

# SUNNYSIDE

## *Neighborhood News*

### July 2019

#### **United Methodist Conference to Suspend Outreach Services and Introduce New Congregation at Sunnyside Community House**

*By Rev. Erin Martin,  
UMC Columbia District  
Superintendent*

To the Sunnyside Neighborhood both housed and unhoused:

As some of you may already know, there will be a leadership change at the Sunnyside Community House beginning July 1, 2019. Sunia Gibbs is being assigned there as pastor on behalf of the United Methodist Church, and her congregation, The Groves Church PDX, will be assuming responsibility for the management of the Sunnyside property.

To assure a smooth transition and to create space for a new vision, we will be temporarily suspending services to the unhoused beginning September 15, 2019. We are working with Metanoia Peace Community and Pat Schwiebert to relocate the Hard Times Supper, and we fully expect to resume some form of services to the unhoused under different leadership at Sunnyside at a future date.

We understand that transitions are difficult. We know that not everyone will be pleased by our decision. We ask for your patience.

The United Methodist Church values our long-standing place and participation in the Sunnyside Neighborhood, and we take seriously our commitment to care

for neighbor as ourselves. We are taking some time in this transition to reevaluate what that commitment will look like going forward, but we remain devoted to a strong ministry of compassion and justice at the Sunnyside Community House especially for those most marginalized by society.

Thank you for your understanding.

#### **Oregon's Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) Forms and Registry Provide Immediate Access to Life Saving Information**

*By Mary Ann Schwab*

In 1990, Oregon leaders in clinical ethics, emergency medical services and long-term care recognized that preferences for life-sustaining treatments of patients with advanced chronic progressive illness were frequently not found or not transferable and thus not honored. The Center for Ethics in Health Care at Oregon Health & Science University convened representatives from stakeholder health care organizations to develop the Medical Treatment Coversheet; portable medical orders based on a patient's values for life-sustaining treatments.

After initial evaluation and a name change to "Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment" (POLST) the form was released for use in Oregon in 1995. Using a "train-the-trainer" model, members of the task force initially educated health care professionals about use of the form. Ongoing education, research and a statewide experience-based continuous quality improvement process helped the task force improve

the content of the POLST form and the process of implementation.

To learn more about the POLST program visit [oregonpolst.org](http://oregonpolst.org) and to complete and register a POLST form please visit [orpolstregistry.org](http://orpolstregistry.org).

#### **Rental Providers for Positive Change Push for Pro-Tenant Future**

*By Edith Casterline*

Rental providers who care about pro-tenant, pro-community, pro-environment practices & policies can now find each other in the new group Rental Providers for Positive Change. Rental Providers for Positive Change is about learning and improving together; and voicing support of changes that make housing options more equitable and stable, and that increase the safety net. Even simply signing on to the rental provider pledge can make a difference. If you'd like to be more involved (trainings? meetups? public testimony?) let us know on our website, [www.rpforpc.org](http://www.rpforpc.org). In addition to

#### **MEETINGS & EVENTS**

##### **SNA General & Board Meeting**

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

##### **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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landlords, we also welcome nonprofit housing providers, property managers, brokers, and developers who want to make positive change; and we actively seek input from tenants.

Please join the SNA at our July 11th meeting, 7pm @ Southeast Uplift, for a brief presentation and Q&A.

## St. Stephen's Medieval Festival - Sunday, August 4th

*By Joseph Salazar*

Relive the joyous excitement that celebrating medieval festivals brought to village life! Enjoy family-friendly medieval fun with musical entertainment, performances, art exhibit, vendors, children's games/crafts, fencing 101, and a photo op wearing a knight's steel armor. Partake of lunch or dinner (beer will be served in real drinking horns, wine served in decorative goblets). The festival will go from noon to 7 pm, located at 1112 SE 41st Avenue, Portland 97214.

In medieval times, amidst the labor of planting, cultivating, and harvest, villagers anticipated with great joy opportunities to rest and celebrate various seasons and religious feast days. One of the most lavish of these festivals was the annual celebration in honor of the village church's Saint. Communities throughout the world continue this tradition. We invite you to gather with our village community as we re-create a medieval festival in honor of St. Stephen. For more information call 503-234-5019.

## Syringe Drop Box Ready to Install at Belmont Library

*By Liz Smith Currie*

Multnomah County has completed the purchase, manufacturing and selection of locations for our five sharps disposal boxes and is now ready to install and begin providing this service in your neighborhood at the Belmont Library.

Sharps disposal boxes are about the size of a mailbox and provide a place for neighbors to safely and conveniently dispose of found syringes. It is illegal to throw used syringes into garbage cans, even if they are in a secure plastic container, so it is important to provide convenient, safe disposal options.

This pilot program is a partnership

between Multnomah County, City of Portland, Metro, and TriMet and Downtown Clean & Safe to respond to community concerns about syringe waste. It is our hope that convenient sharps disposal box locations will reduce improperly discarded syringes, as well as help neighbors who are cleaning up their community to safely dispose of this waste. These boxes are not meant for medical waste.

There will be 18 boxes across the city during this pilot project. As part of this partnership, the County will be hosting 5 boxes at the following locations:

- Multnomah Building, under the overhang outside the front entrance, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd
- Multnomah County Bridge Shop, near parking lot, 1403 SE Water Ave
- Holgate Library\* parking lot, 7905 SE Holgate Blvd, Portland
- Mid County Library\* parking lot, 805 SE 122nd Ave, Portland
- Belmont Library\* parking lot, 1038 SE Cesar Estrada Chavez Blvd, Portland

\* Please note that the SDB program is not a program of the Multnomah County Library.

