

SUNNYSIDE

Neighborhood News

March 2012

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Reuben Deumling, SNA President

The Secret of Roan Inish, our fundraiser movie with the Richmond NA, was a big success, and we want to thank both the Bagdad Theater, and Ben & Jerry's on Hawthorne for donating all that ice cream! Your friends in Sunnyside are hard at work. Between a neighborhood welcome sign to be installed at SE 33rd and Stark, renewed attention to disaster preparedness, and an expanded tree

canopy, things are looking up. And we're making progress establishing better communication between the bars on SE Belmont and adjoining neighbors with a group Good Neighbor Agreement for the block between SE 33rd and 34th avenues.

You can read about these items below, but we also invite you to help us make this all happen at the

SNA general meeting or any of the committee meetings, which are listed on the front of this newsletter. Although we make up the elected board, the neighborhood association is really made up of everyone who cares to participate. We are always interested in your input, ideas, suggestions, and feedback. Do you know of great things happening in Sunnyside that we may not know about? Or feel that a problem

Update on Belmont Good Neighbor Agreement

By Tony Jordan, Land Use Committee Co-chair

On February 13, the Land Use and Transportation Committee met with the owners of Aalto Lounge, Circa 33, Dick's Kitchen, Laughing Planet Cafe, Side Street Tavern, and the Sweet Hereafter. Also in attendance were representatives from the City of Portland and several affected neighbors. Patio noise, responsible alcohol service, and the desired character of Belmont were the main topics of discussion. Business owners present were generally receptive to the idea of a group Good Neighbor Agreement and they will be meeting in the coming weeks to discuss the proposal. This agreement will be on the agenda of the next committee meeting on March 19, and discussions will continue in the interim with the goal of reaching a final agreement in April.

First Sunnyside Disaster Dinner

By Dana Buhl, Sunnyside Resident and Disaster Dinner Organizer

We're planning a disaster dinner, and we'd love for you to come!

WHAT: The inaugural Sunnyside Disaster Dinner is a neighborhood event to promote community emergency preparedness. While we're warm, safe, and dry, let's learn about and practice emergency skills and enjoy getting to know each other in the process.

WHEN and WHERE: Saturday, March 10, from 3 to 6 p.m., Sunnyside Environmental School. Information Booths and Activities (3 to 4:30 p.m.) – Free and open to the public, this portion of the event will provide information and activities about emergency sanitation, water harvesting and filtration, creating your home emergency kit, and block organizing. We'll have fun activities for

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UPCOMING EVENTS | MARCH

- 3rd - Glencoe Elementary School Fundraising Auction (see glencoeschoolfoundation.com/)
- 10th - First Sunnyside Disaster Dinner
- 10th - Sunnyside Street Tree Team Training
- 17th - Childsworld Learning Center Fundraising Auction (see <http://www.childsworld.org/auction/>)

MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings at Southeast Uplift unless noted

- General Meeting
Thursday, March 8, 7 p.m.
- Crime Prevention Committee
Thursday, March 8, 6:30 p.m.
- Sustainability Committee
Monday, March 12, 6:00 p.m.
- Land Use & Transportation Committee
Monday, February 19, 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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isn't getting the attention it deserves? Let us know! Write an article for the newsletter. Start a committee (if that seems appropriate).

In other news, the Nonconforming Sewer Citizen Advisory Committee has been meeting with staff from the Bureau of Environmental Services since September and will present findings and recommendations to Commissioner Dan Saltzman on March 6. These recommendations will still have to pass muster with the City Council, but we've worked very hard to craft terms that will place less of a burden on homeowners who find themselves with a sewer connection considered to be nonconforming. To learn more about the specific recommendations, come to the March general meeting.

If all of this isn't enough reason to attend the SNA general meeting, we've received three entries in response to our sign contest solicitation (details below) and you'll be able to vote to choose the winner at the March meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.



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Better Together

By Karen Hery, SNA Board Member, SUMC Facility Development Coordinator

The street fairs, useful goods exchanges, and tree plantings in Sunnyside are impressive beehives of industrious effort by long-time and one-time volunteers of all ages. Turning that effort to disaster preparedness with our inaugural Disaster Dinner in March will be time well spent, yielding many rewards for neighborhood well-being and resilience.

