North Tabor News

North Tabor Identity Project:
A New Banner & June 16 Community Health & Safety Fair

by Moonrose Doherty
Early this January North Tabor Neighborhood Association (NTNA) was granted funding from the Southeast Uplift Neighborhood Coalition and the City of Portland Neighborhood Small Grants Program for a sustainability-focused project with two distinct parts to increase community awareness and neighborhood identity. The NE Glisan Fred Meyer store is our co-sponsor for this project. The initial step was to solicit designs and select an image to represent North Tabor Neighborhood on 20 utility pole banners to be sprinkled throughout the neighborhood and the second part hold an event to celebrate North Tabor Neighborhood.

Banner Project, NTNA circulated “design wanted” posters throughout the neighborhood and promoted the contest in the North Tabor News and on our neighborhood. Additional posters in several local businesses and a flyer with nine submissions promoted the General Meeting on April 17th for North Tabor neighbors to select a winning design from those submitted and displayed around the neighborhood and at the meeting. Special thanks to Lauchburn Cafe, Cyclopedia, Commercial Refrigeration and Peco for displaying large copies for the public to view prior to the selection.

A big thank you goes out to all the neighbors that submitted their ideas to the contest as well as those who came out to cast their vote. Design entries were received from the following neighbors: Steve Ferrero, Nina Frayne, Mardy George, Janice Libor, and Salvatore Reda. These were some amazing design and all of them offered a unique representation of North Tabor. It was a very hard choice for everyone that voted in the first round, and no one was left feeling left out. NTNA is excited to congratulate Steve Ferrero on the winning design. Design submitted by Nina Frayne and 8-year-old Mardy George deserve special mention as runners up. The banners will be installed in the months of May or June.

North Tabor Community, Health, and Safety Fair: You’re invited to the North Tabor Community, Health, and Safety Fair on June 16th, 2012 from 10am-3pm! The NE Glisan Fred Meyer! The Fair will be a fun community event to build a stronger sense of neighborhood in the North Tabor area. Another function of the fair is to engage the Montavilla, Sunnyside.

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Important Dates
May 30, 4:30 pm, Comment Deadline, Providence Expansion.
June 3, 10am-3pm, Montavilla Farmers Market Starts, SE 78th & Stark.
June 16, 10am-3pm, Community Health & Safety Fair, Glisan Fred Meyer. (Page 7)
June 19, 6:30-9pm, Neighborhood Meeting at Emilie House, 5520 NE Glisan.
June 29, 4-7pm. Grand Opening for the new Crime Prevention office at 4747 E Burnside.
July 17, 6:30-9pm, Neighborhood Meeting at Emilie House, 5520 NE Glisan.

Providence Expansion Comment Deadline Extended to May 30

Providence’s Proposal
“The proposed development will result in a net increase of 256,000 square feet of floor area beyond that approved under the 2003 Master Plan (and under subsequent Conditional Use approvals). No expansions or modifications to the existing Growth Boundary are proposed, and no increase in the number of hospital beds is proposed. New buildings and expansions not approved under the 2003 Master Plan include:

- Main Hospital Building Replacement;
- East Inpatient Building (expansion of the Annex and Providence Hall); and
- West Master Plan Office Building and Parking.

New buildings and expansions approved as part of the 2003 Master Plan that are not yet built and which will carry over to the new Master Plan include:
- Ambulatory Services Building Expansion; and
- Providence Professional Plaza East Medical Office Building and Parking.

A 13-unit guest housing project approved for the West Campus in 2011 (LU 10-20186) will also carry over into the proposed Conditional Use Master Plan.

Several street vacations are identified in proposed in the Master Plan, including NE 52nd Avenue (between NE Glisan and NE Hoyt), NE Hoyt Street (between NE 52nd and NE 53rd), and NE 40th Avenue (between NE Glisan and the former NE Hoyt). These are included in the Master Plan for reference only, and are subject to a separate Street Vacation Review. A pedestrian bridge over NE 47th Avenue is also proposed, which will connect the Main and West campuses. Approval of this bridge is also subject to a separate Major Encroachment review.

