

Glenhaven Park's Skatepark is on the way!

At the press deadline for this newsletter, a meeting to discuss the features of the highly anticipated Glenhaven Skatepark was scheduled for March 15. Co-sponsored by Portland Parks & Recreation, Madison South and Roseway Neighborhoods, that meeting was planned to allow Dreamland Skateparks, Inc., the firm selected to design and build the new skatepark, to present their preliminary plan. Dreamland will have shared their initial ideas for the park, as well as heard from future users which features and amenities they would prefer, and from the community as to how the new skatepark will best fit into Glenhaven Park.

Public Meeting in April

A second public meeting to review how Dreamland incorporated the feedback they received in March is planned for mid-to-late April. At press



These Skateclub girls are ready!

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP MAY 13

Roseway's 9th annual clean-up event will be held on Saturday, May 13 in the Gregory Heights Middle School parking lot from 9 am until 2 pm. We will have drop boxes available to collect yard debris, household trash and recyclable items such as paper, wood and metal. Fees are \$5/car, \$10/pick-up and \$15/larger truck. Costs for very large loads will be determined on site.

Because of hauler regulations, we cannot accept any TV's, computers, appliances, or hazardous items such as batteries, cleaning or lawn chemicals or combustibles. We suggest that you take computer-related items to Free Geek at their Community Technology Center, 1731 SE 10th Ave. (www.freegeek.org or call 503-232-9350).

A Metro sponsored Hazardous Waste event is scheduled on the same day as our event. It will be at the Word of Life Community Church at 4927 NE 55th Ave. from 9 to 2.

The Arc of Multnomah County will have a truck at our site to accept usable items. They especially need clothes and shoes for all ages, bedding, pillows, sheets and blankets.

Our volunteers reserve the right to refuse certain items which might be too large, heavy or dangerous for them to handle. This event is made possible through the good work of Metro, the Office of Sustainable Development 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'll see you there!

time, the date for this had not been selected, but it will be posted to the project website, once those details are determined. Portland Parks & Recreation's website is www.PortlandParks.org, from where one can find the Glenhaven Skatepark in either the "What's New" or under Construction Projects, both found on the home page. If you are interested in hearing more, the new meeting, and a summary of the March 15 meeting will be posted there.

Background

In July 2005, Portland City Council accepted the recommendations of the Skatepark Leadership Advisory Team's (SPLAT) extensive public skatepark siting process. The recommendation was for a citywide system of 19 sites located throughout the City of Portland. City Council and the Director of Portland Parks & Recreation approved SPLAT's recommendation that Glenhaven Park, next door to Madison High School, be one of the first new skateparks built in Portland. Dreamland Skateparks, LLC, of Lincoln City, Oregon was selected,

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General Meeting April 11

We'll have two speakers at the next general meeting. The first speaker will be Jeff Strang, a Housing Inspector from the Office of Neighborhood Inspections. Jeff will pass out brochures, talk about neighborhood inspections for about 10 minutes and then answer questions for the remainder of his half-hour presentation. The goal of the Office of Neighborhood Inspections is to enforce Portland's property maintenance regulations. These regulations involve dwelling condition maintenance, outdoor property areas, and disabled vehicles on private property. Jeff's district includes Roseway.

If you are not able to come to this program, but would like to register a complaint about a property in the neighborhood (complainant information is kept confidential), call the Neighborhood Inspections main line at 503-823-7306.

Our second speaker is CJ Grimes from the Make Health Care Work Campaign. This coalition of health care providers, community groups, and advocates are working for a voice in regional health care decision-making.

The general meeting is at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11 at Grace Lutheran Church, 7610 NE Fremont.

Our Neighborhood Is "Perking" Up

Two businesses in the Roseway neighborhood have recently upgraded to enhance our livability. Fairley's Pharmacy at 72nd and Fremont has remodeled its space, adding a few bistro tables and a very welcome assortment of coffee delights. On a recent visit, I enjoyed a Raspberry White Chocolate Truffle Mocha while surfing the internet. Yes, Fairley's now is a WiFi hotspot!

