

Roseway Newsletter

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Over 23 Tons of Debris Removed from the Neighborhood!

by Sue Berg

Our 8th Annual Neighborhood Clean-Up took place on Saturday, May 14 in the Gregory Heights Middle School Parking Lot. Over 85 households were able to get rid of yard debris and garbage and, thanks to The Arc, were able to find a home for usable items that they no longer had a need for.

We are grateful to CNN for helping to set this up, and to the City of Portland's Office of Sustainable Development, Metro and SOLV for their generous support.



Sue Donora, Nancy Fredricks, John Pieters, Chris Johnson, Karin Sandwick, Mary Clare O'Brien, Gordon Berg, Jane Rosenstein, Chris Caruso, Sean Batty, Lauren Schmitt (with Lily Rose), Carola Dilorenzo, John Brehm, James Rost, Catherine Wilson, Marcia Escudero, Marry Wetter, Ned Howard, Eric Lively, Alli Schilf, Claudette Summerville, Chad Gilles, and Kathleen Blevins.

Thanks to all! It was a dirty job, but someone had to do it!

River City Disposal and Recycling, our hauler this year, was able to re-cycle much of the debris. Our thanks to them for efficiently meeting our needs!

Thanks go out to Annie's Donuts for donating yummies for our early morning volunteers and to Subway for



providing sandwiches for those working the lunch-time shift.

Our able-bodied volunteers were: Beth Strasburger,



GANGS and GRAFFITI General Meeting, July 12

Luke, Adios, X3. Up and down Sandy Blvd. and all round the neighborhood you see graffiti. What does it mean? Who puts this graffiti up? Is it all gang-related? Who's responsible for removing it? How can I help?

Gangs and Graffiti is the topic of the next Roseway Neighborhood Association general meeting. Preston Wong, Central Northeast Neighbors Crime Prevention program Coordinator and Marcia Dennis, Graffiti Abatement Coordinator will join us to talk about graffiti in our neighborhood.

Preston Wong will talk about gangs, gang activity, and graffiti that gangs use. He'll tell us what the letters mean and

the role that graffiti plays in gang culture. Preston will also explain the difference between gang graffiti and tagging and show examples of each.

Marcia Dennis will talk about graffiti reporting and removal. She'll explain the legal obligations of property owners with regard to graffiti. Marcia will give instructions on how to get a graffiti removal kit and what's in the kit. She will explain how to organize a clean up and give you the do's and don't's of graffiti removal.

Join us on July 12 at 7 p.m. at the Grace Lutheran Church on 7610 NE Fremont for this timely topic.

Hot Summer Nights in the Roseway Parkblocks

So, the Steering Committee for the 72nd Avenue Parkblocks doesn't want to spend anymore Saturday mornings on those tedious-but-necessary-maintenance chores for our teen-aged tree plantings (anymore than you all do) and thus we've conceptualized Weeding and Wining Evenings on the Parkblocks. There's a need for not only controlling the weeds but also planting groundcovers among the young trees (to maintain soil temperature and moisture, to eventually eliminate the damn weeds, to provide texture & color and & visual pleasure during drivebys and strolls).

Our vision is one of casual gatherings (nearly spontaneous!) of neighbors visiting and hanging out together while we weed and plant and water the trees. Sometimes there will be performers who want a venue to practice their art (Alan and his fellow musicians want to play a bit of classical music), and there are always pet-tricks, and soap-box-orators/singers).

We haven't yet firmed up the schedule of gatherings but they'll happen for maybe 90 minutes (7:30-ish to 9-ish) on mid-week evenings, a couple times in July, perhaps into September, and definitely National Night, August 2. They'll be announced on signboards posted on the parkblocks and other useful spots.

Meanwhile, you are encouraged to pull the random weed when you're walking the parkblocks, and feel free to resolve your aggressive moods by taking your weed-wacker to those still-thorny beds between Mason and Prescott! You don't need permission, but if you let me know that you're at it (503-288-8501), I can provide yard debris bags for your catharsis.

