

# SUNNYSIDE

## Neighborhood News

### October 2012

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Reuben Deumling, SNA President

Summer is winding down. And what a summer it was. I don't know when we've had weather so nearly perfect for three months straight; only a few days above 90 degrees and hardly a drop of rain. Not that the plants appreciated that last part, but it made spending time outdoors, or painting one's house, a lot easier.

This year's Belmont Street Fair was

a wonderful event and once again very well attended. The Sunnyside Neighborhood Association would like to express a very big thank you to all the volunteers, organizers, sponsors, and BABA for the many months of work that went into planning this event. Annette Shaff-Palmer coordinated the efforts for SNA and we very much appreciate her stepping  
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#### Backyard Habitat Certification

By Lupin Hipp, Backyard Habitat Certification Program

The kids are back in school, which means fall is coming very soon. While some might not be thrilled to welcome back the rain just yet, it is almost time for fall planting! The hard, dry summer ground becomes soft and workable after a few rainstorms. Plants planted in the fall benefit from months of rain to help get their roots established.

If you are considering making some changes to your yard this year, I strongly encourage you to sign up with the Backyard Habitat Certification Program. This is a program that provides technical assistance to small lot, private property owners to restore native wildlife habitat in their backyards. The goal is to assist property owners through three levels of habitat restoration. The program focuses on the removal of aggressive weeds, naturescaping with native

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#### The Toy Cart is Coming

By Karen Hery, SNA Board Member

Over the summer, a dedicated group of Sunnyside United Methodist Church members and Sunnyside neighbors worked together on a toy cart for sharing play equipment in Sunnyside School Park. A new storage shed was placed on church property and several families on SE Yamhill dreamed up a funky and fun wagon/cart. Toys are being gathered from neighborhood donations and funds from a small neighborhood grant awarded through Southeast Uplift.

All that is needed now are volunteers to sit with the toy cart starting in October on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3 to 5 p.m. so neighborhood kids and adults can enjoy jump ropes, basketballs, small scoot bikes for toddlers, chess sets, and more. Donations will be accepted at the cart to help keep the program going. In addition, the cart will be available by reservation on Saturdays

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS | OCTOBER

- 8<sup>th</sup> - The Wedge: Portland Celebrates Cheese Festival @ Green Dragon
- 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>- Portland Wordstock Festival
- 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>- Portland Nursery Apple Tasting
- 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>- Portland Nursery Apple Tasting
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Sunnyside Environmental School Harvest Faire
- 26<sup>th</sup> -Glencoe Elementary School Harvest Festival

#### NOVEMBER

- 11<sup>th</sup> - Veteran's Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Thanksgiving Day

#### MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings at Southeast Uplift unless noted

General Meeting  
Thursday, October 11, 7 p.m.

Crime Prevention Committee  
Thursday, October 11, 6:45 p.m.

Land Use & Transportation Committee  
Monday, October 8, 7:30 p.m.

Emergency Preparedness Committee  
@ Sound Grounds Coffee House  
Monday, October 15, 9:00 a.m.

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

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## Editorial: Apartments Without Off-street Car Parking & Car Ownership Rates

By Reuben Deumling

As has become abundantly clear in conversations about the new apartment buildings cropping up around our part of town, many people feel that finding on-street car parking is already difficult in our neighborhoods. Why is this? Whose cars are these?

One way to answer this question is to look at census data on car ownership in Sunnyside. Amazingly, this is possible without getting up from one's chair. The American Community Survey 2010 results have recently been published online, and afford a comparison to 2000 that is instructive. Sunnyside includes census tract 13.01 (west of SE Cesar Chavez Blvd/SE 39th), and about half of census tract 14. The shortest summary is that the number of renters and owners who do not own a car appears to be increasing. The percentage of renter households without a vehicle went from 26 to 32 percent (west of 39th) and from 26 to 28 percent (east of 39th) over this past decade. Owner-

occupied households went from 3 to 6 percent and from 2 to 5 percent, respectively. In those two census tracts, which include portions of the Richmond neighborhood, almost 200 renter households "got rid of their car" over that period. I put the phrase in quotes because we don't know if these were car-free people moving into the neighborhood or existing residents who gave up cars.

We don't know the specific reasons for this shift in Sunnyside, but our neighborhood's access to frequent bus lines, the level of Zipcar saturation, and the widely noted increase in the population of those who rely heavily on bicycles for transportation are all plausible contributors. Of course, gas prices also have risen a lot over the past decade, and, as has been in the news, younger people in the U.S. are no longer automatically getting drivers licenses, buying cars, or driving as many miles as older generations. Some of these trends are expected to continue or even accelerate.

