

SUNNYSIDE

Neighborhood News

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SUNNYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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SNA August Notes and September Plans

By Ash Hester, SNA Vice President

Summer Recess, Hybrid Meetings in Fall, and Community Engagement

The Sunnyside Neighborhood Association took the month of August off to enjoy the last bit of summer and take some time to welcome the new board members. We plan to keep the meetings virtual for the time being due to the increases in Covid cases. We will start holding the monthly neighborhood association meetings in a new format. From 7 – 8 p.m. we will hold the board meeting where we will review committee initiatives and make any board-related decisions. From 8 – 9 p.m. we will hold the general meeting where we'll have guest speakers and invite open conversations. Both sessions are open to the public and we encourage folks to attend, stay informed, and get involved. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming September meeting on Thursday the 9th. Meeting details and the agenda will be posted on the SNA website (<https://sunnysideportland.org>) on Monday the 6th.

Civic Engagement

By Francine Chinitz, CCL Volunteer, Portland Chapter Co-leader

Hot, hot, hot!

It has been a long, hot and unusual summer. Scientists have been telling us for decades that severe weather caused by climate change was coming, but it is still a shock to experience this heat. It has made me sad to see the burnt foliage on trees and plants, especially the ferns that didn't evolve to survive multiple days of

triple digit weather. It was also disturbing to learn that 60 people died in Portland during the June heatwave. Our city and state need to be better prepared for these weather events. But we also need federal policy, otherwise our individual actions are like bailing water from a bathtub with the faucet running.

While I try to lower my personal carbon footprint, I also work to get carbon pricing passed at the national level because we can't get to net zero emissions by 2050 without it. We have a unique opportunity to get carbon pricing passed through the upcoming budget reconciliation. If you are concerned about climate change, I urge you to contact your U.S. Representative to ask them to include carbon pricing, cclusa.org/house. Last month Citizens' Climate Lobby volunteers inspired over 20,000 people to contact their senators. We'd like to hit the same numbers for contacting U.S. Representatives. If you are inspired

to do more, join Citizens Climate Lobby at <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/join-citizens-climate-lobby/> and help me in advocating a price on carbon. I hope to see you at our next CCL meeting on Saturday, September 11th.

Sunnyside Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) Committee

By Ash Hester, SNA Board Member

The DEIA Committee circled back to ways we could get involved with the Sunnyside community and our role in participating in the upcoming Belmont Street Fair. The committee is working to make local resources more available to the public. We're looking into how we can make sure apartment buildings get access to the monthly Sunnyside newsletter to stay informed and get involved in neighborhood initiatives. We reached out to the Kids Center March for Black Lives Matter organizers to see how we can support their efforts and collaborate together. We're also working to establish an outreach program to reach out to BIPOC businesses within Sunnyside to see how we can provide support, if wanted. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 7th at 6:30 p.m. Virtual meeting details will be posted on the SNA website on September 2nd. The DEIA Committee meets every 1st Tuesday of the month. We look forward to new attendees and welcome ideas on ways to grow this committee.

Upcoming Meetings

Meetings are being held virtually.

Check sunnysideportland.org one week in advance for a Zoom link and agenda.

DEIA Committee Meeting

First Tuesday of the month
6:30pm - 7:30pm
(September 7th, October 5th)

SNA Board and General Meeting

Second Thursday of the month
7pm - 8pm, Board Meeting
8pm - 9pm, General Meeting
(September 9th, October 14th)

SNACC Meeting

Third Thursday of the month
6:30pm - 7:30pm
(September 16th, October 21st)

Recycling Event

Hosted By New Seasons Market, Ridwell, James Recycling, and Recycling Advocates

Save your hard-to-recycle items! New Seasons Market, Ridwell, James Recycling, and Recycling Advocates are sponsoring a one-day recycling event where you can bring items you can't normally put in the good ol' recycling bin at home.

Where:

Revolution Hall parking lot SE Portland

When:

Saturday, September 11th, 10am – 12:30pm

SEPT 11
10am-12:30pm
Revolution Hall
parking lot
SE 14th in between
SE Stark & Morrison

Pre-sorted recyclables accepted
Styrofoam
Plastic film
E-waste
Clean plastics #1, 2, 4, 5, 6, including clamshells, tubs, lids, caps, to-go items.
Styrofoam and plastic recycling for \$3 per bag

Text **RECYCLE to 54967** to receive a text reminder the day before the event.

Shower Project Reaches 60+ People

By Hannah Wallace, SNA Board Member

Awesome shower volunteer Marisa Espinoza, who works at the Northwest Pilot Project, crunched the numbers for us. Since January, when we launched the shower program at the Groves, we have served 63 houseless individuals. Some shower weekly, some come less often, but all of them thank us repeatedly for offering them this opportunity to get and stay clean. I often get texts like this from our houseless neighbors: "Thank you a ton for everything, Hannah. It really means a lot what you do."

