

# The Roosie

Roosevelt Neighborhood Association Newsletter

Sagar Ramachandra—Editor

April 2017

<http://rooseveltseattle.org>

## Upcoming Safety Improvements in Roosevelt

By Scott Cooper

### NE 70th Street Overpass



Last year, the Roosevelt Neighborhood Association, together with NE Seattle Greenways, applied for and was awarded \$471,000 through Seattle Department of Transportation's (SDOT) Neighborhood Street Fund to make safety improvements to the I-5 overpass along NE 70th/71st St. The funds and project are part of the voter-approved Levy to Move Seattle and one of 12 projects to be designed in 2017 with implementation in 2018.

The NE 70th St overpass project will make a number of critical safety improvements to one of the few paths across I-5 in North Seattle. SDOT will be doing community engagement and finalizing the design throughout 2017, with construction slated for 2018. Highlights include:

- New/improved ADA curb ramps and curb bulbs to shorten crossing distances at both NE 70th St/8th Ave NE and NE 71st St/6th Ave NE

- All-way stop and marked crosswalks at NE 70th St/8th Ave NE
- Protected bike lanes in both directions on the overpass
- Painted sidewalk on north side of overpass, buffered from traffic by the protected bike lane

SDOT recently announced that it intends to piggyback on this project by extending protected bike lanes east along NE 70th Street between 8th Ave NE and 12th Ave NE. Details and alignment of the protected bike lane have yet to be finalized, with SDOT looking for community input on whether the bike lanes should be in one direction or both. The RNA will be collaborating with SDOT closely on this project and will post regular updates on progress.

SDOT project page - <http://bit.do/7othoverpass>

Initial design details - <http://bit.do/7othoverpass-details>

### NE 65th St Vision Zero forum

On February 28th the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) and the Roosevelt Neighborhood Association (RNA) cohosted a neighborhood transportation forum at Roosevelt High School focused on gathering community input on how to make NE 65th St. safer for all. Spurred by a number of recent accidents causing critical injuries and deaths, frustrated neighbors from both Roosevelt and Ravenna applied pressure to the City to fast track safety improvements along this central corridor.

*Continued on Page 4...*

### Thinking of Selling?

Free Staging, Free Landscaping, Free House Cleaning, Free Photography



Ellen Hastings & Dida Lopez  
206-650-6486  
[ellen@theloonteam.com](mailto:ellen@theloonteam.com)  
[theloonteam.com](http://theloonteam.com)



Let's talk timing.

## RNA General Meeting

Tuesday, April 25th, 2017

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

CCA, 68th & Roosevelt, Upper Level

# Land Use Update

By Jay Lazerwitz

## Sound Transit: Transit Oriented Development (TOD)

The RNA and Sound Transit engaged in a series of workshops to solicit community input that will form the basis for soliciting development proposals. The community principles resulting from these workshops are:

1. The project should create significant long-term affordable housing opportunities
2. The project should minimize its automobile orientation
3. The project should maximize its pedestrian orientation
4. The project should incorporate active ground floor uses
5. The project should contribute to the identity of the local community and public realm

You can find more information here: <http://bit.ly/2jClxx7>

## RNA - Housing Affordability Livability Agenda (HALA) Survey

<https://goo.gl/forms/ySlzigeFBGAF3NQ62>

Please participate by 5/15/17

The City has drafted plans that will reshape transit-oriented communities in response to Seattle's growth and affordability issues. The HALA plan changes will affect all residential and commercial properties in the Roosevelt, and some Ravenna parcels east of 15th Ave NE. You can watch a video of our December Land Use Academy on this topic here: <http://bit.ly/2mYx8uR>

In response to the City of Seattle's March neighborhood outreach regarding HALA, the Roosevelt Neighborhood Association (RNA) has identified a need to reopen this survey, which solicits the community's input on the draft Roosevelt zoning changes ("Roosevelt Draft Plan"). You can also submit feedback directly to the City via <https://hala.consider.it/>

## Neighborhood Urban Planning – Exploration of Planning & the Public Realm

At our last RNA Land Use meeting, community member Katy Haima presented a review of various Roosevelt neighborhood features in regard to enhancing and connecting pedestrian activity. Some of these ideas were supported by those in attendance, especially:

- Designating NE 66<sup>th</sup> St (TOD-block) as a "Festival Street", to facilitate pedestrian use
- Consider requesting "companion" resolutions to accompany the HALA up-zone legislation to address key planning issues, in the context of the future light rail station and neighborhood growth
- Create/designate public nodes & networks (add NE 64<sup>th</sup> St, 9<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, etc)
- Extend "pedestrian overlay" to cover additional blocks

Land Use committee meetings are on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays 7pm at the CCA 6801 Roosevelt Way NE.



