
Sunnyside News

*Voice of the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association
35 Years of Neighbors Helping Neighbors, 1975-2010*

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SNA Membership Meetings

**May 3
August 2
November 1**

7:00pm

St. Finn Barr
Church Hall
415 Edna at Hearst

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

Meet your neighbors and
hear what's going on in
our neighborhood.



President's Message

by Bill Wilson

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as the President of the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association. With the reopening of the Sunnyside playground and the Sunnyside Conservatory, the remodeling of the Safeway in the works, and City College building on its campus, I think that Sunnyside is experiencing a new renaissance. We as an association have a pivotal role in making sure that neighborhood concerns are heard. It is our future that will be directly impacted by these changes.

I feel that the budget crisis facing our city, state and country make it even more critical that we find ways to help our neighbors and to come together to provide community support for each other. Our voices can make a difference.

We can only be as strong as our membership is involved. Please renew your membership if it is up for renewal this month. If you find something in this newsletter that interests you, let us know and become involved. If you don't find something that reflects your passions or concern, let us know that also.

I hope that you will feel free to contact me about any concerns you have. My phone number is (415) 239-8203 and my email is bill.f.wilson@gmail.com ☀

New SNA Board Looks Ahead

The Sunnyside Neighborhood Association elected officers for 2010-2011 at the membership meeting on February 1. The incumbent board members chose not to run and all five board positions were open. Some gentle arm-twisting yielded new officers who will serve two-year terms.

Meet your new SNA board members in their own words.

Bill Wilson, President

My husband, Fernando Orlandi and I moved from Washington, DC to our house on Edna Street in August 1997 because his job was transferred to Loral Aerospace in Palo Alto. We were married by Mayor Newsom on June 17, 2008. I've worked on the recent playground and Conservatory projects. I've served on the Parks and Recreation Open Space Advisory Committee (PROSAC) since 2003. I look forward to working with all the different projects happening over the year and getting to know you - my neighbors - better.

Stuart Rosenthal, Vice President

My wife and I have been Sunnyside residents since 1988. Our daughter attends Aptos Middle School, and our household includes a well behaved dog and numerous bicycles. I served as SNA President 1990-1993. My neighborhood concerns include pedestrian and bicycle safety, Monterey Blvd speeding and greening, traffic, parking, Muni, and merchant relationships. I look forward to a productive and fruitful relationship with the SNA and attracting new members from our diverse community.

Ray Kutz, Treasurer

I've lived in the Sunnyside neighborhood for six years and have participated in various events and activities - history project, greening, graffiti abatement, garage sales and

Project Safe. I look forward to helping SNA manage its finances and participating in other SNA events in the coming year.

David Tejeda, Member-at-Large

My family, Mikey, Jeff, Bill and I, have lived in Sunnyside on Marston Avenue for over ten years. I've been an SNA member for about seven years and have attended about 80% of the SNA meetings. I've attended many City-organized planning meeting re. traffic, and proposed improvements and changes at City College. My biggest SNA activity this past year was the Halloween street party on Marston; I will plan to work on this event again. City College, parking and traffic issues are my major concerns.

Rita Evans, Secretary

My husband and I moved to Sunnyside in 1988. I edited *Sunnyside News* from 1994-2008, and previously served as SNA Vice President and Secretary. I'm co-chair of SNA's City College Committee and have been involved in SNA-CCSF issues since the early '90s. I work at a transportation institute and have particular interests in traffic calming and innovative approaches to parking. Volunteering with SNA has been a good way to meet my neighbors and help make Sunnyside a great place to live.

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Sunnyside News

Sunnyside News is published four times per year. SNA encourages members to submit news items, features or letter to the editor.

All letters must be signed.

All items are subject to editing.

Sunnyside Neighborhood Association assumes no responsibility for the statements and opinions expressed in *Sunnyside News*.

Editorial views do not necessarily represent the official position of SNA.

Make Sunnyside Greener — Plant a Tree with FUF For a Rock-bottom Price!

by Pat Moore

We already have had a spectacular return from the first meeting of the newly formed SNA Greening Committee. Friends of the Urban Forest has announced that, due to a very high level of contributions, they are able to offer Sunnyside residents sidewalk trees at the UNBELIEVABLE price of \$75 each. This includes breaking the concrete, obtaining all necessary permits, planting your tree of choice from the approved list, hauling away any debris, and maintenance for 18 months.

The only obstacle is that we need to have at least 30 people sign up, so please contact me to indicate your possible interest in having a tree planted in front of your home. If we can get enough residents signed up we will be able to schedule a planting as early as late May or early June!

