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President's Message

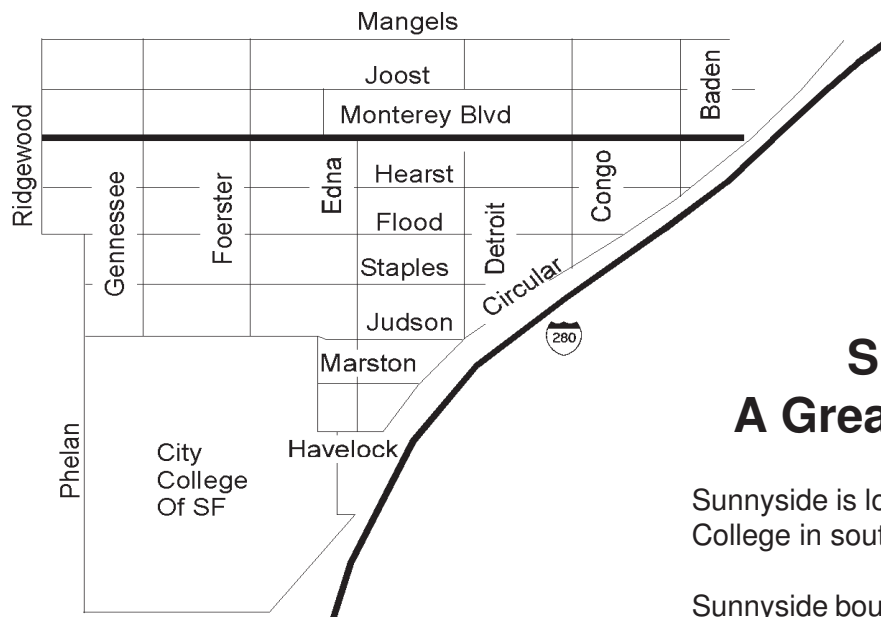
by Don Price

Hello to all my neighbors! This year is turning out to be an interesting one in San Francisco with everyone and their brother wanting money for some kind of bond issue or another. Well, how about starting right at home in your own neighborhood by

joining the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association? It is only \$10 per household per year, due every February.

For those of you who have received this newsletter by hand delivery, WELCOME! SNA provides this service once per year to involve all residents including new ones. We invite you to our Winter, Spring or Autumn meetings and hope you will become involved in an association that looks after the interests (and property values) of our neighborhood.

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Sunnyside - A Great Place to Live!

Sunnyside is located north and east of City College in south-central San Francisco.

Sunnyside boundaries are Mangels, Baden, Circular, Havelock, and Ridgewood.

From the Editor

by Rita Evans

Complaining about city services has become so commonplace that we sometimes don't notice when things work the way they're supposed to.

I glanced out my front window at 8 pm the other evening and noticed that the street was awfully dark. The street light across from my home was out, and this is a street that has a lot of pedestrian traffic in the evening because of City College.

I called the city the next morning to report the problem, and while I would have liked to have spoken with a human being, I left a message since that was my only option. Despite my misgivings about how I had to report it, the problem was taken care of the next day, and all the folks who walk along my street after dark can feel a little safer.

This is a small thing – it sure isn't MUNI buses running on time, or a balanced library budget – but it

is the sort of thing that can make living in the city livable. Thanks, Public Works.

With all the attention in the local media lately regarding red light runners and other dangers to pedestrians, it reminded me that all of us who drive in this neighborhood could be a little more considerate of those who are on foot.

Monterey Blvd. isn't a racetrack, and that 30 mph speed limit is appropriate for a street located in a residential area. Speeding through this area isn't going to cut much time from anyone's trip, but it could have horrible results for someone trying to cross the street.

"Stop" signs have been installed at a several dangerous intersections throughout the neighborhood during the past few years, but they don't mean much if drivers roll through them with barely a glance to the left and right.

