



## Boys & Girls Clubs of Portland Metro opens its newest Club in the Rockwood Community

**Rockwood Boys & Girls Club to feature Johnson Teen Center, Nike Gymnasium and CJ McCollum Dream Center**

[Boys & Girls Clubs](#) of Portland Metro (BGCP) proudly opened its newest Boys & Girls Club in the Rockwood community on October 9, 2017. Answering the community's call for safe places offering structured enrichment programs for youth, the Rockwood Boys & Girls Club is positioned to fill this significant void with safe, facility-based services for young people when school is not in session. The Club is located at the corner of [SE 165th and Stark Street](#).

The new Rockwood Club features learning, innovation, and activity spaces for youth 6 to 12 years of age and is the first Club in the Metro Area to have a stand-alone center for teens ages 13 to 18. The Johnson Teen Center was made possible thanks to a generous donation from the [Johnson Charitable Trust](#).

The facility also features a full size gymnasium, providing the resources and inspiration to bring sports and fun into the lives of Club members and countless others – made possible thanks to [Nike, Inc.](#)



Rockwood Boys & Girls Club ribbon cutting Oct 9, 2017

The Gym will be activated year-round with seasonal youth sports, fitness classes and community recreation events.

The Club features a commercial kitchen supported by the [Windermere Foundation](#) that will serve over 75,000 meals a year. The facility will soon be home to a [CJ McCollum Dream Center](#), and learning and innovation spaces are populated with the latest technology thanks to gifts from [Comcast](#) and [The Quest Foundation](#). In addition to traditional programming at the Rockwood Club, BGCP will deliver targeted workforce training and placement programs for teens and will provide a wide range of health and human services for members and their families.

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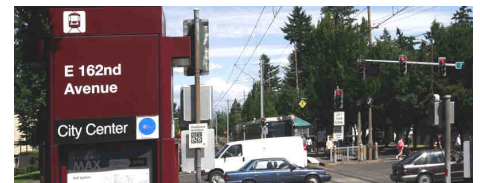
**Fall Meeting**  
**November 13th • 7PM**

Albertina Kerr Campus, Training Bldg  
722 NE 162nd Av

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## Rosewood/162nd Max Station Name Change Proposed.



By *Jenny Glass*

*Executive Director, Rosewood Initiative*

[The Rosewood Initiative](#), a community organization serving the neighborhood since 2009, has requested that [TriMet](#) change the [162nd Ave MAX station](#) name to Rosewood/162nd. This is a request to honor, identify and lift up the community that the station resides in. It is part of a larger effort for and by the community to create a sense of place and belonging.

No one has claimed "ownership" in the form of investment, financial or otherwise, in this MAX stop since it was created. In fact, although the 162nd MAX station has one of the highest rates of ridership compared to other stops, the station area has received almost no public or private investment since it was built. Here's a snapshot of the lack of investment:

The public sector has invested in mixed-use buildings, pedestrian improvements and crime prevention programs to improve MAX ridership. At the 162nd Avenue station, that amount totaled \$900,000.

By comparison, the public sector has spent \$28 million improving the area around the [Killingsworth MAX station](#), the audit said. The [Tuality MAX station](#) in Hillsboro has drawn \$12 million in transit-oriented public investment.

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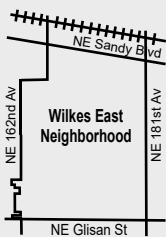
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*Dear Neighbors • a message from your WENA President*

It doesn't seem possible, but this is the last newsletter for 2017. WOW, where did the year go?

We continue to monitor a couple of land-use issues which have been in the works since spring this year. No new activity on the proposed [Waterside Apartments](#), NE 165th & Halsey St. The [Woodspring Suites](#) hotel near NE 181st & Sandy Blvd is moving forward.

[Rockwood Rising](#) seems to have hit another "pothole" in the process to transform the Fred Meyer block. If you didn't see the article in the October 17th issue of The Outlook newspaper [you can read it online here](#). The Rockwood Fred Meyer closed in 2002. Since that time surveys, recommendations, and plans have been discussed, worked over & presented at numerous hearings & meetings. Many of us have attended most if not all of these meetings. Suddenly a group says, "we didn't know about this" or worse yet, "how come we weren't told about this?" This project has been talked about at neighborhood meetings, in the newspapers, and information handed out concerning upcoming meetings. Where were these people? If you care about your community then you have to attend meetings, read the materials and participate, not just complain.

**DATES for your Calendar**

**Monday November 13, 2017 7PM** Public Meeting, Albertina-Kerr Campus, 722 NE 162nd Ave, Training Bldg. You can reach this building from NE 165th between NE Glisan & Holladay St. There's plenty of onsite parking.