This venerable institution, first established in 1913, is not only one of the few independent pharmacies remaining in Portland (with a true old-time soda fountain), but it has successfully leaped into the 21st century. What a wonderful mix of old and new!

At the North end of the 72nd Ave Park Blocks, the Prescott Market is a charming spot with a new outdoor eating area, and a deli inside that features everything from freshly baked Baklava to authentic kabobs and tabouli. The market offers catering for groups of 60-500 and has wonderful take-home meals ready to pop into the microwave. Originally opened in 1952 as Munger's Grocery Store, the establishment has had its ups and downs over the years. Fortunately for us, things are definitely "up" now.



Business Directory Now Available

The NE Central Sandy Business Directory is printed and complete. The directory lists all the businesses in located in both Roseway and Rose City Park. Partial funding for the guide came from a grant from the Association of Portland Neighborhood Business Associations. The business directory is endorsed by both the Roseway and Rose City Neighborhood Associations. This endorsement is for the guide itself, not an endorsement of any particular business listed in it.

The Central Sandy Business District Organizing Committee now meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 at the CNN office. The group also began monthly network meetings for local business people on March 13th at 5:30 pm at US Bank located at 7200 NE Fremont. The April 10 networking meeting will be held at Tarala Floors at 7135 NE Fremont. For more info or to be put on the mailing list for notification of events, please contact Sandra Lefrancois at 503-823-2780. All are welcome.



CALENDAR

- April 11 General meeting
- May 9 Board meeting
- May 13 Clean-up
- June 13 Board meeting
- July 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.



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through a public Request for Proposal process, to design and build this new skatepark.

SPLAT strongly recommended Glenhaven Park, adjacent to Madison High School, on NE 82nd, as their first priority for initial development. This site enjoys considerable neighborhood support. "The Roseway Neighborhood Association (RNA) is excited to see this great project moving ahead," said RNA board member Lauren Schmitt. In the letter to Portland Parks & Recreation when sites were being selected, the RNA expressed "enthusiastic support" for this site. The letter continued, expressing "that the evaluation of SPLAT of the site within Glenhaven park was well-considered and reflective of the park's opportunities and constraints [and] that a skatepark at the location within Glenhaven would be an amenity in the neighborhood if properly developed and managed."

Similarly, the neighboring Madison South Neighborhood Association advocated for this site as an ideal location for a skatepark. The neighborhood coalition, Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN), was also supportive of Glenhaven. "We strongly need and support free recreational activities for youth in the area," said Sandra Lefrancois, Neighborhood Involvement Specialist with CNN. "The Central NE community is very fortunate to have the opportunity for a safe and accessible facility that will serve neighborhood youth."

82nd Avenue Landfill Site

A redevelopment proposal is being prepared for the former landfill site across 82nd Avenue from Madison High School. The developer is proposing a "big box" retail center, with about as much retail square footage as at the Gateway Shopping Center.

Because this site is zoned for employment uses, special approval to provide more than 60,000 sq. ft. of retail space is required through a "Conditional Use Permit" from the City of Portland before development can occur. The developer is planning on submitting a Conditional Use Permit application to the City of Portland in June. If an application is submitted, there will be a public hearing to determine whether to approve the development. Roseway Neighborhood Association is continuing to monitor plans for this site. If you are interested, please attend RNA meetings the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church.

There is a small development under construction at the corner of 82nd and Siskiyou, on a small piece of the landfill site. This is a different project, and will result in a new home for the beauty school located a little further north on 82nd.



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Roseway Neighborhood Tree Planting

The Roseway annual neighborhood tree planting was held this year on February 25, 2006. Every year the Roseway neighborhood partners with the non-profit organization, Friends of Trees, to plant trees in the neighborhood parking strips. Friends of Trees (www.friendsoftrees.org) is an organization that partners with local communities to develop and sustain our urban forest by bringing people together to plant and care for city trees and urban natural areas.

