



Roosevelt Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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<http://rooseveltseattle.org>

Seattle Homelessness Response Update

By Katie Wood

In the second half of February, the mayor activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to accelerate and coordinate the City's response to homelessness. The City is barely housing in a year what they need to house each quarter to end homelessness by 2020. Generally, the EOC is used for extreme weather events and earthquake response. For the first time, the departments needed for the homelessness response would all be in the same room looking at the issues together. See original story here: <http://murray.seattle.gov/state-city-homelessness-response-consolidated-action-plan/>.

On April 26, an update was given to the neighborhood's business organization leaders to share the progress made in the past 2 months. *Pathways Home* is Seattle's person-centered plan to support people experiencing homelessness. The key components of *Pathways Home* is:

- Housing First
- Individualized Plans
- Support Services
- Integrated system for results

The City is streamlining the ad-hoc services previously being offered to ensure that every reason for homelessness can be addressed. The goal is to get homeless people housed in permanent housing. In some cases, that transition takes many steps, one of which may be the authorized homeless encampments. In March and April, the City created 3 new managed encampments: Georgetown, Licton Springs Village (near Greenwood), and Meyers Way (near White Center). These are in addition to the existing sites at Rainier Valley, Interbay, and Ballard. The navigation team, a specially trained group of outreach workers and

Seattle Police officers is offering support services to those living unsheltered. Since Feb 20, 438 individuals were contacted and 65% accept some sort of service, 32% were referred to other living arrangements including 61 individuals referred to one of the new encampments. These encampments are currently less than half full and could house another 124 individuals.

The issue of trash has been a concern for Roosevelt and Ravenna residents near the freeways and parks. An interdepartmental team is addressing concerns of trash and have removed more than 1,750 tons (3.5 million pounds) since March 7. A site at 65th and Ravenna was cleaned up in mid-march. 1.39 tons of trash was removed. This was one of the smaller cleanup sites to date. The largest was 1,263 tons.

At this time, the City is putting more resources in responding to reports of homelessness. Now is the time to report persistent, challenging, or dangerous situations. Please call (206) 684-2489 to report. If there is an environmental issue, please contact Roque Deherrera at Roque.Deherrera@seattle.gov.

Understanding Homelessness

Nearly 1/3 of people living outside are **under 30** years old

70% Moved to Seattle to join personal networks or pursue a job

15% came to access homeless services

40% work in some capacity

35% have some college or a college degree

46% have high school or GED

70% were living in **King County or Seattle** at the time they became homeless **affordable**.

68% need rental assistance

RNA General Meeting

Tuesday, May 23th, 2017

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

King County Wastewater: 2018 Long Term Plan

CCA, 68th & Roosevelt, Upper Level

What is Contributing?

25% Lost a Job

20% Experienced Housing Issues

Data source: ASR 2016 Needs Assessment of People Living Homeless

Weedin Paint Party

By Katie Wood

The paint party and music celebration, scheduled for May 13 has been postponed due to inclement weather delaying SDOT's implementation of the thermoplastic on the street. The date of the event will be on Saturday, June 24th.

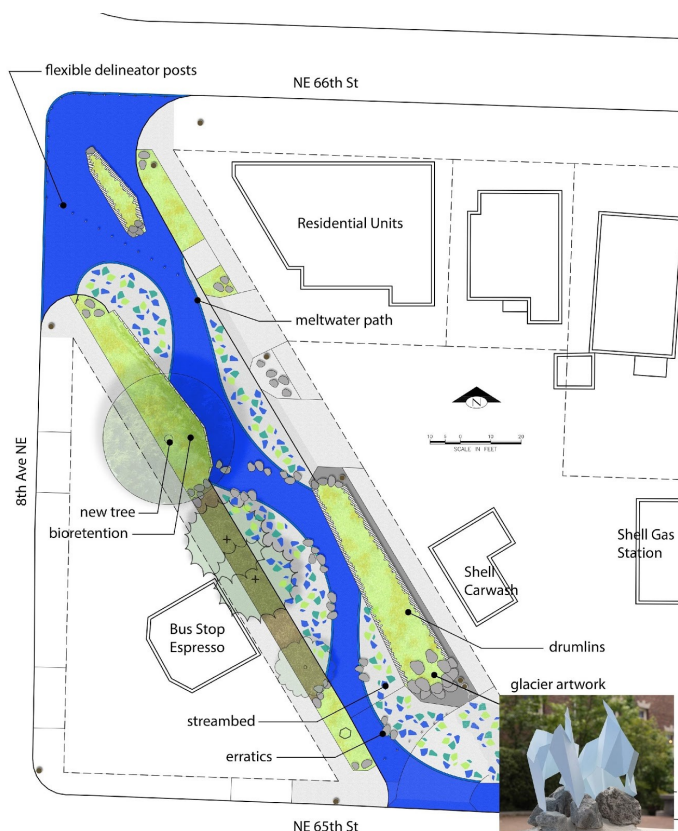
We continue to pre-register neighbors for the event. We encourage all of our neighbors and anyone interested to pick up a brush and paint a section of the street – even if it's only for 10 minutes. All volunteers will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win prizes from local businesses.

