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Daffodils & more at Memorial Park



Join us on Saturday, November 4th, at Memorial Park for a work party in cooperation with Garden Spot Nursey and Bellingham Parks and Recreation. We'll be planting 1,500 daffodil bulbs as part of our plan to beautify and reactive Memorial Park. Many hands make light work. Let's put in the effort now and our springtime selves will thank us!

Please bring gloves and shovels or trowels if you have them. We have a few extras you can borrow if you don't!

In the coming months, you'll also be seeing new picnic tables and BBQ grills at the park, and benches spread out across the park to provide more private seating than currently available. Memorial Park's gateway arch was



designed by F. Stanley Piper, and erected in 1922. The archway is in need of restoration work to prevent it from the same fate as the Fairhaven Park arch, which was designed by the same architect and had to be removed in 2016 due to severe deterioration. We are working with Parks & Rec and Bellingham

Rotary to ensure the historic Memorial Park arch survives for many years. Please help our efforts at Memorial Park by planting daffodil bulbs with us on November 4th!



SNA CALENDAR

11/04 Rescheduled to 11/18:
Daffodil planting at Memorial Park

11/9 November Scavenger Hunt
deadline

11/12 Sunnyland Garden Club

11/28 Quarterly Mtg

12/8 Holiday Caroling

check calendar: **Sunnyland POP**

NEW: website calendar for all SNA
activities!

Welcome to Sunnyland!

Are you new to Sunnyland, or considering a move here? Welcome! **We've got a resource round up we hope you'll find helpful.**

We've created [this page](#) to give easy access to resources about our little community. Whether you've lived in Sunnyland 50 years or you're moving here next month, we hope you'll find it useful! Please share with your neighbors, and let us know if there's anything you think we should add.



The Sunnyland Roost is a quarterly newsletter of the Sunnyland Neighborhood Association. Want a print version of this e-newsletter delivered to your mailbox? Order it here.

Make-and-Take Natural Holiday Decor



The new **Sunnyland Garden Club**, SNA's partnership with Garden Spot Nursery, is holding its second meeting on November 12th. Join your fellow Sunnyland gardeners for a meeting & workshop, and learn how to create festive decor and lovely gifts using foraged materials. Become a member of the Sunnyland Garden Club here (it's free) and we'll send you meeting details, including what to bring with you. Pre-registration is required.



New Quarterly Photo Contest



After more than a dozen entries were narrowed down to four, Sunnylanders voted on our social media pages to choose Jeanne Quinn as the winner of our Fall Photo Contest. Jeanne submitted this photo of her nine-year-old schnoodle, Maggie, sitting in fallen leaves in Memorial Park. She and Maggie walk through Memorial Park often. Jeanne has lived in the neighborhood for 30 years and says "Sunnyland is where it's at!"

As the photo contest winner, Jeanne chose one of our Soak Up The Sunnyland hoodies. Submit your photo by January 11th for our next quarterly photo contest and enter to win your choice of any of our awesome swag! Thank you to everyone who entered; we loved seeing all your photos! Keep snappin', and submit your winter photos for the next contest.


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Last year, we revived a beloved Sunnyland tradition started in 2017 by the McNutt family. Join us on **December 8th**, at Sunnyland Elementary School's covered playground-area (new location), for holiday revelry with everyone's favorite carols, holiday treats, and warm beverages. Wear your most festive attire and be entered to win some sweet Sunnyland swag!



WHAT TO BRING:



 a **mug** for hot cider



Sing along from our mobile-friendly songbook, or print a copy of the carols to bring with you



an item (or cash) to donate to Hope House

Festive holiday attire encouraged!




HOLIDAY CAROLING

December 8th

6:00-7:00

Sunnyland Elementary

All I Want for Christmas is...SNA Swag!

What's the perfect gift for a Sunnyland resident? Our new swag, of course! We have many choices, and are adding new items regularly. **Click "Shop" on our website menu** to browse mugs, t-shirts, sweatshirts, tanks, and

onesies, featuring both of our slogans: "Soak up the Sunnyland" and "fully subdued with all the excitement". Adult and kid's sizes available!

Order by December 10 for on-time delivery!



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Join us for our fall Quarterly Neighborhood Meeting, where our featured guests will be representatives from the City of Bellingham Planning and Community Development Department. We'll hear about the major process (currently underway) of updating the city's Comprehensive Plan.

Calling Parents of Littles!

Sunnyland is home to so many young families, and we want to help build a supportive community of parents here. **Sunnyland POP (Parents of Preschoolers)** meets at Sunnyland Elementary School's playground (during the rainy season) to allow both kids and adults to make new friends. POP meet ups are open to Sunnyland neighborhood residents who care for children ages 0-5, and their older siblings. We're still looking for parent-hosts for some play dates; please register and we'll send you info on being a host. Join Sunnyland POP here to see the current schedule, and we'll see you at the playground!



