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Borrow tools for free. Really.

By Jeff Horne

I moved from LA to Portland about four years ago. When I initially heard about Portland's tool libraries, mystical places where members of the community could borrow home, garden and bicycle tools free of charge, I had two thoughts: Wow, Portlanders are crazy! And, how could that actually work?

Does it actually work?

It can, and it does. Since opening in May 2010, the Southeast Portland Tool Library has grown to over 1,300 members and 1,000 tools, the vast majority of which are donated. Folks are learning that it just doesn't make sense for every household to buy their own set of tools, especially those specialized tools that you only use once and then sit in your garage. We live in tough economic times and in a time of diminishing natural resources. Why



A selection of planes.



Shelves full of available tools

not share? Isn't that one of the fundamental lessons we're taught when we're kids? Why did we forget?

That's what the tool library is all about. It's a lesson in sharing and community. It offers neighbors the chance to say, "Hey, I really need this tool, but once I'm done with it, it's going to sit in my garage and gather dust. I'm going to give it to the tool library. While I'm there, I'm going to borrow a lawn mower and cut the grass." Imagine how much more room you can have!

The SE tool library is also a community space. It's an all-volunteer effort, which means neighbors helping neighbors. Neighbors with spare tools donate tools to add to our inventory. Neighbors with free time volunteer to help check tools in and out. Neighbors organize workshops and help repair tools. We all work together to

make the library what it is! Have a skill to share or a workshop you'd like to see? Let us know!

Check us out! The Southeast Portland Tool Library is located in between Hawthorne and Division at the corner of SE Harrison and 28th Place (the northeast corner of St. David of Wales Episcopal Church). We're open Saturdays from 9am-2pm and Tuesdays from 5:30-7pm. Currently, membership is free to residents of North Tabor (with identification and proof of address) and folks can borrow up to seven tools for up to a week. (We're talking about moving to a co-op model that would involve a nominal membership fee.)

You can also learn more by visiting us online at www.septl.org.



Neatly stored electrical cords.

Who's watching the neighborhood?

By Gabe Frayne

On a quiet Saturday last summer a North Tabor resident returned home from a shopping trip and discovered that her almost-new laptop was missing; the burglars had entered through a pet door in the rear of the house. A few weeks later the house next door was also burglarized and a camera stolen. Just before Thanksgiving a young mother came home around midday and found a stranger inside her house.

"I came up the back and saw that the back door was open just a little bit, not just unlocked, but was open," recalls Kori Giudici, the mother of two year-old Moses and wife of Jacob Wollner, who is a member of the North Tabor Neighborhood Association. "I came in and I thought maybe Jake made it home before me because I heard someone, so I yelled out 'Hey Jake?' and then I heard boom, boom, boom, like running to the front door

"Neighborhood Watch is the program that gets people talking, sets up a phone tree, puts signs up and gets people looking out for one another. I think if everyone was looking out for one another it would be pretty protective. Even if something happened, you'd still feel supported and safe in your community."

and trying to get out the front door. And then I realized what was happening. So I ran through the house to try and catch him and we were both in the foyer at the same time as he was leaving...I chased him about halfway down the street."

Fortunately, the thief didn't have time to steal anything of great value. Even more fortunately, he was not inclined to physically assault his pursuer. The police were called and a half hour later dutifully dusted for fingerprints, but like other recent burglaries in the neighborhood, no one has yet been apprehended. However, as in all such incidents, the cost is not just measured in property. "For a few weeks afterward I definitely was scared all the time. I wasn't sleeping," Kori readily admits.

According to the latest crime tally on portlandmaps.com, there have been 45 burglaries, 81 car prowls (property stolen from vehicles), and 30 vehicle thefts over the past twelve months in an area roughly covering the length and breadth of North Tabor. The blocks between Glisan and Burnside appear as a bulls eye on the map's radius, with the highest number of incidents in all three categories.

"We are not on the high list of priorities as far as

statistical crime data on the city system," explains Jake Wollner when pressed about why there hasn't been a greater police response to the apparent increase in crime in North Tabor. One reason for that, says Wollner, is that two years ago a redistricting of police precincts placed North Tabor in a precinct that stretches from downtown all the way to 82nd Avenue, a swath that includes many neighborhoods with higher rates of violent crime than North Tabor. "Personal property crimes [are] not something that a lot of resource dollars get appropriated towards," he says.

North Tabor may be just the sort of neighborhood that could benefit from the recommendations of the police bureau's five-year Community Policing Strategic Plan that covers the period 2007-2012. Based on responses to community surveys, the section titled "community policing" reported that "activities or programs that substantially contribute to reducing crime and the fear of crime included: community policing (i.e., person-to-person contact, involvement with community partnerships) and police presence/visibility..." Elsewhere

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Kori Giudici and Jacob Wollner with their son, Moses

Welcome To North Tabor

Neighborhood associations are a recognized voice in the City of Portland. We encourage you to become an active member! Let your voice be part of the process.

Participation is voluntary and open to all residents who live, work, rent or own property, or have a business, non-profit or government facility within our boundaries.

Meeting Time and Location

Next meetings are Tuesday, January 17, 2012 and Tuesday, February 21, 2012. Location is at Emilie House, 5520 NE Glisan. Entrance is through the parking lot - though we are requested to park on the street. Call (503) 928-4655 to confirm time, date, and location.



Neighborhood Boundaries

The North Tabor Neighborhood is bounded on the west by 44th Avenue and on the east by 68th and 69th Avenues. The southern border is Burnside Street, except in the area between 44th and 49th Avenues where the neighborhood extends south to Stark Street. The Banfield Expressway (I-84) creates the northern boundary of the neighborhood.

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Letter from the chair... North Tabor resolutions

New year. Time for a list of resolutions, right? I usually don't make them because I fear failure. Why set myself up for that? But resolutions or goals help us to mark growth and I see myself and the North Tabor Neighborhood Association growing in this new year, so why not keep track? You shall be spared the boredom of sharing my personal resolutions for 2012, but I will share the big three North Tabor Neighborhood Association resolutions I hope to see come to pass in the year to come: an agenda for a year, increased neighbor involvement, and improved relations with adjacent neighborhoods.

