

# SUNNYSIDE

## *Neighborhood News*

### December 2017

#### Neighborhood News

*By Hannah Day-Kapell, Sunnyside Neighborhood Association Chair*

I hope interested neighbors were able to attend the Southeast Conversation event at Taborspace on Thursday, November 16th. Residents from across Southeast Portland came together to share, listen, and learn about safety issues in the neighborhood.

The event aimed to help neighbors learn about actions they can take to feel empowered as neighbors and citizens, and for public servants to gain insights that can be used to prioritize resources and actions. Specific issues compiled from neighborhood association surveys included: unlawful behavior both on personal property and in public spaces; disruptive, aggressive or potentially dangerous behavior in public places; public health issues; and identifying how public officials and neighbors can work together to stretch resources.

The conversation highlighted some specific actions neighbors can take to help improve safety:

1. Report everything so the Police can identify hotspots and conduct strategic enforcement (go to [www.pdxreporter.org](http://www.pdxreporter.org)),
2. Attend a city council or county commission hearing and advocate during the budget process,
3. Vote on bond issues and for increased funding, and
4. Contact city commissioners with concerns.

In the meantime, we invite you to attend the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association monthly board meeting, where we will continue talking about these issues, and we will continue to support neighborhood-based initiatives like foot patrols. Let's keep the conversation going!

#### We can practice kindness

*By Jan Molinaro*

Everyday is another opportunity to be a part of your community, however you define it – to connect, to create resilience, to be a part of something bigger than yourself.

That's just how I feel about emergency preparedness. Everything kind act that you do for others counts, at both the micro and macro level.

I am inspired by a post on FaceBook from former president Barack Obama this year in honor of veterans and Veterans' Day:

"We can volunteer, we can serve, we can respect one another. We can have each other's back. We can ask, "Now, what else can I do?"

#### UPCOMING EVENTS | DECEMBER

**2nd** – Tech Help, 12-2 p.m. @ Belmont Library\*

**5th** – Empathy 101, 6-7:30 p.m. @ Belmont Library\*

**7th** – Tech Help, 5:30-7:30 p.m. @ Belmont Library\*

**9th** – Tech Help, 12-2 p.m. @ Belmont Library\*

**11th** – Health Insurance & Enrollment Assistance, 3-5:30 p.m. @ Belmont Library\*

**14th** – Tech Help, 5:30-7:30 p.m. @ Belmont Library\*

**17th** – Resume Help, 1-3 p.m. @ Belmont Library\*

**19th** – Czech Glass Ornaments for Winter Holidays, 6-7:30 p.m. @ Belmont Library\*

\* See articles for details

#### MEETING SCHEDULE

**Meetings at Southeast Uplift** unless noted

##### Board Meeting

Thursday, December 14, 7-9 p.m.

##### Land Use & Transportation Committee

Tuesday, December 5, 7-8 p.m.

##### Graffiti Clean-Up

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

SUNNYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

[www.SunnysideNeighborhood.com](http://www.SunnysideNeighborhood.com)

## Sunnyside is More Prepared Than Ever for Emergencies!

*By Glenn C. Devitt, Sunnyside Prepared co-chair and NET Team Leader*

- Thanks to the efforts of hundreds of volunteers and the support of the Neighborhood Association, Sunnyside Prepared had another successful year empowering neighbors to prepare for emergencies. Every single person can Be Prepared, Not Scared.
- Please join us at a quarterly meeting where we will help you choose simple and affordable steps for your family and neighbors. The meeting schedule is at [www.SunnysidePrepared.com](http://www.SunnysidePrepared.com). You can also scroll down to the "Resources" section for links to useful websites and preparation ideas.
- Here's some of what we accomplished this year:
- 2,000+ volunteer hours
- Collaboration with Sunnyside Environmental School and PPS staff to keep our kids safe
- The launch of a local business outreach campaign. Look for decals in storefront windows, and thank merchants for supporting this work!
- 370 people on our opt-in email list (Sign-up link is on the website, [www.SunnysidePrepared.com](http://www.SunnysidePrepared.com).)
- Public outreach with direct contact to 4,000 people
- "Living room" preparedness presentations to help neighbors organize block-by-block. Contact us to arrange one for your street!
- Presentations at Belmont Library
- A model of cooperation with SNA that has been adopted in several neighborhoods across the city. Speaking of which:
- In October, the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association unanimously approved up to \$2,000 to support our volunteer work during this fiscal year. To our knowledge, this is the most generous emergency preparedness funding by any Association in Portland. Many thanks to the Board.