Nov 4th, 9:00-noon

Please help us plant

1,500 daffodils in

Memorial Park

	<p>SPECIALTY FOOD GIFT BASKETS WINE, CIDER, VERMOUTH SANDWICHES PICNIC</p>
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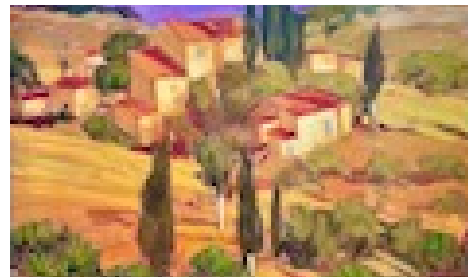
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You Can't Win if You Don't Play

Why Play? We asked three-time winner, Ben Goodwin: "What I think the neighborhood association truly provides are opportunities for connection. It started for us as a chance for me to connect with my daughters. We set out to find the sandwich, which was the first image. After submitting a few scavenger hunt pictures, the girls now ask to see pictures of who else won or what the next thing to find is. But it's not just a chance to connect and have fun with them. It's turned into friends and neighbors saying that they saw our most recent picture or that they are going to win this time. It's fun. We love this neighborhood and whether it's scavenger hunts, photo contests, earth day celebrations or holiday caroling, the more ways that we can connect with our neighbors, the better." Thanks, Ben (and family)! We love this neighborhood, too!



Will you be the 9th winner in our Sunnyland Scavenger Hunt? It's easy to play!



1) Find this image (hint: northeast corner)

2) Send us your entry by November 9th, and you'll be entered to win some sweet Sunnyland swag!

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

Be Prepared for a Disaster

Fall topic: Shelter in Place

In the event of a chemical, biological, or radiological threat, the public may be directed to shelter in place at home. This requires some planning and a few supplies. Choose an interior "safe room," preferably with few or no windows or doors that open to outdoors. Have some snacks, water, and a battery-powered radio available for use in the safe room. Also have some plastic sheeting and tape ready to

seal up windows, doors, vents, and electrical outlets in the room. When directed, close all exterior doors and windows, turn off all ventilation, enter and seal the safe room, turn on the radio and await instructions from emergency management. Shelter in place incidents are rare and most last only a few hours. [Learn more about emergency preparedness in Bellingham and Whatcom County here.](#)

Check out our new [event calendar](#) to see all our activities in one place!

Sunnyland's Enchanted Garden Shop



The Garden Spot was founded by Marcy Plattner over 35 years ago and has been a Bellingham staple and a gathering place for friends and gardeners ever since. In 1985, Marcy opened the first Garden Spot Nursery in Wallingford Center in Seattle. Five years later she opened a second seasonal location in Sunnyland Square where Cruising Coffee is now located. After a few years, Marcy sold the Seattle Garden Spot location and the Bellingham location moved down the street to the corner of Alabama and King Street. In January 2021, she sold the business to longtime employee, Paige Lanham.

Garden Spot may be a plant business, but what makes it special is the people. The nursery has always been a place for friends to meet, mentorships to form, and people to make face to face connections. New owner, Paige Lanham, says she had never worked in a place like this with an emphasis on people, above all else, and it's what she wanted to preserve and enhance about the nursery when she bought it. Paige says Garden Spot is so excited to partner with SNA on the [Sunnyland Garden Club](#) because "communicating directly with new and experienced gardeners in our neighborhood is the best way to key in to what people need and what they want to learn." Paige says she's made her focus education, community, and environmental stewardship because these are the things that help us grow as a people and as a planet. *"I feel so lucky to be able to pursue these goals in my business and let these motivations guide everything that we do."*

Garden Spot strives to make the nursery a bright respite from the wet Pacific Northwest winters. "What better time of year to highlight the beauty of the season and provide a magical place for people to be in the moment with their loved ones?" Paige reports "a big part of the winter holidays for us is giving back to our community, so a portion of our Christmas Tree sales go to the Bellingham Boys and Girls Club and we have a new tradition of doing a fundraiser for the Alternative Humane Society." SNA has been grateful for Garden Spot's support of our annual Earth Day Celebration, and is excited to partner with them for our new Sunnyland Garden Club.

Stop by [Garden Spot](#) today and be transported to its magically enchanted little corner of Sunnyland. Open every day, 10-6.



**Would you like to see your business profiled in one of our quarterly newsletters?
Submit your request here!**



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Saturday, November 25th is Small Business Saturday – a day to celebrate and support small businesses and all they do for their communities. Join us in helping support these vital members of our neighborhood by shopping at Sunnyland businesses on Shop Small Saturday!

Here are the businesses that told us they’re doing something special that day:

Joy of Pilates - We are teaming up with Compass Health to create a Winter Wish Tree, we will be providing 75 wishes for children in preparation for the Holiday season.

Garden Spot Nursery - We'll have holiday snacks, festive music, and we're holding our biggest sale of the year on deciduous perennials, shrubs, and trees!

Hela Provisions - \$5/Wine & Cheese Tasting! Create a gift bag or basket with products from participating local businesses.

Fishboy Gallery - 100+ pieces for \$100 or less! Original art, framed & unframed prints, greeting cards, picture books & more!

Greene’s Corner - Food specials and live music 6pm-8pm




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How Do We Do It?

SNA has accomplished a lot in the 2 years since you elected this board of directors, and we feel like bragging a little bit!

