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SNA 2003 Meetings

**May 13
October 7**

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., St. Finn Barr Hall, Edna at Hearst. 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.

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In a Time of Uncertainty, Timeless Words Echo with Meaning

by Chris Mirkovich

What's old is new. I was told this by a leader in the marketing and licensing industry last month when I expressed my astonishment on recent trends. It seems that while I was concentrating on those things that occupy us in our adulthood - family, career, friendships, building our homes - the toys, fashions and trends of my childhood were hibernating, waiting to be reborn and loved by the children of today.

But it seems that this phrase can be used on more than just fashion. It seems as though world events are repeating themselves. When I was growing up in the '60s, our country was engaged in war with an enemy that I had very little interest in (and wouldn't until my schooling later in life). In the early '70s, my mother and I would wake up early every Wednesday to get in line down at the local Texaco station for our weekly ration of gas. And in the late '80s, a growing recession was affecting families and friends across the country.

Today, I woke up to the news to hear the latest on the pending war with Iraq and the crisis with North Korea. While running errands, I stopped to fill up the gas tank in my little Honda to find gas prices higher than they were in the '70s. And today, our family is watching every penny as colleagues at work are facing layoffs, family members are unemployed, and the state and city governments are facing severe budget deficits.

It's at times like this that I look back on the advice given to me by my parents and take solace in during difficult times. And this I share with you.

1. Keep your friends and your family close to you, for they will be with you all your life.
2. Treat others the way you would like to be treated, with dignity and respect.
3. Concentrate on those things that you can achieve, and do not worry over those things you cannot control.

Simple little rules. Possibly even a bit "Polly Anna"-ish. But in my opinion, worth the ink and paper they are printed on.

From the Editor

by Rita Evans

City College's facilities planning is a topic of a lot of interest to me since I live just half a block from the campus, and a lot of neighbors share my interest.

I hope we don't have a replay of the battle SNA waged with CCSF in the early '90s, when plans for a shop and warehouse on the hillside mobilized neighbors. A lot of time, money and energy could have been saved by a little effort early on by the college.

We may have reason to be concerned. Although neighbors were assured at planning meetings in both January and February that any building plans are for the hillside are way, way off in the future, a neighbor reported that a large piece of equipment was spotted on the lower part of the hillside on March 13, and the engineer on site said they were taking core samples to determine the suitability of the hillside for construction.

SNA is forming a committee to address concerns related to the hillside. Stay tuned for details. And if you're interested in participating, call me, 587-6234. ⚙

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!

If you're a member, a handy return envelope is included with this issue of your newsletter. The membership form is on page 7. ⚙

Sunnyside News

Your contributions to *Sunnyside News* of news, features or letters to the editor are welcome. All letters must be signed. Our next deadline will be in mid-May. For information, contact *Sunnyside News* editor Rita Evans, rita_e@pacbell.net, 587-6234, or at SNA, PO Box 27615, SF, CA, 94127.

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Why YOU Should Be an SNA Member

Since 1975, SNA has effectively represented neighborhood interests at City Hall and with City College.

Sunnyside News focuses solely on local news of interest and concern to the Sunnyside neighborhood.

Officers from Ingleside Police Station report on the latest crime statistics at our regularly scheduled SNA meetings. Our meetings often feature representatives from Parking and Traffic, Recreation and Parks and other city departments who provide up-to-date information and address neighborhood concerns.

SNA board members attend the planning sessions of City College and Better Neighborhoods, ensuring that the interests of residents are represented.

Our association has supported the efforts that have led to wonderful revitalization of Sunnyside Conservatory and Sunnyside Park.

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! ⚙

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site is at www.snasf.org.



Are My Dues Due?

SNA members: on the mailing
label for your copy of *Sunnyside
News* is a line that reads, “Dues
paid through [date].”

If the date on the label is
March 2003 or earlier, it's time to
pay your dues. If you have any
questions about your member-
ship information, please contact
Rita Evans, 587-6234. ☼

February SNA Meeting

Crime Up and Down in District; Three Planning Efforts to Influence Neighborhood for Years to Come

The Sunnyside Neighborhood Association met February 25 and welcomed Ric Lopez as its new Vice-President, filling out the term of Rita Evans. Ric's term will run through February 2004, when election for all offices will be held.

