
Sunnyside News

*Voice of the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association
32 Years of Neighbors Helping Neighbors, 1975-2007*

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SNA Meetings

August 6
November 5

7:00 pm
St. Finn Barr
Church Hall,
Edna at Hearst

All Sunnyside
residents
are invited
to attend.



President's Message

Greetings,

Paving and Water Line Work

We are almost through with the new sidewalk cut-outs on Monterey. Live and learn, I hope the next time a project gets underway the Contractor doesn't tear up the street until they are ready to do the work.

Having Monterey and Foerster, one of our busiest intersections, torn up for over a month was unacceptable to say the least. The new water transfer line will be cutting through our neighborhood over the next months.

We have had meetings with the project manager who assures us they will take our needs as a community very seriously while the construction is going on. Already they have given assurances that there will be a break in the action in critical areas in August when the fall semester begins at City College. Not a work stoppage, just a shift in area of operation while traffic is particularly bad.

Sunnyside Park

We had a great meeting on May 14 for the program planning at Sunnyside Park. The meeting was hosted by SNA, Friends of Sunnyside Park, Canine Community of Sunnyside Park and Sunnyside Elementary School PTA. See page 4 for a full report.

There will be a planning meeting for the Grand Re-Opening of the playground in late fall.

Watch for the details in the next couple of months.

SNA Website

We have updated our website. Hopefully it will be easier for us to keep updated and will be a useful tool to help keep all of you informed about

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From the Editor

by Rita Evans

Residents pave their front yards for a variety of reasons. They may figure it's a good place to park, or perhaps they find the upkeep to be too much trouble.

A neighbor raised this issue at a recent SNA membership meeting, noting that replacing planted areas with sterile concrete slabs hurt property values. This extra pavement also hurts water quality by preventing storm runoff from percolating through the ground where it's filtered. And they're UGLY.

Whatever reason someone may have, paving your front yard is a violation of the San Francisco Planning Code.

Section 132g states that "All front setback areas... shall be appropriately landscaped, and in every case not less than 20 percent of the required setback area shall be and remain *unpaved and devoted to plant material*, including the use of native/drought resistant plant material."

Supervisor Sean Elsbernd noted that this a quality of life issue he's interested in addressing. If you see a yard being paved, contact the supervisor and he'll try to invoke the code to stop the paving.

Landscaping an area as small as our tiny front yards isn't a huge challenge, and there are plenty of low maintenance options. Help keep Sunnyside green – instead of concrete, plant some flowers, or perhaps some native shrubs that will attract butterflies and birds while pleasing the eye and improving our air and water quality. ☀

Sunnyside News

Sunnyside News is published four times per year. SNA encourages members to submit news, features or letters to the editor to *Sunnyside News*. All letters must be signed. All items are subject to editing.

For more information, including the next newsletter deadline, 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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Meet Our Newest Board Member

My name is Monica Ramirez and I have been recently appointed to be your new board member for SNA. I was born and raised in Sunnyside neighborhood and am raising my three children here as well.

I have many fond memories of my childhood here in Sunnyside. I attended Tiny Tots at Sunnyside Playground and graduated from Sunnyside Elementary School. I remember how my friends and I used to use Sunnyside School's yard to roller skate in or the playground to fly kites.

My parents were very involved with SNA, with my father, George Williams Sr., being one of the first board members. I recently found this out when stumbling across some SNA documents with his signature dating back to 1971. To this day it makes me very proud when someone approaches me with memories of my family.

