ROOSEVELT TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL & HALLOWEEN BASH!
Saturday, October 27th
5pm to 8pm

ROOSEVELT BUSINESS COMMUNITY HOST THE FIRST ANNUAL HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL

Who says Halloween has to be unhealthy? And who says healthy can’t be fun?

All over America, Halloween is getting a healthy, eek-o-friendly makeover.

Begun in Seattle by a mom of two, Green Halloween® is a grassroots, non-profit initiative to encourage communities to celebrate healthier and more Earth-friendly holidays, starting with Halloween. Green Halloween has a simple goal: to keep the fun and happy memories while creating traditions children and parents can feel great about now and in the future.

In 2008 Green Halloween went nationwide thanks to widespread media exposure, word-of-mouth marketing and online buzz, as well as the support and enthusiasm of families and businesses all over the country.

This year we are hoping you will join the Roosevelt Neighborhood Association in partnering with and creating a Green Halloween Trick or Treat Trail throughout our business community on Saturday, October 27th from 5pm to 8pm.
HAVE YOUR HALLOWEEN MAKE UP DONE BEFORE THE EVENT OR FOR OTHER HALLOWEEN PARTIES YOU MAY PLAN ON ATTENDING THAT NIGHT (details will be posted on the RNA website and Bull Moose Festival Facebook page as they are confirmed)

FAMILIES CAN TRICK OR TREAT THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD AT PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES

PEAKS FROZEN CUSTARD WILL HOST THE HALLOWEEN BASH WITH FUN ACTIVITIES AND SNACKS

MOONPAPER TENT WILL HOST A HALLOWEEN ADVENTURE FOR FAMILIES

COMMUNITY FITNESS WILL HOST A TRICK OR TREAT OBSTACLE COURSE

WHOLE FOODS MARKET will be a part of National Costume Swap Day on Saturday, October 13th from 12pm to 2pm. For more details: http://wholefoodsmarket.com/store/event/national-costume-swap-day-roosevelt-square and www.greenhalloween.org/CostumeSwap/

FOLLOW US ON THE BULLMOOSE FESTIVAL FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS AS THEY ARE CONFIRMED

AN EVENT WILL BE CREATED ON THE FACEBOOK PAGE, IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND WITH YOUR FAMILY IT WOULD BEHELPFUL IF YOU RSVP’D TO THAT EVENT

Businesses will participate by:

- Offering healthy, eco-friendly treats to kids as they Trick or Treat throughout the neighborhood.
- Dressing up or designating someone at their business to dress up and act as the greeter to families.
- Decorating their business for the holiday using “Green” decorating ideas
- Post a Green Halloween poster in their business to promote the event.
- Option: offer a coupon or special for the adults visiting your business.

Frequently Asked Questions:

WON’T THE KIDS BE UPSET? Green Halloween has participated in many Halloween events in the past few years and came face to face with thousands of children. They asked them what they would think if someone gave them one of the alternative goodies they had on display instead of regular candy. After seeing the alternatives, not one single child of any age said they would rather have candy. Not one.

IS THERE A HAPPY MEDIUM? Sure! Going healthy and green can happen in leaps and bounds or in baby steps. Either way, when changes are made for the better, they always count. One idea is to buy 50% candy and 50% something else.

Please contact Michele Cole for questions, interest in participating, or to RSVP michele9139@comcast.net or (206)303-9139.

Please visit www.GreenHalloween.org for more information about how to celebrate GREEN.

RNA PLANNING MORE FREQUENT, FUN, ‘GREEN’, HEALTHY, EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

Beginning with the Roosevelt Trick or Treat Trail, the RNA is planning on events that will focus on the spirit of our neighborhood and building a strong connection between our businesses, residents, and schools. We are in discussion with the Seattle School District Community Partnership Program to build an on-going relationship between our community, our local schools, and our businesses.

The vision of this program is to create events that are focused on healthy lifestyles and earth-friendly celebrations; to make healthy sustainable family events available in our community and to grow new traditions. These events will coincide with traditional holidays, celebrations, and seasons helping to bring awareness about great, green alternatives (that keep all the fun).
Greetings Roosevelt Businesses

Summer always seems to fly by, and this year was no exception. Since June, when Sound Transit hosted a tour of our Capitol Hill light rail construction site for Roosevelt businesses, we’ve held a groundbreaking ceremony and community celebration to honor the start of Northgate Link Extension construction and we’ve relocated four townhouse buildings from the future Roosevelt Station site to a new location just a few blocks away. We were also pleased to participate in this year’s excellent Bull Moose Festival.

I am happy to be contacting you to schedule a meeting of Sound Transit staff and Roosevelt businesses. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss expected construction impacts to Roosevelt businesses and how Sound Transit can best ease the impacts to businesses. We will come prepared with a proposal based on our experience supporting business communities during major construction projects, and we look forward to hearing your feedback and ideas.

As I wrote last June, Sound Transit’s goal is to work with the business community to ease the impacts of construction to the extent possible. Based on our past experience, our construction contracts include several requirements that help minimize impacts. I’ve attached a fact sheet that outlines these requirements.

Nevertheless, each neighborhood is unique, so we work with each business community to put together a plan that addresses specific impacts and needs.

Trees for Neighborhoods

Please read through this information before applying for trees!

The Trees for Neighborhoods program helps Seattle residents plant trees around their homes. Participants in the program receive:

- Free trees (up to 4 per household)
- Watering bags
- Training on proper planting and care
- Coupon for free GroCo compost
- Ongoing care reminders and workshop opportunities

Seattle residents only. Trees can be planted anywhere in residential yards, but must be planted at the address on the application. Permits are required if planting street trees. Receiving a permit is not guaranteed. No permit is required for yard trees. Tree supply is limited and applications will be accepted on a first come first served basis, so apply early!

