



Sunnyside News

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Join us on
Monday
November 10
for our next
Membership
Meeting
(note date
change)

Meetings at
St. Finn Barr
Church Hall
415 Edna at Hearst
7:00 - 8:30 PM

SNA meets the first
Monday of February,
May, August and 2nd
Monday of
November.

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

SUNNYSIDE WANTS YOU ! . . . TO BE PREPARED

With the recent tragic earthquake in Napa, it is a reminder about the importance of being prepared for an earthquake or disasters in general. *Are you prepared?* One great resource for San Francisco can be found at www.sf72.org. The three areas you need to focus on to be prepared are:

1. Get connected, 2. Gather supplies and 3. Make a plan

1. Get Connected

Your neighborhood networks are important in an emergency—consider the connections you already have—your yoga studio, craft collective, spiritual groups, or friends in the neighborhood—so you can band together if something happens. How do you think about your immediate neighbors and keep an eye out for one another? Use social networks if there's electricity and internet, but live networks of people are just as important.

2. Gather Supplies

A basic rule is that you should have supplies for three days for evacuation and seven days for your home. For those of you with existing kits, when was the last time you reviewed the contents? It is easy to refresh or make a kit.

For easy reference, here are some tips to preparing your own personal emergency kit. You must have:

- Water: one gallon a day per person, so 3 gallons for evacuation and 7 gallons per person for your home
- Food: non perishable easy to prepare items like tuna, peanut butter
- Flashlight and plenty of extra batteries
- Battery powered or hand crank radio, with charger adapters for cell phones
- First aid kit and 7 day supply of personal medications
- Multi purpose tool and/or scissors, can opener, army knife
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Copies of personal documents (medication lists, proof of address, deed/lease for your home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)

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President's Message

Dear Sunnysiders,

I love living in a neighborhood where I know my neighbors, say hello as folks pass by my home and we can have 56 houses all participate in a neighborhood-wide garage sale. I heard from many sellers sharing their stories of how they made a little cash but the big reward was meeting neighbors and connecting with others. It was a beautiful sunny day and everyone was in such great spirits. It made me so proud of our neighborhood.



Connecting is what community is all about and we are working hard to continue to build the connective tissue among all of us in Sunnyside. Besides the (semi-) annual community wide garage sale, we have launched our partnership with SF Village to help build the support and connections for our growing senior community. For our young families, we are working to create a special Halloween party on the afternoon of Sunday, October 26th in partnership with Sunnyside Elementary and St. Finn Barr Schools. Thanks to Michael Gagne for creating this event many years ago and we are looking forward to working with him to strengthen the event by working with our school communities and closing off the 400 block of Edna Street for the celebration this year.

I was struck about the importance of community when the Napa quake hit. I immediately thought about my own plan and supplies—realizing that everything in my kit was out of date and I really hadn't developed a communications plan at all. So I have committed myself to upgrading my supplies as well as building a stronger communications plan with my neighbors. I would encourage you to do the same as well as think about our seniors to make sure they are in our plans. The odds are we will be at home when the next earthquake hits and it will be our neighbors who we will need to depend upon, so let's be neighborly!

Finally, as you will see in this edition of the newsletter, the work in our community happens because of committed volunteers. We need more residents to be NERT certified and we also need help with organizing events and supporting our greening/cleaning efforts. Even for those of us who have very little extra time, you would be surprised what you can "squeeze in" and you will be happy you did because it feels so good to give back. You truly get more than you give. So Happy Fall to all and I look forward to seeing you all around the neighborhood as well as at our November meeting.

Warm regards,

Lisa Spinali,
President

Final Safeway Plans Go to SF Planning Commission

~Richard Goldman

As we go to press, we expect SF Planning Commission to comment on and calendar a hearing for approval of the plans to remodel the Monterey Blvd. Safeway. Safeway's real estate manager, Natalie Mattei, has informed us that comprehensive technical and architectural drawings were sent to the Planning Department during the last week of July 2014, per its requests and requirements. The plan is have the existing store be demolished, and have the new store built double in size, filling its current property, with an enclosed loading dock on the south end of the building, and with all car parking on the roof.



