

SUNNYSIDE

Neighborhood News

October 2018

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By Sean Watkins, Sunnyside Neighborhood Association Co-Chair

Hello Sunnyside

I took an early morning walk through the neighborhood on Wednesday well before dawn. It was peaceful, quiet, chilly, and in many senses, surreal. Early morning is a wonderful time to encounter Sunnyside's sleeping blocks of old houses and otherwise busy Belmont and Hawthorne. It allowed me to reflect on what makes Portland unique, weird, and interesting; reminded me why I fell in love with this city in the first place and also gave me thoughts for this month's newsletter.

Before 5 AM, I walked past Sunnyside park, Sunnyside school, and the Community House. I thought of their unique histories and how they fit into our community today. I have heard from neighbors about the need for recognition of the two sides to the houseless/housed community, and I took some advice to heart given by a neighbor about how we would get further along in neighborhood meetings if these differences are acknowledged. I do acknowledge the need, and I thought it would help to provide some information about the Community House.

The Community House was built in 1922 as an expansion of the Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal Church, but it was designed as a space meant for both the congregation as well as the community. Over the next century, as the worshiping congregation diminished, the Community House continued to provide a gathering space for neighborhood activities.

By 2015, the dwindling congregation voted to end its time together, and ownership of the building was transferred to the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. But instead of the property being sold to the highest bidder as might happen elsewhere, something wonderful happened. A group of concerned citizens convinced the board to allow the building to continue to serve our community. A Discernment Team was appointed by the United Methodist District Superintendent which has been tasked to "develop a workable long-range plan to assure that the building is not sold to a private party but remains a significant available asset for the people of Sunnyside neighborhood."

This team of nine individuals seeks to create a true Community House that is a legacy for the original congregants and an expression of the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association motto: "Proud Past, Bright Future". Along with providing a space for houseless folks, the Community House, as envisioned by the original congregation, continues to provide gathering spaces for many other neighborhood activities.

(The entire history I reference was written by JM Mayer. Find the complete article

UPCOMING EVENTS | OCTOBER

4th – Tech Help, 5:30-7:30 p.m. @ Belmont Library*

6th – Tech Help, 12-2 p.m. @ Belmont Library*

11th – Tech Help, 5:30-7:30 p.m. @ Belmont Library*

13th – Tech Help, 12-2 p.m. @ Belmont Library*

16th – Medicare 101 Workshop, 6-7:30 p.m. @ Belmont Library*

24th – Slabtown's Ghosts and Murders, 6-7 p.m. @ Belmont Library*

31st – Trinkets & Treats, 12-2 p.m. @ SE Belmont St.*

* See articles for details

MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings at Southeast Uplift unless noted

Upcoming Board Meetings

Thursday October 11th & November 8th, 7-9 p.m.

Crime and Livability Committee

Tuesday October 2nd & November 6th, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Land Use & Transportation Committee

Tuesday October 2nd & November 6th, 7:30-8:30 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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online at: <https://sunnysideportland.org/2015/11/29/sunnyside-community-house/>)

is a photo from 9/16/1928, showing the church on the corner of SE Yamhill and 35th Ave

My early morning walk also led me to where the Belmont Street Fair banner still stretched across quiet Belmont Street. So different in the early morning darkness compared to that beautiful day that attracted thousands of people to enjoy food, vendors, stores and restaurants in an amazingly well-planned event. It was a nice memory, and one I will leave here as my last reflection of how much I love this neighborhood and city. Just above

Oh, and on a last note, the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association board is currently looking for a new member to finish out the term of an at-large member who had to retire due to leaving the area. There are ten months remaining on the term. If you are interested, please contact board@sunnysideneighborhood.com and plan on attending the next board meeting on October 11th, 7:00 - 9:00 PM at the SEUL location, 3534 SE Main St.



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What will be your role in Sunnyside before, during, and after an emergency?

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

It depends, just depends. On who you are, where you might be when a disaster occurs and what is your level of preparedness.

Being prepared is not just for a few of us who feel like doing the work. It's not really an option if you live on the west coast of the United States.

We have all experienced a summer of weather disasters....so, we know this is real.

To get started, let your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers know what you bring to the table. **What skills, talents, tools do you already know will be useful before, during and after a disaster occurs?**

Share, learn from others, teach others. Connect, no matter what.

