

South University Neighborhood Association Members

Nancy Meyer, Board Chair

I've lived in our neighborhood for 33 years, been active in the schools my two children attended, and taught for 12 years at SEHS (History, AP Psychology). I feel strongly about the importance of community and have worked to encourage communication and appreciation for our entire neighborhood. To this end, we've held important general meetings, ice cream socials at the park, created welcome banners, yard signs, a neighborhood brochure, and our eNewsletter.

Bill Aspegren, SUNA Treasurer

I am running for reelection to the SUNA board as treasurer, a position I currently hold. I retired in 1999 and moved to Eugene from Chicago where I had worked 34 years for CNA Insurance. My time at CNA was spent managing systems development projects. Since coming to Eugene, I have been active in the Eugene Opera, Oregon Bach Festival, middle school bicycle education program and have helped with Campbell Center outdoor activities. I have worked with the city on minor code amendments, infill compatibility standards and various other land use issues. I participated in Envision Eugene as a member of the Community Resource Group and the Economic Development sub-group. I served as an at large neighborhood representative on the Multi-Unit Property Tax Exemption (MUPTEx) Review Panel. I plan to continue to work with the SUNA board and City on land use and neighborhood livability issues. I enjoy bicycle riding, hiking, birding, and woodworking.

Kari Parsons, Secretary

I first joined the SUNA board in 2013 and am currently seeking re-election to the position of board secretary. My husband and I moved to Eugene with our family in 2004 and we have since lived in two different parts of South University Neighborhood, giving me perspective on the distinctive and varying characteristics of our neighborhood. I am a long-time advocate for Edison Elementary, both within the school walls (as Parent Council president and a Site Council parent representative) and without (as an activist fighting against repeated attempts to close Edison and fighting for a safe school at the site in perpetuity). Most recently, I was involved in ensuring that historic artifacts from the original Edison be incorporated into the design of the new Edison. Professionally, I am a public policy consultant conducting applied research in a range of domains, including poverty, health, housing and homelessness, sustainability, and more. In my spare time, I enjoy hiking, gardening, caring for our many pets, and spending time with my family. Currently, my main role on the board is to help produce the monthly SUN eNews and to take the minutes for our board meetings. As a continuing SUNA board member, I hope to continue my current roles and keep our neighborhood thriving by supporting community-building activities and advocating for policies that enhance neighborhood livability and equity.

Carolyn Jacobs

I have lived in the South University Neighborhood for 35 years and have served on the SUNA board on and off during most of those years! For many years I have been the SUNA representative to the Neighborhood Leadership Council which has provided me an opportunity to meet and work with neighborhood advocates from many of the other 23 neighborhood associations. That perspective and the relationships that have grown from my involvement have proven rewarding both personally and to the board as we deal with a wide range of challenges. Over the years I have also been involved with other city projects such as Envision Eugene, Infill Compatibility Task Team, and Housing Tools and Strategies with a long-term interest in land use. I am also an avid hiker and gardener!

Simon Kemp

I graduated from South Eugene High School, then attended Lane Community College where I studied political science and interned for Mayor Kitty Piercy and Peter DeFazio. I helped reactivate the Bethel neighborhood association "Active Bethel Citizens" in 2018 and was their secretary. I moved to the South University district as the head maintenance technician at an apartment complex in 2020. As a board member, I will help SUNA maintain and enhance its performance as a liaison between the neighbors and the city council. Having worked in the fields of security, health, and safety, as well as being a Eugene resident for over 30 years and a 4th generation Eugenean, I have an intimate knowledge of local politics, city regulations, and community standards. I believe SUNA is a wonderful community with the potential to achieve even more for its constituents, and I want to be of further public service to our community.

Tracy Phelan

I have lived in SUN for over 25 years, during which time I volunteered at the schools of my three children and worked for the UO on Legislative and Community Relations. I am interested in continuing my service on the SUNA Board to maintain and enhance our neighborhood. I currently maintain the University Park Little Free Library for the neighborhood.

Marcia Regnier

I am running for re-election to the SUNA Board. I have lived in Eugene, and in the South University Neighborhood, for almost three years and been on the Board for two years. I am a native Oregonian but previously lived in Seattle, and moved here with my husband, David, in large part to be closer to family. I am especially interested in activities that help neighbors get to know each other and provide support for each other and for others in our larger community.

