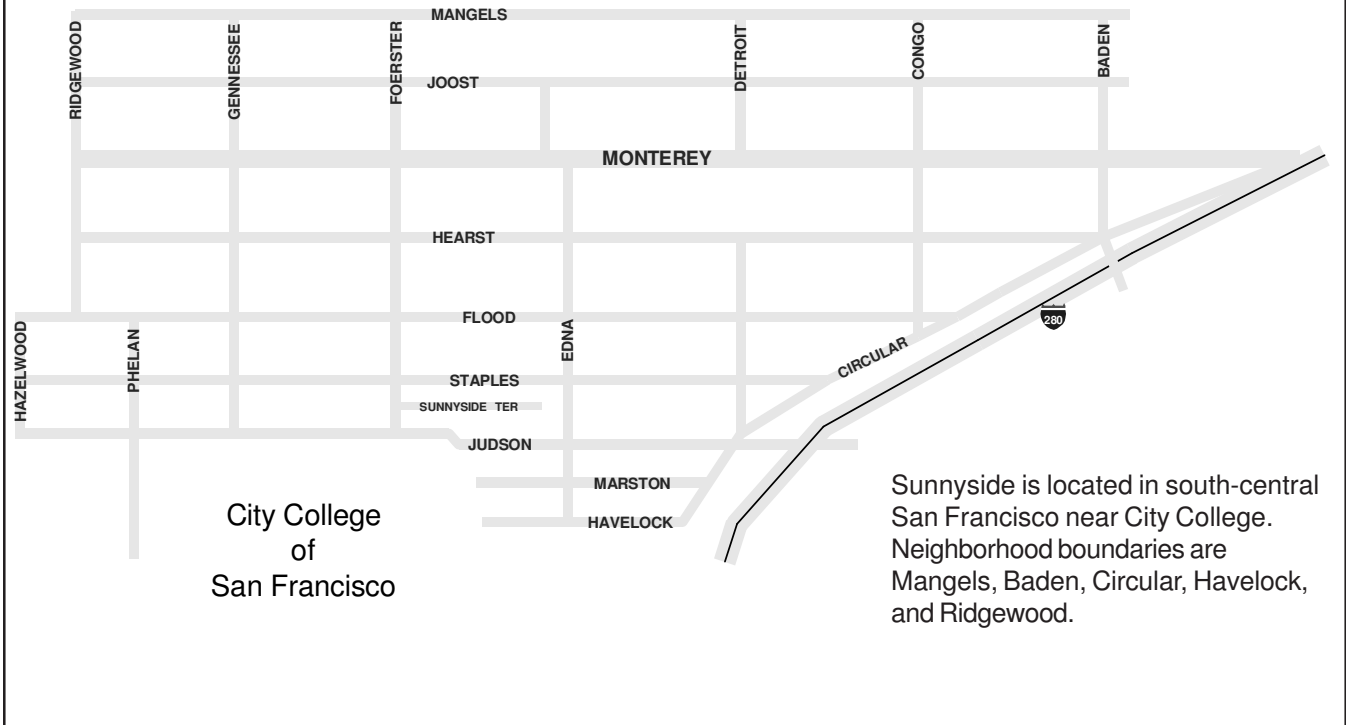




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The Sunnyside of Life **The Freeway**

by Ric Lopez

I remember watching them build the Freeway. They would have huge bulldozers carving a division between Sunnyside and Mission Terrace. As a kid, you were in awe gazing over the fence, for the workmen looked like an army of ants doing what comes naturally. And on week-ends we would climb over the fences to play at Balboa Park or visit a friend on the other side.

Then all of a sudden there it was, a Freeway, man's eighth wonder of the world. Yes, there we were all excited and ready to experience what everyone has waited for. No more banging of construction machinery to fill the air, just a simple ribbon of steel and cement where neighbors and a forest once stood. Then a strange awareness overcame all, the infamous white sound of cars whizzing by that would become synonymous with living in Sunnyside.

What connected the two neighborhoods were two road bridges, and one pedestrian bridge. The bridges were given names, Baden Bridge, Judson Bridge and the pedestrian bridge was just known as The Bridge. For many Sunnyside residents The Bridge became the means to an education, as Junior (aka Middle) and High Schools were on the other side of the great Freeway divide.

I know the Freeway is an odd subject, and we will always have a love/hate relationship with it, but it is part of Sunnyside, at least the outgoing direction. ⚙



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is \$10 per year for households and \$25 per year for businesses.

