

The Roosie

Roosevelt Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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<http://www.rooseveltseattle.org>

Moose/Teddy Art Contest

Request for entries: **Create an image of a Moose Head with Teddy Roosevelt Glasses.** The winner's art will be used on New RNA membership yard signs, visible on signs placed in RNA member yards.

Deadline: March 1, 5pm

The RNA Board will present finalists at the General Meeting on March 22nd, 7pm.

If insufficient entries received, a winner may not be selected and/or the contest may be extended to solicit more entries.



Roosevelt BRT Corridor

source: seattle.gov/transportation/roosevelthct.htm

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) is exploring options for high capacity transit along the Roosevelt to Downtown Corridor.

The City is gathering public input to learn more from the public. Please visit the comment page and check back frequently because the City will be asking for additional feedback as the study moves forward.

Share your feedback online

<http://www.roosevelthctfeedback.org/>

Open houses were held on December 9 and 10 to explore characteristics of bus rapid transit and how they can be applied to the Roosevelt HCT Corridor. **A third round of public open houses will be held in March or April 2016.**

The SDOT project team and consultants are currently identifying a range of BRT characteristics to review with the public. Through the mode analysis, it has been determined that bus rapid transit (BRT) is the appropriate mode.

Upcoming Schedule:

Now – March

Review BRT characteristics / obtain public input

1st Quarter 2016

Announce recommended corridor concept

April – June

Complete preliminary design of the corridor concept

Holiday Tree Lighting Success

by Katie Wood

Many neighbors braved the cold to enjoy the 4th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Dec. 2nd at Roosevelt Court. Performances by the Eckstein Middle School choir and several members of the Roosevelt High School jazz band created a festive atmosphere for the lighting of the beautiful tree, which was provided by Hunter Farms.

Thanks to Stephen Fanelli, Manager at Umpqua Bank, along with the Roosevelt Business Group for organizing the event. Thanks to Tim Wicks at Calvary Christian Assembly for the sound equipment and technical assistance.



RHS Jazz Band: Henry Mohr, drums; Julia Tanner, guitar; Kai Despain, saxophone; Carter Eng, trumpet; Max Young, bass; and Zain Wedemeyer, keyboard



Eckstein Middle School Choirs directed by Dr. Jean-Marie Kent

RNA General Meeting: Tuesday, January 26, 2016

6:30 p.m. Social, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Presentation

Eric Tweit, SDOT PM for Roosevelt Repave Project
LUA Transit Oriented Development Survey Results
CCA, 68th & Roosevelt, Third Floor

Next LUA Meeting: Check RooseveltSeattle.org

The Roosie Delivery

by Gina Leone, Roosie Blockhead

This Roosie newsletter is printed and distributed to residents of the Roosevelt Neighborhood almost every month, with the exception of December, July, and August. There is a network of "Blockheads" in Roosevelt and Ravenna volunteering to distribute newsletters door to door. But we need more of them! If you're not receiving this newsletter on your porch, and you think you should be, it could be because we don't have a volunteer to distribute to your block. If you would like to be a Blockhead, please email blockhead@rooseveltseattle.org. It's a great way to get exercise and meet your neighbors!

If you are receiving The Roosie on your doorstep, be sure to thank your Blockhead the next time you see them!

If you would like to stop deliveries of the Roosie to your door, please email blockhead@rooseveltseattle.org and include your physical address.

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Seattle City Council Committee Meetings: Stay Connected

All meetings are held at City Hall, 600 Fourth Ave. on the 2nd floor unless otherwise noted. Meetings are also cablecast and Webcast live on Seattle Channel 21 and on the City Council's website. For details visit: <http://www.seattle.gov/council/>



Committee Meeting Days and Times	
Standing Committee	Times
Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods & Finance	1st and 3rd Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.
Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development & Arts	2nd and 4th Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.
Education, Equity & Governance	1st and 3rd Wednesdays 2:00 p.m.
Energy & Environment	2nd and 4th Tuesdays 2:00 p.m.
Gender Equity, Safe Communities & New Americans	2nd and 4th Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.
Human Services & Public Health	2nd and 4th Wednesdays 2:00 p.m.
Parks, Seattle Center, Libraries & Waterfront	1st and 3rd Thursdays 9:30 a.m.
Planning, Land Use & Zoning	1st and 3rd Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.

photo and committee details from: <http://www.seattle.gov/council/>

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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 month when we just explore outside our front door.

This is "4 to Explore," a treasure map to 4 of the best things each month:

- 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

www.4toExplore.org



NORTHGATE LINK EXTENSION

U District Station 90% Design Open House

Thursday, Jan. 14, 2016

6-8 p.m. (presentation begins at 6:30 p.m.)

Neptune Theatre
1303 N.E. 45th St., Seattle

Come learn about U District Station 90 percent design.

For more information contact Ryan Bianchi at 206-398-5300 or northlink@soundtransit.org or visit soundtransit.org/northlink.

