

# SUNNYSIDE

## *Neighborhood News*

### November 2020

SUNNYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

SunnysidePortland.org

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#### September SNA Notes

*By Dave Boush, SNA President*

At the October 8th SNA general meeting, Jim Toporek presented the design of a proposed three story, 11,473 sq. ft. mixed-use structure at 4738 SE Belmont. The proposed building includes 19 apartment units and ground floor commercial space. Please direct questions and comments to [Jim@studio3architecture.com](mailto:Jim@studio3architecture.com).

We elected and welcomed new board member Christy Yeoumans. One board position remains open.

The SNA continues to make communication through our website, newsletter, and meetings a priority. Not every neighborhood has a newsletter, and we hope to leverage communication to help all our neighbors get through this crazy time. We welcome stories on any topic but especially contributions that might ease the burden of work/life/health in our Sunnyside neighborhood. We also hope to promote the cultural and business contributions of our residents (200 words max. please).

The November 12th meeting will feature Oregon House Representative Rob Nosse.

#### Upcoming Meetings

*Meetings are being held virtually. Check [sunnysideportland.org](https://sunnysideportland.org) one week in advance for a Zoom link and agenda.*

#### SNA General and Board Meeting

Second Thursday of the month  
7pm -9pm

#### Safety & Livability Committee

First Tuesday of the month\*

6:30pm - 7:30pm

\*November's meeting has been moved to November 10th to accommodate Election Day.

Rob's insights on legislative issues are always insightful. We also will continue to discuss the worsening homeless situation. All SNA meetings continue to be via Zoom, so please see the SNA website for the time and connection info; we'd love to have you join us. Stay safe.

#### SNA Safety & Livability Update

*By Russell Rinaldi, SNA Vice President*

At the October 6th Community Safety & Livability meeting, we discussed a draft of the Community First Strategy to Address Houselessness in Portland, Oregon and shared it with members of the neighborhood who attended the meeting to get their thoughts and feedback. We started the process of brainstorming actionable steps to help the houseless neighbors in our community immediately and voted unanimously to do so.

We like the Community First Strategy as a high-level, inclusive guideline to work from, as it attempts to address many perspectives. Of particular interest is the Action Plan near the bottom, which begins with the sentence "There must be programs for short, medium and long term solutions." If you'd like to look it over, it can be found on our website at <https://sunnysideportland.org/comfirst-draft/>.

We are reaching out to adjoining Neighborhood Associations to get their thoughts and to examine processes already in action to address the emergency of houselessness as winter approaches. We're also seeking strategic alliances with other organizations who can help.

The houseless emergency will likely encompass most of the discussion at our next meeting on November 10th. Please join us. Discussions have remained

collaborative and solution-focused with all perspectives shared and respected.

#### Media Alert – Peacock Lane Cancellation 2020

*By Nathan Freeburg, Peacock Lane Representative*

As we approach the holiday season, we wanted to get the word out in advance that the historic holiday lighting display on Peacock Lane will not be occurring this year. Due to regulations regarding large gatherings, and our concern for the health and safety of both visitors and Lane residents, we feel it is prudent to cancel this year's event, traditionally held December 15- 31. We are saddened that we will not be able to "light up the Lane" this year, but as a community we feel it is best to cancel this year's activities for everyone's health and safety. If you have any questions, feel free to contact: Nathan Freeburg at [nathan.freeburg@gmail.com](mailto:nathan.freeburg@gmail.com) or call him at 651-247-3935.

#### HBBA Pave and Paint Recommendation

*By Dave Boush, SNA President*

In an October 1st statement the Hawthorne Boulevard Business Association endorsed Pave and Paint option #2 that would reconfigure Hawthorne west of Cesar Chavez to match Hawthorne east of Cesar Chavez. See <https://www.portland.gov/transportation/planning/se-hawthorne-pave-and-paint> for more details on the project. HBBA chose to recommend option #2 after multiple PBOT presentations and their stated reasons include safety, traffic flow and parking. You can read HBBA's official statement on their website: <https://hawthorneblvd.com/?tv=5882719069798400>.