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.
- Post posters around neighborhood
- Event Date: Volunteer to setup and cleanup tables, chairs, cones, caution tape, etc.
- Event Date: Assist setting up volunteers to paint
- Event Date: Paint the Street (10 min - 2hr depending on number of volunteers)

Please contact 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



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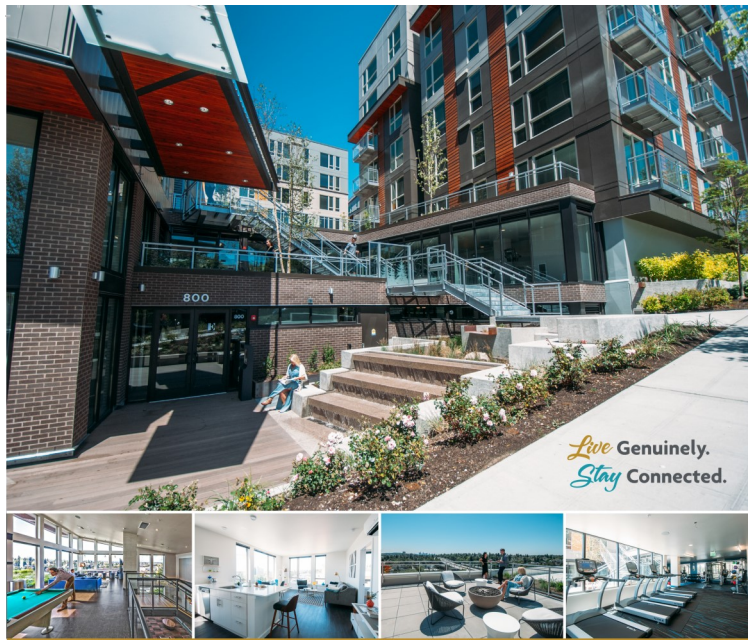
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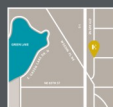
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Roosevelt's New Community Engagement Coordinator

By Sam Reed

Seattle is a city known for its neighborhoods. We have a long history of outreach and engagement through a system of recognition and support for neighborhood and business associations. This history is valuable. It is part of who we were and who we are.

Our Neighborhood District Coordinators, a key pillar of our outreach and engagement efforts, have played an instrumental role in that history. But as our city and its people continue to grow and change, our outreach and engagement strategies need to change with them. This means looking at what we do, how we do it, and being open to doing things differently.

For the last eight months, we have been working closely with our Neighborhood District Coordinators to do just that. We have refreshed their roles and job descriptions to better capture the important work they do and ensure that we are moving toward more equitable and inclusive outreach and engagement practices.

With that said, we are happy to announce our Community Engagement Coordinators. While their titles have changed, the exemplary service that you are accustomed to will remain the same. Our Coordinators are now housed with the rest of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, but they will still be out in the communities, meeting with neighbors, assisting with groups, and serving as liaisons. They will still be accessible by their same phone numbers and emails. They are still your connection, providing the essential link to government, and responding to your questions and concerns. And yes, they will still be engaging the community just as their title says.

Your designated Community Engagement Coordinator and their contact information is listed below:

North Sector (Council Districts 4, 5, 6 Includes Roosevelt)

Laurie Ames, Laurie.Ames@seattle.gov
or (206) 684-0320

Central Sector (Council Districts 3,7)

Karen Ko, Karen.Ko@seattle.gov
or (206) 233-3732

South Sector (Council Districts 1,2)

Yun Pitre, Yun.Pitre@seattle.gov
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Capacity Building Support Thomas Whittemore,
Thomas.Whittemore@seattle.gov
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Ravenna/Cowen Cleanup Crew

By Fred Potter

If you frequent Ravenna and Cowen parks, you have probably noticed an influx of unauthorized encampments, associated garbage, and even needles over the last couple of years. The parks department does a good job keeping all the main paths and play areas clean, but they don't get to many of the off-path areas. Abandoned encampments and just general trash can linger for months.

A group of neighbors and park goers are forming a *Ravenna/Cowen Cleanup Crew* to do regular cleanups in the park. We've done two cleanups already this year and collectively have gathered about 80 bags of garbage and disposed of 37 needles. We plan to host cleanups every 4-6 weeks and our next one will happen on **Saturday, May 6th at 10am.**

If you'd like to participate in the next cleanup or just follow along, visit: www.ravennacowencc.org. Follow the link there to join our Facebook group and get details on upcoming cleanups or discuss problem areas in the park.



