SUNNYSIDE Neighborhood News November 2018

Neighborhood News

By Sean Watkins, Sunnyside Neighborhood Association Co-Chair

Greetings Sunnyside!

At our October meeting, we welcomed interim board member K.C. Hoffert to Sunnyside's Board. To those of you who know her, K.C. brings fresh energy and ideas to Sunnyside's neighborhood association. K.C.'s term runs through May 2019. Please join me in welcoming her as we work together in connecting Sunnyside together!

At the board meeting, we had a very good public turnout. Interest in solutions to houselessness within Sunnyside Park and Sunnyside in general were expressed, including inviting houseless neighbors to offer stories for this newsletter, and creating a dialogue between people we meet on the streets, even if it's just a simple hello. One of the largest issues raised seems to be piles of trash. It was suggested that much of it is property of folks on the street which has either become unusable, or damaged by weather and abandoned. Solutions are under consideration for providing a blanket and coat exchange as well as temporary storage for belongings during times when the temperature outdoors hovers around freezing and spaces open their doors to provide a warm space for the night. A simple thing, like having the light on the northeast corner of the park stay on during dark hours, will be brought up to the appropriate people through pdxreporter.org.

Pdxreporter is an incredibly useful app and webpage for your smart phone or computer. It provides a means to contact the proper authorities about a variety of issues including abandoned autos, graffiti, street lighting, and more. Go to https://pdxreporter.org, create an account, and report responsibly.

Sunnyside Neighborhood Watch's Dale Peppel coordinated the invitation of members of the Crime Prevention Program in the Office of Community & Civic Life (Formerly Office of Neighborhood Involvement) to present at the November 8th meeting. The Office of Community & Civic Life has a well-established information packet and training for the Park Watch program, which is very similar to the Neighborhood Watch program and training. Trainings are coordinated with Park Rangers so that community members can meet their rangers and develop relationships for later communications and collaborations.

Cassondra Rosales, Communications Coordinator will host a presentation on the Park Watch Program. Ms. Rosales notes "Park Watch is blowing up in the community and really seems to be working well connecting everyone.

UPCOMING EVENTS | NOVEMBER

1st – Tech Help, 5:30-7:30 p.m. @ Belmont Library*

4th - Tech Help, 2-4 p.m. @ Belmont Library*

5th – Sunnyside Prepared!, 7-8:30 p.m. @ SE Uplift, Garden Room*

8th – Tech Help, 5:30-7:30 p.m. @ Belmont Library*

10th – Printmaking for the Holidays, 4-5:30 p.m. @ Belmont Library*

11th - Tech Help, 2-4 p.m. @ Belmont Library*

18th – Felted Soap, 2-3:30 p.m. @ Belmont Library*

* See articles for details

MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings at Southeast Uplift unless noted

Upcoming Board Meetings

Thursday November 8th & December 13th , 7-9 p.m.

Crime and Livability Committee

Tuesday November 6th & December 6th , 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Land Use & Transportation Committee

Tuesday November 6th & December 6th , 6:30-7:30 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





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I am very excited to come talk to everyone." The Sunnyside board will also try to get attendance from Parking Enforcement, Police and other City partners who often help with issues at the park.

Please make plans to come to the November 8th SNA Board meeting and join us in both conversation and solutions!

New Board Member for Sunnyside Neighborhood Association *By K.C. Hoffert, Member-at-Large for Sunnyside Neighborhood Association*

Meet the newest member of the Sunnyside Board:

I have lived near the Avalon Theatre in the Sunnyside neighborhood for almost 20 years, and my daughter Emily attends Sunnyside Environmental School. I am a Portland State University graduate; upon graduation I served in the local social service scene at CODA and Planned Parenthood. Over the last 10 years I shifted my career into Human Resources; I am currently the HR administrator for Ruby Jewel ice cream.

As a neighbor and community member, I strive to know everyone around me. I know my neighbors on all sides and I make an effort to engage with everyone. I'm active in my neighborhood, and I am currently working on a sign project for

Sunnyside Park.

I'm a member of the Sunnyside foot patrol and attend neighborhood association meetings outside of the Sunnyside community to try and understand issues that affect our city from a wider lens.

I love Sunnyside.

Its walk-ability, rich history, community and parks are what drew me here a lifetime ago, and I want to be a part of the future of Sunnyside and give back to the community that has given me so much.

I am grateful to be a part of the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association and look forward to working on projects that help move our community in right direction for the future.



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News from the Belmont Library By Megan McDaniel

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Kanopy apps are available for Apple (including Apple TV), Android, Kindle Fire, Roku, and Chromecast or can be streamed in a web browser.

Visit https://multcolib.kanopy.com to sign up, or ask a library staff member for details.

Upcoming library programs:

Thursday November 1, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Sunday November 4, 2-4 p.m.; Thursday November 8, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Sunday November 11, 2-4 p.m.

