Borrow tools for free. Really.

By Jeff Horsne

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? Do 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 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 comer of SE Harrison and 28th Place (the northeast corner of St. David’s of Wales Episcopal Church). We’re open Saturdays from 9am-2pm and Tuesdays from 5-30pm. Currently, membership is free to residents of North Tabor with (identification and proof of address) and folks can borrow up 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.spctl.org.

Who’s watching the neighborhood?

By Gabe Froyne

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 canary stolen. Just before Thanksgiving a young mother came home around midnight 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 Wolfer, 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 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, 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 recalls.

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 bull’s 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 Wolfer 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 Wolfer, is that two years ago a reduction 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 resources 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 include: community policing (i.e., person-to-person contact, involvement with community partnerships) and police presence/visibility... elsewhere.” Elsewhere (continued on Page 3).
Letter from the Co-Chairs: 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. I will just tell you 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 cleanup on the calendar. We will also be looking to add events like Neighborhood Watch and Emergency Preparedness training to the calendar. More appointments will be on the calendar, as well. The timing and structure of our monthly board meetings will also be assessed in this discussion. Past meetings have heard suggestions from neighborhood members about having board meetings where community members can also be sent monthly resolutions 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 neighbors or at least monthly meetings and in community work such as the park board. Some board members and 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 (or constant) time commitment it takes to be a board member, the neighborhood could still gain great benefit from the work. This work, done on the ground, can sometimes be challenging and take pressure off the board members who are attempting to provide the structure of the association. With our yearly agenda in place, this resolution should evolve naturally. The event will also be assisted by laws that the board has ordered necessary and we will build the neighborhood to remind neighbors of meeting times. Keep an eye out for them to help you prepare 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 North Tabor. 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 Montavilla Neighborhood Association concerning land use, business associations and the annual clean up. Stronger relations with those neighborhoods can help North Tabor through projects like the 60s Ave Max Station remodel and building a Glen Street Business Association. Both projects that we are hard pressed to take on alone at this point, but with 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 discovered several gaps and noted some what has worked and what has not. The resolutions that are shared were birthed from my reflection and will serve as a guide through the year to come. I am excited (and nervously) to see what I have to reflect from a year now.

Zach Michaud

North Tabor Meeting Agenda: Tuesday, January 17, 6:30-7:00pm

Emilee House, 5524 NE Glisan

Meeting Notice: 1) Start on time. 2) Discussions begin with topic presenter then go around the room giving everyone a chance to comment. 3) Encouraging speakers to get to the point. 4) Tomorrow, March 11th, the board will keep meetings on schedule, give silent warnings for a minute left, note keepers keep meeting, food, drinks, chat, networking. 7:00-7:10pm: Representative Alissa Kasy-Grey 7:10-7:15pm: Portland Alliance for Democracy & Portland Move to Amend, Letter of Endorsement - Actionable Item

Important Dates

January 17, 6:30-8pm, Neighborhood Meeting at Emilee House, 5522 NE Glisan. January 21, Friends of Trees Planting in North Tabor (see page 7). January 21, 11:00am, Emergency Preparedness, 2048 SE 16th Street (see page 5). February 21, 6:30-8pm, Neighborhood Meeting at Emilee House, 5522 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 Monique Doherty, Sustainability

Our grant proposal has been approved. The sustainability-focused proposal includes North Tabor Neighborhood Association banners that will be placed on utility poles along Glisan. The new banners will be introduced with a neighborhood resolution celebration 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 involved in the neighborhood. The events will be held on the street level, with the public invited to join us.

Eastmoreland seeking allies to oppose cell towers

To the Editor:
I am Allison Gillispie, one of the telecommunications committee co-chairs on the Eastmoreland Neighborhood Association board. We are reviewing our southeast neighborhood association’s cell tower placement strategy in the community. We are working in support of 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 question for a vote of support. Presently, T-Mobile intends to construct its own cell towers, which will only be installed on existing PGE utility poles in the Right-of-Way adjacent to S.E. 37th and S.E. Opal (in Eastmoreland neighborhood) and on the corner of N.E. 31st and Prescott (in the Almond neighborhood). Both locations are inappropriate for a variety of reasons. The site in Eastmoreland for instance is 100’ from a public school’s building. The site in Almond from a primary care provider’s building and 20’ from a family’s home. The radio-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 Concorida Neighborhood Association 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-areas in addition. In addition to SEULDA’s support on the issue.

