



Roosevelt Neighborhood  
Association Newsletter

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<http://rooseveltseattle.org>

## *Roosevelt Neighborhood Association update*

*RNA Board Update/Elections in May 2014  
Committees open to members*

### *GENERAL MEETINGS*

General meetings continue to be held on the fourth Tuesday evening of the month at Calvary Christian Assembly. We have experimented with start times a bit, but starting in March, social time will begin at 6:30 p.m., meeting start time at 7 p.m. ending at 8:30 p.m. At this time the Board plans general meetings through May, to resume in September. Please join us.

The APRIL general meeting will include a program for Earth Day sponsored by the Sustainability Group. Topic and speakers are being decided.

We are currently seeking someone to oversee the Community Events & Culture committee, Roosie editor and/or person with an interest in graphic design skills to assist the editor (learn a new skill! training is available). Other standing committees include: Communications, Fundraising and Grants, Sustainability, Membership, Business Group, and Transportation. Any and all help is welcome.

Most of the Board was elected May 2013 to serve two year terms. Elected board members who have resigned during this year include Tim Wolfe and Jace Murray. We thank them for their service to the RNA. (We MISS Peaks too!) Tim was replaced by Kmbris Bond (Ten Thousand Villages) as Business group chair. While mostly based in Alaska this year Tom Donnelly continues to work some land use concerns.

Other board members are filling in when needed. We are reviewing the Board member and Committee organization for next year and will report again soon on positions open for election in May. Check the RNA website for updates where the positions and current persons in those roles are listed. ([www.rooseveltseattle.org](http://www.rooseveltseattle.org))

### *LAND USE UPDATES*

The final design review meeting for the 6500 15th Ave NE, former fruit stand block, was held on February 3<sup>rd</sup> where the DPD staff took final recommendations from the design review board. Once the design has been reviewed and approved, the city writes an approval letter and within 4 - 6 weeks, a Master Use Permit (MUP) will be issued to Roosevelt Development Group. After a 14 day appeal period Roosevelt Development Group (RDG) can obtain a demolition permit for removal of the structures on the site. We are awaiting information from RDG about their specific plans.

Starting soon in the 900 block of NE 65th St is a building project by Lake Union Partners known as «Rooster» (a nod to Teddy Roosevelt who once had a one-legged rooster as a pet.) Demolition of the current structures is set to begin on February 25th. There will be more construction traffic locally so you might want to plan your travel routes accordingly.

### *EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS*

Thanks to Judy Lightfoot and Peter James for their presentation last month!

If you can assist the Sustainability Group in planning for neighborhood wide preparedness please contact Nicole Plumlee at [nplum183@gmail.com](mailto:nplum183@gmail.com).

### *SUMMER NEIGHBORHOOD/BULL MOOSE EVENT - SAVE SAT. JULY 26th!*

Celebrate Roosevelt! We're in planning phase for an event on July 26th. It won't be a full-blown festival but

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*RNA General Meeting  
Tuesday March 25th*

*Calvary Christian Assembly  
6:30-7:00 Social Hour 7:00-8:30 Presentation*

*Brian Vance-RHS principal  
Neighborhood Identity/Weedin Place  
update  
Sound Transit Follow up*

**Roosevelt Neighborhood Association update**  
*continued*

we'd like to renew friendships, meet new neighbors, and highlight the neighborhood's history, identity, businesses, and progress; such as the Weedin Place open space project (currently in design status).

If you have ideas or skills for bringing people together, if you know some of the neighborhood's park, residential or business history, if you like to teach or lead walking tours, if you are "into" sustainability, if you can lend a hand, please contact us at [rna@rooseveltseattle.org](mailto:rna@rooseveltseattle.org).

**Your Help is Needed to Distribute "The Roosie" Newsletter on your Block**

The Roosie Newsletter is distributed by generous volunteers. With their contribution, each neighbor receives "The Roosie" newsletter at their door each month.

If you enjoy receiving "The Roosie" at your door, consider volunteering to distribute newsletters to the neighbors in your area. The more people who volunteer, the lighter the load on each person.

