

SUNNYSIDE

Neighborhood News

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News from the President

By Chris Waldmann, SNA President

Hi Sunnyside neighbors! Welcome to February, where hopefully the worst of winter is nearing an end and the sun is starting to shine a little brighter in our neighborhood.

January was a busy month at our general meeting. Despite some technical difficulties, we had an excellent turnout. I love seeing new faces and hearing new voices at these meetings. Thanks to the great attendance, we were able to officially endorse the mission of Quiet Clean PDX. As noted in the January edition of the newsletter, Quiet Clean PDX is working to eliminate the use of gas-powered leaf blowers in Portland and the entirety of Oregon. I am very proud that the SNA has joined their list of endorsing groups. To learn more about Quiet Clean PDX's mission and see how you can help, please visit www.quietcleanpdx.org.

We also heard from a Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) representative about a proposal to expand the greenway system through the Sunnyside neighborhood. PBOT is developing a plan to turn 34th Avenue alongside Sunnyside Environmental School into a bicycle-priority greenway from at least Belmont through Division. As part of this plan, they are examining the possibility of making car entry onto 34th from Hawthorne available only to cars turning right. However, much study needs to be done and the Hawthorne Business Association expressed concerns over the turn limitation onto 34th. This project is not currently funded, but if you care about our bicycle network, be sure to keep your ears open for more news and make your voice heard with the Bicycle

Advisory Committee (www.portland.gov/transportation/bicycle-committee).

Lastly, we had a frank and open discussion with members about the need for the SNA to ensure we are viewing everything we do, everyday, through an equity lens. Our current presiding officer, Emily, is working with the entire board to develop policies and procedures to make sure that we see past any latent biases, approach all with respect, and work for the best interests of all of our neighbors.

Our monthly board meeting will be held on February 9th at 7 p.m. We will be back with our next general meeting in March. See you around Sunnyside!

Preparing for "The Big One"

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

Through my eprep lens, I know about many of the people in my neighborhood and where they are on the preparedness continuum—and some of them are quite impressive. Here, I profile Bill and Amy in

the hopes that their dogged planning can help inspire you to prepare your family for an earthquake or other emergency.

Bill and Amy are a married couple with a dog. They moved here about 15 years ago from Colorado—a wildfire-prone area. They experienced a few close calls, but never had to evacuate. Having a "go bag" was just a part of life.

Nonetheless, moving to Portland presented a few new challenges, including needing to prepare for an earthquake. Additional eprep included enough water and food for humans and pets for two weeks and the mundane: pee/poo buckets and first aid supplies. Also, Bill is an amateur radio operator, and recertifies each year as a Wilderness First Aid responder, and, coincidentally, is an active Sunnyside Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) member.

That's a great neighbor to have!

Their preparations also include the expectation that they may have to live without power/heat/electricity, perhaps outside, for at least two or three weeks. That might mean sheltering in place, depending upon the condition of their home after an earthquake.

It took them about six months to get prepared for "The Big One." Then, they reached out to like-minded neighbors to assess their interest in getting prepared together, with the hope of helping one another. For them, community is important and a plan was developed and implemented for four households with diverse emergency prep needs. Pre-pandemic, this group of four neighbors met quarterly. They hope to meet up again soon.

Upcoming Meetings

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

February Meetings

February 9: 7:00 - 8:00 pm SNA Board
February 16: 6:30 - 8:00 pm SNACC

March Meetings

March 9: 7:00 - 8:30 pm SNA General
March 9: 8:30 - 9:00 pm SNA Board
March 16: 6:30 - 8:00 pm SNACC

Bill and Amy acknowledge that eprep plans evolve as they age and adjustments have to be made. Simple, but not easy.

If you have done significant emergency preparedness and want to share what you've done for a future issue of the newsletter, contact Jan at jansmolinaro@gmail.com.



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Sunnyside Neighborhood Community Cares (SNACC) Committee Updates

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

The Sunnyside Shower Project (SSP) is branching out and forming partnerships to bring additional services to our neighbors living outside. Cricket Wireless representatives will be on-site registering shower guests for low-to-no-cost phone plans. OHP enrollment specialists will be helping ensure guests can get the insurance they need to access medical care. We hope to soon staff the showers with medical students who can offer on-site wound care services. Although we are excited to report that SSP recently received a Community Small Grant from SEUL for the second year running, we are still in need of funds to pay our houseless volunteers and to provide essential supplies and services to our guests. If you are interested in supporting the Sunnyside Shower Project, either financially or by joining our growing volunteer pool, please email sunnysideshowerproject@gmail.com to learn more.