The event, which is promoted by the Roseway Neighborhood Association, is coordinated by neighborhood residents who volunteer each year. Home owners work with these individuals several months before the planting day to purchase their tree(s). Each home owner is given guidance on the best tree for parking strip in front of their house, sticking with the philosophy "the right tree in the right place."

This year over 40 volunteers helped plant 35 trees in the Roseway neighborhood. Fun was had by all. The group enjoyed breakfast treats and lunch together to add to the planting jocularly. The food and beverages were donated by local business ollywood and Beaumont Starbucks, Fleur DeLis, Round Table Pizza, and Wholesome Blend.

Thanks to all those who volunteered and who bought trees to be planted in front of their houses this year (and in years past). You are what makes the Roseway neighborhood a great place to live!

If you are interested in participating in the next planting, keep an eye out for the announcement in the neighborhood newsletter around September/October 2006.





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June Gillespie, not a June bride!

by Bonnie LaDoe

Imagine for a moment that you have your wedding all planned. The cake is delivered, the out of town guests have arrived, and all the food is prepared. Then at the rehearsal the day before the wedding folks say, "June, why is your face so red?" Well, she didn't know it then, but the next morning, June 10, 1939, her planned wedding day, the doctor told her, "June, you've got scarlet fever."

So instead of a wedding at the house near 68th and Stanton where June grew up, she and her mother were quarantined for six weeks! While her father and husband-to-be had to stay away. And that's why June became a July bride. She and Bob Gillespie were wed July 15, 1939 at Faith Lutheran Church and had been married 60 years when Bob died in 1999.

June had come to Portland with her parents, Elizabeth and Fredric Schroetlin and her mother's parents Fred and Christina Allmaras. Mr. Schroetlin transferred with the railroad from Bremen, ND, where June was born in 1914. The two families settled on 7th and Fremont where June started school at Albina Homestead.

In 1921 each family purchased 50 x 100 lots for \$300 each on 68th just south of Stanton and built their identical homes next to each other in 1922. And it is in one of these houses that 91-year-old June still lives.

So, how have things changed in the neighborhood? Well, do you have a cow grazing on the property next door? Do you have an errant elephant from the circus at the race track (now Rose City Golf Course) in your backyard eating vegetables and breaking down clotheslines? Can you gather hazelnuts from brush along Sacramento? Can you walk to Kuenzli's on 68th and Sacramento and buy fresh eggs? These are just some of the memories that June has after residing in Roseway for 84 years.

June might be very wealthy today if her grandfather had kept the land he purchased from Mr. Kuenzli — from 68th and



Sacramento to 82nd including where Madison High is now. But a poor crop in North Dakota meant that taxes couldn't be paid, so the land went back to the State of Oregon.

June and her sister, Mae, attended Gregory Heights School where June graduated in 1928. A slender 98 pounds, June was very athletic and won several blue ribbons in track before entering athletics at Grant High where she graduated in 1932.

June can remember all the businesses on the south side of Sandy Blvd between 68th and 69th. They were Bellcrest Grocery, Rothenberger's Shoes, a real estate office, a boat shop, a jeweler, George's Market, Davis Drug, and a little mom and pop

grocery called Swanson's. They had pickle and peanut butter barrels out front charging 5 cents a pickle. Once, as a kid, June stuck her finger in the peanut butter, and the store owner called her parents and said they had "better watch her."

She can recall Dr. Nygard and Dr. Milne, dentists, with offices above Fairleys, and a Dr. Miller who had his office at Mrs. Hall's in a big house next to the Presbyterian Church (about where Papa Murphy's is now). And the Acker family who owned a big house on 70th and Sandy. (If you know of any photos of these long gone houses, please let us know.)

Now days, June's pride and joy is her grandson, Cole Gillespie, a senior at Oregon State University and captain of the baseball team.

June's extraordinary memory of the neighborhood is our good fortune and we thank her for being interviewed. And, if you or someone you know also has memories of Roseway in by-gone days, please contact Bonnie at 503 281-0266. Also call if you can assist with the neighborhood oral history project.

And if you love old photos, be sure to attend the April General Meeting. We'll have some newly acquired old photos of the neighborhood on display.



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