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Roosevelt Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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# ROOSEVELT

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ROOSEVELT NEIGHBORHOOD'S FIFTH ANNUAL  
**WINTER CELEBRATION *and*  
TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**

November 30, 2016 🎄 6 - 7:30 pm 🎄 Roosevelt Court  
(SW corner of 65th & Roosevelt Way NE)

LIVE MUSIC 🎄 FAMILY FRIENDLY FUN 🎄 CELEBRATE WITH NEIGHBORS

*Bring a decoration for the tree!*

# The Future of Roosevelt

By Jay Lazerwitz

The City of Seattle has been a focus of growth over the past decade leading to many, many more people moving here. The number of projected new jobs is over 100,000 over the next three years. UW will be enlarging 30-50% over the next twenty years. Roosevelt will get a Light Rail station in less than 5 years. The existing amenities, quality schools and parks, make Roosevelt and the surrounding neighborhoods enticing for new residents.

How this area, and major neighborhoods throughout Seattle, will increase density in order to accommodate these new residents along with our own growing families, without exasperating the affordability crises and causing major displacement is the impetus for the proposed HALA zoning changes throughout the City. See: <https://hala.consider.it>

*Current proposed plan-changes include:*

**Urban Village boundary:** there is an expansion proposed to the east of 15<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, to NE 16<sup>th</sup>, between NE 68<sup>th</sup> & NE 70<sup>th</sup>, and to 17<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, south of NE 68<sup>th</sup> to Ravenna Park. This is the basis for zoning changes in those areas.

**Zoning changes:** Many Single-Family blocks are being proposed to be reclassified to Residential Small Lot (RSL) or Lowrise-Multifamily (LR1, LR2, and LR3) and the Neighborhood Commercial zones are allowed a 10' increase in height. The Mid-rise Multifamily (MR) does not have a

density increase proposed.

The change to RSL is not a big step, though many currently zoned Single-family areas could see changes to Low-rise zoning, in order to encourage more housing, potential affordability, and a mix of larger units in these developments. The map also shows a designation of M, M1, & M2 which correspond to the MHA (mandatory housing affordability) requirements to provide some "affordable" units or payment in-lieu as a percentage of the total density. The goal is to encourage a mix of housing units, and requiring one larger (2-Bedrm or 3-Bedrm) for every 7 small units.

**Land Use Academy – HALA: Saturday, Dec. 10th, 10 am-Noon @ CCA 6800 Roosevelt Way NE**

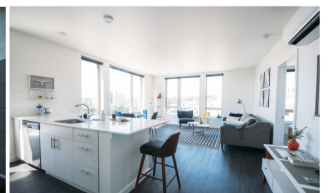
As these zoning changes and Urban Village expansion affect the entire community, the RNA will be hosting a public session to educate and provide some understanding of the importance of this proposal in regard to the Light Rail station area, the focus on affordable housing, and how we can guide the character of our evolving neighborhood.



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Roosevelt Chiropractic	5029 Roosevelt Way NE	Seattle, WA 98105
Roosevelt Vision	7001 Roosevelt Way NE	Seattle, WA 98115
Health Mutt	1207 NE 65th St	Seattle, WA 98115
4toExplore	2111 NE Ravenna Blvd	Seattle, WA 98105
Sound Transit	401 S. Jackson St	Seattle, WA 98104
Calvary Christian Assembly	6801 Roosevelt Way NE	Seattle, WA 98115
8 Bells Winery	6213B Roosevelt Way NE	Seattle, WA 98115



# Weedin Place Closure—Soon

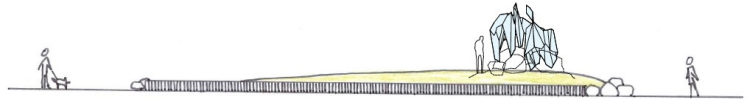
By Katie Wood

Weedin Place, the cut-through street off NE 65<sup>th</sup> St. between Bus Stop Espresso and Shell gas station connecting to 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NE is scheduled to be closed soon. In its place will be the first phase implementation of the The Roosevelt Glacier concept. This first phase will reveal a meltwater path (painted surface), glacial erratics (small boulders), and planters being used as additional traffic control. SDOT will be initialing implementation of traffic control, signage, and thermoplastic on the street as soon as weather permits. Access will change in the following ways:

- Traffic will no longer be able to cut across from NE 65<sup>th</sup> St to 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NE using Weedin Place, traffic will turn right at the signal of NE 65<sup>th</sup> St & 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NE.
- The public space, which is closed to traffic, will be north of the Shell Station entrance and south of the carwash exit and Bus Stop Espresso exit.
- All driveways to the Shell Station and Carwash will remain open.
- All driveways to Bus Stop Espresso and Gyros will remain open.
- Driveway for residential units at the north end of the lot will remain open.

- Weedin Place will become a 2-way street at the north end.
- All driveways on the north end of the street will be accessed off of 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NE.

Neighbors and Businesses have been working for several years to convert the dangerous street into a public space and gateway for the neighborhood. The first phase of implementation will include work by SDOT to close the street followed by a Community work party to paint the street in the spring. Future phases will be implemented as funding becomes available and will include landscaping reminiscent of a glacial landscape, a new tree with storm water infrastructure, and a large sculpture of a glacier. If you are interested in more information, check out [rooseveltseattle.org/weedin-place](http://rooseveltseattle.org/weedin-place) and if you would like to attend the work party to paint the street, please email [weedinplace@rooseveltseattle.org](mailto:weedinplace@rooseveltseattle.org).



