



For the record, my name is Mary Ann Schwab, Community Activist living in the Inner-Southeast Sunnyside Neighborhood

Good Morning Mayor Hales, and Commissioners:

As a member of the League of Women Voters, I would like to quote from their "Think before you Ink" brochure, written by the League of Oregon.
http://voteoregon.org/?page_id=1859&preview=true

This brochure reminds us to think before we sign anything -- but especially before we sign off on an initiative when we have not had an opportunity to read it. Your signature is valuable. Here are reasons why citizens should be informed. Consider all six questions in this brochure.

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3. Does it belong in our Constitution?

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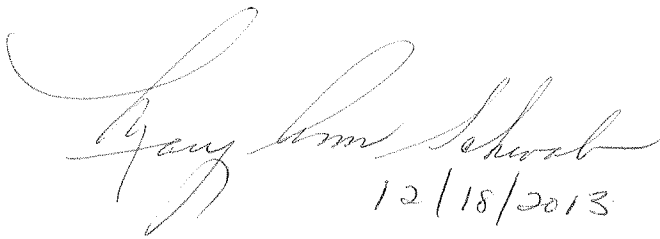
Understand that your signature is valuable, more valuable than your vote, considering that fewer signatures are required to approve petitions than ballot measures. Only sign an initiative petition that you believe should become law." Think before you Ink!

Now please understand the rest of my comments are mine-- in no way representing the League of Women Voters.

I am asking each of you as well as viewers watching City Council this morning, to take time to read two points of view on a PUD for Portland published in the Southeast Examiner, December, 2013: Time for a Public Water District, by: Floy Jones and Kent Crawford; and Why we Oppose the Portland Water District by: Bob Sallinger, <http://southeastexaminer.com/2013/12/two-views-on-a-pud-for-portland/>

Personally, I fear the Portland's Water Bureau may be at-risk when unknowingly citizens sign off on the *Public Water District initiative* based on two or three short misleading sentences. Big print giveth. Small print taketh away. Prior to signing, my guess is few if any people -- with exception of the League of Women Voters -- has actually read the 26 pages detailing how the proposed ballot measure will change parts of the City Charter, nor have people taken time to "Google" those endorsing it. Albeit, if approved by misinformed voters, I won't be surprised when the regions largest industrial water users and polluters would actually pay less than residential households and small businesses.

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- 2 Consider all 6 questions inside
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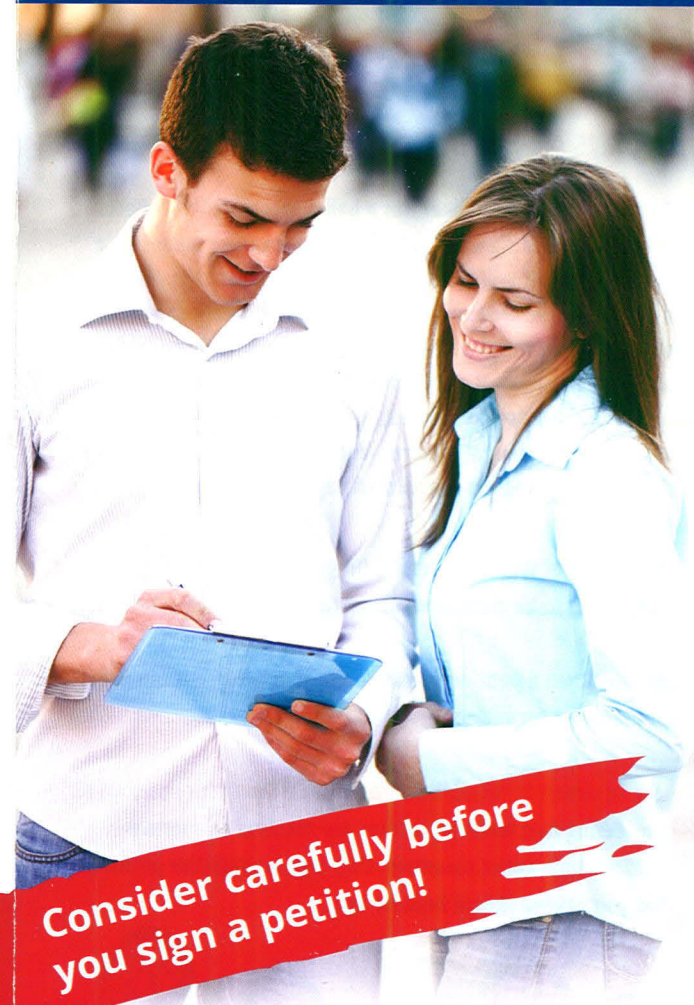
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WHAT IS AN INITIATIVE PETITION

