

SUNNYSIDE

Neighborhood News

October 2010

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By Reuben Deumling, SNA President

The Belmont Street Fair was by all accounts a success. The weather was perfect. The students of Sunnyside Environmental School sold every last tomato and bunch of parsley at their farm stand. People flocked to the park Bill Stites and his friends installed in the middle of the intersection at SE 34th and Belmont. Everyone seemed to be having a jolly good time. A big thank you also goes to the Badgad Theater, Filmusik, Ben and Jerry's, and especially, Allen Field of the Richmond Neighborhood Association for their roles in our just concluded fundraiser showing of the movie Gulliver's Travels.

October is promising to be a little quieter—no big Sunnyside events—so perhaps it is a good time to join us at one of our monthly meetings. Paul Loney and Bill Stites are focusing on

Making Connections Easier

By Michele Gila, SNA Secretary

Do you find yourself anxiously awaiting the newsletter each month? Well, relief is here! SNA has its very own Facebook page. To find us, do a Facebook search for Sunnyside Neighborhood Association. To join the discussion, you'll need a Facebook account. Our page is moderated for content and you are encouraged to post information as it pertains to Sunnyside.

Also, at long last, SNA has a new Web site! By the time you read this article, the new site should be fully functional. It's a

Good Neighbor Agreements with bars on Belmont, the sustainability committee is in the process of organizing parts of our neighborhood to be better prepared for emergencies of various kinds, and the unemployment self-help group is holding monthly potlucks at Southeast Uplift. Crime prevention meetings and graffiti clean-ups are also opportunities to meet neighbors and help out.

Sunnyside Environmental School is back in session with opportunities for you to participate (see article below for details). The folks at Safe Routes to School remind us that there are a number of opportunities to volunteer with one of their community bike rides or by organizing an event for International Walk + Bike to School *cont'd on page two...*

blog site and we hope the way it is designed will provide more opportunities to interact as neighbors. The new site has the same URL as before, www.sunnysideneighborhood.com. If you navigate there and find the old site, please check back soon. Up-to-date minutes, meeting times, and news of the neighborhood will be posted, with opportunities for you to comment. Each of SNA's committees also has a section with news and information. As always, you are encouraged to attend any of our monthly meetings. Don't forget, the neighborhood-moderated listserv is also a great way for you to *cont'd on page two...*



Gullivers Travels at the Bagdad

UPCOMING EVENTS | OCTOBER

- 6th - Walk + Bike to School Day
- 14th - Employment Help Group Potluck
- 23rd - Autumnfest Dinner
- 23rd - SES Garden Day
- November
- 6th - Community Resource Fair

MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings at Southeast Uplift unless noted

General Meeting
Thursday, October 14, 7 p.m.

Crime Prevention Committee
Thursday, October 14, 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Committee
Monday, October 11, 6:00 p.m.

Land Use & Transportation Committee
Monday, October 11, 7:30 p.m.

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

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



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Day on October 6. To find out more, contact Gabriel Graff, Safe Routes program manager, at gabriel.graff@portlandoregon.gov.

A couple of events are happening in November that we'd like you to know about. The Community Resource Fair takes place on Saturday, November 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Southeast Uplift. This event is an opportunity for you to learn about community-based initiatives and grassroots organizing around issues of planning, transportation, environmental justice, public health, sustainability, and livability. There also will be three or four mini trainings on topics such as advocacy, asset mapping, and grant writing. The Sunnyside Fall Clean-up is on November 13 (see article below and in last month's newsletter for details).

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Making Connections



be involved. If you haven't already signed up, go to SunnysideNeighborhood@yahoo.com.

Finally, we've made some meeting improvements that we think you'll appreciate. We've added a timer to keep us on track, as a way to be respectful of everyone's allotted agenda time. We've also included time for announcements so that all neighbors have a chance to be heard. We're using a dry-erase board instead of printed agendas, and upcoming meeting agendas will be posted on the SNA Web site in advance. A newly designed sign-in sheet should help us to stay in better contact with you, so please write legibly.

