

SUNNYSIDE

Neighborhood News

December 2015

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Tony Jordan, SNA President

On December 5 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. the Hawthorne Boulevard Business Association (HBBA) is putting on its annual Holiday Stroll. Hawthorne Boulevard will be lit up with festive decorations during this annual stroll. Carolers will brighten the streets with their music and local businesses will offer additional incentives for shopping on this day. Each year HBBA joins the KGW Toy Drive with collection sites along the boulevard.

The Sunnyside Neighborhood Association (SNA) board meeting in November was full of activity. The board clarified testimony for

the Comprehensive Plan, created a workgroup to propose actions to aid houseless persons in our neighborhood, approved funding for a newsletter volunteer appreciation event, and more. Visit the SNA website to view the minutes from our meetings and to read up on what activities our various committees and workgroups are up to.

Finally, I want to thank those of you who have been coming to the office hours and other events of the SNA. There are more than 7,000 people in our neighborhood and in any given year we only have direct contact with a couple of hundred. In particular we

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Be Prepared, Not Scared

By Jan Molinaro, Co-chair Sunnyside EP/NET Committee

I write this the morning after Paris has been attacked.

It reminds me that being prepared for a disaster is more than a neighborhood issue, for events from all around the world can serve to wake us up. What does it mean to be prepared for anything that might shake up our world? The simple answer is: "It depends."

Wake up and do something. Not alone, but with neighbors and friends and relatives as it suits your own life. An example is cleaning out the gutters in your neighborhood before a heavy

rainfall. It's the small things that make a difference. So, what can you do today to help out those around you? It depends.

For examples of best practices for being prepared, continue to check out our website, www.SunnysidePrepared.com.

Happy holidays and be prepared, not scared.

The EP/NET Committee will not be having a meeting in December. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 19, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., place TBD.

UPCOMING EVENTS | DECEMBER

- 2nd - Spreadsheets @ Belmont Library*
- 2nd - Health Insurance Information and Enrollment Assistance @ Belmont Library*
- 5th - Hawthorne Holiday Stroll *
- 5th - Coloring for Calm and Creativity @ Belmont Library *
- 12th - PILOT Your Way Through Stress @ Belmont Library *
- 15-31st - Peacock Lane Lights *
- 18th - Pedestrian Only Peacock Lane *
- 19th - Pedestrian Only Peacock Lane *
- 20th - Pedestrian Only Peacock Lane *

* See articles for details.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings at Southeast Uplift unless noted

General and Board Meeting

Thursday, December 10, 7:30-9 p.m.

Land Use & Transportation Committee

Thursday, December 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

SNA EP NET Committee @ TBA

No Meeting in December.

Sunnyside Street Tree Team (S2T2)

Street Tree Team TBA

e-mail S2T2@googlegroups.com for information about meeting time/place.

"Office Hours" with SNA Board Member

Lorraine Henriques @ Fred Meyer Deli
Monday, December 7, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

"Office Hours" with SNA Board President @ Fred Meyer Deli

Monday, December 14, 7-8 a.m.

Graffiti Clean-up

2nd & 4th Saturdays, weather permitting.
Call 503-235-5047

SUNNYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

www.SunnysideNeighborhood.com



or at the Sunnyside Listserv: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SunnysideNeighborhood/>



Join a Conversation about Houselessness

By JM Mayer, Sunnyside Neighbor

Sunnyside is home to many community members currently experiencing or at imminent risk of houselessness. We use the terms homeless and houseless interchangeably. We intend to describe situations such as sleeping outside; living out of a car or camp; staying overnight at shelters, hostels, or on friends' couches; or any number of other scenarios in which a person doesn't have a stable indoor living arrangement. We would like to start a positive conversation about actions our neighborhood might take to be supportive of our neighbors in need. Input is welcome from everyone: homeowners, renters, business owners, employees, individuals, families, and certainly homeless members of the community. Please contact JM Mayer at mayerjm@comcast.net if you would like to be involved. (Future announcements will include alternate contact options for anyone without email access.)