So, I am here today, stepping up to the plate to be an active member in a wonderful neighborhood so one day my kids too can have fond memories of their childhood, here in the Sunnyside community. ☼

Treasurer's Report

Balance on January 1, 2007 \$2156.32

Income YTD \$1956.34

Dues received \$1720.00

Donations received \$235.78

Bank Interest \$0.56

Expenses YTD \$601.50

Winter 2007 issue of *Sunnyside News* \$396.00

February meeting postcard \$81.50

February meeting hall rental \$50.00

Annual PO box rental \$74.00

Balance in regular account \$3511.16

Balance in Playground Fund \$85.00

Total Balance, May 7 \$3596.16

Robin Levine, SNA Treasurer

NERT Training

NERT training can help you be self-sufficient in case of disaster. The SF Fire Dept. has scheduled the following free sessions:

Bayview

Saturdays, 8:00-5:00

June 23 and 30

Bayview Police Station

Community Room

Richmond District

Begins July 12, Thursday eves,

6:30pm-9:30pm

July 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9, 16

470-24th Avenue /Geary

UCSF Mission Bay Campus

Tuesdays, 8:00-5:00

July 10 and 17

600 16th Street, Genentech Hall,

Rm 114

ID required for entry

To register, call 970-2024.

Dues Due?

Check Your Mailing Label

If the date on your mailing label is *June 2007* or earlier, it's time to pay your dues.

You'll find a membership form on page 7.

Questions or corrections regarding your membership information? Contact Rita Evans, 587-6234, or rita_e@pacbell.net. ☼

Neighbors Generate Wide Range of Ideas for Park Programs

More than 40 people attended the Sunnyside Park community meeting at St. Finn Barr Church Hall on May 21. Sponsored by SNA, Canine Community of Sunnyside Park, Sunnyside School PTA and Friends of Sunnyside Park, the meeting was called to gather ideas for Sunnyside Park programs.

District 7 Supervisor Sean Elsbernd, and Marianne Bertuccelli, Darlene Lockwood and Gilberto Rocha of the Recreation and Park Department heard suggestions ranging from sports programs to movie programs to activities for tots. They heard about the importance of hiring a “dynamic” park director and the need for programs that will appeal to tweens, teens, and older people.

Neighbors addressed transportation issues, access to restrooms and security. Many useful suggestions were generated and it was great to see the level of interest shown by the neighbors.

The full list of suggestions, including those made by residents who were unable to attend the meeting, will be available on SNA’s website.

Marianne also reported that a new online registration system for park programs for families is in place.

Gilberto said the search is underway for a new director for Sunnyside Park. He also announced that a field trip to Great America is planned for this summer. ☼

Our thanks to Matthew Barnhart of Friends of Sunnyside Park for the meeting report on which this article was based.

Pedestrian Safety Concerns Prompt Police Stings

Traffic safety, and pedestrian safety in particular, are a big concern to many residents. Captain Paul Chignell and the officers at Ingleside Police Station are taking action to make the streets safer for all of us through aggressive traffic law enforcement.

Here are some comments from the captain that appeared in his daily Ingleside Station Crime Reports during May:

“Ingleside Police Officers wrote 1,059 moving violations in the month of April - again the highest of all of the 10 police stations by over 300 citations. This is a direct result of community requests, particularly pedestrian safety.”

“During the past week the officers at Ingleside Police Station wrote an incredible 387 moving traffic citations. The average for police stations monthly is 300-600 citations. This high number is directly attributable to requests from the community, particularly relating to pedestrian safety, and due to officers stepping up to the plate to ensure the safety of the public. We are appreciative of the officers and will continue to respond to community requests.”

“On Thursday, May 10, 2007, Ingleside officers wrote 20 citations in one hour at 28th and Guerrero for vehicles failing to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk. We will continue to perform pedestrian ‘stings’ to ensure the safety of pedestrians.”

If you’d like to subscribe to the daily email report of police and criminal activity, email Paul.Chignell@sfgov.org. ☼

SFPD's CrimeMAPS - Local Crime Information Is Just a Click Away

by Rita Evans

In the last issue of *Sunnyside News*, I described CrimeMAPS, a website from SFPD that allows you to produce maps from police reports.

Once you generate a map, you can click on each incident for details on the reported offense and the date it happened. I used that information to compile the following list of incidents reported in Sunnyside for the three month period of February through April 2007.

Remember that the information from the CrimeMAPS site is for informational purposes only. Due to both stacked incidents (those located at the same address) and some incidents which did not geocode, the number of incidents may not be fully reflected in the maps that are generated.