Police Report

Captain Kevin Dillon of Ingleside Police Station began his update on local crime activity by noting that the district has seen a big drop in burglaries and robberies. Homicide is up, but most cases are drug-related. Rape also is up, with most cases involving domestic situations, not strangers. Certainly the most sensational incident was an investigation of possible child endangerment that led to the police seizing drugs and a rocket launcher from a home in the 100 block of Monterey earlier this year.

Capt. Dillon said that anyone who wishes to review the database of registered sex offenders under Megan's Law should make an appointment with the Sex Offenders Office at 880 Bryant St.

Neighbors objected to the state contractors board running a two-day sting operation out of a house across the street from Sunnyside Elementary School since this effort to catch unlicensed contractors found several with outstanding felony warrants. Capt. Dillon said that the state board had not notified SFPD of their plans and agreed that it should not have happened in close proximity to schoolchildren.

In response to concerns about increased criminal activity in the 300 block of Mangels and 400 block of Flood, Capt. Dillon encouraged neighbors to contact the SFPD for assistance in setting up a neighborhood watch program. (See page 4 for more information.)

Neighbor Planning Efforts

Better Neighborhoods – SNA Secretary Bill Wilson reported that the Better Neighborhoods draft plan for the Balboa Park BART Station Area was presented to the Planning Commission on March 6 for informational purposes. Funding sources must be found for an environmental impact report before further action is taken. Contact Ken Rich at ken.rich@sfgov.org for more information or see www.betterneighborhoods.org.

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Sunnyside Park Round Up

Friends of Sunnyside Park

Monthly park clean-up

Come join your fellow neighbors on the third Saturday of every month from 9-10 am as we go from one end of the park to another and pick up every piece of errant trash and dog droppings. Snacks provided!

Memorial daffodils

Thanks to the Friends of Sunnyside Park (FOSP) and the Neighborhood Parks Council, over 100 daffodils were planted in Sunnyside Park to commemorate the victims lost in the September 11 terrorist attacks. This city-wide effort was a huge success. Please stop by the park and see the beautiful new flowers planted along the upper stairway.

Neighborhood Watch group to organize

FOSP, in partnership with SNA, is launching an effort to get a neighborhood watch program going on the streets adjacent to Sunnyside Park. Neighbors on Melrose, Foerster and Teresita are invited to attend an organizing meeting. If there is enough interest, the program will install "Neighborhood Watch" signage which acts a deterrent to crime. Please join your neighbors April 1 (tentative schedule) at the Park's Rec Center.. For further information please contact the Friends of Sunnyside Park at sunnysidepark@yahoo.com or 415-587-2383.

Sunnyside Park Families and Neighbors

Report graffiti to SFPD

There has been a noticeable increase in "tagging" at Sunnyside Park. Please keep your eyes and ears open as you visit and or drive by the park. If you see something suspicious, please call the Ingleside Police at 415-404-4000 or the SFPD Graffiti Abatement Coordinator, Officer Chris Ruiz, at 415-558-5445 or email sfpd_graffiti_unit@pacbell.net.

Leash law enforcement begins

After a period focused on educating park users about the city's leash law, the SF Police Dept. has begun leash law enforcement. Dog owners are reminded that Sunnyside Park is a designated on-leash area, including the playing field.

To report unleashed dogs in the park or on the streets, call 553-0123. The Rec and Parks Dept. has set up a Community Hotline for dog issues where you can report dog activities in your park, 831-2084. ⚙

Scooter-O-Rama at Sunnyside Playground

**Friday, March 28
6:30 to 8:30**

No traffic and lots of fun!

Bring a scooter, a helmet, your parents, friends, and neighbors. Meet at the basketball court. Hot cider, munchies, cool music! Kids must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Sponsored by Sunnyside
Park Families and Neighbors
spfamilies@aol.com ⚙

Gardening Days Slated

The City Recreation and Parks Department is sponsoring Community Garden Days at . Sunnyside Park. Join your neighbors in beautifying our neighborhood park!

Saturday, May 3, 9:00 – Noon
Saturday, August 2, 9:00 – Noon

Rec and Park provides tools and a gardener to supervise the work. Wear closed shoes and long pants. Work parties are held rain or shine. Dogs on leash are welcome. ⚙

Mt. Davidson Habitat Restoration

Join your neighbors and the SF Recreation and Parks Dept. staff at Mt. Davidson for Habitat Gardening Work Parties the first Saturday of each month.