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Spend a Few Hours At Conservatory's Work Day

Sunnyside Conservatory could use some neighborly attention to look its best for Spring.

If you can spare a few hours to help spruce up this special part of Sunnyside, meet at the Conservatory, on Saturday, March 19 at 9:00. The conservatory is located on Monterey Blvd. between Congo and Detroit, ☼

Monthly Sessions Help Preserve Unique Area

The Mt. Davidson Natural Areas Program has a work day the first Saturday of every month. Volunteers help preserve Mt. Davidson's biological diversity by removing invasive plant species, collecting seed, planting native species and controlling erosion.

If you'd like to volunteer, meet at 9:00 at the bus turnaround at Dalewood, Myra and Sherwood. Wear layers, long pants, long-sleeved shirt, sun hat and closed-toed shoes. ☼



Sunnyside Park Ready to Clear Next Hurdle for Improvements; Thoughts on Natural Beauty

by Bill Wilson

Plans for a playground at Sunnyside are moving forward with two contingencies – funding and availability of DPW architects. Funding is expected to come through in April. DPW architects will then be assigned projects based on a priority established after all projects are evaluated.

There will be one more community meeting; as the master plan for Sunnyside has already been approved by the Recreation and Park Dept., this will be only to discuss what playground equipment will be installed.

The timeline for completion of the project is 16 months from the date funding is in place.

Special Fundraising for Equipment

Concerts in the park, film nights, block parties, raffles, as well as pursuing grants from private foundations are just some the ideas that a group of neighbors has to raise money to supplement city funds for the playground at Sunnyside Recreation Center.

Please contact Bill Wilson (415-239-8203 or wfwilson@sbcglobal.net) if you want to get involved. Financial donations also are being accepted by the SNA.

Parkscan Update

Parkscan continues to do monthly surveys at Sunnyside Playground. Plans (not yet finalized) would combine the surveys and the work standards being considered by the Controller's Office. This would allow audits to be done on a monthly rather than an annual basis, or at least the information gathered by the surveys could be used to evaluate whether individual parks are meeting standards.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Bill Wilson (see above).

Roses Evoke Memories

When I looked out my window on Christmas morning the blue blossoms of my rosemary were punctuated by splashes of red roses. The rose variety is called *Fragrant Plum*. The outside leaves are a bright Chinese red that become lavender as they open.

"Fragrant" is an understatement: I can still smell the fragrance from leaves of roses I picked when I first got the rose bush five years ago. They were a beautiful gift that reminded me once again why I love living in San Francisco. ☼

New SNA Board Member Seeks to Promote Membership, Beautification

by Jennifer Heggie

After 18 years in other parts of the City, Ray and I moved to Sunnyside almost a year ago. We were attracted to the neighborhood by its gentle hills tucked into the lower part of the mountainside and the unique character of each of the numerous, relatively affordable, single family homes. The many trees and trellises and variety of flowering gardens give the neighborhood its warm character.

My primary reason for joining the Sunnyside Board is to participate in and contribute to the community. I have had experience in a similar capacity in the past as a Board member of the League of Women Voters of Northern San Mateo County.

I plan to work with the Board to define and project an image of the unique and diverse nature of this neighborhood to the rest of the city. This work of the Board will set the stage for political support when the community needs it. In addition, while preserving the unique nature of the neighborhood, many streets can be made more pleasant. One of the initiatives I would like to see the city implement is putting the utility lines underground, for both safety and aesthetics. I'm also a proponent of planting additional trees of a type that doesn't tear up the sidewalks to add charm and light shade to a number of streets.

Please see me as another conduit of any ideas or concerns you may have. My initial areas of focus are working on the bylaws and beautification efforts and heading up the Membership Committee. But I am not limited to that. Feel free to email me at jenniferheggie@yahoo.com. ⚙

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Police Report

Officers Trujillo and Maracha from Ingleside described an upswing in "drive-by-muggings" (see Chris Coghlan's President's Message on page 1) and encouraged residents to report illegal and suspicious activities.

- 911 – Emergencies, crimes in progress
- 415-553-0123 – Emergency calls from cell phones (*not* 911)
- 415-404-4000 – Ingleside District non-emergency

Residents are invited to attend the Ingleside police district's community meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 in the Community Room adjacent to the police station. ⚙

Reach Out, Volunteer for Membership Committee

We've been seeing new faces at our meetings, but we'd like to see even more of our neighbors joining with us in the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association.