Enjoy a happy and safe holiday season!

## Join the Sunnyside Tree Planting with Friends of Trees on February 3rd

*By Carling Kirk, Friends of Trees Neighborhood Coordinator*

Have you ever walked down a street in Sunnyside that is lined with big beautiful trees? Perhaps you thought to yourself "How can my street look like this?" It's easy. Plant trees! On February 3rd, we will join our neighbors in the Kerns, North Tabor and Laurelhurst neighborhoods to plant street and yard trees. Our goal is to improve and diversify our urban canopy.

Enhancing the urban canopy is important because trees provide countless benefits to neighborhoods. Trees improve livability by reducing city noise and glare, as well as slowing traffic. They provide habitat for birds and other wildlife. The value of trees increases with each passing year. Houses on tree-lined streets command higher prices than those in neighborhoods without trees.

If you have been thinking of adding a tree to your parking strip or your yard, now is the time. You can sign up for a tree at [friendsoftrees.org](http://friendsoftrees.org) or by calling 503-595-

0212. The cost of \$35 includes an 8 -12' tree, street tree inspection (ensuring right tree, right place), hole digging, planting, stakes, follow-up monitoring, and information on tree care. The deadline to sign up is January 2nd, and you will need to order your tree by January 16th.

Don't have space for a new tree? Come out and help us plant. Our mission is not possible without the help of volunteers to help plant trees and provide pickup trucks and to transport the trees and tools to the planting sites. We always need pickup trucks! It is a fun community activity, an opportunity to meet your neighbors and get outside. Come join us! Signup at [friendsoftrees.org](http://friendsoftrees.org), email [volunteer@friendsoftrees.org](mailto:volunteer@friendsoftrees.org), or call 503-595-0213.

If you have questions or need any assistance please feel free to contact me, Carling Kirk, the neighborhood coordinator at [sunnyside@plantitportland.org](mailto:sunnyside@plantitportland.org).



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## Holiday / Christmas Tree Recycling Event

By Jeff Skoke

For the past 9 years, the Sunnyside Environmental School (SES) organizes a Holiday / Christmas Tree Recycling Event with all monies raised benefitting the "GO FUND". This fund is utilized throughout the school year to supplement out-of-pocket costs of school field trips for many of our students and families. Our middle-schoolers (grades 6 - 8) earn community service credits by working at the event, neighbors feel welcomed on our school grounds, and we provide a valuable service — particularly for "couch potatoes" and apartment or condo-dwellers.

Remember last January's snowstorm?? Well, we had a few trucks navigating the slick streets, honoring our commitment to provide tree pickup for everyone who had requested it...rain, hail, snow or sun.

As an added bonus, Honi Tree Care turns the trees into mulch chips, helping keep the perimeter school gardens well tended.

Event hours and dates: Saturday Jan. 6 and Sunday Jan. 7 from 10:00am to 4:00pm

We offer both drop-off and pickup options. Complimentary coffee, tea and hot cocoa is available for friends & residents who bring trees to the school.

The Sunnyside Environmental School is located at 3421 SE Salmon St, Portland OR 97214. The drop-off location is in the asphalt area just behind the school building. Follow signs and instructions from our students.

Pick-up service (for eastside PDX residents) needs to be reserved in advance. Email [sunnysidetreerecycling@gmail.com](mailto:sunnysidetreerecycling@gmail.com) or call and leave a message at (503) 512-0864. Please include the desired pickup day, name, address, and any special instructions.

