

SUNNYSIDE

Neighborhood News

May 2019

Run For the SNA Board or Just Vote and Eat at Our Annual Election and Potluck

By Matt Lembo

The neighborhood needs help and we need good, smart people to provide it. So if you've got some time to spare and a civic itch to scratch, we would love for you to join us. There's much to do, but we especially need help to develop our digital communications strategy and infrastructure, coordinate with adjacent business and neighborhood associations, and organize neighborhood events like swap shops, clean up days, plant sales and more.

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 (if you're interested in running for a board seat all you have to do is come on the 9th and declare your intent), these statements will be posted to our website prior to the election and are a good 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.

The meeting and festivities 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.

SNA Bylaws Revision Vote

By Matt Lembo

As part of our annual election and potluck coming up on May 9th, we're proposing a very minor amendment to our bylaws. Our goal is to increase participation among second- and third- shifters (i.e. those with non-traditional work hours) in our neighborhood by making our meeting schedule a little more flexible.

Article IV. Section 2. Subsection A.

Currently Adopted Bylaws:

Regular Meetings: The board shall endeavour to meet at least 9 times a year on the second Thursday of the month to conduct the business of the association. Opportunity will be provided at regular meetings for the membership to advise the board of current concerns and possible actions. Notice of regular meetings of the board to the public must be at least 7 days in advance. Direct notice to the directors and individuals known to have an interest in topics on the meeting agenda must be provided at least one day in advance.

Proposed Language:

Regular Meetings: The board shall endeavor to meet at least 6 times a year on the second Thursday of the month and

up to 6 times a year at a place, date and time determined by the Board to conduct the business of the association ...

PDX Commons Urban Cohousing Project Open House

By Jim Swenson

Sunnyside's PDX Commons Urban Cohousing development at SE 43rd and Belmont is celebrating its second birthday as a thriving 55+ intentional community. The occasion will be marked by an Open

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MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE

SNA Board Election, Bylaws Revision Vote and Potluck Celebration

Thursday, May 9th, 7-9 p.m.

@ SE Uplift, 3534 SE Main St

Safety and Livability Committee

Tuesday, May 7th, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

@ Sunnyside Community House

Land Use & Transportation Committee

Tuesday, May 7th, 7:30-8:30 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

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House on Sunday, June 2nd from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Tours of the 4-story 27-unit condominium will feature the rooftop farm and garden, the communal courtyard, other community spaces like the Great Room, common kitchen, library, living room, guest rooms, exercise room, workshop, bike room and common laundry. Tours will be guided by residents who can recount their experiences “living in community” for the past two years.

Cohousing is a concept imported to the U.S. from Denmark where residents choose to live a proactive life in community with others. The characteristics include: design and ownership of the project by residents, self-management, sharing of work tasks, and support for each other as needs change as people age. Owners at PDX Commons have their own private apartments, but share 5,000 square-feet of common amenities. The emphasis is on community.

The Sunnyside neighborhood has proven to be an ideal setting for the PDX Commons project because of excellent transit service (Hello, #15 bus), an easy stroll to stores and restaurants, two fabulous parks nearby and very supportive neighbors.

The celebration and tours come at the end of the national convention of the Cohousing Association of the US in Portland from May 30 - June 2 at the Portland Hilton.

For more information, contact Jim Swenson swensonian@gmail.com.

Sunnyside Farmers Market Opens June 4th

By Jamie El-Khal

Your neighborhood Hawthorne Farmers Market will open for our second season on Tuesday, June 4th. From 4 – 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday through August 27th, you will find over sixty local vendors in the parking lot of Central Christian Church at 1844 SE Cesar Estrada Chavez Blvd, Portland Oregon 97214.

Families, friends and all of our community can gather and shop for fresh local produce and eat dinner from a wide variety of our food vendors. We will have local organic produce, meats, eggs,

honey, distilleries, hot foods, shave ice, carnival style donuts and cotton candy, kettle corn, pasta, sauces, beef jerky, fresh roasted peanuts, fresh breads and pastries, nut butters, soaps, candles, woodworking, fresh flower bouquets and much more. We will also have an on-site coffee truck, face painting and live music!

For more information please visit our website at www.sunnysidefarmersmarkets.com or contact us at 503-504-8615. We look forward to seeing you all on opening day – June 4th.

Hawthorne / Division / 26th & Clinton Graffiti and Litter Clean Up Day

By Allen Field

On Saturday, June 1st from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the SNA is again partnering with the Richmond Neighborhood Association for the annual Hawthorne / Division / 26th & Clinton Graffiti & Litter Clean Up Day, part of KINK Radio’s “Paint the Town Green” event. From a staging area at Central Christian Church, 1844 SE Cesar Chavez Blvd, teams of volunteers will go out to pick up litter and clean graffiti on SE Hawthorne Blvd and SE Division St. between SE 29th and 50th/52nd Aves. and at 26th and Clinton.

