

SUNNYSIDE

Neighborhood News

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SUNNYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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September SNA Notes

By Dave Boush, SNA President

At our September General monthly meeting Maggie Derk from PBOT gave a lucid presentation on the Hawthorne Pave and Paint Project alternatives. The analysis and its context can be found on PBOT's website (<https://www.portland.gov/transportation/planning/se-hawthorne-pave-and-paint>). It was one of many presentations Maggie has made as PBOT solicits public input in advance of making a recommendation. There is an online survey on the website or you can make your views known directly by email to HawthorneRepave@portlandoregon.gov.

Last month, I asked readers for personal stories about how you are meeting challenges related to the pandemic. Lorraine, Jessie, and Russell shared some beautiful personal stories. Given monthly deadlines it was hard to get reader input for this newsletter so I'll repeat the request. In 250

words or (much) less, how have you responded to the pandemic? Please email your submissions to newsletter@sunnysideneighborhood.com and we'll share them in future issues.

Interested in joining the SNA Board? We currently have two openings. It's easy to see what we're all about – just join one of our general meetings on the second Thursday of each month, 7–9 p.m. Our website (sunnysideportland.org) has the Zoom link and an agenda is posted a week in advance.

In October the SNA will, among other things, take up the question of homelessness. Homelessness, especially encampments, will be discussed at the Safety and Livability Committee meeting Tuesday, October 4th, and continue at the general meeting October 8th. Stay well.

Hawthorne at Home to Stay Up Year Round, Plaza at 37th Opens

By Dave Boush, SNA President

Hawthorne at Home (<https://www.hawthorneblvd.com/HAH>), the online version of the Hawthorne Street Festival described in these pages last month, will now stay up year-round. The HBBA says it is not too late for Hawthorne businesses to develop their booth and it is free. Businesses "own" their booth and can use it for other online events too. The booths and other cool things on HBBA's website are increasing weekly. There are now activities for kids, like a coloring page, a maze, and demonstrations from Echo Theater.

The Hawthorne Plaza at 37th Avenue opened in September and should remain

at least through October. There will be art in the street, places to sit and eat your lunch, to visit responsibly, and see the many shops nearby. If you know an artist who would like to submit a design for the 11x100 center safety zone or for an 11x11 square, have them send their rough design to administrator@hawthorneblvd.com. All pictures and no words, please.

Emergency preparedness before, during and after COVID-19

By Jan S Molinaro, Co-Chair, Sunnyside Prepared!

Sunnysiders, it's Jan Molinaro, Sunnyside NET (Neighborhood Emergency Team) Assistant Team Leader and Co-chair, Sunnyside Prepared! (a committee of the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association)! Whoa, that's a mouthful!

What is the work that I do in the neighborhood and how does that work affect all of you? In a nutshell, it's my (volunteer) job to assist all of you to get ready for, and survive, an earthquake.

You can find out more about Sunnyside Prepared! at www.SunnysidePrepared.com. How can the resources listed on the site assist you in your preparedness journey? Reach out to me at jan@sunnysideprepared.com and I promise to support you in your efforts.

How prepared are all of you? Have you learned anything, or done anything, during this pandemic that has increased your resilience? Several members of the current SNA board are trained in emergency preparedness, including Russell Rinaldi and Lorraine Henriques. Dave Boush, the current SNA board president, is a NET applicant and will

UPCOMING MEETINGS

During the pandemic, meetings are being held virtually. Check sunnysideportland.org one week in advance for a Zoom link and agenda.

Safety & Livability Committee
Tuesday, Oct 6, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

SNA General and Board Meeting
Thursday, Oct 8, 7pm -9pm

Safety & Livability Committee
Tuesday, Nov 3, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

SNA General and Board Meeting
Thursday, Nov 5, 7pm -9pm

train as soon as in-person training can start again.

You don't have to do this work alone, so reach out to your friends and neighbors and get prepared together. This is the same message I have been sharing with all of you for more than three years in the SNA newsletter. Now is always a good time to start.

Land Use and Transportation in Sunnyside and Beyond!

By Jessie Maran, LUTC Chair

Hello neighbors! Last month I became a new Sunnyside Neighborhood Board member. This month, I'm excited to introduce myself as your Land Use and Transportation Committee (LUTC) chairperson. There hasn't been a LUTC in Sunnyside Neighborhood for a while, so it will take some time to get up and running again. At the moment, I'm the only member of this committee, which is tasked with tracking all matters related to land use and transportation that affect the neighborhood and communicating that information to the community. I'm particularly interested in this topic: my professional background includes 20 years in land use and transportation planning and design for communities along the West Coast and across the country. If you are interested in getting involved, email at lutc@sunnysideportland.org or attend our next neighborhood association meeting.

