



Roosevelt Neighborhood  
Association Newsletter

Laura Bernstein—Editor

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<http://rooseveltseattle.org>

### Pedaling 4 Preparedness (P4P) Awareness Campaign

A bicycle can be a significant resource in a time of disaster. Whether it's used to evacuate before a tsunami, to maneuver through disrupted streets following an earthquake, or to transport food, water, and first aid supplies to survivors after a hurricane, bikes have proven to be a feasible and accessible tool/resource.

Ilyssa Plumer, founder of Pedaling 4 Preparedness (P4P) had this "aha!" moment when biking home from work on Bike to Work Day in 2012. She suddenly realized how easy it would be to combine two of her biggest passions: disaster preparedness and biking. At first she thought the idea was silly, but as she spoke with those around her, while also hearing of powerful stories where bikes were being used in disaster response (i.e. transporting resources after Hurricane Sandy, when all other transit was down), the more her vision grew.

Ilyssa is geared up for her second year of P4P during the month of September (aka National Preparedness Month)! You can find additional events and details at the website: <http://pedaling4preparedness.com>. If you have any ideas you'd like to share with P4P or if you would like the team to stop by your community group, please let P4P know!

There will be several P4P events going on throughout the month, including: **Friday, September 12** (6 pm at Gasworks)- P4P Olympics/Potluck! **Thursday, September 25** (6pm at Crew Stadium at Green Lake)- "Prep My Ride" Contest. **Tuesday, September 30** (6pm at Meridian Park in Wallingford)- Build your Bike Preparedness Kit Scavenger Hunt!

**Let's come together to better prepare our communities one pedal at a time!**

*Ilyssa Plumer, founder of Pedaling 4 Preparedness (P4P)*

### ***RNA General Meeting***

**Tuesday, September 23rd, 2014**

**6:30 pm Social**

**7:00 - 8:30 pm Meeting & Presentation by Ilyssa Plumer**

**Founder of Pedaling 4 Preparedness (P4P)**

**"A bicycle can be a significant resource in the time of disaster."**

**CCA, Calvary Christian Assembly, at 8th and 68th, east entrance.**

***RNA General Meetings are the fourth Tuesday of each month.***

### ***RNA Committee Announcements***

#### **Roosevelt Sustainability Group (RSG)**

This year this small but intrepid group will be working on our neighborhood design guidelines, planning and promoting emergency preparedness (September is National Preparedness Planning month -- see Ilyssa Plumer's article) and planning fall and spring Neighborhood Clean-Up events. See the RNA website calendar or Sustainability Group webpage for our monthly meeting dates and locations and send us your sustainability questions and ideas. We'll try to send a Facebook reminder too, so please join: <https://www.facebook.com/RooseveltSeattle>.

For more info email: [emstoecker@comcast.net](mailto:emstoecker@comcast.net)

*Ellen Stoecker, Secretary & Sustainability Group Chair*

#### **RNA Transportation Group (RNAT)**

**RNAT** concerns itself with five transportation issues: **parking, biking, buses, pedestrians and traffic flow**. We currently have about eight active members and so focus on the first two issues. More members would enable us to address other issues, so if Transport is your thing....**join us**.

Parking will be a big issue in the next 10 years as we get more new buildings, more businesses and a train service. We feel it is important to act before problems arise. Both businesses and residents will or do have significant challenges with parking and we have identified strategies to maximize current parking wisely. A couple of parking hotspots have already arisen on NE 62nd and NE 66th, so we have been working with all parties to develop fair and smart solutions to current challenges. This coming year we also want to engage Roosevelt High School as they are an important part of the puzzle.

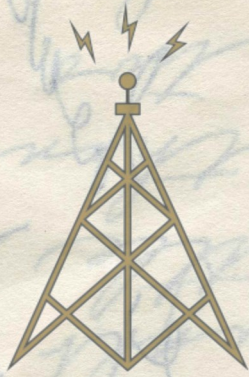
The city wants to encourage more of us to bike for work, errands and pleasure. Their Bicycle Master Plan features a protected bike lane from 35th NE to Green Lake, and one option is for it to go along 65th. In the past year we have explored the various route options and our goal this year is to choose, as a neighborhood, which makes the most sense overall. Even though construction of such a bike lane is not likely to happen for a few years, we need to have our ideas and arguments in place so our voice will be strong.