Sunnyside Neighborhood Getting to Know Your Neighbors

By Hanna Neuschwander, Sunnyside Resident

Q&A with Mike Schwartz and Casey Jones of Black Rose Coffee

If you've ever taken a midmorning stroll down SE 34th Avenue south of Stark Street, you might have noticed a distinctive aroma permeating the air—something between popcorn, malt, and not-quite-burnt toast. It's the smell of roasting coffee rising over the fence line of a homegrown Sunnyside small business. Mike Schwartz is an award-winning coffee roaster who roasts small batches of coffee for neighbors far and wide. He is proud to specialize in decaf and half-caff blends; he will walk roasted beans to your door (delivery is free) the same day it is roasted. His wife, Casey, handles marketing and design for Black Rose Coffee, and runs her own business advising students on college and graduate school decision-making.

How long have you lived in Sunnyside?

We bought our house on 34th in December 2011 and it immediately felt like home. When we moved to Portland, it was basically love at first sight. We both grew up in places [Southern California and New Jersey] that never felt like home.

Tell me about Black Rose.

I call it "roaster direct." I'm the roaster. I source the beans, I roast them, and I deliver them to you. We have a small roastery set up at our house. I roast about 8 oz at a time—very small batch—on a little roaster called a Hot Top. When I get interested in something, my curiosity starts to run deep, and then I naturally gravitate towards the question, "What are people not looking at?"

So what are people not looking at?

Decaf! Portland is so passionate about food and quality and flavor, but I still get laughed at when I say I specialize in decaf. I really, really care about decaf and bringing the full artisan coffee experience to decaf. I've won two medals for it. Most people treat decaf almost as a joke—"death before decaf" or whatever. But that also gives me power. I can bring you the full Portland coffee experience

with decaf, and you won't even know it. I have a full menu of decafs, labeled with the origin and the farm—it's amazing coffee that just happens to be decaffeinated.

How long have you been roasting?

I've been roasting commercially for five years and roasting overall for about nine. But coffee has been woven into our life together from the beginning. We had a coffee wedding, actually. In 2011, we went to this coffee event at the World Forestry Center. There was a lecture where someone talked about the "four T's" of a perfect cup of coffee: time, texture, temperature, and turbulence. That struck us as the perfect metaphor for a relationship. We got married at the Forestry Center a year later. We had a brunch wedding so that we could make the Timbers game that night. We made a pot of coffee together during the ceremony. Our moms brought us the water that we poured in, and we hand-ground the coffee beans.

Oh wow, that's love! What about the name Black Rose—where does that come from?

It's a few things. It's a reference to Thin Lizzy, my favorite band. And I like to say coffee is the dark bloom, like the Black Rose. My last name is Schwartz, which means black. And we're in Portland, the rose city.

Casey, are you involved in the business?

I do all of the design—the labels, the advertising, the photography. I love weaving a story. I create my own relationship with each coffee and try to tell people the story of where that coffee came from without pushing it too hard. In addition, I own my own business—I work with people to design their academic futures. I'm a STEM tutor and a college consultant, helping people figure out where to go to college and grad school.

Mike, what is the best part of your job?

My favorite thing is to put bags of roasted coffee in my backpack and walk it to people. You can order in the morning and I'll have it to you by the afternoon.



Mike Schwartz and Casey Jones of Black Rose Coffee

What do you guys love about Sunnyside?

Oh, my goodness, so much. We love that Sunnyside is a composed neighborhood. I've joked about that—you could literally spend a weekend here, going out for breakfast, lunch, dinner and drinks and then go back to wherever you came from and say you had a great time in Portland. You have both established old places like this one [Paradox Café] and cool new places like Los Puñales Taqueria. I can pop down to the bodega and pick up a nice bag of pasta and a beer and come home and finish making dinner. I can walk everywhere; when the weather is nice, we walk to Blazer games and to Timbers and Thorns games. Sunnyside is also such a good mixed neighborhood—with apartments, quads, and single-family houses all on the same street. The creative spirit in this neighborhood is palpable. Sunnyside feels like a crossroads, but it also feels like a homey neighborhood. I have the privilege of delivering coffee all over the city and I'm always so happy to come home. I love a lot of neighborhoods in Portland, but Sunnyside is home.

