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The Roseway Community: Schools and Neighborhood Unite

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What makes a strong community? It takes more than just great neighbors willing to get involved; it also takes strong schools. In this age of decreasing school budgets it only becomes more important for all of us to embrace our schools, find out what they have to offer our community and how our community of neighbors can help them in return. The exciting thing about Roseway neighborhood is that this is already happening in our schools and many of us didn't even know it.

Gregory Heights Middle School has many wonderful opportunities to offer the students attending the school as well as the community. These opportunities are available because Gregory Heights is a SUN School. A SUN (Schools Uniting Neighborhoods) Community School is a partnership of Portland Public Schools, City of Portland Parks and Recreation, and Multnomah County Schools Uniting Neighborhoods (SUN) Initiative. SUN Community Schools aim to extend the school day and develop local schools as "community centers."

How It Works

In a nutshell, here is how a SUN School works. The Gregory Heights SUN Community School program is open Monday through Thursday from 3:45 in the afternoon until 9 p.m., and on Fridays from 3:45 to 6. Once the school bell rings in the end of the day at 3:45, the programs start rolling. From 3:45 to 5:30, the site offers programming specifically for the students attending Gregory Heights Middle School. On a typical day, students can choose from six or more after-school

activities—sometimes up to 10 activities. After 5:30 pm, the site opens to the public for the Parks and Recreation classes: Yoga, Tae Kwon Do, Soccer for Youth and Adults, Tap Dance, and more. The site is also reserved for practices, games and meetings.

Our Commitment

These programs are vital to the success of our children and of our neighborhood. Roseway Neighborhood Association is making a commitment to our schools and to show the beginning of this wonderful relationship we will be sponsoring a table at their upcoming Family Health and Fitness Night on May 5, 2005. This is a HUGE event open to the neighborhood and free of charge to those that attend. The event is centered around health and fitness. All three gyms will be opened and will have activities ranging from yoga and tae kwon do to basketball hot shots and bicycling. There will be over 75 exhibitors to offer information on healthy living as well as tables on the SUN site and Parks agency.

To hear more about our SUN School, how it fits in the neighborhood and what it has to offer you and your family please attend our General Meeting April 12, 7:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church. Jeanne Kraje, Site Manager of Gregory Heights SUN Community Schools will discuss what a SUN School is, what programs it has to offer and how we can help our schools and our neighborhood thrive.





**Gregory Heights Middle School
Fund Raiser**

Saturday April 9th, 2005 Two locations
47th & Sandy (Chevron Service Station)
72nd & Sandy (Hollywood Video)

Please support the 8th graders field trip

OPEN 9:00 a.m. To 4:00 p.m.



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CALENDAR



- April 9 6th Annual Roseway/Friends of the Trees planting
- April 12 General Meeting
- April 16 Saturday, Weeding park blocks party 10-2
- May 5 Family Health and Fitness Night at Gregory Hts Middle School
- May 10 Board Meeting
- May 14 Clean up
- June 14 Board Meeting
- July 12 Board Meeting
- July 23 Neighborhood Garage Sale

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

To advertise in this newsletter please contact Sue Berg (bergsue@comcast.net) or Catherine Wilson (cwilson@windermere.com).



DO YOU HAVE THREE HOURS A YEAR YOU COULD SPARE? WE NEED HELP DELIVERING NEWSLETTERS THREE TIMES A YEAR. IF YOU CAN HELP, CONTACT NANCY AT (503) 287-6232 OR MELINDA AT (503) 288-0911. THANK YOU!

¡Deseamos contactar a todos nuestros vecinos en Roseway! Si Usted puede hablar más que un lengua, necesitamos su ayuda. Por favor, llama por teléfono a Sean Batty para información a 503-255-0189.



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Community News Round-Up

Roseway Park Blocks Weeding Party

Post-tax-filing Party! How cool is that? A chance to unwind your mind, unkink your back! We'll be weeding (and whining a little tiny bit, probably) beneath the young trees on the Roseway Parkblocks on Saturday, April 16. From 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., everyone who helps out with weed-filled debris bags will get a go at one of two \$30 gift certificates for Portland Nursery. Bring your own gloves and weeding tools, a snarly attitude and a jug of water, you'll soon feel better and all will be well.

Meet us at 10 a.m. at the corner of NE Mason and 72nd Ave. Or join us anytime between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.; you'll find us along the parkblocks.

Meanwhile, the Parkblocks Steering Committee, in search of more diversion for less money, seeks strolling musicians, soapbox orators and/or amusing performers of all types (not all need be human), for upcoming Hot August Nights! We're looking for more joy doing those maintenance chores, for a couple hours on a weekday evening! To weed and wine and enjoy our neighbors on those balmy summer evenings—way more fun than sweating alone! Contact Sean Batty or Peggy Sullivan via www.Roseway.org, to throw your talent our way.



Fifth Annual Roseway Neighborhood Garage Sale!

Roseway will be sponsoring the 5th Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale on Saturday, July 23. Mark the date on your calendar!

Here's how it works: Those who would like to host a sale sign up on a form included in the July newsletter. Roseway Neighborhood Association takes care of advertising in the *Oregonian*, the *Portland Tribune*, and other local papers to announce the sale. We provide maps of the sale homes, as well as notification posters for you to personalize with your address and hang around your block to bring in more shoppers. The cost is still only five dollars!