To create a map or generate a report, go to SFPD's CrimeMAPS (gispubweb.sfgov.org/website/san_francisco_community/default.asp).

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neighborhood and city events and concerns.

August Meeting

Keep it safe and have a great summer. We are planning an Ice Cream Social for our next meeting in August. I can't confirm the date until St. Finn Barr does their official event calendar, but watch for an announcement.

Best to all,
Chris



Reported Crimes in Sunnyside February through April 2007 Data from SFPD CrimeMAPS

Larceny/Theft (8 incidents)

Judson @ Phelan, 3/21, Petty theft of property
Judson 300 block, 3/21, Petty theft from locked auto
Hearst @ Edna, 3/3, Grand theft from locked auto
Hearst 600 block, 2/1, Grand theft from locked auto
Havelock @ Edna, 3/2, Grand theft from locked auto
Monterey @ Congo, 3/1, Petty theft from locked auto
Monterey 600 block, 2/6, Petty theft, shoplifting
Monterey 600 block, 3/5, Petty theft, shoplifting

Burglary - (3 incidents)

Joost 200 block, 2/26, Burglary, hot prowling, unlawful entry
Joost 200 block, 4/4, Burglary of residence, attempted forcible entry, malicious mischief
Monterey 600 block, 4/12, Burglary of apartment house, unlawful entry

Vehicle Theft - (6 incidents)

Edna @ Marston, 4/7, Attempted stolen vehicle
Edna, 400 block, 4/8, Stolen truck
Flood, 100 block, 4/8, Stolen truck
Hearst 400 block, 2/27, Stolen auto
Mangels 200 block, 3/24, Stolen truck
Monterey 400 block, 2/8, Stolen auto

Vandalism - (2 incidents)

Judson @ Detroit, 3/3, Malicious mischief, vandalism of vehicles
Circular @ Congo, 2/20, Malicious mischief, vandalism of vehicles

Assault - (2 incidents)

Marston 100 block, 3/29, Battery
Detroit 300 block, 4/18, Battery

Drug/Narcotic - (3 incidents)

Joost 400 block, 2/20, Possession of meth-amphetamine, possession of meth-amphetamine for sale, possession of narcotics paraphernalia
Monterey, Sunnyside Conservatory, 4/24, Possession of marijuana, possession of narcotics paraphernalia
Monterey 400 block, 4/22, Planting/cultivating marijuana

City Services, Repaving, and Waterline Work Focus of May Meeting

by Rita Evans

Neighbors heard our district supervisor, a deputy director from DPW and a representative of the SFPUC at SNA's May membership meeting. Our local police officers, however, rushed out in response to an emergency call before we had a chance to hear their report.

DPW Deputy Director of Operations Mohammed Nuru described the city's new 311 call system. Whatever city agency you're trying to reach, you'll just have to remember one number – 311. This includes DPW calls such as illegal dumping and Mohammed encouraged residents to report such activity.

DPW has repeatedly cited the contractor doing the Monterey Blvd. paving job for not clearing work areas and allowing unsafe conditions. There's been a noticeable improvement as the work has progressed east on Monterey.

The need for landscaping for Monterey that can survive our windy, foggy microclimate was raised, and residents asked about options such as stone chips and fabric barriers. Mohammed said DPW is committed to working with the neighborhood if there's agreement on landscaping.

Mohammed also said DPW will work with neighbors on clean-up efforts for specific streets.

PUC

Robert Lopez, Public Relations Officer with the Public Utility Commission, outlined the work that will be taking place through the fall in Sunnyside as the East-West Transmission project progresses through this part of the city.

Noise, dust and cloudy water will probably accompany the work which is part of an upgrade and modernization of the water system. Chris Coghlan strongly encouraged the PUC to adjust their work schedule so work could be done on Judson when City College is not in session, rather than in the fall when traffic is a big problem.

If you have questions about this project, call Robert at 554-3286 or email rlopez@sfgwater.org.

