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Mayor Lund to Speak at May 21 Meeting

The featured speaker at our May Quarterly meeting will be Bellingham Mayor Kim Lund. Come and get to know our new mayor and hear firsthand how things are going at City Hall. If you have topics you'd like to ensure we cover, please [email our Board of Directors](mailto:board@sunnylandneighborhood.com).



NEW LOCATION!



SNA is excited to announce a **new location** for our meetings! We'll be meeting at Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, 510 E Sunset Drive, in the McIntyre Community Center on the east side of the campus. **The meeting will be from 6:00-7:30pm on May 21st, and a free dinner will be served.** As always, all who live, work, own a business, or own property within the Sunnyland Neighborhood are welcomed and encouraged to attend. We hope to see you there!

SNA CALENDAR

5/14 May Scavenger Hunt deadline

5/18 Memorial Park Work Party + Rain Garden Workshop

5/21 Quarterly Neighborhood Meeting

6/6 Preparedness Pilot Info Session @ Sunnyland Park

6/29 Neighborhood-wide Yard Sale

website calendar for all SNA activities!

Yard Sale June 29th

What treasures will you find at Sunnyland's 3rd annual yard sale? Over 30 homes participate each year, and wandering the sales is a great way to meet neighbors.

Will you be a seller this year? [Register here by June 26th](#) and we'll add you to the map! It's free to join the map, but please note that only Sunnyland addresses (according to [this map](#)) will be added.

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Saturday, June 29th



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Garden Club: Summer Updates



Rain Garden Workshop

Please join the Sunnyland Garden Club for a special **rain garden workshop**, where we'll hear from permaculture designer Janaki Kilgore, see a recently established rain garden, and learn about the best native plants for this application. This event will take place **Saturday, May 18th from 2:00-3:00pm** at 2818 Humboldt Street, followed by an optional field trip to the Garden Spot for those of us inspired to get started right away! The event is free, but we'd appreciate your [RSVP](#).

Summer Garden Walk

Looking further into the summer season, we're looking for Sunnyland gardeners (or aspiring gardeners) who would like to feature their yards on walking garden tours during the growing season.

Who can host a Garden Walk stop? Anyone in Sunnyland! Perhaps you need ideas on what to do with a space, or need help identifying plants in a mature garden you just inherited. Maybe you've done some hard work you'd like to show off! No matter your motivation, we hope you'll invite your neighbors into your yard with the goals of building community and beautifying our neighborhood.

When and where will the walks take place? On each of the dates listed below, we will meet at a pre-determined starting point and then walk the neighborhood to visit a few yards. If you would like to invite your neighbors into your garden on one of the dates below, please sign up to host on our website!

- Thursday June 13, evening
- Saturday August 3, morning
- Sunday September 22, afternoon

Once we find enough hosts, we'll publicize these dates on our Garden Club email list and social media. To stay in the loop on Garden Club news, make sure you're a member by [completing this form](#).

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Seasonal SNaps



Congratulations, Rochelle Sears! Rochelle was the winner of our Spring Photo Contest. This photo of a double rainbow over Sunnyland Elementary really wowed the voters on our social media channels, and it won by a landslide.

Rochelle’s prize is ANY item of Sunnyland Swag from our website shop. Jealous? Enter our next photo contest for your own chance to win! The Summer contest deadline is August 13th!

Can’t wait to win a Scavenger Hunt drawing or Photo Contest to start sporting Sunnyland Neighborhood Swag? You can shop for t-shirts, sweatshirts, coffee mugs, and more anytime by clicking “Shop” on our [website](#).

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Be Prepared for a Disaster

Are you ready to go? There might not be time or space to carry your 2-weeks ready kit if you need to evacuate quickly. Each person’s grab-and-go kit should have just enough food, water, meds, and small supplies for 2 to 3 days. Don’t forget kits for house pets! Encourage kids to make their own kits, too, because what’s important to them may not occur you when packing the kits. In the event of fire or rapid evacuation, you’ll appreciate having more than just the clothes on your back.

