

# SUNNYSIDE

## *Neighborhood News*

### September 2016

#### Neighborhood News

*By Tony Jordan, SNA President*

The Belmont Street Fair takes place on Saturday, September 10, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Don't miss this wonderful annual event that features activities for kids, music, food, vendors, and more! Belmont Street between SE 33rd and SE Cesar Chavez will be closed to cars and buses. The fair can't happen without the help of volunteers. If you can spare a few hours of your time to help set up, clean up, or provide help to visitors, you'll feel great and get a T-shirt and pizza voucher in exchange. Visit [sunnysideneighborhood.com](http://sunnysideneighborhood.com) to sign up for a shift.

At our August meeting, your board voted to endorse the recommendations of

Portland for Everyone in regards to the Residential Infill Project. Many members of the board had attended information sessions from the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability and we heard a diverse array of viewpoints at the meeting. Any changes to zoning rules as a result of the Residential Infill Project will take place no sooner than 2018 and there will be many more opportunities for public input in the coming year. The Land Use and Transportation Committee will be following this project, so attending their meetings is a good way to stay informed and learn how to influence the process.

#### School Back in Session Soon!

*By Josh Palmer*

Just a friendly reminder to all in the neighborhood that Sunnyside School Park is a shared-use space, and during school hours it's off limits to the public. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the rules posted around the park.

Unfortunately the school has had some safety concerns with people wandering onto the campus during the day and being disruptive and verbally and physically abusive to staff and students. Please respect the space and the times at which you may use the park and if you see anyone violating the rules, ask them to leave. This really is just about safety and common courtesy to the students.

Please refrain from letting dogs off leash on the field, as it is not an off-leash dog area. People unfortunately don't always pick up after their dogs and the kids step in the poop. Gross! Kids have often been unaware of it and tracked it into the classrooms. Laurelhurst Park is close by and has a great off-leash area for dogs. I go there all the time with mine!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS | SEPTEMBER

- 10<sup>th</sup> – Belmont Street Fair\*
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Library Trivia Challenge, 6:30-8:30 p.m. @ Belmont Library\*
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Computer Basics, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. @ Belmont Library\*
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Neighborhood Watch 'Train the Trainers' event, 6:30-8:30 p.m. @ Sunnyside Community House\*
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Beneficial Insects Workshop, 6-8:30 p.m. @ Sunnyside Community House\*
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Naturescaping Basics Workshop, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. @ Southeast Uplift\*
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Voice Your Vote, 4-4:45 p.m. @ Belmont Library\*

#### OCTOBER

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Felted Soap, 2-3:30 p.m. @ Belmont Library\*
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Native Plants Workshop, 6-8:30 p.m. @ Sunnyside Community House\*
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Rain Gardens Workshop, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. @ Sunnyside Community House\*

\* See articles for details

#### MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings at Southeast Uplift unless noted

##### General and Board Meeting

Thursday, September 8, 7-9 p.m.

##### Land Use & Transportation Committee

Tuesday, September 6

See website for time and location

##### Sunnyside Prepared

Tuesday, September 20, 6-6:30 p.m.

@ Sunnyside Community House in the Labyrinth Room, 3520 SE Yamhill

##### Graffiti Clean-Up

2nd & 4th Saturdays, weather permitting.

Call 503-235-5047

SUNNYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

[www.SunnysideNeighborhood.com](http://www.SunnysideNeighborhood.com)



## Wish Cycling

*By Bonita Davis*

“Wish cycling” is a widely used term that describes what happens when we decide what to put in the recycle bin. Sometimes we are not quite sure and it is easy to place questionable items in the recycling bin with the hope that they can somehow be recycled. We might be communicating what we would like to see recycled, or maybe we don’t understand our choices, or perhaps we are recycling the same items that were accepted where we used to live, or just hoping that the material can somehow be recovered. Anything’s better than the landfill, right?

Well, no. You’ve probably heard the phrase, “When in doubt, throw it out.” Wish cycling can be a costly practice. Items found in the blue bins that cannot be accepted must be hand picked out of the stream of materials by recycling workers. Plastic films might clog the machinery and cause shutdowns. Plastic yogurt or cottage cheese lids can slide in with the paper and contaminate what was to be a bale of paper for recycling. Glass can break and cause injury. Food-contaminated paper (used paper plates, take-out containers, etc.) could result in clean paper being sent to the landfill.

Here are some easy ways to be more accurate when recycling in our southeast neighborhood:

- Consult The Curbsider, visit [www.portlandoregon.gov/bps](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps), or call the Hotline at 503-823-7202.
- Call your local hauler for the latest information about what they accept.
- Call the Metro Hotline at 503-234-3000 or go to [www.oregonmetro.gov](http://www.oregonmetro.gov) to send a message or search the Find-A-Recycler Tool for the closest location that will accept your recyclable items, hazardous materials, or items for reuse.
- Visit [www.farwestrecycling.com](http://www.farwestrecycling.com) to learn what can be accepted beyond curbside recycling at our nearby local depot.

## Neighborhood Watch “Train the Trainers” is for All of Us!

*By Lorraine Henriques and Jan Molinaro*

**WHO:** It is forever and always a great time for YOU to step up and do good work—for yourself, your family, and your neighborhood.

