

Portland's Help Line

Notice a streetlight or stoplight is out? Think there is a break in a water main? Been listening to the same barking dog or blaring music in the wee hours of the morning? The City of Portland has onenumber to get you help: (503) 823-4000



Dear Friends of Rosemont Bluff

After two years of hard work by the Friends it is time to evaluate the stewardship effort. The Friends have been a dedicated group that have spent countless hours removing clematis and ivy. This stewardship has been very productive, however we are concerned about the overwhelming nature of the weed infection.

We are particularly concerned by the blowup of Clematis and Morning-glory in the area where the friends have undertaken an effective ivy removal effort. We are also seeing Morning Glory invading the planting beds on top as well. We have refrained from using herbicides as an approach because this was what was requested. However, at this point we believe in order to advance the reduction of weeds it will be necessary to use mechanical cutting and the application of herbicides to reduce the weed biomass. While this approach may be controversial with some, we believe that some of the Friends of Rosemont Bluff will welcome the stewardship approach we are proposing.

This division of labor has been used very successfully at other stewardship locations. We have a number of sites where City Nature has been providing successful stewardship in partnership with a diverse group of friends and support organizations. If there is an interest we could arrange a tour at one of these sites so the Friends of Rosemont Bluff could see first hand the results of this stewardship approach. Sites such as Errol Heights provide a very good example of an integrated approach to achieve a functional habitat.

Stewardship is not an easy undertaking. It is often fraught with setbacks and is agonizingly slow. For these reasons City Nature wishes to establish with the Friends of Rosemont Bluff a new level of stewardship that advances restoration of a native plant community at Rosemont Bluff.

Submitted by: Mart Hughes, Natural Resources Ecologist, Botanist for Portland Parks Bureau

Editor's Note: Comments or feedback on the issues raised here can be emailed to rosemontbluff@northtabor.org or left as a message at 503-928-4655.

Dear Editor:

I enjoyed the picture of 63rd and Halsey shown in last issue of North Tabor News as I am sure many will. I worked in sales in the 1950's and the large buildings you described as "dry sheds", were occupied by Poole, McGonigle & Dick for many years. They were one of my best customers. later worked for Munnell & Sherrill Inc., on 63rd near the freeway.

Some background for the area: The long buildings across 63rd were not dry sheds. This was the home and factory of a company that built large Steel Bridges that were shipped by rail in pieces to many locations. The company's name was Poole, McGonigle & Dick. A son Harvey Dick returned home from Harvard and built a popular night club at the Hoyt Hotel.

The area south of Normandale Park was owned by another Steel Fabricating company. In the 1950's that area was used to store grain. The

U.S. Govt. was buying surplus grain to stabilize the market price, and was running out of places to store it. It was a huge pile out of doors with no shelter.

Dallas Dolan, North Tabor Neighbor

Dear Editor:

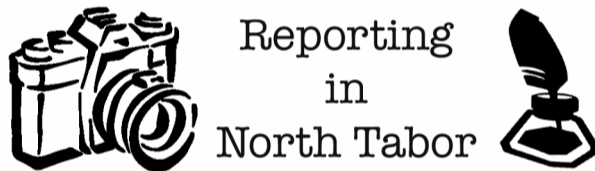
After reading your article "Reminiscing over 80 years", it reminded me of my early years living on NE 52nd Street and Oregon. I was born on October 6th, 1925 at the Portland Sanitorium on 60th and Belmont and stayed in this area until 1943 when I left for the Service. Now living in a comfortable home home located on 61st and Davis St.

Like Giebelhouse, I never left this Mt. Tabor area. There has been many of the stores, homes that have been long gone and when I again look these areas over now, I see where Providence Hospital has slowly taken over everything. Where their first buildings were built, off of 47th St. was on a golf course. I and my twin used to cut across this on our way to All Saints School on 39th St. Corners such as 47th, 53rd and 60th and Glisan all had bridges to cross Sullivan's Gulch and its Union Pacific railroad tracks. Us kids loved to go out on them when those steam engines smoked up everything.

They removed the north side of Hoyt St. for the "Freeway" from 50th up through 60th St. One of the original stores that was located at 53rd and Glisan was Herb's Grocery. At its height, this area had Zenner's Meat Market, Vorpahl's Grocery, a women's dress shop, a barber shop and a nice little church. All are just memories now but Herb's Grocery which is now Happy Market.

