
Sunnyside News

*Voice of the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association
27 Years of Neighbors Helping Neighbors, 1975-2002*

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Spring 2002

SNA Meetings

**May 14
October 8**

Sunnyside Neighborhood Association meets on the second Tuesday of February, May and October.

Meet your neighbors, find out what's going on in Sunnyside and hear informative speakers.

SNA meets at 7:30 pm., Sunnyside Elementary School, 250 Foerster. Please join us! ⚙

Send Your E-mail Address!

Please be sure to include your e-mail address on your membership renewal, or send it to: rita_e@pacbell.net.

SNA pledges to use the addresses only for SNA or neighborhood-related business. We will never make the addresses available to any for-profit entity. ⚙

New Sunnyside Website Enhances Communication

SNA has hit the web, with the official SNA website launched on February 1, 2002. The website is our first initiative to improve communications and provide helpful information to our residents.

The website provides:

- ♦ Brief introduction to the neighborhood
- ♦ Neighborhood news
- ♦ Calendar of meeting and events
- ♦ Listing of committees in the association and a status of their work
- ♦ Links to community services provided by the City and County of San Francisco
- ♦ Membership application
- ♦ Association by-laws and meeting minutes.

We will be enhancing the website with additional features, including a history of the Sunnyside neighborhood. We hope that you enjoy the site and provide us with feedback for improvements or additional features you would like to see.

The website can be found at: www.snasf.org. ⚙

Renew Your Membership Today!

Make sure the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association remains a strong, effective voice for your neighborhood – renew your dues, or join SNA today! We have strength in numbers, and the best way to make our voices heard is to speak together. We need your financial support to continue publishing *Sunnyside News* and addressing neighborhood concerns.

A handy return envelope is included with your newsletter, and there's a membership form on page 7. For lots more reason to renew or join SNA, see page 2. ⚙

From the Editor

by Rita Evans

Membership renewals are due for many Sunnyside Neighborhood Association members, and your continued support is both greatly needed and much appreciated. We're soon going to see the improvements to Monterey Blvd. underway, a project that we hope will spur an increase in local businesses, and this is the sort of thing that SNA has spearheaded for the past quarter century.

Help us keep SNA as a strong voice for the neighborhood!

The Department of Recreation and Parks has released a revised draft policy on off-leash dogs in city parks. One of the biggest changes that will effect Sunnyside Park is that "dog play areas" can now be designated in any park, regardless of size, including Sunnyside.

You can read the revised draft at <http://parks.sfgov.org/dogpolicy.htm>, or contact the department at 831-2700. ⚙

Cars Blocking Your Driveway? Contact DPT for a Red Zone

City College commuters and residents who own multiple vehicles create a great deal of demand for street parking in Sunnyside. Driveway red zones are intended to discourage parking in driveways and provide additional turning clearance.

To apply for a red zone, send a letter with the property owner's signature to:

Department of Parking and Traffic
25 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102.

The standard fee for a driveway red zone is \$55. You should hear from DPT in four to six months. Consideration is given to both the preservation of adjacent parking spaces and driveway ingress and egress.

It is illegal for you to paint your own curb. Red zones without the "DPT" stencil have no legal standing and will not be enforced by DPT or the police. ⚙

Why You Should Belong to SNA - Join or Renew!

For 25 years, SNA has effectively represented neighborhood interests at City Hall and with City College.

Sunnyside News brings you local news of interest and concern to the neighborhood twice a year.

Representatives from Parking and Traffic, Recreation and Parks and other city departments provide up-to-date information and address neighborhood concerns at regularly scheduled SNA meetings.

SNA has worked with the City to open the reservoirs west of City College to student parking, relieving some of the huge pressure on street parking in the area.

The wonderful revitalization on our local parks is being accomplished through efforts begun by and through SNA.

SNA stopped City College from chopping down the grove of eucalyptus trees on Judson and constructing a huge warehouse which would have clogged the streets with tractor trailers.

Our meetings provide a forum for neighbors to express their concerns and identify others willing to work on local problems.

For just \$10 a year, you can help us keep Sunnyside a lovely place to live. Join or renew your membership today! ⚙

Join District 7's Clean Sweep During March!

District 7, including our own Sunnyside, is the focus in March of the Community Clean Team. City departments, not-for-profit organizations, merchants, community groups and residents will join forces to pick up litter and clean streets and sidewalks.

Two ways to get involved:

Saturday, March 16, meet at the Bufano Statue Parking Lot south of Brotherhood Way for Volunteer in the Parks Day. Focus of this effort will be on beautifying long-neglected Lake Merced.

Saturday, March 23, meet at St. Finn Barr School, 415 Edna, for community clean-up projects.