Until we get enough folks interested to warrant regular meetings, this column will be my way of sharing what's going on. My plan is to share happenings in the neighborhood as well as items from around the region that may impact our community. I look forward to hearing your thoughts!

4738 SE Belmont St.

A new 3-story, mixed-use structure is proposed on the .13-acre site at the southwest corner of SE Belmont and SE 48th. The proposed building includes 19 apartment units and ground floor commercial space. The ground floor will host 1,150 sf of commercial lease space along Belmont St. The building's total square footage is 11,473 sf. A drywell on the south end of the site will dispose of stormwater. We hope to have the architect present at the October neighborhood association meeting. Watch the website for a final agenda.

3114 SE Belmont St.

A new residential building is being proposed at 3114 SE Belmont. At the August meeting, William/Kaven Architecture shared design concepts for each floor of this five-story building. The building's 24 units range from roughly 360 to 720 square feet, with 2-4 affordable units included. No commercial uses are proposed. The ground-floor of the building includes common areas, utility spaces, and some of the building's bike parking. The building is set back and the height is stepped down adjacent to the single-family house on both the south and southwest sides. According to the architects, the building's height and setback are similar to a typical 2-story house with a peaked roof.

Hawthorne Pave and Paint

See SNA President Dave Boush's overview of the project and links to learn more and provide your feedback on page 1.

Get Moving 2020

The Get Moving 2020 measure from Metro will be on your November ballot. This measure (26-218) proposes \$5 billion in funding for a wide range of transportation improvements across Washington, Multnomah, and Clackamas counties. Learn more at: <https://www.oregonmetro.gov/public-projects/get-moving-2020/proposed-plan>

SNA Safety & Livability Update

By Russell Rinaldi, SNA Vice President

Attendance at the past few Safety and Livability Meetings has been sparse. I suppose, since COVID-19 weighs on everyone's mind, the neighborhood has been fairly quiet. But with so many folks living without shelter throughout Sunnyside, the primary concerns around homelessness and camping are still relevant.

Of the perspectives and ideas proffered at several meetings over the past 2 years, I'm firmly not of the opinion we should abandon people in the street through the winter, toxic wildfire smoke, summer heat, or for any reason. Leaving people in scattered, unmanaged camps without sanitation and services isn't good for anyone.

We share these challenges with many inner Portland neighborhoods and together we can seek relief and a civically engineered, humanitarian response. In a new neighbor's words, "having to step

through human suffering to walk in the park is a grim reminder."

The focal point of the next Safety & Livability Meeting is a discussion of a draft of the North Portland Statement on Homelessness. The SNA board would like to join our fellow Neighborhood Associations to form a broader coalition and appeal to the city.

Please feel free to join us at the next Safety & Livability Zoom meeting, October 6th, 2020 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.. There is more information at <https://sunnysideportland.org>.

Sunnyside Civility

By P. Alexander, SNA Member at Large

Like a garden, our Sunnyside neighborhood consists of a variety of residents. Some homes have been owner-occupied for generations, while others are newly built or remodeled. Some people are leasing condos, and others are renting apartments. But one thing we all have in common is the place where we shop, exercise, dine, and mix, whether it is on the roads, the sidewalks, or in the store aisles. And, in order to do so peacefully and successfully, we need civility.

It is my hope through the SNA to write a small newsletter column on civility – to begin a conversation on how we can each feel heard in spite of differences, and yet achieve the consensus we need to make progress on important issues that impact the quality of life in our community. By doing so I hope to feel more connection and more peace. But I'm also doing it for my 8 year old son, to model for him that we can have tough talks with people, disagree, and explore solutions in a constructive way without our passions getting the better of us.

A coach once told me to "consider other people's rights before my feelings and other people's feelings before my rights. "With all the challenges we are facing today a little more thoughtfulness will surely help all of us.

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Getting to Know Your Neighbors

By Hannah Wallace, SNA Member At Large

Ashley Toliver helps organize the weekly kid-centered March for Black Lives that starts at the Sunnyside Environmental School on Tuesday evenings, alongside her friends Chenoa Knight, Jamie Newell, Tiffany Houston, and Destiny Lane. A published poet, she lives with her partner, Joseph Mains, three blocks from the school, where their daughter Djuna (7) is in second grade. (Mains' son, Ovid, also attends Sunnyside Environmental School and his daughter Onnavah is a sophomore at Franklin High School.) Toliver's poetry collection, *Spectra*, won the Oregon Book Award for poetry earlier this year. She also teaches poetry writing workshops at the Attic Institute.

How long have you lived in Sunnyside?

We've lived in this place for 3 1/2 years. When I first moved to Portland (about 13 years ago now), I lived on SE 32nd and Grant. Then I lived in Northeast Portland. I was so excited when we finally moved back to this neighborhood!

Do you rent or own? Rent. I was not in a position to buy at that time, but I dreamt about it.

What do you love about Sunnyside?