**RNAT meets at 7pm on the second Thursday of the month at rotating public venues.** On September 11th we will meet at Casa Patron and you are invited to join us.

For more info email: [rnapeter@gmail.com](mailto:rnapeter@gmail.com)

*Peter James, Chair RNAT*

open until 8pm



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COFFEE ROASTERS

6515 Roosevelt

across from The Atlantic Crossing

## *RNA Committee Announcements (cont.)*

### **RNA Fundraising and Grants**

The Fundraising and Grants Committee has several opportunities for grants this year. The main focus will be the Only in Seattle Grant from the Office of Economic Development. This would allow the neighborhood to continue the work in progress at Weedin Place. The Roosevelt Business Group along with the Weedin Place Steering Committee will be determining the direction of the grant which is due late October. Other grants are available through the Department of Neighborhoods - deadlines dependent on grant. Projects funded by these grants are community driven initiatives that have a public good. More info can be found here: <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf/default.htm>. The RNA Fundraising and Grants Committee can assist you in writing a grant for your comprehensive community supported idea. Any requests for the RNA to act as a fiscal agent should be directed to the committee for review by the board.

For more info email: [wood.kd2@gmail.com](mailto:wood.kd2@gmail.com).

*Katie Wood, RNA Fundraising and Grants Chair*

Roosevelt Neighborhood Association (RNA)  
purpose statement :

*The principal aims and objectives of the RNA-Seattle are to educate, engage, and empower those living in or in close proximity to the Roosevelt neighborhood of Seattle regarding issues of importance to the neighborhood described in the Roosevelt Neighborhood Plan that was adopted by the Seattle City Council.*

### ***Additional RNA Committee Contacts***

#### **Roosevelt Business Group (RBG)**

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#### **Membership Committee**

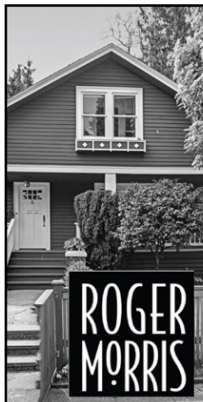
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#### **Land Use Committee**

*Vacant*

Contact Dirk Farrell if you are interested in more info about the position. [drfarrell@align-wellness.com](mailto:drfarrell@align-wellness.com)



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#### 4 TO EXPLORE: YOUR NORTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

Seattle is truly a city of neighborhoods. Our neighborhoods in northeast Seattle - from Wallingford to Roosevelt to Windermere - are like treasures to discover each month when we just explore outside our front door.

This is "4 to Explore," a treasure map to 4 of the best things each month:

- 1 shop or restaurant to visit,
- 1 meeting to connect with neighbors,
- 1 fun activity to enjoy, and
- 1 neighborhood issue to engage.

Visit our new website [www.4toExplore.org](http://www.4toExplore.org) and enjoy exploring!

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Alex Pedersen, City Council Legislative Analyst, and his family in Ravenna Park

## Portage Bay Café opening June 2015 in the Rooster building

Lake Union Partners just signed a long term lease with Portage Bay Café to go in the Rooster building, which is currently under construction. The owners of Portage Bay Café, John and Amy Gunnar, have 3 other locations: U-District, South Lake Union, and Ballard. They are excited to be opening a new store in the Rooster building next summer. The Café will be occupying the west retail space of the Rooster building on NE 65th St. PBC expects to be open for business next June. Their hours will be 7:30am – 2:30pm, 7-days/week.

*Patrick Foley, Principal, Lake Union Partners*



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## Roosevelt Neighborhood Design Guidelines

Our design guidelines are the backbone of the City's Design Review Program. The guidelines are used by the Design Review Boards and the DPD staff to assess the merits of a project. They direct designers and project reviewers to look closely at the neighborhood and its character to design new buildings that enhance their surroundings. The Roosevelt Design Guidelines, will be used in conjunction with citywide design guidelines, and these are critical so that we can insure important attributes of our community are preserved and enhanced.

