

SUNNYSIDE

Neighborhood News

April 2019

SNA Board of Directors and Bylaws Vote Scheduled for May 9th, All Neighbors Welcome

By Matt Lembo

There's a house around the corner from mine that has the most magnificent magnolia tree I've ever seen. A few years ago, more than five years after moving to the neighborhood, I passed by it in full bloom for the first time. I was so taken with it I stood on the sidewalk in front of the door for nearly ten minutes before deciding not to knock. Since then I've had the same thought a few times each spring and every time I decided I was too busy, or unsure of what to say, or frankly, scared of meeting my neighbor.

A few months ago I finally got to meet my neighbor Julia. Not because I finally got the nerve to knock on the door and compliment her magnolia, but because we started volunteering together through the Neighborhood Association. And of course she is warm, and kind and caring and thoughtful and I am glad I know her.

Five board positions are up for election including four full two-year terms and one interim position with one year remaining. Additionally, we will be considering a small change to the SNA bylaws aimed at increasing participation among second- and third- shifters (i.e. those with non-traditional work hours) in our neighborhood by increasing meeting schedule flexibility.

If you are interested in running for a board position please consider submitting a

brief candidate statement via email to board@sunnysideportland.org. Though not necessary, these statements will be posted to our website prior to the election and are an important way to introduce yourself to the neighborhood and help members understand why you are interested in serving on the board. As a board member you can expect to spend 10 - 15 hours per month on board business in addition to attending our monthly meetings.

Board elections and a vote on a small amendment to the SNA bylaws will take place on May 9th, from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Fireside Room at Southeast Uplift, 3534 SE Main St. Any member of the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association may vote and run for a position on the board. A "member" is any resident or property owner or the representative from any business, non-profit, school, or religious organization within the neighborhood boundary over the age of 18. There is no residency length requirement. Votes must be cast in person at the election meeting; write-ins and proxy votes are not allowed.

Citizens Climate Lobby Works to Advance National, Bipartisan Carbon Policy

By Francine Chinitz

Does climate change keep you up at night? Take heart! There is a viable solution at the national level that is endorsed by both scientists and economists.

I had been aware of, and concerned about, climate change for over two decades.

Like many people, I felt overwhelmed and powerless by this issue. I made a few personal changes like biking instead of driving, but I knew this was insufficient to address the problem. After the last presidential election, I decided to join a climate organization. I had one criterion: the solution had to be at the national level. Local and state efforts are important, but insufficient to stem the tide in time.

I chose to volunteer with Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL). I bet this is the largest, most effective climate organization you have

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MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE

SNA General & Board Meetings

Thursday, April 11th, 7-9 p.m.
@ SE Uplift, 3534 SE Main St

Safety and Livability Committee Community Park Watch Training

Tuesday, April 2nd, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
@ Sunnyside Community House

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

SNA Board Elections & Bylaws Amendment Vote (and Potluck!)

Thursday, May 9th, 7-9 p.m.
@ SE Uplift, 3534 SE Main St

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never heard of. I would like to change that and invite you to get involved!

For over a decade CCL has been working on a simple and elegant policy called carbon fee and dividend. At the federal level, the policy would put a steadily increasing fee on carbon at the source. For instance, a fee would be charged when coal is extracted from a mine or when oil arrives at a port. All the money from these fossil fuel fees would be paid to households in the form of a monthly dividend check.

The results of this policy?

- **Effective:** It would reduce carbon emissions by at least 40% in just 12 years!
- **Good for People:** This policy will improve health and save lives. Additionally, the carbon dividend would put money directly into people's pockets every month to spend as they see fit, helping low and middle income Americans.
- **Good for the Economy:** This policy will create 2.1 million new jobs, thanks to economic growth in local communities across America.
- **Bipartisan:** This policy is supported by both Democrats and Republicans. Climate change is too important to be a partisan issue.

Why is this policy supported by Democrats? This is a progressive policy that helps lower and middle-income people transition to a new green economy. With more money in their pocket from the dividend, they will be able to afford the rising price of goods and services. We won't have social unrest like the "yellow vest" protest in France.

Why is this policy supported by Republicans? This is a market-based solution that does not grow the government. The dividend makes this program revenue neutral. Once we reach our ultimate goal – reducing carbon emissions 90% by 2050 – this program ends.

Here is the exciting news – this policy is now a bill! The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives in January and is anticipated to be introduced in the

U.S. Senate in the next few months.

How can you get involved?

1. Call or write to your representatives - U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden, and Congressman Earl Blumenauer - and ask them to support this bill.
2. Tell your friends and family about it.
3. Go online to citizensclimatelobby.org and join.

