



Roosevelt Neighborhood
Association Newsletter

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So whose RNA is it anyway?

Do you ever wonder how things happen around here?

The RNA is a very active neighborhood association that has built a strong reputation with Seattle City agencies. We help develop our neighborhood in ways that make sense to the people that live, study and work here. *However,*

However, for that to happen, local neighbors need to be involved. The RNA focus for the last 5-10 years, has been on big structural decisions that frame the rules about what can happen here; such as the site of the light rail station and the re-zone around it that controls the size of new developments.

Now, lots of smaller decisions will need to be made by lots of businesses, about what actually gets built within that framework. If we want to feel good about these new developments, local people need to be involved and paying attention to what is being proposed.

Most of the previous board resigned to make way for a new group of good people and I support them wholeheartedly. About half of them are business owners, not Roosevelt residents. Business owners are a welcome and important part of RNA and have done much to develop our neighborhood in positive ways.

About a quarter of the board are Ravenna residents. They are entitled to be part of RNA according to the RNA's rules and by laws. Many Ravenna residents who live over the 15th Ave boundary genuinely look to Roosevelt as "their" neighborhood. Only about a quarter of our current board are Roosevelt residents.

While I see no problem with this in the short term, I would like to see more Roosevelt neighbors getting involved in making the RNA as effective as it can be. Helping us grow our neighborhood into an even more fabulous place to live and work. Get involved! See which committees match your interests and donate a few hours a month to help.

Be the RNA!

Peter James (past President RNA)

Interested in land use developments around the light rail station?

Looking for community events that help you connect with your neighbors? Have a unique talent for design, fund raising, or business development? If so, consider joining the RNA to share your skills or learn more about the exciting changes in our neighborhood.

Annual membership is open to residents, businesses, employees, and property owners in the neighborhood who are 18 years or older. We also offer "at large" associate membership for individuals who support the Association but do not meet the above qualifications.

Members enjoy these benefits:
Voting privileges (annual Board elections are in May)
Invitation to Association sponsored member events
The enjoyment of building community

Annual Member Fees

\$20 – Individual & Associate
\$35 – Household (for up to two people living in the same household)
\$75 – Business

Support the RNA by becoming a member today. Your contributions help us get things accomplished for the neighborhood!

Send your name, address, phone number, and email address along with your membership dues by check to:
Roosevelt Neighborhood Association
6910 Roosevelt Way NE
Box #518
Seattle, WA 98115

Barb Rose

**RNA
Community Meeting
Calvary Christian Assembly
September 24th
7:00-7:30pm-Social Hour
7:30-9:00pm-General Meeting
GMO's & I-522**



On November 5th we will be voting on Initiative 522, an act relating to disclosure of foods produced through genetic engineering. The following information comes from the initiative.

Supporters declare that the vast majority of the public wants to know if their food was produced using genetic engineering, that no federal or state law requires food producers to identify whether foods were produced using genetic engineering, that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration does not require safety studies but instead relies on the information voluntarily provided by producers, and that mandatory identification of GE foods would help track the potential health effects of consuming them.

Initiative supporters believe that genetic engineering processes are not always predictable or controllable and can lead to adverse health or environmental consequences including introduction of known and potential toxic materials into foods. They cite concerns shared by U.S. FDA scientists and raised by the Consumers' Union.

Supporters look at the importance of agricultural products and employment to Washington State. They note that many countries ban or restrict GE foods or have mandatory labeling laws. Many countries have restricted imports of U.S. crops due to concerns about genetic engineering and lack of labeling. Wheat farmers in this state are concerned they will lose their wheat export markets if GE wheat is approved. As wheat is Washington's number two export crop, preserving the identity, quality and reliability of wheat and other agricultural products is of great importance.

Washington has a growing organic food and dairy industry and nationally the organic food industry growth rates

surpass those of conventional food sales. Job creation in the organic industry is four times the national rate. Since organic farmers are prohibited from using GE seeds or livestock feed, it is important to protect this element of the state economy.

Supporters note environmental concerns associated with GE foods. Cultivation of many/most GE crops involves weed killing herbicides, adding hundreds of millions of pounds of additional herbicide use on farmlands, leading to herbicide resistant weeds, encouraging use of increasingly toxic and dangerous herbicides, damaging soil, drinking water, and farm-worker health. They believe the public should have the choice to avoid foods produced in these ways.

Lastly, all of our clothing has to be labeled with contents and origin, so why wouldn't we want the food we eat to be labeled similarly? The Sustainability Group encourages you to be informed on this issue. Attend the September RNA meeting for more information and resources.

Ellen Stoecker

Sing! Our Roosevelt community friends are invited to join the choir at Calvary Christian Assembly! Our choir performs at several events each year, including:

- **Roosevelt Christmas Tree Lighting**
- **Annual Christmas Concert**
- **Holy Week Observances...and many more!**

Practice at the church is each Wednesday at 7 pm; fall enrollment begins Sept. 11. Interested? If you have singing experience, come join us! For info, contact Leilani Montagne (director) at leilanim@ccassembly.org.

