

SUNNYSIDE

Neighborhood News

July 2018

STAR Voting for Multnomah County

By Sara Wolk, Portland Equal Vote, Chief Petitioner for "STAR Voting for Multnomah County"

Our mission at Equal Vote is centered around the idea that my vote should be just as powerful as yours, no matter how many candidates I like, what parties we affiliate with, or if we are in a minority faction. You should be able to vote your conscience and the voting system should not play favorites!

The STAR Voting proposal is on the cutting edge, offering democracy on a level that has never been implemented, ever. STAR stands for Score - Then - Automatic - Runoff.

STAR Voting allows voters to give each candidate a 0-5 star rating. The ratings are totaled and the two candidates with the highest totals are finalists. If you had a preference, your ballot already shows which finalist you scored higher. The finalist who was preferred by more voters wins.

It sounds fairly simple but I'd love the chance to explain how groundbreaking this really is and how much further it goes than earlier voting reforms. STAR lets you show your full opinion and preferences, is highly resistant to strategic voting, and honesty is the best policy. Even if my favorites can't win, my runoff vote still makes a difference and helps prevent my worst case scenario. Your vote is never wasted and nobody is excluded.

Our current system specifically magnifies polarization in politics because it ONLY functions with 2 candidates, and thus two parties. Any faction that doesn't fall in line has the power to be a spoiler and throw the entire election in a fairly unpredictable and random way. As a result, we the voters have to follow the herd and support front-runners with the big money campaigns, or our vote can backfire and elect our worst-case-scenario. No wonder so many people don't vote at all.

But what would happen if the system had the exact opposite incentive? A voting system that levels the playing field, is highly accurate with multiple candidates, lets you show a nuanced opinion, and gives the best results when we vote our conscience changes the entire paradigm.

UPCOMING EVENTS | JULY

5th – Tech Help, 5:30-7:30 p.m. @ Belmont Library*

7th – Tech Help, noon-2 p.m. @ Belmont Library*

12th – Tech Help, 5:30-7:30 p.m. @ Belmont Library*

14th – Tech Help, noon-2 p.m. @ Belmont Library*

18th – Computer Basics, 5:30-7:30 p.m. @ Belmont Library*

22nd – Felted Soap, 2 - 3:30 p.m. @ Belmont Library*

22nd – Block Party, 4-9 p.m. @ Portland Menonite Church located at 1312 SE 35th AVE, Portland, OR 97214

29th – Resume Help, 1-3 p.m. @ Belmont Library*

** See articles for details*

MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings at Southeast Uplift unless noted

Board Meeting

Thursday, July 12th & August 9th, 7-9 p.m.

Land Use & Transportation Committee

Tuesday, July 3rd & August 6th, 7-8 p.m.

Graffiti Clean-Up

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

Sunnyside Foot Patrol

Every Monday, 7 p.m., Meet at Sunnyside School basketball courts

Pilot parking permit program

By Sean Watkins, Co-Chair of Sunnyside Neighborhood Association

Parking near Hawthorne Blvd may change in the near future. The Sunnyside/Richmond neighborhood is one of six Portland locations that has been approved to in a pilot parking permit program. The area of the pilot permit would include a fairly narrow "block" of Sunnyside South and North of Hawthorne between SE 31st and SE 45th Avenues.

Before becoming a pilot area, PBOT will conduct a vote of all addresses within the proposed permit program boundaries; only those in that block are eligible to vote. If and when the pilot program moves forward, there would be an opportunity by other street blocks to form to "add on"

areas down the road.

To learn more about the pilot program, visit the website:

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/PARKINGPILOTS> or contact Antonina Pattiz at

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Summertime, summertime, preparedness and resilience!

By Jan Molinaro, co-chair Sunnyside NET Assistant Team Leader (ATL), Sunnyside Prepared! (a committee of the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association)

The warm/hot/hotter weather is coming and you know the drill. Drink more water, use sunscreen, put extra water in your car in preparation for a day trip/weekend/weeks—long trip.

