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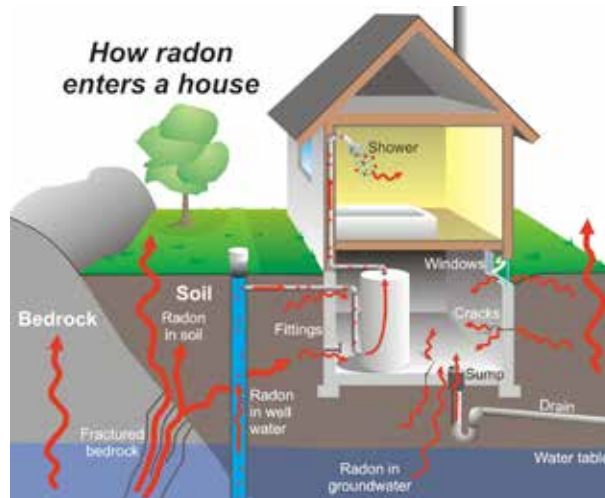
Learn about radon at the next meeting

SAN Community Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015

We are pleased to feature radon expert Don Francis, owner of EcoTech as guest speaker at this month's SAN Community Meeting. Radon is an invisible, odorless and tasteless gas, with no immediate health symptoms, that comes from the breakdown of uranium inside the earth. Simple test kits can reveal the amount of radon, and homes with high levels can be fixed with venting techniques.

As we begin to close up our homes for the winter, this topic becomes more important. So have your questions ready and learn everything you've ever wanted to know about radon safety.

Don Francis was the first Willamette River keeper. He is one of the reasons the Willamette River is now safe for swimming



and boating. His company, EcoTech was awarded Multnomah County's 2005 Public Health Hero Award in recognition of their efforts to protect the community from environmental hazards, and their support of local charities.

The SAN Community meeting is held **Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015 at 7:00pm** at the CNN office 4415 NE 87th Ave.

FACTS:

Radon kills over 20,000 Americans every year — more than drunk drivers and home fires combined.

Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers.

Children are more sensitive to radon because their lungs are smaller and their respiratory rates are twice as high.

The American Lung Association of Oregon and the EPA recommend that you test your home for radon.

Trees to be planted on SAN lot along I-205

Since the I-205 S at Killingsworth Ave. on-ramp was expanded, there's an opportunity for new trees to be planted in the area referred to as the "SAN lot". This name came about because the old-timers in the neighborhood referred to this field next to I-205 (along NE 92nd Ave north of NE Sandy Blvd) as the "sandlot".

The tree planting will take place December 12th, 2015, from 9:00am to 1:00pm. They will be planted on the east edge in front of the berm.

A representative from Friends of Trees was at the September SAN Community Meeting, talked about the types of trees being planted and answered questions. ODOT still needs to get final approval on the proposed plan

prior to moving forward.

You can be a part of this historic planting!

As a volunteer you can learn from the experts about the proper methods of introducing trees to our area.

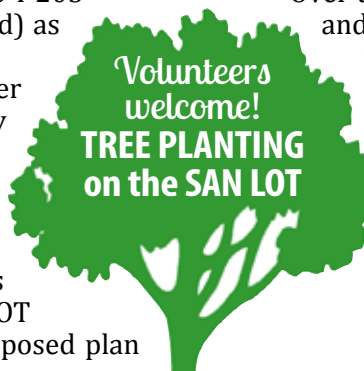
Over the years you can watch the trees take root and grow, knowing you had a hand in it all. The project could use about 40 volunteers.

Turn to the back page of this newsletter to view the proposed tree map.

For more information about the species of trees, visit:

<http://www.friendsoftrees.org/plant-it-programs/browse-trees>

<http://plants.usda.gov/java/>



Sumner's Summer Events

National Night Out Barbecue and our first Good Ole Fashioned Ice Cream Social

Sumner National Neighbors Night Out Barbecue held on August 6th at the fire station was a wonderful evening packed with food, vintage cars, lots of conversation and a great way to reacquaint with and meet new friends. We would like to thank everyone who was able to attend.