Marsha Wells Shankman

I am a longtime SUN resident. My husband and I have lived in the same 1920s-era house in the neighborhood since 1985. Our two daughters attended Edison Elementary School. I have worked as the Publicity Coordinator for the Maude Kerns Art Center for over 25 years. I have served on the SUNA Board since 2008, during which time I have seen the many positive effects of Board-initiated projects. This is what keeps me involved in board service. I enjoy working with a dedicated group of Board members and neighbors to preserve the livability of our

wonderful neighborhood. I look forward to continuing to engage in neighborhood planning and am committed to the active support of Edison School, pursuing improvements to University Park, and working with the University to assure that our neighborhood best serves the needs of our diverse residents, including students, seniors, and families.

Constance Van Flandern

My husband and I moved to Eugene in 2002 from the east coast and immediately felt at home in the South University Neighborhood. We love the different architectural styles, the stunning landscaping, and the thoughtful neighbors who stop and say hello when passing on the sidewalks. We've raised our two kids here in "The SUN" and are grateful for the excellent local public schools they've attended including Edison, Charlemagne, RMS, and SEHS. As an artist and graphic designer, I have brought my design skills to the SUNA board for many years. I built the current SUNA website, initiated a neighborhood Facebook page and created a NextDoor neighborhood to align with the boundaries of the SUN (currently 40% of neighborhood households are members). While serving on the board in the past I worked toward getting University Park on a top priority list for renovation by the Parks Department (scheduled for renovation in 2022). I worked toward the installation of two Little Free Libraries (LFL) – one of which won a LFL of Distinction award (The "book barn" at Edison). I also have designed postcards, mailers, the South University Neighborhood Association logo, the neighborhood brochure, the signpost banners, yard signs, magnets, stickers and anything the board needs to promote neighborhood communication. I am honored to serve my community and hope to make a positive impact for current and future residents here by continuing to support communication and creativity throughout the SUN.

Ling Wang

I moved to Eugene from Miami with my family in 2014, and six years later, moved into the SUN in 2020 simply because we found it works best for everyone in the family. My amazing new neighbors who are always genuine and kind made us feel so welcomed even in the middle of the COVID era. I have volunteered to manage the SUNA website since October 2020 and joined the SUNA board in 2021. It's been a wonderful experience and I got to know the main drive that keeps the neighborhood thriving -- the SUNA board. Still learning about the issues that are important to the neighborhood, I am currently interested in raising community awareness and increasing the livability of the neighborhood.

Lauren Willis

I joined the SUNA board in 2019 and am running for reelection. I moved to Eugene in 2009 and have lived in SUN since 2017. My husband and I both work for the University of Oregon and love the neighborhood for its walkability and proximity to the university. As a SUNA board member, I have worked to highlight issues relevant to the neighborhood through general meetings and SUNA's monthly e-news.

Jason Aulicino

I have been a SUN resident for over 15 years and currently reside on 23rd near Agate. I am the long-time owner/founder/director of Treetop Academics, the on-site childcare and academic

after-school program at Edison, where I am also a substitute teacher. I have extensive volunteer experience within the Edison community and hope to strengthen the relationship between parents, students, the school, and our SUN neighbors.

Erica Parsons

I moved to 21st Avenue in September 2021 with my husband and two kids, ages 5 and 3, from Truckee, CA after my husband retired from the U.S. Coast Guard. I spend almost 100 percent of the work week inside SUN: I work from home (I'm an editor at Wirecutter, the New York Times' product recommendation site) and when I'm done working we're either riding bikes or playing at University Park, Agate Playground, or Washburne Park. In the fall, my son will start kindergarten at Edison and my daughter will attend Congregational Preschool. We absolutely adore this beautiful, walkable neighborhood and have loved meeting our kind, welcoming neighbors. I'm eager to contribute to the neighborhood any way I can, especially as a voice for families with young kids.

Martin Tusler

My wife and I originally moved to Eugene in the early nineties. We both received graduate degrees here. In 2010 we moved to Columbus, Ohio and were quite happy to return in 2019. I am a retired instructor, researcher, and maître d'. She is a professor in the School of Journalism and Communication and in Psychology. While in Columbus, I was treasurer of the Schumacher Place Civic Association where we dealt with similar issues to ours here in SUN. I am concerned about equity in general, specifically housing equity in our neighborhood. I hate to see the diversity of SUN decrease as houses become unaffordable for most Eugeneans.

Vilija Hudson

I moved to Eugene three years ago with my husband Patrick and our two dogs. We chose to live in the SUN neighborhood because of its' easy access to parks, bike trails, great schools, and beautiful vintage homes. Our daughter is currently 13 months old, and we are expecting another baby girl in November. Issues that concern me are ensuring safe walking routes to schools for kids in the neighborhood, and enriching public spaces to foster community. Previously I have served on the board of the Lane County Dental Society, but chose to leave that position to focus more on my local community. I am a dentist here in Eugene.