

SUNNYSIDE

Neighborhood News

June 2019

Sewer Work Postpones Sunnyside Piazza Repainting Until 2020

*By Tiffany Conklin, Portland Street
Art Alliance*

The Sunnyside Piazza Sunflower intersection repainting will be postponed this year due to the city's sewer and green street construction along SE Yamhill Street. Construction is set to begin the first week of May at SE 29th Avenue and Yamhill Street, and will go right through the middle of the Sunnyside Piazza intersection over the summer. During this process two large sewer pipes under the road will be replaced. We don't want all our hard work painting the sunflower to get dug up!

Instead, this year the volunteers who help organize the annual repainting will be hosting an intersection "Clean-Up Event" on Saturday June 22nd from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. We will use this time to gather as neighbors and freshen up the Sunnyside Piazza for the summer. Please join us! Please bring your gardening gear (gloves, clippers, etc.). If you would like to donate native flowering plants or step-able succulents, we have a few open spots to fill. We will have some yard debris bins out, as well as compost and mulch for everyone to use. We will also have leftover paint from last year's repainting if anyone would like to paint the garden rocks along the sidewalk. Announcements about this clean-up event will be made on Sunnyside Piazza's Facebook and Instagram pages (@sunnysidepiazza).

Don't fret. The plan is to bring back the

sunflower better than ever in May 2020 to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Sunnyside Piazza! We need your help in making that happen. The core Sunflower Team currently consists of just three neighborhood residents (Tiffany, Zac, and Rich), and we need the community's help to prepare for the big 2020 repair. Let's all make this the best one yet! If you are interested in volunteering, please email: info@pdxstreetart.org. You can learn more about the Sunnyside Piazza and the history of this iconic DIY public space at www.pdxstreetart.org. Thank you, and remember to always keep on the sunnyside of life!

2019 SNA Board Election Results

By Matt Lembo

The big winner of the night, hands down, was Lorraine's curried chicken. YUM!

Beyond that, I'm happy to say our bylaws revision providing the Board with more meeting schedule flexibility in order to allow broader neighborhood participation passed, following a very helpful and lively discussion. Thanks to Chris for bringing up some important questions regarding notification lead times for "off schedule" meetings as well as Jan for keeping us on topic and reminding us of some important background and context. I'm also happy to report that Colin Wonnacott will be joining the Board and sad to say that Maggie McGann will no longer be lending us her considerable insight. We all have great hope that she'll remain connected and involved.

Please join us at our June meeting where we'll be working on committee and project

assignments. We are looking especially for willing neighbors to help out with events, communications and resource development through the coming year. Spread the word and remember, you don't have to be on the Board to help out!

Sunnyside North Green Street and Sewer Project Construction Update

*By Debbie Caselton, Portland
Bureau of Environmental Services*

Environmental Services is constructing the Sunnyside North Green Street and Sewer Project in the Sunnyside Neighborhood to repair, replace, or install 7,000 feet of public sewers, build up to 32 green street

MEETINGS & EVENTS

SNA General & Board Meeting

Thursday, June 13th, 7-9 p.m.
@ SE Uplift, 3534 SE Main St

Safety and Livability Committee

Tuesday, June 4th, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
@ Sunnyside Community House

Land Use & Transportation Committee

Tuesday, June 4th, 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

SUNNYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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planters, and remove 2.6 million gallons of stormwater a year from the sewer system. Many of the existing sewer pipes are 100 to 120 years old and deteriorating due to age, or undersized for the sewer and stormwater flows in the area. These improvements will protect public health, property and the environment and reduce the possibility of sewage releases into streets, homes and businesses in the Willamette Watershed.

A project map is available online at www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/sunnysidenorth.

TREE TRIMMING

To accommodate the large equipment needed to complete the project, arborists have been and will continue to trim street trees and low private trees in the project area. The trimming will remove low branches, to reduce the possibility of large equipment damaging trees and to help ensure public safety.

It's the responsibility of property owners under City Code to maintain street trees adjacent to their property and keep limbs at least 7.5 feet above sidewalks and 11 feet above streets. However, all tree trimming for this project will be done at the City's expense.

Earlier this week, you may have seen arborists trimming street trees on SE 27th Avenue between SE Yamhill and Belmont, as well as along SE 28th Avenue between SE Yamhill and Washington.

The arborists have been or will be trimming trees along SE Yamhill between SE 28th and SE 35th Avenues in early June.

CONSTRUCTION METHODS

Both trenchless and open trench excavation methods were selected for this project. To learn more about these methods, visit www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/methods.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

- Noise, Vibration and Dust is significant and will disrupt normal neighborhood activity.
- Traffic Delays will occur in and near the work area. Please observe traffic control signs and follow the directions of flaggers.

