

# SUNNYSIDE

## *Neighborhood News*

### January 2020

#### **No New Policy For Camping On Private Property Proposed During Design Guideline Update**

*By Eden Dabbs, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability*

Proposed Draft of the Design Overlay Zone Amendments (DOZA) project being reviewed by Planning and Sustainability Commission as well as Design Commission before heading to City Council for a vote.

Portland, ORE. — Recent media has caused some confusion about proposed new design guidelines for larger buildings in Portland.

To clarify: The bureaus of Planning and Sustainability and Development Services have been updating Portland's design guidelines and standards through the Design Overlay Zone Amendments (DOZA) project. The proposed new guidelines do not include any new policies about camping on private property.

Over the past couple of months, project staff have been briefing the commissions on the proposed new guidelines during work sessions. At the Nov. 12 Planning and Sustainability Commission work session, commissioners discussed "Guideline 6: Provide opportunities to pause, sit, and interact." Commissioner Oriana Magnera proposed adding "... opportunities to rest and be welcome, pause, sit, and interact."

Commissioners had a robust discussion

before agreeing to suggest the following language to Design Commission for their consideration: "Guideline 6: Provide opportunities to rest and be welcome." The Design Commission will make the final language recommendation to City Council.

In their Nov. 15, 2019, letter of testimony to the Design Commission, the PSC wrote: "Understanding we are talking about private property here, we still want to ensure the openness and welcoming factors contribute to the development.

"Specific to the phrasing of the guideline itself, we suggest making it even more clear that development should provide supportive space for people to feel welcome and safe and should allow space for people to rest, especially under our current housing shortage ...

"The definition of "rest" was quite involved. We think the background should address this more fully and clarify the intent of the word. The PSC will talk about this further at its [Dec. 17] work session and will provide suggested language to the Design Commission after our discussion."

About the City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

The Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) develops creative and practical solutions to enhance Portland's livability, preserve distinctive places and plan for a resilient future. BPS collaborates with community partners to provide comprehensive land use, neighborhood, district, economic, historic and environmental planning,

and urban design; research, policy and technical services to advance green building, energy efficiency and the use of solar and renewable energy, waste prevention, composting and recycling, and a sustainable food system; and, policy and actions to address climate change.

#### **Help PBOT Plan for Hawthorne Boulevard's Upcoming Major Repaving**

Hawthorne Boulevard is due for maintenance paving, and the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) is repaving the street from 24th to 50th in the summer of 2021. PBOT has started to consider ways to leverage this opportunity to improve safety and make other adjustments to better serve

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

##### **Safety & Livability Committee**

Tuesday Jan 7, 6:30pm - 7:30pm  
@ SE Uplift

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

Thursday, Jan 9, 7-9pm  
@ SE Uplift

##### **Safety & Livability Committee**

Tuesday Feb 4, 6:30pm - 7:30pm  
@ SE Uplift

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

Thursday, Feb 13, 7-9pm  
@ SE Uplift

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people and businesses on Hawthorne Boulevard. They would like to get input from a variety of sources, including the local knowledge, experience, and ideas of residents in the neighborhoods around Hawthorne.

Please contact [board@sunnysideportland.org](mailto:board@sunnysideportland.org) if you are interested in participating in a planning workshop with PBOT and your neighbors.

## **SNA Seeking Volunteers to Help With Newsletter Production and Event Coordination**

*By Matt Lembo, SNA President*

Interested in dipping your toe in the water but not ready to commit to evening meetings? Looking for a way to contribute to grassroots civic health without having to dissect the ins and outs of neighborhood politics? Wondering what happened to cleanup days at St. Stephen's Church or when the Piazza will be repainted? Want to develop some basic design, layout, editing and/or organizing skills?

The Newsletter Coordinator will work with the SNA Board and other volunteers to compile articles, develop a layout and coordinate printing on a monthly basis. The Event Coordinator will help develop and execute neighborhood events including brainstorming, scheduling, budgeting and organizing volunteers. Both of these positions would require about 5-10 hours per month. Please contact [board@sunnysideportland.org](mailto:board@sunnysideportland.org) to learn more.

## **The Best Holiday Gift? A Climate Change Solution!**

*By Francine Chinitz, Citizens Climate Lobby*

Personally, I would find it hard to enjoy the holidays, or life in general, if I didn't have hope about solving climate change. What gives me hope? The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act.

This bipartisan, carbon pricing bill has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives. It is the strongest climate bill ever introduced and would

reduce carbon emissions by 40% in twelve years! This bill would help us stay under the 1.5 degree increase that scientists all around the world have said is imperative to prevent the worst effects of climate change.

This policy - called Carbon Fee and Dividend - is elegant and effective. It addresses the biggest contributor to greenhouse gases: fossil fuels.

There are three parts to the bill. First, it would place a simple fee at the point of extraction or port of entry on all fossil fuels: coal, oil and gas. Each year this fee would go up significantly until we reach our emission reduction goal.

The carbon fee will generate billions of dollars. The second part of the bill would return the net proceeds to each household in the form of a monthly dividend check. As the price of goods and services go up, so will the dividend check. Equity is one of my core values, so I want to make sure we take care of the most vulnerable people as we transition to a green economy. Seventy-five percent of the population will come out even, or ahead, after the dividend check. Since low-income people have a relatively small carbon footprint, the amount of their dividend checks will be greater than the increased prices they pay for goods and services.

The third part of the bill is a border adjustment tax. Products sold to the U.S. from countries that do not have a similar fee on carbon would be charged a tax. Similarly, products manufactured here and exported to countries that don't have a carbon fee would get a refund. The border adjustment tax protects American jobs and encourages other countries to adopt carbon pricing.