I also invite you to our monthly meetings on the second Saturday of the month. I guarantee that it will be one of the most efficiently run and inspiring meetings you will ever attend. Make your Earth Day resolution to take action on climate change! Contact me if you have questions: fchinitz@hotmail.com.



Citizens' Climate Lobby

April Garden Tips from Portland Nursery


PERENNIALS AND ANNUALS

Many of your perennials may be growing and/or blooming now, so it is time to be tidying, fertilizing, and watching for pests. Most fertilizers marked as "rose and flower food" or "all-purpose plant food" are great for perennials. Watch out for slugs, cutworms, aphids, and other common pests.

TREES, SHRUBS AND FRUIT

It is definitely planting time for hardy trees and shrubs. For existing plantings, now is a good time to start fertilizing as the growing season is underway. Little pruning is necessary now – the one big exception being spring-flowering shrubs.

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If you have not done so already, get those root crops (like onions and potatoes) planted as soon as possible. Brassicas (broccoli, cauliflower, etc.) can be started and grown outdoors in April, along with lettuce, spinach, and most leafy greens.

LAWN CARE

April is certainly a time to get your lawn in order. Get that moss out, fertilize, and start mowing as necessary. Apply lime if you have not recently. Lawn usually starts growing quickly in April. If your lawn is quite patchy, this is an excellent time to add seed to thicken it up.

Take Our Online Transportation Survey!

By Ted & Jenn Light

The SNA Land Use and Transportation Committee is looking to gather input on the types and levels of traffic-related concerns from the community. Survey responses will help shape the future work of the committee. To participate, complete the seven-question survey at sunnysideportland.org under "Current Topics" or go directly to the survey at sunnysideportland.org/2019/03/21/transportation-survey.

Belmont Library Offers Workshops in Civic Activism and More

By Megan McDaniel

CITIZEN ACTIVISM 101: MAKING CHANGE HAPPEN

Tuesday April 16th, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Want to improve life for yourself and your neighbors or have a concern about local, state or federal laws? We'll cover strategies for change, examples of successful advocacy, choosing your battles, getting heard, tools for change, and "tracking" legislation. First come, first served.

RESUME HELP

Sunday April 7th, 3 – 5 p.m.; Sunday April 21st, 3 – 5 p.m.

Do you need some help with your resume? Are you unsure about your choice of words? Struggling to describe your accomplishments? Come meet with an experienced volunteer for one-on-one help. If you have a paper copy of your resume, please bring it along. First come, first served.

TECH HELP

Sunday April 7th, 2 – 4 p.m.; Sunday April 14th, 2 – 4 p.m.

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.

PAGETURNERS

Wednesday May 8th, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Engage in stimulating conversation about books, exchange perspectives about characters and plot, and get to know your neighbors. Read *Go Tell It on the Mountain* by James Baldwin. This book describes a day in the life of several members of a Harlem fundamentalist church. The saga of three generations is related through flashbacks.

(Running your own group? Check out a stack of 10 books for your book group with Pageturners to Go.) First come, first served.

What? Our Gas Line Was Compromised?

By Jan S. Molinaro,
Sunnyside NET Assistant Team Leader

Here's a personal story which illustrates (in my emergency prep state of mind) why it pays to be prepared for all life and weather-related scenarios.

My husband and I live at SE 40th and Taylor which is currently undergoing a major sewer renovation. A couple of weeks ago we received a knock on the door from one of the workers from Environmental Services who said our gas line might have been nudged when the sewer work was being done in front of our house. Well, the gas line was compromised, and then the restoration of our gas line began.

For about 90 minutes, we watched Portland Fire + Rescue, NW Natural and Environmental Services do their jobs professionally and efficiently. We were informed every step of the way, and spent most of the restoration time chatting with those who were working on our behalf. No other sewer lines were compromised except ours. A lot of time, work, and the efforts of many went into fixing the problem for just our household of two adults.

Well, here is the punchline: it is possible that our water, sewer, electrical and gas

lines will be damaged in the event of a major earthquake. I won't go into the details about a timeline for restoration in that scenario; you can check that out on your own.

Those professionals who we will need to restore our services won't show up, at least not right away. Deep down inside we all know this.

Do you have a preparedness story to share? Do you know what your next steps might be to be prepared, not scared? Learn more and get involved at sunnysideprepared.com!

Correction

Last month's article titled *Sunnyside Foot Patrol Improves Neighborhood Livability Through Advocacy, Reporting and Persistence* described Sunnyside neighborhood as #2 in the city for "auto theft," this should read "property crime."

Complete crime statistics can be found at <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/71978>



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