**Agenda**

- Election of Board Officers
- Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET)
- City of Gresham Code Compliance
- Rockwood Boys & Girls Club
- City of Gresham Transportation Dept
- Proposed 162nd Max Station name change

**November is election month. Please consider becoming a board member.**

**Nominate yourself. No experience needed. All positions open.** Remember, if we don't have a neighborhood association then we will have no idea or say in what is going on in our neighborhood or community!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bart Skondin for his article in our Spring newsletter on "[Improvements for Bicycle Safety Along Halsey Street](#)", and Neta Courcey for her article in the our Summer newsletter describing her [journey to a Certified Backyard Habitat](#). We encourage neighbors to share your experiences of living in our community, your concerns, and your hobbies in the newsletter. All you need to do is write an article (350-500 words), include a photo & email to [info@wilkeeastna.org](mailto:info@wilkeeastna.org).

Thank you to everyone who donates their time & energy to make Wilkes East a better community.

Happy Holidays Everyone!!!

Your Neighbor,

*Kristen Freiermuth*

**2017 Reynolds School District Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees**

**Joe Balla (1979 – 1985)**

Coach Balla was arguably the most successful public school girls soccer coach in Oregon history. Joe started his coaching career at Reynolds in 1979. Only one year removed from losing half of its players to Columbia, coach Balla led the Lancers to a second place finish in the state tournament. Following the 1979 season, coach Balla's Lancer teams went on an incredible run, winning the state title in 1980, finishing second in 1982, before winning three consecutive state titles in 1983, 1984 and 1985. The Lancers were the first girls soccer team to win three consecutive state titles. When coach Balla made the jump to coach the Reynolds boys team following the 1985 season, he finished with a 102-10-6 record. In three seasons as the boys coach, he led the Lancers to two league titles and coached many of the players who eventually played on the Raiders' 1989 state championship team.

**O.J. Gulley (1995 – 1999)**

O.J. was a standout for the Raiders in basketball, earning three varsity letters. He helped lead the Raiders to two Mt. Hood Conference titles, including his senior year when he was selected the Mt. Hood Conference player of the year and earned 1st Team All State honors. O.J. was not only a fantastic athlete, but a great student as well, earning a 3.45 cumulative GPA. After Reynolds, O.J. went on to be part of the Oregon State basketball program and eventually transferred to Linfield College. At Linfield, O.J. earned three varsity letters in basketball, earning 1st team All-Conference honors each season as well as the school record for steals with 149. While at Linfield, O.J. showed his athletic versatility by making the jump to play football for the Wildcats, where he earned two varsity letters. During his senior season, O.J. led the team and nation in interceptions, earned 1st Team All-Conference honors, and helped lead the Wildcats to the NAIA National Championship.

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## Happening At Nadaka Nature Park & Gardens

By Monica McAllister, Nadaka Park Coordinator



Kids explore the bronze otter statue at Nadaka Nature Park, Gresham OR

This past summer and early fall at [Nadaka Nature Park](#) has been abuzz with celebrations under the picnic shelter, free events, new additions to the play area as well as gardeners tending their harvest, and nature lovers exploring our lovely 10-acre forest. Even as the winter days start settling in, we at [Friends of Nadaka](#) (FON) have already started planning for next year's events at the park. From hosting free indoor gardening workshops to forest restoration with local schools and community members, we are excited to offer plenty of opportunities for you to spend time with friends and family at Nadaka. Before we jump straight into next year's events, let's take a cue from the fall season to slow down and reflect on the bustle of activity that has occurred over the past few months at our neighborhood park.

This year's 7th Annual Nadaka Community Festival was one of our best festivals yet! We had over 400 participants, 3 performances, and 35 partnering organizations & businesses, 28 of which hosted a community booth. We were thrilled to have The Aztec Dancers, Ukrainian Folk Singer Natalia Hougan, and the NW Panmen Terry Baber and Brad Hirsch on the Steel Drums perform again at this year's festival. A big thank you to our Festival Committee, volunteers, partners and everyone who made the festival a marvelous success! Our Festival sponsors and donors included: Metro, City of Gresham, Owens Corning, and St. Aidan's Episcopal Church. Albertsons & Organically Grown Co., Starbucks, and Rockwood PUD donated hot dogs & chips, organic apples, coffee, and water respectively.

