

Welcome To North Tabor

We encourage you to become an active member! Neighborhood associations are a recognized voice in the City of Portland. Let your voice be part of the process. Participation is voluntary and open to all residents who live, work, own property, or have a business, non-profit or government facility within our boundaries.



The North Tabor Neighborhood (NTN) is bounded on the west by 44th Avenue and on the east by 68th and 69th Avenues. The southern edge of NTN 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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The deadline for submissions is May 15, 2010 for distribution in June. Submit articles and photos to: editor@northtabor.org or call (503) 928-4655.

Articles need to include the title and author plus photo captions and credits. Photo(s) need to have a filename referring to the article's title. Please submit as plain text, no formatting. Images should be minimum 300 dpi.

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North Tabor Neighborhood Association Board Members

Voicemail messages can be left for any board member or committee at (503) 928-4655. Email can be sent to the Board at board@northtabor.org. Board elections will be held at the April 20th General Meeting. (See Front Page). Bylaws call for 11-15 members to the Board of the North Tabor Neighborhood Association to serve two-year terms. One current member (*) is retiring from the board and one member (**) with an expiring term will stand again for election. After the election the new board will meet to elect officers.

Board members manage the daily affairs of the NTNA, make decisions and represent the interests of North Tabor, appoint committees and work groups for projects or issues of concern to the neighborhood and maintain and encourage open communication involvement between neighbors, NTNA and other organizations and governmental agencies. For more information or to apply as a candidate for this NTNA Board Election, leave a voicemail at (503) 928-4655 or email board@northtabor.org prior to April 20th.

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North Tabor Co-Chair Bowing Out

Joe Recker, NTNA Co-Chair

This April will be my last month on the North Tabor Board. After two years, I'm letting my term run out and hoping others will take this opportunity to consider becoming a board member in my place.

I expect to continue my participation with the North Tabor News and Friends of Trees plantings, though I heartily welcome others to join me in those activities as well. I became a board member shortly after moving to North Tabor in order to learn about issues facing the neighborhood and make a positive impact on decisions affecting us all. Since I've been involved, I've taken the opportunity to help with restoration of Rosemont Bluff on several occasions, assist with an annual neighborhood clean-up, participate in two neighborhood tree plantings, write countless articles for the newsletter, participate in a walking tour and workshops related to the MAX station area planning project, staff a neighborhood booth at last year's Sunday Parkways, and help further the installation of a bioswale at NE 63rd and Glisan. Most notably, I participated in the vote that changed our neighborhood's official name from Center to North Tabor.

Participating on the Board has been a great way to learn about the neighborhood and about issues affecting various parts of our community. It has also been invaluable to learn about all the resources available to neighborhood associations through Southeast Uplift, our neighborhood coalition, and other City programs. Lastly, it's amazing to see how well the neighborhood association has worked with local businesses to our mutual benefit. These local businesses deserve our support and patronage, not just because they provide good services/products, but because they care about our community and want to see it flourish.

I hope others in the neighborhood will pick up where I left off and work to see much more lasting progress in our neck of the woods. Thanks for this wonderful opportunity!

SE Portland Citizens Advisory Council: Open Meetings

Elizabeth Fischer, North Tabor Neighbor

This citizens group was formed as a liaison and community support for our local police officers. Their general membership meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7pm, at PPB Traffic Division, 4735 E. Burnside, in the Community Room, and all are welcome.

On March 4, 2010 Sgt Doug Justus, PPB Vice Squad, provided an informative presentation on the trafficking of women and children. We learned that the prostituting of children (average age of 12 – 14 when lured into it by a pimp) is a \$5 billion a year enterprise, with 1.2 billion children entrapped. Most of these kids are runaways or throwaways; many were sexually abused at home. Pimps can often be found looking for targets on Craig's List, My Space, Facebook, Willamette Week, chat rooms, transit malls, and food courts at malls. Sgt. Justus pointed out the importance of monitoring internet use by parents and guardians. (Editor's Note: Officer Manougian, who regularly reports to NTNA meetings, has indicated that there has been a recent movement of some prostitution activity from 82nd down to the southeast end of North Tabor. Neighbors noticing suspicious activity should call the Drugs and Vice Division, 503-823-0246. Citizen input is a vital tool utilized by the Division to ensure that the community's needs are being met.)

The second part of the program was a ceremony honoring the K-9 of the year award for 2009. The award was given to two teams: Officer Lonn Sweeney and his canine partner "Vulcan" and Officer Jeff Elias and his canine partner "Bano." Both dogs are purebred German Shepherds. These special dogs and their officer handlers gathered in the lobby after refreshments so they could meet and greet the people who had turned out for that evening's ceremony. (Photos on Page 5)

The meeting concluded with a presentation by Deputy District Attorney, Amber Moser, who talked about the work they are doing with homeless people sleeping under bridges. Then Sgt. Bob McCormick talked about the training taking place with several new dogs at this time in the K-9 Unit. The meeting adjourned at 9pm.