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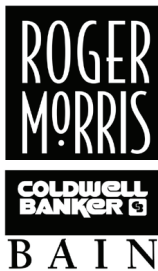
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**Sound Transit Board
approves light rail
construction contract
for excavation and
tunneling**

It's official! On July 25th, Sound Transit's Board approved a \$440 million contract with JCM Northlink LLC to mine 3.4 miles of twin light rail tunnels between Husky Stadium at the University of Washington and the Maple Leaf Portal near Northgate. In addition to the twin tunnels, the contract includes digging the underground stations in the Roosevelt and U District neighborhoods.

This is the largest construction contract Sound Transit has ever awarded.

The work is scheduled to begin this fall and last just over four years. Sound Transit will hold an open house later this fall when we have more details about the construction work and schedule.

*Sound Transit introduces colorful banners in the
Roosevelt business district*

If you've been out and about in the neighborhood lately, you may have seen the brand new street pole banners!

After months of working with Roosevelt businesses and the Roosevelt Neighborhood Association, Sound Transit is excited to introduce street pole banners that promote Roosevelt as a distinct neighborhood that values health and wellness.

The banners were installed August 4 in the wee hours of the morning on Roosevelt Way NE from NE 71st St to Ravenna Blvd, on NE 64th Street in front of the Whole Foods complex, and at the intersection of 8th Ave NE and Weedin Place NE.

As part of our efforts to ease the impacts of light rail construction on businesses, Sound Transit is working with Roosevelt businesses to identify appropriate marketing activities that promote the local business district.

For more information about light, please call 206-398-5300 or email northlink@soundtransit.org. For issues that need immediate attention after normal business hours, call Sound Transit's 24-hour Construction Hotline at (888) 298-2395.



***BURP- a new way to keep Cowan Park
beautiful!***

Responding to recurrent graffiti defacing the mural by the 15th Ave playground in Cowan Park, local residents have formed a new group devoted to keeping the mural tag-free.

The group is called **BURP (Brigade for URban Restoration)**. BURP members take responsibility for maintaining the mural for two week periods. On «wall watch» they paint over new graffiti and, if the mural is heavily tagged, mobilize the group to respond quickly. Since May BURP has met its goal of painting over new tags within a week of their appearance, and over the past weeks, the frequency of new graffiti on the mural has decreased. The group has a supply of materials, including paint and brushes. **BURP** is in need of volunteers to sign up for shifts, starting in October. Many hands make light work!

Please call Gregory Engel (206) 729-9996 if you are interested in helping out.


ORGAN CONCERT



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DAVID GRAY**

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Before



After



Grow Healthier with Age?

Roosevelt Neighborhood Clean-up

Saturday October 12

Set-up 8am Clean up 9am - noon

Check in at Whole Foods Market on 64th St
Clean up equipment, gloves and bags provided by
Seattle Public Utilities.

Contact Nicole Plumlee at nplum183@gmail.com
for more information

Thanks for caring!

Freeway Estates Community Orchard

Come explore the design possibilities at 6th Ave NE and
NE 60th St (next to the I-5 sound wall)

Some orchard ideas:

Food, flowers, classes, butterfly
garden, flea market, exercise/play station, P-Patch, solar
panels, sound wall movie nights, berries, herbs, HDA
walkways, goats, food exchange, tool sharpening, meet-
ing area, hot air balloon landing

Public review of Landscape Architect designs

Saturday, September 28, 10:00am-noon

At the Orchard, Rain or Shine, Kids Events

Lunch is served! Something for every appetite.

Public final review of updated designs

Friday, November 15, 7:00pm-9:00pm

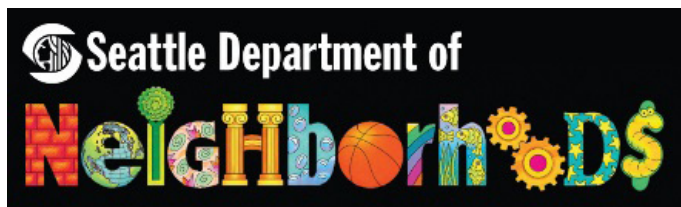
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Hoa Salon Gives Back To Their Community

Michele Nguyen, owner HOA Salon in Roosevelt, presents RNA president Dirk Farrell with a check for the proceeds of their 5% community giving month.

Roosevelt High School class of 1963

will have their 50th reunion on *Friday, Sept. 27, 2013*

Embassy Suites, Lynnwood, WA

6PM - 11PM.

For further information, please contact

www.reunionswithclass.com.

We Make Summer Smiles Happen

Thank you, Roosevelt! Join us on
Saturday, September 28th
as we celebrate our time together.

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time together and grab some custard!



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