

# The Roosie

Roosevelt Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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## Graffiti in Roosevelt

by Katie Wood

Who is tagging our homes and businesses? How do the businesses and neighbors put a stop to it?

Look around the neighborhood and you will find countless examples of graffiti defacing and destroying property. Graffiti is any marking placed on public or private property without the owner's permission.

Most graffiti in Roosevelt consists of tagging. Tags are a form of graffiti, which are essentially the graffiti vandal's signature for their secret identity. Tags may not be recognizable as actual words. They may be one-color single stroke tags to multi-color, bolder pieces. The larger the tag, the more time it takes to create and the more risk the graffiti vandal is taking in getting caught. This is why the majority of tags are one-color, single-stroke tags.

According to [graffipedia.org](http://graffipedia.org), the Seattle Police Department's graffiti investigator's website:

*The typical tagger in Seattle is young (23), white (77%), male (89%), and middle class. He is motivated by the rush of doing something illegal, not a desire to create art. He views tagging as an extreme sport. He tends not be involved in other crime at the beginning of his career as tagger. He tends to be heavily involved in crimes such as burglary, car prowling and drugs if he keeps tagging into adulthood. Graffiti is a gateway crime. He has low self esteem and desires "fame" in his tagger subculture.*

Because graffiti serves as bragging rights for the vandal and because graffiti is a gateway crime, the best thing you can do if you see graffiti in the neighborhood is to:

- ✓ **REPORT IT,**
- ✓ **DOCUMENT IT, and then**
- ✓ **CLEAN IT UP thoroughly and immediately.**

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### Mural Tagged Beyond Repair

The historic mural on the side of the UFC Gym (Roosevelt Way NE & NE 66th St) was irreparably tagged several months back (KIRO7 published this story: [www.kiro7.com/news/historic-seattle-mural-vandalized/27088056](http://www.kiro7.com/news/historic-seattle-mural-vandalized/27088056)).

This leaves a question about what to do with the space. Seattle's Graffiti Nuisance Ordinance indicates that the property owner (this differs from the business owner in many cases) is responsible for cleanup. Cleanup essentially means that the graffiti must be washed away, which is not always possible or covered. The property owner has no legal obligation to restore the mural underneath the graffiti.

The UFC Gym business owner would like to see the community put a new mural on the wall eventually. To make that happen, the neighborhood would need to work together for a creative idea and funding. If you have ideas or would like to get involved in what happens to the wall on the side of the UFC Gym, please contact [rna@rooseveltseattle.org](mailto:rna@rooseveltseattle.org)

### RNA General Meeting: Tuesday, February 23, 2016

**6:30 p.m. Social, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Presentation**

Weedin Place concept presentation & LUA  
presenting survey results for the Roosevelt Reservoir  
**CCA, 68th & Roosevelt, Third Floor**

Next LUA Meeting: High School Blocks  
Check [RooseveltSeattle.org](http://RooseveltSeattle.org)

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## REPORT

### **Vandalism in progress:** Call 9-1-1

Graffiti vandals must be caught in the act to be prosecuted. Video recordings and photos can be used to prosecute.

### **Graffiti on somebody else's property, or public property:**

Call (206) 684-7587 or use the online form found here:

[www.seattle.gov/police/prevention/graffiti.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/police/prevention/graffiti.htm)

### **Graffiti on your property:** Call (206) 625-5011 or use the

online form here: [www.seattle.gov/police/report/default.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/police/report/default.htm)

## DOCUMENT

When graffiti appears on your home, apartment building, or business, take a photo to document for insurance and reporting.

## CLEAN IT UP

Removing graffiti promptly (after documenting) is the best way to prevent it. The Graffiti Nuisance Ordinance requires graffiti to be removed in a timely manner. [www.seattle.gov/util/EnvironmentConservation/OurCity/GraffitiRemoval/GraffitiNuisanceOrdinance/index.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/util/EnvironmentConservation/OurCity/GraffitiRemoval/GraffitiNuisanceOrdinance/index.htm)

The vandals' objective is to have others see their "tag" name. Vandals are drawn to walls that are not cleaned immediately because it means their "tag" will be up longer and seen by more people.

## To remove paint or ink graffiti

- Use a pressure washer.
- Clean surfaces before painting.
- Use matching paint or neutral grays, whites or beiges.
- When possible, repaint entire wall, or up to 7 feet high with matching color. This leaves no trace, does not draw the vandals attention and is **10x more effective than patching**.
- Close color matches are more effective at prevention.
- Protect the ground from paint drips.
- Paint in squared-up shapes.
- Clean up drips and spills.

## PREVENTION

**Business Owners:** Join the Roosevelt Business Group to develop strategies to deal with graffiti. [business@rooseveltseattle.org](mailto:business@rooseveltseattle.org)

**Neighbors:** Keep the neighborhood clean to send the message that you care about the neighborhood.

Make your property graffiti-resistant with these proven steps:

- Installing more lighting and flashing motion-sensor lighting.
- Grow vines or other vegetation to cover unpainted retaining walls.
- Install graffiti-resistant coating on walls.
- Keep matching paint on hand to quickly paint out graffiti.
- Install cameras to monitor activity on your property.

Other effective ways to combat graffiti:

- Join a Neighborhood Block Watch. [seattle.gov/police/blockwatch](http://seattle.gov/police/blockwatch)
- Become an Adopt-a-Street volunteer and receive City support and supplies to clean graffiti. [adoptastreet@seattle.gov](mailto:adoptastreet@seattle.gov) or (206) 684-7647

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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 season when we just explore outside our front door.

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

- 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!



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

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# RNA Land Use Updates

by Jay Lazerwitz, Land Use Committee Chair

## Seattle 2035 Comp Plan

Now that the comment period has closed, the next steps are:

- **Early 2016** – Mayor's Recommended Plan, Final Environmental Impact Statement, and Final Equity Analysis released;
- **Mid-2016** – City Council review begins & Public hearing;
- **Late 2016** – City Council expected to adopt Plan.

See: <http://2035.seattle.gov>

## Backyard Cottages

There are proposals to ease the restrictions relating to Detached Accessory Dwelling Units (DADUs). Currently these are limited to 800 sq ft, and require an additional off-street parking space, and the structure height is more limited than for main residences. One important note: Parking is not required for properties in an Urban Village and/or close to frequent transit, so this does not affect

DADUs in our area.

## Roosevelt Neighborhood Design Guidelines

The Land Use committee has drafted an addendum to the guidelines to further define the priorities of the community. These focus on: Pedestrian environment; street-level design; high school heritage; greenstreets and greenways; transitions; sustainability; and Ravenna Park and boulevard heritage. Email [landuse@rooseveltseattle.org](mailto:landuse@rooseveltseattle.org) for a copy.

Use this link to find out more about the various development projects throughout the city:

<http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/shapingseattle/map.aspx>

**Land Use committee meetings are on 2nd Tuesdays at 7pm located at CCA, 6801 Roosevelt Way NE, Rm 317.**

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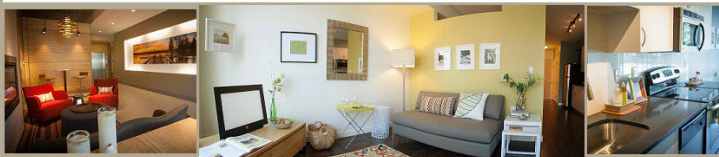
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## Roosevelt-University-Greenlake Little League



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