The Hearing
Neighbors testified for about three hours during the hearing on the expansion plans, April 25. You can listen to the complete five-hour hearing at: tinyurl.com/Providence or read more about the plan and neighborhood reaction at: providencegoodneighbors.wordpress.com/

Comment Period Extended
Thanks to the folks who showed up to testify, the hearings officer is holding open the record for new testimony until 4:30 pm, May 30. Testimony may be submitted 1) in person to the hearings office on the second floor of 1900 SW Fourth Ave, (or e-mail to the Hearings Office, 1900 SW Fourth Avenue, Room 3100, Portland, OR 97201, or 3) faxed to 503-823-4347. Please be sure to identify all letters submitted with the case number: LU 11-183413 CU MS AD. Testimony on the Providence expansion must be received and date-stamped at the City of Portland Hearings Office by 4:30pm on May 30. Submitted testimony must have the case file number on it: LU 11-183413 CU MS AD.

Neighbours’ Letters

Increased Traffic and Parking
RE: Case File #LU 11-183413 CU MS AD

My concern with Providence’s application for a 10 year Conditional Use Master Plan is the impact that increased traffic and parking will have on our already overused streets. I believe there are outstanding safety concerns which need to be addressed before the City approves this application.

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1) The proposed new East Plaza Medical Building which is being proposed on NE Glisan will further impact traffic and parking problems in the surrounding residential areas.

I’ve lived in this neighborhood for 8 years and do not have access to a driveway, therefore rely on street parking.

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Welcome To North Tabor

Neighborhood associations are a recognized voice in the City of Portland. It is important 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 group-related interest in our area.

Meeting Time and Location

Next meetings are Tuesday, June 19, and Tuesday, July 17. Location at the Meile House, 5520 NE Glisan.

Building entry is at the rear of the building.

Do not park in the Emile House parking lot.

Check the calendar at www.northtabor.org or call (503) 928-4655 to confirm time, date, and location.

Neighborhood Boundaries

North Tabor Neighborhood is bounded on the west by 44th Avenue and on the east by 7th Avenue.

The southern border is Burnside Street, except in the area between 44th and 49th Avenues where the neighborhood extends to the Wonderland Street. The Burnside-F��field Boundary (J-84) is the northern boundary of the neighborhood.

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parking. The parking on my street became a problem in September 2009, when the Medical Building opened on Glisan and 53rd Avenue. Despite two employee car parks located near the same businesses, employees continue to park on 53rd Avenue and Flanders Street. A recent City traffic controller showed that 1800 cars drove on 5th and 53rd Avenue on a typical day. While I

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fairly safe to assume that a significant percentage of this traffic is connected to Providence Hospital.

Weekends are very busy on 53rd Avenue between Glisan and Everett. Since the Providence Medical Building on 53rd and Glisan opened its doors for business there have been 9 accidents involving cars, and 2 accidents involving cyclists on 53rd Avenue in the 2 blocks between Glisan and Everett. As far as I know, all of these car accidents have not involved injuries and have therefore gone unreported to the police. They all involved parked cars and in all cases the driver did not stop and therefore no one has been held accountable. My car has been hit 5 times. The most recent incident was 4/23/12 which incidentally was the same week as the public hearing. The problem is caused by cars parked on both sides of the street with no room for cars traveling both north and south at the same time to pass by each other safely. In one incident last year my neighbor’s car was so badly damaged by a parking violation that it was totally totaled. All of these hit and run accidents have occurred during peak traffic hours of 7-9am and 3-6pm. There’s probably a good chance that these drivers are in some way related to the operations of Providence Hospital. When I can tell is that none of my neighbors who live on 53rd Avenue south of Everett have ever had their cars hit. But neither do the neighbors who have Providence employees parking outside their homes every day. 2) The City of Portland is proposing parking restrictions on 53rd Avenue so that resident-only parking is permitted during business hours. One of the mandatory minimum requirements of the NE zoned Neighborhood Radial Plan enforces a 24 hour ban in place to neighbors for reporting parking issues caused by Providence employees parking on our streets. This requirement is under the consideration of the staff Report 4672 (pages 8, 10, 31, 33, 34, 35). It’s obvious by the continued references to Providence’s Parking Enforcement Hotline in the report that both the City’s BDO and BDOT have a vested interest in calling this hotline. As anyone who has called the hotline will tell you, it’s a bit of a red herring. First of all, the time is not staffed, so you never actually get to talk to anyone. You need to ask a leave a message and told that someone will call you back. When you talk to the neighbors around 53rd Ave and Flanders, they will tell you that they have all called and left detailed messages to the hotline asking for action to be taken on cars which are parked outside our homes. Out of the 15 calls that have been made by residents in the 53rd Ave area, no one has ever received a call-back and the same cars that were reported continue to park outside our homes.