The first task is to set the agenda for the rest of the year at our January meeting. Board members and neighbors who participate in the monthly meetings will easily be able to place yearly projects like Friends of Trees events and neighborhood Clean-Up on the calendar. We will also be looking to add events like Neighborhood Watch and Emergency Preparedness trainings among others. More parties and potlucks will surely be on the agenda, as well. The timing and structure of our monthly board meetings will also be assessed in this discussion. Past meetings have heard suggestions from board members about having board meetings only every other month or changing the format of the meetings themselves. Deciding these changes, even in a draft form, for the rest of the year could be very helpful.

Second on my resolution list for North Tabor Neighborhood Association is to have larger neighbor turnout at our monthly meetings and in committee work. This is not necessarily a new goal, but an important goal. Current board members are still pulling double duty with some of the basic roles that need to be covered. For those neighbors who cannot commit to the small consistent time commitment it takes to be a board member, the neighborhood could still greatly benefit from committee work. This work, done between meetings when neighbors are free, keeps the ball rolling and takes pressure off the board members who are attempting to provide the stable structure of the association. With our yearly agenda in place, this resolution should evolve naturally. The evolution will also be assisted by lawn signs that the board has ordered. These lawn signs will be put out by board members and other volunteers around the neighborhood to remind neighbors of meeting times. Keep an eye out for them to help prepare you for upcoming meetings.

Also look out for news in the next year of increased relations with our adjacent neighborhood associations, which is another resolution of the board for 2012. In 2011, the North Tabor Neighborhood Association has reached out in small ways to Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association, Rose City Park Neighborhood Association, Montavilla Neighborhood Association and the Mount Tabor Neighborhood Association concerning land use, business associations and the annual clean up. Stronger relations with these neighborhoods can help North Tabor through projects like the 60th Ave Max Station remodel and building a Glisan Street Business Association. Both are projects that we are hard pressed to take on alone at this point, but with the help of Rose City Park Neighborhood Association's established Land Use committee and Montavilla's concentrated businesses along Glisan, they become ideal partners to share in the workload. We will benefit greatly from improved relations with our neighbors.

Perhaps these resolutions are simply part of being the chair of a neighborhood that I did not consider until now, but as I said, I believe resolutions are markers for growth. The new year is certainly a time to look forward to the future and set benchmarks, but it is also a time for reflection. Having reflected on my work with the neighborhood association over the past year, I have examined my deficiencies and taken note of what has worked and what has not. The resolutions I have shared were birthed from my reflection and will serve as a guide through the year to come. I am excited (and nervous) to see what I have to reflect upon a year from now.

—Zach Michaud

North Tabor Meeting Agenda: Tuesday, January 17, 6:30-8pm Emilie House, 5244 NE Glisan

Meeting Norms: 1) Start on time; 2) Discussion begins with topic presenter then goes around the room giving everyone a chance to comment; 3) Encourage ideas, don't squash them; 4) Time keeper will keep meeting on schedule, give silent warnings for a minute left, rotate keeper at each meeting.
 6:30-7:00pm. Neighborhood Social: food, drinks, chat, networking
 7:00-7:10pm. Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer
 7:10-7:15pm. Portland Alliance for Democracy & Portland Move to Amend, Letter of Endorsement – Actionable Item

7:15-7:15pm. Approval of November Minutes – Actionable Item
 7:20-7:30pm. Committee Updates: 1) Friends of Trees, 2) Cleanup, 3) Southeast Uplift Sustainability Grant Award, 4) Neighborhood Emergency Team
 7:30-7:50pm. Soft set 2012 Neighborhood events, speakers, presentations, other?
 7:50-8:00pm. New Business/Adjourn
 Enter through rear parking lot entrance, but park on the street if you are driving.

Important Dates

January 17, 6:30-8pm, Neighborhood Meeting at Emilie House, 5520 NE Glisan.
 January 21, Friends of Trees Planting in North Tabor (see page 7).
 January 21, 10am-noon, Emergency Preparedness, 2408 SE 16 Street (see page 3).
 February 21, 6:30-8pm, Neighborhood Meeting at Emilie House, 5520 NE Glisan.
 April 28, North Tabor/Mount Tabor Joint Neighborhood Cleanup (see page 7).

Southeast Uplift Awards Sustainability Grant to North Tabor Neighborhood Association

by Moonrose Doherty, Sustainability

Our grant proposal has been approved. The sustainability-focused proposal includes North Tabor Neighborhood banners that will be placed on utility poles along Glisan. The new banners will be introduced with a neighborhood recognition celebration and health and safety fair to help create a North Tabor that is more engaged and has a sense of place. The Glisan Street Fred Meyer store has agreed to partner with us as a sponsor for the event, providing their back lot as a location. A variety of organizations will be invited to provide educational and informational resources to North Tabor residents. Informational booths will be available on local resources, services, how to be healthy and safe, and how to get engaged in the North Tabor community. To help boost the identity of North Tabor, the "know your neighborhood" game will be prepared for the event. North Tabor Neighborhood Association will be soliciting design submissions for this project. Watch for more details. If you would like to help on these projects, contact: chair@northtabor.org.

Eastmoreland seeking allies to oppose cell towers

To the Editor:

I'm Allison Gillespie - one of the telecommunications committee co-chairs on the Eastmoreland Neighborhood Association board. We are reviewing our southeast neighborhood association contact list and are seeking support in opposing T-Mobile's proposed residential cell towers in neighborhoods throughout the Portland area.

Eastmoreland Neighborhood Association President Robert McCullough recently spoke at a BAC Board meeting, but there wasn't a quorum for a vote of support. Presently, T-Mobile intends to construct multi-panel wireless towers to be installed on existing PGE utility poles in the Right-of-Way adjacent to S.E. 37th and Ogden (in Eastmoreland neighborhood) and on the corner of N.E. 31st and Prescott (in the Alameda Neighborhood). Both locations are inappropriate for a variety of reasons. The site in Eastmoreland for instance is less than 45 feet from a family's home. The radiation-emitting cell towers have not been proved safe, especially when long-term exposure to children is considered. The Eastmoreland Neighborhood Association has made alliances with Alameda and Concordia Neighborhood Associations in asking the city to abide by its own ordinances, which encourage telecoms to place proposed wireless equipment on busy streets or in industrial business-zoned areas. In addition to SEUL's support on the issue.