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Greening Committee, our next meeting will be on March 19, at City College. Contact Pat to get the details for that, too.
Pat Moore, patmoore695@comcast.net, 415-587-8083

Sunnyside Garden Club Forming

by Susan Evans

You didn't know there is such a thing? That's because there isn't - but there should be! It's clear from walking along our streets that we are interested in plants and making nice yards.

I hope to start a neighborhood garden club! It will be formed much like the Glen Park Garden Club. The Sunnyside Garden Club won't be affiliated with the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association, or have charity obligations, unless we decide we want it.

Our first meeting will be Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00. We'll be setting things up then, and the first 'regular' meeting will be in June if there is interest. Some of you signed up at the SNA meeting a while ago, and I'll be contacting you, but others may email me, ske1@pacbell.net, and I'll let you know where the first meeting is.

Enjoy your spring flowers!

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance

11/20/09

\$3534.14

Income

\$440.03

Income includes membership dues, donations, interest.

Expenses

\$287.14

Expenses include newsletter, bank deposit slips, meeting postcards, donation to St. Finn Barr for hall for meeting, Greening Committee refreshments.

Closing Balance

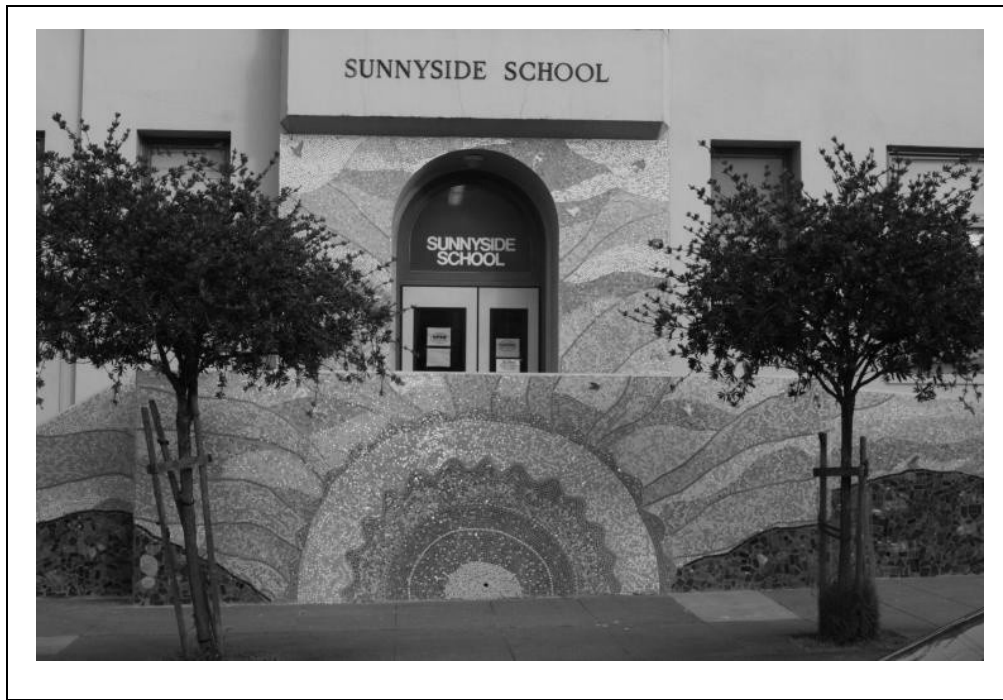
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Ray Kutz,
SNA Treasurer

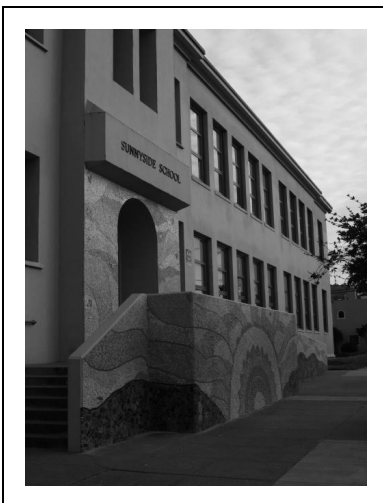


Gorgeous Mosaic Mural Graces Sunnyside School



Article and photos by Bill Wilson

Even in dreary, rainy weather the sun will always be shining at Sunnyside Elementary School thanks to the beautiful new mosaic mural installed at the front entrance of the school. Black and white photos can't do justice to the vibrant colors of the tiles produced by the entire Kindergarten class and Ms. Capitan's and Ms. Rensman's 4th graders under the supervision of muralist Josef Norris, director and founder of Kid Serve.



