

Roseway Newsletter

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Election Tuesday, October 14

By Sue Berg, RNA Board Member

The Roseway Neighborhood Association will be holding its annual election during our October General Meeting (7 pm at Grace Lutheran Church on 76th and Sandy Blvd.) We will be electing a new Board Chair and Secretary, and seeking a new coordinator for our Land Use Committee.

All neighborhood residents are invited to attend and are encouraged to join the Board or any of our committees. These include committees for our annual events: Spring Cleanup (May), Neighborhood Garage Sale (July), Neighborfair (Sept.), and neighborhood tree planting (date varies each year.)

New Trees for Parkway

By Sean Batty, RNA President

RNA plans to plant (80) new trees in four of the five park block medians between NE Mason and NE Prescott Street—The Roseway Parkway, north of Sandy Boulevard.

We need your help to make this happen!! While most of the cost of this project is being paid by City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services Grant through Friends of Trees, we still need to raise \$15 per tree, need help planting the trees, and need help watering them while they establish.

These trees would be installed between the existing trees and curb without removing any of the existing trees. They would be large shade trees that will mature taller and broader, and will be longer lived than the current trees, many of which are in decline because of their age.

Talk about your great long-term investment potentials! As these trees mature their value will be tangible:

- ❖ the tonnage of pollutants pulled from the air
- ❖ cleaner rivers because of decreased rainwater run-off
- ❖ lowered stress levels felt while strolling under leafy canopy
- ❖ the simple pleasure of their beauty and grandeur.

This is a fantastic opportunity to leave a green legacy for our children and grandchildren.

Please consider helping make a major improvement to one of the most interesting features of our neighborhood!

Call Peggy Sullivan at 288-8501 or Sean Batty at 255-0189 for more information.

Just imagine how far-sighted we will seem to the future residents of Roseway in the year 2103...

Other committees meet to develop and implement continuing projects. These focus on developing our Business Association, History of Roseway project, Land Use (encompasses the Roseway Design Standards, Traffic and Transportation, and Roseway Parkway Rejuvenation committees), Newsletter production and distribution, Problem Business Intervention, and our Neighborhood Association Website.

This is an excellent opportunity to get involved with your community! It is not necessary to be a board member to join any of our committees. Contact Kerry at 503-493-8148 or click on the Volunteer Coordinator link from our website www.roseway.org.



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Join the Planting Crew on
Saturday, November 15!!

Volunteer as Part of the
Tree Establishment
Watering Crews



PUD Ballot Measure

By Steven Eggleston, Interim Land Use Chair

At September's Board meeting Tom Coatney, of Pacific Power, spoke about the upcoming ballot measure this Fall to create a Multnomah County People's Utility District (PUD). He volunteered to give us a five-minute overview, as well as answer any questions we might have.

The Roseway Board does not take a stance on this measure. However, we strongly felt it was an important enough issue for discussion. This is an issue that could effect who provides our power in Multnomah County. It's important to be an informed citizen, so when we are asked to vote we understand what the real issues are.

Tom will be at the October meeting, and will be available at the end to answer questions people might have and to hand out informational pamphlets.

Infill Update: *Cautiously Optimistic*

By Tracy Ballew, RNA Board member

Just like the stock market, the lot segregation issue has had many ups and downs. Last winter, Roseway residents noticed our R5 zoned lots being split into two (or more) 25 x 100 lots and then developed with tall skinny houses. Residents went to the Planning Commission and they unanimously recommended that City Council re-establish a minimum lot size in the R5 zones. City Council rejected the Planning Commissions proposal by a 3 to 2 vote. The demolition of viable larger homes and splitting of lots continued.

Roseway residents learned they were not alone in this dilemma. Understanding that a city wide group had more strength and credibility, the group Friends of Neighborhood Zoning (FONZ) was born. Complete with it's own web site, this city wide group continued the fight. Three neighborhood associations and a few individuals appealed City Council's decision to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA). This act communicated to City Council that this issue was not going away.

RNA Chair Looks Back

By Sean Batty, RNA President & Chair

The highest achievement during my two years as chair was the development of the RNA Vision Plan. It helped define what works and what can be improved in Roseway. This was NOT a city project, but was a well-conceived and executed community planning process funded through a grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust. It has been a basis of our work to improve the Roseway Parkway, and to stop ill-conceived infill housing. It has been a tool to promote and develop our unique identity as a neighborhood and a community, and to bolster our credibility as a responsible, consistent, and thoughtful group of citizens.

The Vision Plan is a major reason Portland City Council reconsidered the way infill housing was happening deep in the residential areas of Roseway. The mayor presented our Vision Plan with an award for design excellence that celebrated the roll-up-your sleeves, grass-roots nature of its genesis.

What the Vision Plan and the Roseway Neighborhood Association have taught me is that we can grasp the reins of our destiny, and to the extent we ALL work together we will succeed. There are lots of ways to get involved...and I hope you will!!

Finally, 'thank you' to all the amazing people on the board, and others that I have met and talked to while chair. You are appreciated! Thank you for giving me the tremendous pride I feel in being a citizen of the Roseway Neighborhood...the best Neighborhood in Portland!!

Of the three no votes, Commissioner Eric Sten has continued to work hard to understand all sides of the issue. Not comfortable with his "no" vote of June 18th he recently asked city council to allow the city attorneys office to withdraw the June 18, 2003 decision for reconsideration.

