

The Roosie

Roosevelt Neighborhood
Association Newsletter

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<http://rooseveltseattle.org>



IT'S TIME FOR SPRING CLEAN -Seattle's premier community cleanup event. Seattle Public Utilities invites you and your neighbors to participate April 1 - May 31.

The RNA Sustainability Group will be scheduling one Saturday in April and one in May to help pick up litter, stencil storm drains, paint out graffiti or remove invasive plants. E-mail an RNA Board member RNA@rooseveltseattle.org to participate.

"The RNA is looking for local architects, land use planners, landscape architects, real estate professionals, business owners/managers, and other knowledgeable individuals to participate in workgroups to revise our Roosevelt Urban Village Neighborhood Design Guidelines and develop concept plans for green street designation for 66th Street between 15th and 8th Avenues NE and sections of Brooklyn and 14th, between 66th and 65th Streets.

Please contact Jim O'Halloran at jim@ohalloran.cc or Ellen Stoecker at emstoecker@comcast.net or an RNA Board member via RNA@rooseveltseattle.org to share your interest and credentials."

April RNA Meeting
Tuesday, April 24th, 7:30-9:00pm
Roosevelt High School
Room #242

Topics will include:
RNA Elections
Business Community Vision Statement for the Roosevelt Neighborhood
Sound Transit Station Planning/Future Fence Art Project
Bull Moose Festival Updates
Green Streets and Design Guidelines

RNA Elections May 2012

The May 22nd RNA meeting is The AGM when we have our election for the RNA Board. The Board oversees the general running of RNA. Various small groups and committees do RNA work too, and the board tries to keep the big picture while also planning The Roosie and the General Meetings. In the last year the Board has consisted of seven members. That whole Board has been in position for two years and some of us have been on the board for much longer than that. We all felt that this last year was not a time to change the Board as there was so much to do with the re-zone issue. So everybody stayed on. Now that the re-zone is decided, six of us, including myself, are stepping down. Most of us still intend to be very active in RNA, but not as Board members.

We need new people to move RNA forward into the next chapter. Teri Butorec-Lee (Roosie editor), Gabe Castillo (Business community) and Mark Konnigs (Treasurer) have all agreed to be on the Board for next year but we need others to share the load. We need a new President, Secretary and Vice President at least and there would be room for one or two others. You would get help from the retiring board to learn the ropes and make the transition smoothly.

To keep our community vibrant and to ensure that development is in line with what the community wants, people need to step up and share the load. If many people do a little no one has to do a lot, and no one feels burned out. Please consider if you can give your time and energy to serving on The RNA Board.

If you would like to discuss this or get more information please email me or chat with any board member soon. Thanks.

Peter James. President RNA
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Small is Beautiful
Local is Smart
and
Community Engagement is Essential

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Roosevelt Station

Key Features

- Station platform 70'-90' underground
- Elevators, escalators and stairs at both entrances
- Bicycle parking
- Connections to buses on NE 65th St, 12th Ave NE and Roosevelt Way NE
- 8,000 daily boardings (2030)



Plans for the Roosevelt Station Are on Track

The following questions were asked of Wilbert Santos, of Sound Transit's Community Outreach. He can be reached at wilbert.santos@soundtransit.org, or by phone at 206/370-5516

When will the neighborhood get to see the 60% design plans for the Roosevelt Station?

The 60 Percent plans will be unveiled to the public this spring at an open house on Wednesday April 11, 2012. We invite the public to attend this open house to see the latest designs, hear about their evolution, to ask questions and provide feedback. The public will have the opportunity to comment at the meeting both in written and verbal form but can also mail/email comments to Sound Transit after the open house. There is no set public comment period but timely comments are the most beneficial. The presentation will be posted on our website and a brief recap will be sent out in our monthly email newsletter following the meeting. To sign up for our email updates people can go to www.soundtransit.org/subscribe.

What are the plans for the Standard Radio building façade?

Sound Transit is actively working with the design and

artist teams to further concepts developed on how to incorporate portions or all of the façade into the new station. Ideas from the public are especially helpful now. The Roosevelt Station *Meet the Artist* event is currently being scheduled; the art group is confirming the details and should have more details soon to come.

Has the decision about building over the station been made?

As of Wednesday, February 23, the Sound Transit board decided not to pursue the building over the station but will continue to have it adjacent on the current QFC lot. The link to the board meeting can be found at this link (2/23/12 Sound Transit Board): <http://www.soundtransit.org/About-Sound-Transit/Board-of-Directors/Board-archives/Board-video.xml>.

Where can people get additional information?

We will be sending out a mailer advertising the upcoming meeting for the North Link project, where anyone wanting additional information concerning the Roosevelt Station can contact Ellen Blair at 206-398-5043. For anyone passing the future station site, we have posted banners with graphics and information at the Standard Radio building windows.

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Bull Moose Festival Update

Community events like the Bull Moose rely heavily on volunteers. This is an opportunity to be involved with the Roosevelt Neighborhood and get out and meet some great people. We need volunteers in the following areas:


1. **Green Committee:** this group of volunteers will work with Seattle Public Utilities to set up waste stations and to educate festival goers on resources available to them in the City of Seattle and green living tips.
2. **Traffic Control:** while not terribly glamorous this is a vital area we need volunteers. The city requires us to have a person staged at each of the street closure areas. With enough volunteers we can keep this to a minimum time per person at each station.
3. **Local Artist Coordination:** This is an area we want to develop this year. We need a couple volunteers who will find artists, coordinate the area, and manage it the day of the event.
4. **Publicity: Are you a PR person?** We want to really get the word out this year and would welcome any expertise and time commitment possible.
5. **Sign and Poster Distribution:** Have a staple gun? Give us a hand! We will have posters to be hung and distributed and yard signs to be posted around the area.
6. **Set Up and Clean Up:** all of the booths, stage, etc. will be set up for us by the rental company. We always need a bit of extra help to make things run smoothly and definitely need help cleaning up the area afterwards to leave no trace...
7. **Sponsor Booth:** This will be a space for businesses and sponsors to display any information they would like to share with festival goers. We will need a couple people to man this booth throughout the day.

8. **Beer Garden ID checkers:** the fun job of checking everyone's id before they are able to enter the beer garden.
 9. **Photographers:** We would love to have photos of the event this year. Nothing fancy just some shots of activities and people.
 10. **Disaster Preparedness:** I know there is a group of people in our neighborhood who are "experts" on this. I would love to be able to have an educational area where people can get this information and talk to people who have gone through this process.
- If you are interested in volunteering, please contact: Michele Cole (206)303-9139 or bullmoose@rooseveltseattle.org.*

Tales from the Produce Aisle

After a long back-and-forth process, Kroger Foods has finally announced when they will close the doors on the Roosevelt QFC store. May 12 will be the last day of business at their 66th Street location, with demolition for the upcoming Sound Transit station beginning later in the summer. While the prospect of an enhanced transit hub is exciting, the closure of the QFC is indeed the end of an era, and we'd like to mark that transition in the Roosie. Send your memories, stories and anecdotes about the store to Roosie Editor Teri Butorac-Lee at tbutorac111@yahoo.com, and we'll include them in our next issue.

Sandy Kurtz



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Got Questions? Contact authorized Zumba Instructor
Michelle LaFontaine, 206.718.7566 or Zumbalmp@gmail.com