A very special thanks to all the volunteers who worked so hard and diligently setting up, taking down, Katherine for serving ice cream and of course, our cooks, Josh and Henry for making this one of the most attended and successful Sumner National Night Out Barbecues. We



had lots and lots and lots of delicious food, a lot of which was provided by our neighbors plus the ice cream was definitely a big hit. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year!

—Yvonne Rice, *Sumner Association Chair*



The Sumner neighborhood enjoyed their 1st ever Ice Cream Social on July 25th. Even though it was a cool day, it did not deter about 50 neighbors from attending the event. Several different flavors of ice cream were served along with cookies.

It was nice to visit with old neighbors and to get acquainted with new ones. Thank you to John & Katherine for bringing their cornhole game that people enjoyed playing.

Thanks to those that assisted with the planning and setting up

for the event. A special thanks to the 3 young ladies that served the ice cream. Finally, a very big thank you to all that attended.

We are hoping to make this an annual event and see even more attendees next year.

—Karen McAninch, *Sumner Association Vice Chair*

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NE Sandy Blvd crossing improvements

The City of Portland Bureau of Transportation is in the process of planning and installing pedestrian activated flashing beacons (rapid flash beacons) on NE Sandy Blvd at NE 79th, NE 85th and NE 91st.



Every corner is a legal crosswalk whether it is marked or not

Construction for the flashing beacon on NE Sandy at NE 79th Ave will be starting soon and is expected to be up and running by December 2015. Flashing beacons

and pedestrian median islands are currently being designed for both NE Sandy at NE 85th and NE Sandy at NE 91st Ave. These will be constructed during the summer of 2016.

Funding for the NE Sandy/NE 79th Ave crossing is jointly funded by Portland Bureau of Transportation and TriMet; the other two projects are funded through Oregon Department of Transportation using federal safety money.

Sandy Blvd is one of ten high crash corridors in Portland. Because of the character of the roadway and the two fatalities that have occurred at 91st, it has received deserved attention from PBOT. 🌱

Every litter bit hurts

A well-documented experiment is the “litter begets litter and no litter begets no litter” finding. Social psychologists found people are more prone to litter if they see litter around them. If a street is abundant with litter, people subconsciously

Litter-free areas remain litter free. Littered places get more litter.

see it as perfectly normal and socially acceptable to engage in the same behavior. Litter-free areas remain litter free. Littered places get more litter.

In the past SAN has had an official Litter Patrol. This dedicated group

of people was lead by Heather, who recently moved out of the Sumner neighborhood. The end of last year the Litter Patrol reported 123 Bags; 696 lb; 38 hours 35 minutes.

We urge neighbors to pickup in front of their own homes, their neighbors homes, litter patrol solo or make it little more fun with a small group.

If anyone would like supplies to help in their “litter patrols”, please see Ronda at the CNN office.

A big thank you to everyone that helps rid litter from Sumner. 🌱



There will not be a SAN Halloween Party

The traditional SAN Halloween Party will not be held this year. You can celebrate with your family at the **Parkrose 2015 Trunk or Treat** held Saturday, Oct. 31, 2015, from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM in the Parkrose High School Parking Lot, 12003 NE Shaver Street. 4-6pm, for ages 0-12. Parkrose business coupons for adults, candy, games, spooky music and a costume contest at 5:00 PM!

Sumner Briefs:

Want to help Portland residents effectively resolve conflicts?

Resolutions Northwest (RNW) is now accepting applications for our annual Neighborhood Mediator Training. This 34-hour basic mediation training and year-long mentorship is free in exchange for a one-year weekly volunteer commitment to help diverse neighbors and communities in Portland to resolve conflicts with each other. Application deadline: November 25, 2015. Application forms can be obtained at <https://resolutionsnorthwest.org/community/volunteer/> or (503) 595-4890. RNW is committed to the goals of equal opportunity and affirmative action in education and volunteerism. We encourage all interested to apply.

