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Police Chief at Fall Neighborhood Meeting

SNA CALENDAR

August 22: Quarterly Mtg

October 31: Trick of Treat

Fall TBD: Daffodil planting parties at Memorial Park

Our guest speaker at the next quarterly Neighborhood Meeting will be Chief Rebecca Mertzig of the Bellingham Police Department. Plan to join us Tuesday August 22 @ 6:00PM in the Options High School cafeteria.

Got ideas of what we should discuss? Ahead of the meeting, please submit your questions or topics of interest here.

Also at this meeting: CERT presentation, new ways to meet neighbors, Memorial Park beautification.



How Lucky Are You? Goodwin-lucky?



The Goodwin family has won our monthly scavenger hunt three times! They're so lucky, we suggested they buy a lottery ticket, which they did, and they recreated all their previous entries wearing their SNA swag! Look at all that Sunnyland pride! Here's how you can win, too! Take a stroll through the neighborhood and spy unique Sunnyland sights to win cool Sunnyland swag! Can you find this month's item in south Sunnyland (see page 2)?



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Let's be Neighborly!



Announcing the new **Sunnyland Garden Club**, building community, sharing knowledge, creating more beautiful spaces in Sunnyland. Become a member of this group to be the first to learn about upcoming activities...and invite your Sunnyland gardening buddies! [Join here](#) and join the conversation in [our new Facebook group](#)

Sunnyland has become home to an increasing number of young families, and we want to help them build a supportive community of parents here in their own neighborhood by participating in **Sunnyland POP (Parents of Preschoolers)**. If you're interested in learning more about this new group, [complete this form](#) and we'll let you know when we announce the first gathering of Sunnyland POPs.



Where am I?

September scavenger hunt drawing is Sept 14

Two Chances to Win Sunnyland Swag!



1). Find Sunnyland scavenger items, win Sunnyland swag!

It's easy to play; [find out how here!](#)

2). Capture the essence of Sunnyland in a photo

Send your entries to us and we'll choose a winner at our November 9th board meeting. All submitted photos may be shared on our social media channels, website, and future newsletters.

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The Bocce King



Tom McNutt (Bocce-mon) has been a resident of Sunnyland for 29 years. If you walk the neighborhood south of Alabama you've probably noticed the wonderful landscaping, the orca sculpture made from recycled materials, and of course, the bocce court at the corner of Iron and Carolina. Tom and his wife, Erin, raised their 2 children in this house, and for nearly 2 decades they enjoyed a 3-generational home when Erin's mom lived with them.



Bocce, played for thousands of years on dirt and grass, has been taken to a whole new level thanks to Bocce-mon and his contributions to the sport. The brainchild from a long ago backyard BBQ, Tom had the idea to cultivate and engineer a blend of locally-sourced court material for consistency, ease of maintenance, and of course, fun. Tom's made an indelible impact on the bocce world and our neighborhood. With over 2,000 courts around the world using his proprietary blend (which is still made in his Bellingham warehouse), Tom remains community and neighborhood-driven. His very own court is more "public" than "private" and open invitations to his Wednesday afternoon gathering makes his court a favorite Sunnyland landmark.

Local means a lot to Tom and his family and they have done so much for Sunnyland and the people in it. Contributors in almost every way, you might see him at picnics, singing Christmas carols, operating the Stomp Chicken Races, facilitating cribbage at Kulshan when the weather turns, and playing bocce, of course!

If you get a chance, stop by and say thanks to Tom for all he has done for Sunnyland. We appreciate you, Bocce-mon!

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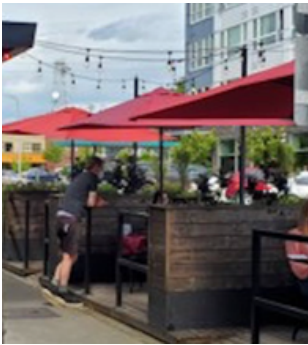


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news from the City

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. [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.



Outdoor Dining Structures: Streateries/Parklets

The Planning and Community Development Department has completed an assessment of the City's streatery program, which allows restaurants to use the right-of-way for outdoor dining. The next steps involve seeking public input on the recommendations and providing an update to City Council. Read the report and [provide your feedback on recommendations here](#).

Sidewalk heaving? Tree limbs blocking your view of oncoming traffic? Graffiti or illegal dumping?

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Sunset Commons update

The development was stalled due to unexpected additional soil remediation. The contractor couldn't be reached for comment regarding an updated timeline.

Jerns redevelopment update

COB still expects the new owners to submit their initial permit for review sometime this summer or early fall. A public comment period will be scheduled after application, and SNA will post that information as it becomes available to us. The contractor couldn't be reached for comment regarding an updated timeline.

Let's Get CERTified!



CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team. Members are volunteers who support professional first responders in the event of an emergency. CERT trainings teach people how to prepare for disasters that can happen in their communities. CERTs learn basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and medical operations, as well as how to prepare their own households for disasters.

CERT members play an important role in helping people in their neighborhood or workplace before, during, and after an emergency, in areas such as: providing basic first aid, checking on neighbors, supporting local emergency centers, connecting disaster survivors to resources, serving meals, distributing information to the public, staffing lost-child booths, and at disaster preparedness events during non-emergency community events.

The first step to becoming a CERT volunteer is to complete a CERT basic training course, which is 24 hours of instruction combining classroom study and hands-on exercises. [Visit Whatcom County's CERT webpage](#) for complete information about the program. SNA is seeking neighbors who are interested in becoming CERTified so we are more prepared as a neighborhood to safely and efficiently assist others following an emergency event, when professional responders are not immediately available to help.



To encourage participation and help us build a more resilient neighborhood, we are offering a limited number of scholarships for the \$50 course. [Contact us for more information.](#) And, if you've already completed the CERT training, please contact us about joining our Public Safety Task Force.

Be Prepared for a Disaster

A graphic titled "Learn Utility Safety" from DisasterReadyWashington.com. It features a circular icon with a wrench and a screwdriver. The text reads: "Teach your family where utility valves are located, when to turn them off, and how to turn them off." Below this is a diagram of a gas valve with "ON" and "OFF" positions. The "OFF" position is indicated by a red arrow. To the right is a gas stove. At the bottom left is the "Prepare in a Year" logo, and at the bottom right is the website "DisasterReadyWashington.com".

It's important to be ready to stop gas leaks and prevent fires after a major earthquake! Learn how and when to safely shut off your gas and electricity. Learn the location of the shut-off valve for your natural gas or propane and how to use it. Make sure to shut off gas only if you detect the sulfuric, rotten-egg smell of gas or hear the hissing sound of a leak. Once it has been shut off, natural gas will need to be restarted by a trained technician, by contacting your natural gas service provider. Make sure to also learn the location of your circuit breaker panel and how to shut off electricity safely after an earthquake occurs. [Learn here](#) how to prepare in a year to be ready for a disaster.

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