When asked why Sunnyside was picked for this project Josef Norris replied, "I am a new Sunnyside Elementary School parent. My son Adi is in Kindergarten at Sunnyside - and I wanted to do a project with his class. I have been running Kid Serve for 11 years and have done 85 of these murals, mostly mosaics, at schools around the Bay Area.

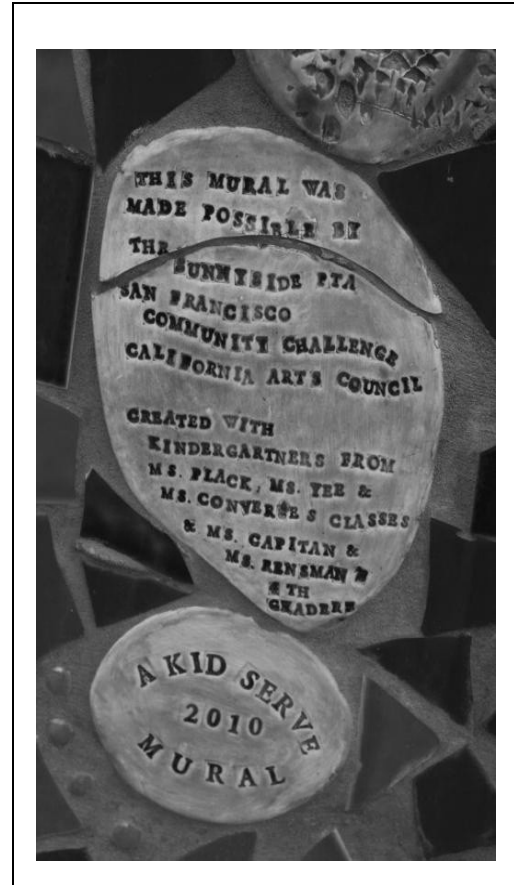
"I have been waiting a long time for a chance to do one at my son's school. I worked with three kindergarten classes and one 4th grade class for 16 weeks creating this mural. Hard to believe - but much of what you see

on the mural was made by 5-year-olds laying tile in the classroom.”

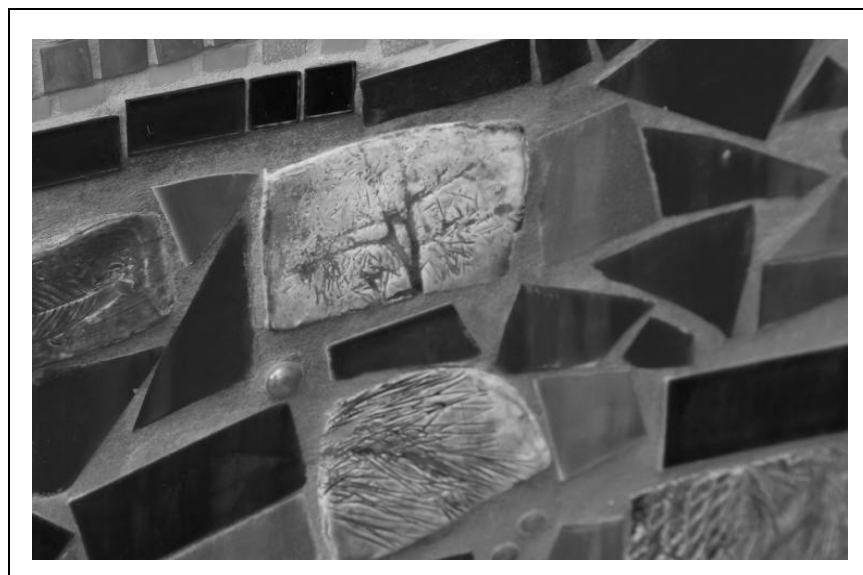
Kid Serve uses a teaching and learning approach that integrates community service with academic study to enrich learning, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities. That social approach was reflected in Mr. Norris’s response to the question of how this project was different from others he has worked on.

“We normally don’t work with so many kids, but we wanted to bring the incoming kindergarten parents together. Also, it was technically pretty complicated. But we’re very happy with the results. I like to think that the beauty of the mural reflects some of the great work going on inside the school.”

The project was funded by grants from the San Francisco Community Challenge Grant Program and California Arts Council and with funds from the Sunnyside Elementary PTA.