Major street improvements to Foerster & Monterey intersection will include corner curb bulb-outs. The modified median on Monterey Blvd. will be slightly raised for trucks to back across into the loading dock, but automobiles will not be able to cross it. The 3-lane driveway to and from roof parking has been narrowed for pedestrian safety, and will consist of one lane in and two lanes out. The path of travel for pedestrians has been carefully studied from every vantage point, providing ease and safety. Bike racks will be installed front and center at the pedestrian store entrance on Monterey Blvd, with additional ones that include lockers on the rooftop, for employees and bike trailers.

The exterior store design includes: hand-picked brick, wrought iron fencing, additional glass for views into and out of the store, and a Sunnyside "sunburst" mosaic on the Monterey Blvd wall. A video of the new store, with drawings, and interior store layout are on the website: www.sunnysidesafewaysf.com. Safeway is in discussions with the SFPUC regarding the feasibility of "green roofs." Vines and plantings will drape through the wrought iron and overhang the front façade. Fire exits are drawn in accordance with new building codes and Safeway will be meeting with SFFD to review and hone in on these aspects of the project.

We expect Planning to comment in September and hopefully calendar the Hearing for December 2014. Sign-up for SNA email subscription to: get news updates at www.sunnysideassociation.org, to be notified once the Planning Commission calendars the hearing, and, when we will have a 30-day public comment period for us all to send in letters of support. Also, if you are able to attend the Hearing, stay tuned for the date to show up to speak for up to 3 minutes about the project.

Once the plan is approved, permits will be pulled, jobs will be put out to bid and the expected store closure date is March 2015, reopening spring 2016. Thanks to District 7 Supervisor Norman Yee's Office and to Safeway, with SNA input, we are super excited that this long awaited neighborhood improvement is finally moving forward.

Be Prepared *(continued from page 1)*

- Family and emergency contact information
- Cash—lots of small bills
- Emergency blanket, warm clothes, sturdy shoes

If you have children, keep items to support their special needs as well as things to help pass the time. For pets, have supplies including collar/leash, ID, pet food, carrier and bowl. If you commute to work, make sure to have an extra pair of comfortable shoes at your office as you may find yourself walking home.

Once you have your kit complete, think about making a second one to keep in your car as well as what supplies you have at your place of work. And, of course, make sure to put the kit in a place that you will be able to access in a disaster.

3. Make a Plan

Finally, what is your family plan? Who do you call and how do you know if everyone is okay?

- Select a few of your nearest and dearest. Who is the group you will want to get in touch with if something happens?
- Agree on place to meet. A park? A landmark? Don't choose a house in case it is unsafe.
- Pick an out of state contact, who can serve as an information hub if you can't reach others in your area.

Treasurer's Report

~Ray Kutz, Treasurer

Beginning Balance:	
6/16/14	\$6,011
Income:	\$791
Membership Dues	
Donations	
T-shirt sales	
Expenses:	\$883
Meeting Notices	
News Letter	
Postage	
Meeting Expenses	
St. Finn Barr Church Hall	
Greening Committee	
State Info. Filing	
Closing Balance:	
8/15/14	\$5,919

400 Block of Edna to Become One-Way Street

Joining the 500 block between Hearst Avenue and Monterey Blvd., the 400 block of Edna will soon become a one-way street, in the northbound direction from Flood to Hearst Avenues. Due to increased car traffic, staff of Sunnyside and St. Finn Barr schools as well as neighbors and parents concerned about pedestrian safety requested the change. The request for conversion to a one-way street was heard and approved by SFMTA at a public hearing on September 19. It will next go before the SFMTA Board of Directors for final approval and legislation this fall. Thanks to everyone who worked on this traffic calming change and for making our neighborhood better and safer.

There's Honey in Sunnyside

~Chester Hartsough

I came to bee keeping not for a love of honey, but for a respect of nature and a desire to witness it up close. Every time I open one of my hives, it's fascinating to watch the bees at work. I feel like a young boy watching a trail of ants at a picnic, or as if I'm on my first safari watching a herd of wildebeests. Truth be told, I was also looking for a new hobby.