A few weeks ago, I was walking over to my fave neighborhood coffee shop, Never Coffee, on SE Belmont at 6 a.m. and I saw a gentleman with a garbage bag and trash pick-up tool on the street near SE 43rd and Belmont working his way west towards the #15 Belmont bus stop. Our streets are messy for many reasons

and he was doing his part. This was so inspiring.

There is something to be said about summertime in the city and here are some actions to take to increase your own and your neighborhood's resilience:

water street trees

keep the street drains, sidewalks and streets in front of your home free of debris

smile at your neighbors and chat with

them; the more we get to know our neighbors, the more resilient we are all

'adopt' your block and chat with your neighbors about what it means to be a part of your neighborhood; can you plan a block party or just a simple get-together to get to know each other better?

So, prepare, prepare, prepare. Do your part and inspire others to do the same.

Thanks so much.

News from the Belmont Library

By Cyndi Rosene

Our Story: Portland Through an African American Lens is a new and growing online collection that celebrates Black life in Oregon. In the first installment of Our Story, we explore the theme of building community: civic organizations, social clubs, churches, family and extended family. This collection was developed in partnership with City of Portland Archive & Records Center, Know Your City, Oregon Historical Society and Vanport Mosaic. See photos and more at multcolib.org/our-story.

Thursday July 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Saturday July 7, 12-2 p.m., Thursday July 12, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Saturday July 14, 12-2 p.m., Tech Help

Meet one-on-one with a friendly, knowledgeable Tech Helper who will assist you with mobile devices, websites,

downloading, e-readers and more. If you need help with a smartphone, iPad or tablet, please bring it with you, along with usernames and passwords. First-come, First-served.

Wednesday July 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Computer Basics

Never tried a computer before? In this class, you will learn the very basics of using a computer, a keyboard and a mouse. No experience is necessary for you to take this relaxed, fun class. This class uses Windows-based laptop computers. Registration required; register online, in the library or by calling 503-988-5123.

Sunday July 22 2-3:30 p.m., Felted Soap Soap with a felted cover is an easy project

that makes a great gift. We will teach you how to use a bit of wool fiber, water, and gentle manipulation to create a soap bar with a built-in washcloth that lathers and exfoliates. Registration required; register online, in the library or by calling 503-988-5123.

Sunday July 29, 1-3 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.

For more programs and information please drop in and see us, Belmont Regional Library, 1038 SE Cesar Chavez Blvd, give us a call (503)988-5123, or find us online www.multcolib.org. Multnomah County Library programs are always free of charge.

H MART Coming to Belmont Dairy

By Katie Bretsch

H MART is a national Korean grocery/deli chain with stores in NYC, LA, and Tigard, and a cult following for its wide range of Asian specialties. A small branch of the chain is set to open in the former Zupan's space in the Belmont Dairy development at SE 33rd and Belmont. Currently, the opening is planned for this coming fall.

The February issue of Food and Wine magazine has a feature on H MART and

how its CEO plans for it to evolve. If her goals are applied here, we'll see multiple deli counters for high quality, fresh, Thai, Japanese and Chinese cuisines in addition to Korean.

The Tigard branch is at 13600 SW Pacific Highway and worth a field trip. I was impressed by the store's wide range of offerings, especially its large selection of fresh green vegetables.

Suggestions if you go:

Don't be confused by a similarly named convenience store closer in. Keep going.

Sign up for the rewards card so they know they already have neighborhood support.

Try some Asian fresh fruit.

What was Sunnyside Neighborhood like in 1910? Part I

By Suzy Harris

The American foursquare house I have lived in for more than thirty years turned 100 years old in 2010. For its birthday, I wanted to compile a house history or throw it a birthday party but that never happened. Recently I picked up the project again, but so far have not found out much about the house. So, I changed my research question to What was the Sunnyside neighborhood like in 1910, the year our house was built? Here is what I found out.

At that time, one of the neighborhood leaders described Sunnyside as "one of the older districts, which was a village before it was covered by the city limits in 1891." Also: "It has been said of Sunnyside, 'it is a happy name which has stood the test of time.'"