An initiative petition generates a ballot measure, if it collects enough certified signatures. If the ballot measure passes by a majority vote, it will have the force of law. A petition consists of the complete proposed text, cover and signature sheets. It should include the chief petition sponsor's name & residence on the cover sheet. It also has written approval from the filing officer. To be placed on ballots, it must collect a large number of registered voters' signatures. Volunteers use white signature sheets; paid gatherers use colored paper.

The League of Women Voters of Oregon encourages all Oregonians to be alert when asked to sign initiative petitions.

Beware when a petitioner asks you to sign "just so it can get on the ballot for voting"

Your signature is valuable, more valuable than your vote, considering that fewer signatures are required to approve petitions than ballot measures. Only sign an initiative petition that you believe should become law.



Here are six questions to help you make up your mind about an initiative petition:

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7/1/13

Mayor Charlie Hales and City Council
City of Portland, Oregon
1221 SW 4th Ave.
Portland, OR 97204

Subject: Announcement of reservoirs' disconnection and continued spending on LT2 related construction projects

Dear Mayor Hales and Portland City Council,

This letter is in response to the City's announcement issued on June 3rd, 2013, that you have abandoned all efforts to retain the functionality of our open-air water reservoirs, in spite of the fact that the reservoirs have been scientifically proven to provide safe, healthy drinking water to our citizens for over a century. In your reservoir disconnection announcement, the City lists some of their efforts to fight the LT2 mandate. Yet, there are many additional avenues that the City could currently be taking to fight these unnecessary projects that will cost ratepayers hundreds of millions of dollars to fix a problem that our City can scientifically prove does not exist in our reservoirs and water supply.

The Mt Tabor Neighborhood Association calls upon Mayor Hales and the City of Portland to resume the fight to save our safe, healthy, open-air water reservoirs. The costs of building alternate, buried water tanks and the significant health concerns that will result if our water is stored in buried tanks (some examples: increases in radon amounts entering homes through taps and showerheads; health risks associated with disinfection chemicals' carcinogenic byproducts) leads the Mt Tabor Neighborhood Association to request that the City restart the effort to gain our reservoirs and water relief from the LT2 regulation. As you know, the regulation is due to be reviewed, and possibly rewritten, by the EPA by 2016 under President Obama's Executive Order mandating revision/repeal of onerous regulations.

We request that the City immediately - and SIMULTANEOUSLY - pursue the following approaches at a minimum, to quickly gain Portlanders relief from the regulation and its unnecessary costs, rather than continuing to spend ratepayer dollars on compliance efforts:

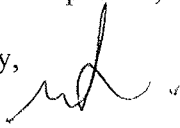
- We request that the City formally enlists the assistance of the Oregon Congressional Delegation to develop and implement strategies and approaches to gain a lengthy deferral from the OHA for LT2 compliance until the LT2 mandate receives its scheduled EPA regulatory review in 2016.

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- We request that the City formally enlists the assistance of the Oregon Congressional Delegation, especially Sen. Merkley and Rep. Blumenauer, to formally partner with the City and draft legislation to gain permanent relief from LT2.
- We request that the City formally enlists the Oregon Congressional Delegation to work with the City in pursuit of an EPA Safe Drinking Water Act Waiver exempting Portland from the scientifically unsupported EPA LT2 Rule.

We feel that it is critical that the City finds a successful path to secure relief from LT2 for Portland's open reservoirs, our water and our Bull Run Watershed. New York's political leaders continued their efforts until they were granted relief from LT2 open reservoir compliance until the EPA's scheduled review of LT2 in 2016. Abandoning any and all methods to fight LT2 open reservoir compliance, before you achieve similar success for Portlanders is unacceptable to us.