On September 24, 2003 we expect city council to pass a minimum lot size of 3,000 ft. in the R5 zone. In the weeks following that vote, we expect more discussion on the development in the R2.5 zones and vacant lots within R5 zones. Nothing is final until the actual vote however; and for that reason we remain cautiously optimistic.

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Participation Gets Results

By Phill Colombo, Board Member

Ever wonder how our surroundings would look had scores of neighbors not participated in the public process over the past dozen years to change the way private business and our City would have allowed our neighborhood to develop?

- ❖ Many decorative fruit trees on the Roseway Parkway, already beginning die off, would not be replaced with dozens of larger, more functional varieties in November 2003.
- ❖ More and more older homes would be replaced by skinny houses out of character with the surrounding neighborhood, responsible for the demolition of viable housing, inappropriate for the zone, and not in compliance with the City's Comprehensive Plan.
- ❖ Our award-winning Roseway Vision Plan, expressing how residents, businesses, and organizations want Roseway to grow, would not exist.

- ❖ Wellington Park would be a huge soccer field, with fewer trees and no play equipment, paths, or permanent rest facility
- ❖ A bevy of 100-foot cell phone towers would blight the neighborhood.
- ❖ The Safeway/Hollywood Video/Apartment complex would not have had neighborhood input that caused developers to opt for a more satisfactory design, reduction of blank walls, and an overall better project scale.

Instead, Roseway neighbors educated themselves, discovered how government works, and took part in public and private meetings to give elected officials and professional public administrators advice on how things should happen. Their persistence and dedication resulted in a more comfortable neighborhood for residents and businesses, because it is more livable.

Please continue the work of those who lived here before you to make a beautiful part of Portland better.

Calendar of Events

- Oct. 14- RNA General Meeting and Officer and Board Elections*
- Nov. 11- RNA Board Meeting*
- Nov. 15- Tree Planting Day

***All RNA meetings 7 PM
Grace Lutheran Church,
7610 NE Fremont.**

- Oct. 11- Mult-Racial Families Community Potluck at The Friends Meetinghouse 4312 SE Stark 6:00 pm
- Oct. 13- Rose City Co-Op Preschool Basement Sale at the Rose City Park United Methodist Church, at 58th, Alameda & Sandy 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

New Business: Xpress Printing

By Catherine Wilson, Advertising Manager

Two brothers, Bavi and Uydo Le, both live and work in Roseway. When the business relocated to the corner of 67th and Sandy, living and working in Roseway got very busy. This family-owned business had been looking for a more central location to serve clients they have from all over Metropolitan Portland and surrounding areas, and even as far away as Seattle.

Bavi Le is both the business manager and project director. A graduate of Benson High School with a degree in Graphic Design from Portland State University, Le also has years of

practical work experience in both design and printing technique.

Xpress Printing specializes in "anything on paper." They promise a quick turnaround and quality printing for all needs: business cards, letterhead, flyers, invitations, envelopes, etc. This print shop also offers a very special service—bilingual translation into Chinese, Vietnamese and Laotian.

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Neighborfair

Bonnie LaDoe, RNA Board member

Saturday, September 6th at Wellington Park Neighbors enjoyed celebrating Roseway on a beautiful, sunny day.

Pop and chips were provided by Safeway and Costco. Free ice cream from the RNA was served from an old fashioned Ice Cream Bicycle, loaned by Debbie and David Mansfield. (see photo right)

The Balloon Man was back with crazy shaped balloons, and a wonderful juggling act at the end of the day. (see photo top)

Information and fun came from many organizations. *Gregory Heights Library* had stamping fun and *Grace Lutheran Church* did face painting. The RNA had information about how to get involved in your neighborhood, and some history photos, too. The *Friends of Neighborhood Zoning (FONZ)* had information about the new "skinny" houses we're seeing.

Also participating were *Girl Scouts Troops 268 and 269*, *Friends of Trees*, *US Bank*, *Guide Dogs for the Blind*, and



The Balloon Man (above)
Ice Cream Man Phill Colombo (right)

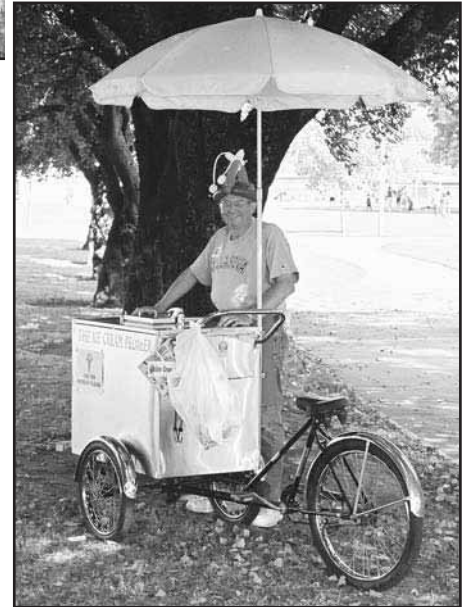
our old friends who always support our Neighborfair, the *Cascade Lions Club*.

Thank you to all the RNA volunteers: Catherine, Sue, Chris J., Nancy, Chris C., Tracy, Leslie, Bonnie, Sean & Lauren.

With George Neidhart and his wonderful banjo music it was indeed "a beautiful day in the neighborhood".

Be sure to save the first Saturday in September next year. Join your neighbors for Roseway's annual picnic in the park.

Don't wait that long to show your support. Join our General Meeting, 7 pm, Oct.14, Grace Lutheran Church, 76th & Fremont.



Tuesday, Oct. 14

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