If you would like to host a sale, look for the July newsletter. And for those who like to shop, mark the date on your calendar and get ready for bargains!

ROSEWAY NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP

Roseway's 8th Annual Spring Clean-Up plans are under way. This year's event will be held on Saturday May 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Gregory Heights Middle School parking lot at 7334 NE Siskiyou. Fees are \$5 per car load, \$10 per pick-up truck load and \$15 per car+pick-up or large truck.

Acceptable items are: general garbage (what you would set out for your garbage pick-up), yard debris, wood products, metal products and paper products. We will have barricades to direct traffic and volunteers to help unload vehicles.

Because of hauler regulations, we cannot accept any TVs, computers, appliances, tires or hazardous items such as batteries, cleaning or lawn chemicals or combustibles. We suggest you take computer-related items and electronics stuff to Free Geek at their Community Technology Center, 1731 S.E. 10th Avenue. Find more information at www.freegeek.org or call 503-232-9350.

The Arc of Multnomah County will have a truck at our site to accept donations of usable clothing, small appliances, household items and furniture. Our volunteers reserve the right to refuse certain items which might be too large, heavy or dangerous for them to handle such as large items of furniture, large rocks or large pieces of concrete.

This event is made possible through the good work of Metro, the Office of Sustainable Deveopment and SOLV.

Anyone who would like to volunteer for a two-hour shift is welcome to dump his/her garbage for free. We will also provide refreshments and lunch for our helpers. If you would like to volunteer, or if you have questions, please contact Sue at 503-380-4565. We hope to see you there!



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Street Tree Planting: Past and Future

On April 9 the 6th Annual Roseway/Friends of Trees tree planting will be held. Neighbors will gather to help each other plant new street trees in the planting strips in front of their homes. These new trees, like the literally hundreds of others planted over the past years, will beautify the neighborhood, increase property values, cool the air, help clean water in rivers and streams, and maybe even remind people to slow down when driving our streets.

Friends of Trees, a local non-profit organization, deserves our thanks for continuing to provide their excellent assistance with this event in Roseway and many other Portland neighborhoods. This thanks extends to the many volunteer crew leaders who help on planting day, as well as the City of Portland's Urban Forestry staff who help make sure the right trees are planted. Finally, thanks to our neighbors, this year and years past, who've given their time, a bit of money, and continuing care in expanding and improving our neighborhood's urban forest!

A coordinator or coordinator team is needed for next year's neighborhood street tree planting. It isn't much work as the neighborhood coordinator receives lots of support from Friends of Trees, and the participants do the physical stuff on planting day! You don't need to know about trees or how to plant them to help Roseway continue its tradition of neighbors helping neighbors to take advantage of this low cost, fun, and important event. Please call Sean Batty at 503 255 0189 for more information. For more information about Friends of Trees, visit their website at www.friendsoftrees.org.



Did you know that street trees, utilities, and landscaping are the only permanent features allowed in the roadside planting strip (the area between the curb and sidewalk) in front of a residence? The planting strip and the sidewalk are generally part of the public street right-of-way. Maintenance of these features, including tree care and snow removal, are the responsibility of the adjacent property owner.

Removing, or topping trees without a permit is illegal. It is also illegal to park your car on the planting strip or to block the sidewalk with your car.

Planting strip landscaping, including planting new trees, is also regulated to ensure appropriate plants and trees are used. Contact the City of Portland Department of Transportation with questions about requirements, or the City of Portland's Department of Urban Forestry with questions or concerns about street trees. These rules help protect and ensure the quality of the pedestrian features and the quality of the environment on our neighborhood streets, which in turn, help to make it nice to walk around Roseway! City phone numbers can be obtained by calling the referral line at 503-823-4000, or by visiting the City of Portland's website at www.portlandonline.com.

Middle School Rummage Sale Fundraiser

The Gregory Heights Middle School 8th graders are having a rummage sale to raise money for their trip to the east coast in May. It will be held on April 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Madison High School, 2735 N.E. 82nd Avenue. Call Julie Hunt (503-281-8615) with questions.

Sandy Boulevard Project!

In the Roseway Vision Plan, our neighborhood residents supported a vision for Sandy Boulevard as a neighborhood Main Street, with a vibrant pedestrian-scale commercial retail area that would provide residents with a range of services and opportunities for community identity, interpersonal interaction, and personal health.

A team of four students from the Masters of Urban and Regional Planning program at Portland State University have chosen to focus on Sandy Boulevard from N.E. 68th to N.E. 80th Avenues for their senior project. Their intent is to develop concepts for the street that could help the City in seeking funding for transportation investments on Sandy. They chose Sandy for their project based on the Vision Plan and the other planning efforts Roseway has undertaken.

As part of this project, the team will be surveying businesses along Sandy, meeting regularly with the neighborhood's Land Use Committee, and conducting stakeholder interviews. They will also be coordinating with City of Portland, Metro, and TriMet representatives.

The outcome of the project will be alternative concepts for improving the pedestrian environment along Sandy. They will look at the sidewalk zone, crossing of intersections, and elements within the roadway. Look for more information on what they've come up with in July!