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Last Month's News. This Month's Plans.

*By Hannah Wallace,
SNA Vice President*

Happy Summer! As I write this in mid-July, the weather is sunny and there's not a cloud in the sky. These are the Oregon summers we look forward to all year long. Hopefully you've been getting outside, spending time getting your hands dirty in the garden, or spending time at the Coast or river(s) for some kayaking or swimming!

At our board retreat in July we came up with a new schedule for the SNA General Meetings. We're going to have them every other month, starting in September. Board meetings will continue to happen on a monthly basis. Our next General Meeting will be on September 8th at 7 p.m. We are hoping to transition to in-person meetings, but we know that the option to attend virtually may be better for many people so we plan to maintain that as well. Check the SNA website in early September for details.

Because of board members' busy vacation schedules, the next Board Meeting will be on August 18th at 6 p.m., right before our SNACC committee meeting. At this meeting, we will vote on new officers and set the agenda for the September meeting. Remember that though board meetings are open to the public, only board members can vote. We will hold our Board Meeting in-person at the Sunnyside Environmental School park on the corner of 35th and Yamhill. In future, board meetings will resume on the second Thursday of the month, right after the General Meeting. In months when there isn't a General Meeting, we'll start the Board Meeting right at 7 p.m.

We continue to receive donations for our newsletter. Many thanks to all of you who have donated! It's so encouraging to see that you not only read the newsletter, but you want to keep it going on a monthly basis. We're still looking for someone to be in charge of finding advertisers. If anyone out there wants to help our busy board by volunteering in this role, we would appreciate your help! Contact us at board@sunnysideportland.org.

Please let us know if you have any ideas for upcoming agenda items or guest speakers. We are open to your ideas!

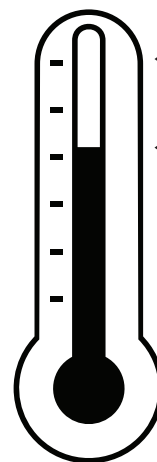
What if We Got it Right?

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

I wake up with a song in my head most mornings. Today it was "On the Street Where You Live" from the musical My Fair Lady.

On a trip back home in May to the Chicago area, my husband and I were treated to a great impromptu brunch on the street where we lived for 33 years in Evanston, Illinois. We all fell back into our comfortable neighborly rhythms on the street where

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Upcoming Meetings

**Check sunnysideportland.org
in advance for location details
and agenda.**

August Meetings

August 18: 6:00–6:30pm SNA Board
August 18: 6:30–7:30pm SNACC

September Meetings

September 8: 7:00–8:30pm SNA General
September 8: 8:30–9:00pm SNA Board
September 15: 6:30–7:30pm SNACC

we raised our kids, celebrated births and deaths, and ate many wonderful potluck meals. We moved to Portland in July 2012, but many of our neighbors have remained in their homes.

The question that comes up often when we go back and visit is "So when are you moving back to Evanston?"

Our response is "Well, probably never."

We loved living there, and we love living here in the Sunnyside neighborhood. I know that we may not be able to re-create that same history of neighborhood warmth here, but we chose to live in a neighborhood. That's the major reason I trained as a Neighborhood Emergency Team member, a great excuse to get to know my neighbors through the lens of emergency prep.*

It's been a lot harder to do this outreach during COVID, so that's why I submit a monthly article to the SNA newsletter and why I continue to encourage Sunnysiders to "be prepared, not scared."

So, you might ask, "*What are you doing to continue to be prepared?*"

*Recently, my husband drained some of the water from our water storage barrel outside and refilled it with fresh water. I have tasked myself with going through our water storage bottles and seeing which ones need to be replaced and which are still viable. The recommendation is for 1 gallon per person per day for 14 days. Stay tuned for an update about my water storage journey.

Questions? Need materials to learn more about e-prep? Feel free to reach out.

Stay hydrated and get to know your neighbors. Yep, that's the way to go and to be in this lovely Sunnyside neighborhood.