- Driveway Access to your property will be maintained, but construction may impact normal use of your driveway or entrance to your business. On-street parking will be restricted in and near the work zones to create a safe work environment and to stage equipment and materials.
- Sewer, water, and other utilities will remain in service during construction.
- Equipment Storage: Some equipment and materials may be stored on your street or nearby streets overnight.
- Construction schedule is subject to change due to a variety of factors, including conditions underground, subcontractor schedules, and availability of materials. These same variables may cause periods of inactivity between construction phases.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit the project webpage at www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/sunnysidenorth. There will be frequent updates via email. the webpage and on Next Door and occasionally by mail. To receive email updates, email Debbie.Caselton@portlandoregon.gov with "Sunnyside North" in the subject line or go to the project website and click on the SignUP! button.

Construction Plans at 3150 SE Belmont Street Indefinitely Postponed Due to Electrical Complications

By Matt Lembo

Big thanks to all those who participated in our March discussion of the proposed 45 unit residential development at 3150 SE Belmont Street. The breadth and depth of knowledge as well as quality of manner, openness and discourse was top notch. In a follow up conversation with the project's design agency, McGuirl Designs, Casey McGuirl shared his appreciation for our feedback and the civility of our meeting and was especially open to consulting the Division Design Initiative (divisiondesigninitiative.org/) when re-considering plans for the building, but stated that the project was on indefinite hold due to complications regarding the electrical lines leading to the substation across the street.


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The Exchange: A Multicultural Day-Market Coming to SE Uplift

By Christina Estimé, SE Operations and Uplift Events Manager

Southeast Uplift, North-East Coalition of Neighbors, and East Portland Community Office is proud to present The Exchange: A Multi-Cultural Day Market! We are hosting a public FREE multi-cultural day market on August 17th from noon to 6:00 p.m.!

The Exchange will bring our diverse Portland community together to share food, stories, and more for an annual block party and fair!

We are located in the heart of inner Southeast at 36th Ave and Main St. If you are part of a POC owned business and are interested in selling your products at this fair, please contact Christina Estimé (christina@seuplift.org) or Gaby Saldaña-Lopez (gaby@seuplift.org) at SE Uplift Neighborhood Coalition (phone: 503-232-0010). If you are a community member, please save the date and join us for a day of celebration and appreciation of our neighbors throughout the greater Portland area. We hope you can join us!

Sunnyside Community House GNA Draft Complete, But Real Work is Just Beginning

By Matt Lembo

I'm very happy to report that a complete draft of the Good Neighbor Agreement between the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association and Sunnyside Community House has been reached and is available for feedback on sunnysideportland.org (click under "Current Topics"). This draft is the product of over five months of discussion among neighbors with a broad range of views and experience as well as the focused work of a small drafting committee composed of Community House representatives, homeowners from the immediate area, and SNA Board members. Discussions regarding the GNA were also held during several meetings of the Community House's peer support group and paper copies and feedback cards have been available at the Community House for several weeks.

Our hope is to "finalize" the GNA in time for the June SNA meeting, but as important a milestone as this may seem, it is only the beginning of the agreement's real purpose of bringing people together to improve the neighborhood. There is a part to play for all of us, but to be successful that part is likely bigger than it has been, and perhaps different than you have so far imagined. Now that the beginning of a path has been marked by the goals, principles and actions outlined in the GNA, we must shift our focus to creating the communications, logistical and fundraising infrastructure required to give anyone in the neighborhood a way to contribute.

Summer Reading Challenge and Other Offerings at Belmont Library

By Megan McDaniel, Belmont
Library

Our Summer Reading program lifts off on June 14th. Explore a universe of stories and a galaxy of fun at your library! Read for fun and prizes this summer. Babies, kids and teens can play the Summer Reading game by starting a daily reading habit. Libraries will have free live performances, arts and crafts, and more in addition to the Summer Reading game. Sign up at any Multnomah County Library location.

UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS:

Salves for Summer

Sunday June 23, 1-2:30 p.m.

Summer brings new challenges in the form of bumps, bruises and itchy bug bites from our out-of-door adventures. In this class, we will make a few salves to help you heal naturally that are safe for children of all ages. Registration opens June 2nd. Register online or call 503.988.5123.

Lynda.com Basics

Sunday June 30, 2-4 p.m.

Want to learn a new skill from the comfort of your own home? Let us introduce you to Lynda.com, an online learning platform with courses in business, software, technology, and creative skills. This class will cover basic registration and navigation of the Lynda.com site, plus a few other free online education resources. Computers are available to use or bring your own device. Please bring your active Multnomah County Library card to class. You must be comfortable using the internet to participate. Registration opens June 9th. Register online or call 503.988.5123.

Resume Help

Sunday June 2, 3-5 p.m.; Sunday June 16, 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 June 2, 2-4 p.m.; Sunday June 9, 2-4 p.m.; Sunday June 23, 2-4 p.m.; Sunday June 30, 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. No appointment needed; first come, first served.

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