Supervisor Elsbernd

Supervisor Sean Elsbernd announced that Portola will be repaved beginning in the fall. He's soliciting specific instances of problems with Muni service such as it taking x minutes to get from point A to point B, or specific waiting times on specific days for a specific line. He also announced that groundbreaking should take place in a few months at Ocean and Plymouth for the new Ingleside branch of the SF Public Library.

To reach Supervisor Elsbernd you can email sean.elsbernd@sfgov.org. ☎



Barricades and orange netting have been a common sight along Monterey Blvd. as repaving work progresses. ADA-compliant curb cuts are being added to intersections throughout the work area. The contractor has done a better job of cleaning up work sites after DPW received complaints from residents.



Construction of the new **Child Development Center** at City College is underway. The five low-profile buildings on Judson at Genessee are being built using sustainable, green design. Building roofs, for example, will be covered with drought-resistant succulents that will provide insulation for the buildings.



CCSF's **Community Health and Wellness Center** on Ocean Avenue is nearing completion. The three levels will house a pool, gym, locker rooms, performance studio, martial arts facility, and faculty offices. The new facility will replace seismically unsafe gyms constructed in 1940.

⚙ **SNA Annual Membership Dues** ⚙

Membership in the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association is \$15 per year for households and \$25 per year for businesses.

Make checks payable to SNA, and send to:
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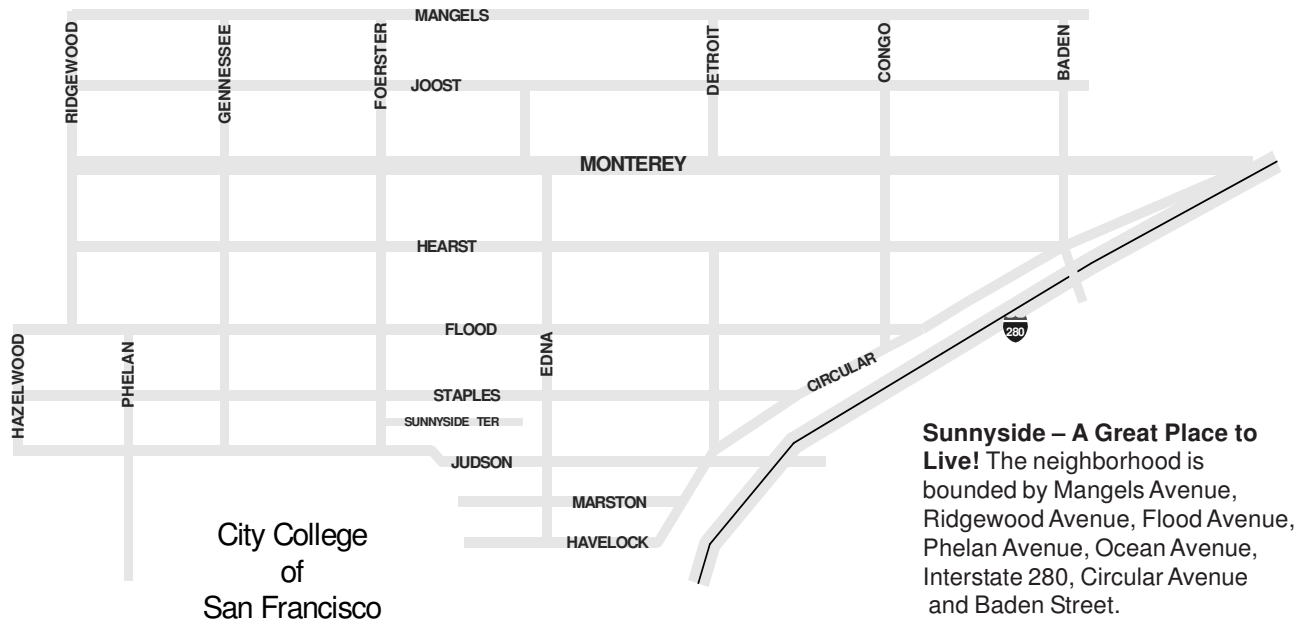
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