We are looking for volunteers and ideas for the new SNA Membership Committee. Please email Jennifer if you want join our committee and share membership generating ideas: jenniferheggie@yahoo.com. ⚙

Picnic Planning Crew Is Looking For You!

Last year's SNA Picnic was a big success, and with your help, the 2005 edition will be even better! Among other attractions, look for a raffle, with the winner to receive a lovely quilt made and donated by one of our generous members.

We have a tentative date of Saturday, October 8. Watch for details and a confirmed date in the next issue of *Sunnyside News*.

If you'd like to meet some of your neighbors while helping to plan and put on the picnic, please contact Bill Wilson, 239-8203 or wfwilson@sbcglobal.net. ⚙

Say "Bon Voyage" To Chris Mirkovich, "Hail to the Chief" To Chris Coghlan

The Sunnyside Neighborhood Association has a new president, Chris Coghlan. Chris, the SNA Board's At-Large member, was appointed by the board in January to fill out the remainder of departing president Chris Mirkovich's term. He then appointed Jennifer Heggie to the At-Large post.

Chris Mirkovich's resignation was prompted by a pending move to Baltimore. A resident, landlord and local businessperson, Chris brought a special perspective to Sunnyside's board. He became the association's vice-president in May 2001, and stepped up to the office of president in October 2002.

During his time as president, SNA entered into another round of negotiations with City College of San Francisco to formally protect the Judson Hillside as open space. While Chris just missed seeing this become reality while he was in office, what a fine legacy to leave to his neighbors in Sunnyside!

Chris also encouraged greater board involvement and activity and promoted the creation of several committees to address specific areas of concern.

SNA greatly benefited from Chris's involvement, and he'll be sorely missed. SNA wishes him the best in his new life in Baltimore. ⚙

February Meeting

Residents Hear Answers from CCSF About Greenhouse Demolition, Pending Construction on Campus

The Sunnyside Neighborhood Association's February 7 meeting featured City College's chancellor and officers from Ingleside Police Station.

College Outlines 2005 Building Plans

City College of San Francisco Chancellor Philip Day and Associate Vice Chancellor Jim Blomquist brought drawings, project descriptions and other information on the college's upcoming building activities under its new Master Plan. Three major projects will be started this year:

The **greenhouses on Havelock**, which CCSF recently purchased, will be torn down and the property used for temporary classroom space for the next five years. The site will be fenced, lighted and landscaped.

Next on the schedule is a two-story **Student Health Center** to be built at the corner of Judson and Phelan. This will replace the crumbling "Pizza Hut" bungalows and construction will take 9-12 months.

By early fall, groundbreaking should take place for a one-story **Child Development Center** to be built on part of the parking lot on Judson. In response to SNA's request, this building site was moved from a location partially on Judson Hillside. Both new buildings will feature extensive landscaping.

Day and Bloomquist answered questions from the audience, including a query about the proposed parking garage to replace the seismically unsafe gymnasium buildings on the east edge of the campus. That 800-vehicle facility is not yet funded and can't be built for several years. If it is built, access from Havelock will not be permitted.

Day clarified that contrary to previous reports, the college will not be asking homeowners adjacent to construction areas for permission to photograph their property. The college will be making every effort to minimize the impact of demolition and construction activities and to communicate their intentions to residents.

Chancellor Day acknowledged that relations between City College and its neighbors have not always been good but said efforts to improve communications and relations have paid off. He asked us to recognize that there has to be a balance between the needs of the neighborhood and the needs of City College. He encouraged neighbors to contact CCSF or his office if they have any questions or concerns.

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5 Reasons Why YOU Belong in SNA

1. For 30 years, SNA has effectively represented neighborhood interests at City Hall and with city agencies and departments.
2. *Sunnyside News* focuses on your neighborhood. You'll read news, information and features that are concerned with local issues and include a neighborhood perspective.
3. At our quarterly meetings you can hear interesting and informative speakers such as representatives from DPT, Rec and Parks, and City College. Officers from Ingleside also attend every SNA meeting, providing crime statistics and addressing specific neighborhood problems. Meetings also are a forum to express concerns and identify others willing to work on local problems.
4. SNA board members and representative meet with officials at City College on a regular basis to represent residents' interests. Negotiations in the past year have led to a building site being relocated at SNA's request, a draft agreement for preserving Judson Hillside as open space, and the installation of an attractive fence at the end of Marston.
5. 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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CCSF Construction and Judson Hillside

It appears that City College's long expected capital improvements will be underway by the time this newsletter reaches you (see page 4).