Contact Teri Butorac-Lee at [tbutorac111@yahoo.com](mailto:tbutorac111@yahoo.com) to start delivering "The Roosie" to your neighbors.

*Ellen Stoecker*  
 Roosevelt Neighborhood Association  
 Secretary



**If you pass by the Roosevelt Link Light Rail Station** site you may notice that the contractor has begun installing the emerald green construction walls around the site. The construction walls are built to enhance the streetscape and minimize the noise and/or dust impacts that may occur during construction.

STart, Sound Transit's art program, has hired artist Christian French as the Temporary Art Coordinator for the future site of the Roosevelt Link light rail station. Temporary art can keep key focal points around the construction site interesting and accessible during construction. French is beginning planning for temporary art at the Roosevelt site.

STart selects artists through a call to artists process which is facilitated with the help of community partners and representatives, and art and design professionals.

For more information about STart, Sound Transit's art program, visit: [www.soundtransit.org/STart](http://www.soundtransit.org/STart).

For more information about light rail construction, please contact Ellen Blair, Sound Transit Community Outreach Specialist, at 206-398-5300 or [northlink@soundtransit.org](mailto:northlink@soundtransit.org).



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## Welcome to the Neighborhood

*Brand New SquareOne Apartments open their doors to the Roosevelt Neighborhood!!*

SquareOne's focus of sustainability and community are apparent with their high 95 walk score, electric car station and intimate neighborhood location.

Just a year ago, everyone watched as a construction crane rose on 63rd, one block East of Whole Foods. For many, the groundbreaking ceremony represented the beginning of a journey, and a welcomed era of new growth for Roosevelt. Today, as SquareOne kicks off their hard hat tours, they are proud to be part of the Roosevelt future.

The population of Roosevelt continues to expand rapidly as we prioritize our lifestyle choices. Located just south of the new Light Rail location, SquareOne is designed for the consumer who demands convenience, thoughtful design, healthy life options and a community-centric way of life.

The Certified Green Built community is conveniently located adjacent to parks, transit options, and easy freeway access. People want to live where everybody knows their name. Walk a few blocks from home to a friendly local music venue and watering hole where you're sure to bump into a familiar face. Go wine tasting with friends, check out Sunday Night folk review, or take your out-of-town guests to hear some live music. Let SquareOne and Roosevelt be your host.

Go check them out and take a private hard hat tour! They are on 1020 NE 63rd Street and Roosevelt Way.



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## Update: Roosevelt Station

February 28, 2014

Nighttime construction in Roosevelt

Starting Monday, March 3, Sound Transit's contractor will resume working at night in 12th Ave NE to install a 42 inch diameter water main under 12th Ave NE, between NE 65th and NE 67th streets.

The contractor obtained a two-week temporary nighttime construction variance from the City of Seattle to do this work.

Night work is planned for the month of March. The contractor will apply for another two-week temporary nighttime construction variance for the second half of March.

Nighttime work hours are Monday - Friday, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

The pavement will be restored in April. Additional night work may be necessary while restoring the intersection at NE 65th St.

What restrictions apply to this night work?

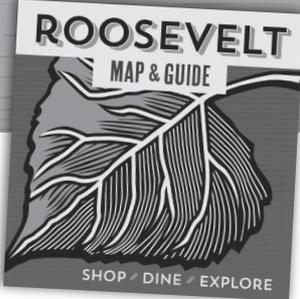
Trucks may not idle when not working.

Stationary equipment, such as generators, must be enclosed

High impact work (jackhammers, concrete cutting, etc.) must stop between 10 p.m. - 8 a.m.

# ROOSEVELT, NATURALLY

You can find nearly everything you need in the charming, historic Roosevelt business district—and then treat yourself to a little pampering and a yummy bite. Pick up a map guide at participating businesses, explore the possibilities and shop locally.



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## A "Wayward Coffeehouse" in the Land of Starbucks

The Wayward Coffeehouse proclaims itself an independent late-open geek-friendly coffee haven in the Roosevelt neighborhood. After a fire in a previous location, the coffeehouse opened here in autumn 2011. It serves organic, fair-trade, shade-grown coffee.

