

SUNNYSIDE

Neighborhood News

April 2016

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Tony Jordan, SNA President

SNA elections are coming up in May and, take note, this year they will not be at the Southeast Uplift building. The 2016 board elections will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on May 12 in the basement dining hall of the Sunnyside Community House (previously known as the Sunnyside Centenary United Methodist Church), which is located at 3520 SE Yamhill, just east of the Sunnyside Environmental School playground and park. We hope that this space will more easily accommodate the number of neighbors we have seen at previous elections. Furthermore, we would like to support the mission of the Sunnyside Community House and see that it is used for community purposes. The space is

accessible, with assistance, to persons using wheelchairs or other mobility devices and we will have an assistant available for this purpose.

At least one board member has decided against seeking re-election and a few others are undecided as we go to press, so we are seeking enthusiastic candidates for the board! If you are interested and haven't attended SNA meetings in the past, no worry, but I do recommend attending the April 14 meeting to introduce yourself and to get a feel for what the position entails. For updated information about candidates, including any statements we receive, follow our website.

Deliver Lifesaving Blood Products to Patients in Need

By Ranya Khoury, American Red Cross

Every two seconds a patient in the United States needs a blood transfusion. As the single largest supplier of blood products to hospitals in the U.S., the American Red Cross is seeking volunteer transportation specialists to help deliver lifesaving blood products for patients in need.

Transportation specialists help ensure that blood products are available when and where they are needed for patients with serious medical conditions. Accident and burn victims, heart surgery patients, organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer, or sickle cell disease may all need blood

or platelets. The Pacific Northwest Red Cross provides blood deliveries to 60 hospitals and transfusion centers throughout the region. Volunteers must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Have a valid driver's license and a minimum of three years' driving experience
- Be able to verify a safe driving record with insurance
- Be able to lift boxes of lifesaving blood products of up to 45 pounds for hospital deliveries
- Be available to volunteer for two to four shifts per month (flexible schedules available)

If you're interested in learning more or applying, contact Bill Barber at 503-528-5922 or volunteer.cascades@redcross.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS | APRIL

- 2nd - Native Plants Naturescaping Workshop*
- 9th - Belmont Art Salon @ Belmont Library*
- 12th - Crime Prevention Meeting*
- 16th - Anyone's Domain: A Writing Workshop @ Belmont Library*
- 16th - Franklin High School Annual Plant Sale*
- 12th - Belmont Art Salon @ Belmont Library*
- 20th - Resume Help @ Belmont Library*
- 27th - So Much More Than Books @ Belmont Library*
- 30th - Lead Poisoning Prevention Workshop*

MAY

- 12th - SNA Elections @ Sunnyside Community House *
- 21st - Sunnyside Neighborhood Annual Cleanup

** See articles for details.*

MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings at Southeast Uplift unless noted

General and Board Meeting

Thursday, April 14, 7:30-9 p.m.

Land Use & Transportation Committee

Thursday, April 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Sunnyside Prepared

Tuesday, April 19, 7 p.m - 9 p.m. @ SEUL Fireside Room

Sunnyside Street Tree Team (S2T2)

TBA

"Office Hours" with SNA Board President @ Common Grounds Coffee Shop

Tuesday, April 12, 7-8 a.m.

Graffiti Clean-up

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

Taxpayers Learn to Avoid Tax Identity Theft

By Eldora Tran, IRS enrolled agent with H&R Block

There is a new type of criminal who has emerged in the past few years, the tax identity thief. The Federal Trade Commission announced in January that tax fraud was largely behind a nearly 50 percent rise in identity theft in 2015.

What is tax fraud? Criminals use an individual's information, usually Social Security number and date of birth, to file a fraudulent tax return. Most thieves work online, receiving their refund before the legitimate taxpayer is able to file, essentially blocking the taxpayer from e-filing and getting a refund. In 2013, the last year of available statistics, the IRS identified almost 5 million potential fraudulent returns. That same year, more than \$5 billion was paid out in fraudulent refunds.

All taxpayers are vulnerable to tax identity theft, but can take steps to protect themselves. Filing early is one of the best ways to prevent tax identity theft since it shortens the window of opportunity identity thieves have to file a fraudulent return first. Here are some best practices:

Secure personal information. Do not carry a Social Security card in a wallet. Do not send a SSN or date of birth in an email or a text. Close unused credit card accounts and destroy the cards.

Beware of scams. The IRS will never email or call to demand payment or ask for credit or debit card information over the phone. Correspondence will come by mail.

Tax identity theft is one of the top concerns this time of year. Now is the time for everyone to take proactive steps to help better protect themselves. Resources to learn more include <http://fraudcenter.hrblock.com> or <https://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Identity-Protection>.