We have been communicating with City College on these and other matters. They assure us that they will do everything possible to minimize the negative impact on our neighborhood, during this process.

A bright note in our talks is the written commitment by them to keep the Judson Hillside open space for at least 15 more years (see page 2).

Traffic Calming Study Request Rejected

The DPT has rejected our application for a Traffic Calming Study. It seems the Sunnyside is much safer than the neighborhoods they have targeted. I don't think we should abandon our committee on this matter, but instead target certain streets and intersections that may need their attention.

Stay in Touch

As always, if there is something going on in the neighborhood that you would like to report please feel free to contact me at 902-7310 or Chris@CoghlanHomes.com. ⚙

How to Contact SNA

SNA encourages all members to contact the president or other board members when you have neighborhood questions or concerns.

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Sunnyside News

SNA encourages all of our members to submit news, features or letters to the editor to *Sunnyside News*. All letters must be signed, and items submitted are subject to editing.

For more information, including the next newsletter deadline (sometime in late April), please contact *Sunnyside News* editor Rita Evans, 415-587-6234, rita_e@pacbell.net, or at SNA, PO Box 27615, SF, CA, 94127.

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Are My Dues Due?

If you're an SNA member, please check the mailing label on this newsletter. If the date in the line "Dues paid through ..." is *March 2005* or earlier, it's time to pay your \$10 annual dues.

If you're not already an SNA member, please join us! There's a membership form on page 7.

SNA depends on income from membership dues to fund the cost of *Sunnyside News*, meeting notices, and other association activities.

If you have any questions about your membership information, please contact Rita Evans, 587-6234, rita_e@pacbell.net. ⚙

From the Editor

Judson Hillside Preservation Just around the Corner

by Rita Evans

As someone who's been involved for almost 15 years in negotiations with City College regarding Judson Hillside, I'm pleased to report that the *Memorandum of Agreement between the San Francisco Community College District and the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association (MOU)* will be signed very soon. The essential elements of the MOU provide that::

- CCSF won't use the Hillside in any manner inconsistent with its status as open space.
- Existing vegetation will be maintained.
- Improvements consistent with open space, such as installation of trash cans and benches, may be made.
- CCSF and SNA will continue to work together regarding issues of concern.
- The MOU will be in place for 15 years, the duration of the current College Master Plan. Discussions to renew it will start 9-12 months before it expires.

With construction about to begin on a number of college projects, it's reassuring to know that no building will be taking place on the hillside.

This agreement is a fine example of how the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association works for you to preserve what we value about our special part of San Francisco.

It's also a concrete sign that the current administration at City College, starting at the top with Chancellor Philip Day, is committed to open communication and discussion with our neighborhood. What a contrast to the situation we faced in the early 1990s, when a previous chancellor called a neighborhood meeting to smugly ask for our input on landscaping for the huge building he planned to put on the hillside.

This is a very satisfying ending to this phase of negotiations! ⚙

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SNA Meetings 2005

May 2
August 1
November 7

7:00 pm

St. Finn Barr Church
Church Hall -
enter on Edna at Hearst

SNA meets the first
Monday of February, May,
August and November.

All Sunnyside residents
are invited to attend.

Neighbors are
encouraged to join
the Sunnyside
Neighborhood
Association.
See page 7 for
Membership Form.

President's Message

Daytime Mugging Serves As Reminder to Be Careful

by Chris Coghlan, President, SNA

I hope 2005 has started on a good foot for most of you. Unfortunately a frightening and dangerous incident happened to one of our members last week. Here is part of the e-mail he sent to us.

I wanted to alert SNA members of a mugging that took place in broad daylight yesterday at Joost and Congo.

I was walking home from BART at 5:15 pm and had just crossed Congo on Joost headed to Detroit St - where my home is... As I walked along the sidewalk a man came from behind, pushed me hard onto the cement driveway of the house on Joost, and took my wallet out of my pocket and my cash.

He then got up (since he had tackled me to the ground) ran behind me and got into the front passenger seat of a car on Congo and sped up towards Mangels and beyond. The driver of the car waited while this person got out, mugged me and then got back in - all the while blocking the intersection of Joost and Congo.

I reported the incident and the police arrived and opened case [xxx]. I know many of us walk from BART daily and wanted you to be aware of this type of operation. The police said that this mode of "drive by, get out and mug, and drive away" is happening more frequently in the city.

Please let this be a reminder that we must always be aware of our surroundings and to look out for one another. Our best resource to fight crime is each other.

For information on making your block a SAFE block, call the SAFE program 553-1984.

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