Rather than claim to serve the best coffee in Seattle, the owners report that their customers tell them that it is. They use locally ground beans from Tony's Coffee and Teas.

All their pastries are delivered daily from local vendors including donuts from Mighty-O Donuts, croissants from Le Fournil Patisserie, bagels from Blazing Bagels, and tasty treats from Little Rae's All Natural Bakery. Prices are very moderate.

The tables are large, the chairs comfy. The room is spacious, although cave-like. Customers can find vegetarian and vegan soups and sandwiches (including a British ploughman). Soy, rice and hemp milks are available. The atmosphere is friendly and casual. Wi-fi is free. It encourages students to spend hours doing homework.

Patrons like the big wooden furniture, people playing board games, and the radio station --full of oldies (90s) but goodies! Check out their website for readings, appearances and competitions. [www.waywardcoffee.com](http://www.waywardcoffee.com).

There is ample 1 and 2 hour street parking. Be aware of signs. The area is heavily enforced.

The owner states she named the Wayward Coffeehouse after herself. Hmmmm. Rest of story?

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## ***Eight Bells Winery's relationship with Red Willow Vineyard***

by Frank Michiels

The very first necessary component towards the making of a great wine is great fruit. The old saying among winemakers is "you can't make great wine unless you start with high quality grapes". Eight Bells Winery is quite lucky in this regard due to its relationship with one of the oldest vineyards in the state, Red Willow Vineyard ([www.redwillowvineyard.com](http://www.redwillowvineyard.com)). Any discussion of the top vineyards of Washington will certainly include Red Willow. If there is one image that has become iconic for Washington's vineyards, it's the chapel on the hill at Red Willow, featured in just about any article covering the wine grape industry in this state.

As in most businesses, it comes down to personal relationships. The partners at Eight Bells are three "older" guys who put a lot of value in dealing with people they can trust and rely upon. Each winter we sit down with our vineyard partners and map out our goals and desires for the coming vintage. We do this with the clear understanding that changes will most certainly occur throughout the year due to weather, pests, fire and a myriad of other unknowns. It takes good communication and mutual respect to make this work successfully for both sides year in and year out.

The Sauer family IS the Red Willow Vineyard. In 1973, under the guidance of Walter Clore head viticulturist at Washington State University, Mike and Karen Sauer planted the first vines of Cabernet Sauvignon. The one he is most famous for is the first plantings of Syrah in Washington back in 1986, but there were many others, such as Nebbiolo, Tempranillo, and Viognier. Many of the top Syrahs from Washington are made from these vines or their cuttings. Mike and Karen continue to oversee the management of the family business. I'm quite sure there is not another vineyard in Washington that has the original vineyard manager still taking care of things 40 years later.

Of course, Mike is no longer alone in this endeavor. The fourth generation of Stephensons are fully involved. Two of Mike's sons (Jonathan and Dan) and a son-in-law (Rick) each take on part of the daily responsibilities. It is very much a family affair. And with the many children

coming up in the fifth generation, it looks like the family will be there for some time to come.

The timing of Eight Bells going commercial in 2009 was quite fortuitous because Red Willow was in the midst of changing from selling most of its fruit to Columbia Winery, to contracting with a number of smaller, high end wineries. The Red Willow/Columbia relationship had endured since the late 70's when the Master Winemaker, David Lake, teamed up with Mike Sauer to explore the possibilities of growing new varieties and making wine in Washington. But with the retirement of David Lake and the change of ownership at Columbia around 2007, Mike saw this as a time to take on some of the new "upstart" wineries such as Betz, De Lille Cellars, Owen Roe and others. Luckily, Eight Bells made it into that group.

Red Willow Vineyard is divided up into various "blocks" and Eight Bells is privileged to have four very special Red Willow blocks.