[Click here for a PDF guide](#) on preparing your Grab n Go kit, including a checklist and links to other resources.



May Scavenger Hunt



Get out and about in our neighborhood, and you may earn a chance to win a Sunnyland Neighborhood t-shirt! (If you ever have an idea for a scavenger hunt item, send it to us!)

1) Find this image (hint: south Sunnyland)

2) Take a selfie with this item in the background.

3) Send us your entry by May 14th at 5:30pm. You'll be entered to win some sweet Sunnyland swag!

All submitted photos may be shared in any of our digital or print media.




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POP Updates



Sunnyland Park Meetups:

Playground meetups for Sunnyland kids and their caregivers will resume May 4th at 10:30am and continue biweekly on Saturdays through the Summer. Join us to play, or use the meetup as a starting point for a neighborhood walk with other POP families. All meetups are listed on our [calendar](#).

New POP WhatsApp Group:

We're hearing a desire for more organic, unstructured ways to connect with other parents and caregivers in the neighborhood, and our WhatsApp group could fill that need! If you've already signed up for POP by completing the [form on our website](#), you'll be sent a link to the WhatsApp group via email soon.



Preparedness is an Antidote to Anxiety

Do you worry about "the big one"? Have you wanted to prepare for an emergency of some kind? Do you have any emergency training or knowledge that you'd like to share?

Sunnyland has been chosen as the pilot neighborhood for a neighborhood-level approach to emergency preparedness, created by Doug Bestle, Whatcom CERT Program Manager of the county's Division of Emergency Management, and Greg Hope, the city's Education and Outreach Coordinator. If you're interested in, concerned about, and/or trained in any aspect of emergencies, please come to our **one-hour gathering on Thursday, June 6, at 6:00pm**, at Sunnyland Park to learn about the different emergency preparedness programs and resources in our area. All neighbors are encouraged to attend; snacks, chairs, and shelter will be provided. If you're CERT certified, we'd especially appreciate your attendance and input; our next step is to develop CERT cohorts by neighborhood. Sunnyland's gathering and cohort will help guide this city-wide approach for other neighborhoods; we have a special opportunity to shape it in ways that will be most helpful for all!

For additional resources, the [city](#) and the [county](#) have online and print materials to help people be prepared at many levels for a variety of emergencies. Reminder: SNA offers a tuition scholarship for anyone 18 or older who completes the [Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\)](#) training!

We hope to see you June 6th to get this pilot program started! [Email us with any questions.](#)

Earth Day 2024



A great time was had by all at our 3rd annual Earth Day Celebration! Thank you to all the volunteers, food vendor Plantage, special guests Mount Baker Beekeepers Association, and all who showed up to celebrate our little section of the earth. If you purchased raffle tickets, thank you for your support! All raffle winners have been notified.

Last but not least, we'd like to extend a huge thanks to the businesses below who donated items for our activities and fundraiser raffle, keeping Earth Day (and all SNA events) free and accessible to all of our Sunnyland Neighbors!

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news from the City



Urban Forest Plan

Take a [15-minute online survey](#) to share your thoughts on the [draft Urban Forest Plan](#). Your feedback will be used to understand the community's level of agreement with the vision, target, goals, and actions in the draft Plan. The survey closes on Wednesday, May 15.

There will also be an in-person technical workshop on May 15 from 2pm-3pm at the City of Bellingham Pacific Street Operations Center at 2221 Pacific Street, Bellingham. Enter through north side of building on Carolina Street. Please contact ufmp@cob.org with questions or accommodation requests.

Whatcom Racial Equity Commission

The Whatcom Racial Equity Commission (WREC), a joint group between the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County, is in the process of finalizing its inaugural slate of members and recruiting its executive director.

Read more about WREC [here](#).

Register Your Bike Online for Free

Bicycle registry services allow you to register your bike and its serial number in case it is ever stolen. You can add photos and detailed descriptions. Both of these sites assist Bellingham Police in recovering stolen bikes and stopping future thefts. They also alert our local biking community to be on the lookout for stolen bikes.

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