



Ravenna- Bryant Gazette



R A V E N N A B R Y A N T C O M M U N I T Y A S S O C I A T I O N

OCTOBER
4TH

7:00 PM

Fall
Community
Meeting

Ravenna -Eckstein
Community Center
6535 Ravenna Ave. NE

AN OPEN INVITATION FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'm a mother of a first grader at Bryant Elementary, considered one of the "best" schools in the city. If you ask anyone at Bryant what makes it a good school, they'll say it's the parent involvement and "community" that makes the school so great.

So, what makes a community? I think most folks would agree that access to shopping, entertainment, and transportation, low-crime rate, and owners that maintain their properties is at the top of the list (oh, and good schools).

Community associations are there to ensure that neighborhoods have a say in how their neighborhood is shaped, and maintained. But what creates that "sense of community?" Community associations are a way to make you feel connected to people that you live amongst, and create that warm fuzzy feeling that you get when you know the people around you have your back.

However, just like a good school, our community association needs help. The good news is that when you help out in your community, not only do you help your community, but

you also help yourself. Studies show that people who live in a community in which they feel connected live longer, healthy, happier lives.

Why don't you join us?

Come to our community wide meeting at Ravenna-Eckstein Community Center (RECC) on October 4th from 7-9.

Childcare and refreshments courtesy of Grateful Bread will be provided. Meet and greet your neighbors, get a Roosevelt Rezone update, and discuss the proposed expansion (see page 2).

INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer coordinator: submit postings to counseling offices at local high school for community service hours.

Communications Committee: help with the website, Facebook page, twitter account, or a list serve so we can all stay better connected. First and third Tuesday of the month

Newsletter: help with creating and distributing a newsletter.

Transportation: first Tuesday of the month, RECC 6-7 pm.

Land use: second Tuesdays of the month, 7 pm. Check website for location.

Community Resilience: fourth Tuesday of the month, Third Place Pub, 7 pm.

Become a contributing member! This newsletter you're reading was delivered to over 5000 households by a small group of dedicated folks directly to your doorstep. As much as we love the exercise, we'd love to be able to mail it. Your \$15 membership fee helps us work towards mailing a newsletter to you on a regular basis, keeping us all better connected.

You're always welcome to attend a board meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at RECC 7-9 p.m.

Hope to see you soon,
Sarah Swanberg

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C I T Y U N I V E R S I T Y A D V I S O R Y C O U N C I L

By: Brett Frosaker

I am the Ravenna Bryant Community Association representative for CUCAC (City, University, Community, Advisory Committee). As your representative we meet with the city and University to discuss how University development among other things affect the community and city. When the University bought Safeco tower, included in the sale were a

number of other parcels. The University is looking at ways to redevelop these parcels in the area they are now referring to as the West Campus. As you drive through the University District you will see a lot of new development. Most of it is from the University of Washington. There are also a number of sites that are in the planning process. Probably the most notable is the destruction and rebuild of

Terry Lander Hall. These iconic housing structures have never been held up as the University's crowning architectural achievements and probably won't be missed. Some of the development they have planned is with joint private partners for housing. Recently the University gave a presentation on their potential vision of the West Campus with the new light rail station.



Will the UW Tower be the center of campus by 2030?



NEDC SUPPORTS NEIGHBORHOODS ZONING ISSUES

By: Tony Provine

At their September meeting, the Northeast District Council (NEDC) voted unanimously to support the rights of the Roosevelt Neighborhood Association and other neighborhoods in achieving identified transit and density goals in their Neighborhood Plans. NEDC sent a letter to the City Council and Mayor objecting to the manner in which the Roosevelt Legislative Rezone was abruptly recalled by the Mayor and autocratically revised and reintroduced. This latest revised version of the Rezone, which the City Council is now considering, disregards the neighborhood's input and their long-standing effort at meeting whatever new goals and targets the City has given them. NEDC took this action at the urging of RBCA.

C O M M U N I T Y R E S I L I E N C E —
S A Y W H A T ? ? ?

By: Aaron Keating

From emergency preparedness to crime prevention to block wide BBQs, "community resilience" is about improving your quality of life by making our neighborhood a stronger, safer and more enjoyable

place to live.

The RBCA is inaugurating a Community Resilience Task Force to make plans for building a more resilient neighborhood. Find out more on the 4th Tuesday of the month at Third Place Pub

and share your thoughts, ideas and suggestions.