CALENDAR

- July 12 General meeting
 - July 23 Neighborhood Garage Sale
 - July 24 Open Gardens at 72nd Avenue Studios, 3415 NE 72nd Avenue, 2-6 p.m.
 - Aug. 2 National Night Out
 - Aug. 8 Open Gardens at 72nd Avenue Studios, 3415 NE 72nd Avenue, 4-8 p.m.
 - Aug. 9 Board meeting
 - Sept. 13 Board meeting
 - Sept. 16 Metro hazardous waste cleanup
 - Oct. 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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¡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

METRO Sponsors Free Hazardous Waste Round-Up

Now that it's time for summer projects, many neighbors have accumulated hazardous products around the house. Items such as leftover paint and stain, pesticides, batteries, and other cleaners and solvents cannot be disposed of in our curbside recycling or trash collection.

Metro sponsors free hazardous waste round-ups every weekend throughout the tri-county region to safely collect and dispose of these items. One is being held near Roseway on Friday, September 16 and Saturday, September 17, from 9 am until 2 pm, at the Word of Life Community Church (located at 4927 NE 55th Avenue).

The event is free, and is open to all residents wanting to get rid of harmful household items.

The following items will be collected: paint and stain, pool and spa chemicals, pesticides, motor oil, antifreeze, thinners and solvents, household cleaners, alkaline batteries, art and hobby chemicals, aerosol sprays, and Sharps medical syringes.

Items should be in their original containers if possible, or labeled correctly if in unmarked containers. Do not mix different items together, and seal containers to prevent spills.

Metro cannot return the containers to you, so make sure they will not be needed in the future. They also ask that you do not place items in plastic bags. Please be sure that none of your containers is larger than 5 gallons, and respect the 35 gallon limit per household.

For more information or to request a round-up schedule, please call Metro at 503-234-3000 or visit their website at www.metro-region.org.

Sign Up for Next Year's Tree Planting!

Friends of trees street tree planting will occur next year thanks to our new volunteer coordinator, Nicole Donofrio. Thanks Nicole!

For more information about how the planting works go to the Friends of Trees website at <http://www.friendsoftrees.org/programs/neighborhood.php>.

To sign up for trees, or for more Roseway specific information, contact Nicole at 503 525-5949. Be sure to leave your name, street address, telephone number, and email address (optional), if you know you want to sign up for the tree planting.

Organizing Sandy Blvd. Businesses

An exploratory meeting was organized by Sandra LeFrancois (our resource person at Central Northeast Neighbors) on Monday, June 13, at CNN to review 20 years' worth of attempts to form a business association along Sandy Blvd. Despite excellent outreach by CNN staff to the businesses along Sandy from NE 47th up to NE 82nd, there was minimal attendance to hear about what's going on currently.

These efforts include a pending application for a Transportation Growth Management grant, which will provide money to plan the changes due for central & upper Sandy Blvd. (We'll soon see this process implemented on Sandy from 12th to 47th Avenues.)

There were some lovely ideas from Mike Roth, in Rose City Park neighborhood, about merging our two neighborhoods into one "Businesses along the Boulevard" directory. There was also some discussion about developing a district identity: "the international district" was our favorite.

There will be efforts to obtain grants for hiring an outreach/community organizer to help birth a viable and active biz association.

MOST IMPORTANT: the eventual need for "stakeholders" (business owners and/or residents) to form an advisory committee so that our esteemed city planners don't plan changes to our main street without input from us. Keep an eye out for your opportunity to become involved in this. Because if you don't do it, who will?