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LUA 303 Session Update: Roosevelt Reservoir

by Gina Leone

The Roosevelt Land Use Academy (LUA) held its fourth session on Dec. 1st at Calvary Christian Assembly. The topic was the future of the Roosevelt Reservoir. Over 70 people turned out to amass information and share ideas.

Alex Chen from Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) shared information on Seattle's water system. The Roosevelt Reservoir was a holding tank for water between the reservoirs that gather water in the mountains and our houses. Statistics show that water usage in Seattle has gone down, even though the population is going up. (Hooray for everyone's water conservation efforts!) When the reservoir was taken offline several years ago, water service and distribution were not affected.

SPU is conducting an emergency readiness study of its water supply and distribution network. This study will show how much water will be available to the city (for household and emergency usage) in different scenarios should there be a major seismic event or other catastrophe. The results of the seismic study, expected to be complete at the end of 2016, will determine whether SPU will keep the reservoir intact. If SPU does need to keep the reservoir for these purposes, it is likely they will cover it. The remainder of the session focused

on what COULD happen to the land IF the reservoir were decommissioned. SPU would likely sell the land. But to whom and for what purpose?

Chip Nevins from Seattle Parks and Recreation indicated that the Parks Department did not have funds to buy the entire reservoir site, but their goal would be to keep Froula Park and possibly expand.

Participants discussed Affordable Housing, an Elementary or Middle School, Ice Hockey Rinks, a Solar Farm, Single-Family Housing, etc. There was also discussion about increased traffic and loss of sunlight and views that may affect surrounding homes.

The survey on the following page includes all ideas that were mentioned at the meeting or on previous surveys. The survey results will be summarized and presented as the Roosevelt neighborhood's preferences and values. Please take the survey so that your voice can be heard!

The next LUA Session discussion will be about the "High School Blocks" (vacant properties around Roosevelt High School). The date has not yet been determined. For more info: rooseveltseattle.org/committees/landuse/lua/

A black and white photograph of a man in a gym, wearing a black tank top and headphones, lifting two dumbbells. He has a determined expression. The background is slightly blurred, showing other gym equipment.

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Seattle Public Utilities is currently conducting tests to determine the need to keep the Roosevelt Reservoir online or in use. If it is determined that the reservoir is no longer needed, SPU will decide what will happen to the land next. The earliest SPU will have a decision about this is the end of 2016. In the meantime, the Roosevelt Neighborhood Association would like to gather the neighborhood's input, through the Land Use Academy. The information gathered will be summarized, approved by the RNA Board, and be presented to SPU and the Mayor as the community's values, needs, and requests for this particular piece of land. This survey is also available online at www.rooseveltseattle.org.

Please check all that apply:

1. Did you attend or watch the online video of any of the previous LUA sessions?

☐ 101 (July 25th) ☐ 201 (Sept. 19th) ☐ 302 (specific to TOD, on Oct. 24th) ☐ 303 (specific to Reservoir, on Dec 1)

2. Do you live in or around Roosevelt?

☐ Roosevelt South of 65th ☐ Roosevelt North of 70th ☐ Within 2 blocks surrounding the Reservoir
☐ Roosevelt between 65th and 70th ☐ Roosevelt North of 75th ☐ Ravenna
☐ Maple Leaf ☐ University District ☐ Greenlake
☐ Other: _____
3. How often do you go to Froula Park? ☐ Never or Rarely ☐ Once per month ☐ Once per week ☐ 2-4 times per week ☐ almost every day4. Which parts of Froula Park do you use most? ☐ Tennis courts ☐ Playground ☐ Open space ☐ Walk through

5. Please indicate your feelings on these topics on a scale of 0 to 5.

0=Not Important, 1=A Little Important, 2=Somewhat Important, 3=More Important, 4=Very Important, 5=Most Important

Leave the site as it is now, whether the Reservoir is empty or full of water.	0	1	2	3	4	5
There should not be intensive redevelopment of the Reservoir site because of the increased traffic and the loss of parking it would create for surrounding homes.	0	1	2	3	4	5
There is still not enough Affordable Housing. This site should be developed into more Affordable Housing.	0	1	2	3	4	5
The Reservoir site is part of the Transit-Oriented Development and should be up-zoned to allow for large multi-family buildings.	0	1	2	3	4	5
The Reservoir site is large enough to accommodate more than one type of use were redevelopment to occur.	0	1	2	3	4	5
The Reservoir site should not be developed because it will create light pollution for the neighboring houses.	0	1	2	3	4	5
The Neighborhood Plan advocates for "the creation of a city park at the current site of the Roosevelt Reservoir when it is decommissioned." **	0	1	2	3	4	5
The land should "create a diversity of housing types that reflects the diversity of households, incomes, and housing needs of our neighborhood....."	0	1	2	3	4	5
We need to create "a Community Land Trust to mitigate displacement, protect affordability, and share the financial rewards of community growth and development equitably."	0	1	2	3	4	5
The tree canopy at the site should be protected, including the trees that adjoin Froula Park.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Views of downtown, Mt Rainier and the Olympics should be preserved for public enjoyment from the site and surrounding houses.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Development on the reservoir site should be limited to the portion along NE 75th to minimize impacts on Froula Park and views from the site and adjoining neighborhood.	0	1	2	3	4	5
The Reservoir site should maintain its current single-family zoning and remain outside the Roosevelt Urban Village.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Froula Park should be protected and expanded.	0	1	2	3	4	5
Development on the reservoir site should be limited to the center of the property, with open space around the perimeter, to limit the impacts on surrounding houses.	0	1	2	3	4	5
A "Tent City" (organized and regulated place where homeless people can create their own community) would serve the need for affordable housing without redeveloping the site.	0	1	2	3	4	5
The neighborhood already has enough parks, it needs more housing and businesses.	0	1	2	3	4	5
The reservoir is needed to ensure a sufficient supply of water in the city to cover long-term needs or in case of a major emergency.	0	1	2	3	4	5