Primary sponsor of the Clean Team is the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Street Environmental Services. Supervisor Theresa McGrath of BSES spoke at the February SNA meeting, outlining plans for the month and encouraging neighbors to participate in this effort to improve our local environment. Efforts are already underway, with groups tackling clean-up projects at area schools last Saturday.

For more information, contact DPW at 554-5447.

Clean Street Numbers

Emergencies	695-2020
Adopt-A-Street	982-3678
Graffiti Hotline	241-9274
Illegal Dumping	282-5326
Litter Receptacles	282-5326
News Racks	554-6917

Sunnyside Conservatory

Team Soliciting Neighbors' Input At Design Meeting on April 6; Reception, Gardening Day Slated

Saturday, April 6, 10:00 to 12 noon, the Community Design Meeting for Sunnyside Conservatory will be held in main social hall of St. Finn Barr Church, 415 Edna at Hearst, just a few blocks from the Conservatory. Be there as proposed designs are unveiled for a restored and fully accessible Conservatory and garden—destined to become a neighborhood anchor and gathering place!

Over the past several months, the Conservatory Design Team composed of Friends of Sunnyside Conservatory and architects, planners and landscape architects from the SF Departments of Public Works and Recreation and Parks has been working to develop designs for a vibrant Conservatory and garden.

Now is the time to become a part of the process and offer your input and suggestions for developing the Master Plan and future programming. Please tell your neighbors and friends! If you can help with publicity and phone calls, please let us know. We need a great turn out to show the City just how many Friends the Conservatory has.

Two other dates to save: Saturday, March 16, 9:00 to 1:00 is the next Gardening Day in our Butterfly Garden. Come dig in the dirt and enjoy good company at the garden on Joost between Baden and Congo.

On Sunday, April 21, 1:00 to 3:00, a public reception with Artist Lee Walton and participants in his Master Class for Visual Artists will be held at the Conservatory, located at 236 Monterey, between Baden and Congo.

A graduate of the CCAC MFA program and a resident at the Headlands Center for the Arts, Lee Walton is a conceptual artist whose projects are full of humor, detailed planning, and interaction with the outside world. Serendipitous combinations of rule and chance, Walton's drawings, performance, video and music compositions are always playful, precisely calibrated, conceptually on target and deeply attentive to the everyday patterns and rhythms of contemporary city life. Examples of Walton's recent work can be found at www.leewalton.com. Join us for this surprising event and get in on the making of a new urban legend.

This reception is co-sponsored by the SF Bureau of Urban Secrets, a non-profit visual arts studio dedicated to promoting art-making about San Francisco. SF/BUS and the Friends of Sunnyside Conservatory thank the SF Recreation and Park Department, the Neighborhood Parks Council and the Friends of Recreation and Parks for their participation and support of Lee Walton's master class. ⚙

Better Neighborhoods 2002

Phelan Loop Improvements Focus Of Balboa Park Station Area Meeting

Balboa Park BART/Muni station improvements and a concept for revitalizing the Ocean Avenue commercial district are the focus of Better Neighborhoods 2002's efforts in our area.

The group will present an update to the Planning Commission on March 14 at 1:30 in Room 400 at City Hall.

On March 20 at 7:00, the Planning Department and Muni will host a meeting to discuss their proposal for redeveloping the Phelan Loop and reconfiguring its bus terminal. The meeting will be held at the Lick-Wilmerding School cafeteria, 755 Ocean Avenue. The Art Master Plan, part of the Area Plan, will also be discussed.

BART is working along with Better Neighborhoods to improve access to the Balboa Park Station, the most heavily used station in the system outside of downtown San Francisco.

Better Neighborhoods 2002 is an effort by the SF Planning Department to improve targeted areas in the city. The Balboa Park Station Plan is one of its three initial efforts. More than 200 residents and merchants worked to generate proposals for the area during three community workshops held last September.

Making Ocean, Geneva and San Jose Avenues more attractive and safer for all users, especially pedestrians, was one proposal. Others include: reconfiguring the station with better access, waiting space and lighting; developing housing, shops and services near the station; and implementing changes to make limited parking resources work for everyone. Integration of the Phelan Loop into the neighborhood with open space, affordable housing and retail is a topic of ongoing discussion and will be the focus of the March 20 meeting at Lick-Wilmerding. All interested area residents are encouraged to attend and take part in the planning process.

For more information, contact Ken Rich, Balboa Park Station Area Plan Manager, at 415-558-6345 or ken_rich@ci.sf.ca.us. ⚙

Report Parking Violations to DPT

The Department of Parking and Traffic responds to complaints regarding abandoned vehicles, blocked driveways and blocked sidewalks. A vehicle is considered abandoned if it is parked on the same spot on the street for more than 72 hours.