I could go on and on about my memories of Mt. Tabor and my years growing up in a nice neighborhood.

Howard Alexander, North Tabor Neighbor



Are you interested in writing articles for and about North Tabor? Do you have a camera and would you like to get together with other neighbors to work on improving your photography skills and/or submit photos for the North Tabor News and the North Tabor website? We'd love to get a group of neighbors together to explore these options. Call 503-928-4655 or email editor@northtabor.org.

Take Your Best Shot Southeast

Southeast Uplift (SEUL) District Coalition launched it's 2010 photo contest dubbed, "Take Your Best Shot Southeast" on September 30, 2009. This photo contest aims photographers at SE Uplift's twenty neighborhoods to capture Portland's unique community spirit in action. This contest is open to everyone who works, lives and plays in the Southeast Uplift coalition area.

So, what makes a photograph a SE Uplift winner? Technical quality, clarity and composition are all important, but the ability to capture the essence of neighborhood spirit in a single click is what we are really looking for. The photographs must have been taken within the coalition boundaries and should depict neighborhood history, culture, recreation, human interest and/or community.

Photographs must have been taken within the last 10 years. The judging will take place in February 2010. Winners will be announced at the end of February, when an exhibition of the winning images will be first displayed at SE Uplift. After the initial gallery showing at SE Uplift, a mobile exhibit will display the photographs in coffee shops or other public locations the neighborhoods.

To submit your photograph, mail in or drop off up to three (3) photos on a CD. Send CD entries to SE Uplift Neighborhood Photo Contest, 3534 SE Main. Portland, OR 97214, or email to ruthann@southeastuplift.org.

All submissions must include information identifying location, a title or caption, photographer's complete name, address, daytime phone number and email address.

For complete rules and contest guidelines visit the SEUL website at www.southeastuplift.org or call 503 232-0010. The deadline for submitting photographs is **January 15, 2010, 5 PM**.

Southeast Uplift Neighborhood Coalition is an independent non-profit organization (501c3) which contracts with the Office of Neighborhood Involvement to facilitate citizen participation services and related activities for the neighborhood associations and citizens within our geographically defined area.

Workshops Offered for Landlords

Effective property management and maintenance can have a positive impact on the health and safety of communities. Techniques have been developed which can be used to help stop the spread of illegal activity and property damage on rental property. Rental property owners or managers are invited by the Bureau of Development Services and the Portland Police bureau to attend the City of Portland's Landlord Training Program.

This program is provided free of charge to rental property owners and managers. The program has been developed to teach rental owners and managers how to keep illegal activity out of rentals, to maintain property in compliance with City maintenance regulations and to work with City services/programs both to provide habitable housing, and to protect rental investments. This program benefits neighborhoods as well as landlords and can be instrumental in preventing illegal activity, property destruction and maintenance-related problems that would otherwise contribute to neighborhood decay.

The training is presented in a morning and afternoon session and covers topics such as: the impact of property management on the health of a community, techniques to screen out dishonest applicants and ensure that honest applicants are encouraged to apply, approaches to strengthen the ability to manage problem behavior, how to manage property in a way that discourages illegal behavior and/or property destruction, how to work with tenants and neighbors to keep illegal and destructive activity out of the neighborhood, how to keep properties safe and in compliance with City Property Maintenance regulations, how to use concepts of crime prevention through environmental design to reduce the likelihood of crime occurring on or near rental properties, how to recognize drug activity and other problems, crisis resolution and eviction—the options, process and practical applications in various situations, and working with Police and Housing Maintenance Inspectors—what to expect, what not to expect, how to get maximum cooperation.

There is no charge for the Landlord training sessions. A printed manual is available for \$20 and is available online at www.portlandonline.com/bds. This manual would be a good reference for landlords, tenants and homeowners as well. Manuals can be purchased at the workshops or by calling 503- 823-7306. You can register for these classes through the website above or call 503-823-7955. This workshop also qualifies for 8 hours of CEU for realtors.

Date and Location of Landlord Workshop:

Registration begins at 8am and the workshops begin at 8:30 with a one-hour break for lunch (not provided) and end at 5pm. There is only one remaining session for the fall. Call the numbers listed above to find out the schedule for workshops to be held next year.

Sat 11/21:

Portland Community College, Cascade Campus Terrell Hall, Room 122, 705 N Killingsworth

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