MAPLE LEAF  
**Veterinary**  
CARE CENTER

8626 Roosevelt Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115

Ph: 206.525.2020 \* Fax: 206.985.4385

[mapleleafvet@gmail.com](mailto:mapleleafvet@gmail.com)

[www.mapleleafvet.com](http://www.mapleleafvet.com)

KNOW THYSELF  
EAST WEST  
BOOKSHOP

6407 12th Ave NE Seattle  
WA 98115. 206-523-3726

Inspiring Books  
Uplifting Events  
Delightful Gifts



Upstairs At Roosevelt Square

**Kavela**

Explore. Relax. Repeat.

Pantry  
Shefayoga  
Dishwasher  
Bicycle Storage  
Walk Score of 95  
Broadcast Coffee  
Washer and Dryer  
Granite Countertops  
Stainless Appliances  
Rooftop Deck with BBQ  
Professionally Managed  
Oversized Laundry Room

Newly Finished Studio,  
One and Two  
Bedroom Homes



shefayoga



(206) 522-4600

[www.KavelaApartments.com](http://www.KavelaApartments.com)



Subscribe today to "4 TO EXPLORE," a free neighborhood newsletter from your neighbor, Alex Pedersen, Former Seattle City Council Legislative Analyst. [www.4toExplore.org](http://www.4toExplore.org)



#### 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

[www.4toExplore.org](http://www.4toExplore.org)

# EASTER



## IT'S A PARTY!

FIND OUT WHY ON  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 16**  
SERVICE & KIDS' EVENTS  
10:30 AM

## CALVARY CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

6801 ROOSEVELT WAY NE • SEATTLE • [CCASSEMBLY.ORG](http://CCASSEMBLY.ORG)

## Roosevelt Volunteer Opportunities

By Tom Wilson

### Let's Make Roosevelt Shine!

Please join the Roosevelt Neighborhood Association and Whole Foods Market, on Saturday, April 22nd, for a sprint community cleanup event, 9 AM to noon!

Check in at Whole Foods market on NE 64th St at 9 AM to gather your supplies. Cleanup equipment, gloves and garbage/recycle bags will be provided. Please join us in making our community sparkle! Rain or Shine! If you have questions, contact Tom Wilson at:

[director@rooseveltseattle.org](mailto:director@rooseveltseattle.org).

### Helping out in Roosevelt

The benefits of being a volunteer are numerous. It can make a difference in peoples lives who are less fortunate, it can help build your career, and give you an opportunity to meet your neighbors and make new friends.

In addition to the Roosevelt community **Earth Day** cleanup mentioned above, here is a sample of a few places where you can volunteer right in our neighborhood that would benefit greatly from a few hours of volunteering.

- **roooo Villages** - You can volunteer and gain valuable experience in a retail environment. All of their products are certified fair trade, and you are supporting artists in the developing world. (6417 Roosevelt Way NE)
- **University Food Bank** - Numerous volunteer positions are available that aid in getting food to those in need. (5017 Roosevelt Way NE)
- **North East Seattle Together (NEST)** - Be a part of the support network for older residents in our neighborhood so they can stay in their homes and remain a part of the neighborhood. (<http://nestseattle.org/about-us/>)
- **PAWS Cat City** - Make a difference by providing care for kittens and cats. (5200 Roosevelt Way NE)
- **North East Tool Library** - Help make household tools available to everyone. (2415 NE 80th St)

## ADVERTISE IN THE ROOSIE!

Sizes (w x h)	RNA/RBG Member*	Non-Member
1/8 page (4" x 2.50")	\$40	\$50
1/4 page (4" x 5.25")	\$80	\$100
1/2 page (8" x 5.25")	\$160	\$200

\*RNA/RBG Membership is \$95/year

Additional 10% off when 3+ months are prepaid.

Send Ad Copy to: [communications@rooseveltseattle.org](mailto:communications@rooseveltseattle.org)

Make Checks Payable to:

Roosevelt Neighborhood Association

6910 Roosevelt Way NE Box #518, Seattle, WA 98115

Or pay online:

[www.rooseveltseattle.org/theroosie/advertise/](http://www.rooseveltseattle.org/theroosie/advertise/)

The Roosie distributes 2300 copies Jan-Jun & Sept-Nov to Roosevelt and Ravenna Neighbors and Businesses and publishes the newsletter online.

## Blockheads Needed

By Gina Leone

Hello Roosie Reader!

The Roosie newsletter is distributed door to door every month by an amazing network of Roosevelt and Ravenna residents. These "blockheads" cover approximately 60 blocks of houses and businesses every month. Thank you, Blockheads!!