## Land Use & Transportation in Sunnyside and Beyond!

By Jessie Maran, LUTC Chairperson

**4738 SE Belmont St.** A new three-story, building is proposed on the .13-acre site at the southwest corner of SE Belmont and SE 48th. The proposed building includes 19 apartments—15 studios and 4 one-bedrooms. Three of the units will be priced to be affordable for those at 50% of median family income. The ground floor will host 1,150 sq. ft. of commercial lease space along Belmont St. The architect anticipates a minimum of six months before a building permit is approved.

**NW Broadway Bus/Bike Lane Improvements.** This project creates a signature northbound bike facility on NW/SW Broadway from the Broadway Bridge to SW Oak Street. Construction began on Oct. 3rd and is expected to last eight weeks. For more information, visit the project website: <https://www.portland.gov/nw-broadway>

## Interview with Rhys Scholes, author of *Portland's Hawthorne Boulevard*

By Dave Boush, SNA President

**What motivated you to do a book on Hawthorne Boulevard?** I wanted to celebrate the fabulous place where we live and tell the story of how it got this way.

**What were some of the most interesting things you learned about Hawthorne Blvd.?** The building on the southeast corner of 36th and Hawthorne is a great example. It was a Safeway store when it was built and then it was a Fred Meyer. Later the windows were boarded up and it was a warehouse for Union Furniture. Today, it is the Bread and Ink Cafe, and you can tell it was a grocery by the newer bricks under the windows that were added to fill the openings where produce racks once extended out on the sidewalk.

**This book contains both description and images. What images stand out?** The bridge fire in 1902, the Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade on Hawthorne in 1948, the giant cake at the Fred Meyer Grand Opening in 1951, and the neighborhood that disappeared under the bridge ramps in 1957.

**How can readers obtain this book?** Visit [www.hawthornebook.com](http://www.hawthornebook.com) to buy a book and join the discussion of Hawthorne history, or find it in your local bookstore.



## Getting to Know Your Neighbors

By Hannah Wallace, SNA Member At Large

Pianist and composer Gordon Lee's first musical gig was in a rock 'n' roll band in Westchester County, New York. He was just 14. He went on to earn a bachelor's in music from Indiana University, where he met Portlander Richard Burdell, a trumpet player and composer. "He painted Portland as the promised land for gigs!" Lee recalls. So in 1977, Lee moved to Portland. Sure enough, gigs were plentiful. He performed with saxophonist/singer/composer Jim Pepper and traveled all over the states and Europe with him. After a hiatus in Brooklyn, New York, where he had a regular gig at a glitzy Village restaurant, he returned to Portland where he played at Jimmy Mak's, Clyde's, The 1905, and Arrivederci in Milwaukie. This May, he launched "Front Porch Jazz" on his front porch at 32nd and Alder Street. These free concerts have been one of the bright spots of the pandemic for Sunnyside residents, most of whom found out about them via word of mouth or just by walking by.

### How long have you lived in Sunnyside?

I've lived here for 18 years now and in the same house! Amy Rose, my wife, bought the house before I moved in.

### What do you love about Sunnyside?

It is a diverse neighborhood—and it's becoming more diverse, which is great. That's been the goal of jazz music for 100 years—it pulls in people from all different ethnic backgrounds and countries. It's the universal language.

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

There's been a lot of homeless people and it's difficult. If I'm giving a concert and less than a block away there's a huge pile of garbage in the street from a homeless camp—that is not healthy. It's personally not healthy, and it's not healthy for the homeless people.