The addition of another building (in the case of Sunnyside) at SE 30th and Hawthorne, which has a TriMet

bus stop in front of it, and which will include secure off-street bike parking but no off-street car parking, conjures for some people the end of decent car parking prospects in that area. But is this necessarily true? Will the people who move into that building's 50 apartments all have cars as has been suggested?

I think that highly unlikely. A similar building in the Irvington neighborhood, built by the same developer, is reported to have roughly 16 cars for 50 units, or roughly one car for every three households. If homeowners in Sunnyside achieved those car ownership rates, the existing problem of limited on-street car parking would evaporate.

The shift away from cars is proceeding very slowly in our neighborhood. But there is no reason in my mind to think that it couldn't accelerate. We had a well-attended roundtable discussion on the topic of living car-free a few years ago as part of Transition Sunnyside's lecture and film series. People were curious about the subject, and eager to learn from those who live in Portland without a car.



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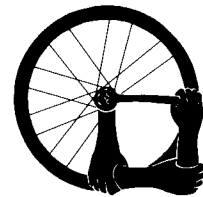
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## Fair Procedures in Fluoridation Decision Advocated

by Mary Ann Schwab

Regardless of how each of us feels personally about the fluoridation issue, I think we can all agree that the city should follow fair procedures in decision-making. I believe that the City of Portland Public Involvement Principles, adopted by the City of Portland on August 4, 2010, were deliberately compromised by Commissioner Randy Leonard and his colleagues on the City Council when they approved fluoridation in Portland's drinking water. Nor did City Council seem to follow the spirit of the consortium concept for use, when the City of Gresham, Tigard, and Gresham Water Districts (all purchasers of Bull Run drinking water) were not informed of the Portland Water Bureau's fluoridation plans prior to reading "Mayor Adams' endorsement to inject fluoride into a water supply serving about 900,000 customers" in an Oregonian article.

Fluoridation is an issue the public deserves the right to carefully consider and then vote on. On September 12, City Council voted to fluoridate the water, and three days later more than 175 people were prepared to gather signatures in an effort to give the public the right to vote on this on the 2014 ballot. Clean Water Portland advocates now have roughly 21 days to gather signatures from registered voters living within Portland city limits. For more information, visit Clean Water Portland at <http://goo.gl/xgQda>. It looks like Tualatin's and Tigard's Bull Run Water contracts are up in 2016. Stay tuned.

## Belmont Street Fair Thank You's!

By Annette Shaff-Palmer

Hope you joined us for the Belmont Street Fair this year, for a great time had by all. First off, a big thank you to the neighborhood for inviting Portland to experience our Sunnyside neighborhood and to our business community for coming together to continue to support this event. A huge shout out to all the volunteers who made this event happen; from set up to take down, you did a great job.

More than 40 businesses donated funds or services. Major business sponsors included Belmont Dairy, Zupan's, Good Food Here, Advantis Credit Union, Pro Sound and Lighting, Col-Tab, Stumptown Coffee, Laughing Planet Cafe, and many more. Special thanks to Rodney Renbarger of Crater Design for his amazing work on the

fair's poster and graphics, including banners, signage, and T-shirts. Special thanks to Tim McClelland at Pro Sound and Lighting for donating the sound system for the day's expanded music lineup.

The Belmont Street Fair is a collaboration between the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association (SNA) and the Belmont Area Business Association (BABA). This year, the firehouse shone; a big thanks to Scott for making this happen. I would like to thank key neighborhood and business volunteers, the entire SNA board, including Bill Stites, Tim Brooks, and Karen Hery from the Swap Shop. Thank you to Nancy Chapin and Alla Nasteka of The Support Group. This fair would not have happened without the tireless efforts of my co-chair, Katie Schawaroch from the BABA board. Thank you, Katie!



2009 Belmont Street Fair - Photo by "a tea leaf"

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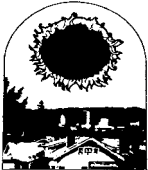
By Jon Noel, SNA Board Member

Good news for those who need a way to dispose of those pesky Styrofoam food trays or Styrofoam packaging materials. Far West Fibers, located at 4930 SE 26th Avenue, will now take them for a \$3.00 fee. Trays should be cleaned and free of food particles. No Styrofoam peanuts will be accepted, but UPS and Office Depot stores will gladly accept those. You can also recycle plastic bags, hard plastic, and packaging plastic that seems to be used on many products these days.