Blocked driveways, sidewalks553-1200
Abandoned vehicles781-5865

BARBER CLIPS

*Local Humor and Wisdom
As Collected in the Sunnyside
by Ron the Barber*

Happiness is not an absence of problems, but the ability to deal with them. ⚙

There is no experience better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up. ⚙

What you see is what you get – except in pre-packaged strawberries. ⚙

Too bad that all the people who know how to run this country are so busy driving taxis and cutting hair, ha! ⚙

Are My Dues Due?

If you're an SNA member, on your *Sunnyside News* mailing label is a line that reads, "Dues paid through [date]. If that date on the label is March 2002 or earlier, it's time to pay your dues. ⚙

FUF Schedules Tree Summit, Pruning Class

Friends of the Urban Forest is holding a District 7 Neighborhood Tree Summit on **Wednesday, March 20** from 6:00 to 7:30 at St. Brendan's Hall, 200 Ulloa at Laguna Honda.

This informational community meeting will include a slide show presentation by FUF Education Coordinator Chris Buck.

Are you interested in helping care for some of the thousands of trees FUF has planted in the past two decades? FUF organizes morning tree care sessions on the first and third Saturday of each month.

Volunteers prune three-year old trees, adjust ties to keep them from strangling the trees, and reset stakes if necessary. Check FUF's calendar at www.fuf.net or call 561-6890.

If you'd like to learn proper pruning techniques, FUF is holding a Pruning Workshop on **Saturday, April 13** from 9:30 to 12:00. Led by a Certified Arborist Mike Olles, the workshop will introduce you to basic International Society of Arboriculture techniques. Meet at James Lick Middle School, 25th Street and Noe. Please RSVP to Ellyn Shea at FUF at 561-6890 x102. ⚙

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Sunnyside Park Families & Neighbors

Group Invites Local Residents To "*Imagine Your Park*;" Community Picnic in the Works

by Jamie Bracisco

It has felt like a lifetime, but finally details are coming together allowing residents to get back to "*Imagine Your Park*" at Sunnyside Playground.

First, the four-year holdup of picnic tables has now ended and installation is scheduled for springtime picnics. Second, several years of intense work has resulted in the Recreation and Park Department's Dog Policy (www.parks.sfgov.org) becoming ready for Commission review and ratification. This policy will resolve the issue of off-leash dogs in Sunnyside, as required before renovation designing can proceed, and community meetings can now resume and final plans drawn up.

The Sunnyside Park Families & Neighbors (SPFN, "the Families group"), is planning the annual community picnic (date to be announced) to celebrate this good news and get a fresh start at creating a family-friendly neighborhood park. The tables and barbecue grill will be christened with the usual good eats. Neighbors will reacquaint themselves after a long separation, share games and look to the future by recalling dormant ideas and renew a commitment to one of the finest neighborhood assets.

SPFN looks to identify every neighborhood resource that collectively could expedite some facilities, like a kid's playground, while major renovations will still depend on the Recreation & Park Department's Capital Renovation Program. To that end, all community volunteer efforts add up to match grant, bond and foundation dollars.

In order to learn and benefit from others, SPFN is following the community process of the Neighborhood Park Council's "The Playground Campaign" (www.playgroundcampaign.org) at Crocker Amazon. Like them, SPFN asks that every neighbor step forward to become a part of a campaign of our own to design and build that children's playground while your kids are still kids. Every form of help is needed; professional (landscape, construction, cement, seismic, grant writing, etc.) and just plain hard workers (fund raising, banner painting, envelope stuffing, shovel digging, etc.).

The only requirement is an eagerness to see results and keeping an eye on the prize. It will take all of us "doing what we can, when we can" (SPFN mission statement) to create something that will serve the community into a long and *fun* future.

To join in the *fun*, contact: SPFN: P.O. Box 318096, SF 94131, SPFamilies@aol.com, or call 334-3601. ⚙

Jamie Bracisco is Co-Chairperson, Sunnyside Park Families & Neighbors

Sunnyside

Retailers and Services

Vendors listed here have shops or conduct businesses within the Sunnyside neighborhood.
Please show our local businesses your support and patronage!