**WHAT:** Our upcoming training, free (including training materials and packets).

**WHEN:** Tuesday, September 20, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Sunnyside Community House, SE 35th and Yamhill, in the Labyrinth Room.

**WHY:** To be proactive and prepared, to respond to neighborhood problems, and to help your neighbors be prepared for emergency and non-emergency neighborhood issues.

**HOW:** You will be trained by the dynamic and energetic Mark Wells from the City of Portland Crime Prevention Program. No prior registration required.

**WHAT ELSE:** How can you say no to this great opportunity? Just show up and be the change we have all been waiting for. Thanks and see you there!

## Naturescaping and Backyard Habitat Workshops

*By Jane Pullman*

Whether you want to water your yard less, manage your stormwater, learn about native plants and insect life, or join others who are working toward Backyard Habitat Certification\*, the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association is hosting workshops for you beginning in September. Workshops are presented by East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District (EMSWCD) experts to help homeowners, renters, and businesses create landscapes that are healthy for both people and wildlife. Workshops are free and will be held at the Sunnyside Community House or Southeast Uplift (see locations below). Go to [emswcd.org](http://emswcd.org) to pre-register. The schedule is as follows:

- **Beneficial Insects** – Wednesday, September 21, 6 to 8:30 p.m., Sunnyside Community House (formerly Sunnyside Centenary United Methodist Church), 3520 SE Yamhill Street.
- **Naturescaping Basics** – Saturday, September 24, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Southeast Uplift, 3534 SE Main Street.
- **Native Plants** – Wednesday, October 5, 6 to 8:30 p.m., Sunnyside Community House.
- **Rain Gardens** – Saturday, October 8, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunnyside Community House.

\*The Backyard Habitat Program (a program of Portland Audubon and the Columbia Land Trust) can help you design a beautiful yard for you and a yard that provides food, shelter, and nesting habitat for wildlife.

## Update from Sunnyside Prepared! Committee

*By Jan Molinaro, Co-Chair, Sunnyside Prepared!/Sunnyside Portland  
NET Assistant Team Leader*

What does the word "community" mean to you? Is it your immediate physical neighborhood, or your friends on Facebook or other social media sites? Your yoga or beer-drinking buddies, or your roommates or people in your apartment building? Or your immediate and extended family who live with you or far away?

Back in the Chicago area, where I am from and lived for more than 60 years, a disaster meant big thundery rainstorms with possible flooding or major snowstorms. In the neighborhoods I lived in as a child and as an adult, and where my husband and I raised our family, we were connected and helped each other because we had a history together. Lucky me.

Well, the sense of community has a very special meaning when we are talking about getting prepared for a disaster in the Pacific Northwest. It seems to me that we have no choice but to be a part of our Portland neighborhoods and community, because we will save each other, period. There are steps you can take before, during, and after a disaster—that's called community resilience. Join us and learn more at [www.sunnysideprepared.com](http://www.sunnysideprepared.com).

## What's Happening At The Belmont Library?

*By Cyndi Rosene*

It's Back-To-School Days for you hardworking educators, too! Our Educator Card enables increased checkout periods and hold limits, which will make your jobs a little bit easier. Providers of education for early childhood through grade 12, including homeschoolers, will qualify. Ask us or read more about it at [multcolib.org/educators/educator-library-cards](http://multcolib.org/educators/educator-library-cards). Listed below are some of our upcoming library programs:

**Saturday, September 10, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Library Trivia Challenge**

Show off your immense brainpower to your friends! Teams will compete for bragging rights and a special "mystery trophy." Teams who sign up a member for a new library card will receive 50 bonus points. Snacks will be provided at this special after-hours event.

**Thursday, September 15, 10 a.m. to noon, Computer Basics**

Never tried a computer before? You can learn the very basics of using a Windows-based computer, keyboard, and mouse. No experience is necessary to take this relaxed, fun class. Registration required; register online, in the library, or by calling 503-988-5234.

**Saturday, September 24, 4 to 4:45 p.m., Voice Your Vote**

Join Multnomah County Elections to learn how to register to vote, receive and return your ballot accurately, and help your neighbors to vote. Be a part of the decisions that affect you and your community on local and national levels. Registration required; register online, in the library, or by calling 503-988-5234.

**Saturday, October 1, 2 to 3:30 p.m., Felted Soap**

Learn how to use wool fiber, water, and gentle manipulation to create a soap bar with a built-in washcloth that lathers and exfoliates. An easy project that makes a great gift. Registration begins September 10; register 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; give us a call at 503-988-5382; or find us online at [www.multcolib.org](http://www.multcolib.org). Multnomah County Library programs are always free of charge.

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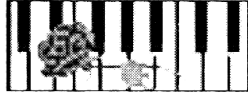
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Piano Lessons  
by Amie Rose



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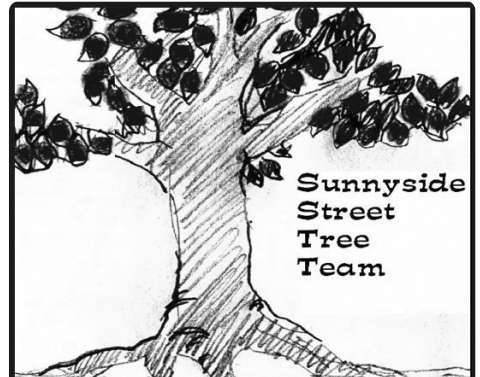
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