What is one aspiration you have for Black Rose?

With respect to all the great coffee shops in the neighborhood, I want to be known as Sunnyside's local coffee roaster.

You can order coffee from Black Rose Coffee at: www.blackroseportland.com or brpdx.net.

Black Rose has a wide variety of bean options including:

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- Single Origin Chiapas Mexico
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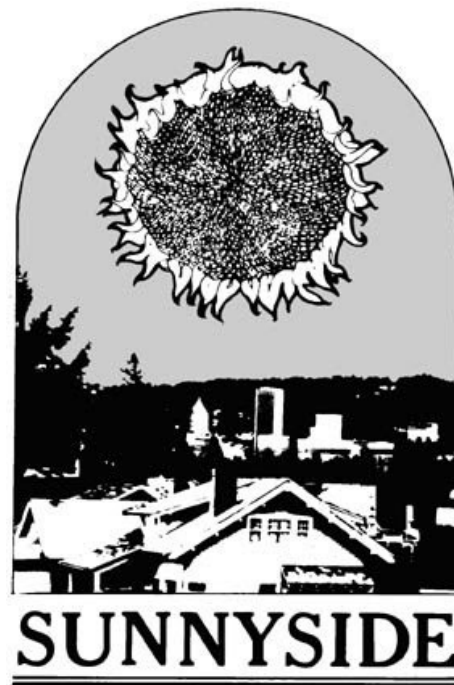
Decaf

- Clemmy's (Dark Roast)
- Honduras Honey MWP (Medium Roast)
- Brazil MWP (Medium Roast)

Critic's Corner

Call for Youth Submissions:

For our new column Critic's Corner, we're looking for reviews of local restaurants, cafes, or attractions—or books and films—by our younger residents. Please submit ideas to Hannah at hannahmwallace@gmail.com



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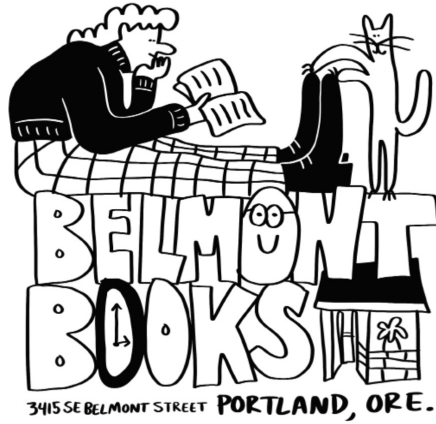
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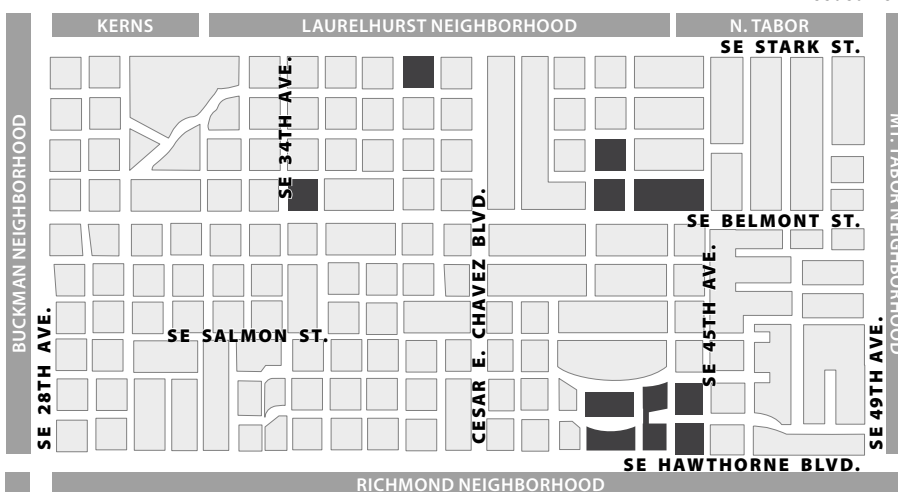


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