As a Blockhead myself, I walk around the neighborhood a lot. Every month as I go door to door, I love this neighborhood more and more. I love seeing all the beautiful trees and flowers blooming in the Spring, the Halloween decorations in the Fall, and the Christmas decorations in the Winter. This is the happiest, most fulfilling exercise I get!

However, we need help! There are almost 20 blocks in the distribution area that don't have a designated Blockhead, and I'm having a hard time covering all of them myself each month. If you enjoy getting the Roosie, and have a little bit of extra time each month (less than 30 minutes could cover a whole block), become a Blockhead! It's a great way to get some peaceful exercise, meet your neighbors, and get in some community volunteer time.

If you are interested, please email me, Gina Leone, Head Blockhead, at [blockhead@rooseveltseattle.org](mailto:blockhead@rooseveltseattle.org). Thank you!

## Send in Your \$100 Democracy Vouchers

If you are a registered voter, you automatically received your Democracy Vouchers by mail. Visit the King County Elections' website <http://bit.ly/2no6mj7> to check if you are a registered voter and/or update your address. Find the list of eligible candidates you may give your Democracy Vouchers to under the Seattle residents' page at: <http://bit.ly/2niyGjw>.

The vouchers are real money, and a real opportunity for you to make a difference this election season. The filing deadline for candidates in local races (including the city council and mayoral elections) is in June so hold onto your vouchers. For more information, go to the city's Democracy Vouchers website at <http://www.seattle.gov/democracyvoucher>.

In November 2015, Seattle voters passed a citizen-led initiative known as the "Honest Elections Seattle Initiative" (I-122). I-122 changed a number of campaign financing rules for candidates running for elected positions. One of the major reforms included the creation of the Democracy Voucher Program, which is administered by the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission.

## Roosevelt Safety Improvements

...Continued from Page 1

SDOT has responded by committing to make short-term safety improvements along 65th, and a comprehensive safety plan to be implemented in 2018/2019.

The February forum drew significant attendance from neighbors all along the 65th corridor and further abroad. At this point SDOT was not proposing design fixes, instead looking to the community for feedback on specific areas of concern and ideas for potential solutions. Feedback was solicited through sticky notes on large maps, written comment cards, an online survey (now closed), and direct discussion with SDOT staff. Ongoing feedback can be sent to the SDOT project manager (see link below), and at future community forums.

A second neighborhood forum will likely happen in mid-/late-May, which will include the opportunity to provide feedback on possible concepts for improvements based on the first forum. A final concept will move into design by summer 2017, with early implementation of "spot" fixes slated to happen through summer and fall 2017. The corridor-long design will be finalized in 2018, with implementation happening in 2018 and 2019.

SDOT project page, including contact information - <http://bit.do/65th>

Community #Fix65th coalition - <https://fix65th.wordpress.com/>

**GOOD FRIDAY**

APRIL 14, 2017 • 7 PM

Join us for this contemplative gathering  
for remembering Christ's ultimate sacrifice.

SACRED MUSIC • SCRIPTURE • PRAYER  
HOLY COMMUNION

**CALVARY CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY**  
6801 ROOSEVELT WAY NE • SEATTLE • CCASSEMBY.ORG



## Weedin Place – Roosevelt's Newest Public Space

By Katie Wood

For several years, the neighborhood has been working towards closing Weedin Place, which is a dangerous cut-through street on the way to Greenlake or to I-5 North. In May, the street will be closed to thru traffic and the community will have an opportunity to paint the street as part of Phase I Implementation.

The paint party and music celebration will happen on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. A free pancake breakfast sponsored by Calvary Christian Assembly will start the event at 9am with street painting from 10 AM – noon and live music to follow until 2pm. We encourage all of our neighbors and anyone interested to pick up a brush and paint a section of the street – even if it's only for 10 minutes. All volunteers will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win prizes from local businesses.

If you would like to volunteer, we have the following opportunities:

- Now: Assist with organizing event, seeking sponsorship of cash, products for raffle, or paint supplies.
- Early May: Post posters around neighborhood
- May 13: Volunteer to setup and cleanup tables, chairs, cones, caution tape, etc.
- May 13: Assist setting up volunteers to paint
- May 13: Paint the Street (10 min - 2hr depending on number of volunteers)

Please contact [weedinplace@rooseveltseattle.org](mailto:weedinplace@rooseveltseattle.org) to volunteer in any capacity, but also if you would like to sign up to be a painting volunteer and secure a spot to paint.