One of the things I love most are the gardens. You just walk down any street and people have these absolutely beautiful gardens that seem to be gorgeous all year round!

What's one thing you would love to see change about Sunnyside?

Housing prices. The cost of living is a barrier to entry in this neighborhood. And more people of color, I think, would be phenomenal. It's hard to have a daughter who is half black and there aren't a whole lot of people at her school who look like her.

Tell me about the Sunnyside marches

Typically we have an indigenous group, *Awakening Thunder*, and they play drums as people are filtering in. They start at 5 p.m. with chalk drawing and sign-making, so kids can show up and do that. A group called Resistance Assistance brings pizza and snacks. At around 5:30 p.m., we have a few speakers, one of which is always a kid. Sometimes they'll read a poem they wrote, or share lyrics from a song, or speak about an experience.

At our highest, I'd say we had about 1,000 people. That was the first one—pretty close to the murder of George Floyd. But we usually have 100 people or so. After the first one, I don't think Jamie had any further plans, and I was like, "This is amazing, we should totally keep doing it!" We've got escorts—there are ten of them—who do security for us and help block off the streets. They're volunteers—folks who believe in BLM. We have a medic who is there every Tuesday in case anyone skins her knee. So much beauty has come out of all of this.



Local Author Ashley Toliver

Are You Ready to Vote?

The 2020 US elections are coming up on November 3rd. In addition to the Presidential election, there are many local, regional, state elections and measures to consider.

The deadline to register to vote is October 13th, 2020. Visit My Vote to check if you are registered and to view or update your voter registration information (be sure your address is correct!)

Ballots will be mailed out by October 20, 2020

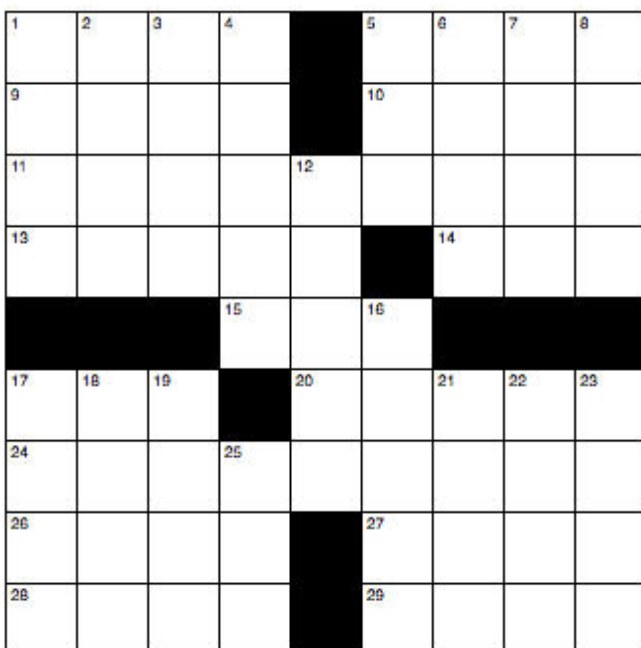
What if you don't receive your ballot?

If your ballot doesn't arrive, is damaged or lost, or you make a mistake, contact your county elections office for a replacement.

How to return your ballot

The most dependable way to return your ballot is to drop it in a designated Drop Off Site, including all branches of the Multnomah County Library.

If you must mail your ballot, get it in as soon as possible and check My Vote to be sure it is received.



Sunnyside Crossword Puzzle

By James McGann

Across

1. Identity theft targets
5. Circus member?
9. Boat wood
10. Genie's home
11. Uncategorized
13. A choir will stand on one
14. Irvington to Sunnyside direction
15. Red or Dead
17. Age
20. Take in one that's not yours
24. Farmer's market fare
26. Paradise
27. Transfer liquid
28. Portland's famous flower
29. Short-time worker

Down

1. The sun is one
2. Game before the final
3. Arrests
4. Launches
5. Awful illness
6. Some South Asians
7. Odd source of red meat
8. Church part
12. Enormous
16. Do this, or perish
17. Infinite
18. Start over
19. Gets older
21. Wind instrument
22. Stone fruit
23. Maryland's nickname
25. Chemical suffix



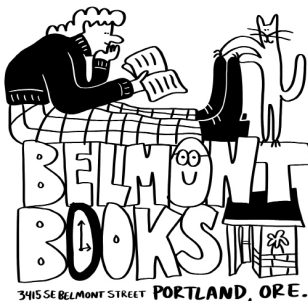
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11	A	M	B	I	G	12	U	O	U	S					
13	R	I	S	E	R			14	S	S	E				
				15	S	E	A								
17	E	R	A			20	A	D	O	P	T				
24	V	E	G	E	T	A	B	L	E						
26	E	D	E	N				27	P	O	U	R			
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Sunnyside Neighborhood 'Gap Map'

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