Recent court decisions give city governments the right to deny

cell tower applications based on the issues of aesthetics and neighborhood livability alone.

The Eastmoreland and Alameda and Concordia Neighborhood Associations are also working with Commissioner Dan Saltzman's office to develop long-term planning strategies so neighborhoods don't have to fight these towers one site at a time. We are requesting the support of your neighborhood's association in an effort to keep all neighborhoods free of inappropriate industrial structures that reduce property values and decrease neighborhood character/livability.

T-Mobile is due to submit official applications with the city any day now, and the more neighborhood support we have, the more likely their applications will be delayed or ultimately denied.

We'd like your support. Would you be willing to send e-mail to Commissioner Dan Saltzman (dan@portlandoregon.gov) in support of our efforts? If so - will you please copy us on that e-mail (allisonwgillespie@gmail.com)? We would greatly appreciate your support, as we work to form alliances with other neighborhood associations throughout Portland - regarding this very important issue.

Thank you,
 Allison Gillespie, Telecommunications Co-Chair
 Eastmoreland Neighborhood Association

Who's watching the neighborhood?

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the report notes that "Neighborhood watch, crime prevention staff, [and] neighborhood response teams" were listed multiple times by respondents under "activities or programs that substantially contribute to improving the quality of life in my neighborhood."

Which begs the question: why is there little evidence of such initiatives in a neighborhood that has averaged a burglary, auto theft or car prowling roughly every two days over the past year? "People need to turn off their televisions and start talking to their neighbors," is how Jake puts it. (And, he might have added, talk to the police, who need to hear a collective response from the North Tabor community.) A logical place to start might be the city of Portland's Crime Prevention Program, which is part of the Office of Neighborhood Involvement. The program's web site notes that its mandate is to "assist

"We all want to work and have our own lives and call the police when something goes wrong and have the police fix it. That's where the problem lies. We as citizens don't participate in neighborhood associations, don't participate in each other's lives, don't participate in each other's day to day existence."

neighbors in problem-solving projects relating to issues such as drug houses, youth gangs, graffiti, street drug dealing, prostitution, problem parks, problem liquor outlets and neighborhood 'hot spots'." Specifically, the program aims to "create community policing networks and community partnerships." The phone contact numbers for Northeast Portland are (503) 823-4763 and

(503) 823-4764.

Who knows, walking the streets of North Tabor with a neighbor might even be more fun than walking with a muscle-bound dog, and definitely more fun than coming home to a burglar inside your house.

"What I personally think would be a community response would be organizing daily walks and bicycle rides and events that get us out there familiarizing ourselves not only with our neighbors, but also getting us out there to do things that support us as a community, make this a better place to live and make opportunities for those who live here to support one another."

To become a Neighborhood Watch block captain, contact: Katherine Anderson with City of Portland, (503) 823-3432.

To participate in or help organize the NeighborWatch effort in North Tabor, email: CONNECT@northtabor.org.

Getting to know our neighbors

by Linda Wagner Schmoldt

For many years we watched our neighbors across the street drive up to their house. The garage door would go up; they would drive in; the door would go down. Occasionally in summer we would see Eric mowing his little front lawn and each year in early December, putting up Christmas lights around his house. But, unless we happened to be outside at those times, we had few interactions.

The image of the garage door has stuck with me as symbolic of being isolated from our neighbors. The automatic garage door opener alleviates the need to even get out of the car. Add tinted windows and we might not even know who's in the car.

You probably have observed the things in your neighborhood that limit neighbor interaction.

It might be the decrease of small local businesses that force people to drive to shopping centers for their needs. The increase of multi-car households and the decrease of walking.

More school options mean our children don't necessarily go to common schools. When they don't, the chances that they play together are lessened as are the natural ways that children running around a neighborhood connect the adults as well. Technology has also affected the amount of time kids and young people spend playing outside.

In the 1950's, backyards became the entertainment spaces preferred over front yards. More patios than front porches in house designs. Swing sets or tire swings from big old trees on the front lawns became potentials for lawsuits.

People walk in your neighborhood but are plugged in to phones or music devices.

Power mowers, leaf blowers and hedge trimmers drown out your approach and aren't conducive to conversation.

Lawn and garden services diminish the natural link of talking over the fence about gardening.

It's often a crisis that draws neighbors together. Concerns over a drug house, a new business construction, a neighbor who doesn't care for their property. Maybe a storm that brings down some trees.

For many, not knowing neighbors is just a fact of modern life. But talk to those who live in connected neighborhoods and you will soon realize what opportunities there are for sharing work, resources and information. How can we increase our friendship circle and have a general feeling of greater security?

Several neighborhood associations are attempting to create organizational structures to facilitate better communication between the neighborhood association and the residents and businesses of the neighborhood.

Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood (HAND) is calling its effort

the Block Connector Project and starting by identifying individuals throughout the area who will be liaisons between households and the neighborhood association. The goal is that all residents will have a personal contact with a Block Connector who will keep them informed about neighborhood issues and relay their concerns and ideas back to the neighborhood association.

Block Connectors are asked to make a simple commitment, but we see the potential for helping many neighbors get to know and care about each other. Think of the possibilities.

Neighbors might initially get together for a Saturday morning coffee. Parents of young children might discover that there are teenagers in the area eager to do childcare. An elderly person might mention a need, like a burned out light bulb high in a stairwell or the limitation of never being able to buy bulk food (too heavy to carry; too much to eat). Maybe someone "complains" about too many tomatoes or how hard it is to can alone. The little kale starts that come in flats of 24 or seed packets that would last an individual more years than the "grow by" date. Someone has the part to the old lamp you're about to throw out for its lack. Space in their trash can. Fire wood from the tree they had to take down. A gardening space but no time, energy or ability to cultivate it.