Sunnyside Neighborhood Community Cares (SNACC) Committee Updates

By Emily McCadden, SNACC Co-Chair, SNA Board Member

The Sunnyside Shower Project needs volunteers! Consider contributing to your community and getting to know your housed and unhoused neighbors by attending one of our New Volunteer Orientations in August. In the session, current volunteers will give you a tour of the Sunnyside Community Center where the Sunnyside Shower Project is located. You will get an overview of the tasks required of volunteers during their two hour shifts, as well as an introduction to basic concepts of de-escalation, conflict management, and non-violent communication which are necessary skills for volunteers. The hour will end with a Q&A session as well as time to sign up for your first shower shift.

We will meet outside at the Sunnyside Environmental School park, located on the corner of SE 35th and Yamhill at the following dates and times:

- Thursday, August 18th, 7 - 8 p.m.
(following the SNA Board Meeting from 6 - 6:30 p.m. and a brief SNACC Committee Meeting from 6:30 - 7 p.m.)
- Saturday, August 20th, 1 - 2 p.m.

RSVP by emailing Emily McCadden at emmccadden@gmail.com. If you

are unable to attend but would like more information about volunteer opportunities with the Sunnyside Shower Project, contact Hannah Wallace at hannahmwallace@gmail.com.

Sunnyside Neighborhood Getting to Know Your Neighbors

*By Nathan Howard,
SNA member at large*

Q&A with Mathew Brock, Mazamas Library and Historical Collections Manager

The Mazamas, formerly known as the Mazama Mountaineering Center (MMC), may be the oldest community organization in the Portland area. And, it happens to be located on the northern edge of the Sunnyside neighborhood at SE 43rd and Washington.

I sat down with Mathew in the middle of July at his office, which is next door to the beautiful and rich Mazamas Library. I wanted to learn more about Mazamas history and programming, his work, and to ask about ways Sunnysiders can get involved in this rad organization. One thing I learned: you don't have to be a member of the Mazamas to enter its library and peruse its vast collection of travel guidebooks that cover everything from hiking in Yosemite to where to climb in Spain.

What is the Mazamas all about and when did it start?

Mathew: It was founded in 1894 on the summit of Mt. Hood. The Mazamas is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit mountaineering education organization. We offer over 700 hikes and 350 climbs annually. A variety of classes and activities are offered for every skill and fitness level. We're open to both members and nonmembers.

What's the organization's mission?

Mathew: The Mazamas promotes climbing, responsible recreation, and conservation values through outdoor education, advocacy, and outreach.

Can anyone come to the Mazamas library?

Mathew: Nonmembers are welcome to come to our library anytime and review our significant collection of books and guides, but in order to check out the books (take them home) you'll need to be a member.



Mathew Brock, laughing at a bad 'dad joke' I told him, inside the Mazamas large auditorium which contains two instructional climbing walls

What was this gorgeous building before the Mazamas moved in?

Mathew: It was originally a Seventh Day Adventist Church. The Mazamas bought it from the Mount Hood Mason Lodge. We have a second facility, the Mazama Lodge, which is located at the base of Mt. Hood. The Mazama Lodge offers overnight lodging and meals for Mazama members and hosts private events.

What did you do before joining the Mazamas?

Mathew: I worked in applied anthropology with Alaskan natives. For four years I was at the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in the Division of Subsistence which is, as far as I know, the only social science-based state research division in the nation.

What is your favorite part of being in Sunnyside?

Mathew: I really enjoy walking around the neighborhood, sometimes with my 14-year-old beagle who occasionally joins me at work, and I like the food carts at the Bite on Belmont food pod between 42nd and 43rd. Pre-pandemic a lot of people in the Sunnyside neighborhood came to our weekly Wednesday night programming.

[Note: Wednesday night programming is still on hold but the organization hopes to bring it back soon.]



The Mazamas, located in Sunnyside at 527 SE 43rd Avenue

And your favorite part of the job?

Mathew: I love telling the stories of this organization. There's so many good ones and great connections to our city and region.

You must have summited a glaciated peak in order to join the Mazamas. A few of the more commonly listed peaks for membership are Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Hood, South Sister, Old Snowy, and Mt. Adams. Adult membership is \$72; youth/student membership is \$36. To learn more head to mazamas.org.