No Ivy Day is Oct. 24

Become a steward of our treasured natural areas! Join us on October 24, 2015 for our annual effort to remove ivy. Gather across the greater Portland area to remove invasive ivy and show your support for our environment. Don't Miss a Thing!

9am-12pm: Join ivy removal work parties throughout Portland's natural areas.

12:30pm-2pm: Celebration to commend our ivy removal efforts. Enjoy refreshments and a chance to connect with other community members!

Go to www.NoIvyLeague.com to:

- Volunteer, site host, or donate
- View a list of work sites
- Learn more about ivy removal, and No Ivy Day

Sustaining a healthy park and recreation system to make Portland a great place to live, work and play.

For more information, call 503-823-3681 or email noivyleague@gmail.com.

Sign-up for the SAN email updates. Go to www.SumnerPdx.com and use the quick form at the top of the page.

Mark your calendar!

Tuesday
October
20th

Community Meeting, 7 PM. CNN office, 4415 NE 87th Ave (side door of the fire station between NE Sandy and NE Prescott). Social time with light refreshments: 6:30 PM.

Guest speaker: Don Francis, EcoTech, on the topic of **Radon**

Learn: What is it. Where it comes from. Why you should care. How to test for it. How to fix a radon problem.

Tuesday
Nov.
17th

Community Meeting, 7 PM. CNN office, 4415 NE 87th Ave (side door of the fire station between NE Sandy and NE Prescott). Social time with light refreshments: 6:30 PM.

Guest speaker: TBA

Tuesday
Dec.
15th

Community Meeting
CANCELLED - Happy Holidays! See everyone at the New Year party!

Tuesday
Jan.
12th
2016

New Year Party & Pot Luck! CNN office, 4415 NE 87th Ave., 6:30-8 PM. Food, cold drinks, sweets! Optional: bring your favorite covered dish. Relax after the holidays with neighbors. Come for the food, the warmth, the fellowship! All neighbors are invited. For more information, call the CNN office at 503-823-3157.



SAN Lot tree location map



PROPOSED TREE SPECIES AND QUANTITIES:

Common Name	Species Name	Quantity
Big-leaf Maple	Acer Macrophyllum	3
Incense Cedar	Calocedrus decurrens	5
Black Hawthorn	Crataegus douglasii	5
Western Crabapple	Malus fusca	4
Shore Pine	Pinus contorta ssp contorta	3
Ponderosa Pine	Pinus ponderosa	10
Oregon White Oak	Quercus garryana	9
Burr Oak	Quercus macrocarpa	3
Accolade Elm	Ulmus japonica x U. wilsoniana 'Morton'	3

In addition, there are eight existing Oregon White Oak and three existing Ponderosa Pine within or adjacent to the project area.

KEY TO 'SAN LOT TREE LOCATION MAP':

Existing Trees:

E-QUGA = Oregon White Oak (Dark Red)

E-PIPO = Ponderosa Pine (Red)

Proposed Trees:

QUGA = Oregon White Oak (White)

PIPO = Ponderosa Pine (Green)

ACMA = Big-leaf Maple (Light Green)

CADE = Incense Cedar (Purple)

CRDO = Black Hawthorn (Black)

MAFU = Western Crabapple (Dark Blue)

PICO = Shore Pine (Light Blue)

QUMA = Burr Oak (Pink)

ULJA = Accolade Elm (Yellow)

NOTES: Locations on the map are approximate and not to scale. Trees will be spaced a minimum of 25' apart and a minimum of 20' off of toe of slope from the berm on the east side of the project area. Trees will generally be in two rows; however, the rows will have a very mild bend in them, always maintaining the 25' minimum distance between trees and allowing for ease of future mowing.

For more information about Sumner Association of Neighbors call Ronda Johnson, 503-823-3157, rondaj@cnncoalition.org