709
The Service Center - Ray Kent	503-287-1230
US Bank - Lohani Lal	503-275-6530

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