

SUNNYSIDE

Neighborhood News

July 2013

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Tony Jordan, SNA President

Hello neighbors! At the general meeting on June 13, I was nominated and chosen as this year's president of the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association. Many thanks to outgoing President Reuben Deumling, who will remain on the SNA board, for his service.

In other association news, we now have two vacancies on the board.

Incoming board member Julia Goode was in the process of moving when she was elected and had hoped to find a new home in Sunnyside. Unfortunately, her family was unable to secure suitable housing in the neighborhood and she is no longer eligible to serve on the board.

Julia's story is not unique in our
cont'd on page three...

Emergency Preparedness Tip of the Month: Store Water

By Lee Greer, SNA Emergency Preparedness Committee

Our water supply could become unavailable or contaminated after an earthquake or other disaster, so have an emergency supply on hand. A three-day supply (one gallon per person per day) is an often-cited minimum. A two-week supply, or more, is better. You can buy bottled water, buy containers designed for water storage, or use well-washed plastic soda bottles. Don't use milk or bleach jugs. You can easily store two-liter or one-gallon bottles in little used spaces, like the backs of closets or cupboards. If your bed is high off the floor, you could put bottles under it. Or how about behind the couch? Don't store your bottled water directly on a concrete floor, because concrete could cause the plastic to deteriorate and contaminate the supply. More about water next month.

National Night Out 2013

By Office of Neighborhood Involvement

National Night Out is a unique community event, celebrated across the United States and Canada that happens the first Tuesday in August every year. On this day, parties, gatherings, and get togethers happen throughout Portland. The focus of these parties is on preventing crime and drug activity by getting to know the people on your block and in your neighborhood.

You can participate in Portland's National Night Out celebrations and activities by hosting an event or attending a party. To register your party, learn more about National Night Out, or find an event in your neighborhood check out <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/nno>

Parties registered through the Office of Neighborhood Involvement Crime Prevention Program are eligible for a variety of fee waivers and receive visits from local public safety officials.

UPCOMING EVENTS | JULY

- 4th - Independence Day
- 12th-13th - Oregon Berry Festival @ Ecotrust
- 16th - Concerts in the Park - Mt. Tabor
Performance by Sassparilla
- 23rd - Concerts in the Park - Mt. Tabor
Performance by Nancy King
- 28th - North Portland Sunday Parkways
- 30th - Concerts in the Park - Mt. Tabor
Performance by Dr. Theopolis

AUGUST 2013

- 6th - National Night Out
- 11th - \$5 5K Run at Laurelhurst Park
- 17th - "Planet of the Dinosaurs" movie at
Sewallcrest Park

MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings at Southeast Uplift unless noted

General Meeting and Board Elections
Thursday, July 11, 7 p.m.

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

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

Emergency Preparedness Committee
@ Sound Grounds Coffee House
No meeting in July. Next meeting:
Monday, August 12, 10:00 a.m.

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

SUNNYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

www.SunnysideNeighborhood.com



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



Sunnyside Board Openings

By Lee Greer, for the SNA Board

Do you have concerns about neighborhood issues like land use or noise? Do you want to help organize fun activities like the Belmont Street Fair and Movies in the Park? Are you interested in getting your neighbors more involved in other local issues? The Sunnyside Neighborhood Association has two vacant board positions. Consider joining us. We meet on the second Thursday of each month for a general meeting at 7 p.m., followed by a board meeting at 8 p.m.

To be eligible for the board, you must be 18 or older and a resident of or property owner in Sunnyside, or a designated representative of a business, non-profit organization, school, or church located in Sunnyside.

If you think you might be interested, come to our next meeting on July 11 at 7 p.m. at Southeast Uplift, 3534 SE Main Street, and check us out. If you would like more information about the board, write to board@sunnysideneighborhood.com.

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Tips for Waterwise Gardening in Sunnyside

By the Regional Water Providers Consortium

Beautiful lawns and gardens are one of the things that make Sunnyside such a great place to live. Local residents also have a strong commitment to preserving the community's natural resources and Sunnyside gardeners frequently ask for new and better ways to save water while keeping their gardens green and healthy in the dry summer months.

The Regional Water Providers Consortium (RWPC) has free resources to help Sunnyside residents do just that.

Access RWPC's Weekly Watering Number (www.conserveh2o.org) to learn how many inches of water your lawn or garden needs. You can sign up to receive the watering number by e-mail each week.

You can also reduce outdoor water use by selecting low-water and native plants, and using smart watering techniques. RWPC offers plant guides,

information about lawn alternatives, and how-to videos on its Web site (www.conserveh2o.org/using-water-efficiently-outdoors).

Here are RWPC's Top Five waterwise tips:

- Water before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m. when temperatures are cooler.
- Adjust sprinklers so that they are watering your lawn and garden, not the street.
- Water in several short sessions to allow for better absorption and prevent runoff.
- Adjust your mower to a higher setting to shade roots and help retain soil moisture.
- Group plants with similar watering needs together.

