

# SUNNYSIDE

## Neighborhood News

June 2012

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Reuben Deumling, SNA President

We had a very successful election party at Southeast Uplift at our May 10 meeting during which we elected three new board members. We are excited that Lee Greer, Jonathan Noel, and Lorraine Henriques are joining the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association board. Read more about them in their short biographies in this newsletter. Bill Stites, Heather Wilson, and Gina Binole, the three

outgoing board members, have contributed immensely to the work of the neighborhood association over the years and we will miss them and their enthusiasm.

The Northeast Sunday Parkway has already happened, but it is not too late to put the North Portland event on your calendar for June 24. "Our" *cont'd on back page...*

### Belmont Street Fair 2012

By Annette Shaff-Palmer & Tim Brooks, BSF Coordinators

The Belmont Street Fair is an annual community event jointly sponsored by the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association and the Belmont Area Business Association. Mark the date on your calendars for Saturday, September 8. Hours are tentatively scheduled for noon to 7 p.m.

The Belmont Street Fair includes music, food, art, product vendors, children's entertainment, a "central park," and the Belmont Trolley. One highlight of this year's event will be the celebration of the Belmont Firehouse's 100th birthday.

For more information about booths, vendors, and sponsorship, contact Nancy at [nchapin@tsgpdx.com](mailto:nchapin@tsgpdx.com). To volunteer at the event, contact Annette at [belmontvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:belmontvolunteers@gmail.com).

### A Park with Heart

By Karen Hery, SNA Board Member

As our city funds are stretched to the limit meeting basic city services and important social service needs, it's an important time to be clever with the resources we have and things we can easily do for each other. Sunnyside Centenary United Methodist Church has long been a central point for social services, including sliding scale daycare, family shelter, and several meals a week for anyone who is hungry. This summer, a social service of a different kind is cropping up around Sunnyside Methodist, housed in a small shed on a little patch of ground, ready for volunteers to help make it all happen.

Every year, the City of Portland provides small neighborhood grants and this year it awarded a small grant through Southeast Uplift to Sunnyside Methodist to start a park equipment sharing program at Sunnyside School Park. The storage shed has been

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### UPCOMING EVENTS | JUNE

- 7<sup>th</sup> - Hawthorne Area Civic Ecology (HACE) Community Charrette @ St. David of Wales Episcopal Church, 6 - 9pm  
2800 SE Harrison Street  
Dinner provided
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Street Tree Survey Training
- 24<sup>th</sup> - North Portland Sunday Parkways

### JULY

- 7<sup>th</sup> - Street Tree Survey Inventory
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Street Tree Survey Inventory
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Southwest Sunday Parkways

### AUGUST

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Street Tree Survey Inventory
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Southeast Portland Sunday Parkways

### MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings at Southeast Uplift unless noted

- General Meeting and Board Elections  
Thursday, June 14, 7 p.m.
- Crime Prevention Committee  
Thursday, June 14, 6:30 p.m.
- Sustainability Committee  
Monday, June 11, 6:30 p.m.
- Land Use & Transportation Committee  
Monday, June 11, 7:30 p.m.
- Graffiti Clean-up  
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## Meet the New SNA Board Members

### Lee Greer

I'm pleased to be one of your new board members. Some things I hope to be involved in are Sunnyside emergency planning and ways the SNA can be more inclusive of neighbors with disabilities and people who are homeless. I've lived in Sunnyside for 30 years, 27 of them in the same place on SE 32nd near Morrison. I'm a member of the Sunnyside Neighborhood Emergency Team. I retired in 2002 as a case manager for Multnomah County. Prior to that I was a Legal Aid lawyer and I also worked in several positions for agencies serving people with developmental disabilities. Since retirement I've traveled, taught English in Poland, and done both paid and volunteer work with people who are homeless or formerly homeless.

### Lorraine Henriques

Lorraine's biography will appear in the July newsletter.