A woman a few blocks away from us started a neighborhood monthly potluck. We had the privilege of hosting the holiday party in our home with about thirty people we didn't even know a year ago. It was a fantastic party and it was fun to watch how people mingled and laughed together.

Our block got together and started the process of talking about emergency preparedness. We haven't gotten far. But we have a contact list and we now know most of the people around and adjacent to our block. We passed out the "Map Your Neighborhood" booklets that the county provides and asked people to fill out the parts about what they have to offer in skills and equipment in case of a disaster like an earthquake. Only a few have filled it out so far (but I knew who to call when our water main broke this past summer). We found we had common concerns and expressed interest in continuing the conversation.

Hosford Abernethy Neighborhood District's Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee is planning an event in January to start the process of connecting neighbors in the event of earthquake or other crisis. (See sidebar - North Tabor residents are invited.) The committee recognizes that the place to start is by connecting neighbors who will most likely be first responders in the event of a disaster.

Fifteen years ago we did a house remodel and in telling our neighbor across the street what was going on, we learned that he

was a retired cabinet maker. He ended up making the cabinets for our new bathroom. They were probably one of the last projects he worked on. We got to know him a bit. Enough to mourn his passing. He and his wife were married seventy-five years. I regret that we didn't know them for more of those years. I have some of her teacups and a few of his old tools... bought at their estate sale. I could have had so much more.

"Emergency Preparedness: Little Steps Go A Long Way"
Saturday, January 21, 10am-noon
St. Philip Neri's Carvlin Hall
2408 SE 16th Street

A free event to help neighbors prepare for earthquakes and other hazards that cause significant disruptions to our everyday lives. Knowledgeable presenters will provide simple and straightforward information for everyone—from those who already feel prepared to those who have not yet begun. There will also be representatives from emergency preparedness organizations to answer your individual questions and great take-home resources will be given to those who attend. Being there would be an investment in yourself, your family and neighborhood. The meeting sponsor is the Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood District. It would be great to have a contingent from North Tabor at this meeting.



Janice Leber

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FOR THE CHICKEN HEARTED: To the Manure Born

by Monique Mos

There is a newcomer in our group. One who uses her golden brown body with the indifference of a top model. Her long legs do not walk: they stride. Being un-invited by her host, perhaps she would like to live with us? It takes a long time to convince her, but she finally surrenders to the invitation and will move to far less luxurious surroundings than those she is leaving behind. She was born to the manor. Born with a silver spoon in her mouth- in a chicken kind of way.

My chickens were born to the manure. It is only a 2 letter difference, still I fear it will take some getting used to, for the chic brown one. The trip by car- she in a modern, red plastic wash tub, must have filled her with anxiety, but also with false expectations of order and, perhaps, style.

Once in my back yard I confine her to the coop with the larger of my 2 chickens, to get the worst of the introduction over and done with. Elvis, stretches her large blue-black body upwards and towers over Madame Brownie, as we have named her in haste. I sit down nearby, to observe and intervene, if necessary. I know that nature has to have its way, but I am only partially comfortable with the primitive responses of my fowl and have not fully arrived at the *laissez-aller* attitude of a scientific observer. So there I sit, in the rain. And there they stand. Elvis puffs up her feathers and spreads her wings away from her magnificent big body. Brownie, (I know, the name lacks sparkle, but I am tired and it is raining and it does not seem too far-fetched), flaps her wings, which adds to her girth. They stand and stare past each other. And that is that. Then they each go about their business as usual, initially with their feathers

remaining in the puffed up position but after a while, resuming their ordinary size. I start breathing again, astonished and filled with the glory of diplomatic achievement.

But my main objective has been to protect my favorite chicken, the tiny Pinky. Pinky has always been tactful in her dealings with very large chickens. I am concerned that she will get mangled in a clash between Elvis and Madame. Pinky is the meekest little thing and comes when called, allowing me to cuddle her. (Yes, I know and I'm not proud of it: I cuddle chickens.) Since she is willing to let me treat her like a Pekingese, I have come to trust my profound insight in her nature. So it is with confidence, that I invite Elvis to step out of—and Pinky into—the coop, to round off today's introductions.

Pinky does not bother to inflate herself. She does not waste a second. With a terrible screech and fast as lightning, she launches her miniature self through the air and very effectively, plants her body on top of Madame, much like an airborne bag of potatoes. A terrible fight ensues. The brown one wisely sheds her ladylike demeanor and responds in kind. Had there been spectators, bets would have surely been placed. Attack! Counter attack! Will this never end? Then, mercifully, dusk sets in and Pinky climbs up the ladder, into the coop. The new one follows, then Elvis. Their day is done. They have scratched and dug; have been invaded; have defended their home and made peace again. Now they are going to sleep. It makes me think of these lines by Joaquin Miller:

“There are many tomorrows my love. There is only one today.”



North Tabor residents met with House Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer at the Laurelhurst Cafe and Seven Virtues in November to discuss state and local issues. Representative Keny-Guyer attended November's neighborhood meeting and will also attend the January 17 meeting.



New Years Eve at the Laurelhurst Club featured John Bennett and his Orchestra for a sold out black tie event with dinner and dancing, and a champagne toast at midnight. North Tabor residents are invited to participate in Laurelhurst Club events and several joined in at this event. For more information on Laurelhurst Dance Club call (503) 235-0015 or go to www.laurelhurstdanceclub.com. The Laurelhurst Club is located at 3721 Southeast Ankeny St., just north of Laurelhurst Park. Photo courtesy of the Laurelhurst Club.

Am I your neighbor?

My area of North Tabor is the best neighborhood I've ever lived in – and I've lived in many in several states. Within a few weeks of my moving to Portland, I had met more neighborhood residents than I had met in all my previous neighborhoods put together. As I worked at putting a part of my identity into my yard, people would stop, introduce themselves, and spend a few minutes talking with me. Never have I had such a warm welcome from so many. I felt like I was glowing inside! And when I walked through the neighborhood, I found myself stopping to talk to strangers as they worked in their yards, introducing myself, and spending a few minutes talking. Friendliness is contagious! Thank you, neighbors, for helping to make my adjustment to living in Portland so fantastic. Rain makes the beautiful waterfalls and rainbows; the August heat soon passes; smiles and greetings make any moment worthwhile.