Critic's Corner

Introducing a new column where we let a Sunnyside student review a book, film, local restaurant or attraction.

Efrén Divided, by Ernesto Cisneros
A Book Review By Nadia Pozos,
11-year-old Sunnyside resident
and SES student

Most of us can't relate to the constant threat that a family member could be taken from us. Author Ernesto Cisneros introduces us to the point of view of a school boy, Efrén, who has lived this way his entire life. Overnight Efrén is thrust into a new reality where he is taking care of his two younger siblings as his father works extra hours to pay for his mother's return.

Efrén, 12, is a lover of books, a supportive friend, and most of all someone who will do anything for his family. When his mom is deported by ICE (The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency) Efrén now has to support the family as though

he were an adult. His dad works day and night, but it's Efrén who takes the initiative to cut down on the family meal budget so they can save money faster. On top of it all, Efrén bears the burden of lying to his siblings about what happened to their mother.

Even Efrén's "normal kid" problems are affected by his situation. Efrén goes to school, does his homework, and has a best friend, David. In the beginning, spending time with David is a highlight of his life. This changes when Efrén runs for class president—against David. In fact, Efrén is taking the place of (and standing up for) another classmate whose mother was also deported. Unfortunately, Efrén struggles to share his motivation with David, creating tension between them.

When Efrén's father is ready to make the journey to Mexico to deliver money to a coyote to get his wife home, Efrén volunteers to go in his stead. Efrén's father agrees because he sees the logic that Efrén is a U.S. citizen, unlike him. Efrén bravely sets out alone to bring his mother the money for the coyote. Efrén is initially suspicious of the taxi driver that picks him up in Tijuana because of his tattoos and baggy blue jeans. As it turns out, the driver, Lalo, becomes a trusted friend—at one point saving Efrén from a threatening gang. This is just one of the twists and turns in this emotional roller coaster of a story.

Cisneros connects us to characters in the story, even when no words are being spoken. When Efrén and David are making campaign posters as they compete for class president, the tension is

palpable. The silence between them is the conversation. "After a few failed attempts at drawing his name, he considered typing out the message, then printing and gluing the letters onto the poster. But then, out of nowhere, a pack of stencils fell on top of his supplies. He looked over and watched David retake his seat as if nothing had happened."

I recommend this book to anyone looking to connect with the danger you'd face for someone you love. I learned about friendship, family, and why you shouldn't judge someone before you get to know them. This book left me with a sense of wonder and a desire to make our immigration system more humane.

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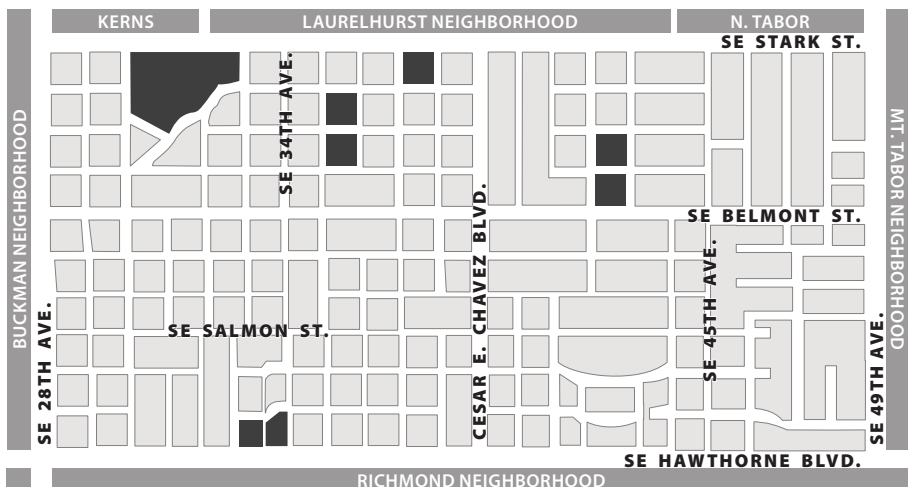
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