Recent court decisions give gov’ts the right to deny cell tower applications based on the issues of aesthetics and neighborhood livability alone. The Eastmoreland and Alameda and Concorida Neighborhood Associations are also working with Commissioner Dan Saltzman (district1@portland.gov) in support of our efforts. If so – will you please copy us on that e-mail (allison.gillispie@gmail.com)? We would greatly appreciate your support in the effort as well as other neighborhood associations throughout Portland – regarding this very important issue.

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

North Tabor Neighborhood Association

Neighborhood Boundaries

The North Tabor Neighborhood is bounded on the west by 44th Avenue and on the east by 68th and 69th Avenue. The southern border is Burnside Street, north of 62nd Avenue. The neighborhood extends south to Stark Street. The Bankfield Expressway (I-34) creates the northern boundary of the neighborhood.

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North Tabor Neighborhood Association

Welcome To North Tabor

North Tabor Neighborhood Association is a recognized voice in the City of Portland. We encourage you to become an active member of this neighborhood organization.

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 Emilee House, 5522 NE Glisan. Submissions and comments are always welcome and are due by the 15th of the month preceding the meeting. The phone number for the Neighborhood Association is (503) 928-4655 to confirm time, date, and location.
"What 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."
FOR THE CHICKEN HEARTED: TO the Manure Born

by Monique Moss

There is a newcomer in our group. Once she 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 best, perhaps she would like to live with me? It takes a long time to convince her, but she finally surrenders to the invitation and will move to find less luxurious surroundings than those she is leaving behind. She was born to the manure. 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 tip of ear—she is in 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 release her to the coop with the larger of my 2 children, to get the best of the introduction ever and done with. Elvis, stretches her large blue-black body upwards and towns over Madame Bourbon, as we have named her in haste. I sit down nearby, to observe and interfere, in case necessary. I know that nature has to have its way, but I am only partially comfortable with the primitive responses of my feet and have not fully arrived at the laissez-faire attitude of a scientific observer. So there I sit, in the rain. And there they stand. Elvis push up her feathers and spreads her wings away from her magnificent big body. Bourbon, (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 granularity. They stand and stare past each other. And that is first. Then they each go about their business as usual, initially with their feathers remaining in the puffed up position but after a while, remaining their ordinary size. I start branching again, astonished and filled with the glory of diplomatic achievement.

But my main objective has been to protect my favorite chicken, the tiny Pincly. Pincly has always been taciturn in her dealings with very large chickens. I am concerned that she will get mangled in a clash between Elvis and Madame: Pincly is the weakest little thing and women when called, allowing me to cuddle her. (Yes, I know and I am 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 nature. So it is with confidence, that I invite Elvis to step out of—and Pincly into—the coop, to sound off today’s introductions.

Pincly does not bother to inflate herself. She does not waste a second. With a type face shriek 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 adverse 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 wildly been placed. A Mad? Cow? Attack? Will this never end? Then, mercifully, clutching in and Pincly 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; had they defended their home and made peace again. Now they are going to sleep. It makes me think of those lines by Joaquí Miller:

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

Heidi Beiterie

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 one 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 fourteen board members.

“Hey,” I said to myself, “Jeez! Wellefer! 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. busy coincidence.

“Are you Jackets?”

“What? How did you know?”

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

“All the board members use multiple hats.” Zinc described the work of the association and its challenge of having enough volunteers 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 planned sessions, 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 Gardens between 60th and 61st and I like to travel and ride my bike more often.

—Heidi Beiterie
Music Studio 63: Piano lessons in the neighborhood

With grownup professionals musicians in the house, this music studio in the North Tabor neighborhood is run by a tenorist. A high school sophomore, Hanu has completed three levels of piano studies through the Oregon Music Teacher's Association (OMTA) and is preparing the last level test. In a music-oriented household, with many teaching music at a local university and privately, and a jazz guitarist, Hanu was harmonizing tunes from Blue Suede and Charlette's Web when she was barely four. Around that time, her first piano teacher, Miles, gave her the first formal steps toward musicianship—hand position, fingering, and note reading. At eight, she met a new teacher, late tenorist and piano college student Dasha. The teachers taught in the same house, and Dasha moved out of the state. With Dasha, Hanu 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 teacher, Nikita, on the road to the last OMTA exam, preparing a Bach French Suite, Haydn Sonata, Chopin Etude, and Prokofiev's Sarcasms.