I know it takes a fair amount of resilience to be a cooperative community member. Maybe you've said yes to helping with one project and then found you were becoming much more involved than expected. Or, just when you felt you'd worked your hardest, someone pointed out something you could have done better. If you could make it through that with a smile on your face and energy for the next project, you have my respect.

While our ability to get along and work things out is on the upswing, the funding for some of the services we enjoy or believe to be essential is not. No bathrooms for the parks anymore? I feel lucky to work inside a church building next to Sunnyside Park with a congregation that is working hard to open an old storefront building as a community café—and bathroom—starting next fall for all of us to share (in use, design, and funding). Not enough money for summertime Parks and Recreation programs? We'll be sharing more details soon about a new park equipment sharing program



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for Sunnyside Park beginning this summer. The program is using a small neighborhood grant from Southeast Uplift to get started, and we'll keep it going with our own contributions and volunteers.

Do you have an idea you think can make a difference? The Sunnyside Swap Shop and The Roost were just ideas once that now make a big difference for families with young children and local teens. That same kind of energy is going into organizing a kitchen tool lending library right now. You don't have to start something from scratch to make a difference—thanking a business owner or neighbor you appreciate, or taking a volunteer shift at a community event, also helps spread goodwill.

We live some place special if we make it special. We won't always see eye to eye, and we may not always agree on the best way to do something, but doing something is the name of the game as we build our connections to each other. Links to events and programs in which you can get involved are posted on the SNA Web site as time and energy allows. I'm also happy to field inquiries at 503-407-2667 or sunnysideswapshop@gmail.com to help connect you to projects so we can all be better together.

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Sunnyside Sign Competition Finalists

By Heather Wilson, SNA Board Member

We are thrilled to have three finalists in our neighborhood sign competition. The southwest corner of SE 33rd and Stark has been designated as a welcome point into the Sunnyside Neighborhood. When Laurelhurst Village expanded their facility, they set aside space for a sign in addition to the ground for the Blair Community Garden. Currently the spot is bare with two lonely posts awaiting cheerful signage. Our requirements were for submissions to include the text "Sunnyside Neighborhood, Proud Past, Bright Future" and feature a sunflower.

The three submissions are as follows: The first is from John Fell. His sign would be carved wood featuring a horizon of rooftops and a cluster of sunflowers. The second is from John Chandler, owner of Oblique Coffee Roasters on SE Stark Street. His sign would be made from reclaimed Douglas fir. You can see examples of his work at his café.

The third is from SNA board member Bill Stites of Stites Design. His entry would be mixed media of wood and metal with a rotating sunflower.

We thank these artisans for their submissions and look forward to having one of their creations grace our neighborhood. All entries were viewed at our February general meeting and can be viewed on our Web site at www.sunnysideneighborhood.wordpress.com. We'll vote for the winner at our general meeting on Thursday, March 8, at 7 p.m. Please join us and vote for your favorite!

Sunnyside Tree Planting Huge Success

By Jeff Cole, Sunnyside FOT Coordinator

On January 21, Friends of Trees staff and dozens of neighborhood volunteers planted almost 70 new street and yard trees in Sunnyside, doubling our 2011 count. Concrete cuts on skinny curbside planting strips created new wells for many of the trees—thank you to Portland Urban Forestry and the Bureau of Transportation for their support on this effort. Sunnyside Centenary United Methodist Church kindly furnished the staging site. Interested in the 2013 planting? Sign-up will be available at www.friendsoftrees.org beginning this summer.

More Good Sunnyside Tree News

By Jeff Cole, Sunnyside FOT Coordinator, Sunnyside Street Tree Team Member

The newly formed Sunnyside Street Tree Team (SSTT) has snagged a coveted inventory program offered by Portland Parks and Recreation (PP&R). During weekends this coming July, teams of volunteers will fan out and inventory every street tree in Sunnyside. Benefits of this ambitious effort include a detailed understanding of our current street tree inventory and recommendations for future plantings. The inventory will be invaluable in securing more grants for Sunnyside's street trees.

Members of SSTT will attend an important PP&R training on the morning of Saturday, March 10, to learn the mechanics of conducting this effort. We would love to have more neighborhood tree lovers join us in this effort. Sign up online at <http://tinyurl.com/inventoryplan> and select Sunnyside as an option. Watch for more details on this effort in this newsletter, or write to inventory@sunnysidetrees.in.