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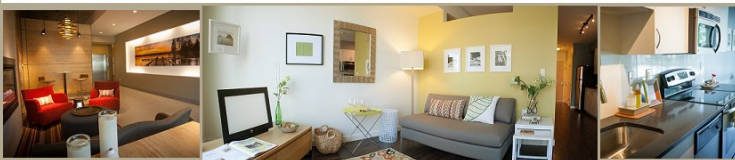
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# Neighbor Creates Community Through Music

By Katie Wood

For years, Hope Wechkin – physician, musician, actress, community builder, has been opening her home to neighbors and sharing her love of music through free concerts. On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, the 5-piece band, Strong Sun Moon performed energetic and eclectic North meets South American music using some unique instruments. Additionally, Hope sang and played her violin solo as well as with the band. Hope's young son joined in at one point, which the neighbors loved. My husband and I thoroughly enjoyed the evening. The casual, welcoming atmosphere is exactly what you would imagine for a living room concert. This Friday, Hope invites you to A Special Multi-Media House Performance in the Neighborhood:

**Friday, November 11, 2016, at 7:30 pm**

Home of Hope Wechkin and Christopher Shainin

\$20 suggested donation for the artist

Completely suitable for families!

**RSVP: [hopen11809@gmail.com](mailto:hopen11809@gmail.com) for directions**

Welcome to Scott Kirby's "Main Street Souvenirs," a musical and cinematic celebration of Classic Americana. We will explore 150 years of music through Kirby's live piano performances of some of America's greats – including Stephen Foster, John Philip Sousa and the ragtime

of Scott Joplin. The music and narratives will be accompanied by a video featuring nostalgic archival images from America's past, as well as stunning photography, and Kirby's own spectacular watercolor paintings of the Great Plains that "touch the soul of the heartland." Baseball games and barbershops, Prairie churches, concerts in the park, and one-room schoolhouses – its all here on "Main Street."



## Homeless Encampment Legislation

By Sagar Ramachandra

Councilmember Rob Johnson recently provided an update on his position regarding the homeless encampment legislation stating these priorities:

1. Increased investment in person centered outreach;
2. Doing a far better job addressing the current accumulation of waste and dangerous litter;
3. Increasing clarity on where people can and can't be and implementing a better system of prioritizing moving people from the latter.

Councilmember Johnson stresses that he and the Mayor are fully committed to not removing people unless there is an alternative shelter available. If there are barriers to emergency shelters, then we should seek to lower them to ensure that people don't sleep on the streets. The highest priority should be given to transitioning homeless populations to permanent housing.

As a result of these priorities, the Councilmember has co-sponsored CB 118794. Based on recent feedback, Johnson will be shifting focus away from the legislation towards providing changes to the rule-making protocols from the executive. To view Mayor Murray's plan online, you can go to <http://www.seattle.gov/homelessness>.

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

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

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SERVICE @ 10:30 AM  
IN THE SANCTUARY

Brunch is served compliments of CCA.  
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efforts of the **Convoy of Hope** organization  
and **One Day to Feed the World**.



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## Land Use Updates

By Jay Lazerwitz, Land Use Committee Chair

### Redevelopment of the Sound Transit construction sites:

We have submitted a grant to the Enterprise Foundation to assess and define an affordable housing program, community benefit, and design goals for the Sound Transit (ST) Transit-oriented development (TOD) site in Roosevelt, demonstrating a unified Roosevelt Neighborhood vision, incorporating community input, community benefit, and neighborhood design criteria, to be incorporated into the ST Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

The study will define the affordable housing unit-mix (type & unit size) and proposed rental basis and long-term restrictions (%AMI), along with delineating the appropriate and related social services and community benefit. The funding is to be used to develop an economic funding model, a neighborhood public engagement process, a conceptual architectural design, and to assess the availability of funding for these goals. The study project is to be completed by March 2017.

Even if we are not successful in our grant application, we will be conducting outreach and solicit guidance in order to have some influence on this process.

We are proposing public outreach on this project, to start in early Jan. 2017; 3-4 public sessions will be needed to review project concepts and hear from the community on these issues. If you are interested in this project, get in touch and come to a Land Use meeting.

### Various development projects we are following include:

- 802 NE 66<sup>th</sup> St. – Design Review meeting scheduled for Monday Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm @ Good Shepherd center. Three apartment buildings with a total of 231 units and parking for 139 vehicles.
- 6717 Roosevelt Way NE - ground floor commercial space, 105 apartments & parking for 36 cars.
- 836 NE 66th St - 6-story structure containing 75 small efficiency dwelling units and 3 live-work units. No proposed parking.
- 6520 15th Ave NE - 7-story structure with 124 residential units and 4,080 sq. ft. of commercial space. Parking for 100 vehicles to be provided below grade.
- 1300 NE 65th St. - 4-story 101 unit apartment building with 7,602 sq. ft. of ground level commercial space, and parking for 77 vehicles.

Land Use committee meetings are on 2nd Tuesdays 7pm  
at the CCA @ 6801 Roosevelt Way NE.

# Get Involved!

Please contact the RNA to share your skills and learn more about your neighborhood.

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Scott Cooper represents the RNA on the UW City/University Community Advisory Committee (CUCAC).  
**Katie Wood represents the RNA at Northeast District Council meetings (NEDC).**

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