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Neighborhood News

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SUNNYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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News from the President

By Chris Waldmann, SNA President

Hi neighbors! Just a short update from me on what we're talking about at the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association.

We had our monthly board meeting on Thursday, October 13th. This time we were much more successful hosting a hybrid in-person/virtual meeting, so we will continue to offer both options for our general and board meetings, allowing for as many neighbors to participate as possible. Much of the focus for the board was on this little newsletter that we always love to see on our front doorsteps every month! We heard, in detail, from our newsletter team about their process and how they put it together every month, from article submissions to getting it into your hands. We are looking for ways to improve and streamline the process to ensure its continued success.

Additionally, we had a presentation from our Land Use & Transportation Committee chair, Jamie Smith, about efforts by neighbors at 45th and Madison surrounding the tent camp behind the commercial building at 4511 SE Hawthorne. This camp has existed throughout the past several years, but tensions have increased recently. You may have seen the news reports (www.kptv.com/2022/09/15/multiple-cars-hit-by-man-throwing-rocks-his-bike-se-portland) regarding a possible resident of this camp throwing rocks at cars. Jamie reported that the building is currently being vacated and that the development company, Killian-Pacific, will be fencing off the property to the edge of the sidewalk on Madison to deter future encampments until they proceed with a project on the site. The camp was slated to be swept by Friday, October 14th.

Finally, I wanted to pass along notices about some grant opportunities. First, SE Uplift has opened applications for two grant programs: Community Small Grants and Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility Communication Grants. Applications are due by midnight November 22nd. Full details are available at www.seuplift.org/grants. Second, if you own a small business that has had broken windows or doors, graffiti, or other damage, you can apply for up to \$10,000 in assistance from the city's Local Small Business Repair Grants program. Details and the application can be found at www.prosperportland.us/portfolio-items/local-small-business-repair-reopening-grant.

We will be returning on November 10th at 7 PM for our next general meeting. We are still working on the agenda, but of interest is a new plan from PBOT to expand the greenway network in Sunnyside with additional North/South streets and traffic calming measures. If you have other topics you would like to discuss at this or other meetings, please reach out to us at board@sunnysideportland.org.

Upcoming Meetings

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

November Meetings

November 10: 7:00 - 8:30 pm SNA General
November 10: 8:30 - 9:00 pm SNA Board
November 17: 6:30 - 8:00 pm SNACC

December Meetings

December 8: 7:00 - 8:00 pm SNA Board
December 15: 6:30 - 8:00pm SNACC

Questions to Ask/Answer About Emergency Preparedness

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

Is there a season for emergency preparedness? The simple answer: nope.

Is there a reason for emergency preparedness? The simple answer: yes.

Because we live in a most beautiful part of the world, with mountains, active and inactive volcanoes in the Pacific Ring of Fire, we balance the beauty and wonder of this place with the knowledge that we have to be prepared. Prepared, not scared. The more prepared we are as individuals, within our families, neighborhoods, and schools, the better off we are for daily life, and for whatever weather-related issue that comes our way. Doing nothing, with the hope that an earthquake can't/won't happen, is not a plan.

Is there 'one way' to be prepared? The simple answer: no, it depends.

So, review your family circumstances and get everyone involved with being prepared. Reach out to neighbors; maybe work on your eprep together. It's great to know what plans your neighbors have in the event of a major climate disaster. Share and connect. Then, repeat as often as needed.

I attended a Zoom meeting recently where the presenter issued "Calls to Action." Among these were:

- Map Community Assets
- Make Contact
- Share Your Expertise

Her parting words were: Earthquake preparedness is a community action.

These community actions are not just for those in the eprep community. So, start where you are and reach out via email (jansmolinaro@gmail.com) if you want support or have questions.

Critic's Corner

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

Sunnyside Book Houses

By Montreal Mayer, 3rd grade

Sunnyside resident and SES student

A book house is like a tiny, free bookstore that you can take books from and give books to. You find book houses in front of some peoples' houses. There are a lot of book houses in our neighborhood. We decided to make a map of all the book houses in Sunnyside by riding our bikes around. It was fun; we got to know our neighborhood better and found a lot of cool book houses.

