

SUNNYSIDE

Neighborhood News

September 2010

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By Reuben Deumling, SNA President

If you thought things slowed down over the summer in and around Sunnyside, think again. What with the Clearwire tower siting issue, and the many summer events, we've been just a little bit busy. Sunday Parkways came to southeast Portland and the hot weather didn't slow things down a bit. Thousands turned out to enjoy car-free streets, booths, and activities in Laurelhurst, Colonel Summers, and Sunnyside parks. The Belmont Street Fair is just around the corner (September 12), and a week later (September 19), the Sunnyside and Richmond neighborhood associations are sponsoring a movie at the Bagdad Theater—a 1939 production of *Gulliver's Travels* with a live orchestra, voice actors, and more (see articles below for details).

Clearwire presented more details of the wireless communications pole, which they now plan to erect on SE 32nd and Yamhill instead of the originally proposed site three blocks west. A Q&A with Clearwire representatives clarified some issues, but left many neighbors frustrated with the trivial role they and the neighborhood association are expected to play in siting such towers (see article below for details).

At our general meeting in August, we heard from Diane Phillips about plans for a major remodel of the Safeway at SE 28th and Hawthorne. As with the Rivermark Credit Union on Hawthorne, the new Safeway building will be erected on the existing parking lot.

At this month's general meeting on *cont'd on page two...*



SE Sunday Parkways

Belmont Street Fair on Sunday, September 12

By John Barker, Street Fair Co-Coordinator

Planning for the 2010 Belmont Street Fair is on track. The fair takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on September 12, which is a Sunday (a change from our usual Saturday). This fair is a great community building event for the neighborhood in partnership with the Belmont Area Business Association.

This year, a longer section of Belmont ("Downtown Belmont," from SE 34th to SE 37th Avenues), will be closed to car traffic



but open to thousands of visitors, over 150 craft booths, four music performance areas, a food festival, children's fun center, alternative transportation area, the neighborhood green (see photo), and much more. In addition, there will be two free, music-accompanied shuttles—a bluegrass *cont'd on page two...*

UPCOMING EVENTS | SEPTEMBER

- 12th - Belmont Street Fair
- 19th - Bagdad Theater - *Gulliver's Travels*
- 22nd - Fall Equinox

MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings at Southeast Uplift unless noted

- General Meeting
Thursday, September 9, 7 p.m.
- Crime Prevention Committee
Thursday, September 9, 6:30 p.m.
- Sustainability Committee
Monday, September 13, 6:00 p.m.
- Land Use & Transportation Committee
Monday, September 13, 7:30 p.m.
- Graffiti Clean-up
2nd & 4th Saturdays, weather permitting.
Call 503-235-5047

SUNNYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Hotline: 503-295-1699 • www.SunnysideNeighborhood.com
General Membership Meeting: 2nd Thursday of each month

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



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September 9, members from the group P:EAR will present their proposal for a mural on the east side of Fred Meyer along SE 39th Avenue/César Chávez Boulevard. The subject of the mural, as briefly introduced at last month's meeting by the muralist, Esteban Camacho, will be the food system and the contributions of César Chávez and farm workers. Although some details remain unclear—what the image will actually be, whether or not Fred Meyer and others have approved the project—the project seems likely to generate interest. Come and join the conversation.

Finally, after a third serious accident involving a pedestrian at the troubled crosswalk at SE 46th and Belmont, I am happy to announce that the intersection will finally be receiving an upgrade from Portland's Bureau of Transportation in early September (see article below for details).

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Belmont Streetfair

trolley and a Mexican fiesta bus—to transport you in style to special events along Belmont from SE 20th to SE 58th Avenues. Music will include sets by Sarah Moon and the Night Sky, Pagan Jug Band, Eddie Martinez, and Richard Arnold and the Groove Swingers. Sunnyside Swap Shop's Children's Area will expand to encompass the entire parking lot at SE 34th Avenue. We also hope to expand the farmer's market booth; last year SNA teamed up with Sunnyside Environmental School students to raise money for the school's gardens.

Volunteers are needed! Sign up to help, have fun, and get a free Belmont T-shirt! Contact Josh at 503-367-1000 or joshrpalmer@yahoo.com to sign up for one of these slots:

1. 9/8, 5 to 7 p.m.: Set barricades, clean sidewalks, etc. (meet at parking lot off SE 34th and Belmont)
2. 9/11, 5 –to 7p.m., Pre-set up: Mark booths, final clean up
3. 9/12, 6 to 10 a.m.: Set up (put up barricades, tents, signs, trash cans, mark booths)
4. 9/12, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Host (circulate in assigned area and assist visitors)
5. 9/12, 1 to 4 p.m.: Host (circulate in assigned area and assist visitors)
6. 9/12, 4 to 7 p.m.: Host and clean
7. 9/12, Trolley Host (ride trolley shuttle for 2½-hour shift, help guests on/off, etc.)

