

# Sunnyside News

## SNA Membership Meeting

**August 6  
7:00pm**

St. Finn Barr  
Church Hall  
415 Edna at Hearst

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

Everyone is welcome.  
Meet your neighbors  
and find out what's  
going on in our  
neighborhood.

### Upcoming 2012 Meetings

August 6  
November 5

2013 Meetings  
February 7  
May 6  
August 5  
November 4



Some of the more than 130 neighbors who attended the May SNA meeting. More photos on page 5.

### **President's Message**

## **Making Great Things Happen**

*by Lisa Spinali*

*"Building Our Community Every Day"*

Dear Fellow Neighbors,

I am so delighted to share our progress with you as your new president. As you will see throughout this issue of the newsletter, we are making great things happen in our neighborhood—thanks to each of you!

Using various forms of communication—door hangers at every residence, word of mouth, NextDoor, Facebook, web site communication, and hosting a table at

the Glen Park Festival—we have been able to increase our membership by 22% to 218 households. This is the first time that our membership is above 200 in many years and we are excited to have new members join as well as having lapsed members return.

We also had about 130 in attendance at our May 7 quarterly meeting. It was a lively meeting with a packed agenda and wonderful paella prepared by Chef Matt

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## Sunnyside News

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## From the Editor

# Traffic Calming Comes to Sunnyside

by Rita Evans

As San Francisco implements measures to make the city friendlier for pedestrians and bicyclists, our neighborhood streets have seen significant changes. Speed humps were installed on Circular, bike route 70 is an east-west route through Sunnyside, and bike lanes were added on Phelan. Intersections along Circular have traffic islands to slow vehicular traffic and crosswalks near Sunnyside Elementary School sport more visible zebra stripes.

Any driver who is routinely stuck on Phelan waiting for the light to change at Ocean may long for the lost traffic lanes on that street, and I can't say I enjoy going over the humps even at low speed. As someone who often walks, however, these efforts to calm traffic and encourage muscle-powered transportation are encouraging. Look for changes to the oddly configured Judson-Circular-Detroit intersection in the next few months which are intended to reduce the distance to cross the street, slow traffic, and make this area safer.



**Thank you, Teachers!** On Wednesday, May 9, the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association participated in the San Francisco Education Fund's Thank a Teacher Campaign. Through this campaign, we delivered hundreds of dollars of supplies (paper, pens, tape, facial tissue, markers, Peets Coffee) as a part of the annual Teacher Appreciation Month. Thank you to our Sunnyside teachers and all that they do to support our community's children.

## Hey Neighbor, Can You Lend a Hand?

Sunnyside is a diverse neighborhood, with some folks having spent 30, 40 or even more years of their life in our corner of the City. As we get older, it can become more difficult to care for our home and ensure its safety. Rebuilding Together SF (RTSF) is a non-profit organization that recruits volunteers to assist in repairing community members' homes.

In 2010, RTSF launched its new Changing Neighborhoods, Changing Lives campaign. They hope to create partnerships with existing San Francisco neighborhood groups to execute neighborhood improvements, including home repairs, facility and school renovations, community green projects and energy efficiency retrofits. The goal is to support positive changes that have already been initiated by the neighborhood, build on established momentum, and increase the neighborhood's capacity for growth and change.

Perhaps you know of a senior member could use some assistance and you would like to help out? Visit <http://www.rebuildingtogethersf.org/about-us.html>. There are guidelines and information on who may qualify and the information on deadlines, etc. While there is no guarantee that one of our neighbor's homes will be picked, we want to share this information that might help one of our neighbors.

## Reunited! Sunnyside Neighborhood

It is constitutionally mandated to redraw local, state, and federal political boundaries every 10 years following the U.S. Census. Redistricting is done to equalize the populations in San Francisco's supervisory districts, using various legal criteria. Over the past 10 years, San Francisco's population added 28,502 residents, a 3.7% increase, from the 2000 Census count of 776,733 people.

To equalize the size of the supervisory districts, a 10-person volunteer committee appointed by the Mayor and other City officials has held 34 community meetings to determine the new supervisory districts. The work of this volunteer committee was truly outstanding. Under the leadership of Eric McDonnell (who serves as Executive Vice President of the United Way in his day job), this committee listened to community members and developed countless version of maps to meet the needs of our collective community. This group convened 34 meetings over five months.

SNA leaders attended several meetings to make the case that all of Sunnyside should be within District 7. For the past ten years, a small portion of our neighborhood was in District 8. Thanks to the hard work and excellent presentations (complete with maps and copies of the SNA and Glen Park Neighborhood Association by-laws), we have successfully been reunited into District 7 including our beloved Sunnyside Conservatory.

*Just for your reference, the Sunnyside Neighborhood is bounded by : Mangels Avenue, Ridgewood Avenue, Flood Avenue, Phelan Avenue, Ocean Avenue, Interstate 280, Circular Avenue, Monterey Boulevard east of Baden Street, and Baden Street north of Monterey Boulevard.*

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### **President's Message, continued from page 1**

Garcia from Pier 23. He is a terrific chef and we were so lucky to have him join us.