There is a donation request of \$5 for drop-off and \$10 for pickup. Donations can be in cash, check, or via this direct PayPal link: [paypal.me/SEStreerecycling](https://www.paypal.me/SEStreerecycling)

Questions? Contact Jeff Skoke at [jmsrwc@yahoo.com](mailto:jmsrwc@yahoo.com); or Jason Kalenkowitz at [jkalenkowitz@gmail.com](mailto:jkalenkowitz@gmail.com)

## What's Happening At The Belmont Library?

By Cyndi Rosene

Winter is a great time to lounge in your pajamas and browse a huge collection of magazines that never expire on your computer, iOS device, Android device or Kindle Fire. Download the RB Digital App or go to <https://multcolib.org/e-books-and-more> and create an account with your library card number and pin/password.

**Saturday December 2, noon to 2 p.m., Thursday December 7, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Saturday December 9, noon to 2 p.m., Thursday December 14, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Tech Help**

Meet one-on-one with a friendly, knowledgeable Tech Helper who will assist you with mobile devices, websites, downloading, e-readers and more. If you need help with a smartphone, iPad or tablet, please bring it with you, along with usernames and passwords. First-come, First-served.

**Tuesday December 5, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Empathy 101**

Singer, songwriter and peacemaker Parfait Bassale will help you gain a conceptual understanding of empathy and the neuroscience at play when one empathizes. Walk away with activities and tools to develop your empathy muscles. Registration required; register online, in the library or by calling 503-988-5123.

**Monday December 11, 3 to 5:30 p.m., Health Insurance & Enrollment Assistance**

Open enrollment for 2018 individual and family health insurance coverage at [healthcare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) ends December 15th. If you have questions about the application or enrollment process, visit the library to get them answered. Call 503-988-5841 to register.

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**Sunday December 17, 1 to 3 p.m., Resume Help**

Meet with an experienced volunteer for one-on-one help. Bring a paper copy of your resume if you have one. First-come, first-served.

**Tuesday December 19, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Czech Glass Ornaments for Winter Holidays**

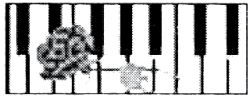
Experienced heritage crafts teacher and cultural educator Daniela Sipkova-Mahoney will guide you in crafting and decorating traditional Czech glass ornaments. These dainty and unique decorations are a wonderful gift to yourself or your loved ones during the holiday season. Registration required; register online, in the library or by calling 503-988-5123.

For more programs and information please drop in and see us, Belmont Regional Library, 1038 SE Cesar Chavez Blvd, give us a call (503) 988-5123, or find us online [www.multcolib.org](http://www.multcolib.org). Multnomah County Library programs are always free of charge.



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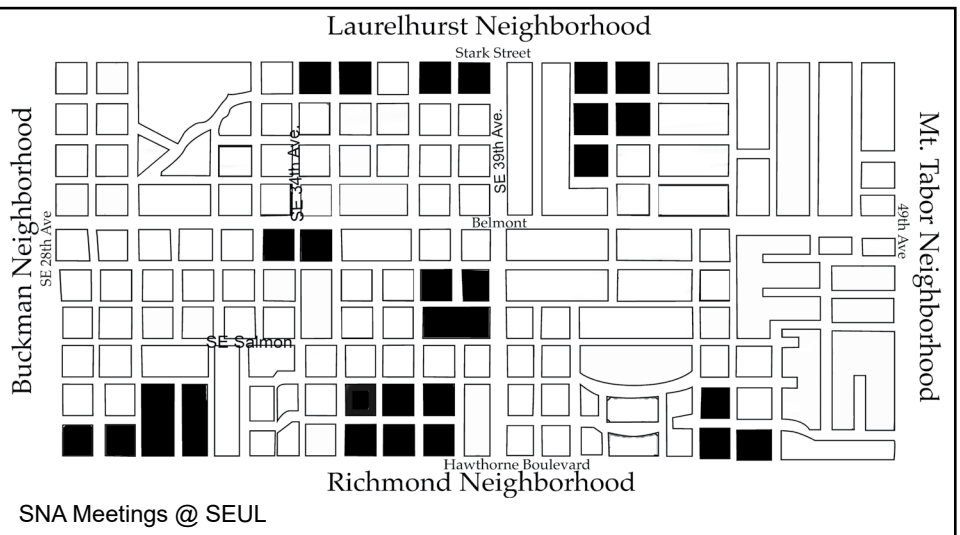
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