Upcoming dates: The next general membership meeting will be held 5/6/10 at 4735 E. Burnside. Topic: identity theft with an officer from East Precinct. June 3: a meeting and "show and tell" at the new K-9 training center, which is also the fire bureau training center near 122nd and Sandy Blvd. For more information about the SE Portland Citizens Advisory Council, contact davehillman@comcast.net or phone him at 503-254-5931. If you are interested in Crime Prevention in North Tabor, be sure to attend the April 20th NTNA General Meeting. (See front page for details)

WHAT IS ONI?

Blythe Pavlik, Communications Program Manager, Southeast Uplift

The Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) was established on the idea that Portland's neighborhoods are an essential part of what makes Portland a vibrant, inclusive and livable city. ONI's mission "is to promote a culture of civic engagement by connecting and supporting all Portlanders working together and with government to build inclusive, safe and livable neighborhoods and communities" (City of Portland, 2010). ONI's objective is to support neighborhoods on a variety of levels with the goal of encouraging civic involvement from all Portland citizens.

The neighborhood association system was formally established by the city council in 1974 and has undergone many changes over the years. As of today, Portland is host to ninety-five neighborhood associations that are supported by seven neighborhood coalitions. Of the seven coalition offices, five are independent nonprofits and two are directly managed by the city (de Morris and Leistner 47). As well as funding the seven neighborhood coalitions, ONI also supports Elders in Action, the Disability Program, Crime Prevention, Graffiti Abatement, Liquor License Notification, and Resolutions NW (mediation services).

Through SE Uplift and the six other neighborhood coalitions; ONI funding supports neighborhood associations with communications; small grants/fiscal sponsorship; liability insurance for neighborhood events; coalition staff who offer direct support to neighborhoods; and coalition programs that increase the livability of neighborhoods and communities, such as sustainability programs, land use and transportation, and outreach.

With ever-changing demographics, ONI strives to reach out to under-engaged groups in Portland and has created the Diversity and Civic Leadership Program (DCL) that focuses on building "leadership capacity and community organizing among people of color and immigrants and refugees" (51). The Office of Neighborhood Involvement is unique to Portland and is a city bureau that is most certainly evolving with the times. With a goal of raising the quality of life for all Portlanders, the process of improvement is a slow and steady one. ONI offers citizens an opportunity to be heard at the government level, all the while providing neighborhoods and community programs the support and guidance necessary to thrive.

If you would like to learn more about The Office of Neighborhood Involvement, please visit <http://www.portlandonline.com/oni/> or call (503) 823-4519.

Rosemont Bluff Project Update

By April Burris, Rosemont Bluff Coordinator

Rosemont Bluff has been an on-going project for the past three years, and I have gotten to know many neighbors at the monthly work parties held there! We have gotten to know our neighbors, gotten out to enjoy nature, improved habitat for birds and critters in the midst of the city, learned about invasive and native plants, learned how Rosemont Bluff fits into our watershed, and even learned how to make a rain barrel!

In 2007 interested neighbors started a restoration project on Rosemont Bluff. In partnership with Portland Parks and Recreation, Southeast Uplift Neighborhood Coalition, North Tabor Neighborhood Association, and other organizations and volunteers, we have done much to restore Rosemont Bluff Natural Area. We held two Earth Day Celebrations and an ice cream social for the community. One of the Earth Day celebrations was featured in the Hollywood Star, as well as our own North Tabor News!

As of late, though, not many people were attending the monthly work parties. Rosemont Bluff is a project that needs more neighborhood support in order to remain sustainable. Since Rosemont Bluff is North Tabor's one greenspace, I hope that in the future this space can come alive as a community gathering spot again! At a meeting in January of this year all present agreed that Portland Parks and Recreation would spray herbicides to control the invasive species. While not our first choice, Portland Parks and Recreation staff felt that, despite neighborhood efforts, not enough headway was being made removing invasive plants at the Rosemont Bluff Natural area. For now, all neighborhood work parties have been suspended, as I prefer not to work where herbicides have been used.

If others are interested in continuing this project, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Lori Kennedy. You can email volunteer@northtabor.org or leave a voicemail at 503-928-4655. Spraying may occur any time the weather is good, but mostly mornings. Only when the conditions are best will there be any spraying. Whenever there is activity there will be signs posted at the entrances to the park. Work parties will be held when there is a special group designated or when the neighborhood schedules one with Louise Shorr at Louise.Shorr@portlandoregon.gov.

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