

SUNNYLAND ROOST

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update from your board

Welcome to the first edition of the Sunnyland Roost! We are honored to serve this neighborhood we love so dearly. In the six months since you elected us, we're proud to have produced our inaugural Earth Day celebration with over 200 participants, installed neighborhood signs with your input (and funding from COB), planted 5 trees to increase our tree canopy (with plans for more), began planning several community engagement opportunities throughout the year, and we're working steadily to increase our social media presence and our communication directly with our neighbors...hence, the launch of this newsletter. Without neighborhood engagement, this small volunteer board is limited in what we can accomplish. Together, we can do so much to make our wonderful neighborhood even better. Please get involved!

SNA Board of Directors

SNA CALENDAR

May 24: quarterly mtg

June 25: neighborhood yard sale

Aug 2: annual picnic

get involved

Spring Neighborhood Meeting
Tuesday, May 24th
6:00-7:30PM at Options HS



Please attend our Spring quarterly neighborhood meeting! We'll have a presentation from COB's Office of Emergency Management, COB's Planning and Public Works Directors will be on hand to address concerns about Sunset Commons, and we'll be asking neighbors to weigh in on the most pressing issues in Sunnyland and how SNA should invest its time and funding. There will be a limited amount of time at the end of the meeting for brief announcements, so come early to secure your slot.

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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED OUR INAUGURAL EARTH DAY CELEBRATION. WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK! [CLICK HERE](#) AND FILL OUT THIS QUICK SURVEY (LESS THAN 3 MINUTES) AND BE ENTERED IN A DRAWING FOR A \$25 GIFT CARD TO CHEF'S STORE



Frequency of this new e-newsletter is currently undetermined, and will depend on newsworthy content and the bandwidth of our volunteer board of directors. Want a print version of this e-newsletter delivered to your mailbox? Email us for details: SunnylandNeighbors@gmail.com

zen in the park

We're exploring a variety of new activities at Sunnyland and Memorial Parks and our first offering will be yoga at Sunnyland Park this summer. Details are still in development, so watch for an update. In the meantime, what SNA-organized activities would you like to see? Tai Chi? Cornhole? Disc golf? Send your thoughts to SunnylandNeighbors@gmail.com



purge your stuff

Is your garage overflowing with stuff you rarely use? Has your attic become the place where objects go to die? We have the solution for you! We're launching an annual Sunnyland yard sale this summer! We'll collect addresses to put on a map, and advertise throughout Bellingham so the neighborhood will be buzzing with potential buyers! Save the date (Saturday, June 25th) and start putting aside stuff you're ready to turn into cash! As we have more details, info will be updated [here](#).



annual picnic 2.0

We're re-imagining the Sunnyland annual picnic and we want your help! Our vision includes a vibrant mix of happy Sunnyland families, fun activities, music, food to purchase (or bring your own), ...and we want your ideas! We'll be releasing a survey soon, and in the meantime, send your ideas to SunnylandNeighbors@gmail.com, and mark your calendar for Tuesday, August 2nd at Memorial Park!



welcome to the hood

We polled the neighborhood for the design for our new welcome to the neighborhood signs. Over 130 neighbors voted, and the results are in! With over 75% of you voting for one of the designs with a rooster, the winning design was this one! The signs are now hanging in 7 locations around the perimeter of the neighborhood; can you find them all? Thank you City of Bellingham for funding this project!

news from the City

Sunset Commons: redevelopment of the former DOT site between Sunset and E. Illinois. This project began its planning process in 2007. COB recently issued final approval to move forward with the new housing development, and the early stages of construction are under way. See additional details here: <https://sunnylandneighborhood.com/cob>

Jerns Funeral Home: The owners of 2948 James Street (formerly Jerns Funeral Home) have been granted a rezone from single family to residential multi (high density). A public hearing was held in February 2022 and City Council recently approved the request. Look for future public comment periods related to the development concept and design review.



Engage Bellingham

Engage Bellingham gives people the opportunity to have their say on issues that are important to them, at a time and place of their choosing. [Click here to sign up, and have your say.](#)

The Bellingham City Council is hosting a series of town hall meetings to provide an opportunity for engagement between the community and the full City Council about timely issues facing our city. "Community Voices" town hall meetings will be held quarterly during 2022. Next meeting May 16-Community Voices on Public Safety (remote meeting). [Click here for more info.](#)



The Bellingham Public Library wants your help planning for the future. You are invited to [respond to this survey](#) and share your thoughts about Bellingham Public Library services and facilities. Closes May 31

COB is creating an Urban Forestry Management Plan (UFMP) and wants your feedback! [Provide your thoughts here](#) about maintaining a healthy and desirable urban forest in Bellingham. Closes June 15



The Housing Equity and Access Survey is designed to assess how well the City is upholding Federal Fair Housing laws, and it will help inform our Assessment of Fair Housing, which is a self-assessment required by HUD. [Click here to take the survey.](#) Closes June 30

The City of Bellingham is embarking on its next 5-year plan, called the Consolidated Plan, which will direct how COB will spend approximately \$9 million per year to support low-income residents. This plan deals with complex issues such as homelessness, affordable housing, equity, and climate change resiliency. As a first step, the Planning & Community Development Department will gather broad public input. [Visit the project page to learn about these important topics, ask questions, and share your feedback.](#)

Respect our Elders

Significant Trees in Sunnyland

Everyone loves trees. But sometimes we don't love them in our backyards as much as we do in the wilderness, the parks or even in our neighbors' yards.