Tech Help

Do you have technology questions? Meet one-on-one for 30 minutes with a friendly,

knowledgeable Tech Helper who will help you find answers to questions about mobile devices, websites, downloading, e-readers, getting started with tech, and more. If you need help with a smartphone, iPad or tablet, please bring it with you, along with your username and password, or we may not be able to help.

Saturday November 10, 4-5:30 p.m.

Printmaking for the Holidays

Printmaking is a wonderful way to add personal touches to holiday cards, wrapping papers, decorations and more. Students of this fun and engaging workshop will design, carve and print their own lino block stamps. Techniques for safer carving and joyful printing will be included. Participants will take home their carved lino blocks so that they can continue preparing for holiday festivities at home.

Registration required; register online, in the library or by calling 503.988.5123.



Sunday November 18, 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. Supplies included.

Registration required; register online, in the library or by calling 503.988.5123.

Being prepared, is, well, being prepared.

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

So, you're not currently prepared for any kind of weather incident, let alone the 'big one.'

Where/how/when do you begin to prepare? Start with where you are and schedule time for getting ready on a regular basis.

If you are not the kind of person who is organized in your daily life, get ready in that part of your life first. It's empowering and simple, but not easy. Take tiny steps so you don't become overwhelmed and auit.

Get organized (whatever that looks like for you) with a buddy/family members/ neighbors.

When my husband I moved here from the midwest in 2012, we were settled in our home in less than a week because we were prepared when the movers came. It was a lot of work, and we patted ourselves on the back for a job well done.

And then we learned about the earthquake...so, we went to lectures and read and paid attention to what was being shared on social media; you get the idea. And, we have gradually been getting prepared....for the last 6 years.

If we can do it, then you can too.

Remove the obstacles that get in the way, and just do it.

Thanks so much.

Sunnyside School Wreath and Poinsettia Fundraiser

By Diana Deumling

Support Sunnyside Environmental School and women farm workers, and brighten your home or business with natural beauty this winter.

The SES Wreath and Poinsettia Sale is a fundraiser that benefits our entire community. This year our wreath sale will again support both the school and Mujeres Luchadoras Progresistas (Women Striving for Progress). Mujeres Luchadoras Progresistas (MLP) is a group of farm worker women who create economic development and promote

leadership among women in their community. Their wreath project has made a substantial difference in the lives of farm worker women and their families. The holiday season is the time of year with the least amount of farm work available, and a time when families struggle most to pay the rent and provide for their families. The money that women earn through the wreath project goes toward their family's household expenses: rent, utilities, holiday expenses, warm clothing, and food. Supporting MLP allows Sunnyside to exercise what we try to teach our kids,

and illustrates what we can accomplish as a community.

Handmade Noble Fir Wreaths, 24-26" in diameter: \$35; Lush red, pink, or white poinsettias: \$12.50 for 6" pots and \$21.50 for 8" pots

To place an order online, visit www. sesptsa.org. Orders are due by November 12th. Pick up your order in the Sunnyside school auditorium on Monday, December 3th, between 3 and 7 p.m..

Your Participation in Free Leaf Pickup Days Could Help Reduce Local Pollution

By Matthew Lembo, Member-at-large for Sunnyside Neighborhood Association

Taking advantage of PBOT's free neighborhood leaf pickup days is a great way to keep your property tidy, our streets and storm water drainage systems clean and functional, and preserve the health of our urban forest and other natural landscapes. It is also a welcome alternative to the harmful effects of gas powered leaf blowers, which represent a growing source of air, noise, water and even soil pollution citywide. These small 2-stroke engines are inordinately large emitters of carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, and hydrocarbons. Blower winds some in excess of 180 mph – damage new growth and developing flowers, blow away topsoil, and distribute disease spores, weed seeds, pesticides and other toxins across the neighborhood. The common practice of blowing all this debris into the street also leads to these pollutants being carried into storm water drains where it then collects in our rivers.

So grab a rake, or a friend, or a rake and a friend, or \$15 to pay a willing teenager, and join Bennett and me this fall (it's one of her favorite things to do - "Dad, is it time to rake the leaves into a big pile yet!?") for leaf pickup days on November 15th and November 29th. On the day BEFORE your scheduled leaf day, rake your leaves into the street 12 inches from the curb. If you can, move your car and any other obstacles off the street. If you can't move your car, you can rake your leaves into the middle of the street 12 inches beyond your car. Please be considerate of your neighbors by raking your leaves into the street as late as possible and only in anticipation of pickup. Leaves and other debris left in the street become extremely hazardous for bicyclists, get stuck in storm drains and erode curbs and other infrastructure.

Unlike years past, there is no fee for leaf pickup this year. The leaf pickup

zone does not cover the eastern part of Sunnyside, from César Chavez to SE 49th Avenue. If you are unsure whether your address is within the pickup zone, please check the Leaf District Locator found on PBOT's Leaf Day website: https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/77690 where you can find out everything you want to know about Portland Leaf Day, and quite a bit more.

Happy raking!





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