That red light means "Stop!", and so does "Stop"! ⚙

Sunnyside Neighborhood Association

The Sunnyside Neighborhood Association has voted to institute new terms of office. Officers will now serve for a two-year term. 1997-1999 officers are:

President - Don Price
Vice-President - Dave Wall
Treasurer - Rita D'Amico
Secretary/Editor - Rita Evans



If you wish to discuss neighborhood concerns, contact the president or board members, or leave questions or suggestions for SNA, please call **Sunnyside Line**, 331-1500 x100. Your call will be returned within a week. ⚙

Sunnyside News

Please contribute to the *Sunnyside News* -- your news, features or letters to the editor are most welcome, and we'd like to hear more from our neighbors.

Mail items to SNA, PO Box 27615, S.F., CA 94127, or contact Rita Evans, 558-0359.

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November Meeting

Neighbors Hear Tips On What to Put In those Blue Bins

Recycling was the topic at SNA's November 1996 meeting. Neighbors heard Karen Schkolnick of the San Francisco Solid Waste Management Program's Recycling Program outline ways to keep trash and garbage from ending up in landfills.

There are two compelling reasons for people to recycle. First, it's good for the environment. Fewer natural resources have to be dug up, chopped down, processed, treated, transported, etc. Less land is needed for landfills.

Second, San Francisco has a landfill contract that specifies that the city's contract will expire when either 15 million tons have been disposed of, or in 65 years, whichever happens first. If the city can promote recycling and greatly reduce the amount of solid waste, it could use the landfill until 2053 vs. 2014 and save a lot of taxpayers' money.

Sunset Scavenger and Golden Gate Disposal provide free residential curbside recycling programs. They accept a wide range of items - aluminum, glass, paper and plastic - with some restrictions.

Glass - any food or liquid container

Aluminum - cans and clean foil

Plastic - #1 and #2 (marked on the bottom), bottles only (neck smaller than body)

Paper - newspaper, magazines, cardboard (boxes must be broken down), envelopes (even if they have windows), shiny paper are all OK; no carbon paper

Tin cans - clean cans

To discourage organized scroungers from illegally taking your recyclable materials, Karen suggested putting the material out in the morning. Since residents earn credits if recycling meets

certain levels, it's in our interest to have the authorized company pick up materials. Residents can call SFPD's non-emergency number, 553-0123 to report thefts.

Hazardous waste should be taken to the city's special facility. For those without vehicles, the city provides free pick up and disposal of hazardous items.

You can reach Karen Schkolnick at the Recycling Program at 554-3404. ⚙



Wanted: Interested Sunnyside Neighbor

Will You Work to Save The CCSF Judson Avenue Hill As Neighborhood Open Space?

A special opportunity exists for a neighbor to serve as a project leader to solicit CCSF and other groups to save the Judson Avenue hill as open space for current and future generations.

This rare piece of neighborhood open space could easily be taken away from us at any time by the college to build on or for any number of purposes.

Don't let this happen. Participate!

SNA sees this hillside as a potential ecological and horticulture learning center for CCSF, and open space for local residents. Help make this happen by calling Sunnyside Line, 331-1500 x100, and leaving your name and phone number. ⚙



City College Special Assessment District -- Why Aren't We Getting What We Paid For?

In 1995, all San Francisco property owners were assessed a one-time special fee, called a special assessment district, by the Board of Trustees of City College of San Francisco. This practice, while seemingly underhanded, has been quite common in California.

As we go to press, the state legislature is working on ending this "special money" allowance which can be imposed by any state district, meaning any governmental district such as CCSF. However, Sunnyside is still dealing with the effects of the CCSF assessment from 1995.

The money is to fund athletic, security, and lighting needs at all CCSF campuses, with the main campus here in Sunnyside getting the largest share. A new football stadium and track should be completed in April. Eight new tennis courts, with electric lighting for night play, will be in place by June. Improved lighting around the campus is in the planning phase and will likely be in place in 1999.