Occasionally an urban tree does need to be removed. Sometimes root systems buckle fences or even compromise foundations. Of course, trees have fallen on houses in extraordinary storms, but not usually.

Far more often than not, actions can be taken to minimize the potential for neighborhood trees to cause true damage. Ironically, one of those actions is not removing other trees in the first place! Research has shown that removal of nearby foliage (including trees) destabilizes soil and actually contributes to the potential for remaining trees to fall.

As a citizen-led organization, the Sunnyland Neighborhood Association is committed to not only maintaining the tree canopy in our neighborhood, but actually growing it. One of our 2022 projects is planting trees in our neighborhood. But it will be years before these small trees mature into trees that provide shade, habitat and oxygen for our neighborhood, city and planet.

In the meantime, the SNA has established this registry of significant trees in the neighborhood. These iconic trees are considered by the association to have historical and visual importance, acting as anchors in yards throughout Sunnyland.

The Sunnyland neighborhood has the least canopy cover of any neighborhood in Bellingham except for downtown. So, it's critically important that we preserve the giant trees we already have.

This list identifies the giant trees of Sunnyland that we hope our neighbors will preserve and maintain for many years to come. Use it as a treasure hunt and see how many you can find and admire!

[Find the list of significant tree locations and a map to guide you here](#), and don't forget to [share your thoughts with COB](#) about maintaining a healthy and desirable urban forest.

cock-a-doodle-do!



Here's your chance to give a shout out to neighbors you're grateful for, recover lost items, congratulate a graduate, etc. **FREE**, with space restrictions.

Thank you

Thank you to all the volunteers who made our inaugural Earth Day celebration a great success! In addition to SNA board members, we're grateful for task force members Laura Weiss and Karin Jones, kids' activity organizers Steve Keller and Emily Royer; plant & seed swap table volunteers Drew Betz and Mialee Jose; face painters = Kali White, Elyssa Cartier, Taryn Dunkin, and Ariel Jose-Solomons; the tree planting team = Wayne Berry, Travis Janeway, Liz Clift, Peter Luton, Stephen Zylstra and Whatcom Million Trees Project; and photographer, Clinton James Photography

Thank you also to the dozens of donors and sponsors for the event: Art & Happiness, Barbara Hicks, Bellingham Cider Co, Boccemon, Brio, Chef'Store, City of Bellingham, Coconut Kenny's, Cofy-Wa, Erica Charbonneau Art & Design, Fish Boy Gallery, Garden Spot, Greene's Corner, Happy Crow Lucky, Hardware Sales, Homeskillet, iDelight Graphic, Innovations for Quality Living, James Street Cakes, Joy of Pilates, Judd & Black, Kramer Knives, Kulshan Brewing, Labels Consignment, Love to Move StudioZ, Maniac Coffee Roasting, New Whatcom Pastries, North Fork Brewery, Otherlands Beer, Papa Murphy's, Phoebe Wahl & Co., Sly & Son Bakery, Stickers for Days, Sunny's Barber Shop, Sunnyland Urban Farm, Swan Bender, LMT, Turf & Dirt Sports Cards, Twin Sisters Brewing, Verdelix, Wander Brewing, Wee Ones Reruns, Youngstocks.

And, last but not least, thank you to ALL OUR NEIGHBORS who came out for this inaugural event to support the organization, meet new friends, and have some fun! We ♥ Sunnyland!
From, the SNA Board of Directors

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the families of board and task force members who supported us during the intense planning and execution of the Earth Day event! Gratefully yours, Erica

lost & found

Lost: toy stuffed snake on Grant St. It was 30 years ago, but was my kid's favorite, so...

Found: Keys in Sunnyland Park. Call to identify (360) 296-3124

Congratulations!

Congratulations to all the seniors graduating in June, especially our dedicated, hard working, adventurous son Alex! Love you lots! ♥ Way to go Class of 22! Mom & Dad

Announcements are limited to 2 lines (approx. 30 words) and are available until the page is filled. The purpose of this page is to encourage neighborliness, kindness, and joy among Sunnyland residents. We reserve the right to reject submissions we don't believe honor the spirit of the page. Submit your announcement here.

coming soon: classifieds

business card 3.5 x 2

include your digital business card
or create this size ad for
\$25 per issue

Do you have a neighborhood business or event you want to publicize? Do you, or a Sunnyland family member want to offer your services, such as landscaping and babysitting? In our next issue, we'll have a classified section. Contact us at sunnylandneighbors@gmail.com if you'd like more info.

2 lines: Looking for a babysitter? Having a yard sale? Selling your guitar? Advertise in approximately 30 words (this size font and space) for **\$5 per issue.**

4 lines: Looking for cat sitter and need space to include more info about Fluffy's care? Selling your car and need space to describe all its attributes? Looking for a tenant and don't need photos, just a detailed description of the space? Advertise in approximately 60 words (this size font and space) for **\$10 per issue.**

banner

7.5 x 2

\$40 per issue

quarter page

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\$55 per issue

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