



## Unwire Portland and Board Elections At General Meeting, October 11

by Peggy Sullivan, Board Member

In 1985 I bought my first personal computer – I believe it was an IBM-type clone, and all my friends and family thought I was on the cutting edge of technology. Ten years later, most of them giggled at that same computer, by then considered a dinosaur. I was way behind the cutting edge by then, didn't even get on-line until 1997 when I bought a second-hand but way-more-powerful computer and signed up for a dial-up connection to the Internet. I'd become accustomed to the duller side of the cutting edge.

However! I now see an opportunity to be among the techno-pioneers again, with the City of Portland's proposal to UNWIRE PORTLAND – which would make the entire city a wireless "hotspot" by installing a city-wide WI FI (wireless fidelity) system, which system would afford easy and widespread access to the Internet for anyone whose computer has

a wireless chip. Wireless technology provides us cell phones, garage-door openers, baby monitors! (It could also provide us freedom from cable connections, with any luck at all). Currently, Fairley's Pharmacy on NE Sandy & 72nd is one of Roseway's known "hot spots."

The Roseway Neighborhood Association has invited those-in-the-know to explain it all: Matt Lampe, Portland's chief technology officer, will be our guest speaker at the General Meeting on October 11, to explain the UNWIRE PORTLAND project. Other members of the team will also be present, so chances are that nearly all our questions will be answered, and we will feel the cutting edge again!

Elections for President, Secretary and several Member-at-Large board seats will be held before the Unwire Portland presentation. This is a good time to get involved with your neighborhood association!

## Columbia Knoll Our Madison South Neighbor

by Kathleen Blevins, Board Member

Construction is moving at a brisk pace at Columbia Knoll, a nine-acre, 335-unit mixed-age development for both families and seniors on the former Shriner's Hospital property, at NE Sandy Boulevard and 82nd Avenue. Some of the eight buildings of the Terrace, multi-unit structures providing affordable family housing, should be completed by early September. The Heights, a senior housing structure at the crest of the site, should be completed by Dec. 15 (ahead of its original schedule), and parent company Shelter Resources is currently accepting "pre-applications."

The Heights is a four-story residential building offering 208 one- and two-bedroom units with kitchens to individuals aged 62 and older. The building will be locked and secure so residents can enter with their keys, and there will be 24-hour staffing to monitor resident safety. It will have a wide range of features and amenities: dining facilities, a central lobby, a library, high-speed internet access for the computer room, activity rooms, gardening space in the rear yard open landscaped courtyard, as well as a general manager and social director, daily activities and outings, full wait staff to provide two meals daily, van transportation for scheduled trips/outings/appointments, library and computer center, beauty salon, pendant emergency call system, weekly housekeeping and linen laundering service, and other features.

The Terrace is made up of 118 one, two- and three-bedroom apartment homes which will occupy the perimeter

of the site along 82nd Street and adjacent to the Grotto greenbelt on the East portion of the property. Children residing at the Terrace will attend Portland Public Schools (Scott Elementary, Gregory Heights Middle School and Madison High School). Each apartment unit has modern electric appliances (including dishwasher), has a washer and dryer at no charge for the first year, and is wired for cable television and high speed Internet. Water, sewer, on-site parking and trash removal are provided at no cost. There will be a large community center, a privately run day care center, exercise room, computer lab and offices for onsite management and two large play areas.

Domestic pets under 20 pounds will be accepted at both communities.

According to a spokesperson at the Heights, Columbia Knoll is not subsidized housing. To quote the websites for each community, "there is no subsidy attached to this project —rents are kept affordable by utilizing financing arranged through the City of Portland (Portland Development Commission) and the State of Oregon (tax exempt bonds) together with an abatement of property taxes."

For further information on the two communities, please call (503) 203-1094 (The Heights) and (503) 255-5100 (The Terrace) or visit their websites [www.the-heights-at-columbia-knoll.com](http://www.the-heights-at-columbia-knoll.com) and [www.the-terrace-at-columbia-knoll.com](http://www.the-terrace-at-columbia-knoll.com).

# Christmas in April

by Catherine Wilson

Rebuilding Together with Christmas in April is a non-profit organization dedicated to repairing the homes of those who, for various reasons, cannot do the work themselves. It is supported entirely by contributions of time, labor, materials and dollars, and there is no cost to the homeowner.

To be eligible for this program (applications are accepted year round), the property or inhabitants must be:

- 1) owner occupied; 2) low income; elderly and/or disabled; families with children; 3) unable both financially and physically to effect repairs themselves; 4) in the identified target areas.

