



Strengthening Neighborhoods and Communities:

What can we learn from Portland and Seattle?

City-wide meeting and Conversation

Wednesday, March 16

7:00 – 8:30 PM

Finley Community Center

Cypress Room

2060 W. College Ave

What this is about: Both Seattle and Portland are internationally known leaders in creating vibrant neighborhoods and healthy cities. As a follow-up to last summer's breakthrough Neighbors Summit, Santa Rosa sent a delegation to Portland and Seattle to see what we could learn from their experiences to help us reach our Neighbors Summit goals. At the March 16th event, the members of this city delegation will report on what they learned and suggest how the experiences of Portland and Seattle might apply to our work to strengthen Santa Rosa. The report will be followed by an open discussion of the lessons learned and their relevance to Santa Rosa.

Presenters on the visit to Portland and Seattle:

Ed Buonacorsi, City of Santa Rosa, Recreation, Parks and Community Services Department

Marc Richardson, City of Santa Rosa, Recreation, Parks and Community Services Department

Tanya Narath, Neighbors Summit, Community Advisory Board, and Leadership Institute for Ecology and the Economy

Hank Topper, Neighbors Summit and Community Advisory Board

Moderator and Commenter: **Oscar Chavez**, Community Action Partnership of Sonoma County

What is the Neighbors Summit Coalition: With our growing Neighbors Summit Collaboration, we have found a way to work together to build the capacity of our neighborhoods and our city to meet the challenges we face. We are working to get citizens and potential citizens engaged, strengthen our neighborhoods and community organizations, and improve the partnership between city government and neighborhoods. We believe that this work is the foundation we need to meet our challenges and build a healthy and strong city. Join us and help us with this work.

As members of the Neighbors Summit Coalition, the Community Action Partnership of Sonoma County and the City of Santa Rosa are proud to act as the sponsors for this important community-wide event. For additional information, please contact Vince Harper, (707) 544-6911 or Ed Buonaccorsi - City of Santa Rosa at 543-3710.