### Tell me how Front Porch Jazz got started.

My wife Amy, who is a piano teacher — we're a two piano family — was encouraging me to do house concerts for some time, even before the pandemic. Then my neighbors also started to say, "You should play a concert on your front porch!" When several different people tell you the same thing, you should listen to what they're saying. I first had a duo with Renato Caranto on sax. Then I had a trio — adding Tim Gilson on bass. Then finally I added Carlton Jackson on drums. I also had James Powers — he's a trombonist. And John Nastos plays alto sax. There's a long tradition of summer jazz festivals. So we were able to attach to that kind of energy. There's a bunch of seniors out there and they're all having fun! They bring chairs, a bottle of wine.

I've had 7 concerts and look forward to having more next Spring 2021. I want to thank my neighbors and the community for being so supportive and encouraging. It's been my only opportunity to perform during COVID. It's given me so much focus and direction.



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## Thank You Newsletter Delivery Volunteers

By Diana Deumling, Newsletter Delivery Coordinator

As Thanksgiving approaches, we wanted to take a moment and give thanks to our wonderful crew of more than 60 newsletter delivery volunteers for their dedication and community service. Some have volunteered their time for many years – even decades – to deliver the newsletter each month to households in Sunnyside. I asked our volunteers for their thoughts on what delivering the newsletter means to them. Here are a few perspectives:

**Toni Anderson** — Toni has delivered the newsletter for 36 years!

**How long have you lived in Sunnyside?** We moved to Sunnyside in February of 1980.

**What do you love about the neighborhood?** There are so many things I love about Sunnyside. The first thing that comes to mind is the physical compactness of the neighborhood. I love being able to walk to four major grocery stores, the library, Laurelhurst Park, the optometrist, local coffee shops, bookstores, and boutiques on Belmont and Hawthorne. All are within a 10-minute walk of my house. I like the energy that results in this compactness. It produces an underlying hum that resonates with me in an agreeable way. I love the sense of community. My neighbors are all so friendly and wonderfully supportive.

**What do you value about the newsletter?** I value the extreme localness of the news it imparts — what's happening at the library down the street, what's on the mind of the SNA President, and what issues are up for

discussion at their meetings. I also tune into the articles that tell me a bit more about the lives of Sunnyside's individual residents.

**What do you enjoy about delivering newsletters?** Well, one obvious benefit of delivering the newsletters is that you're going to get a nice walk out of it! It also gives me a chance to experience my neighborhood in a more intimate way. Striding up each walkway, stepping onto each porch, encountering each door — so many chances to expand my appreciation of the dwellings around me. And then there are the neighbors that you encounter along the way, chatting or just exchanging a brief hello — so many chances to expand my appreciation of the people around me. :)

**Any newsletter delivering stories you'd like to share?** The reason I know I've been delivering the newsletters for 36 years is because that's how old my eldest daughter is. I started delivering the newsletters when she was a newborn — strapped to my front in a baby carrier. Later she accompanied me in a stroller, then a wagon. A few years after that her little sister joined us, moving up the ranks, until I was pulling them both in the wagon. It took a lot longer to finish the route than it does today, but we had a lot of fun doing it!

**Shelley Bedell-Stiles** —

Shelley delivers newsletters to over 200 households in Sunnyside, more than any other delivery volunteer!

**How long have you lived in Sunnyside?** In 1985, on my daughter's first birthday, we purchased our 1907 Portland Transitional house which became a remodeling project that continues to need maintenance. I don't recall the exact year that I started walking an SNA newsletter route, but maybe 10+ years. I realized after receiving it monthly

that it didn't just magically appear on my porch. A quiet volunteer delivered it!