These were our favorites:

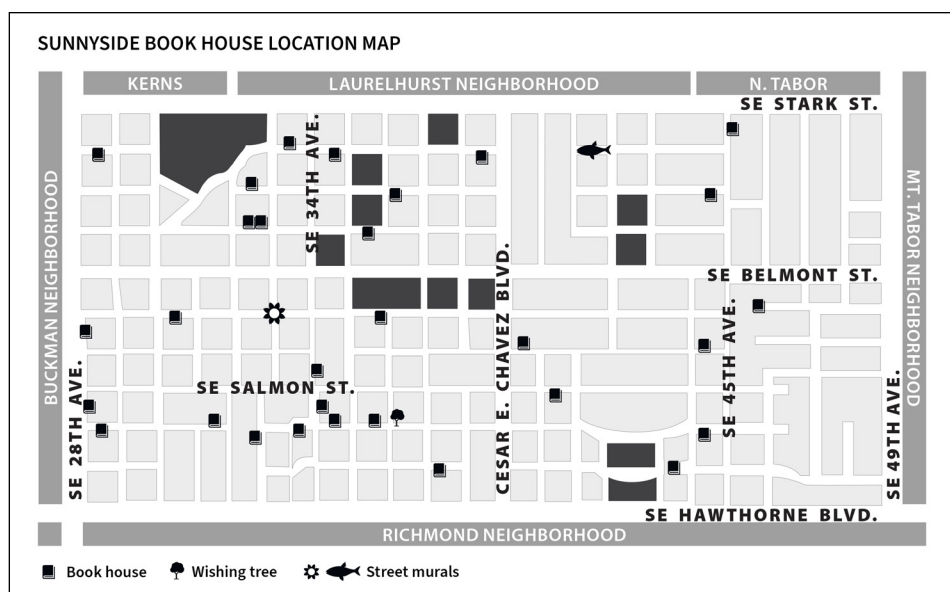
- Best curation – 36th/Yamhill – A tall book house owned by a used-to-be-teacher
- Best decorated – A TIE between 32nd/ Main (collage and painted pictures on the outside and lots of picture books inside) and 44th/Main (landscape paintings on the sides + a rooster on top!)
- Personal favorite – 33rd/Washington– This is the book house on our street; it has lots of kids and picture books and is always full
- Honorable mention – 34th/Salmon – This book house is planted in a pot!
- Biggest - Main between 34th/35th - A huge book house with LOTS of books

Two other great things we found:

- Wishing Tree (36th/Main)
- Street murals (42nd/Washington and 33rd/Yamhill)

Sunnyside students, please submit ideas or a review to Hannahmwallace@gmail.com.

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



Sunnyside Neighborhood Community Cares (SNACC) Committee Updates

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

You can support the Sunnyside Shower Project by donating your empty cans! Since 2021, Sunnyside resident Molly Twohy has been collecting cans and donating the funds to various organizations. During the month of November, Molly is helping raise funds for the Sunnyside Shower Project by collecting cans on our behalf. The funds raised will greatly increase our ability to provide toiletry items, food, first aid supplies, clean clothing, laundry cards, tents, and tarps. It will also help us meet other needs of our neighbors living outside. If you'd like to contribute, please label your bags with "Sunnyside Shower Project" and drop them over Molly's fence at 3333 SE Salmon St. (easily identified by the Rosie the Riveter flyer) any time this month. Don't have enough cans to donate in November but still want to contribute to the Sunnyside Shower Project? You can always donate funds directly to the SNACC Committee to support the Shower Project on the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association's website via PayPal, Venmo, or Zelle, or email treasurer@sunnysideportland.org to arrange a cash or check donation. If you anticipate that you will have cans to contribute after November, stay tuned for future canning efforts organized by the SNACC Committee.



100
YEAR ANNIVERSARY
PORTLAND MENNONITE CHURCH

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, November 12
10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
35th & Main

Portland Mennonite Church Celebrates 100th Anniversary

*By Harold Nussbaum
SNA member at large*

Portland Mennonite Church at 35th and Main (1312 SE 35th Ave.) will hold a community Open House on Saturday, November 12, 2022 from 10:00am until noon as part of its 100th anniversary celebration. Mennonites are an historic Peace Church and PMC is committed to seeking the peace of the city.

More than two dozen quilts will be displayed that were handmade by volunteers from the congregation. Historical photographs from the early years—when the congregation was located on NW Savier Street in Northwest Portland—will also be on display. A centennial collage by local artist and church member Tim TK Klassen will also be displayed.

At 11 a.m. local stained glass artist David Schlicker will give a historical overview of the many stained-glass windows in the building, including some by the renowned Povey Brothers. The building was constructed in 1918 by the First Friends Church of Portland and includes one wing that was their original building that was moved directly across Main Street where it had previously been their main meeting house. In 1969, the building was sold to Portland Mennonite Church; First Friends built a new building near Reed College and became Reedwood Friends Church.