Sincerely,



Peter Niland
President, Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association
paniland@gmail.com

cc: (Arlington Height Neighborhood Association)
(SE Uplift Neighborhood Coalition)

Easy Ways to Save Energy— and Money—this Winter

By Austin Blythe, Clean Energy Works

As temperatures drop, heating bills across Sunnyside will rise. The U.S. Department of Energy says the typical U.S. family spends at least \$2,000 a year on utility bills. A lot of that money is wasted when heat escapes through leaky windows or ducts, uninsulated walls and ceilings, or by inefficient heating and cooling systems.

Luckily, there are many things we can do to prepare our homes for the cold months ahead. An energy-efficient home will keep your family comfortable while saving you money, and in the long-term, energy upgrades increase the value of your home.


Here are four easy energy-saving steps:

- Take advantage of winter sun. When it shines, open south-facing curtains and blinds during the day, as sunlight can naturally heat your home. Close them at night to keep the heat in.

- Cover drafty windows. Tape clear plastic film to the inside of your window frames. Make sure the plastic is sealed tightly to the frame. Installing blinds, drapes, or shades can also help reduce heat loss.
- Adjust the temperature. Set the thermostat 10 to 15 degrees cooler when you're not home. Lower the temperature slightly at night and add an extra blanket to the bed.
- Get a free home energy assessment to pinpoint more energy saving opportunities. Clean Energy Works will send a certified contractor to your home to identify ways to make it more energy efficient. A customized report will tell you which upgrades will generate the most energy savings. Those savings may be worth an additional \$2,000 in incentives, and Clean Energy Works also will point you to the best financing options for upgrades. Get started at www.cleanenergyworksoregon.org/energy-assessment.

About Clean Energy Works (CEW): CEW is a non-profit, public-private partnership that brings together local contractors, lenders, governments, and utilities to make it easy and affordable for Oregonians to improve the comfort and health of their homes while lowering energy waste by a third or more. Learn more online at www.cleanenergyworksoregon.org.

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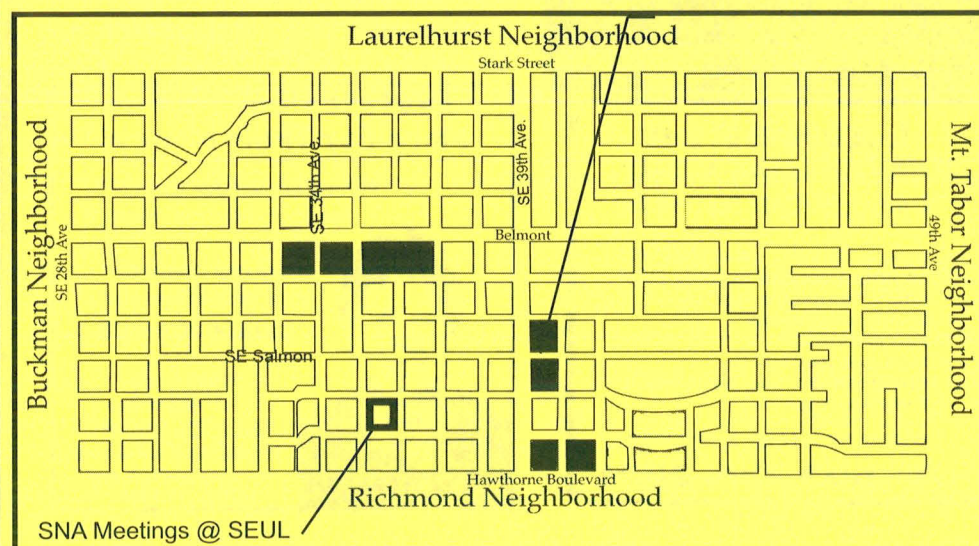
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SUNNYSIDE Neighborhood News December 2013

Sunnyside News

Tony Jordan, SNA President

As the year comes to an end, I want to thank all my neighbors for being a part of this great neighborhood we call Sunnyside. On December 12, join your neighbors and the SNA board for an evening of socializing and making merry at our annual holiday potluck. We have several new board members, including Jeff Cole from Friends of Trees who was seated in November to fill our last vacancy. There won't

be much, if any, official business, so it's a great time to share ideas or find out how you can get involved in neighborhood activities.

