

The Roosie

Roosevelt Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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Winter Celebration & Tree Lighting



The 3rd Annual Winter Celebration & Tree Lighting occurred on December 3rd at Roosevelt Court. The Tuba Quartet returned and brought festive music between other live acts from Roosevelt High Choir, Eckstein Middle School Choir, Roosevelt Jazz Combo and the NW Gospel Jazz Band. Kmbri Bond and Tova Ramer emceed the evening and special guests included Seattle Mayor, Ed Murray and Roosevelt Travis from Children's Hospital,



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RNA Committee Announcements and Updates

The Fundraising & Grants Committee: The Only in Seattle (Ois) grant was submitted for further funding of the Weedin Place project. A presentation of the Ois grant proposal was given to the Office of Economic Development (OED) and other agencies mid-November. The OED will decide which projects to fund by the end of January. Further grants to fund Weedin Place will be pursued from the Dept. of Neighborhoods, the Neighborhood Park and Street Fund, and King Conservation District in the first part of 2015. A neighborhood fundraising effort will also begin in 2015 for Weedin Place. For more information please contact Katie Wood, wood.kd2@gmail.com

Roosevelt Neighborhood Design Guidelines will be presented at the general meeting on January 24th. Subscribe to our website's blog for updates, including the latest draft of the NDG. For more information please contact Jay Lazerwitz, jay@artandarch.net.

The Roosevelt Business Group (RBG): The 3rd Annual Winter Celebration & Tree Lighting occurred on December 3rd at Roosevelt Court. For information about upcoming meetings please contact Kmbri Bond, board-chair, seattle@tenthousandvillages.com

Volunteer Opportunities with the RNA include:

Membership Volunteer

Secretary for Fundraising and Grants

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<http://rooseveltseattle.org/about/>

RNA General Meeting: Tuesday, January 24, 2015

6:30 pm Social, 7:00 - 8:30 pm Presentation

Neighborhood Design Guidelines & Reservoir updates

CCA, Calvary Christian Assembly,

Roosevelt Way NE & NE 68th St. - east entrance.

RNA General Meetings are the fourth Tuesday of each month. Next Meeting: February, 24, 2015

The Roosevelt Reservoir is in the news!

Ever since an early stage proposal for re-development was shared at the October RNA membership meeting there has been a great deal of discussion about the future of the Roosevelt Reservoir site. The RNA Board is establishing a working group to gather information to share with the community and to design a community input process about the future use of the site.

But first . . .

The Roosevelt Neighborhood Association has learned from Seattle Public Utilities' Cyndy Holtz, Major Watersheds Business Area Manager, that the current drinking water study should be completed in April 2015. The study will answer the question: Will the new Maple Leaf Reservoir provide adequate water for surrounding communities? (Fun fact: The new Maple Leaf reservoir is basically the same size as the former.) A seismic study of the entire water system is being done and could last at least another year. In the event of a serious earthquake would the storage that could be provided at Roosevelt be necessary? Thus, no decisions will be made about decommissioning of Roosevelt Reservoir until *at least mid 2016*.

If the reservoir is decommissioned and surplus, SPU's Drinking Water Fund must receive fair market compensation for this asset, per the State Accountancy Act. For example, if another City department, such as Parks and Recreation, acquires the property, the department must reimburse the Drinking Water Fund for the fair market value of the property.

If the reservoir is decommissioned and surplus, the property "disposition" process would be managed by the City Dept. of Finance and Administrative Real Estate services. The policies for disposition of City property are set by City Council and include specific steps in a process that includes significant opportunities for public input and participation. The City would run this process.

With regards to future uses of the site, Brad Steiner, resident and former RNA Board member, notes that the

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Ron Rundus, a wonderful community volunteer, has made some updates to our website and is looking for submissions of your neighborhood photos to upload. You can post them to our Facebook community page: www.facebook.com/groups/RooseveltSeattle/

The Roosevelt Sustainability Group wants you to know about Climate Action Now!

2015 will be a busy year in our state legislature. Work with your friends and neighbors to make climate change a priority in Olympia. Join the effort to let our legislators know that it's time to support these priorities:

A clean fuels standard that would establish pollution limits and clean fuel alternatives. By reducing carbon intensity in fuels we can grow jobs in our state.

A price on carbon. Climate change caused by carbon pollution already hits Washington hard in the form of wild fires, melting glaciers (our water!) and ever more acidic ocean waters that put our iconic shellfish industry at risk. Carbon polluters need to pay their share. Setting a price on carbon is a good place to start!

Transition Washington off coal-powered electricity.

Several of our utilities still get power from coal, the dirtiest fossil fuel. We can replace coal with clean renewable energy that creates good jobs in our region.

We're getting organized to make a difference!

Contact David Perk at davidperk@comcast.net for more information.



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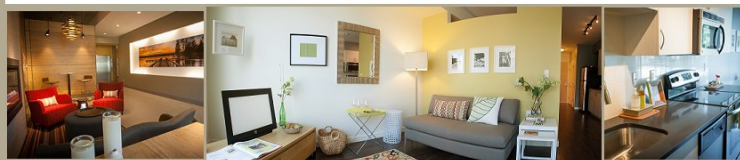
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Winter Celebration

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both bringing messages of hope and the importance of community.

Steve Bonnell of East West Bookshop dressed as Father Christmas and Calvary Christian Assembly ensemble led a chorus through our streets caroling, ending at Tent City 3. Special thanks to Ten Thousand Villages and Roosevelt Court's John Harvey for placing the tree donated by Hunter Farms, Royal Palm and Whole Foods for hosting treats, Tim Wicks at Calvary Christian Assembly for the sound system, and the many neighbors and businesses who made it all come together! A lovely celebration in a wonderful community!

Kmbris Bond, RBG Committee Chair



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2006 Neighborhood Plan Update addressed:

KEY STRATEGY IV: INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND PUBLIC GATHERING SPACES IN THE ROOSEVELT NEIGHBORHOOD.

One of the nine action items under this strategy is Capital Facilities Strategy 4: Promote and plan for the creation of a city park at the current site of the Roosevelt Reservoir when it is decommissioned

The proposal presented at the October RNA membership meeting is being developed by Jon Sloan and a volunteer group from local neighborhoods. The initial draft of 'The Roosevelt Sports Center' features two ice rinks for hockey and ice sports, with potential pools and outside fields, but the group is anxious to hear more community needs that might complement their interests. For more information about this proposal see the RNA Facebook group page discussion late October or contact Jon Sloan at jonsloan1@yahoo.com.

While Reservoir decisions are still a year or two away this topic needs exploration and discussion. **To join the RNA's Reservoir working group** contact Ellen Stoecker, Board Secretary, at secretary@rooseveltseattle.org.

Ellen Stoecker, RNA Board Secretary

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