After taking a three-hour beekeeping class two summers ago, I convinced my housemates that a beehive would be a nice addition to our garden, but I found out I'd have to wait until the following spring to begin beekeeping. I spent the intervening months learning as much as I could, much of the learning coming from the SF Beekeepers Association. Then, just three days before I was to place my order for two hives worth of bees, a swarm landed on my neighbor Dave's green garbage bin. I still ordered one hive, but then a week later, a day before Easter, a swarm landed in my yard! I cancelled my order of bees and ended up with two wild swarms that I have named Dave's Bees and the Easter Hive.

I'm home most Wednesdays, 4:30 – 6:30 pm, as long as I have honey to sell at 258 Monterey Blvd., right next to the Sunnyside Conservatory. You can bring your own jars, or buy ours, but you don't need to buy any honey. Just come by to check the bees out! I love to show them and talk about them. A portion of my honey sales go to organizations important to me and my family: James Denman PTSA, National MS Society, and Shalom Jewish Community. I also invite you to check out my blog, www.brewandbees.blogspot.com, if you want to keep up with my adventures in beekeeping.

Rebuilding Together SF Provides FREE Home Repair

Karen Nemsick, Executive Director of Rebuilding Together SF, spoke to Sunnyside neighbors at our SNA meeting in August. Rebuilding Together SF (RTSF) is a non-profit organization that provides repair services to community income-qualified homeowners and tenants free of charge. Their program helps preserve affordable home ownership in San Francisco and helps elderly and disabled San Franciscans remain safe and warm in their homes, supporting their ability to age in place.

Twice yearly the Rebuilding Day program repairs and renovates the homes of people who, due to age, financial limitations, and/or disability, cannot do the work themselves.

Thousands of volunteers give their time on these two days a year, the last Saturdays in April and October, to create safer, brighter, and warmer environments. Repairs differ from house to house but may include: painting, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, weatherization, cleanup, yard work and other repairs. This program is only available to homeowners.



Another program they offer is a year-round Home Safety program provides basic home safety modifications such as installing bathroom safety equipment and replacing smoke detectors. Through this program RTSF can also install or secure handrails, provide fall prevention education and perform other safety related repairs. This program is available to both homeowners and tenants. Applications are accepted year round for both programs.

Eligibility is based on income and San Francisco residency is required. For one person living in the home, the maximum annual income allowed is \$62,000. For two people the combined limit is \$71,050, and it increases for additional people living in the home. All financial information received from individuals is confidential, and any Social Service benefits that you presently receive will not be affected if you receive RTSF's services. Further information and the application form is available online at www.rebuildingtogethersf.org or by calling **415-905-1611**.

PSAC Hears Safety Concerns

~Jon Winston

Last year the SNA asked members to submit their concerns about car and pedestrian safety in the neighborhood. The result was impressive! People asked for more enforcement to curb dangerous speeding and make streets safer. They also asked for traffic calming such as speed humps, stop signs, and red zones. In all, 37 items were forwarded to Supervisor Yee's Office by SNA.

The list of items was presented at the August meeting to the San Francisco Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC). At its October meeting, PSAC will discuss and approve a letter to Supervisor Yee regarding these concerns.

PSAC is the official public representative to the Board of Supervisors on pedestrian issues. It meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at City Hall, room 400, at 6:00 pm, to review City plans and projects and to research potential improvements to the pedestrian environment. Sunnyside is lucky to have two PSAC members on it: Chris Cogan representing District 7 and Jon Winston representing the SF Unified School District. The public is always encouraged to attend PSAC meetings and make its voice heard.

Sunnyside Real Estate Report

~Darin Holwitz

Summer is coming to a close, and with it comes the end of a typical seasonal real estate lull. This summer several well priced homes lingered on the market, not getting the "normal" bidding war we're so familiar with here. But fall is right around the corner, and it's one the best times for selling property in San Francisco. People return from traveling and can attend Sunday open houses. The days turn from foggy and cold, to brilliant and sunny, making every property shine. So far this year, homes in Sunnyside have sold between \$610,000 & \$1,449,500 at an average of 11% over asking. The median sales price is \$870,000 compared to \$802,000 last year, and prices are continuing to climb. As tech companies continue to expand their bus service in the neighborhood, our houses become very attractive to those employees. There have been 8 sales over a million dollars so far this year. September and October promise to bring back the crowds and the bidding wars. So if you're looking to buy, get out there now before the market hits its peak. And if you're looking to sell, now's the time to get your house in shape so that it's ready for the fall rush.