Video of the installation and photos can be seen on the Kid Serve website, www.kidserve.com/sunnyside.html. Photos are on my website, billwilsonphotos.com/photoalbums/2010-02-10SunnysideElementaryMosaics/index.html ☼



Donations Sought For Park, Conservatory

by Bill Wilson

Sunnyside Park and Sunnyside Conservatory look great after recent renovations. Funding for the renovations, however, covered only capital costs – brick-and-mortar construction materials and labor. By law, once the sites are open to the public, such funds cannot be spent on furnishing.

GearUp Fund campaign will solicit tax-deductible donations for table, chairs, equipment and supplies needed in five recently renovated facilities, including our park and conservatory. The campaign is run by San Francisco Parks Trust (SFPT), a non-profit organization that fundraises for and promotes Rec. & Park Dept. facilities. Large banners announcing the campaign are hanging at both parks, and SFPT recently mailed postcards to surrounding residents asking for donations.

GearUp funds are for equipment only, not for program providers or community events. Programs are provided by the Rec. & Park Dept., usually for a fee, or by park advocacy groups who raise money to provide such opportunities.

The Friends of Sunnyside Conservatory (FSC) and Sunnyside Park Families & Neighbors (SPFN) provide almost all community-building events in our two park sites. Residents are encouraged to donate to GearUp for much needed park equipment. Donors can designate their contribution for a specific park or to the Fund in general, and are strongly encouraged to support their local advocacy groups for events.

SPFN is also helping Rec. Director Joe Scott collect much needed equipment for the Park's Clubhouse, 841-0584. Used toys, books, kitchen cookware, silverware, serving plates, mugs, bowls, coffee pots, microwave, etc. in good, clean and reusable condition are appreciated; send a list to SPFamilies@aol.com. Donations for equipment and programs are tax-deductible.

- GearUp Fund: www.GearUpFund.org.
 - Friends of Sunnyside Conservatory: www.sunnysideconservatory.org, donations via PayPal.
 - Sunnyside Park Families & Neighbors: checks to fiscal sponsor SFPT, 501 Stanyan St., SF CA 94117; write "SPFN Account No. 7224" on checks.
 - Checks for FSC and SPFN also can be sent directly to either group at P.O. Box 31304, SF CA 94131.
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Join NERT and Be Prepared

NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team) meets at 7:00 the second Wednesday of each month in the administrative offices of City College's Wellness Center, Ocean at Howth. All are welcome to attend, whether currently certified or not.

We can help you locate classes, and in the meantime you can be learning the best way to take care of yourself and your loved ones in the event of an emergency.

Don't wait until the Big One hits to know what to do. Contact Tyler Sutton, SNA's NERT Coordinator, at tksuton@gmail.com, 415-235-5936.

Owners Responsible For Sidewalk Repair

At the February SNA meeting, a neighbor complained that roots of trees planted by Friends of the Urban Forest some years ago have damaged sidewalks near her home.

Sidewalk maintenance is the responsibility of the property owner, not FUF or the city. If sidewalks are damaged due to root expansion, construction, or other reasons, homeowners are required to make repairs.

Help keep Sunnyside safe AND green – take care of your sidewalks and your trees (and see page 3 if you want to plant a new one.)

SNA Members, It's Time to Renew!

SNA members, please check the mailing label on this newsletter. If the date in the line that reads, "Dues paid through ..." is *March 2010* or earlier, it's time to pay your dues.

Most members' annual dues are due in March.

The membership form is below, and we've included a self-addressed envelope with this issue for your convenience.

The Sunnyside Neighborhood Association has worked with City College to lessen the impact of campus construction activities on neighbors, persevered in the effort to finally upgrade the playground at Sunnyside Park, and is monitoring the planning process for Balboa Park Station and

Ocean/Phelan Avenues. Our membership meetings regularly feature updates and question and answer sessions with Supervisor Sean Elsbernd and Ingleside Station Police Captain David Lazar, as well as presentations from city departments and representatives of City College.

Four times a year, *Sunnyside News* delivers information focused on our neighborhood.

SNA depends on income from our members to fund the cost of *Sunnyside News*, meeting notices, and other association activities. Your annual financial support of \$15 membership dues helps keep our neighborhood a great place to live

If you're not already an SNA member, please join us!

Questions about your membership information? Please contact Rita Evans, 587-6234, or rita_e@pacbell.net.



SNA Annual Membership Dues

Dues are \$15/year for households, \$25/year for businesses. Make checks payable to SNA and send to SNA, PO Box 27615, SF, CA 94127

Name (please print) _____

Street/City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Household \$15 _____ Business \$25 _____ Donation \$ _____

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*Time to renew? Check the mailing label.
Send your dues today!*