All of this is good and necessary for CCSF. But, the facilities and project management of this project, and others, is highly lacking in professionalism, and without regard for students or neighborhood needs. For example, CCSF did a great job of immediately chopping down an entire grove of eighty-year-old trees to make room for a tennis court entrance. That was in June 1996. As of March 1997, the project is stalled at the same point as June 1996.

The trees are gone, the tennis court nets and siding are gone, and the tennis courts are unusable to both students and the community. Because of unprofessional project management and a general contractor who was sued, these courts sit empty and unused, awaiting decisions from CCSF that are late and not acceptable to our neighborhood.

In addition, the football field and track – used extensively by the neighborhood – sits idle and unused since June. The CCSF excuse is that there

were eight foot structure pilings that had to go in at the last minute, delaying the project almost one year.

The simple truth is that if CCSF and its facilities management team conducted business as if they **were** a business were a business these – and many other projects – would proceed as they do in the private sector.

It will probably take huge changes in the way government entities do business and are held accountable before this type of problem exits CCSF. But CCSF must involve Sunnyside in future at the onset of planning – not when they are ready to plan landscaping, as was the case in the Judson Hill Shop/Warehouse fiasco. SNA urges the administration and board of CCSF to cooperate with the neighbors (of all campus neighborhoods) in planning a campus that is useful and acceptable to everyone – not just CCSF planning department employees.

As we near a CCSF Master Plan completion (certainly by 2000) we must tell the college what our neighborhood requirements are. Call the board members and the chancellor's office and tell them that they must be sensitive to our neighborhood needs. By pulling together now, we all avoid problems, arguments and lawsuits in the future.

If you have any comments on these issues please call the Sunnyside Line, 331-1500 x100. ⚙

Homeless Cat Colonies Looking for Help From People Who Care

The cat colonies (several) at CCSF are again very large. It is better for the Cats if you are interested in assisting them to help in an organization called The Caring Cat Connection.

This is a group of dedicated cat lovers who feed and spay/neuter the cats. With Spring upon us, and Kitten season too, this group needs help.

If you can volunteer, donate food or cash, or know a Veterinarian who could assist or donate services, please call 469-7307 and leave a message.



Sunnyside to Sponsor Annual Garage Sale Saturday, October 18

SNA to Provide Publicity; Residents Invited to Participate Free of Charge

Can't park your car in your garage because it's full of stuff? Are your closets crammed with clothes and things you never use? Could you use a little extra cash?

Well, mark your calendar – the annual Neighborhood-wide garage sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 18. This year, there will be no participation fee.

The association will pay to place advertisements in *The Independent* and *The Chronicle*, and will send announcements to the media.

On October 18, anyone who wants to participate will hold their own independent sale at their own home. You will need to post your own signs. By advertising, SNA will insure that you have a **big** turnout. It's that simple!

So, save October 18 for your garage sale date for 1997. If you decide to participate, we'd appreciate a call to the Sunnyside Line at 331-1500 x100; please leave your name and address so we can gauge participation. ⚙



1997 SNA Meetings

**May 13
October 14**

The Sunnyside Neighborhood Association has voted to institute new meeting dates.

SNA will meet the second Tuesday of February, May and October.

Sunnyside Neighborhood Association meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the second Tuesday of February, May and November. We meet at Sunnyside Elementary School, 250 Foerster between Flood and Hearst. ⚙

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Here are some neighborhood updates that you may be interested in.

The metering of Monterey Blvd. will not take place at this time. SNA respects the wishes of our Monterey Blvd. neighbors to not meter at this time. However, with the continued decline in business along Monterey (probably due to parking issues) we may need to revisit this issue, along with City-sponsored business improvement, in the near future.

City College has done it again! (So what else is new?) The tennis court and football field improvement project have been managed at an unacceptable level (see CCSF story). These projects were supposed to be completed by September 1996.