Find out more info about the Weedin Place project at [www.rooseveltseattle.org/weedin-place](http://www.rooseveltseattle.org/weedin-place)



**Saturday  
May 13th**

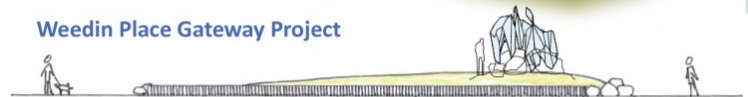
# ROOSEVELT STREET PAINTING PARTY

and music celebration

- Street painting  
**10am-Noon**
- Live music  
**Noon- 2pm**
- Kids Activity
- Giveaways

**street-painting  
volunteers  
needed!**

### Weedin Place Gateway Project



Project made possible with funding and support from:



Visit: [www.rooseveltseattle.org/weedin-place](http://www.rooseveltseattle.org/weedin-place) for more info  
Email: [weedinplace@rooseveltseattle.org](mailto:weedinplace@rooseveltseattle.org) to volunteer



**Now Renting Studio, 1 Bedroom, 2 Bedroom and Loft Homes!**

**Best Amenities in the area:** Air Conditioning in Select Homes | Shuffle Board | Pool Table | Foosball | Giant Rooftop Scrabble | Rooftop Terraces | Courtyard | 24-hr Fitness Center | Dog-Wash Salon | Gear Room & Walls | Garage Parking | Storage Units

**ELEANOR**



[info@eleanorapartments.com](mailto:info@eleanorapartments.com) | 206-517-9935  
[www.eleanorapartments.com](http://www.eleanorapartments.com) | 800 NE 67th Street | Seattle, Washington 98115



# Get Involved!

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Officer/Director</u>	<u>Email</u>
Scott Cooper	President	<a href="mailto:president@rooseveltseattle.org">president@rooseveltseattle.org</a>
Mark Konings	Treasurer	<a href="mailto:treasurer@rooseveltseattle.org">treasurer@rooseveltseattle.org</a>
Ellen Stoecker	Secretary	<a href="mailto:secretary@rooseveltseattle.org">secretary@rooseveltseattle.org</a>
Adrienne Slaughter	Sustainability / Emergency Prep	<a href="mailto:sustainability@rooseveltseattle.org">sustainability@rooseveltseattle.org</a>
Katie Wood	Fundraising & Grants Chair	<a href="mailto:fundraising@rooseveltseattle.org">fundraising@rooseveltseattle.org</a>
Tom Wilson	Officer	<a href="mailto:director@rooseveltseattle.org">director@rooseveltseattle.org</a>

<u>Name</u>	<u>Committee Chairs</u>	<u>Email</u>
Gina Leone	Head Blockhead for <i>The Roosie</i>	<a href="mailto:blockhead@rooseveltseattle.org">blockhead@rooseveltseattle.org</a>
Jay Lazerwitz	Land Use	<a href="mailto:landuse@rooseveltseattle.org">landuse@rooseveltseattle.org</a>
Jim O'Halloran	Land Use Special Projects	<a href="mailto:lua@rooseveltseattle.org">lua@rooseveltseattle.org</a>
Sagar Ramachandra	Editor, <i>The Roosie</i>	<a href="mailto:roosieeditor@rooseveltseattle.org">roosieeditor@rooseveltseattle.org</a>

Consider joining the RNA! Contact [rna@rooseveltseattle.org](mailto:rna@rooseveltseattle.org)

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).**

Please follow the RNA on Twitter: [@roosieseattle](https://twitter.com/roosieseattle)  
Subscribe to the RNA website blog at: [RooseveltSeattle.org](http://RooseveltSeattle.org)  
Join the conversation with your neighbors at: [Facebook.com/groups/RooseveltSeattle/](https://Facebook.com/groups/RooseveltSeattle/)

We need your help today. Please volunteer to deliver or contribute articles to *The Roosie*.

If interested, please contact: [RoosieEditor@RooseveltSeattle.Org](mailto:RoosieEditor@RooseveltSeattle.Org)

## ANNUAL RNA MEMBERSHIP FORM

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Student / Low Income    \$20 = Individual    \$35 = 2-Person Household    \$95 = Business Member  
(pay what you can)    \$\_\_\_\_\_ Other Tax Deductible Donation

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Volunteer Skill(s) / Area(s) of Community Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ I would love to pay annual membership dues to support increasing RNA's outreach and community events.
- ☐ I enjoy receiving *The Roosie* at my door and will donate my time to deliver to others by being a "Blockhead".
- ☐ Please enter my email address to the <http://www.RooseveltSeattle.org> blog email list.
- ☐ Yes! I would love to place an ad to support *The Roosie* (Discounts for members!).
- ☐ Please welcome me, by name, as a new or renewing member on the website/twitter/facebook/next issue of *The Roosie*.

Please make check payable to: The Roosevelt Neighborhood Association: 6910 Roosevelt Way NE, #518, Seattle, WA 98115

OR \*New\* Pay your membership dues online at [RooseveltSeattle.org/Membership/](http://RooseveltSeattle.org/Membership/)