Nadaka is especially grateful for the generous donation of the magnificent bronze otter and raven by [Joan Albertson](#), the creators of the sculptures, artists [Rip Caswell & son Chad Caswell](#), as well as the work done by [Lee Dayfield](#) and [Gresham Outdoor Public Art](#) for making the installation and reveal of these beautiful art pieces possible. Another amazing addition to the park is a new Xylophone installed at the north portion of the nature based play area. Thank you to the anonymous donor who made this possible and to the [City of Gresham](#) for installing this amazing gift of music for the community.

Friends of Nadaka would like to recognize the amazing work of our two Nadaka [SummerWorks](#) Interns and seven [STRYVE](#) Interns (Striving to Reduce Youth Violence Everywhere) who helped lead and teach bilingual events for the Wilkes Elementary Books in the Park Program, HB Lee's SUN Program, Home Forward Apartment complexes, and our summer Tadpole Tales event. In addition to these educational events, they were also instrumental in keeping the park in tip top shape by removing invasive plants, caring for two education garden plots, managing for the front 2 acres, helping with the Nadaka Community Festival and more. Four of these

amazing interns have joined the ranks of the Nadaka Ambassadors to continue working at the park year round.

For the fall season, volunteers from the neighborhood showed their love for Nadaka at our [SOLVE](#) Beach and Riverside Cleanup in September and at the [No Ivy Day](#) event on October 28th alongside the "College Possible" High School youth to remove invasive plants and replace them with native plants. We also partnered with [Audubon Society of Portland](#) to host a September Bird Walk where we cataloged the number and variety of species passing through the park during fall migration. In the garden, we finished up our free hands on gardening workshop series with [Outgrowing Hunger](#) with a focus on "Harvesting Your Bounty" & "Shutting Down the Garden". For those who are interested in gardening at the park, new garden registration for Nadaka begins February 1st. Contact Adam Kohl of Outgrowing Hunger ([adam@outgrowinghunger.org](mailto:adam@outgrowinghunger.org)) for more information and how to register for a garden plot.

At the end of August, we had over 40 people attend the Nadaka Community Safety meeting to voice their concerns, learn what is being done to keep the park safe, and give suggestions for improvements at the park. We wanted to thank NET ([Neighborhood Enforcement Team](#)), CVIP ([Citizens Volunteering In Policing](#)), [Gresham Parks Department](#), [St. Aidan's Episcopal Church](#), [East Metro Mediation](#), and the Nadaka Ambassadors for sharing what is being done on the ground and behind the scenes to ensure that Nadaka stays safe and clean. One of the areas of concern was the heavily vegetated space between the St. Aidan's parking lot and meadow. Since the meeting, we have worked with the City of Gresham Parks Department to lift the canopy and create a line of sight from the parking lot into the meadow. We are so grateful for the hard work that the Parks Department to help address this area of concern and have noticed a marked improvement in the activities happening in that area. By our community taking ownership of the park through volunteering, voicing concerns and potential solutions, in addition to simply being a positive presence in the park, we can continue to ensure that Nadaka Nature Park stays a safe and welcoming space to nurture nature, food, and families.

As promised, here are a few great events coming up at the park in the next few months! Join us for a [Free Beneficial Insect Workshop](#) with [EMSWCD](#) on 11/4 from 9am to 11:30 AM, MLK Day of Service Monday, January 15th, and the Community Planting Event in February (date still to be determined). Other great events to keep your eye out for are our Annual [Free Indoor Gardening Workshop Series with Oregon Food Bank](#), [Spring Migration Nature Walk](#) and [Welcome Back Vulture Day](#) with [Audubon Society of Portland](#).

These are just a few of the activities we have in store for the community at Nadaka. For more information and opportunities to get involved and help create a positive social and environmental change in the Wilkes East and Rockwood community visit [www.friendsofnadaka.org](http://www.friendsofnadaka.org), "[Friends of Nadaka](#)" on Facebook, or contact Monica at [monica@friendsofnadaka.org](mailto:monica@friendsofnadaka.org) or 503-956-8558. We look forward to seeing everyone at the park! ■



Giant Xylophone, Nadaka Nature Park, Gresham OR

**BOYS & GIRLS** (Page 1)

The Rockwood Boys & Girls Club was a \$10m capital campaign with [P&C Construction](#), founded in Gresham, Oregon, managing the project working alongside Holst Architecture.

BGCP has raised \$7m to date and continues to actively fund-raise to complete the campaign. Thanks to the generous support of the [Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund](#) (MCMF), all donations up to \$5,000 will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$100,000 through December 31, 2017. To contribute to the campaign, visit [bgcportland.org/Rockwood](http://bgcportland.org/Rockwood).