**Statements in " " are quoted directly from the Roosevelt Neighborhood Plan of Goals, Policies, and Strategies revised in 2006.

2. Here are some SPECIFIC IDEAS for the Reservoir that were presented in previous survey responses and meetings. Please number your TOP 5 in order of your preference (1 = most preferred..... 5 = still preferred, but not as much as others).

<input type="checkbox"/> Community Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Educational Facilities (Middle or Elementary School)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indoor Recreational/Exercise Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Flexible Open Space (outdoor movies, party rental, festivals)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Food Forest/P-Patch	<input type="checkbox"/> Off Leash Dog Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming Pool	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing for the Homeless	<input type="checkbox"/> Farmer's Market
<input type="checkbox"/> Open Green Space	<input type="checkbox"/> Walking or Running Track	<input type="checkbox"/> Solar Farm
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Outreach	<input type="checkbox"/> Ice/Hockey rinks
<input type="checkbox"/> Baseball Fields	<input type="checkbox"/> Mixture of outdoor sports fields	<input type="checkbox"/> Basketball Court
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<input type="checkbox"/> Skate Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Art Installation	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Housing
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Plaza	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewable Energy Projects	<input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Gateway Treatments
<input type="checkbox"/> Reforestation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		

☐ I would like to receive email updates about LUA.☐ I would like to receive email updates from the Roosevelt Neighborhood Association Blog

Email address: _____

THANK YOU for sharing your thoughts! Please mail the completed survey to the Roosevelt Neighborhood Association by **February 1st**, to 6910 Roosevelt Way NE, Box #518, Seattle, WA 98115. Surveys can also be placed in the survey box outside of 7329 12th Ave NE.

Help Shape the Future of Your Neighborhood

by Jay Lazerwitz, Land Use Committee Chair

With over 18 development projects, in-construction or in-review by the city, in the Roosevelt area, the Land Use Committee is looking for more people to get involved to shape the future of our neighborhood. The Land Use committee meets monthly to review upcoming projects, provide feedback to developers and discuss Design Guidelines priorities, the Seattle 2035 draft comprehensive plan and other issues.

The proposed projects total over 2,200 residential units, 1,050 parking spaces and almost 25,000 sf of commercial space. For an interactive map showing projects near you, visit: <http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/shapingseattle/map.aspx> also, more info can be found on the City's Land Use Information Bulletin: <http://web6.seattle.gov/DPD/LUIB/> We are advocating for high quality street-level improvements such as: widened sidewalks, enhanced landscaping, better street crossings and extending the character and style of Roosevelt High School to the entire neighborhood. Committee members help review projects, attend Design Review meetings, continue to develop neighborhood design priorities, meet with developers and architects on local projects, maintain a comprehensive project list and more. Land Use Committee meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday

of each month at 7pm at the Calvary Christian Assembly 6801 Roosevelt Way NE, in Room 317. We hope to see some new faces at our next meeting on January 12.

For more information about various development projects and upcoming public Design Review meetings, go to:

<https://www.seattleinprogress.com/>

RNA OPPORTUNITIES

The Roosevelt Neighborhood is growing fast and so are the volunteer opportunities. Join the neighborhood association and make a difference where you live or work.

- Board Members
- Membership Committee Chair
- Events & Culture Committee Chair
- Communication Chair
- Rosie Distribution Blockheads
- Bloggers / Social Media Junkies

Contact RNA President, Jack Mowreader for more info on opportunities. president@rooseveltseattle.org



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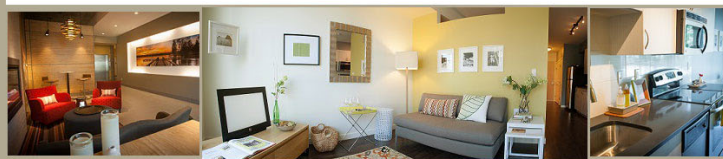
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Address: _____

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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*.

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