You might get to know a neighbor by lifting a pint or two together — after all, that's a pretty good way to build community resilience, right?



How much your home is worth in today's market?

R A V E N N A B R Y A N T I S E X P A N D I N G

At the general meeting on October 4, RBCA will consider a change to the geographic area in our bylaws to include within our boundaries the **unaffiliated** area between NE 75th Street on the north and NE 65th Street on the south, and 35th Avenue NE on the west and 40th Avenue NE on the east. The Board of Directors has already voted in favor of the expansion, but it must receive a majority of votes from members at the general meeting to take effect.

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RBCA LAND USE!

By Andrew Miller

The RBCA Land Use Committee remains active in supporting our neighborhood's views of the Roosevelt Legislative Rezone. We take the stand that a neighborhood such as Roosevelt, with a history of embracing density and change through the City prescribed Neighborhood Plan process, should be able to decide the manner in which it grows as long as it meets the City's requirements (e.g. growth targets and processes). Further to the point, The Roosevelt Neighborhood Association (RNA) is the only party to the legislative rezone process that is tasked with creation of a Neighborhood Plan that provides for growth



while maintaining the neighborhood's values, characteristics, established patterns, and other important elements of this mature Seattle neighborhood.

Our Roosevelt neighbors, with significant assistance from the Ravenna-Bryant community, have demonstrated amazing persistence, patience, and intelligence in the effort to have the City Council finally tackle the Legislative Rezone that was sent to the City in 2006. In terms of how the Roosevelt neighborhood adjoins our predominantly single family neighborhood, we maintain the view that the intersection of 15th Avenue NE and NE 65th Street is a gateway intersection and that the front door to our neighborhood should be no greater than 40' in height.

The RBCA Land Use Committee is looking for interested people and volunteers to tackle the Ravenna Bryant Design Guidelines which will help

guide the look and feel of future, significant projects that will emerge in the coming years. We will tackle what places and spaces are important to us, create a design vocabulary for Ravenna-Bryant, and then craft a set of Design Guidelines that the Design Review Board will use when reviewing future projects in our neighborhood. If you are interested in participating or just want to stay informed as we move forward, contact Andrew Miller at RBCA.luc@gmail.com.

We Need Your Help

The City Council is holding a Public Hearing on the Roosevelt Rezone on Sept. 19 at 6pm in the Roosevelt H.S. Auditorium. Please attend and/or contact Councilmember Sally Clark and the entire City Council. Your input is urgently needed now to demand the Council include the neighborhood's preferred zoning plan in the Legislative Rezone.

520 DEMOLITION & THE DEMISE OF THE ARBORETUM

By Virginia Gunby

State Initiative 1125

If approved I-1125 would have a negative impact on Construction of west-side SR 520, due to a \$2 billion Construction funding gap.

- I-1125 prevents state plans from using future I-90 Tolls for SR 520 construction.
- Breaks a 1976 I-90 Inter-Governmental Agreement that the I-90 Corridor center lanes would be used for future 2-way Transit., and stops Congestion Pricing to

manage Peak-Hour Traffic.

- Negatively Impacts the East-side Sound Transit's Plan 2, regional Voter's approved.
- Changes existing State law, so the Legislature not the Transportation Commission would set state rates.
- Highway Tolls in the future.
- I-1125 includes use of the 2010 Voter approved Eyman's I-1053, that requires a 2/3s Legislative vote on any state financial issue, or sent to a statewide vote.
- State treasurer McIntyre has

stated that if November voters approve I-1125, and the legislature or state voters set tolls, he would be unable to sell any SR 520 west-side long-term bonds, imperiling 520's completion.

(RBCA was represented during the west side SR 520 mediation, and supports the federally approved preferred Alternative design.)

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place an ad:
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JOIN THE RAVENNA-BRYANT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Support your community by becoming a member. RBCA works on issues important to you. We also need volunteers to work on projects. Your dues and your involvement help to keep you informed and our neighborhood thriving.

Membership: \$10 Individual; \$15 Family
Mail Checks to:
Ravenna-Bryant Community Association
6535 Ravenna Ave NE
Seattle, WA 98115
Or Pay online at: www.RavennaBryant.org

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Cut and mail or bring with you on October 4th

Guiding Policy, with you ... join today.

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