SE Portland Tool Library Seeks Volunteers

By Jim Benton

Southeast Portland Tool Library (SEPTL) is looking for friendly folks to fill some new volunteer opportunities including Treasurer, Volunteer Coordinator, Shift Coordinator, Social Media Coordinator, and Shift Volunteer. Tool knowledge is not required! For more information, please visit <http://goo.gl/gpoFMO> or contact Jim Benton at president@septl.org.

2016 Street Tree Pruning

By Gregg S. Everhart, Sunnyside Street Tree Team

The Sunnyside Street Tree Team (S2T2) sponsored its third annual pruning event in February. In 2014 and 2015, S2T2 members flagged street trees that needed pruning. We selected smaller trees that needed removal of dead, badly pruned, or broken branches, as well as those with low limb clearance over sidewalks and roads. As a result, many of the smallest trees between SE Hawthorne and Yamhill from SE 29th Avenue to Cesar Chavez Boulevard have fewer suckers, watershoots, stubs, and limbs that will hit pedestrians in the head or that are vulnerable to "truck pruning."

This year, Portland Parks and Urban Forestry staff did the tagging. They often prioritized larger trees with existing structural issues. So in the area bounded by SE Hawthorne, Yamhill, Cesar Chavez Boulevard, and SE 45th Avenue we pruned some larger branches that will definitely require follow-up. For street and sidewalk clearance, we pruned branches back to a side branch. This redirects growth to higher branches, some of which will become the main future branches, without removing too much at one time. Other trees needed removal of co-dominant stems and branches with bad "V" angle to tree trunk. Although this pruning can look odd, leaving such branches often results in them splitting away and pressing against neighboring branches once they grow. If your tree's branches have been shortened, the branches may need complete removal later.

At our current rate, it will take six years for volunteers to do one pruning of each young street tree in Sunnyside, where homeowners don't opt out. Most young trees need some attention each year for about a decade. To do it yourself, see the brochure at <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/trees/article/422091>.

Thank you to our many wonderful pruning volunteers and our host, Aletheia Bible Fellowship!

Sunnyside ReUse and Recycling List to Share

By Bonita Davis, Certified Master Recycler

Sunnyside is one of the most sought after residential areas the city, making 97214 a popular zip code with new residents as more housing becomes available.

It can take time figuring out what the community has to offer. Here are some unique recycling and reuse options available to us beyond what is provided curbside. In the spirit of Earth Day and the month-long celebration honoring our environment, pass on these helpful resources to your new neighbors:

Bottle Drop – Redeem \$.05 deposit bottles and cans the easy way; www.bottledropcenters.com; 12403 NE Glisan Street.

Community Cycling Center – Get pedals to the people; www.communitycyclingcenter.org; 16700 NE Alberta Street; 503-287-8786.

Community Warehouse – Providing household goods directly to families in need; www.communitywarehouse.org; 3969 NE MLK Jr BLVD; 503-235-8786.

Curbsider – Latest quarterly edition, www.portlandoregon.gov/bps.

Curbsider Hotline – 503-823-7202

Division Hardware – Accepts batteries and CFL light bulbs for nominal handling charge; 3734 SE Division Street; 503-235-8309; www.division.doitbest.com.

FarWest Recycling – Keeping neighborhoods beautiful by meeting recycling needs (paper, plastic, glass, metal, and more); www.farwestrecycling.com; 4930 SE 26th Avenue.

Free Geek – Provides free computers and education to those in need through reuse and recycling of old computers; Oregon E-Cycle site (www.deq.state.or.us); www.freegeek.org; 1731 SE 10th Avenue; 503-232-9350.

Metro Hotline – Fast helpful answers to your recycling, disposal, and waste prevention questions; 503-234-3000.

Metro Find a Recycler (and ReUse) Resource – What you are parting with might not be trash; search the directory for recycling, donating, or reuse options; www.oregonmetro.gov/tools-living/garbage.

Powell Paint – Accepts unused paint for recycling into Metro Paint; www.powellpaintcenter.com; 5205 SE Powell Boulevard; 503-775-3642.

Dick's Color Center – Accepts unused paint for recycling into Metro Paint; dickscolor.benmoorepaints.com; 909 SE Salmon Street; 503-236-6919.

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ReBuilding Center – Reduce waste and build community by donating used building parts and materials; www.rebuildingcenter.org; 3625 N Mississippi Avenue; 503.331.1877.

S.C.R.A.P. – Inspires creative reuse and environmentally sustainable behavior by providing educational programs and affordable materials to the community; scrappdx.org; 1736 SW Alder Street; 503-294-0769

Whole Foods and New Seasons Markets – Recycle plastic clamshells, wine corks, yogurt and cottage cheese lids, and more (check the location); www.wholefoodsmarket.com; www.newseasonsmarket.com.

Nextdoor.com – A free private social network where you can sell, seek, or giveaway your stuff, plus much more.