It was also great to hear from our community leadership including Supervisors Elsbernd and Weiner, Principal Pat Daly from Riordan High School, Captain Dan Mahoney from Ingleside SFPD Station, Chief Andre Barnes from CCSF, and Principal John Simard from Sunnyside Elementary School.

As we continue to build our community, we need your help. We need volunteers for all of our committees -- volunteer opportunities are listed on page 6. We can truly make great things happen in Sunnyside but as my wise grandmother always said, "Many hands make light work." So please consider signing up and helping out. It's a great way to meet new folks, make a difference, and share the pride of Sunnyside.

Wishing you all the best and a happy summer.

## Upcoming Events/Announcements

### Sunnyside Conservatory and Playground Community Meeting,

Wednesday, May 30, 6:30-8:00pm, Sunnyside Conservatory—This meeting is designed to gather support and input for completion of grant applications to fund smaller capital construction improvements to our two neighborhood parks through the Community Opportunity Fund. Join us to help bring a share of the funds to Sunnyside. Light refreshments provided.

**Ingleside Police Station Monthly Community**, Tuesday, June 18, from 7:00-8:00pm—SFPD Captain Dan Mahoney invites all residents to attend the community meetings, held on the third Tuesday of each month in the station's Community Room, 1 Sgt John V Young Lane (enter between the baseball field and Children's Playground in Balboa Park).

**CCSF Passes**—Due to its summer classes being cancelled, City College will not be making any passes to the Health and Wellness Center (pool and gym) available to SNA to distribute for the summer. CCSF has cancelled the classes due to cuts in state funding.

## Business Spotlight On: Amazing Look

Stepping into Amazing Look Salon will make you feel as if you're meeting a dear friend for an afternoon chat. Stylist and salon owner Thu "Ginny" Tran is a Sunnyside treat. Amazing Look Salon has been in Sunnyside for 4.5 years and is a business member of SNA. "Sunnyside has nice people....it's also very beautiful with many trees," gushes Thu. Her



smile and bubbly personality are just as quaint and cheerful as her salon. The patrons boasted about the quality of her services. She

showed us the wall art that one of her patrons painted for her, it is proudly displayed on the wall, so stop by and check it out.



Amazing Look Salon is open Monday through Saturday from 10-7 and Sunday from 10-6; conveniently located at 719 Monterey Blvd with easy parking. Men's, women's and children's services are available and drop-ins are welcome. To make an appointment, call Thu at 415-469-8269.

## Coyotes Spotted In Sunnyside

Coyotes have lived in San Francisco for at least seven years and are often sighted in Golden Gate Park and Glen Park Canyon. In mid-May, NextDoor Sunnyside had postings that neighbors have sighted coyotes in Sunnyside, near the top of Detroit and at the City College reservoir. Keep your animals safe -- one of the coyotes attacked a cat and took off with it.

Animal Care and Control's emergency number is 415-554-9400. They will come out to investigate and will even look to see if there's an injured animal they can help but they do **not** trap coyotes, nor do they attempt to relocate them.

Animal Care's advice: If you encounter a coyote, you should be LOUD and throw pebbles in the direction of (but not at) the coyote to try to scare it off. You should NOT run. Keep your dogs on a leash.

## NextDoor Sunnyside

NextDoor Sunnyside is an online community which is a great tool to share information with neighbors. It's open only to Sunnyside residents and it's free.

NextDoor isn't a replacement for face to face contact, but it is a great way to get connected to your neighbors. Go to sunny-side.nextdoor.com to register.

While NextDoor.com is not affiliated with SNA, it is an additional resource for our members.



## SNA Meeting Draws a Huge Crowd; Neighbors Enjoy Yummy Paella and May Meeting Packed with Information



Door-hangers and the promise of paella drew a record crowd of more than 130 neighbors to SNA's May meeting. Sunnyside residents enjoyed good food while getting to know each other before a lively membership meeting. Several SNA committees found new recruits and more than 20 households joined SNA.



## Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance:  
2/9/12           \$4,568

Income:           \$2,471

Income includes dues,  
donations, raffle, interest

Expenses:       \$1,420

Paid:            \$1,126

To be paid:      \$294

Expenses include Glen  
Park Festival, newsletter  
and postage, meeting  
notice door hangers,  
meeting notice cards and  
postage, St. Finn Barr  
Church Hall rental, web  
hosting

Closing Balance:

5/14/12           \$5,619

*Ray Kutz, Treasurer*

## Membership Report

February 2012  
167 households

May 2012  
218 households

22% increase

## Volunteers! SNA Needs YOU to Get Involved and Have Some Fun!

**Halloween Committee:** Help plan our annual Halloween get together for Saturday, October 29. With the cul-de-sac of Marston Avenue closed off, our children have a chance to have a magical time complete with pumpkin carving, haunted house, bouncy house and other special activities. Please contact Michael Gagne at 415-584-3252 to get involved.