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5th Annual Roseway Garage Sale

Saturday, July 23

Roseway Neighborhood Garage Sale Entry Form

Forms must be received by noon on July 13.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (day) _____

Phone (eve.) _____

Items for sale: _____

Email: _____

Types of items for sale (please check):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Kid's Items | <input type="checkbox"/> Household Items |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Furniture | <input type="checkbox"/> Tools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clothes | <input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous |

Please enclose your payment for \$5 (check or money order payable to Roseway Neighborhood Association). Send or drop off your form at Central Northeast Neighbors, located behind the new fire station at 4415 NE 87 Avenue, 97220, or bring it to the Roseway General Meeting on July 12.

Mark Saturday, July 23 on your calendar! Whether you have items to sell or are a bargain hunter, don't miss the Roseway Neighborhood Garage Sale. Come out, meet your neighbors, and hit the sales between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

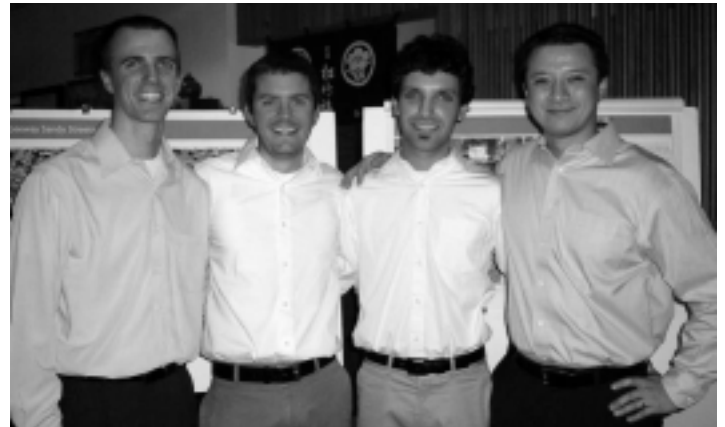
If you would like to host a sale, remember that the Roseway Neighborhood Association takes care of advertising with the *Oregonian*, the *Tribune*, and other local papers. We provide maps of the sale homes for you to distribute, as well as garage sale posters for you to personalize with your address and hang around your block to bring in more shoppers.

The cost to you is still only five dollars. If you'd like to participate, fill out the entry form in this newsletter. You can mail or deliver your form and check for \$5 to Central Northeast Neighbors at 4415 NE 87th Avenue, 97220 or turn it in at the Roseway Neighborhood General Meeting at Grace Lutheran Church on July 12. Entry forms not turned in at the General Meeting are due at Central Northeast Neighbors by noon on July 13.

Advance maps will also be available July 21 at Gregory Heights Library located at 7921 NE Sandy Blvd. Please, no early visits! For additional information, call Kerry at 503-493-8148 or Lauren at 503-255-0189.

PSU Students Complete Sandy Streetscape Project

This spring, four Masters of Urban and Regional Planning students at Portland State University chose to work on Sandy Boulevard in our neighborhood for their culminating project. Their intensive work plan included surveying every business between 68th and 80th, gathering traffic data (including waiting time to cross Sandy), and interviewing a variety of stakeholders. They then developed concepts for improving Sandy Boulevard for pedestrians, bicyclists, and businesses, while maintaining Sandy's function as a through street. Morgan, J, Mike, and Matt presented their work to neighborhood representatives on June 7 at Hokkaido restaurant. Take a look at the link for the Sandy Main Street Concept at www.roseway.org to see what they came up with!



Proposed Boundary Change Dropped

The proposed normalization of the boundary with Cully neighborhood between Fremont and Prescott was dropped by a vote of the RNA board at the May 10 Board meeting.

RNA board had proposed moving the boundary line between NE Fremont and NE Prescott from NE 62nd, which is not a through street, to NE 63rd, which is a through street. The Cully neighborhood association had agreed to the change. In response to the protests of many residents of the affected area, the board voted to drop the proposed change.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to RNA Chairman Elizabeth Skorohodov on the birth of Lillian Rose. Born May 14, Lily weighed in at 6 lb., 5 oz. and measured 18 inches long. Welcome, Junior Board Member!