Thanks to the Groves for continuing to allow us to use their facilities for this program. I'm also so grateful to all 23 of our amazing volunteers—most from Sunnyside but some come from nearby neighborhoods to help out. We could still use two additional volunteers for an every-other-week shift this fall. If you're interested, please reach out to me at hannahmwallace@gmail.com. Shower days are in the afternoons on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

Emergency Preparedness and the SNA Board Meeting

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

How can Sunnysiders be prepared, not scared?

Each neighborhood in Portland has their unique challenges with regards to preparing for an emergency. This depends on the geography, the business communities and the willingness of neighbors to know each other and support each other BEFORE, DURING and AFTER an event.

How do you know where to begin?

A comprehensive resource guide is available on the Sunnyside Prepared! website: <https://sunnysideportland.org/committees/emergency-preparedness/>

Take a peek at the Sunnyside Neighborhood Map – an excellent overview of Sunnyside. Print a copy and walk around the neighborhood. Become familiar with the map legend. Though there might be new construction since this map was made, it will help you see how Neighborhood Emergency Team members size up the hazards, etc. in Sunnyside. All of the other resources on this page are updated and user friendly.

Want a bigger overview?

Go to the FEMA (Federal Emergency Preparedness Agency) website: <https://www.fema.gov/> and click on the top toolbar item "Prepare for Disasters."

Not a computer person?

Now that the Belmont library has reopened, librarians can easily point you to books and other resources that can help, or you can print out pages from the Sunnyside Prepared! or FEMA websites. These resources will help you get prepared, not scared.

Sunnyside Piazza Update

By Ash Hester, SNA Vice President

We held a successful in-person and virtual voting event for the new piazza design on August 31st at SE Uplift. A big thank you to everyone who attended and participated in the process. We'll do the grand unveiling of the design once the project wraps up at the end of September, and we will provide updates in the October newsletter. Another big thank you to everyone who has donated towards the project. Your support for keeping this 20+ year old landmark thriving is greatly appreciated!

You can still contribute towards the restoration for this project by donating to the campaign's GoFundMe page at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/sunnyside-piazza> or via the SNA website homepage. We're trying to raise \$1,500 to cover our expenses and we're almost there. Follow the Sunnyside Piazza Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/sunnysidepiazza>) for up-to-date details and ways to get involved.

Survey Results: New public trash cans coming to Sunnyside and SE Portland

In Fall 2021, the City will be adding 182 new public trash cans throughout Southeast Portland. The city has been actively seeking feedback from people who live or work in Southeast Portland on where the new cans should (or shouldn't) be located.

The Sunnyside Neighborhood Association conducted its own survey from May to July 2021. We collected feedback from 63 residents covering 31 intersections. The intersection with the most votes is SE Belmont St and SE 34th Ave with 10 votes. Second is SE Taylor St and SE Chavez Blvd with 5 votes. Detailed survey results are available on sunnysideportland.org under the Feedback section in the sidebar.

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BE READY, BE SET, GO!**

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Your local law enforcement agency orders evacuations. If you don't feel safe, do not wait for an official evacuation order.



Getting to Know Your Neighbors

By Nathan Howard, SNA Member At Large

Q&A with Amy Jones and Roger Robinson

Something unusual and delightful began popping up around the Sunnyside neighborhood as winter set in last year.

As COVID-19 continued its spread I began seeing a new contagion, one marked by joy and vibrant colors, spreading from tree to tree. On our evening walks, my partner and I began seeing it take hold on new streets. At first, we thought only trees were harbingers of it. And then we saw that the neighborhood Little Free Library was also susceptible.

Yarn bombing isn't new but it is to our neighborhood. And it's been a welcome surprise of color and joy during what's been a monumentally challenging moment for Portland and our nation. This type of street art is referred to by many names: yarn or wool bombing, guerrilla knitting, urban knitting, and kniffiti. Whatever you chose to call it, it employs colourful displays of knitted or crocheted yarn or fibre rather than paint or chalk.

We became enamored with these mystery yarn artists. So I began asking around until one day I found out who they were.

Spoiler alert: The yarn bomber was not Banksy. It was—and is—Amy Jones and Roger Robinson, neighbors of ours from down the street.

When did you begin the yarn bombing project, how did it start, what keeps you going, and what do you love about it most?

Roger Robinson: We began in October 2020. Amy mentioned to me that she didn't know what to do with the knit squares she makes to keep her hands busy, which reminded me of an example of knit bombing I had seen in Cincinnati, Ohio a few years ago. I asked her to give some squares to me and said I'd show her how we could use them.

So knit bombing came to Sunnyside! She continues to knit them and I sew them together and we bomb them together. I enjoy seeing the excitement on the children's faces when they see the bombs, and especially when they hug them.