In 1889, the Sunnyside Land Investment Company platted its 130 acre tract into 1500 plots. In 1904, lots were selling for \$350-\$400 each, with "sewers and Bull Run water in every street", along with "good school, stores, churches, fire protection [and] electric lights." Sunnyside was promoted as only a twelve minute streetcar ride or thirty minute walk from the business center of the city. By 1908, only 30 of the lots were left for sale. The tracts were described as "of excellent character, averaging \$1200 in cost."

In 1910, there were not one, but three, stone churches being built – the Methodist Church at East 35th and Yamhill, the Congregational church at East 32nd and Main, and the Central Christian church at East 20th and Salmon.

Hawthorne and Belmont had active business districts "on par with those built in any of the East Side business sections", both with bridges to downtown. Both Hawthorne and Belmont streets were "hard surfaced" with "easy grades". The neighborhood wanted six more miles of paved streets between Hawthorne and Stark Street, expected to be completed within two years. Sunnyside had obtained improvements in "streetcar service, telegram deliveries and street repairs". The neighborhood was working to entice a bank to locate in the neighborhood, and to get more "arc lights and fire hydrants along our streets", and "special cluster lights" in the Belmont business district, along with evening mail collection.

A theater was being developed on the corner of SE 34th and Belmont (where the Avalon is now). The lot was leased to a "moving picture corporation, which will erect a brick building." (Some neighbors expressed "strong sentiment" against the establishment of "a moving picture show" in Sunnyside, though it is unclear why.) A syndicate purchased property on the corner of Belmont Street and East 35th for the purpose of building "a quarter block brick building of two or three stories, reserving the corner room for banking purposes. It will be the largest building erected in Sunnyside. At present the quarter is occupied with three residences." A Canadian investor bought a lot at the corner of Belmont and East 37th to put up a building. The newspaper noted that the recent completion "of hard-surface pavement on Belmont street to Mount Tabor" had a marked effect on

development.

Sunnyside had an active basketball team that played against other neighborhood teams. In March, the undefeated Jewish Young Men's Club basketball team beat the Sunnyside team at the Sunnyside gym with 300 people watching the game. The Sunnyside neighborhood undertook to raise funds to outfit the gymnasium "and to make a comfortable place for the young people of the community" in what is now the Sunnyside Community House. They raised enough money to purchase the hall and sought to put a branch library there as well.


Stay tuned next month to find out more interesting history of Sunnyside!

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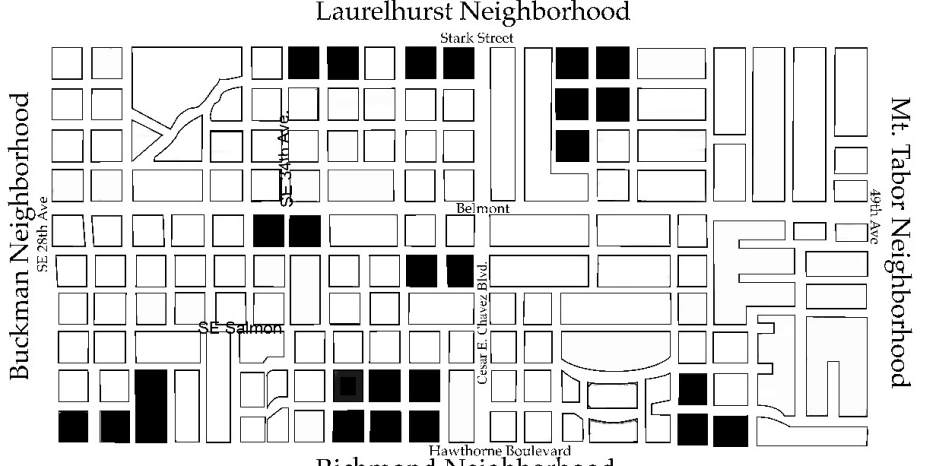
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