Do you know someone in Roseway who might like an early Christmas present? For more information about the program and application, contact Rebuilding Together with Christmas in April at (503) 943-7515.

## CALENDAR

- Oct. 11 General meeting
- Oct. 23 Open Garden, 72nd Avenue Studios, 3415 NE 72, 11-4
- Oct. 31 Tree planting sign-up deadline
- Nov. 5 Weed and mulch party on NE 72nd Ave. park blocks
- Nov. 8 Board meeting
- Jan. 10 Board meeting
- Feb. 14 Board meeting
- Feb. 25 Tree Planting
- Mar. 14 Board meeting
- Apr. 11 General meeting

*RNA meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Grace Lutheran Church, 7610 NE Fremont.*



### Connie Pilcher New RNA Secretary

In Oregon since 1988, Connie made the move to Roseway in 1997. Now retired, she worked many years for a non-profit and she also has taught school. She says she likes Roseway because it reflects a step back in time, with a quieter and less frantic pace. She has found that the Roseway people seem to take pride in their homes and their gardens, and that's important for a neighborhood and for neighborhood livability.

She's a hearty gardener and house fixer-upper, who loves to meet neighbors when she's walking her Jack Russell.

Please welcome Connie to our Board as Secretary and thank her for all her hard work!

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# Community News Round-Up

## Theft and Car Break Ins Increase

by Preston Wong, Crime Prevention Specialist

The good news is that burglaries in the Roseway neighborhood is on the decrease. The bad news is that thefts (the stealing of property from unprotected areas and autos) is on the increase. Back in January and February of this year Roseway had a total of 22 reported burglaries and only four reported break-ins to autos. In June and July of this summer Roseway had a total of two reported burglaries down 18, but a total of 23 break-ins to autos (an increase of 19).

This may mean several things. It may indicate that residents are more aware of potential burglars and are taking the necessary steps to protect homes. It may mean that residents are becoming lax about leaving items of value inside their cars.

Residents need to protect themselves from theft from both houses and cars. They both represent sources of money to the would be thief and a loss of property and inconvenience to the owner. To avoid being a victim do these simple things for your home and your car.

For your car: 1) Always leave the interior of your car "show room clean," that is, leave nothing inside your vehicle for the thief to take. 2) Always lock your car. No sense making it easy for the thief. 3) Try to park in a well lighted or well traveled place. Car prowlers do not want to be seen.

For your home: 1) Do not leave anything of value in the open on your porch, lawn, or driveway. 2) Keep your garage door shut. Most people have things of value stored in the garage and a garage without cars indicates that no one is home. 3) If you want to keep it, make sure it's tied down, locked down or bolted down.

These are basic suggestions I've given to many groups. They are not a guarantee, but they will help you not to be a victim of theft. For questions and additional information contact, Preston Wong, Crime Prevention Specialist, 503-823-2781.



The Rose City Cooperative Preschool is holding its annual Basement Sale on Friday, Oct. 28th and Saturday, Oct. 29th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This 37-family sale offers baby and children's clothing, toys and games, books, furniture, and housewares. It is held in the basement of the Rose City Park United Methodist Church at the corner of NE 58th Avenue and Alameda. See you there!



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## ANNUAL STREET TREE PLANTING SIGN UP

It is time to sign up for the annual Roseway street tree planting event sponsored by Friends of Trees! If you would like trees planted in the planting strip (the area between the curb and sidewalk) next to your home or business, there is no easier or cheaper way to get it done than this event.

Trees will cost \$75 each, and one adult from your household must be willing to volunteer to plant trees in the neighborhood on the Saturday morning Planting Day. The price includes: the tree, City inspection (to ensure it is the right tree in the right place), tree planting permits, help picking a tree (if you want it), digging the hole(s), planting the tree, staking it, instructions for how to care for your new street tree.

The only thing you will need is mulch to put around your newly planted tree(s). Trees are generally 6-12 feet tall when planted.

Planting Day will be Saturday, February 25, 2006. The deadline for sign up is October 31, 2005. We would appreciate your orders as soon as possible to help us better organize this event!!

Please also contact us if you are interested in volunteering to plant trees in the neighborhood on February 25th. You do not need to be ordering a tree to volunteer.

If you are interested, please call Nicole at 503-493-7385 or send an email to [neighborhoodtrees@yahoo.com](mailto:neighborhoodtrees@yahoo.com) to sign up. Please provide the following information when requesting your tree(s): your name, address, and phone number. Remember, trees improve the look and value of your property, cool and clean the air and storm water, provide habitat, can "calm" traffic, and are a great legacy for future generations. Hope to see you out planting trees on planting day!