Developers are currently using the version of the guidelines found here:

<http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/aboutus/whoweare/designreview/designguidelines/default.htm>

These were created in 2000 and reformatted in 2014 to match the updated Citywide Guidelines structure.

In 2012 a group of RNA members and city staff began a revision process, compiling a wide-ranging set of comments/suggestions about the structure and purpose of the Roosevelt guidelines, and creating an initial draft. This process stalled late 2012 but is being restarted with plans for meetings this fall.

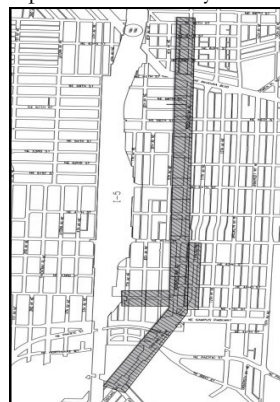
We are inviting those who took part in the past reviews, as well as anyone who is interested in taking part in the upcoming review, to add their comments, so that the RNA can move forward and adopt Design Guidelines that will serve as a model for our community, for the next decade and beyond. **We plan to meet in October to review a new draft of the Roosevelt Guidelines.**

Please contact Jay Lazerwitz by emailing [jay@artandarch.net](mailto:jay@artandarch.net) if you would like to get involved.

## Salomon: Safety changes need to be part of Roosevelt repaving project

*Editor's Note: This excerpt used with permission from Seattle Bike Blog*

"The City of Seattle is currently preparing plans to repave and restripe Roosevelt Way NE in 2015."



Project area, from the city

Salomon states: "We can and should be asking much more from our multi-million dollar maintenance projects. Concerned neighbors are organizing community efforts to help identify needed walking and biking improvements along Roosevelt Way. A walking audit [and] a bike brainstorming session [occurred on September 2nd].

"Andres Salomon is an active member of NE Seattle Greenways who bikes his kid around town and cares deeply about road safety." For more information please visit: <http://www.seattlebikeblog.com/>

## President's Message

*Change is in the air;* new buildings are going up and the light rail station is going down into the ground, the light of the days is getting shorter and autumn events are cueing up in our neighborhood. With September comes the return of the Roosie and the monthly Roosevelt Neighborhood Association (RNA) Community Meetings.

Look inside this issue for upcoming activities and events.

Regarding the Roosie, Teri Butorac-Lee, long-time editor and two year RNA Board Member has completed her term and has moved on from The Roosie and the RNA. Teri will be greatly missed. Thank you to our newest volunteer, Laura Bernstein, for bringing this edition to print.

As a newer member of the neighborhood and President of the RNA for the past year, I was surprised to learn just how much stuff goes on in our little neighborhood. It is substantial!

And though much of the happenings are around business and buildings, this is a neighborhood of residents and of people coming and going.

The RNA specifically, has the intention of serving the neighborhood by helping keep people informed of what is happening. One example of this is the RNA Transportation Committee getting involved and going to bat on behalf of the residents on 66<sup>th</sup> and 67<sup>th</sup> Streets who are struggling with the additional traffic from the construction sites.

Along with the RNA Transportation Committee and in the spirit of helping create a thriving and interactive community, the RNA has seven additional committees. Here they are: **Land Use, Communications, Community Events, Membership, Sustainability, Business, Fundraising and Grants.**

**In addition to the current ways you support your neighbors, I invite you to be an active part of your neighborhood through the Roosevelt Neighborhood Association.** Get involved at the level that is right for you. Make even more of a difference. Help shape Roosevelt for years to come.

*Dirk Farrell, DC*  
*President, Roosevelt Neighborhood Association*



## ANNUAL RNA MEMBERSHIP FORM

\$\_\_\_ student/low income      \$20 = Individual      \$35 = 2-Person Household      \$95 = Business Member  
*(pay what you can)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes! I would love to be a “blockhead” and help distribute The Roosie!**

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