I had the pleasure of attending the Spirit of Portland Awards this year, at which Mary Ann Schwab received an award (details in this issue). I was inspired by all the award recipients;

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Emergency Preparedness Tip: Holiday Gifts

By Lee Greer, SNA Emergency Preparedness Committee

If you are into holiday gift giving, consider presents that will help your friends and family be prepared for emergencies. Boring, you say? Not so. At least not if you're a gadget lover like me. And for people who camp, a lot of camping equipment doubles as preparedness equipment. How about a camp stove—either a big propane one for car camping or home emergency use, or a little one to go into a go-bag? I have a little folding stove in my go-bag that uses solid fuel tabs, or, in a pinch, other fuel like charcoal or twigs. Very cute, and it will boil water. It needs a little pot, also cute. An ultraviolet water purifier, like SteriPEN, can be used by backpackers or by those traveling to interesting places with questionable water. How about a pocket knife or a multi-tool such as a Leatherman? And you can't have too

Sunnyside Tree Planting Kicks Off New Year

By Jeff Cole

Our annual Sunnyside Friends of Trees planting day (January 18) will be a grand one as a growing roster of residents sign up for new street and/or yard trees. Momentum is building. Trees that have an average nursery value of \$195 cost only \$50 during this event. This includes all permits. Residents who sign up are asked to help plant a few trees, contribute to the volunteer potluck lunch, or fulfill some other role. This helps keep the trees affordable. For those whose budgets are tight, a limited number of tree scholarships are available.

Planting day is lots of fun as neighbors meet and help neighbors in small crews. Many marvel over the years as they watch "their trees" grow and transform Sunnyside with summer shade and winter structure. Spring blooms and fall colors enhance our urban experience.

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UPCOMING EVENTS | DECEMBER

- 5th- Stormwater Improvement Meeting (See Page Three)
- 7th- Hawthorne Holiday Stroll
- 11th- Lead Poisoning Prevention Workshop (See Page Two)
- 12th- SNA Holiday Potluck
- 16th- Friends of Trees Planting Sign-up Deadline
- 15th-16th Car-free Peacock Lane
- 23rd- Portland Public Schools Winter Break
- 25th- Christmas Day

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- 6th- Portland Public Schools 1st Day Back
- 18th- Friends of Trees Sunnyside Planting

MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings at Southeast Uplift unless noted

SNA Holiday Potluck
Thursday, December 12, 7-9 p.m.

Crime Prevention and Livability Committee
Thursday, December 12, 6:45 p.m.

Land Use & Transportation Committee
Monday, December 9, 7:30 p.m.

Emergency Preparedness Committee
@ Fred Meyer on Hawthorne and Cesar Chavez - 1st floor deli area
No meeting in December 2013

Graffiti Clean-up
2nd & 4th Saturdays, weather permitting. Call 503-235-5047

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Lead Poisoning Prevention Workshop

By Tony Jordan

On Wednesday, December 11, at 7 p.m., SNA is sponsoring a workshop facilitated by Karen Wells of the Community Energy Project. Learn about the dangerous effects and common sources of lead poisoning, basic prevention measures, and resources for additional help. Portland residents will receive free kits of lead poisoning prevention materials, including lead-safe cleaning supplies and testing materials such as LeadCheck swabs and optional lead dust sampling kits. The Lead Poisoning Prevention workshop is FREE and will take place in the Fireside Room at Southeast Uplift, 3534 SE Main Street.

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there are truly some amazing people in our city. Congratulations to Mary Ann!

Do you have a few hours a month to volunteer? We are looking for someone to take over as the Newsletter Delivery Coordinator. Experience with a spreadsheet program is desired. Access to a cargo bike or other suitable vehicle for delivering newsletters to quad leaders is required. If you're interested, email board@sunnysideneighborhood.com

Check out the rest of this newsletter for information on the many events taking place this month. It's a busy one, that's for sure! See you again in 2014!

FISH Needs Men's Clothing

By Don Mack

FISH Emergency Services, which helps more than 1,700 people in our community each month, has a desperate need for men's clothing. If you have any you can donate, take them to FISH at 1335 SE Hawthorne.

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Sunnyside Tree Planting Kicks Off New Year

To join in this great opportunity, sign up online no later than December 16 at www.friendsoftrees.org. If you have if you have specific questions or concerns about street trees or the upcoming planting day, contact the Sunnyside Street Tree Team (S2T2) at s2t2@googlegroups.com.