At 7 p.m. on the same evening there will be a centennial hymn sing featuring music from four different time periods. Please join us to learn more about the history of Sunnyside's only Mennonite Church. For more info, go to www.portlandmennonite.org.

Forgotten Former Name of Sunnyside: Rosedale

By Vincent Dawans, SNA Treasurer

Doctor Perry Prettyman was one of the first settlers around Mt. Tabor. He practiced as a doctor and is credited with introducing the dandelion to Oregon. He built a home near the modern intersection of 55th and Hawthorne, and the path he would take to the Willamette River would later become Hawthorne Blvd.

Prettyman obtained a one-square-mile land claim around 1850, bordered by today's SE Chávez to the west, SE Stark to the north, SE 60th to the east and SE Division to the south. The NW quarter of his claim lies in today's Sunnyside neighborhood east of SE Chávez.

Sometime before his death in 1872, Prettyman started dividing his land claim, transferring various parts to his four sons. The section to the north, between today's Stark Street and Belmont Street, was divided into a series of five-acres lots, some of which were subsequently sold.

It is around this time that William Beck acquired the two five-acre lots in the NW corner of the land claim. William Beck arrived in Portland in 1852 and quickly established himself as a prominent gunsmith and gun merchant. The first lot he acquired from Prettyman today includes the Volunteer of America office building at the SE corner of Stark and Chavez as well as all the apartment buildings along the east side of Chavez going south to Belmont. The second lot

would later become Peacock Lane and all its adjoining houses.

Beck's main residence at the time was in the city (west of the Willamette). The 10-acre lot in Sunnyside was to become his "summer home" which he named Rosedale. In his book, "Portland, Oregon, Its History and Builders," Joseph Gaston offers the following description:

Beautiful Rosedale, his summer home two miles from the city, was the pride of his heart. With his own hands he cleared the ground and planted his trees. The days spent here were probably the happiest of his life, although he worked from sunrise to sunset he called it "recreation." The magnificent fruit and vegetables raised in Oregon today are no finer than those which came from the Rosedale orchards and gardens; not a pound was ever sold—it was only for his friends and those who were unable to buy. Many Sundays found him at Rosedale and at evening when he drove back to the city he told his friends he had "been in church all day."

Beck is credited as the main force behind the first bridge across the Willamette. Although the first Morrison bridge created a direct connection between his store at Front and Morrison streets and his summer home, Beck only enjoyed it briefly from its opening in 1887 to his death in 1889. With the new bridge in operation, the streetcar arrived in Sunnyside that same year and Rosedale was sold to be further divided. The Peacock Lane section was purchased by Joseph Simons, then a State Senator, and later US Senator and subsequently Mayor of Portland. It remained undeveloped until 1923 when it was subdivided into today's Peacock Lane under the name of "Ex-Mayor Simon's Addition."

The name Rosedale survived a while longer. It can be found on the original subdivision survey of the land to the south. Owned by John A. Beck, William Beck's nephew, the land encompassing today's Yamhill from Chávez to that little zigzag on Yamhill east of 42nd, and up to Belmont, was subdivided under the name of "Edendale" in 1889. On the official survey, the stretch of Belmont Street from Chávez to east of 42nd is named "Rosedale Avenue." Although it's unclear whether that street name was ever used in practice, the Mount Tabor trolley stop later built at the corner of Chávez and Belmont was known as Rosedale station. A funeral announcement published in the Oregonian on April 12, 1895 refers to a residence on today's 38th block of Yamhill

St. as located "a short distance from the Rosedale Station, Mount Tabor railway." In his book "Portland's Streetcars," Richard Thompson has a picture dated at the beginning of the 20th century showing a Mount Tabor trolley car with a dashboard sign reading "No stops west of Rosedale." Thompson adds "the dashboard sign (...) indicates it was running as a limited from the city limits near Thirty-ninth Street." It's unclear how long Rosedale survived as a station name into the 20th century before becoming one of the forgotten place names of Sunnyside.

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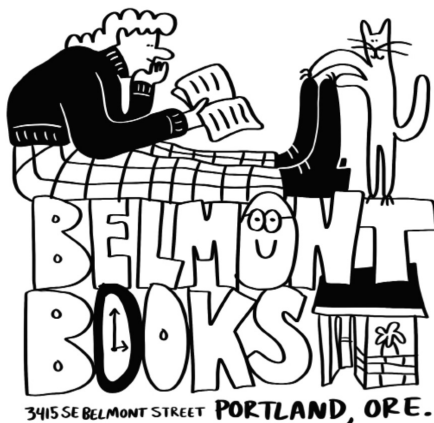
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