

Neighborhood News

By Hannah Day-Kapell, Sunnyside Neighborhood Association Chair

This Spring, the SNA is continuing to work on a range of local issues that impact our neighborhood. In particular, we have been following the Residential Infill Project, which the City has drafted to adapt Portland's single-dwelling zoning rules to meet the needs of current and future generations. While Sunnyside is generally built-out, we do experience significant infill, and this project will designate guidelines for construction of context-sensitive and affordable infill that will accommodate our growing population. SNA generally supports the City's draft, and the board voted to join the Portland For Everyone coalition. See more information on the City's website at: www.portlandoregon. gov/bps/67728

Also, we have been following the City's planning around updating parking policies. The article below by past-chair Tony Jordan outlines the strategies the City has been looking at to mitigate the parking problem. Here in Sunnyside we have seen demand for parking increasing as the supply is dwindling, and we also have great public transit, walking, and biking facilities to get around without a car. The board submitted our interest in being a pilot neighborhood to test these new policies, and we'll keep you all posted about new changes as they come.

UPCOMING EVENTS | FEBRUARY

1st – Tech Help, 5:30-7:30 p.m. @ Belmont Library*

3rd - Tech Help, 12-2 p.m. @ Belmont Library*

4th – Spreadsheets 2, 2-4 p.m. @ Belmont Library*

8th – Tech Help, 5:30-7:30 p.m. @ Belmont Library*

10th - Tech Help, 12-2 p.m. @ Belmont Library*

18th – Nature Drawing, 2-4 p.m. @ Belmont Library*

24th – Nature's Medicine Cabinet for your home : Essential Oils, 2-3 p.m. @ Belmont Library*

25th – Resume Help, 1-3 p.m. @ Belmont Library*

* See articles for details

MEETING SCHEDULE Meetings at Southeast Uplift unless noted

Board Meeting Thursday, February 8, 7-9 p.m.

Land Use & Transportation Committee Tuesday, February 6, 7-8 p.m.

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



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Parking Problems? Solutions May Be Forthcoming

By Tony Jordan

When a new apartment building is being built, many neighbors wonder how it will impact their ability to find convenient parking. For years, the City has been convening committees and compiling documents chock full of suggestions to manage parking, but, to-date, nothing has cleared the hurdle of a council vote. On January 24th, that might change.

City Council will consider adoption of a Parking Management Toolkit as a technical reference and direct the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) to use this document to guide discussions with neighborhoods about parking concerns. The Parking Management Toolkit resulted from the year long work, ending in early 2015, of the Centers + Corridors Parking Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC).

The manual is about 40 pages long, but can be summed up as a recommendation to take a series of escalating steps to deal with parking problems in a neighborhood. The first recommendation is to use "user information" and "transportation demand management (TDM)" to alleviate parking demand. User information might consist of neighborhood parking maps or better signage and wayfinding to areas with more ample parking. TDM is a technical term for information and incentives to encourage reduced car ownership and use, this includes everything from improved bicycling facilities up to direct subsidies for transit.

If those steps aren't enough, the manual suggests better management of existing parking supply. This might mean allowing owners of commercial parking lots to rent overnight stalls to nearby residents, allowing neighbors to rent unused garages or driveways to other neighbors, or implementing time stay restrictions. Next on the list would be to calibrate parking enforcement to an area's needs. Perhaps focused enforcement is needed or enforcement hours might need to be extended.

On-street parking management with overnight residential permits and metering on commercial corridors is described in detail. The committee recommended that the city develop and make available a residential parking permit program that would actually limit the number of permits based on the actual supply of parking available. In order to do that, the SAC suggested limiting the number of permits sold per-household, restricting access to permits to residents in residential zones, and increasing the cost of permits to manage demand, with any revenue raised to go towards things like better crosswalks and transit subsidies.