Heidi Beierle NTNA welcomes new board member

Hello Neighbors!

As I walked to my first neighborhood association meeting on a dark, November evening, I wondered, “Will this neighborhood association be anything like the ones in Eugene?” I moved from Eugene to Portland at the end of October. In Eugene, I served on my neighborhood association board as Publicity Director and coordinated installation and re-painting of our intersection mural – Eugene's first City Repair-inspired place-making project.

Once I found a seat, I sipped cider and perused the North Tabor Neighborhood News, scanning the list of current board members.

“Hey,” I said to myself, “Jacob Wollner! That must be David's nephew.” For over three years, David and I met weekly to do the New York Times Friday or Saturday crossword puzzle together, and I also worked at his store for a year, selling environmentally friendly products for the home and green building supplies. unny coincidence.

“Are you Jake?”

“Yes. How did you know?”

The meeting had robust attendance. “That's a good sign,” I noted. Zach talked about Providence's Conditional Use Master Plan. I thought about my experience in Eugene, my leadership on the Neighborhood Leader's Council, and my four years as Eugene Planning Commissioner. “Wow, in Portland everything is amplified.”

“All the board members wear multiple hats.” Zach described the work of the association and its challenge of having enough volunteer power to distribute the work among many people.

I had experience, especially with land use. Maybe I could help. “Are you asking for help?”

Outside of my planner persona, I enjoy cooking, reading, riding my bike, making collage and other art pieces, appreciating film and art, writing, and breathing clean air. I live with my partner Daniel at the View Condos between 60th and 61st and I take transit and ride my bike most places.

—Heidi Beierle

School News

Grant High School invites prospective ninth graders and their families to get to know Grant High School at their information sessions on Wednesday January 18 from 8:30-9:30am and 6-7pm. Please join us for an opportunity to get to know the faces of Grant High School. Meet our Principal, Vivian Orlen and our Counseling Team/Enrollment folks. There will also be a Q & A with student panel and a Building Tour for prospective students.

Girls basketball with Grant Generals! If your daughter is interested in learning the FUNDamentals of basketball, Junior Generals begins in January! This program is run by Grant Women's Head Coach Kara Sandoval, her staff and players. Junior Generals is open to all girls in Kindergarten-4th grade and all proceeds benefit the women's basketball program. For more information contact Sarah Dunkin (dunkin@easystreet.net) or visit <http://www.jrgeneralshoops.com> to register

Go ahead, rest on your Laurels and save the date! The Laurelwood Brewery is pairing up with Grant Parents' Organizations for an all-day benefit on Tuesday, January 17th. Come out for lunch, happy hour, dinner, or just because, and eat and drink to donate! A full 10% of all food and drink orders goes directly to the Boosters, PTA, and All Night Party organizations.

The next PTA meeting for Grant High School is scheduled for 7-9pm on Tuesday January 17th in room 130.

Franklin High School invites prospective ninth graders and their families to Discover Franklin, an open house event, on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at 6pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore the campus, meet our administrators, counselors and teachers, get a feel for the school climate through interaction with current students, hear special presentations about how Franklin's ninth grade academy structure fosters a support environment for our newest Quakers, receive an overview of academic and elective courses available, and find out about our athletic program and extensive club activities. You will also learn about the SUN, Step-up and School-based Health Center programs.

Mount Tabor Middle School invites prospective 6th grade parents to information sessions as follows: 5th Grade Information Night- February 6th, 2012, 7pm-8:45pm; 5th Grade Parent Tour - February 14, 2012, 10:45-11:45am (RSVP); 5th Grade Parent Tour - February 14, 2012, 1:30-2:30pm (RSVP); 5th Grade Parent Tour- February 14, 2012, 1:30-2:30pm (RSVP); 5th Grade Parent Tour- February 28, 2012, 10:45-11:45am (RSVP); 5th Grade Parent Tour- February 28, 2012, 1:30-2:30pm (RSVP). If you are interested in attending please contact the school on 503-916-5646 to sign-up.

Mount Tabor PTA Board Meeting—please mark your calendars! The next PTA Board Meeting is on Monday February 6, 2012, from 6:30pm – 8:30pm in the school

cafeteria.

The **High School transfer deadline** for the 2012-13 school year is 5pm on February 29th. The deadline for elementary and middle schools is 5pm on March 9th. Make sure you get your application into the District Office by that date! For more information contact the Transfer and Enrolment center on 503-916-2000.

Do you know your student's **current grades**? If you are the parent/Guardian of a middle school/High School student in Portland you can log-in to the Ed Box to keep track of your student's progress.

The EdBox Viewer is a user-friendly tool to help families stay informed about their middle or high school student's progress. It is one of the many benefits available through the EdBox Gradebook, which is being used by all middle and high school teachers this year.

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A letter will be mailed to the student's primary household with a unique parent password and student password for students at all middle and high schools. For more information visit <http://www.edboxviewer.pps.k12.or.us>.

Compiled by Alison Gavine. School News can be e-mailed to schools@northtabor.org (or editor@northtabor.org), phoned in to (503) 928-4655, or mailed to 302 NE 57th Ave., Portland, Oregon 97213.

Music Studio 63: Piano lessons in the neighborhood

With grownup professional musicians in the house, this music studio in the North Tabor neighborhood is run by a teenager. A high school sophomore, Hana has completed nine levels of piano studies through the Oregon Music Teachers Association (OMTA) and is preparing the last level ten. In a music oriented household, with mama teaching music at a local university and privately, and a jazz guitarist daddy, Hana was harmonizing tunes from *Blues Clues* and *Charlotte's Web* when she was barely four. Around that time, her first piano teacher, Mr. Ledbetter gave her the first formal steps toward musicianship—hand position, fingering, and note reading. At eight, she met a new teacher, late teenager and piano college student Dasha. The kinship was instant and lasted seven years, until sadly, Dasha moved out of the state. With Dasha, Hana not only excelled in her technique and repertoire, but was exposed to a holistic approach to music, listening to particular recordings of the pieces she played and learning in the context of theory and music history. Currently, she is at the hands of another knowledgeable and dedicated professional, Nilda, on the road to the last OMTA exam, preparing a Bach *French Suite*, Haydn *Sonata*, Chopin *Etude*, and Prokofiev's *Sarcasms*.