Volunteers can help preserve Mt. Davidson's biological diversity by removing invasive plant species, collecting seed, planting native species and controlling erosion.

Meet at the bus turnaround at Myra, Dalewood and Sherwood. Wear layers, long pants, long-sleeved shirt, sun hat and closed-toed shoes. Water, snacks and tools provided.

Call Suzanne at 415-753-7268 for more information. ⚙



Still Time to Wear the Green!

St. Patrick's Day may be over, but it's not too late to celebrate the Irish!

St. Finn Barr Church is holding an Irish celebration on Sunday, March 30 in the church hall at 415 Edna.

A corned beef and cabbage dinner will be served at 5:30. Cost is \$10 and entertainment will be provided by comedians the Meehan Brothers.

At 7:30, a concert by Mark Forrest, Irish tenor, will be presented. Cost is \$15. ⚙

Get Ready to Handle Emergencies - Sign Up for NERT Classes Today!

If you're not sure how to respond to earthquakes, natural gas leaks, injuries, or a fire, NERT training may be for you. NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team) training consists of six three-hour class sessions taught by San Francisco firefighters. There is no cost.

Through this program, individuals will learn hands-on disaster skills that will help them as members of an emergency response team and/or as leaders directing untrained volunteers during an emergency, allowing them to act independently or as an adjunct to City emergency services.

Upcoming training classes:

Park Merced/Sunset/Ingleside Terrace

Beginning April 24, Thursdays @ 6pm

April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Park Merced Activities Center, 345 Vidal Dr. @ Higuera Ave.

Castro/Duboce Triangle/Noe Valley

Beginning April 30th, Wednesdays 6pm

April 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, & June 4

Cal Pac Davies Medical Center

45 Castro Street, North Tower Auditorium

City residents can attend **any** sessions, but you must RSVP. To register, or for more information, call 558-3459, send email to sffdnert@sfgov.org or go to www.sfgov.org/sffdnert. ⚙

Prestigious Award Recognizes Outstanding CC Library Services

The City College of San Francisco Library has been awarded this year's Association of College and Research Libraries Excellence in Academic Libraries award in the community college category. This national award is accompanied by a plaque and a \$3000 cash award.

Last year the college served over 100,000 students from 72 countries, speaking 79 languages. "It takes a lot of hard work," said CCSF Dean of library services Rita Jones, who's been with CCSF since 1972 and credits her staff for the library's success. "Faculty members have been coming by and saying, 'We always knew we had the best library, now we can prove it.'"

Sunnyside Neighborhood Association salutes the staff of our neighborhood college's library for a job well done! ⚙

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!

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Peggy A. Bley, CPA 469-8820

Acupuncturist

Anju Gurnami 469-4808

Architect

Saida + Sullivan Design Partners 841-9454

Attorneys

Peterson & Peterson 586-2460

Dale V. Thomas 469-8820

Patrick J. McNamara 239-6037

Automobile Care and Service

Monterey Auto Care 586-7060

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Friends Bar 658 Monterey

Barber

Monterey Barber Shop 587-1977

Beauty Salon and Services

Monterey Salon 584-1949

Child Care Consulting and Information Services

GoKid.org www.gokid.org

Clothing

Silk Road Art & Fashion 333-6999

Cleaners

Martini Cleaners #3 584-0168

Monterey Cleaners 585-5903

Windwater Cleaners 333-2168

Coffeehouse

Railroad Espresso 333-4009

Computer Education and Support

CMM Consulting 584-9515

Construction

Loughran Construction 469-7678

Florist

Rainbow Florists 239-7701

Grocers & Markets

Safeway 626 Monterey

Kwik & Convenient Monterey at Foerster

Antoine's Delicatessen 337-8447

Housekeeping

Five Star Housekeeping 239-1111

Laundry-Self Service

Lau's Laundry 607 Monterey

Locksmith

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Martial Arts Instruction

Kenpo Karate Studio 586-8566

Photographer

J. Kim Photography 239-4343

Plumbing Fixtures, Parts & Supplies

Hall of Faucets & Fixtures 452-2795

Real Estate

Burke Real Estate 586-1333

Chris Coghlan 294-4077

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

Tutoring

Study Buddy 586-4577, www.mystudybuddy.org

Yoga

The Abode of Iyengar Yoga 469-9642

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Balboa Park – The Recreation and Parks Dept. is developing a master plan for Balboa Park. Two of the three draft plans assume that the park's pool *will close* once a deal is worked out with City College for public access to a new pool CC plans to build as part of a new Health and Wellness Center. Contact Mary Tienken, 581-2561, for information about the Balboa Park Master Plan.