The event is sponsored by Metro, the City’s Graffiti Program, Keep It Pretty Rose City anti-litter campaign, SOLVE, SE Uplift District Coalition, the Division-Clinton Business Association (DCBA), Hawthorne Blvd Business Association (HBBA), New Seasons, and Fred Meyer.

Sign up at solveoregon.org/paint-the-town-green and select the Hawthorne/Division event. If you want to help with registration or to register as a Team Leader, contact allen_field@yahoo.com.

Join us for the Sunnyside Environmental School Auction

By Corby Watkins

The Sunnyside School Foundation is hosting our annual auction and we would like to invite YOU! The event is being held May 11, 2019 (Salvador Dali’s birthday) and our theme is Dali or Dolly, because



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we could all use a little of both. Please join us at Beeswing (owned by a Sunnyside family) for karaoke with the Dad Band, Tennessee tapas and some signature beverages, and of course great items to bid on! Here’s the link - sesauction.schoolauction.net/auction2019. It’s the best date night ever, and the funds go directly to staffing at our school. And don’t miss out on our HAWAII RAFFLE! Tickets are only \$20 and the prize is 5 days on Maui. It’s a great deal and a great cause so please join us!

News From Belmont Library

By Megan McDaniel

Starting May 13, 2019, we are upgrading the software that helps run the library. This update will allow us to provide improved email, text message and phone notifications, improved online searching for periodicals and magazines, and better self-checkout stations. This also means we are replacing the system that currently provides the Classic Catalog. If you use the Classic Catalog, you will need to sign up for My MCL by May 13th to continue to access your account and the library catalog. Please give us a call at 503-988-5123 or ask at any library location if you have questions about these changes.

Upcoming library programs:

TALKING ACROSS THE POLITICAL DIVIDE

Saturday June 1, 2-4:30 pm.

Learn listening and speaking skills that will help you find perspectives, feelings and experiences of another person as well as communicating your own. Find common ground.

RESUME HELP

Sunday May 5, 3-5 p.m.; Sunday May 19, 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 May 5, 2-4 p.m.; Sunday May 12, 2-4 p.m.; Sunday May 19, 2-4 p.m.; Sunday May 26, 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 8, 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 *Canada* by Richard Ford.

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

Exchange Student Hosting Opportunity

By *Cynthia Burgeson*

Foreign Links Around the Globe is looking for families interested in hosting an exchange student for next school year.

Since 1989, over 4,200 wonderful American families have welcomed a FLAG international student into their home! Each year, FLAG brings more than 500 students from over 51 countries into the U.S. on FLAG programs to study in high schools & universities and live with host families. Choosing to become a host parent means you are willing to accept an international exchange student into your home and provide a loving, nurturing family environment. By hosting an exchange student, you will open yourself and your loved ones to a new world of culture and unforgettable experiences!

At FLAG, we're always looking for warm host parents! Families are always telling us that hosting a student has brought an unforgettable experience to themselves, their communities, their exchange students, and our global community. Over 60% of the time, FLAG students have come back later to visit their host families or host families have visited their students' home countries. By hosting, you are bringing the world together one friendship at a time!

If you are interested in hosting you can visit flag-intl.org/host.html or contact Cynthia at Burgeson at cjburgeson@aol.com or (541) 704-0937.

Learn About Climate Change Solutions at Sunday Parkways

By *Francine Chinitz*

We are lucky to have one of Portland's best community events go through our neighborhood – Sunday Parkways! On May 19th, grab your bike, scooter, skateboard or just tennis shoes and come say hi to Citizens' Climate Lobby volunteers. We will be tabling in Laurelhurst Park and would love to talk to you about the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act.

What would this federal bill do? Simply put, it would put a steadily increasing fee on all fossil fuels (gas, oil and coal) at the source and return the net funds to households in the form of a monthly dividend. The fee would start at \$15/ton and increase \$10/ton each year. (After 15 years, the price would be \$165/ton.) Fossil fuels would never be cheap again and the true cost of burning fossil fuels would be reflected in the price.

Do you want to learn more reasons to support the bill? Then come see us at Sunday Parkways on May 19th.

I also invite you to join the Citizens' Climate Lobby monthly meeting on May 11th at the First Unitarian Church. SW 12th/Salmon Street, Room 202/203. Enter on 12th between the two buildings. There is a meet and greet for new members at 9:00 a.m.; the meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. Sign-up for updates and to learn more at citizensclimatelobby.org.

Help a New Police Officer Join the Community through Face to Face PDX

By *Amy Johnson*

Our Liaison Family Program (LFP) connects new hires of the Portland Police Bureau with families in the Portland area. We ask Liaison Families to provide support, friendship, community history, community events, area introductions, and anything else that will help integrate our new police officers into their community. And, our community is given the chance to share their different, dynamic, diverse voices and play a vital role in shaping the future of our city. We help make face-to-face connections between people who wish to participate, based on mutual trust and respect.

To learn more, visit facetofacepdx.org or contact Amy Johnson at 503.318.3582 or amy@facetofacepdx.org.



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