Finally, the manual suggests that if all else fails, the city should consider purchasing or building additional parking supply. The reason this is the last resort is that parking garages are very expensive (above ground parking can easily cost \$30,000 per stall to develop), they encourage more driving (making traffic worse), and the cost of acquiring land for a garage in most closein neighborhoods is cost-prohibitive.

Council's adoption of this manual would not impose permit or meter programs on Portland's neighborhoods or business districts. Permits would need to be requested by petition and implemented subject to a mail-in ballot. City Council will consider directing PBOT to seek out a number of willing neighborhoods to conduct pilot residential permit programs. On January 11th, the SNA board voted to reaffirm support for the parking toolkit and to ask that Sunnyside be considered for a pilot program.

You can review the Parking Management Toolkit at https://www.portlandoregon. gov/transportation/article/567030. Feel free to contact me with comments or concerns at twjordan@gmail.com.



Creating a mindset for social and community resilience By Jan Molinaro, Sunnyside Prepared co-chair and NET Assistant Team Leader

In the January 2018 newsletter, I listed numerous examples of simple and elegant ways to be and become more resilient.

I want to share some of the ways that I have made this a daily/weekly practice – to inspire and empower you.

As I walk around the neighborhood, I check to make sure that the street drains are cleared. Sometimes, after garbage day, I go and pick up garbage that is littering the streets and sidewalks on my block. I know many of my neighbors and when the opportunity arises, I introduce them to each other. I take photos and use PDX Reporter to report unsafe conditions around illegal camping.

When I walk around the neighborhood after dark, I carry a good flashlight and

have a blinky light object that I attach to my backpack and purse.

I shop in the neighborhood stores, I go to yoga at The Peoples Yoga on SE Belmont and I support my fave local coffee shop, Never Coffee on SE Belmont.

I post events and articles on the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association Facebook page.

So, what do you do to make yourself feel a part of this wonderful Sunnyside Neighborhood? Everything counts towards making yourself feel that you belong.

You have to create this resilience and continue to build upon those actions.



What's Happening At The Belmont Library?

By Cyndi Rosene

The Everybody Reads 2018 selection is Exit West by Mohsin Hamid. Limited copies of the book and e-book will be available in February thanks to the generous support of The Library Foundation. Through a shared reading experience, we will discuss issues that matter, learn from each other and promote greater understanding.

Thursday February 1 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Saturday February 3 noon to 2 p.m., Thursday February 8 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Saturday February 10 noon to 2 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.

Sunday February 4, 2 to 4 p.m., Spreadsheets 2

For those who already know the basics of Microsoft Excel. Learn how to sort, group and filter data in a spreadsheet; correct a circular reference; create an absolute reference; define function; and display your data. Registration required; register online, in the library or by calling 503-988-5123.

Sunday February 18, 2 to 4 p.m., Nature Drawing

Engage in fun and surprising sketching exercises to loosen the hand, learn to observe, and to draw with confidence. All skill levels welcome. Please bring a seashell, favorite rock or another natural object. Registration required; register online, in the library or by calling 503-988-5123.

Saturday February 24, 2 to 3 p.m., Nature's Medicine Cabinet for your Home: Essential Oils

Yiwen will introduce you to the world of essential oils. In addition to their beautiful fragrances, essential oils have long been used for food preparation, beauty treatment and health care practices. Learn how, why and when to use them. Registration required; register online, in the library or by calling 503-988-5123.

Sunday February 25, 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.

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. Multnomah County Library programs are always free of charge.



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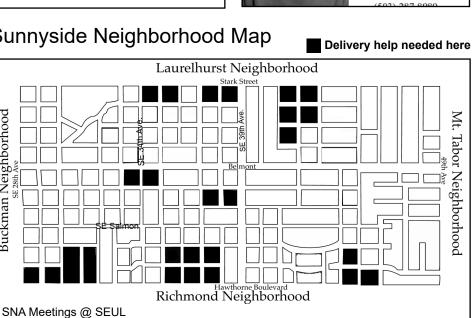
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