These sites were identified based on where the county heard from the community about the need for syringe disposal options, available county facilities and where our partner jurisdictions are placing their boxes.

The county has also launched a separate pilot program to provide neighbors with free small disposable sharps containers that can be placed into the larger disposal boxes. "How to" videos and FAQs on safe syringe disposal as well as more information on these programs can be found on our new syringe disposal website.

If you have questions or concerns about the partnership or syringe disposal, please contact me at 503-988-4435 or at [liz.smith-currie@multco.us](mailto:liz.smith-currie@multco.us).

Our agencies will evaluate the effectiveness of the SDB program on reducing syringe waste, and I am interested in your thoughts on the program and will be touching base in

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the late fall to get your early feedback. You may also fill out this feedback form anytime.

We sincerely hope to make a positive impact with this program. Please feel free to contact me anytime.

## Summer Cultural Exchange Opportunity for Sunnyside Families

*By Thomas Foy*

Host a university student from Japan or high school student from Japan, France, or Spain for 1-4 weeks in July, August, or September and build connections across the world through friendship! The international students are coming to share cultures, practice English, and become part of an American household. Most students will be taking English classes from 9am to 5pm, M-F, at Portland State or Concordia, while some teens will be immersed in their host families' daily lives and will not have any scheduled program obligations. Students bring their own spending money and are covered by comprehensive medical and accident insurance. Families receive orientation materials, 24/7 support, and a small hosting stipend. ANDEO is a local nonprofit that has been connecting families and students since 1981.

Hosting is a wonderful way to learn about



another culture first-hand while creating fun summer memories with a new friend. To apply or for more info Contact Becca at [becca@andeo.info](mailto:becca@andeo.info), call 503-274-1776 or visit [www.andeo.org](http://www.andeo.org).

## Sunnyside Summer Potluck in the Park

By John Mayer

Metanoia Peace Community and the Hard Times Supper would like to invite the neighborhood to celebrate together. Let's gather one and all for an afternoon in the park with bbq, music, games, friendly neighbors, and fellowship. Pat Schweibert and her crew from the Community House will supply the bbq and some stuff to throw on the heat. We encourage everyone else to bring a salad or dessert or other potluck offering for others. All are welcome!

As this Supper finds a new home we want to say thank you and we love you. We are so thankful for every blanket, hat, coat, pair of jeans, casserole that you all have supplied to us. We are forever thankful for all of your time and patience and love too. We could not have done it without you, so let us celebrate this transition with neighborliness, gratitude, and an afternoon in the park.

*Sunnyside Environmental School Field  
Saturday August 3, 2pm - 4pm*

## Mazamas to Celebrate 125th Anniversary

By Mathew Brock

On July 19, 1894, one hundred and fifty-five men and thirty-eight women stood atop Mount Hood and founded the Mazamas. The brainchild of William Gladstone Steel, the Mazamas is a mountaineering organization founded by mountaineers. But we do much more than climb mountains. Perhaps you've heard of us? Or been to one of our free Wednesday night programs? Or walked past the church looking building at 43rd and Stark and wondered about us? Read on to learn more about the Mazamas and our 125-year history of climbing, hiking, and protecting the mountains.

We lead over 700 hikes and 300 climbs a year. We operate youth and family programs designed to get kids excited about being outdoors and to build family dynamics. We fund

alpine research projects documenting ecological, geological, and cultural changes to the mountain environment. And finally, the Mazamas are stewards of history. We operate the Northwest's only mountaineering library with over 7500 climbing and technical guides in circulation. We house and maintain an archive and artifact collection that documents the history of the Mazamas as an organization, as well as the history of mountaineering and mountain culture in the Pacific Northwest, North America, and beyond. The history of the Mazamas started in 1894 when William Gladstone Steel and several Oregon Alpine Club members met to organize a new club. They hoped to fulfill Steel's vision of a great Pacific Northwest mountaineering club second to none in climbing, exploration, and scientific achievement. They decided that members would need to climb a glaciated peak, ensuring that real mountaineers would make up the new club and chose the summit of Mount Hood as the location to launch their new organization.

The public's interest in scientific exploration drove early mountaineering. It was unheard of for mountaineers to climb without a barometer, mapping instruments, or other scientific equipment. The Mazamas embraced scientific research from the beginning. Early research documented the flora, fauna, and geology of Northwest peaks. In the 1930s Mazama members began surveying glaciers and noting the changes from year to year. They soon added airplanes to their research tools. Researchers today use the Mazamas early aerial photographs to study glacial changes.

Mazama conservation efforts started early, too. In 1895 William Steel lobbied to prevent development in the Cascade Range Forest Reserve. The Mazamas rallied in 1902 to limit the destructive effects of extensive sheep grazing in the Northwest. In 1928 they entered a prolonged battle against the proposed Mt Hood Tramway. In 1932 the Mazamas were instrumental in the formation of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs. They have advocated against the development of a tramway on Mt. Rainier and development in Olympic National Park, and for the creation of Portland's Forest Park and the Wilderness Act of 1964.

This year marks our 125th anniversary,

and we're throwing a party to celebrate! We'd like to invite you, the members of the Sunnyside neighborhood, to join us on Sunday, July 28 between Noon and 6 pm at the Mazamas Mountaineering Center, 527 SE 43rd Ave. We will have food, fun, community partner booths and a beer garden.

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