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Town Hall with your City Councilors

The featured speakers at our February Quarterly meeting will be Hollie Huthman and Dan Hammill, our city councilors from Ward 2 (North Sunnyland) and Ward 3 (South Sunnyland). Come and get to know our council members and hear firsthand what the our city council is working on. If you have topics you'd like to ensure we cover, [please email us](#). The meeting will be from **6:00-7:30pm on February 27th at Options High School, and a free chili dinner** will be served! We'll also hold elections for a few SNA board positions.



SNA CALENDAR

2/8 February Scavenger Hunt deadline

2/25 Sunnyland Garden Club

2/27 Quarterly Neighborhood Meeting

4/8 Spring Photo Contest deadline

4/20 Earth Day Celebration

check calendar: Sunnyland POP

website calendar for all SNA activities!

Save the Date: Earth Day

Mark your calendar for our 3rd annual Earth Day Celebration! We'll gather in Sunnyland Park from 10am-2pm on Saturday April 20th.

We are gearing up for another year of plant swapping, learning, raffling, eating, and community building! Stay tuned to our [website](#) and social media channels for more information on this amazing, free, family-friendly event!

If you'd like to get involved, please fill out the form at the bottom of our [event page](#).



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Garden Club: February Meeting



Members of the Sunnyland Garden Club will meet at Garden Spot Nursery on Sunday, February 25th, at 2pm.

The Garden Spot team will share knowledge around winter care in your garden and how to prepare for spring. We'll also break into groups to plan activities for the year in each of our areas of interest (Sunnyland beautification, roving garden parties, plant and information sharing, victory garden and gleaning, garden tours).

If you cannot attend, a summary will be sent afterward to the Garden Club email list. To attend this meeting or receive the summary email, please ensure you're a registered Garden Club member by [completing this form](#).

Seasonal SNAPS Photo Contest



Congratulations, Ben Goodwin! Ben's photo (left) was chosen as the winner of our Winter Photo Contest. Our SNA board narrowed down over twenty photos to just five finalists, and our Sunnyland neighbors voted this photo the winner on Facebook and Instagram.

Ben receives his choice of any item of Sunnyland Swag from our website. (And he must be amassing quite a collection, as his family has won our monthly scavenger hunt three times!) Thank you to everyone who entered. We loved seeing your smiling kids, cute pets, and serene winter scenes.

Spring Photo Contest Deadline:

April 8th

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2023 Caroling

We loved seeing and singing with you all at our caroling event last December. Thank you to Mataio Gillis for sharing his photos with us!



POP Message Board



Our Sunnyland Parents of Preschoolers group will resume park playdates this spring, but if you're hoping to connect with other Sunnyland families in the meantime, we've got good news!

So many of our POP members are interested in meeting up outside of our schedule park dates, but not everyone uses social media. We wanted to find a way to help everyone connect without adding more emails to your inbox. Enter: POP Message Board!



Michelle Malone
A week ago · 0 Likes
Hello Sunnyland Families!
Bellingham Technical College offers parent/child classes for

Access the message board at this link or by navigating to Clubs > POP from our homepage. We're hoping that caregivers of our youngest Sunnyland Neighbors can use this feature to coordinate childcare sharing, schedule walks or playdates, or get help or advice finding other resources in our community.



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February 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 (remember to respect our neighbors' property!) and send us your entry by February 8. 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

Make a Family Communication Plan

If you are separated from your loved ones when disasters strike, your first thoughts will be about your family, their location and condition. The stress of the event may make it difficult to remember even routine information, like phone numbers. Disaster Ready Washington recommends that every household member have an out-of-area contact card in a wallet, purse or backpack at all times.

Not sure where to start? The [FEMA Make a Plan](#) form guides you in compiling vital information, and sends you a completed PDF copy via email!



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

From Dynamite to “We’ve Got It!”

Business Spotlight:

Hardware Sales

A business that began as Powder Sales, purchased by Max and Alta McClellan in 1962 who sold dynamite, has since become Hardware Sales and grown into so much more than a hardware store. Powder Sales had three employees: Max, Alta and one other employee; Hardware Sales now has 140 employees with extensive knowledge and experience in all things hardware... and more! The business has stayed within the family since its opening in 1962 with Ty McClellan and his daughter, Brookelyn, being the 3rd and 4th generation to continue to bring Sunnyland and the surrounding area excellent customer service, quality products and a reputable business model.



Hardware Sales is your one stop shop for tools, plumbing supplies, electrical equipment, heavy-duty machinery/equipment, small engine repair, equipment rental, and so much more! The business has grown over the years, now working with shipbuilders in Whidbey and refineries in the county, and building and running e-commerce warehouses in Ferndale and Indianapolis. The Sunnyland location spans 4 blocks and it seems that there still isn't enough space to store all of the equipment and items that Hardware Sales carries for the community!

When Ty and Brookelyn were explaining the business model behind Hardware Sales, the passion and interest in the community and employee satisfaction were top priorities. Ty expressed the business' goals and daily focus; “creating a safe, fun, career-advancing work environment and culture for employees while continuing to ensure we are meeting the needs of the community.” The current managers have been with the company for over 30 years, which shows the commitment and comfortability that Hardware Sales employees feel working for the McClellan family. Not only are the employees at Hardware Sales knowledgeable, they are always being provided opportunities to advance their skills and knowledge and/or learn a new trade, all while being supported by their place of work.

Whether you're in need of a supply for a project, a contractor needing to rent equipment, or just a curious neighbor, stop by Hardware Sales and meander the many, many aisles... you're sure to leave with much more than what you went for, but most importantly with a sense of community. Just be sure to stop by Monday - Saturday (M-F 7a-6p, Sat 7a-5:30p) as they are not open on Sundays to observe a day for employees to be with their families.

Fun Fact: the logo represents the original owner, Max McClellan. His legacy lives on!



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



Community Broadband Internet Survey

Is your internet access reliable and affordable? The City of Bellingham is currently conducting an analysis of internet resources for our residents. Your responses will help contribute to a [5-year comprehensive plan](#) ([External link](#)) to better assess the community's needs and obtain additional funding to expand our broadband network.

All Bellingham residents are invited to take the survey, regardless of current internet service or housing status. Residents who do not currently have an internet provider or access are also encouraged to take this survey. If you don't have internet access at home, you can take it at the Bellingham Public Library Central location by filling out a printed version.

We appreciate you taking the time to provide your input. The survey will take between 10-12 minutes of your time and is best taken while at your primary residence, and able to access your regular internet, if applicable. The survey will close on February 6, 2024.

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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