## Credit Card Fraud on the Rise in the Neighborhood

by Donald Mack, SNA and Hawthorne Area Business Association Member

Please be aware that there has been an increase in merchandise fraud in the area with the use of either a regular credit card or, more likely, a gift card to purchase items. The sign that something might be wrong is a card that doesn't work when swiped but does work when the numbers are entered manually. The best safety advice is to check ID and/or refuse the card.



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## Backyard Habitat Certification

plants, stormwater management, and wildlife stewardship. We conduct site visits with landowners and provide information, resources (wholesale prices on plants, mulch, gardening tools), and rewards for certification (gift cards, free tickets, etc.). For \$25, landowners receive a site visit, report, and certification sign.

Many of your neighbors, myself included, have already signed up with this program and worked to create beautiful, lush yards full of native plants, singing birds, and buzzing pollinators. If you are interested in learning more about the program or want to sign up, I will be at the October SNA meeting with information and applications.

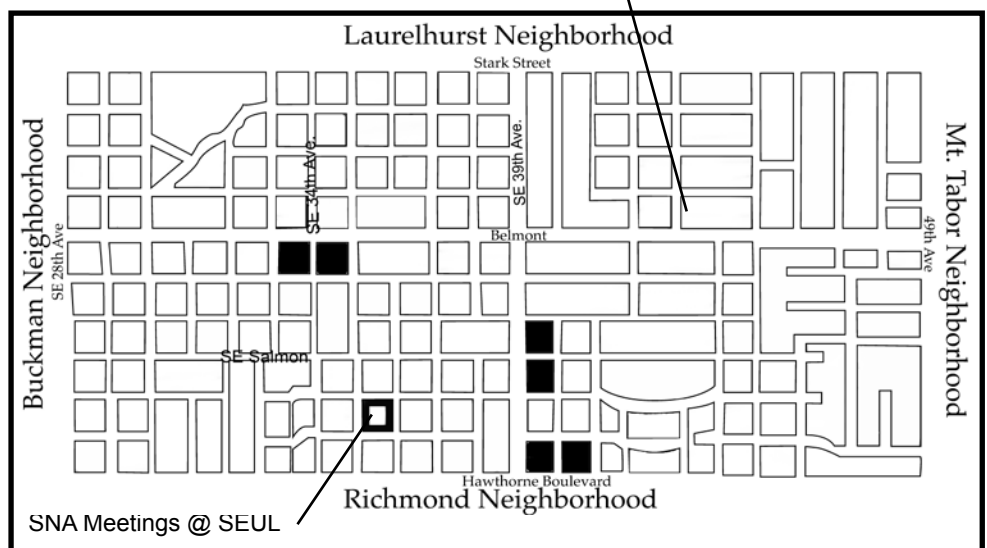
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into that role and doing such a great job. Katie Schawaroch once again did an excellent job managing BABA's efforts.

Leaf Day is coming in a month to the portion of Sunnyside west of SE Cesar Chavez Boulevard, but the opt-out deadline is November 1, which is why we're mentioning this now. Leaf days for the western half of Sunnyside will be on Sunday, November 4, and Saturday, December 8, from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information visit [www.portlandoregon.gov/leafday](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/leafday) or call 503-865-LEAF.

## Sunnyside Neighborhood Map



## Preparedness Tip of the Month

By SNA Emergency Preparedness Committee

In an earthquake:

- Remember DC HOT—Drop, Cover, and Hold On Tight.
- Get under a sturdy table or desk, if one is nearby.
- If in bed, it may be safest to stay there and cover your head with a pillow.
- If no table, get down quickly somewhere beside or between sturdy things, away from windows and things that could fall on you.
- Be sure each member of your family knows this. Practice!

For more information or to contact your Emergency Preparedness Committee, visit <http://goo.gl/tiwr>s

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## The Toy Cart Is Coming

for birthday parties in the park.

There is no end to the things we can do together, one simple step at a time. A big thank you to Southeast Uplift and Sunnyside United Methodist for making the start of this community service possible, and thank you in advance to everyone who will be needed to keep the goodwill going.

If you are willing to volunteer for a shift with the cart or have gently used toys to donate, contact our toy cart coordinator at [sunnystorefront@gmail.com](mailto:sunnystorefront@gmail.com).