Third Annual Autumnfest Dinner, Auction, and Live Entertainment

By Karen Hery

The Sunnyside Centenary United Methodist Church building, on the corner of SE 35th and Yamhill, has gradually become more fiscally sound over the past four years with several new building users and the support of long-time community partners.

You can play a part in supporting this community building and its many community services by donating to or attending the third annual Autumnfest. This fundraiser dinner and silent auction takes place from 5 to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 23. The same dedicated cooks who prepare meals for the Wednesday and Friday fellowship suppers will be serving a pasta dinner with vegetarian and gluten-free options. Tickets are \$30 for a family of four or \$12 per person and will be sold at the door.

Auction items such as gift certificates, art, gift baskets, toys, handmade items, etc., can be donated to the silent auction by contacting Clarice Kruschwitz of Sunnyside Methodist (clarohn@msn.com or 503-309-4328) or Karen Hery of the Sunnyside Swap Shop Co-op (503-407-2667 or sunnysideswapshop@gmail.com).

Do Jump student troupes will provide entertainment along with our own neighborhood folksinger, Dena Wilder, with cello accompaniment. Proceeds will be used to fund renovations that allow for better ongoing use of the building. Thank you for your kind support as we bring more life to this grand neighborhood building.

Sunnyside Employment Self Help Group Potluck

By George Slanina

The Sunnyside Employment Self Help Group is hosting a monthly potluck at Southeast Uplift, 3534 SE Main Street. The next one will be on Thursday, October 14, at noon. If you are unemployed or underemployed or know someone who is, please come and/or invite them to the potluck.

SNA Offers Babysitting at Monthly SNA General Meetings

By Gina Binole, SNA Board Member

In an effort to be more family-friendly and inclusive, SNA has begun offering free babysitting services at its general meetings on the second Thursday of each month at Southeast Uplift from 7 to 8 p.m.. Claire Hery, daughter of Sunnyside Swap Shop and Indoor Play Space founder Karen Hery, serves as chief babysitter and recruits other babysitters as demand for the service warrants. Claire is in seventh grade at Sunnyside Environmental School and is skilled with children of all ages.

If lack of childcare has been a big reason you haven't been more active in the neighborhood association, please take advantage of this great new service. Children are entertained just outside the SNA meeting room, with materials provided by the Swap Shop and active imaginations. To better serve you and ensure the proper sitter-to-child ratio, please RSVP to SNA board member Gina Binole (ginabinole@hotmail.com) at least one day in advance of each general meeting.

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by Amie Rose

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A Call for Sunnyside Volunteers

By Peter Nierengarten

Oregon is a fabulous place to live! And Sunnyside is an amazing nook in this great state. However, it is not by accident that we live in such a special place. Sunnyside benefits from countless hours of volunteerism, which helps our neighborhood be so fantastic. Sustaining our vibrant, friendly, and energetic neighborhood depends on contributions from everyone. Can you contribute a few hours a month?

One of the best ways to get involved is to attend one of SNA's monthly general meetings on the second Thursday of each month, or other monthly committee meetings (see front page for locations and schedule). Additional opportunities include:

- Monthly newsletter delivery (dianadeumling@gmail.com)
- Assistance with Belmont Street Fair (503-295-1699)
- Organizing a neighborhood block party (503-823-2525)
- Organizing a neighborhood watch: neighbors west of Cesar Chavez Blvd. , contact Frank Silva at 503-823-4257 or Frank.Silva@portlandoregon.gov neighbors east of Cesar Chavez Blvd. contact Katherine Anderson at 503-823-3432 or Katherine.Anderson@portlandoregon.gov
- Sunnyside Fall Clean-up (503-295-1699)
- Sunnyside Tree Planting (tjeffcole@gmail.com)

People Get Ready

By Jeanne Longley, SNA Sustainability Committee/Transition Sunnyside

Have you ever thought about what you and your immediate neighbors would do in the event of an earthquake? SNA's sustainability committee has been pondering this question as their focus for Transition Sunnyside.