Will this policy work? Yes! Carbon Fee and Dividend is endorsed by over 3,500 economists. Scientists also call for a price on carbon. In fact, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has indicated that a high price on carbon is necessary to stay under 1.5 degrees of warming.

Can we get it passed? Absolutely! This bill had seven co-sponsors when it was introduced last January. There are now 75 co-sponsors because people like you and me (not paid lobbyists) asked our Representatives to support it. This is the greatest number of co-sponsors of any

carbon pricing bill in U.S. history.

Will this bill entirely solve the climate change problem? No; there is no silver bullet. But, this is the single most effective solution to start addressing the issue. It will also buy us more time to implement other solutions and mitigation strategies.

We do not lack in climate change solutions; we lack the political will to implement these solutions. I encourage you to help us build the political will to get the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act enacted into law!

Give the gift of hope to your community and join Citizens' Climate Lobby at <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/join-citizens-climate-lobby/>.

I invite you to attend our monthly meetings, the 2nd Saturday of the month at Base Camp Brewing, 930 SE Oak St., 9:30 a.m. – noon. If you have questions, you can contact me at [fchinitz@hotmail.com](mailto:fchinitz@hotmail.com). I hope to see you at our next meeting on January 11, 2020!



**Citizens' Climate Lobby**

## **U.S. Census Jobs Available!**

*By Scott Moshier*

Every ten years, as mandated by the United States Constitution, our nation collects an accurate accounting of the number of people residing within any given area of the country through the work of the Decennial Census.

With this accounting, local, county, state, and federal organizations and agencies gain access to a statistical representation of their communities, which informs the apportionment of over \$675 billion annually in federal funds, district lines for political representation, and the number of Congresspeople each state receives. Beyond federal funding



for schools, roads, hospitals (and much more), businesses, nonprofits, and government agencies use the statistical population data of the Census to plan their services. Anyone seeking to understand the populations they serve within a geographic area can make use of the data the Census generates every ten years.

In order to complete the work of the Decennial, the Census Bureau is hiring hundreds of workers locally to both conduct field work and support those field workers from the office. Jobs in Multnomah County pay \$18 - \$20/hour for field positions and \$14.50 - \$18.50/hour for office positions. We are currently hiring. Apply online at [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs) for questions, see [2020census.gov/jobs/faqs](https://2020census.gov/jobs/faqs) or call the office at 855-JOB-2020.

These are great paying jobs with flexible hours, paying weekly, and with paid training. Whether you're looking to grab some extra cash, or want to be a part of history, if you're 18 or older (or will be by March 2020), a U.S. citizen, and have an email address, the Census Bureau invites you to join us in this important work that we've conducted since 1790. It's an experience you'll never forget!

## SES Annual Tree Recycling Fundraiser Returns

*By Jeff Skoke, SES Volunteer*

Hello neighbors! It's that time of year when our K-8 Sunnyside Environmental School (SES) organizes a Holiday / Christmas Tree Recycling Event. All donations benefit the SES "GO FUND", used throughout the school year to supplement out-of-pocket costs of school field trips for many of our students and families. SES middle-schoolers (grades 6 - 8) earn community service credits by working at the event. Neighbors are welcomed on our school grounds (complimentary coffee, hot cocoa, and a bonfire). We provide a valuable and convenient service — offering drop-off and pickup options for tree recycling.

Aligning with the school's deep commitment to the study of ecosystems and environmental impacts, all trees are quickly converted into mulch chips, for use in the SES school garden as well as PDX community gardens and local

farms.

Drop off service:

Sat, Jan 4 & Sun, Jan 5, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunnyside Environmental School is at 3421 SE Salmon St, Portland OR 97214.

Drop-off your tree in the asphalt area at SE Taylor & 35th — just behind the school building. Follow signs and instructions from our students. The \$5 requested donation can be made by cash, check or Venmo.

Pick-up service:

Eastside residents who live within the boundaries of NE/SE 20th to 60th Aves, and between NE Glisan and SE Powell can make a reservation to have their tree picked up. The \$10 requested donation can be made via PayPal or credit card.

Reservations must be made by 12/28/19 by completing this online submission form:

<https://www.sespts.org/general-interest/tree-recycling-2020/>

Due to logistical constraints, we are not able to schedule specific time windows for pickup. We ask that trees be placed curbside, on a front porch, or in a designated area no later than 10:00 a.m. on Sat, Jan 4. Trees will be taken away sometime on either the 4th or 5th.

Questions? Please email: [sunnysidetreerecycling@gmail.com](mailto:sunnysidetreerecycling@gmail.com)

## Host an International Student!

*By Chloe Elstone, Andeo International Homestays*

Want to introduce your family to new cultures, languages, and perspectives while providing a home for an international student? Host families are needed this spring for teens from France, Mexico, and Spain as well as university students from Japan and Korea. These students are coming for 2-4 weeks to share culture, practice English, and learn about American daily life. Teens will shadow local students at their high school or middle school, and university students will attend classes at PSU. Hosting an international student is a wonderful way to connect to the world

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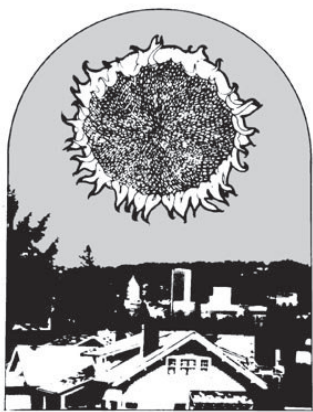
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## Advertising in the Sunnyside Newsletter

*By Matt Lembo, SNA President*

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Please contact [newsletter@sunnysideportland.org](mailto:newsletter@sunnysideportland.org) or checkout our website, [sunnysideportland.org](http://sunnysideportland.org), to learn more.



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