Celebrating a Sustainable and Festive Season

By Bonita Davis, Master Recycler

The holiday season can be a time of more of everything—shopping, eating, drinking, socializing. Here are some simple ideas to keep the holidays festive and sustainable:

- Rethink gift giving. Consider giving an experience or service, such as tickets to a concert, movie, or sporting event; a rock-climbing session or cooking class; or passes to the pool or a yoga studio. The gift of your time or talents might be perfect for someone on your list.
- Give our small local businesses a boost. Check out www.littleboxespdx.com.
- Give a gift to the community! Get ideas from these two excellent resources: www.GiveGuide.org created by Willamette Week, or www.unitedway-pdx.org. If you prefer to give your service, check out www.handsonportland.org.

- Make a big impact by reducing one-time-use throw-away items during holidays. Switch to durable serviceware, beverage containers, and cloth napkins when entertaining. Reuse wrapping papers, bows, ribbons, and packing materials, including Styrofoam peanuts and bubble wrap. Stash them away for future use or pass them on to others.
- Clear out your clutter and get items back into use again by making a charitable donation before the year-end rush. The charity will provide you with a signed and dated verification slip, but if you want to claim a tax deduction it will be up to you to attach your itemized list and assign a value. Use a simple Donation Value Guide to help estimate the value. Visit www.goodwill.org/donate-and-shop/donate-stuff, or go to www.satruck.org and click on the Salvation Army Valuation Guide.
- If a cut tree and garlands are part of your holiday, recycle the greenery (minus any icicles, ornaments, or spray snow) in your green curbside rollcart. Check with your hauler or property manager for other options. Later in the month, the Scouts will be advertising their area tree collection services.

- Recycling question? Call the Metro Recycling Hotline at 503-234-3000 or visit www.oregonmetro.gov/recycling to learn more about recycling solutions.

Enjoy the season!

December Offerings at the Belmont Library

By Cyndi Rosene, Belmont Library Assistant

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season! We truly enjoy and appreciate serving our Sunnyside neighbors. If you can't find what you want in the library catalog, let us be your Library Santa! Ask us about Interlibrary Loan, or fill out a Suggest a Purchase form at <https://multcolib.org/suggest-purchase>.

Here's what's going on at Belmont Library in December:

Wednesday, December 2, 10 a.m. to noon, *Spreadsheets 2*

If you already know basic formulas and how to sort and filter data in a

spreadsheet program, this class may be for you. Registration required. Register online, in the library, or by calling 503-988-5234.

Wednesday, December 2, 3 to 4:30 p.m., *Health Insurance Information and Enrollment Assistance*

If you have questions about open enrollment for health insurance, make an appointment to get them answered. Call 503-988-5382.

Saturday, December 5, 3 to 4 p.m., *Coloring for Calm and Creativity*

Join artist and facilitator Anya Hankin for a creative and relaxing adult coloring session. Art materials, snacks, and music will be provided. Registration required. Register online, in the library, or by calling 503-988-5234.

Saturday, December 12, 3 to 4 p.m., *PILOT Your Way Through Stress: A Holistic Approach for the Entire Family*

Learn basic skills you can use in your daily life to reduce stress and find more connection and calm. Open to anyone looking for a more holistic way to handle life in today's hectic world. Registration required. Register online, in the library, or by calling 503-988-5234.

Wednesday, December 16, 6 to 8 p.m., *Resume Help*

Struggling with writing your resume? Come meet with an experienced volunteer for one-on-one help. If you have a paper copy of your resume, bring it along. First-come, first-served.

For more programs and information, drop in and see us at Belmont Regional Library, 1038 SE Cesar Chavez Blvd; give us a call at 503-988-5382; or find us online at www.multcolib.org. *Multnomah County Library programs are always free of charge.*

A New Addition to the Sunnyside Neighborhood

By Julia Pierzina

What: Aletheia Bible Fellowship has opened Storgē: A Children's Resale Shoppe. This ongoing fundraiser provides affordable gently used children's clothing, books, toys, and other accessories as well as locally crafted items. The proceeds from

Storgē are used to fund SMILE, a community outreach program of ABF that helps provide young families with resources and support as needs arise. For more information about SMILE, visit their website at smile.yourabf.org.

When and Where: Storgē is open on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on select Saturdays. It is located inside Aletheia Bible Fellowship's newly renovated Community Resource Center at 4511 SE Main Street.