For more information, visit belmontbusiness.org or contact John Barker at 503-231-9118, 503 750-5056 (cell), or barkerark@qwestoffice.net. Our theme is "local motion." All aboard!

Fall Clean-up in November

By Gary Ballou, Cleanup Coordinator

Now that summer is turning the corner, it's time to start thinking about the Sunnyside Fall Clean-up. This year's event is on Saturday, November 13, from 9 a.m. to noon, or until the dumpsters are full. We'll be at the usual place, St. Stephen's Catholic Church at SE 42nd and Taylor. Drop-off fees are \$6 per car, \$10 per SUV/wagon, and \$14 per pickup/truck/van.

The list of materials we can accept is the same as last spring: mixed solid waste, non-recyclable materials, wood and bulky waste. Boards are

considered wood waste. Old doors and furniture are bulky waste. We're also planning to have the Rebuilding Center on hand to accept usable building materials, and a volunteer to help with useable household items for Goodwill.

We cannot accept gas-powered yard machines, hazardous household waste, recyclables, household garbage, or large amounts of construction debris. Also, because of budget and regulatory restrictions from Metro, we cannot accept:

- 1 Yard debris—this can be recycled as part of your regular household recycling collection. Yard debris includes grass, weeds, branches, and tree trimmings.
- 2 Televisions, monitors, and household electronics—these can be recycled at the new Metro e-cycling locations. Visit www.deq.state.or.us/lq/ecycle/ or call 888-5-ECYCLE (532-9253).
- 3 Block Styrofoam or packing peanuts—we have lost our low-cost connection with a recycler for these materials. Call the Metro hotline (503-234-3000) for recycling locations near you.

As always, we're making a special effort to help neighborhood seniors and disabled residents. On Saturday, November 6, we'll arrange for volunteers to come to your house to do light yard work and general clean-up. Call the SNA hotline (503-295-1699), leave your name, and we'll call you back to make arrangements.

We're always hoping for more volunteers, either for the senior clean-up or for the main event. Just call the SNA hotline (503-295-1699), leave a message, and we'll call you back.



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Clearwire Update

Reuben Deumling, SNA President

At our August general meeting, we learned that Clearwire now intends to place a tower on the west side of the PGE substation in the public right-of-way at SE 32nd Avenue between Belmont and Yamhill. They also plan to place some associated equipment in an underground vault adjacent to the tower. We learned that the height of the tower (both 91 and 94 feet have been mentioned) derives from a statute that allows communications companies to add up to 15 feet to existing structures or utility poles. The existing PGE pole is roughly 75 feet tall.

Neighbors raised a number of good questions for Clearwire and its representatives. Although Clearwire admitted that two shorter poles along a corridor such as Belmont could in principle be substituted for one tall pole sited on a residential street, this was not their preferred option. When pushed on the issue, Clearwire asserted that city requirements precluded this alternative for Sunnyside.

The process by which these poles are approved and/or sited leaves much to be desired. Federal and city loopholes not only cut locals out of a meaningful role in the decision-making process, but, as we are learning from other Portland neighborhoods also dealing with this issue, the city's interpretation of the rules appears to be drifting toward less local review and more discretion for the private companies who wish to erect towers. Portland's Office of Cable Communications and Franchise Management now interprets these poles as utilities, which means

they are not governed by land use laws. Consequently, neighbors are not notified of a pole's approval, and this interpretation also apparently precludes the possibility of appealing the decision.

Gulliver's Travels Live – A Joint SNA-RNA Event

By Tim Brooks, SNA Board Member

Mark your calendars for September 19, when the Sunnyside and Richmond neighborhood associations (SNA and RNA) present a movie experience not to be missed: *Gulliver's Travels*, Fleischer's animated feature from 1939, complete with a live orchestra, voice actors, and bouncing ball sing-a-longs!

As the movie plays on the big screen, cartoon actors give voice to the on-screen characters, sound effect artists create the noises from more than 100 foley props, and the Filmusik chamber ensemble performs music from the film. Based in Portland, Filmusik is a collaborative group of musicians, composers, and actors performing new soundtracks for classic films live from the pit. Galen Huckins, Filmusik's director, composed the original soundtrack for this production.

This event is for families, cartoon buffs, new music lovers, and anyone who's ever wanted to know how that funny noise is made when Daffy Duck falls over. This is a rare chance to see professional soundtrack artists at work. This is a benefit for SNA and RNA. Showtime is 7:30 p.m., September 19, at the Bagdad Theater on Hawthorne Boulevard. Tickets are \$10 and available at the Bagdad box office and from filmusik.com.