**Greening Committee:** Under the talented and committed leadership of Bob and Keren Abra, help with the greening of our neighborhood. Their current work is focused on completing the planting of the Monterey Boulevard median as well as maintaining Circular Avenue's revitalized look. Future efforts will focus on greening in new medians that will be put in place during the coming year. Please contact Bob and Keren at greensunnyside@gmail.com to get involved.



Plants and smiles — be part of the Greening crew!

### Sunnyside Neighborhood Garage Sale —

SNA is working on securing a good Saturday in September or October for our annual neighborhood-wide garage sale and we need some volunteers. Assignments include getting the word out to neighbors to participate, publicizing the event, developing a master map showing all sale sites (shoppers receive a copy at the first sale they visit), and serving as a resource for questions/feedback and making sure the event runs smoothly. We have information on how we've coordinated past garage sales and made this a fun event. If you would like to volunteer, or organize this event, please email vicepresident.sunnyside@gmail.com.

**Signage Committee:** How many times have you had to explain where Sunnyside is to others? Let's build some community pride. Join this committee to work on the design, development and funding for new signage for our neighborhood. Contact Lisa Spinali at sunnyside.president@gmail.com.

**Website Committee:** As we build out our website, our web master could use some assistance—either with layout and website design or with content or with both! Now's the chance to help shape and form our online presence. Contact Estelle Smith at secretary.sunnyside@gmail.com.

**Newsletter:** Have you got a great story to share or have time to cover one of our community events and write up the story? If so, we would love to have your help with *Sunnyside News*. We could also use help preparing them for mailing once a quarter. If you're interested, please contact Rita Evans, newsletter.sunnyside@gmail.com.

## Sunnyside Booth at Glen Park Festival Raises Our Profile

It was a spectacular sunny Sunday for the annual Glen Park Festival held this year on April 29. The SNA sponsored a booth to help get the word about our Association, the benefits of membership, and to just have a chance to meet new people. The booth was complete with lollipops for kids, dog biscuits and water for our four-legged friends, and a raffle with three great prizes: an Italian Food and Wine Gift Basket, a \$50 Gift Certificate from Safeway, and a Manicure/Pedicure Gift Certificate from Sol y Luna Spa on Monterey Boulevard.

Over the course of the day, we were able to sign on 18 new members and met the head engineer from NextDoor.com, too. We even created a special edition of *Sunnyside News* to share information about the SNA for everyone to take with them.

Our booth was especially eye-catching thanks to the bottle cap magnet mosaic of Sunnyside Elementary's school-front mosaic. It was a big hit and everyone enjoyed taking a piece of Sunnyside home with them!



At SNA's booth at this year's Glen Park Festival SNA recruited 18 new households as SNA members.

### 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donations to SNA, a 501(C) 3 not-for-profit organization, are tax-deductible.

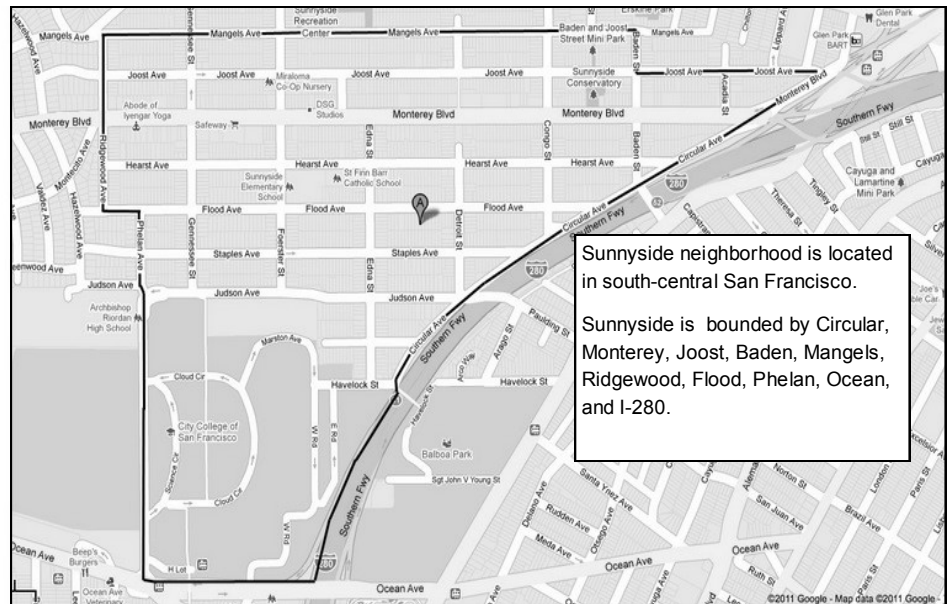


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Helping Neighbors,  
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## Sunnyside—A Great Place to Live!



SNA Membership  
Meeting

Monday, August 6

Meeting at 7:00pm

Meet your neighbors  
and the SNA board!

Sunnyside Neighborhood Assn.  
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*If there's a return envelope inside, it's time  
for you to renew your SNA dues. Please send  
your dues today.*