Accountant

Peggy A. Bley, CPA 469-8820

Attorneys

Peterson & Peterson 586-2460

Dale V. Thomas 469-8820

Patrick J. McNamara 239-6037

Automobile Care and Service

Monterey Auto Care 586-7060

Bar

Friends Bar 658 Monterey

Beauty Salon and Service

Monterey Salon 584-1949

Coffeehouse

Railroad Express 333-4009

Clothing

Silk Road Art & Fashion 333-6999

Cleaners

Martini Cleaners #3 584-0168

Monterey Cleaners 585-5903

Windwater Cleaners 333-2168

Delicatessen

Antoine's Delicatessen 337-8447

Florist

Rainbow Florists 239-7701

Grocers & Markets

Safeway 626 Monterey

Kwik & Convenient Monterey at Foerster

Housekeeping

Five Star Housekeeping 239-1111

Laundry-Self Service

Lau's Laundry 607 Monterey

Locksmith

Monterey Locksmith 337-7332

Martial Arts Instruction

Kenpo Karate Studio 586-8566

Photographer

J. Kim Photography 239-4343

Real Estate

McKeever Realty 239-8420

Restaurants

Big Joe's Broiler #2 333-2878

China Wok 585-2228

Happy Palace Restaurant 586-1300

Lucky River 587-1826

Monterey Pizza 585-5858

Regent Thai 643-5893

Yoga

The Abode of Iyengar Yoga 469-9642

Friends of Sunnyside Park To Hold Elections, Inaugural Ball/Farewell Gala

Thursday March 21 is election night – for FOSP that is. Join Sunnyside Park neighbors as we cast our votes for the new slate of officers and then kick back for a festive night at the Clubhouse.

Enough of meetings! We promise to have a purely social agenda as we say thanks and good-bye to our departing board members and welcome the new board.

A few fun activities are being planned for adults and kids alike. Bring a dish to share. 6:30-8:30 pm at the Sunnyside Park Clubhouse. For more info, contact sunnysidepark@yahoo.com or 587-2383. ⚙

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SNA Annual Membership Dues



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

Make checks payable to SNA, and send to:

SNA., PO Box 27615, San Francisco, CA 94127

Name _____

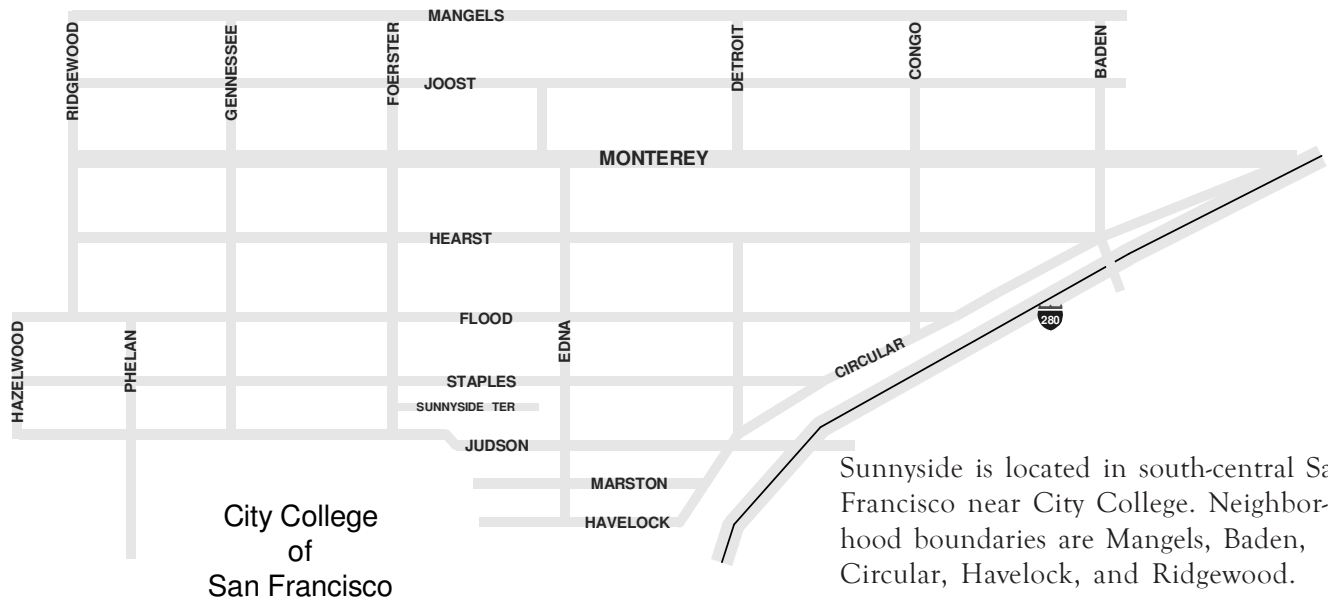
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Sunnyside - A Great Place to Live!



Sunnyside is located in south-central San Francisco near City College. Neighborhood boundaries are Mangels, Baden, Circular, Havelock, and Ridgewood.

We invite **you** to join the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association today!

Sunnyside Neighborhood Assn.
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San Francisco, CA 94127