It was during her studies with Dasha, who was nineteen at the time that Hana developed a sincere relationship with the instrument. She believes this was due to the relatively small and unusual teacher-student age difference. "It did help me as a student, because it created more of a mutual understanding and commitment with my teacher, beyond just the bounds of music. And now, as a teacher I feel like I can relate to my students more, and that makes it easier to tap into the methods that will help them learn best."

Hana now wants to share her knowledge and experience



in a similar way. She started a music studio and created a studio policy and syllabus in conviction that appreciation for music in youngsters is naturally and easily developed when conveyed through peer mentoring. "I don't believe in following the same system for every student. A method that may adhere to one student could prove to be dreadful

for the next. However, what's important is what the student will get from the lessons. I prefer to structure the learning like a house, where you must first set the foundation, and build from there. I teach a pool of tools and skills which we advance as the student goes through a ladder of skill levels. During the lesson, I work on at least two different skills—a piece, and either scales, rhythm reading, or ear training."

The lessons are tailored according to the student's age, level, and interest. Students can choose from thirty, forty-five, or sixty minute sessions. Hana describes an ordinary lesson with her tween neighbor-friend-student: "We have about hour long lessons that involve a number of activities. I'll look over what I've assigned as I get a synopsis of the week, and chit-chat for a few minutes. Then we generally start with scales, and build from there to move on to a piece. My experience so far has been that working in small chunks with different things can be useful to keep the student's attention and willpower high. This keeps each lesson interesting and unique, allowing the student to broaden his/her sense of capabilities, while creating a web of interconnected musical skills that lay out a good foundation for higher level skills. Once a student is in a comfortable place with a piece, we may even arrange a short Studio recital. This shouldn't be scary or intimidating since the goal is to build confidence, a sense of accomplishment, and share the pleasure with an audience."

Hana's Music Studio 63 is located on the NE 63rd Avenue. She works with children from about age four to sixteen (with some leeway) and takes inquiries and questions by phone at (503) 234-5105 (after-school hours) or by mail at studio63piano@gmail.com.

Changes at Gately Academy

by Heidi Beierle

North Tabor neighbors may not be aware that Providence's Gately Academy, located at NE 50th and Davis, is in the midst of transition to an independently operated school. Gately Academy provides a highly creative and focused setting for 4th-8th grade students with ADD, ADHD, and other learning differences. The school provides a safe and enriching academic environment where students with learning differences can explore their role in the world as learners and members of the community. The school is currently run by Providence and maintains a student:teacher ratio of less than 8:1. A group of Gately



Gately has one of the few open playfields available in the neighborhood.



Benches at the Gately entrance.

parents has organized as New Gately and is working with Providence to maintain services and create a seamless transition to an independently operated school.

The New Gately Transition Committee has been fundraising, filing for and achieving 501(c)3 status, negotiating with Providence, and reviewing applications for an Interim Executive Director. Providence has agreed to continue operating the school through the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year, allowing for minimal disruption to students.

The Interim Executive Director will be an employee of the New Gately 501(c)3 organization and will be responsible for establishing the business framework for

New Gately Academy and assisting with recruitment of a governing board of directors. This Interim Director and the New Gately Transition Committee will also hire a permanent Executive Director/Head of School.

North Tabor neighbors may want to track developments at the school. At this time, no one knows if New Gately Academy will remain at its current location once Providence withdraws operational support.

For more information about New Gately or to contribute to their efforts, visit the Transition Committee's sites: newgately.weebly.com and www.groupspaces.com/newgately.



Sunshine over Gately Academy on a recent winter afternoon.

Corporations Are Not People; Money Is Not Speech – Amend the Constitution

Editor's Note: The following is a proposal brought to North Tabor Neighborhood Association for a vote January 17 board meeting (6:30pm at Emilie House).

By David Delk and Donna Noonan

Two North Tabor Neighborhood residents are asking that North Tabor Neighborhood Association endorse the efforts of Move to Amend Portland whose aim is to amend the US Constitution to state explicitly that corporations are not people and that money is not speech.

At the November meeting David Delk and Donna Noonan spoke to the board on behalf of the local Move to Amend group and laid out how Supreme Court decisions have given constitutional rights to corporations as if they were people for the past 125 years.

In their January 2010 decision, *Citizens United v Federal Election Committee*, the Supreme Court stated that corporations have free speech rights that cannot be abridged because they have the rights of people. In doing so, the Court struck down most of the limits that have prevented corporations for the past 100-plus years from spending their vast wealth directly on political campaigns. Allowing unlimited corporate money in our political process increases the power of corporations to drown out and to overwhelm the needs and the voice of the people.

Citizens United not only allows unlimited political donations, but also allows corporations to make those donations in secrecy so that "We the People" don't know which corporations are financing any given political campaign. While the Bill of Rights says nothing about corporations having human rights, our democracy is threatened when these non-human legal entities are given

such rights. Humans are born and die, they know right from wrong and they care about others, the environment, and our democracy. Corporations do none of these. Unlike humans, they can live forever, operating around the clock with massive amounts of wealth, and in many locations at the same time. Their sole purpose is to make profits for their shareholders.

The NTNA and other neighborhoods have long been fighting to keep cell phone towers from locating in the neighborhood. Because of the presence of corporate money in the political process and armies of corporate lobbyists, Congress passed an industry-written law that prevents neighborhoods and even cities from decision-making on location of those towers.