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Emergency Preparedness: Holiday Gifts

many flashlights. There are lots of nifty ones with special features such as flashers or stands or hanging hooks that convert them to lanterns. Glow sticks are great for emergency use, if you can keep the kids from using them first. What about a hand-crank radio? Or a solar charger for an iPhone? Use your imagination. Check websites that sell camping and travel supplies as well as emergency preparedness items. Look at redcrossstore.org. Enjoy shopping and have safe and happy holidays!

Hawthorne Holiday Stroll: Shop, Buy, and Donate Locally

By Don Mack, Hawthorne Boulevard Business Association

Mark your calendars for the Hawthorne Holiday Stroll on Saturday, December 7. During regular business hours on that day, many Hawthorne merchants will have special events. Pick up a free Hawthorne Boulevard Gift Guide at Fred Meyer or New Seasons Hawthorne locations. Here are some highlights of the Holiday Stroll:

- KGW will have toy drive bins at various locations for unwrapped toys, which will go to kids at the new Raphael House shelter in southeast Portland.
- Santa will be at Fred Meyer from noon to 4 p.m., as will a KGW toy drive bin.
- New Seasons will warm you up with \$1 off a 12- or 16-ounce hot chocolate or cider at their walk up window.
- Bazi Bierbrasserie will take 20 percent off your bill if you donate to their KGW toy drive bin.
- Asylum (aka Sorel's) will have a DJ with vintage Christmas music and a live mannequin from 3 to 6 p.m.
- Kids at Heart will be offering 10 percent off your purchase.
- Santa will be passing out free mini-cones at Ben and Jerry's from noon to 4 p.m.

Thank you for shopping locally and supporting small businesses in our neighborhood.

Mary Ann Schwab Receives Spirit of Portland Award

By Lee Greer

Commissioner Amanda Fritz presented a 2013 Spirit of Portland Award to Sunnyside's own Mary Ann Schwab at a ceremony on November 12. Mayor Charlie Hales and all the city commissioners were present at the ceremony, which was attended by nearly 200 people. Mayor Hales explained that the awards are given to individuals and groups for their work in bettering our community. Mary Ann was one of a small, select group of individuals with impressive accomplishments. Commissioner Fritz cited Mary Ann's advocacy for clean water, parks, human dignity, and numerous other important issues, as well as her participation over many years in the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association, Southeast Uplift, and the League of Women Voters.

In accepting the award Mary Ann listed three items on her bucket list: expanding the city/county information line to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; swimming in a pool at the former Washington High School; and having the open reservoir at Mount Tabor kept in use as a backup water supply.



Mary Ann Schwab receives a Spirit of Portland Award from Commissioner Amanda Fritz in recognition of years of tireless service to her neighbors and fellow Portlanders.

Sewer and Stormwater Projects Coming to Hawthorne

By Don Mack

Sewer and stormwater improvement projects for Hawthorne Boulevard are in the early design stages. Construction is expected to begin in spring 2015 and last for 180 days on Hawthorne from SE 41st to SE 50th, including some side streets. For a sneak peak and opportunity for input, come to a meeting at Western Seminary, SE 55th and Hawthorne, on December 5 from 5 to 7 p.m.

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To: Moore-Love Karla
Subject: Public Forum, Wednesday, December 18th, 9:30 a.m.

Good Morning Karla,

This is to confirm my three (3) minute public forum schedule prior to City Council.

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: City Council Chambers,

TOPIC:

"THINK BEFORE YOU INK" LINK: http://voteoregon.org/?page_id=1859&preview=true My fear is Portland's Water Bureau is at-risk when unknowingly citizens sign off on the People's Water Trust petition initiatives based on two or three short misleading sentences. Big print giveth. Small print taketh away. Prior to signing, my guess is few if any one has actually read the 26 pages detailing how the proposed ballot measure will over ride the City Charter, nor have they taken time to google those endorsing it. Albeit, if approved by misinformed voters, I won't be surprised when reading the regions largest industrial water users and polluters would actually pay less than residential households and small businesses.

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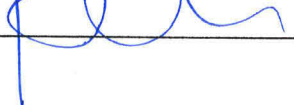
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