<p>5 NEW annual events</p> <p>2 NEW social clubs</p> <p>1 NEW quarterly newsletter</p> <p>1 NEW website</p> <p>7 NEW welcome to Sunnyland signs</p>	}	<p>8 volunteer board members</p> <p>+</p> <p>100 combined monthly volunteer hours</p> <p>+</p> <p>a whole lot of love</p>
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...and, monthly engagement opportunities, robust social media presence, super cool swag, and all while advocating for the betterment of Sunnyland! Thank you for the honor of serving our favorite neighborhood!

CLASSES AND EVENTS



Garden Spot Nursery

We grow better together.

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NOVEMBER 4TH 10AM

HELLEBORES: THE QUEEN OF WINTER

Hellebores are gorgeous evergreen perennials that bloom in winter through early spring. Join Nancy as she teaches about the different varieties and the plants that pair well with these beauties. Class is free.

NOVEMBER 11TH 10AM

TERRARIUM MAKE AND TAKE

Make your very own terrarium with Jen! She will help you make a miniature landscape under glass with tiny houseplants, rock, and decor. Cost for a basic terrarium is \$39.99 with opportunities to upgrade.

NOVEMBER 18TH 10AM

WREATH DECORATING MAKE AND TAKE

Decorate a classic evergreen wreath with berries, forest trimmings, and a big fancy bow. Our designers will help you create a beautiful wreath to adorn your door and bring you holiday cheer. Class fee is \$59.99.

NOVEMBER 25TH 10AM

PORCH POT MAKE AND TAKE

Porch pots are seasonal greenery arrangements that make a statement at your entryway. Decorate with greens, cones, branches, and a big bow to give your home that extra holiday pizzazz. Class fee is \$59.99

DECEMBER 2ND 10AM

WREATH DECORATING MAKE AND TAKE

Decorate a classic evergreen wreath with berries, forest trimmings, and a big fancy bow. Our designers will help you create a beautiful wreath to adorn your door and bring you holiday cheer. Class fee is \$59.99.

DECEMBER 9TH 10AM

TERRARIUM MAKE AND TAKE

If you missed the first class, join Jen for round 2! She will help you make a miniature landscape under glass with tiny houseplants, rock, and decor. Cost for a basic terrarium is \$39.99 with opportunities to upgrade.

DECEMBER 16TH 10AM

LIVING CHRISTMAS TREES: YOUR HOW TO GUIDE

Do you want to try a living Christmas tree this year? Let us help! We will show you both the classic and unique options and explain how to transition them inside and outside. Class is free.

DECEMBER 23RD 10AM

LIVING ORNAMENT MAKE AND TAKE

Jen will help you build glass balls with Tillandsia, tiny lichens, mosses, twigs, and forest trimmings, these lovely living ornaments are sure to become a favorite addition to your holiday decor. All ages welcome. Class fee is \$19.99.

news from the City

Help Create the Plan for Bellingham's Future

Bellingham is updating its Comprehensive Plan, the document used to guide growth toward a twenty-year vision for the future. This update is due in 2025 and will guide development, capital investments, city programs, and other actions across the city as we work toward the vision for 2045. Each phase of the project will include opportunities for engagement with the broader community alongside technical work completed by staff. **COB staff will present info and gather feedback at our quarterly neighborhood meeting. Join us! Tuesday, November 28th, 6:00-7:30PM at Options High School.** And/or [visit this webpage](#) to see information on those engagement opportunities, and sign up to get notified at important project milestones and as new opportunities arise to take part.



Share Your Thoughts with Bellingham City Council

Did you know there are several ways to communicate with City Council?

1. Attend City Council [meetings](#), or view them via [BTV Bellingham](#) or Zoom.
2. Speak to the City Council at public comment periods scheduled during each regular City Council meeting or at scheduled public hearings. Instructions for meeting access is provided on the [City's meetings page](#) and in each City Council meeting agenda.
3. [Use the Engage Bellingham portal](#): provide written comments that will be visible to all users of that site.
4. Email the full City Council at ccmail@cob.org ([External link](#)), or email your councilor directly. Sunnyland is divided between Wards 2 and 3.

Ward 2 = Dan Hammill, dchamill@cob.org

Ward 3 = Hollie Huthman, hahuthman@cob.org ([External link](#))

4. Send a letter to the City Council at Bellingham City Hall, 210 Lottie Street



Sunnyland Development Updates:

Jerns redevelopment update

The permit application was submitted in late summer and COB is currently awaiting response to their Request for Information, which must occur by mid-December.

A public comment period is expected to occur in early 2024.

Sunset Commons update

The developer anticipates starting the vertical construction of 12 townhouses along Sunset Drive in early 2024, and anticipates construction of each townhouse to take 8-12 months.

Easily Report Non-Emergency Issues

COB contracts with SeeClickFix to make it easier for residents to report non-emergency issues such as abandoned vehicles, pothole repairs, and graffiti.

Let the City know what you think should be fixed; it's easy! Upload pictures of the problem, select the location on a map, add a description, and you're done!

[Learn how to start using this awesome resource here.](#)

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