Thank you for applying for the Trees for Neighborhoods program! Please review the program details and instructions at www.seattle.gov/trees/treesforneighborhoods before completing this application. If you have questions, email us at TreesforNeighborhoods@seattle.gov or call us at 206-615-1668.

**Street tree applications are now closed. Applications are being accepted for yard trees only.

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Green Streets Design Progressing

On the 18th of September, the City of Seattle came to the community to present their progress in designing our neighborhood green streets. The landscape and planning firm of Geyer Coburn and Hutchins (GCH) presented the design to about twenty community members, interested parties from local bicycling activist groups and Sound Transit.

Two schemes were offered for NE 66th street. The big difference between the two schemes was the high school block from 12th Ave to 15th Ave. One scheme suggested converting the one way traffic with diagonal parking to two way traffic with traditional parallel parking. The alternate scheme retained the current traffic flow but added a westbound bike lane connecting the light rail station. This bike lane would be traveling in the opposite direction to the car traffic. Both schemes would have bike “sharrows” where cars and bikes are going the same direction. Both schemes had a variety of traffic calming features along all of NE 66th street, which included curb bubbles and raised crosswalks.

The design had larger landscape planters along 66th, Brooklyn Ave. and 14th Ave. Several residents are hoping for a more intensive green storm water option, especially along Brooklyn going south of 65th. The schemes had various sidewalk widths ranging from six to eight feet. Some residents questioned if eight feet was sufficient to support pedestrian traffic to the light rail station.

Parking came up as a concern for our neighborhood businesses who rely on adequate customer parking. This concern was raised as suggestion to merge two bus stations along NE 65th Street to a single larger station between Roosevelt and 12th on 65th. This stop reconfiguration would reduce parking along that block but more parking would be available on the two adjacent blocks.

“Volunteers needed for mural maintenance”

The mural by the Cowan Park playground was restored on July 14. Since that time, a small group of devotees has been removing newly applied graffitti. If you would like to help us keep the mural free of graffitti please email Gregory Engel at gregory.engel@swedish.org.

RNA Meeting
Project Updates

October 23rd, 2012
7:30-9:00pm
Roosevelt High School
Rm #242
Roosevelt Restaurant Review

A Grocery and So Much More!

The Cowen Park Grocery isn’t a 7 Eleven. It occupies a quaint, tree-bedecked corner off the park. It offers Free wi-fi. It serves Caffe Umbria and Le Fournil pastries in the morning. In the grocery section It makes available an eclectic assortment of standard and specialty food items.

Old timers give the current owners, a brother and sister, credit for the transformation of Cowen’s from a dismal corner shop selling wine to people in the park into a local landmark. On Saturdays and Sundays, Cowen Park offers burgers and beer (Manny’s on tap) from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m., and for those who get picky over beverages, the cafe also has Bibi Caffe (awesome Italian coffee soda) and Chinotto (Italian bittersweet soda).

On weekends they also serve up a range of breakfast foods, including a wide range of omelets. For the adventurous there is the SOB (South Of the Border) omelet that includes chorizo and spicy pico de gallo. The cafe features a memorable selection of pastries and freshly brewed coffee.

Sadly the Gowen Park Grocery no longer sells hand-crafted Korean tacos and burritos. That experiment ended two years ago.

Between the cafe and the groceries area, there is a room selling a wide selection of moderately priced wines. Outside there are several tables for those who wish to eat al fresco.

All this and they still call it a grocery?

Cowen Park Grocery, 1217 Ravenna Blvd., 525-1117, Mon.-Sat. 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sun. 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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Community Power Works Program

Cold weather is coming.

Community Power Works (CPW) is a program of the City of Seattle to provide energy upgrades for buildings and homes throughout Seattle.

CPW allows homeowners to receive a rebated home energy audit (Customers only pay $95), which is the basis for tiered rebates for making efficiency improvements to their home. Based on the energy audit, customers can receive the following incentives by hiring an approved High Roads Contractor.

2012 CPW Works incentives:

- 15-20% total energy reduction - $1,250
- 21-30% total energy reduction - $2,000
- 31%+ total energy reduction - $2,500

Additionally customers moving off oil furnaces, old natural gas furnaces, or electric based heat can qualify for an additional $1,200 fuel-switch rebate by installing a mini-split heat pump system.

In addition to incentives, CPW offers qualifying customers low interest (4.49%) on utility bill financing for their efficiency projects. And other lenders have special energy efficiency loan products.

The website lists many contractors approved to do the energy audits and/or the work. For more information see:

www.communitypowerworks.org

Roosevelt Sustainability Group
Ellen Stoecker
Stay safe around construction

Sound Transit’s demolition contractor, Titan Earthworks, is preparing to begin work at the Roosevelt light rail station site later this fall. As demolitions activity gets underway, large trucks will enter and leave the Roosevelt Station site throughout the work day. Many of the trucks will be towing a second trailer. Safety is always our top priority, and we want to remind you to always be careful and aware of truck traffic:

- Always cross the street at intersections. Do not cross mid-block.
- Stay clear of turning trucks with trailers.
- Watch for a second trailer.
- Stay alert, avoid being distracted by your phone, friends or music.
- Slow down, don’t try to outrun or out-maneuver a truck.

Our contractor will be demolishing the old QFC building on Roosevelt Way NE, the Standard Radio building on NE 65th Street, and buildings on the west side of 12th Ave NE at NE 65th St. and NE 66th St. Look for signs and other information to be posted around the site soon. Talk with your family, co-workers and those in the community about the importance for everyone to be aware of trucks in this area. If you have any questions about the upcoming demolition work, please contact:

Roger Pence at 206-398-5300 or northlink@soundtransit.org.

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