Music Studio 63 is located on NE 68th Street. Hanu works with children from about age four to sixteen (with funding) and takes inquiries and direct phone at (503) 234-5104 (after-school hours) or by email at studiogt63@gmail.com.

Changes at Gately Academy

by Heidi Kerst

North Tabor neighbors may not be aware of Providence's Gately Academy, located at NE 50th and Davis, is in the midst of transition to an independent operated school. Gately Academy provides a high creative and focused setting for 6th-8th grade students with ADD, ADHD, and other learning differences. A school that 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 has a student-teacher ratio of less than 8:1. A group of Gately Academy's unique program offerings includes: Small class size and individualized instruction, Multi-disciplinary approach to learning, and a focus on social skills development.

Benches at the Gately entrance, benches at the office, and benches around the outdoor playground are a sign of a new era. Gately Academy is now an independent school, and the transition is expected to be complete by the end of the school year. Providence will still be involved in the operation of the school, and the new leaders are looking forward to the future of the school.

Sunshine over Gately Academy on a recent winter afternoon.

New Gately Academy and assisting with recruitment of 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 in its current location once Providence withdraws operational support.
Corporations Are Not People; Money Is Not Speech – Amend the Constitution

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 Commission, 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 there is not much written 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 arms of corporate lobbying, 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 getting 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 sovereignty 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 Madison, Montana; by margins of 75% and more. In Portland, the Laurelhurst and Sullivan’s Gulch Neighborhood Associations have endorsed these efforts, as have the 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 41335, 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 Move to Amend movement or have questions, please contact David Delk at daviddelk@gmail.com or Donna Noonan at dgnoonan@comcast.net or www.movetoamendindex.org/ for more information.

Portland’s Parks: The Olmsted Plan

By Robert Jared

Sometimes Portlanders complain about the seemingly interminable planning that goes on in this city, and maybe some of them think that it’s a relatively recent phenomenon—not so! Portland has tried to guide 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 park plan for the city. The Olmsteads proposed a string of parks connected by wide “parkways”, backswings through parks 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 no 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 Olmstead’s design contributed greatly to the Portland Plan of 1912 (the so-called Bennett plan, which called for a string of connected parks running along the growing city’s) On the accompanying map, the dark areas are proposed parkslands (Mount Tabor can be found easily—the dark blotch near the word “Plaz” along the side of the page, considerably larger than our current park). Note the dark line leading south from Mount Tabor, a “parkway” that would have skirted our neighborhood and was envisioned linking Mount Tabor with another large park west of Sandy Boulevard, almost 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 donated 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 Olmsteads would have placed a large park about where the Portland Airport is now (and Ross Island enjoys even more so) and it. The Olmsteads also would have placed a large park about where the Portland Airport is located (of course, they couldn’t see that 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.
January 21 is Tree Planting Day in North Tabor

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 Sunnyvale United Methodist Church (3620 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 Monroe Doherty at info@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 summer time 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 Gilliam and was taken October 17, 1938. (Photo: Historic Photo Archive, 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!
Reviews

A.N.D. Cafe
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Hours: Wednesday-Sunday, 9am-3pm
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Ashley Arthur and Dan Harding (A.N.D.) found an old cart half-delipitated in an idaho pasture and refurbished it using only eco-friendly materials, including upcycled ceiling doors for their signage, and rooftop solar panels. The couple now use the cart to serve vegan and vegetarian twists on American classics as bacon cheeseburgers and HILIs, 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, pastries 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 Grid. 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 waffles, baked on a vintage waffle iron, drizzled with satay peanut sauce and topped withpad thai, coconut cream 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 sustainable practices. There are several parking spots available a long 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 artisans 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 menus can be found on their facebook page at andardeplyx. Check out their coupon on page xx.

—Candice Jordan

Glisan Burger Barn and Grill serves award-winning burgers

Glisan Burger Barn and Grill
7901 NE Glisan Street
Hours: Monday-Friday: 11am-9pm
Saturday: 9am-9pm
Sunday: 9am-4pm
Glisan Burger Barn and Grill proudly serves award winning burgers! Open after total make-over!

Some years ago, entrepreneur and chef Charlie Kamerman dreamed of having an English family-style pub. Recently he fine-tuned his vision of catering to families and transformed what was previously the “People’s Bar 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 logo and 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; vegetables and kids’ 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.

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

—Monique Mon

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