### Jonathan Noel

Maria and I have been married for 24 years, 19 of which we have lived in Sunnyside. Even though we have no kids of our own, I was a scoutmaster for more than 16 years, so you might say I like kids. Because of my upbringing on a ranch on the Colorado plains, gardening and food preservation is in my blood. Most of the time you will find me either in the garden or in the kitchen cooking. I have taught canning to those who want to learn the basics. My early years on the ranch taught me to appreciate community service through assisting neighbors during harvest to talking politics at the Sunday morning gathering at the town feed store, where the discussions could get heated. My passion for good science fiction has led me to accumulate a pretty good library of paperbacks, but with an iPad I can now enjoy reading and rereading without tripping over piles of books. I look forward to serving with an open and fair mind in the coming years and hope to be the leader that we are in need of when tough decisions need to be made.

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**A Park With Heart**

ordered (to be placed on church property), and several families on SE Yamhill are dreaming up and putting together a funky and fun wagon/cart. As soon as the cart is built, enough volunteers are found, and toys gathered, we will start rolling the cart out into the park to share equipment with park visitors.

What will be on the cart? Items such as chess sets, basketballs, jump ropes, and small bikes (the kind children like to ride on but can't seem to stay motivated to ride all the way to the park and all the way home). A small fund was set aside to purchase the first set of items and we hope that many of you will have items to share so we can keep this sweet service going for many years to come. If you would like to donate balls, small bikes, chess sets, etc., or if you are willing to volunteer to sit with the cart for one hour a week during the summer (the cart is being built to have its own portable shade), write to [sunnystore@gmail.com](mailto:sunnystore@gmail.com) so we can count you in the mix.

There is no end of things we can do together, one simple step at a time. A big thank you to Southeast Uplift for making the start of this community service possible, and thank you in advance to everyone who will be needed to keep the goodwill going. Look for details in future SNA newsletters for park equipment sharing times.

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## HACE Workshop

By Bryan Brumley, Hawthorne Area Civic Ecology

Reuben Deumling, longtime SNA sustainability coordinator, urged participants at a recent workshop to find ways of using human energy rather than fossil fuels. Reuben told the participants in Hawthorne Area Civic Ecology (HACE) how Sunnyside had become the first Transition Neighborhood, how the movement was losing energy, and how to energize the group to achieve new goals. He urged participants to "explore, rediscover, learn new ways of being and doing that rely more on human power, simple devices, and the local economy, and our neighbors."

HACE is a partnership between the Hawthorne Boulevard Business Association and the Sunnyside, Buckman, Richmond, Mount Tabor, and Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood Associations. The partnership aims to build a grassroots EcoDistrict for creating a more sustainable community.

At the workshop with Tim Smith of SERA Architects on May 19, Reuben and about 30 others discussed a shared vision for the community and mapped out individual projects. Among the ideas for the next HACE meeting, slated for June 7, are building more community gardens; using some of the food grown for area

schools, restaurants, and food carts; creating neighborhood composting and recycling centers; and developing a network for local businesses to make collective purchases of needed supplies. Other projects include collecting water from rooftops for uses other than human consumption, and the expansion of solar and other renewable energy sources.

One of the immediate goals of HACE is to encourage more businesses in the Hawthorne corridor to adopt sustainable practices. Coordinator Michele Machado of the Hawthorne Hostel has set a broad goal of making the boulevard the greenest main street in America. That would involve assessing the carbon footprint of the area as a baseline against which to measure progress. In the months ahead, HACE organizers expect to provide a broad forum for what are now disparate sustainability groups, and to launch common projects.

HACE received major sponsorship from Venture Portland and New Seasons Market, and is supported by Southeast Uplift.