Our schools, parks, street maintenance, postal service, and public health services are being starved of funds from local, state, and federal budgets at the same time vast amounts of money are available for the largest banks and corporations to influence our elections and our elected politicians. Corporations control nearly every aspect of our lives: food, clothing, shelter, media, air, and water through lobbying, political contributions, and the revolving door among Congress, regulatory agencies and corporations. We can trace directly the economic instability of the last decade to the corporate financial sector's success in gutting federal regulations.

Move to Amend Portland, part of a national movement, is working to jumpstart a pro-democracy movement with the objective to pass a constitutional amendment stating that corporations do *not* have the constitutional and human rights of people and that money is *not* free speech. We ask that North Tabor Neighborhood Association sign a letter of

endorsement of our efforts to so amend the Constitution. Because corporations have been granted human rights by the Supreme Court, a constitutional amendment is the only effective way to end corporate dominance and corporate personhood.

We must regain control of our democracy and return sovereign rights to people.

We are gathering broad support so that we can go to the City Council and ask for a referral to the people. City referrals against corporate "personhood" have been passed by voters in Madison, Wisconsin; Boulder Colorado; and Missoula, Montana; by margins of 75% and more! In Portland, the Laurelhurst and Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Associations have endorsed these efforts, as have Jobs with Justice, the Multnomah County Democratic Party, the Pacific Green Party, the Progressive Party, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, AFSCME Local #3135, the Musician's Union, and many other groups and organizations.

Our suggested referral states:

Resolved the People of the City of Portland, Oregon call for amending the US Constitution to establish that:

1. Only human beings, not corporations, are entitled to constitutional rights
2. Money is not free speech and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

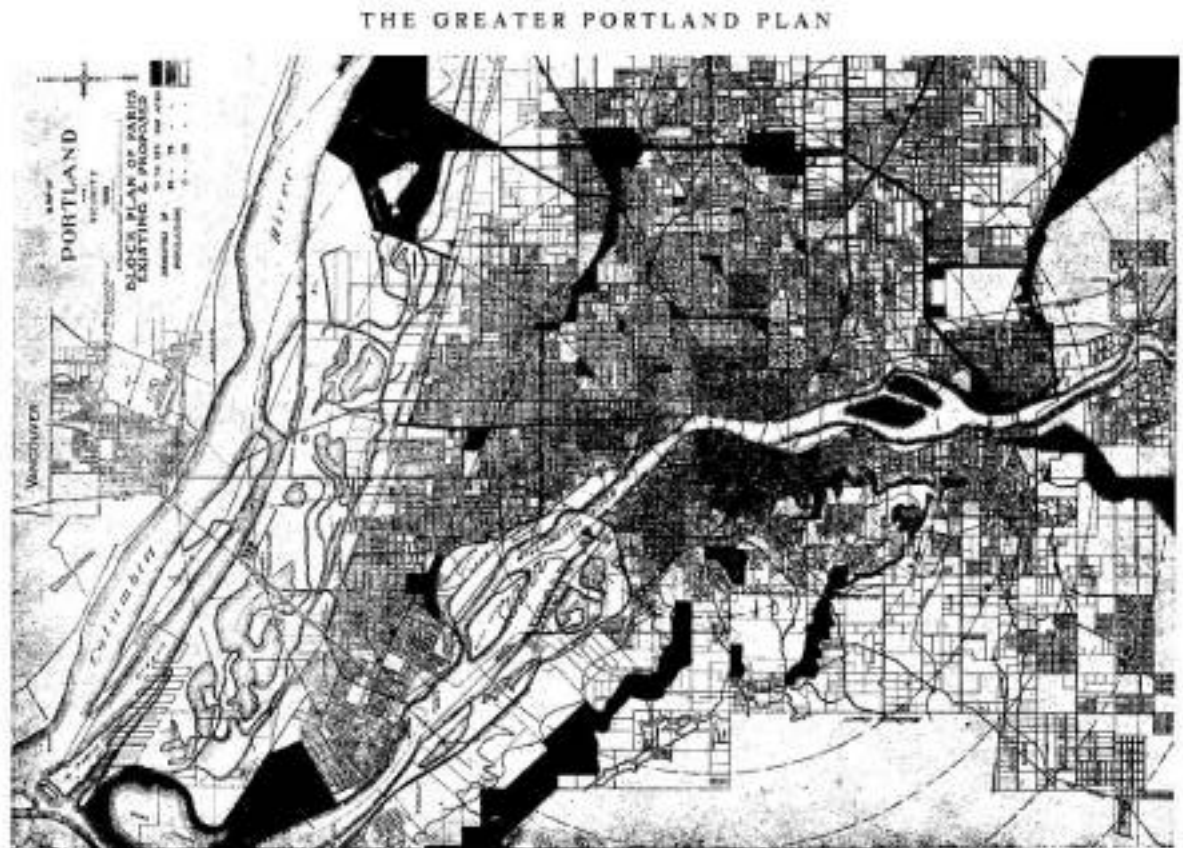
If you belong to a group that would like to endorse the MTA movement or have questions, please contact David Delk at davidafd@gmail.com or Donna Noonan at dnoonan@comcast.net. See www.movetoamendpdx.org/ for more information.

Portland's Parks: The Olmsted Plan

By Robert Jordan

Sometimes Portlanders complain about the seemingly interminable planning that goes on in this city, and many of them think that it is a relatively recent phenomenon—not so! Portland has tried to guide its development for well over a century, and parks have played a prominent role in such efforts.

In 1903 the city hired the prominent Olmsted Brothers landscape architecture firm (their father had designed New York City's Central Park) to propose a parks plan for the city. The Olmsteds proposed a string of parks connected by wide "parkways", boulevards through park-like swaths of land surrounding the city (at the time, most of the area was still



farmland). To get an idea of what their plan would have produced had it been implemented, it would have been not unlike modern Boston, where Olmsted plans guided the creation of the city's "Emerald Necklace". Following publication of the plan in 1904, Portland started trying to acquire the necessary land.