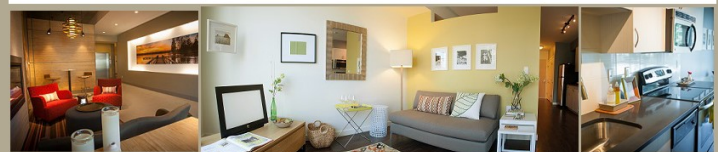
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Vision 65th Forum

By Scott Cooper

On May 18th the Seattle Department of Transportation will host a second neighborhood transportation forum focused on planned safety improvements to NE 65th St., cohosted by the RNA and the Ravenna-Bryant Community Association. Following community feedback from the first forum, SDOT will be presenting design concepts to improve safety along NE 65th St for all users and looking for feedback. SDOT intends to begin with spot fixes along the corridor in summer and fall this year, with project construction coming in 2018 and 2019. Please don't miss this opportunity to help make our community safer for everyone!

SDOT Neighborhood Transportation Forum

on NE 65th St

May 18th, 2017 at 6:00 - 7:30pm

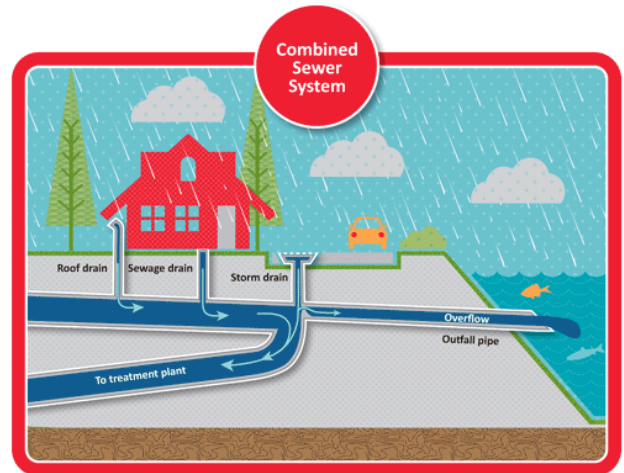
Roosevelt High School, 1410 NE 66th St.



Combined Sewer Overflows

By Dana West

At the May meeting, County staff will present about King County's CSO planning. Combined sewer overflows (CSOs) happen when too much rain water enters the sewer pipes during peak storms in Seattle and the excess stormwater and sewage is released into our local water bodies. The County is planning the control of the CSO in its University basin, the basin in which the Roosevelt neighborhood is located. During the presentation staff will discuss ways CSOs can be controlled, including the use of Green Stormwater Infrastructure.



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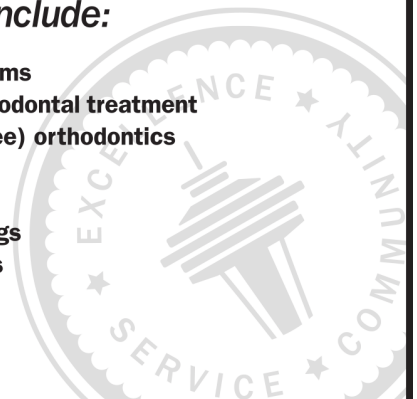
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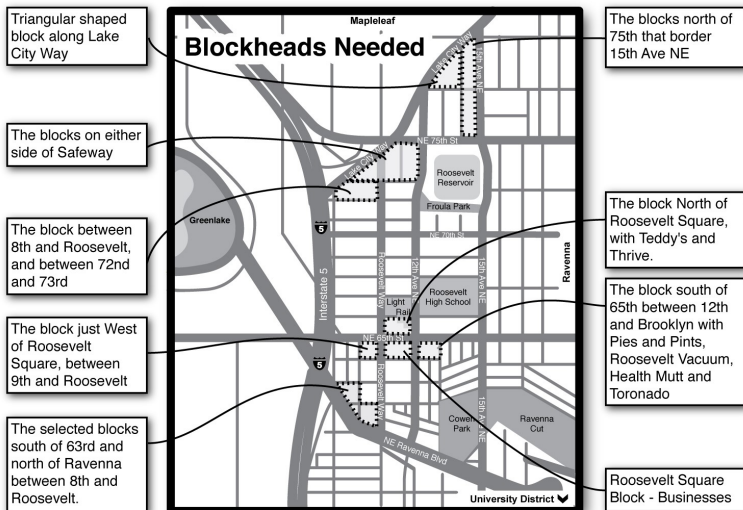
By Gina Leone

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. 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. 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/2no6mjz> 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.



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 and enjoy exploring!



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

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- ☐ I would love to pay annual membership dues to support increasing RNA's outreach and community events.
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