Probably the most unique of these is what is now referred to as David's Block, named after David Lake. He designed this block after having traveled with Mike to Europe where they were first exposed to the idea of "field blend". David's Block was designed as a "field blend" block. This is a reference to a very old European way of making wine when an assortment of grape varieties are grown together in one area of the vineyard with the idea of harvesting this block on one day, crushing the various grapes together, and co-fermenting so as to establish the basic wine blend very early on in the winemaking process. This old European winemaking method today is rare even in Europe, it is virtually unheard of here in the U.S. David's Block consists of 12 rows of Cabernet Sauvignon, 3 rows of Cabernet Franc, 2 rows of Merlot, 5 rows of Malbec and a single row of Petit Verdot. The first Eight Bells release of wine from David's Block this past summer received a 93 point rating from Robert Parker's Wine Advocate.

The opportunity to work with a vineyard that is so unique in its soils and natural setting, along with a family devoted to the land rising to its potential and topped with the historical touch of Washington wine industry giants such as Walter Clore, David Lake and Mike Sauer, this is something in which the three partners at Eight Bells Winery take great pride to be a part.

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## Weedin Place Project Update

At the end of 2013, the Roosevelt Business Group worked with SDOT to identify projects for the neighborhood to use recently awarded grant funds. Weedin Place was a candidate because of its location at the corner of NE 65th St. and 8th Ave NE, which is one of four potential gateways identified in our neighborhood plans. SDOT determined that Weedin Pl. is a cut-through street and not necessary for traffic flows and therefore could be closed and used as a gateway and public space.

Preliminary design work has begun on the Weedin Place Project. The City has signed a contract with SvR Design to work with the neighborhood on the public space design.

The first public meeting was held Tuesday, February 25th by the RNA. The brainstorming session was focused on developing an identity that could be used by SvR in developing design options. The meeting, which focused on the ideas of residents and local small businesses was also attended by representatives from SDOT and SvR who were interested in simply listening to the ideas emerging.

Ideas for identity ranged from sustainable energy, healthy and active living, technology, progressive politics, and history. Neighbors provided feedback on the space ranging from water fountains to dampen the sound of the I-5 to the opposite, which would incorporate or use the traffic noise as part of the identity for the space. The feedback from this meeting will be used to narrow the scope of work and come up with options for the community to consider.

The neighborhood is paying for the design service with grants received from the Only in Seattle Initiative through the Seattle Department of Economic Development. A grant for \$40,000 was received in 2013 and another grant for \$30,000 was received in February 2014. These grants will pay for the completion of design services by SvR. The Roosevelt Neighborhood Association and Roosevelt Business Group will be seeking funding for the implementation of the chosen design leading up to 2015.

Check out updates on our website, [RooseveltSeattle.org](http://RooseveltSeattle.org) and attend the next general meeting for more updates. If you have ideas or would like to get involved, please contact Kmbri Bond at [bondsjazz@gmail.com](mailto:bondsjazz@gmail.com) or Katie Wood at [kwood@rooseveltseattle.org](mailto:kwood@rooseveltseattle.org).

## LET'S MAKE ROOSEVELT SHINE!

Please join the *Roosevelt Sustainability Group & the Whole Foods Market Green Mission Team* on Saturday April 12th from 10am-2pm for a spring community clean up event.

Check in at Whole Foods Market on NE 64th St @ 10am to gather your supplies. Clean up equipment, gloves, and bags will be provided by Seattle Public Utilities. Light snacks will be offered for all volunteers. Please join us in making our community sparkle! Rain or Shine!



## Urban Water Pollution

When it rains or we water our gardens, the excess water carries pollutants into the storm

drains. The storm drains connect directly to local streams and lakes, ending up in Puget Sound.

Toxins from our yards, gardens and streets, like fertilizers and pesticides, bacteria from animal waste, motor oil, soap are transported into the watershed, poisoning fish and our marine ecosystem.

Much of Seattle operates on a dated drainage system that links stormwater and sewage lines. During big storms, storm drains overflow and mix with sewage water, yielding an even more potent pollution cocktail that is deposited directly into our local bodies of water.

### Solutions!

The good news is that individuals can do a lot to stem this pollution. The garden is a great place to take action! By using sustainable gardening principles, Seattle residents can save money and grow beautiful landscapes while protecting the water we all share.