Using the brochure, *Know Your Neighborhood*, several neighbors on SE 48th Avenue north of Belmont got together and began mapping the long block. Greg Raisman provided a map of all the lots along both sides of the street, and during this year's block party, Ardel Frick and I asked folks on the block if they would like to be on the map by providing the names of the adults, children, and pets in their homes. We also asked them about their particular gifts or resources. The responses we got speak to both the diversity of people on our block and the range of skills or tools that we expect would come in handy in an emergency —*medical expertise, plumbing skills, organizing skills, veterinarian, good with children, and being calm* were some of the gifts people listed, with *cargo bike, access to tools, has a boat, and camping gear* as some of the resources. Out of 25 neighbors, 16 participated the first day. After compiling the information, I sent the map to respondents by e-mail.

Getting ready for an emergency can be easy on your own block by using the *Know Your Neighborhood* guide. If you would like a copy, pick one up at any SNA sustainability committee meeting at 6pm on the second Monday of each month at Southeast Uplift.

Sign up for the Sunnyside Tree Planting

Sign-up Deadline:
December 20th, 2010

For more information:
www.friendsoftrees.org
or contact Jeff @503.927.7748



Sunnyside Tree Planting Starts Off New Year

By Jeff Cole, SNA Tree Planting Coordinator

It's always a day to remember: Saplings of all stripes, young and full of hope. Shovels and implements at the ready. Sunnyside neighbors and volunteers gathering together, fortified with hot coffee and bagels. Trucks and cargo bikes loading up tomorrow's street trees. And then it's off to plant!

Friends of Trees Sunnyside 2011 planting is penciled in for Saturday, January 22, and you can be part of it. Enhance your home with street trees and plant them with your neighbors. It's an easy, streamlined process—visit www.FriendsofTrees.Org to learn more, create your own account, and start the ball rolling. Sign-up deadline is December 20. Order early for the best selection.

Once again, Sunnyside Centenary United Methodist Church at SE 35th and Yamhill has graciously offered their facility for our staging site for the tree planting. Kerns, Laurelhurst, and North Tabor neighborhoods will join us for the event. Mark your calendars for a great day. Check the Web site or direct specific questions to SNA tree planting coordinator Jeff Cole at sunnyside@plantitportland.org.

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Sunnyside Environment School Butterfly Garden

**SES School Happenings:
All Welcome for Garden Day**

Gardens are the heart of Sunnyside Environmental School and each year the school sets aside several Saturdays to work on garden projects that can't be tackled during the school day. The next Garden Day is Saturday, October 23, from 9 a.m. to

1 p.m. All are welcome. The school is particularly interested in adults willing to lead a group of adults and students on a specific project. However, everyone is welcome to come and pitch in for as long as you're able. Big projects this year include pruning and removing large shrubs to make room for new middle school "square foot gardens." Chain saws and trucks are needed. It also helps if you bring your own (labeled) gloves, shovels, and other gardening tools. You're welcome to just show up, but if you're interested in helping out in a leadership role, please call the school office at 503-916-6226.

Fall Clean-up Coming in November

By Gary Ballou, Clean-up Coordinator

Sunnyside's Fall Clean-up is coming soon! 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, SE 42nd and Taylor. Drop off fees are \$6 per car, \$10 per SUV/wagon, and \$14 per pick-up/truck/van. Loads delivered on foot or by bicycle are free, but we will not refuse your money.

On Saturday, November 6, we'll also be helping neighborhood seniors and disabled residents. We'll arrange for volunteers to come to your house to do light yard work and general clean-up. Call the SNA hotline at 503-295-1699 to leave your name, and we'll be glad to call you back and make arrangements.

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Sunnyside Neighborhood Map

Laurelhurst Neighborhood

Buckman Neighborhood

Richmond Neighborhood

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood

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Stark Street, Belmont, Hawthorne Boulevard

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