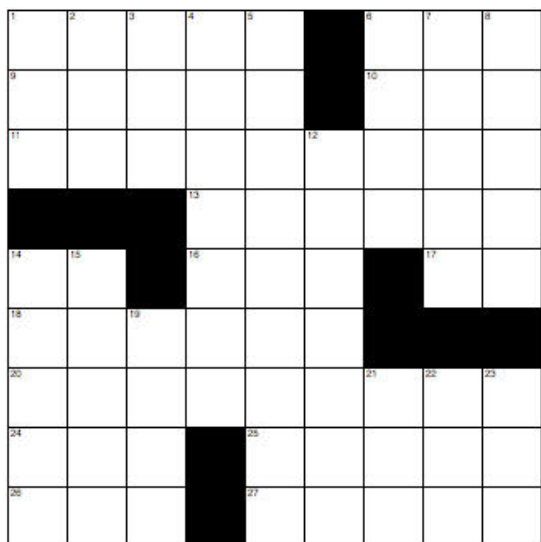
**What do you value about the newsletter?** I value knowing about SNA meetings, these meetings' content, and the volunteers who serve as Board members and monthly contributors.

**What do you enjoy about delivering newsletters?** Sooooo much! I enjoy walking my routes to meet and greet neighbors, to comment about gardens and pets, or to add a specific note about the newsletter content.

**Any newsletter delivering stories you'd like to share?** There is an exceptional variety of home and garden design along my delivery routes. One house has a unique fruit tree, not a Persimmon but a Medlar! I inquired during a November newsletter drop-off with a note at the door and the homeowners contacted me and shared their tree's fruit. How lucky – and all because I was delivering SNA newsletters!

**Laurie Watson**—

I've been delivering Sunnyside Neighborhood News to neighbors for more than 20 years, from two different homes and to various different blocks throughout the years. Although I often don't see anyone on my deliveries, I cherish the occasional conversations that have enlivened my route. I especially enjoy spring and summer when I can ogle (and sometimes borrow ideas from) the lovely gardens that I pass. I respectfully admire the way artistic neighbors have created a welcoming space at their front doors. Delivering the news is also great exercise, because my route includes many stairs. I'm happy to bring Sunnyside news to my community.



## Sunnyside Crossword Puzzle

By James McGann

### Across

1. Greek S
6. Sixth sense
9. Something stronger than 3-down
10. Wildebeast
11. Not safe
13. Grab
14. Symbol for micro-
16. Kinds of TVs
17. Mitch's state (abr.)
18. It goes with a clap
20. Hotel room inspiration?
24. Darken
25. Geeks
26. Clever
27. Illicit relationship

### Down

1. Put down grass
2. Common Oregon beer
3. Something stronger than 2-Down
4. Public profile pic?
5. Change to the Constitution
6. Creative's ultimate goal
7. Tiptoed
8. Aggressive
12. More gravelly
14. Old ship pieces
15. Normal
19. Minute
21. Arid
22. Asner and Harris
23. Where Lewis and Clark ended up (abr.)

**We appreciate you!**  
**Thanks to our current delivery volunteers (listed)**  
**and to our past ones too.**

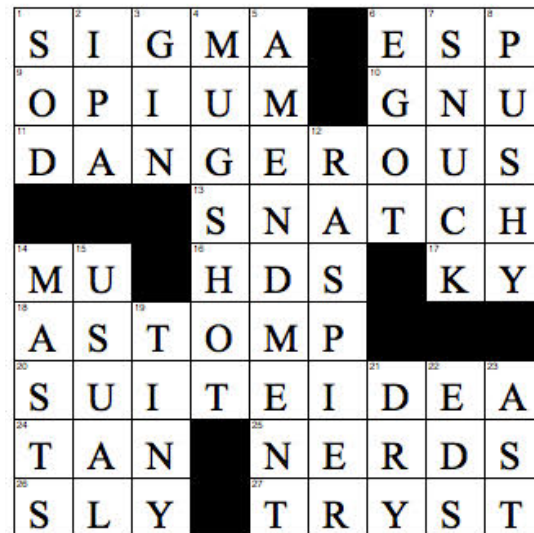
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## Sunnyside Neighborhood 'Gap Map'

Live near any of the blocks marked in black below? We need your help!  
Contact dianadeumling@gmail.com to volunteer for our delivery service.

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