**About Boys & Girls Clubs of Portland**

Boys & Girls Clubs of Portland Metro (BGCP) empowers more than 4,000 youth each year to discover their full potential by providing safe facilities staffed with trained, caring youth development professionals who deliver horizon-broadening programs when school is not in session. Clubs are designed to support youth and teens as they develop the qualities they need to achieve academic success, become responsible leaders, and live healthy lives. Today, the Clubs operate six facilities located throughout the metropolitan area, along with school-based programs in the Reynolds and North Clackamas School District. ■

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When the public sector does not invest in a community for decades, we collectively pay the price by having to react to symptoms like concentrated poverty and high crime and consequently an extraordinary amount of police and emergency response services, as well as social safety net services. Maintaining brokenness is very expensive. We can't afford it.

Renaming the MAX station is an opportunity for us to come together as a community and create a strategy for investment around the 162nd MAX station. The Rosewood Initiative has stepped up to lead the advocacy for investment in this station.

The Rosewood Initiative was started to reduce crime in the area. Rebuilding relationships between community and police in both Gresham and Portland was one of the first strategies. But even the Portland and Gresham Police that started The Rosewood Initiative understood that the high crime in this area was not going to be solved by policing, but by public and private sectors coming together and collectively investing in a community.

We would love to work together with Rockwood Neighborhood Association, Wilkes East Neighborhood Association, City of Gresham, TriMet, Metro, and the people that live near the 162nd Ave MAX station to create a comprehensive strategy for investment that is led by the people that live in the community.

We believe that one of the first steps toward collectively taking ownership of the 162nd Ave MAX station area is to give it its own unique identity. Since this area is now known to many as "Rosewood" we think this is a symbolic gesture to highlight the cross-jurisdictional investment that is imperative to support the Rosewood community. ■

**REYNOLDS** (Page 2)**Debbie Hoddevik (1982 – 1986)**

During her time at Reynolds, Debbie earned varsity letters in six different sports (gymnastics, soccer, cross country, cheer, basketball and softball), competing in the postseason at least once in each. As a junior, she was part of the state championship girls soccer team. In basketball, she earned All-Conference honors following her senior season. In softball, she earned numerous All-Conference honors, and capped off her senior year with 1st Team All-State honors after helping lead the team to a 2nd place state finish. After Reynolds, Debbie accepted a full softball scholarship to the University of Hawaii. She eventually transferred to Pacific Lutheran University where she earned All-Conference and All-American honors. She helped lead the Lutes to three conference titles and holds the school record in career triples with 19. Af-

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**Fall Meeting • Nov 13, 2017 7PM**  
**Annual Election of Officers**

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ter PLU, Debbie was selected to compete for the USA softball team in the 1991 Pan-Am Games in Havana, Cuba, where she helped Team USA earn the gold medal. She was inducted into the Pacific Lutheran University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2014.

**Becky Hoddevik (1985 – 1989)**

Becky was a six-time varsity letterman for the Lancers in volleyball and softball, all while being hugely successful in the classroom, earning a 3.96 cumulative GPA. In volleyball, she earned All-Conference honors. In softball, as a freshman Becky helped lead the team to a 2nd place state finish. She went on to dominate on the pitching mound, earning numerous 1st Team All-Conference honors as well as All-State honors. During her senior season, she had a 0.00 ERA and was selected the Mt. Hood Conference Player of the Year. She finished her Reynolds career with four perfect games, over 30 shutouts and a 60-12 record. Following Reynolds, Becky accepted a softball scholarship from Pacific Lutheran University, where she served as their starting pitcher for four years. She earned numerous All-Conference honors as well as being selected 1st Team All-American. She holds the school record for most wins in a season with 29. She led the Lutes to four straight conference titles as well as the 1992 NAIA National Championship, where she was selected as the tournament MVP. She was inducted into the Pacific Lutheran University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012 as part of the 1992 NAIA National Championship softball team.

**The 1979-80 Reynolds Girls Gymnastics Team**

The first Reynolds team to win a state championship was the 1979-1980 Lancers girls gymnastics team. Led by coach Pat Robinson and assistant Darla Jones, Reynolds went undefeated, winning the Wilco League title as well as finishing first at the district meet. They went on to dominate the state meet, which capped off an unprecedented five-year run for the Lancers, who during that time earned a 58-1 record. Team members: Michelle Albright, Sherry Christopher, Debbie Dodson, Corin Gorsuch, Kellee McGarrigle, Patricia Neale and Carolyn O'Connor. ■

*Save the Date!*

**Wilkes East Neighborhood  
Fall Meeting  
Monday, November 13, 7-9PM**

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- Annual Election of Officers
- NET Team, Gresham Police
- Code Control, City of Gresham
- Rockwood Boys & Girls Club
- Gresham Transportation Dept
- 162nd Max Station Name Change

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