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Disaster Dinner

young people, including Fire Engine 9 to explore.

Dinner and Events (4:30 to 6 p.m.) – Ticket-holders will enjoy a simple (and delicious) dinner in the SES cafeteria to be cooked by neighborhood volunteers in an outdoor “emergency kitchen.” During the dinner, we’ll have a few short presentations on school and neighborhood emergency readiness, a fun drill, a raffle for a home emergency kit, festive games, and an eclectic “Disaster Playlist” for ambiance.

WHY: In a major disaster, such as the predicted Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake, we will depend on those around us to respond and recover. Emergency responders and city services will be overwhelmed. At a recent Local Energy Assurance Plan (LEAP) meeting, representatives of the Office of Neighborhood Involvement, Southeast Uplift, and the Red Cross underlined the importance of neighborhood readiness given this inevitability. If an earthquake were to happen during school hours, it is likely that Sunnyside residents and local

businesses would be first responders. No matter what time such a disaster occurs, the school will be the hub of neighborhood gathering and organizing where important neighborhood-based services can be delivered. For Sunnyside to respond effectively, we need to educate ourselves on home preparedness, build more skills in the neighborhood for emergency response and recovery, and develop block organizing and strong relationships with our neighbors.

HOW: Get your Disaster Dinner tickets for \$5 -\$15 (sliding scale, free for children under 5) online at www.SESPTSA.org/Disaster-Dinner or in person at Sunnyside Environmental School from 8:30 to 9 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays. No tickets needed for the information booths and activities portion of the event. Bring your family and your neighbors!

WHO: The Sunnyside Disaster Dinner is a community event and fundraiser for the emergency preparedness work of the Sunnyside Environmental School’s PTSA. The event is organized by SES PTSA and sponsored by the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association, Sunnyside Centenary United Methodist Church, and the Swap Shop. For more information, contact danabuhl@gmail.com.

New Belmont Mural

By Nam Kirn Khalsa, Portland Art Teacher and Mural Organizer

We are planning a new public art mural to be located on SE Belmont. The mural will be created by Portland artist Nam Kirn Khalsa, a bilingual art teacher who has participated in the painting of two other murals in the Portland area. Students of Avanza Leadership Academy, part of local non-profit Educate Ya, will help design the mural. Avanza is a year-long program in which participants learn leadership skills to more effectively serve their communities. The mural will be an expression of underrepresented voices and will demonstrate ideas of neighborhood involvement, community, culture, and diversity. It will bring warmth, vitality, and color to our neighborhood! For questions, comments, or to make a donation towards the project, contact sunnysidemural@gmail.com.

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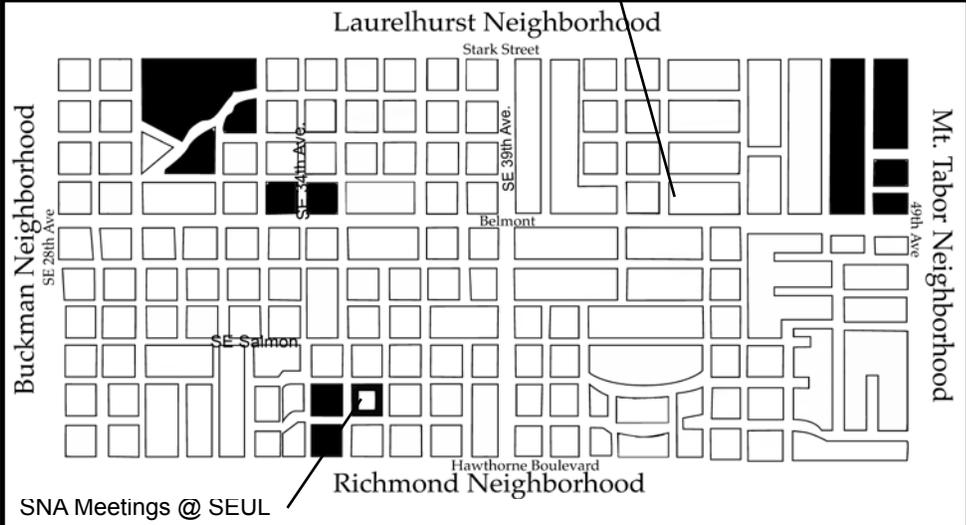
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