Storgē accepts donations of gently used children's items, which can be either dropped off or picked up by scheduling an appointment. Call 503-482-9475 to schedule. For more information contact Julia Pierzina at storge.abf@gmail.com or visit the Storgē website at shopstorge.com.

2015 Peacock Lane

Holiday Lights:

What You Need to Know

By Lorraine Henriquez, Peacock Lane Neighbor

Schedule: Lights on Tuesday, December 15, through Thursday, December 31, 6 to 11 p.m. (lights on until midnight on December 24 and 31).

Pedestrians Only Nights: December 18, 19, 20 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday). In the event of additional, unscheduled closures by Portland Police, we will be updating our Twitter (@pdxpeacockln) and Facebook ([fb.com/peacockln](https://www.facebook.com/peacockln)) pages. Those who must see the displays by car should know that there is virtually no chance of street closure after December 24, when crowd levels reduce considerably.

Free Cocoa Booth: December 15-24, 6 p.m. until sold out. A portion of cash donations will go to Make-A-Wish Oregon.

New This Year: We heard your feedback about trash! We are pleased to share that Waste Management is donating products and services to help us better keep the surrounding neighborhood free of litter.

Get Involved: We need volunteers for 1-hour shifts on pedestrian nights. Write to pdxpeacocklane@gmail.com to help.

New Street Tree Options

By Gregg S. Everhart, Sunnyside Street Tree Team (S2T2)

The Sunnyside Street Tree Team is pleased to announce that Sunnyside has a new Friends of Trees neighborhood liaison, Allie Breyer. We hope you will consider planting a tree with us on Saturday, January 23. Sign up by December 21 at <https://friendsoftrees.org/plant-it-programs>. I am happy to help you make a final selection from the choices that Friends of Trees will give for your width of planting strip; write to S2T2@googlegroups.com with "tree selection" in the subject line. The final selection isn't due until early January but you will get the best choice if you decide early.

For the narrowest strip (2.5-2.9 feet wide), some new options include Celestial Dogwood, Coral Sun Goldenrain Tree, Ivory Silk Japanese Tree Lilac, Merlot Redbud, and Milky Way Dogwood.

If your strip is 3.0-3.9 feet wide (or if you request concrete cutting to get more width), there are some interesting new trees such as Emerald Pointe Hardy Rubber Tree, Gum Drop Tupelo, and Sycoparrotia (no common name!).

At 4-5.9 feet wide there are even more new options, but as the trees get larger, it is important to note if there are high-voltage lines above. If so, there is a special list that now has Red Rage Black Tupelo, Vanderwolf's Pyramid Pine, Venus Dogwood, and Whiteshield Osage Orange (with no fruit or thorns). Without wires? You can choose Afterburner Black Tupelo, Eye Stopper Cork Tree, Frans Fontaine Hornbeam, Golden Colonnade Ginkgo, Hardy Rubber Tree, Musashino Zelkova, Perkins Pink American Yellowwood, and a few of the trees mentioned previously. We hope to have our new recommended list soon at <https://sunnysideneighborhood.wordpress.com/trees>, where you can link to information on all the trees.

Don't some of these have intriguing names? We hope you will find something new and increase the diversity and interest of the Sunnyside Urban Forest.

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have difficulty delivering the newsletter those neighbors who live in apartment buildings with access control. Renters, in general, are generally underrepresented at our meetings and events, so if you are interested in assisting in reaching out to the tenant community in Sunnyside, please write to tony@sunnysideneighborhood.com.



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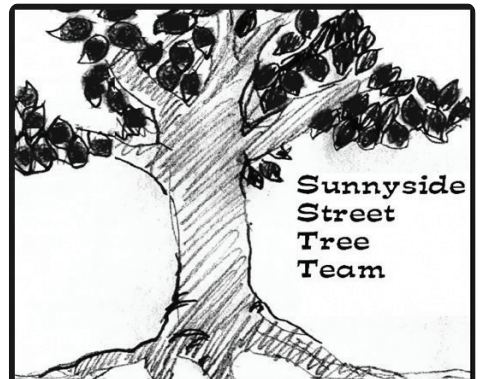


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Sunnyside Neighborhood Map

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