SNA would like to thank Allen Field of

RNA for his initiative and leadership in coordinating this event. We also want to thank McMenamins Pubs and Breweries for donating the use of the Bagdad Theater and some of our production fees. For more information, call Tim at the SNA hotline (503-295-1699).

Donations Needed to Complete Children's Club Work

By Mary Ann Schwab, Community Activist

Starting Friday, September 10, look for donation milk jugs sitting on the Children's Club's new Armstrong floor tiles on cash register counters in restaurants and pubs along Belmont. Funds are needed for abatement before contractors can proceed with tile installation. Three years ago, Chuck Lawrence and SNA donated 80 cartons of floor tiles to the Children's Club. These tiles are now in storage until abatement funds become available. Professional contractors are standing by ready to donate their time. The Children's Club needs approximately \$10,000 for abatement work before it can present its plan to elders of the Sunnyside Centenary Methodist Church for approval. Until then, the project remains a dream.

Children's Club Inc. was founded in 1968 and is located in the Methodist church at 3520 SE Yamhill. Children's Club offers quality childcare for ages 2½ to 12. A sliding scale fee assures accessibility to all income levels. Neither Children's Club nor the church elders have resources for capital improvements, and grants aren't available to fund capital improvements on church property. Your milk-jug donations are greatly appreciated. For more information, call Joay Mills at 503-233-2246.

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Update on 4600 Block of Belmont

By Darvel Lloyd, SE District Senior Advisory Council

As you may know, another major pedestrian accident occurred August 11 on Belmont Street in front of the Southeast Multicultural Service Center. An elderly Loaves and Fishes client had just finished lunch when he was struck by a car while attempting to cross Belmont. He ended up in the hospital with a broken leg and other injuries. This makes three serious accidents in that block in the last year-and-a-half. We have waited a long time for pedestrian safety improvement at this location, and it is finally about to happen, thanks to all your advocacy (and patience).

The Mayor's Office and Kyle Chisek (PBOT's engineer in charge) have told me that this project is "next on the list" and that construction would begin soon. Kyle said that a number of city transportation projects had been delayed because of the cool spring and early summer. Sometime between August 30 and September 3, we should see city and TriMet crews breaking ground, resulting in traffic delays in the 4600 block of Belmont and a temporary inconvenience to drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Kyle estimated that the construction period would last about two weeks. Among other changes, the bus stop on the north side of Belmont will be moved.

think that's a great idea, but unfortunately I may be out of town at that time. Hopefully, someone else can coordinate this event in my absence.

After the latest accident, I requested that PBOT's safety experts seriously consider lowering the speed limit along Belmont from SE 44th to SE 47th Avenues from 30 MPH to 20 MPH, at least during weekday business hours. The driver who hit the pedestrian on August 11 was apparently driving the speed limit, which I think is too fast given traffic congestion and pedestrian

Donna Trilli, the manager of Loaves and Fishes at the senior center, and others suggested we celebrate the completion of the crosswalk project with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and refreshments. I

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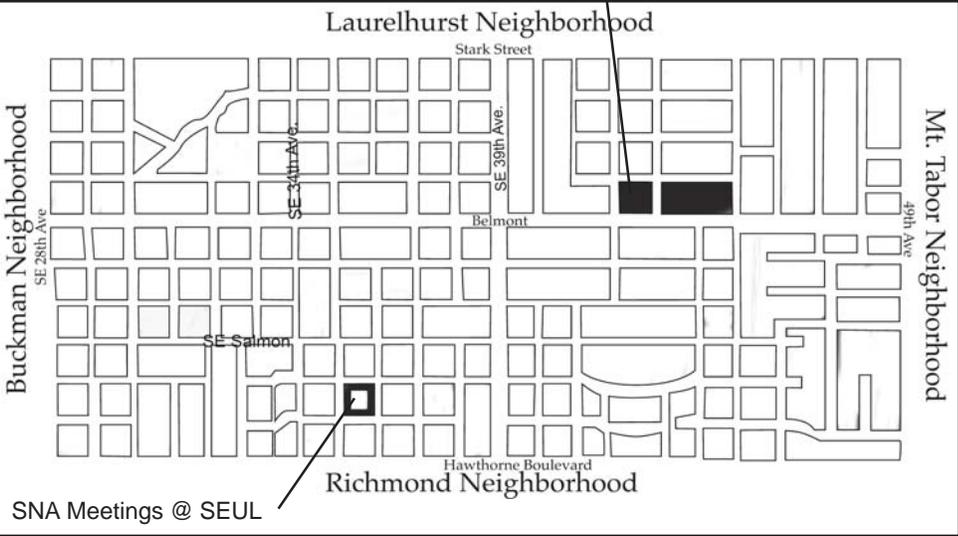
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