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Memorial Park Restoration



Did you know Memorial Park is Bellingham's 2nd oldest park? The archway is in need of restoration work to prevent it from the same fate as the Fairhaven Park arch, designed by the same architect and removed in 2016 due to severe deterioration. We are working with Parks & Recreation and Bellingham Rotary to ensure the historic Memorial Park arch survives for many years. In 1920, when Memorial Park was in its development phase, 88 dogwood trees were planted in the park, one for each Whatcom County soldier who died in WWI. Somewhere in the past 100 years, those trees were all lost, likely from the Dogwood Anthracnose disease that decimated dogwoods across the country.

Other trees have replaced the dogwoods over the years, but none have the spring color those dogwoods provided. This fall, we'll be planting large-specimen trees, shrubs and perennials that feature prominent spring color, and we'll start the years-long process of planting daffodils throughout the park. [Contact us here to volunteer.](#)

The original Memorial Park master plan called for a walking path along the southern and eastern edges of the park, but that work was never completed. COB Parks & Recreation has already begun the process of getting that work plan approved and completed. Installation of that trail will complete the ½ mile walking loop originally intended for Memorial Park.

In addition to the above improvements, SNA is partnering with City of Bellingham Parks & Recreation, Bellingham Rotary Club, Whatcom Million Trees Project, Sunnyland Elementary School, Options High School, Garden Spot Nursery, local veteran's organizations, and our neighbors here in Sunnyland to: install benches along the west-perimeter of the park, install picnic tables and grills to encourage family usage, develop programming for children and adults, develop volunteer opportunities in the park as part of our new status as COB Park Stewards, and increase lighting around the memorial plaza and along King Street,...and more!

SNA CALENDAR

May 20: [Memorial Park volunteer work party](#)

May 23: [Quarterly Mtg](#)

May 27: [Memorial Day Parade](#)

May 29: [Memorial Day ceremony at Memorial Park](#)

June 8: [Scavenger Hunt drawing for SNA swag](#)

June 24: [Annual Yard Sale](#)

Sunnyland Yard Sale is June 24th



What treasures will you find at Sunnyland's 2nd annual yard sale? Last year's neighborhood yard sale included over 30 locations!

Will you be a seller or a buyer this year? [Register here by June 22nd](#) and we'll add you to the map!

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The Sunniest Bakeries in Town

When Jordan Sly of Sly and Son Bakery reached out about being a featured Sunnyland Business, he made sure to share that he isn't the only Sunnyland Cottage Bakery in this slice of heaven we call home. There are currently 4 permitted cottage bakeries (that we know of) operating in Sunnyland. See our Q & A with the owners below:



SLY & SON

What is a Cottage Bakery?

S&S: It means I have a permit to make and bake bread out of my home and with my home oven.



Tell us a little about your process.

S&S: I bake to order so I need 3 days in advance to get your bread going. I also have minimal kitchen space so I bake certain breads on certain days.

What makes your bread special?

S&S: I use a sourdough starter that has been in my family for three generations and everything is vegan.

Local and healthy seems to matter a lot to you, can you share why?

S&S: I grew up in a house where my mom baked all of our bread. She even purchased wheat berries and milled them at home because there weren't many whole wheat options for purchase back then. I hope that I can pass this passion on to my son and teach him to love and appreciate food like I do.

NEW WHATCOM PASTRIES

How long have you lived/worked in Sunnyland?

NWP: Hubby and I bought our home in 2010, so 13 years now. Wow! Time flies! New Whatcom Pastries came to be in June of 2020 during the pandemic.

What are some of your favorite things about our neighborhood?

NWP: Walkability is #1. I really like Sunnyland, but what I really love about this neighborhood is the Craftsman/kit homes built at the beginning of the 20th century.

Why a cottage bakery?

NWP: The main reason is...I love to bake and this is a perfect job to have while raising my daughters. I'm proud of my front porch pastry "portal" and making my delivery rounds after I drop my kid off at school.



JAMES STREET CAKES

James Street Cakes is yet another great Cottage Bakery in Sunnyland! They only use organic ingredients, unenriched flour, and plant based natural food coloring and decorations. Specializing in cupcakes and cakes, they are available in traditional, gluten free, vegan, and vegan/gluten free dietary preferences.

KREATED BY KRISTINA

And to round it off is Kreated by Kristina. She is a Bellingham local and Sunnyland resident specializing in French Macarons, custom cakes, and cupcakes. You can also find her at the Farmers market every first and third Saturday!



Would you like to see your business profiled in one of our quarterly newsletters?

[Submit your request here!](#)



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news from the City

Share your ideas here for how to improve the bicycle network on the interactive web map and take the survey to help identify community priorities and barriers to biking on the Bicycle Discovery Phase sub-page by May 31, 2023.



Speak to the City Council at public comment periods scheduled during each regular City Council meeting or at scheduled public hearings. Next meeting is May 22nd. Can't make it to Council meetings but still want to provide commentary?

[Provide public comment here.](#)

Win Swag from our Scavenger Hunt

find this



get that



Take a stroll through the neighborhood and spy unique Sunnyland sights to win cool Sunnyland swag! Do you recognize this month's image, a peace sign? Hint: it's in an alley.

- 1). Snap a photo of you/your family including this month's scavenger hunt item
- 2). Share on Facebook @SunnylandNeighborhood or Instagram @SunnylandNeighbors, or
- 4). Send the photo via email to sunnylandneighbors@gmail.com
- 5). You'll be entered to win a cool Sunnyland Neighborhood Association t-shirt!

Find our full swag catalog by clicking ["Shop" on our website menu](#) to browse mugs, t-shirts, sweatshirts, tanks, and onesies, featuring both slogans:

"Soak up the Sunnyland" and

"fully subdued with all the excitement".

Adult and kid's sizes available!



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