Amy Jones: I keep doing it because I like to knit and to see my work enjoyed by others.

How long have you two lived in Sunnyside?

Amy: 22 years

Roger: 3 years

What's your background?

Amy: I was a Head Start teacher in Pittsburgh and Portland. I was born in Bronxville, NY. I love to read, and earlier in life I loved bicycling and hiking.

Roger: My longest career has been as an architect. I've also been a database designer and business partner. I enjoy playing piano and painting, and I was born in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

What was the hardest part of the pandemic for you?

Amy: Not being able to work with the kids at Glencoe Elementary School and not being able to travel.

Roger: Separation from friends and family.

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

Roger: Eliminate the 100+ degree days.

Amy: I'm pretty pleased with Sunnyside.

What's a fun fact about each of you?

Roger: I hitchhiked across the country when I was a teenager.

Amy: When my daughter Anne, also a Sunnysider, was 8 years old, she was bitten by Norman Rockwell's dog.

Sunnyside Litter Cleanup AdoptOneBlock Map

Live near any of the areas marked in black on the map?

We need volunteers for litter cleanup in these areas.

Have adopted a block marked in gray already?

Please give us your contact info so we can keep in touch.

More info: SunnysidePortland.org/AdoptOneBlock or

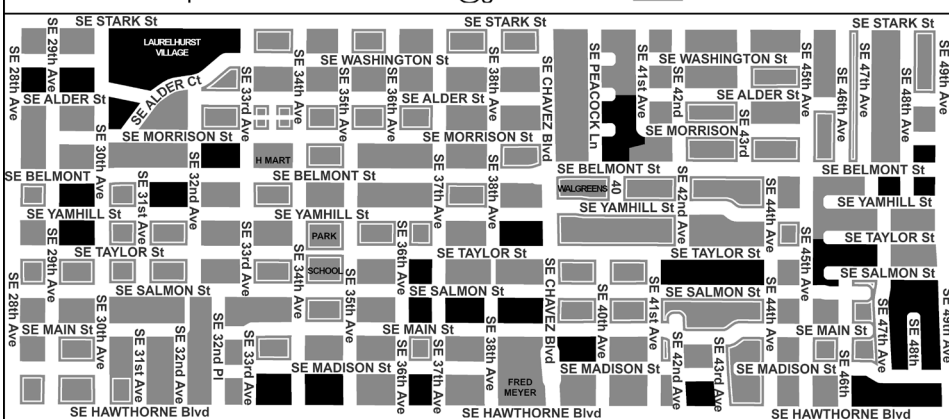
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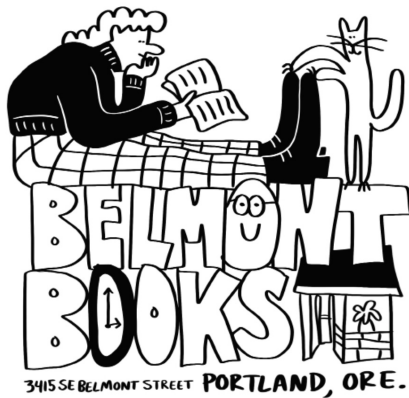
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■ Blocks already adopted

■ Known ambassadors





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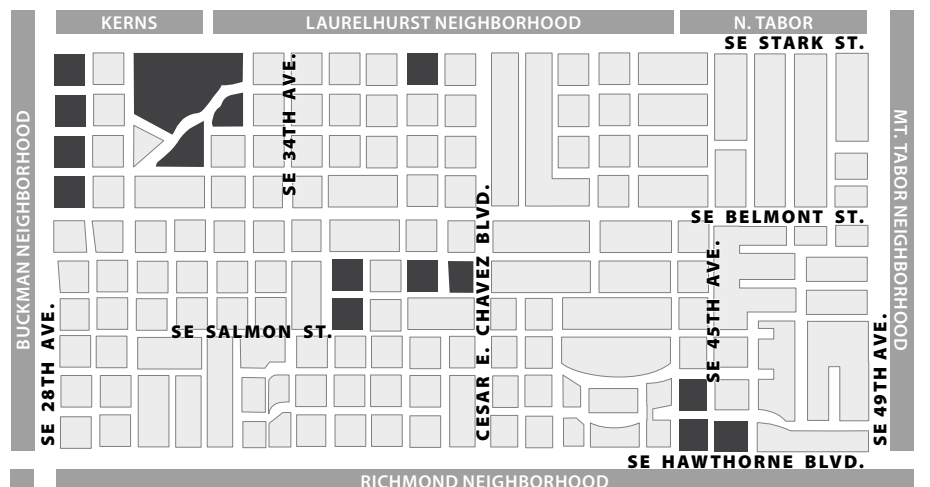
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Sunnyside Neighborhood 'Gap Map'

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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