Start now; don't wait until it is convenient. Make a conscious decision to make preparedness a part of your everyday life. Make this a priority and a commitment to yourself and your family.

Consider that no one is coming to save you during or after a disaster, but we can save each other. Isn't that the best way?

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News from the Belmont Library

By Megan McDaniel

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Upcoming library programs:

Thursday, October 4, 5:30-7:30pm;
Saturday, October 6, 12-2pm; Thursday,
October 11, 5:30-7:30pm; Saturday,
October 13, 12-2pm

Halloween Trinkets and Treats along Belmont

By Veronica Anton

It's time to get that family costume coordinated, including the beloved themed pup, and support your local Belmont District in the 2018 Trinkets & Treats event: the local early Halloween trick-or-treating celebration from 4-6 p.m. on Halloween, happening up and down SE Belmont Street. Participating businesses will be featuring delicious treats for the young ones and locally owned retail goodies for the adults.

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 your questions regarding 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.

Tuesday, October 16, 6-7:30 pm

Medicare 101 Workshop

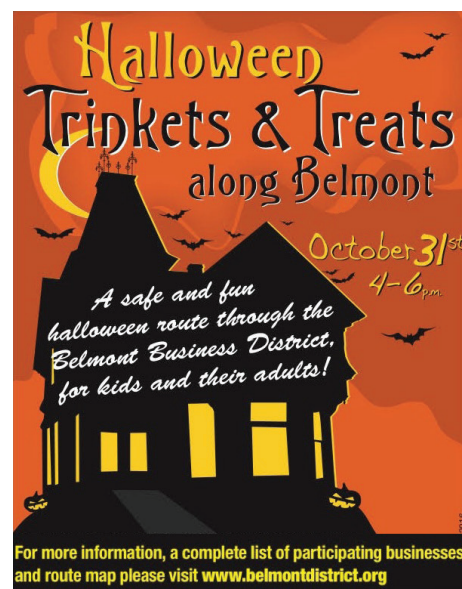
This presentation is intended to provide those new to Medicare with information on the basics, as well as provide additional clarity on how the Medicare program operates for those who are already enrolled. Come get informed, ask your questions and increase your knowledge

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

Wednesday, October 24, 6-7 pm

Slabtown's Ghosts and Murders

Do you like reading books about the paranormal? Tanya Lyn March, ghost historian, has gathered several ghost narratives and crime stories from homeowners, alienists, ephemera collectors and ancient newspapers. Prepare for a kaleidoscopic view of Slabtown in search of the unusual murders and the unexplainable encounters with the other side. Made possible by The National Endowment for the Humanities Fund of The Library Foundation.



All businesses will be sporting a pumpkin poster in their front window and an interactive map will be uploaded to the Belmont Area Business Associations website and Facebook a week prior to the event. Visit www.belmontdistrict.org for information.

Whether you're flying *Solo* or getting the family out for an *Incredible Halloween*, join us for an event that will have you saying *Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again!*



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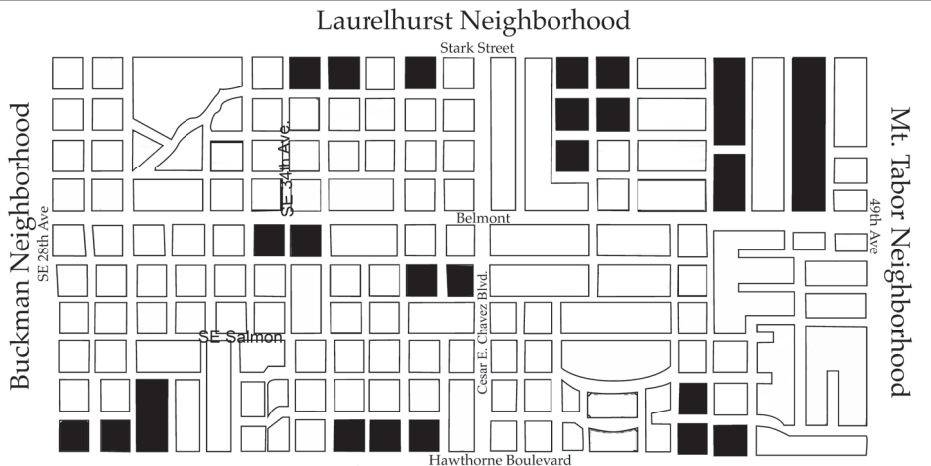
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