The Olmsteds' design contributed greatly to the Portland Plan of 1912 (the so-called Bennett plan, which called for a string of connected parklands to encircle the growing city). On the accompanying map, the dark areas are proposed parklands (Mount Tabor can be found easily—the dark blotch near the word "Plan" along the side of the page, considerably larger than our current park). Note the dark line leading north from Mount Tabor, a "parkway" that would have skirted our neighborhood and was envisioned linking Mount Tabor with another large park south of Sandy Boulevard, about where the Rose City Golf Course is now. The parkland then was to follow the Alameda Ridge toward the northwest—but like much of the 1912 plan, it never happened. (The views over the city from the Alameda Ridge are instead now restricted to the owners of the beautiful

houses built there a few years later.)

But some parts of the plan were in fact realized. Much of Mount Tabor itself had been purchased by the city in 1909 to augment land bought in 1894 for the reservoirs, and Ross Island has come into public ownership (at least in part) much more recently. The Olmsteds would have placed a large park about where the Portland Airport now is located (of course, they could not have imagined such a thing!), but instead we have Forest Park, an area mostly not included in their plan but acquired by the public in large part due to tax defaults following unsuccessful attempts to develop the area in the 1920s and 30s.

Because of the failure of bond measures and competition from other priorities, our own version of the "Emerald Necklace" never quite came to be. But we can be glad that the 40 Mile Loop, still not completed but getting closer every year, will provide Portland with a 21st century answer to the Olmsted Plan.

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January 21 is Tree Planting Day in North Tabor

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The Friends of Trees planting day for North Tabor is near! January 21st will see crews out in the neighborhood getting the new trees in the ground and meeting neighbors while we plant. The staging site will again be at the Sunnyside United Methodist Church (3520 SE Yamhill St) and volunteers will be providing fellow volunteers soup for lunch to warm the day. If you are interested in helping out and being part of the planting day or you have any questions, please contact Moonrose Doherty fot@northtabor.org or call (503) 928-4655. We look forward to planting over 35 trees in North Tabor on the 21st and many more next year. Truck drivers are always needed for planting dates and summertime volunteers are needed as well, so check it out. If you would like to find out more information on Friends of Trees citywide or help on another planting date, check out <http://friendsoftrees.org/> or call (503) 282-8846. Photo is looking south on NE 58th between Burnside and Glisan and was taken October 17, 1938. (Photo: HistoricPhotoArchive.net courtesy Oregon Historical Society)

North Tabor/Mount Tabor Joint Cleanup • Saturday, April 28. Mark Your Calendars and Sign up to Help! Assistance in planning and organizing this year's event is needed as well as volunteers for the day of the event. Look for details in the March North Tabor News. Send an e-mail cleanup@northtabor.org or telephone (503) 928-4655 to volunteer. Volunteers are needed to greet people; direct and unload vehicles; help with resale, deconstruction and recycle areas; track materials; and transport recyclables to recyclers. Homemade goodies for volunteers are always welcome!

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A.N.D. Cafe's Ashley Arthur shows off her signature blue corn waffle.

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Ashley Arthur and Dan Harding (A.N.D.) found an old cart half-dilapidated in an Idaho pasture and refurbished it using only eco-friendly materials, including upcycled cabinet doors for their signs, and rooftop solar panels. The couple now use the cart to serve vegan and vegetarian twists on such American classics as bacon cheeseburgers and BLTs, with homemade pickles and sauces, and they recycle and compost everything possible. The food cart at 50th and SE Division opened in September 2010 and has been so successful that they have just opened the A.N.D. Cafe (Ashley and Dan) across East Burnside from Skin and Bones.

The A.N.D. Cafe offers a great selection of sweet and savory breakfast items, paninis and cold sandwiches, and salads along with coffee, tea and other beverages, and has applied for license to add Bloody Marys, cocktails, beer and wine to their menu. Those of us in this neck of the neighborhood have watched in dismay as one little shop after another has failed in this location—but it seems to me that Ashley and Dan have what it takes to be successful here—starting with all their fans from Off the Griddle. I have seen more happy diners in the few times I have

stopped in than in all the times I have stopped in at the previous shops over the past six years!

The first time I stopped in, Claudia, a self-proclaimed foodie sitting behind me said she comes all the way in from Estacada to eat here! And after eating their gluten-free Thai waffle, baked on a vintage waffle iron, drizzled with satay peanut sauce and topped with pad thai, coconut creme and jungle peanuts I could see why!

Morning opening recently was pushed back to 9am to allow Ashley to do more onsite baking. Ashley and Dan are committed to using local and organic ingredients as much as possible as well as other sustainability practices. There are several parking spots available along the west side of the building as well as along Glisan for those who are too far to walk or want to stop in while out running errands. The interior is nicely furnished and decorated. Ashley and Dan are on the lookout for local artists who would like to show their work. For those of us who rely on Yelp reviews, A.N.D. Cafe completes a triangle together with Skin and Bones, American Bistro and the Laurelhurst Cafe of three dining destinations on East Burnside that are approaching a perfect 5 on a 1 to 5 scale.

The A.N.D. Cafe is located on the south side of Burnside, just west of 55th Avenue. Their menu can be found on their facebook page at andcafeidx. Check out their coupon on page xx.

—Candice Jordan

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and Grill", into the "Glisan Burger Barn and Grill".

Charlie's business partner Parry Lawson, also owns the west side "Canyon Grill": yes, the same Canyon Grill that was just awarded third place in the top ten "Classic Burgers" by the *Oregonian*, 12/09/2012 in the A&E section.

These very same award-winning burgers are now served in the Glisan Burger Barn and Grill...

Once Charlie and Parry, decided to remodel, they opted for an ultra-modern look with bright red, white and black as the main colors. The result is shiny, clean and welcoming.

Although the place is called "Burger Barn", and owners Charlie and Parry offer more than just burgers. Hot and cold sandwiches; salads; burritos; chicken; turkey; soups; hotdogs; vegetarian selections and kid's meals are also on the menu. The usual juices, sodas, coffee and tea are available, as well as beer and wine. Weekends, breakfast is served.

P.S. The award winning burgers are yummy (Painted Hills All Natural Beef) and Charlie still makes the best fries!

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