The Arc of Multnomah/Clackamas County would like its supporters to know that The Arc of Clark County Washington has started phone soliciting for donations in the Portland area. Those donations support Washington State not Multnomah County residents. If you would rather have your donations serve individuals in Oregon, please call (503) 777-4736 to schedule a pickup or wait for the little yellow card to come in the mail.

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# LONGTIME ROSEWAY RESIDENTS

By Bonnie LaDoe, RNA Board Member

As part of the Roseway Neighborhood History Project, I was pleased to interview long time Roseway residents Russ and Trudy Olson.

Russ and Trudy have lived in their home on NE 68th since their marriage in 1958. They chose Roseway because it was a “wonderful neighborhood and the school house was close by.” Although they feel that their block hasn’t changed much since they moved into their home 47 years ago, they remember being told that the whole area was a farm at one time, and that the farm maintenance man built their home.

Russ was told that a gentleman named Ray Smaling had to move his home on 67th and Prescott up to Mason Street across from Wellington Park when Harvey Scott School was built. Then the land was cleared of trees to make way for the school.

When asked about businesses along Sandy, they remembered the Safeway store where the Church of the Nazarene is now and the Fred Meyer store about where Safeway is now. And Trudy remembers the Piggly Wiggly (grocery store) on 57th and Cully too.

Since Trudy and her sister moved to Roseway from Illinois in November, 1945, right after WW II, Trudy can remember other businesses that are now gone. They lived in an apartment just off the golf course on 64th. She remembers a small meat market on 63rd and Sandy where she and her sis stopped every day for their meat “so they got to know us.” She also remembers a drug store on 57th and Sandy.

Although they mostly traveled by car, if they needed public transit there was always the Sandy bus. And Russ can also remember the streetcar that went over the Broadway Bridge up to the hospital on Interstate, and “now they’re doing the same thing over again.”

Russ moved to Portland in 1945 from Davenport, Iowa. Asked if he went to a “one room school” he said, “no, I’m not a farmer boy”. But he did have to ride his bike five miles each way to school and his graduating class was only 19.

Trudy, however, did go to a one-room school back in Rock Island, Illinois. One of 13 children, she was driven to school in a horse and buggy by her oldest brother. “It was lots of fun, especially when it snowed.” Once the brother fell out of the buggy and it ran over his head. But the snow was so deep he wasn’t hurt. And when they didn’t have the buggy, they would walk the railroad track to school. If they heard the train coming, they’d have to slide down an embankment or run for a sidecar.

When asked how discipline and attitude is different today, they both agreed it was more strict back then. Russ said he “got my butt blistered five times a day, especially on Saturdays,” and apparently had to spend a lot of time looking at the corner. They both felt that families valued education then and that “they believed in sending their kids to school.” However, a college education was financially out of reach for most. “You had to have money to go to college, and we didn’t,” Russ said. “And there were no student loans or anything free.” And no second-hand clothing stores for big families either. As Trudy says, “clothes were just handed down, down, down, and parents then really had it rough.”

Leisure time activities in the neighborhood included going



to the Roseway and Hollywood Theatres. Russ especially liked musicals. And he loved to dance! Russ and Trudy met at the Palace Royale ballroom on about NW 23rd and Burnside. They also went to McElroys, but liked the Palace Royale best because “they didn’t have any drinking going on.”

Trudy worked at Lipman Wolfe in downtown Portland before getting a better job at Jantzen on 20th and Sandy Blvd, working there five years. Then she became a dental assistant in downtown Portland for 20 years. Russ worked for Precision Cast Parts, but also had 20 acres in Yacolts, WA where he raised bees. Many the in the neighborhood will remember Russ as the “honey man.”

When asked how the neighborhood has changed, they both felt that “it went through a slump,” but “now people are getting more active in their yards and taking care of things – no shabby looking homes around at all.”

So, thanks, Olsons, for becoming Roseway’s first oral history subjects. If you’ve lived in Roseway for many years, and would like to be interviewed for our project, we’d love to hear from you. You can call 503-281-0266 or e-mail [bladoe@aol.com](mailto:bladoe@aol.com) for further information.



## Improved Newsletter Delivery

This issue of the RNA newsletter is the first to be delivered using the new distribution system. Credit for its design goes to a former Roseway board member Lisa Chiba Perkins, now of Beaumont Wilshire.

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