The New Mission Terrace Improvement Assn. has been closely watching developments regarding the Balboa Park pool. If you swim at Balboa Park's pool and don't want to see it close, contact association Vice-President David Hooper at 585-0472.

City College of San Francisco – CC hosted a community meeting in January to unveil its draft master facilities plan. Of particular interest to Sunnyside neighbors were the emphasis on improving traffic flow and making reservoir parking more accessible and appealing to students, plans for a performing arts center along Phelan Avenue, and a

new Health and Wellness Center with facilities open to the public.

Of particular concern was talk of building on the Judson Hillside. SNA will write a letter to CC expressing its opposition to construction on the hillside. For a more complete report of this meeting, contact Rita Evans, 587-6234.

Next Meeting

The next SNA meeting will be May 6 at St. Finn Barr Church. ⚙

Calling All Prospective Brownies - Troop Now Forming

A new Brownie troop will be starting in April, sponsored by St. Finn Barr. Girls who are in grades 1-3 are eligible to join. A general information meeting will be held in early April. Contact Annette at amcastro@sfsu.edu or call 415-584-6484 for details.



SNA Annual Membership Dues



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

Make checks payable to SNA, and send to:

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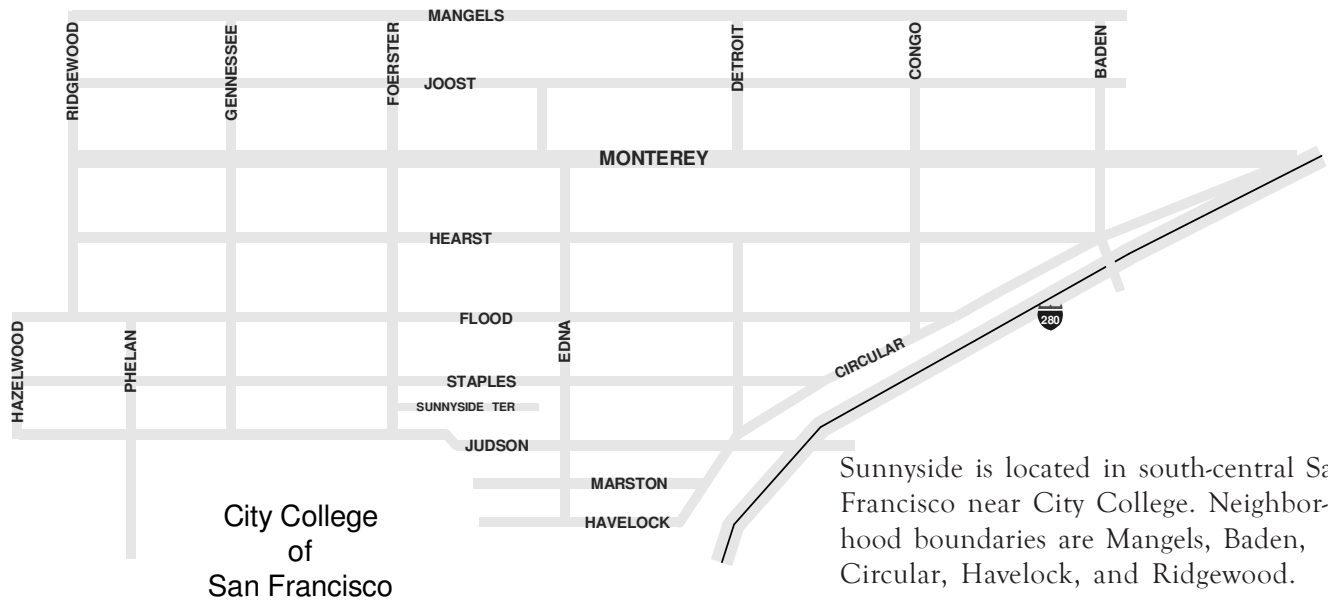
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Sunnyside - A Great Place to Live!



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!

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