Artists in Our Midst

An occasional column about creative Sunnysiders

~Richard Goldman

Pat Moore's father brought home a set of dishes when she was a teen that sparked her lifelong fascination with designer Eva Zeisel. As an adult, when Pat replaced broken pieces from the set, she got to know Eva, and deepened her appreciation for this mid-20th-century creative spirit.

Pat's grandparents were custom cabinet makers where she grew up in small town in Washington State. After her family moved to Los Angeles, Pat earned her Masters in Cultural Anthropology, and when her children came to the Bay Area for school, Pat eventually moved up here too, settling in Sunnyside. Carol Ruth Silver, her real estate agent, helped her become an original owner at 695 Monterey Boulevard twenty eight years ago. Pat ran an introduction service that boasted a 35% success rate, but Pat met her pharmacist husband, Gene, when he filled a prescription for her in Los Angeles. Yet it was Eva Zeisel who became Pat's creative love.

Eva Zeisel's life of design and production of some of the mid-1900's iconic ceramics and furniture spans many countries, cultural and political upheavals. Once Pat got to know Eva, she was fascinated enough to co-write the definitive book: "Eva Zeisel: Life, Design and Beauty." Many years in the making, the book was published in 2013, and includes a biography, photos, and many chapters on Eva's design lines. Earlier this year Pat gave a book reading and signing at Bird & Becket Books and Records in Glen Park.



Pat's collection of Eva Zeisel tea sets

However not one to sit idle in the years waiting for her book's publication, Pat spearheaded the Sunnyside Greening Group whose initial undertaking was the Circular Avenue Ribbon Garden, now an official San Francisco Park. Thank you Pat, and we are lucky to have such a creative person in our midst.



Pat and her literary creation

Help Green Sunnyside

~Rita Evans

SNA's Greening Committee, under the able direction of Bob and Keren Abra, has done a great job of beautifying the Monterey median and maintaining the plantings in the Circular Avenue Ribbon Park. These lovely plants and flowers have greatly improved the appearance of our neighborhood streets. A few neighbors show up each month when the call for volunteers goes out but more help is always needed. I volunteer to take care of about a block-long stretch of Circular near Judson.



My husband and I planted several dozen drought tolerant native Douglas Irises there. Winter and spring weeding is pretty easy and I quickly remove grasses and weeds that sprout everywhere. In summer and fall, I use water jugs and hand water the irises. And all year long, I pick up trash and have the satisfaction of seeing a messy area looking way better after just a half an hour of pretty easy work.

Want to help beautify Sunnyside even if you can't do it regularly? Connect with Keren and Bob and find a time that works for you. Every little bit helps to make Sunnyside a great place to live. Reach out to the Abbras at: greensunnyside@gmail.com.

Amaryllis belladonna, aka "Naked Ladies," blooming in the Circular Avenue Ribbon Park near Judson



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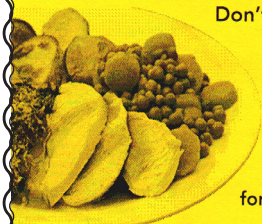
WHERE: Mission YMCA
4080 Mission Street
415- 452-7565

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to guarantee a lunch is available for you.

Don't live in this neighborhood?

Call 447-2300 for a senior dining room
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Membership in the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association
is \$15 per year for households and \$25 per year for businesses.

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Address _____ Zip Code _____

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Check one: Household \$15 _____ or Business \$25 _____

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(Semi-) Annual Sunnyside-wide Garage Sale a Huge Success!

More than 56 households participated this year in Sunnyside's (semi-) annual garage sale on Saturday September 13. The neighborhood was abuzz with sales and shoppers, beginning at St. Finn Barr Church Hall with coffee and danish, up to the very top of Mangels Avenue and down to Marston and Circular Avenues. Amazing bargains, art treasures and practical items all found their ways into new homes while neighbors socialized on a beautiful, sunny day in the 'hood. Kudos to Mary Jo Schleicher, Ellen Lee and Lisa Spinali for organizing the sale, and to Chris Okon for the beautiful poster.



Family fun on Sunnyside streets



Troy's elegant sale on Mangels Ave



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40 Years of Neighbors
Helping Neighbors
1974 - 2014

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