Volunteer at Your Library! And Belmont Library Events
By Cyndi Rosene, Belmont Library Assistant

Ever thought about volunteering for the Summer Reading program? Volunteers get people signed up, award prizes, talk with people about books, help with events, and more! Applications for new volunteers will be accepted in April and May. Volunteer shifts begin on June 17 and end August 31. For more information, visit <https://multcolib.org/volunteer>. Here are just a few of our many events:

Saturday, April 9, 4 to 5:30 p.m.: Belmont Art Salon

We provide colored pencils, blank paper, and printed coloring pages, or bring your own coloring/sketching supplies. Turn your creative imagination loose at our new monthly open art space.

Saturday, April 16, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.: Anyone's Domain: A Writing Workshop
Join Paulann Petersen in a workshop devoted to generating new poems. An exhilarating plunge into language! Registration required online, in the library, or by calling 503-988-5234.

Wednesday, April 20, 5 to 7 p.m.: Resume Help

Meet with an experienced volunteer for one-on-one help. Bring a paper copy of your resume if you have one. First come, first served.

Wednesday, April 27, noon to 2 p.m.: So Much More Than Books

You may know we have e-books, but did you know you can get magazines, comics, music, and movies online from the library? Come learn about these new online library resources. Registration required online, in the library, or by calling 503-988-5234.

Saturday, April 30, 3 to 4:30 p.m.: Lead Poisoning Prevention Workshop

Learn how to reduce lead exposure and lead poisoning in your life. Participants receive a booklet and kit of lead-safe cleaning and testing materials. Registration required online, in the library, or by calling 503-988-5234.

For more programs and information, drop in and see us at Belmont Regional Library, 1038 SE Cesar Chavez Boulevard; give us a call at 503-988-5382; or visit us online at www.multcolib.org. *Multnomah County Library programs are always free of charge.*

Update from Sunnyside Prepared! Committee

By Glenn C. Devitt and Jan Molinaro, Co-chairs, Sunnyside Prepared!

The SNA Emergency Preparedness/Neighborhood Emergency Team Committee has changed its name to Sunnyside Prepared! Join us at our April meeting on Tuesday, April 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Fireside Room at Southeast Uplift, 3534 SE Main. The meeting will focus on Map Your Neighborhood, creating a resource map of your neighbors' skills and materials (very useful stuff!) and some Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) activities. Details for this event, as well as our agendas, meeting minutes, and wonderful links, can always be found on our website (www.SunnysidePrepared.com).

Glenn and Jan have been busy attending emergency preparedness events in St. Johns and by the Northeast Neighborhood Coalition and Buckman Neighborhood Association. It is gratifying to know that many neighbors and neighborhood coalitions are coming together around Portland to get to know their neighbors and prepare on a micro level.

Save the date: Tuesday, June 21, in the evening, for a very special presentation.

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to find out about available routes.

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Franklin High School's Plant Sale Benefits Senior Party

By Maye Thompson

Franklin High's annual plant sale will be held on Saturday, April 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Karen and Tom Kuhns's home, 1725 SE 57th, between Hawthorne and Lincoln. This sale benefits the Senior All-Night Party.

With spring just around the corner it's time to gather plants for the sale. We need donations of plants big and small, and cuttings. If you don't have pots, just plunk them in plastic bags. Drop them off on the porch at 734 SE 47th Avenue, or contact Maye Thompson at mayedoug@spiritone.com or 503-232-6167 to make arrangements. And please stop by to make your garden grow while helping our seniors celebrate.

Sunnyside Neighborhood Annual Cleanup

Saturday May 21st | 9am - 12 noon

St. Stephen Parking Lot

SE 42nd and Taylor

Bring your non-hazardous junk!

Car load: \$10

Van/Small Truck: \$15

Large Truck: \$20

Bike and walk-in: FREE!



We will not accept:

Hazardous waste materials; all construction, remodeling or demolition materials (see examples below); all kitchen garbage, residential yard debris and trimmings, and waste and recyclables collected curbside.

EXAMPLES OF HIGH RISK MATERIALS SUSPECTED OF CONTAINING ASBESTOS:

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Walls: plaster, decorative plaster
Siding: cement siding shingles "Transite"
Ceilings: acoustical tiles, "popcorn" and spray-on texture
Insulation: spray-applied, blown-in, vermiculite, pipe, HVAC and lagging
Electrical: wire insulation, panel partitions
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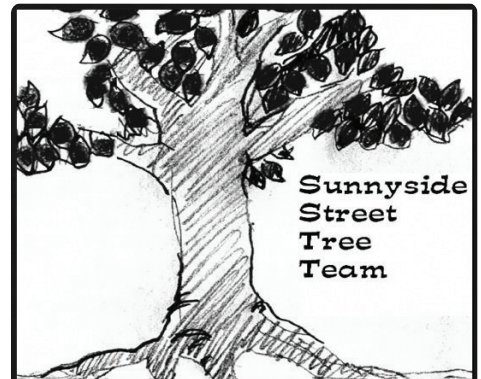
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