Reuben Deumling promotes sustainability at the HACE workshop



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Sunday Parkway doesn't take place until August, but there's no particular reason to wait that long. For more information, to volunteer, or to contribute funds, visit <http://goo.gl/kgg3k> If biking or walking in a large group is not your thing, how about a Movie in the Park? The free 2012 series is long and starts at the end of June. For details see <http://goo.gl/QrZVm>

If you get this newsletter early enough in the month you'll still have time to learn about and attend the second HACE workshop on June 7 at St. David of Wales Church on SE 28th and Harrison. The purpose of the meeting is to refine the next steps toward making our part of southeast Portland into an EcoDistrict. For more information see the article on page three.

### Did You Know?

Henry L. Pittock, owner and publisher of *The Oregonian* was a primary backer of the Sunnyside Land & Investment Co. which originally developed and promoted the neighborhood.



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### Street Tree Survey Team Needs Volunteers

By Jeff Cole, Street Team Coordinator and Neighbor

Do you love Sunnyside street trees? This summer presents a great opportunity to learn more about them. Become a team leader for our summer inventory of every street tree in our neighborhood. Here's what's involved:

- Team Leader Training on June 23 – Sign up for a half-day session (a.m. or p.m.) to learn how to identify trees and use the inventory tools.
- Inventory Days – Sign up for three of the four scheduled inventory dates on July 7, July 14, August 4, or September 22.

Visit <http://portlandonline.com/parks/treeinventory> to register and for more information, or write to Jeff Cole at [tjeffcole@gmail.com](mailto:tjeffcole@gmail.com).

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### Belmont Area Good Neighbor Agreement Stalls Out

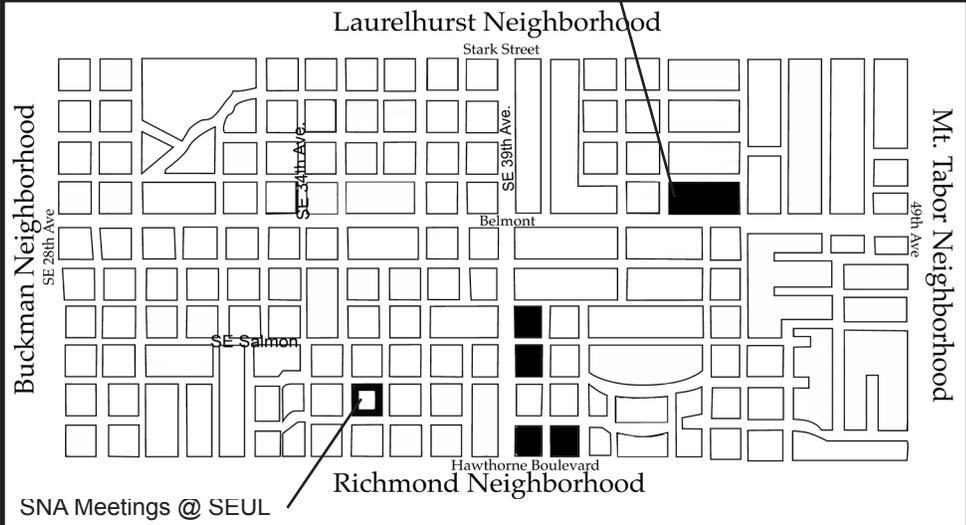
By Tony Jordan, SNA Board Member

What was scheduled to be the final meeting of the Belmont Area Good Neighbor Agreement process was sparsely attended by business representatives. A representative from the Side Street Tavern, which has an existing GNA with the neighborhood association, was the only business presence at the meeting.

While the SNA Land Use and Transportation Committee (LUTC) is disappointed that an agreement limiting late-night usage of patios was not reached in several months of negotiation, it seems to some neighbors as though the GNA process might not be the most effective avenue in dealing with this issue. Neighbors Thomas Winston-Morgan and Steven Oringdulph have begun contacting other neighborhoods with similar issues and are approaching city officials with the aim of promoting a more comprehensive solution.

The LUTC is still interested in negotiating a group GNA with businesses in the dense and vibrant commercial area near SE 34th and Belmont, but whether or not that agreement can contain limits to patio usage remains to be seen.

### Sunnyside Neighborhood Map



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