RWPC is offering free outdoor watering gauge kits, with a water gauge and timer, from July 1 to August 10. Kits are available while supplies last—one per customer—to metro-area residents who receive water service from one of the Consortium members.

To receive a free kit, call 503-823-7528 or write to RWPCinfo@portlandoregon.gov. Include your mailing address, water provider name, and how you heard about the offer.

Happy gardening!

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Movie in the Park: Free and Live

By Tim Brooks

On Saturday, August 17, Planet of Dinosaurs—featuring the Blue Cranes performing the live soundtrack, Willamette Radio Workshop voicing the dialog, and Foley artists creating the sound effects—will be shown in Sewallcrest Park.

Planet of Dinosaurs is set in the distant future, when the spaceship Odyssey and its crew crash on a prehistoric planet inhabited by dinosaurs. This is the story of their epic struggle for survival. The Blue Cranes are a highly acclaimed jazz improv quintet, straddling the line between jazz and post-rock.

The entire soundtrack will be performed LIVE during the film. All of the dialog, music, and sounds for the

film will be performed in front of the audience.

A special feature at this year's movie will be a mini-dinosaur zoo by Mr. Lizard's Mobile Reptile Zoo. There will also be a great raffle and food carts. The film begins at dusk (approximately 8:30 p.m.), but get there early, as this is a popular event.

SNA is sponsoring this event together with Richmond and HAND neighborhood associations, Portland Parks and Recreation, and the Portland Parks Foundation. The movie is part of the city's Summer Movies in the Parks program, but it is the only live soundtrack performance. It is funded by grants, sponsorships, and donations, including a grant from the Multnomah County Cultural Coalition and Oregon Cultural Trust. To donate to this event and receive an exclusive

Columbia Sportswear 30 percent discount through the Portland Parks Foundation, go to www.give2parks.org/movies.html and select the "Sewallcrest Planet of Dinosaurs by Filmusik" movie.

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close-in neighborhoods. Sunnyside has great access to restaurants, entertainment, public transit, grocery stores, libraries, parks, and downtown. Ours is a walkable, bikeable, family-friendly neighborhood situated among several other similarly endowed communities. As Portland grows, it makes sense to me that neighborhoods like ours should be a destination for people moving to town or current Portlanders who want to move closer in. The concerns of neighbors about new housing developments are real, but so is the need for more housing supply.

Smaller apartments, like those being built on SE 30th and Hawthorne, are no panacea, but they do provide places for new residents and downsizing current residents to move to, which will help to accommodate the extreme demand already in place in our rental housing market. Whether you agree or disagree with me, now is when the next 30 years of development are being planned and participation in the SNA is one way to make sure your voice is heard. There are lots of ways to get involved—join the board, run a committee, help with the spring clean-up, or come to the monthly meetings. Join us and ensure that we have a vibrant and representative body giving input on the future of our community.



Crabby Patty, a Black Throat Monitor, and many other interesting creatures from Mr. Lizard's Mobile Reptile Zoo will be in attendance at this year's Movie in the Park!

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Summer Tree Care

By Ann Kopel, Sunnyside Street Tree Team

Portland enjoyed a beautiful, sunny, and relatively dry spring this year. Now we are fully into summer and the trees in our yards and parking strips need water. Trees planted within the last three years are especially vulnerable. It takes at least a year per inch of trunk diameter for trees to become established. For less established trees, the rule of thumb is to provide 10 gallons of water per week for every inch of trunk diameter. To gauge trunk diameter, measure four and a half feet up from the tree's base.

Water deeply. A slow and steady drip is more effective than regular shallow sprinkling. You can use a slow-release watering bag. Ask at your local nursery, choose from a number of styles and makes on Amazon (\$12 to \$20 plus shipping), or contact Friends of Trees.

Prune trees when they are young. It's better to be safe than sorry like this home in the Montavilla neighborhood whose tree lost a major limb in early June (see photo). In addition, a delay in pruning can transform a 25-cent cut

into a \$250 pruning job. Remove tree branches that are less than seven and a half feet over the sidewalk, less than 11 feet over residential streets, and 14 feet over arterials. Before pruning street trees, apply for a permit at www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/58764. This site also has a link to Portland's pruning standards.

Street and yard trees provide shade, beauty, and habitat for birds and other

wildlife, and taking care of them is both gratifying and rewarding. Learn more at www.friendsoftrees.org/plant/learn-more-about-trees/tree-care.

Learn more about the Sunnyside Street Tree Team (S2T2) and how you can join at <http://sunnysideneighborhood.wordpress.com/trees/> and www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/446775.



An oak tree, estimated to be around 100 years old, split after heavy rains in late May. The tree damaged two homes in Southeast Portland. Regular pruning and maintenance of street trees can help to prevent incidents like this from occurring.



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Sunnyside Neighborhood Map

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