At this time (March 1997), both projects are half-finished and bungled. When are we to receive professional facilities management at CCSF? We pay for it every time they try to put up a building or make an improvement.

Protect our neighborhood — go to CCSF Board of Trustee meetings (held the fourth Thursday of the month) and Complain! Also, call the Chancellor's office at 239-3303 and voice your opinion about what goes on at CCSF. ⚙

Is Your Neighborhood Ready?

**Ready or not, the Big One is coming...
Learn to prepare yourself and your family for disaster...**

NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING PROGRAM

**Sponsored and taught by the San Francisco Fire Department
in your neighborhood.**

**St. Francis Wood...Lakeside...Ocean View
Commodore Sloat School, 50 Darien Way
Wednesday Evenings, March 12, 19, 26, April 9, 16, 23, 1997**

**Mt. Davidson...Miraloma Park...Westwood Park...Ingleside Terrace
Miraloma School, 175 Omar Street
Monday Evenings, March 24, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5 1997**

**Sunnyside...Glen Park
Glen Park School, 151 Lippard Street
Wednesday Evenings, April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, 1997**

Six-week course, 2-3 per session, starting at 6:30 pm

**Call the San Francisco Fire Department today
to reserve your space for this series, 558-3456**

It's Time to Join or Renew! Be a Part of YOUR Neighborhood Association

We all know that prices rise all the time. The Sunnyside Neighborhood Association wants to keep our annual fee as low as possible so all neighbors can afford to be members. In this regard, the following changes are being made.

All dues for households are due by the first meeting of the new year, the second Tuesday in February. If you paid later in the year, your dues will still be due the following February.

To keep our membership fee low, there will be only two issues of *Sunnyside News* each year, Spring and

Autumn. Members will receive postcards from the association in the event of any special neighborhood problems or emergency meetings.

The association will meet the second Tuesday of February, May and October at the Sunnyside Elementary School, 250 Foerster, between Staples and Hearst. Members will be notified by postcard before each meeting.

Please take a moment now to fill out the membership form below and mail it, along with your check for \$10 made payable to the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association.

These funds keep the association going and are vital to its continuation. This money pays for our newsletter, meeting notification postcards, postage, and donations to various neighborhood causes including the Sunnyside Elementary School PTA and the Sunnyside Kids softball team. **No one** in SNA receives any pay, it is strictly volunteers! ⚙



SNA Annual Membership Dues



Membership in the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association is \$10 per year.

Please renew now. We need your support. Make checks payable to SNA.

Send your check to:

**Sunnyside Neighborhood Assn.
PO Box 27615
San Francisco, CA 94127**

Name _____

Address _____ **Zip Code** _____

Phone _____ **I want to volunteer** _____

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Neighborhood Response Team Schedules Classes, Retrofit Presentation

The San Francisco Fire Department will once again be offering training in emergency preparedness skills through the NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team) program.

In our area, classes will be taught in neighborhoods adjoining Sunnyside at Glen Park School, Commodore Sloat School and Miraloma School. Classes are free and open to anyone, regardless of what neighborhood you live in.

Thanks to the efforts of local team members, who launched one of the most successful recruitments in the city, the number of trained neighbors has

doubled since October 1996. And the more of us who are trained, the safer our neighborhood will be, and our neighborhood will recover more quickly in the aftermath of a disaster.

On Wednesday, June 18, all Sunnyside residents are invited to attend "The 'Quake Resistant House and the Hardware to Do It." Sponsored by the Sunnyside NERT, the program will be held at 7 pm in the St. Finn Barr School auditorium.

Retrofitting our homes and workplaces and identifying potential hazards within structures are among the topics to be addressed. Professionals in retrofit construction and specialists in tools and hardware will be making presentations.

For information on Sunnyside NERT, please call Team Coordinator Andrea O'Leary at 334-3601.

See page 5 of this issue for a complete NERT schedule and list of class locations.☎

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