At the public hearing at the City on 4/25/12 Providence’s Chief Operating Officer James Arp said “We do realize that parking is an irritant for our neighbors” and he continued to describe the 24 hour hotline that neighbors could call to report cars causing problems outside their homes. In all honesty, if parking was merely “an irritant” as stated by Mr. Arp then I don’t think my neighbors and I would be too bothered about Providence’s land use application. I’m more than a little iritated about these parking outside my house. I am however deeply concerned about the safety impact on our community. Providence employee parking on both sides of 53rd Avenue is having an adverse impact on the neighborhood safety. Statistically speaking, an accident involving parked cars on the two blocks on 53rd Avenue between Glisan and Everett occurs about every 2.5 months. I’d like to ask that the City and BDOT stop deluding themselves that the hotline is functioning to address this problem. For the uninitiated, the function of this hotline is to deal with illegally parked cars. The cars belonging to Providence employees who are parked outside our homes are all parked legally. The only way they are currently catalogued illegally is because the street parking on 53rd Avenue can change is when they can no longer park there legally. I would like the City of Portland to address this situation before Providence’s CUMC is approved.

3) The safety impact of the 53rd Avenue Bikeways Project is jeopardized by increased traffic from Providence’s development plan. As you are aware, 53rd Avenue has been designated as part of the Bikeways Project. Presumably this is why there are no stop signs on 53rd Avenue between Glisan and Barnsdale, which enables cars to drive as fast as 35-40mph on this narrow street as they race for the traffic lights on 53rd Avenue. On an average weekday 4000 cars are traveling 53rd Avenue both north and south. This adds up to two minor accidents involving cyclists in the last 3 years. It is realistic to anticipate an increase in motorized accidents as well on 53rd Avenue from the Medical Building. It is also realistic to anticipate an increase in on-street parking from Providence traffic as well. I believe the on the City to enhance safety in this designated zone to protect our

Cyclists.

"While their need for efficiency is understood, where does that leave the rest of us who live and work in this community?"

4) Pedestrian safety will be further compromised by the proposed Skybridge Providence is planning to build a Skybridge to connect their Medical Building with the Glisan Street neighborhood school during peak traffic times?"

Alison Gavine

A 45 Year Experience

RE: Case File #12-1183413 CU MS AD

I was born and raised on the corner of NE 55th & Flanders 45 years ago. My parents moved to this home in 1961, raised 5 children in this home, and 5 years ago invited me to move in and help care for the safety of our children who depend on the crosswalk to go to school. Their neighborhood school during peak traffic times?

"I have lived in the same modest home my Grandmother lived in a four-plox on the corner of 52nd & Hoyt with beautiful pocket doors that amazed me for hours. Since those doors are gone, replaced with Providence brick."

My family’s FCIP for the last 16 years is 12th Avenue. I work in the historical city; however, I do not believe she represents the "Providence Health System" as a corporation, nor do I believe she is aware of the impact Providence has on the neighborhood safety. Over the years, my parents and I, as well as some of our neighbors on Flanders, have engaged in conversations with the construction crew regarding the office building on 53rd-55th and Glisan. Through the construction of that building and two parking lots, to present day, it has been a constant vibration - our house literally shook due to the construction taking place.

I have contacted the City of Portland Transportation Department regarding Providence employee parking on N.E. 55th, on Flanders, the amount of traffic between Barnsdale and Glisan on 55th, and the parking of Providence employees on 53rd. While I may not have seen the objections from the neighbors, I am concerned they don’t really understand the plight of residents living around Providence.

I'm concerned about cars and road safety: *Cars: We were told Providence employees are to park 3 blocks away from the building where they work. They park half a block. They take parking spaces in front of our homes. *Drones: They block in our driveways. They block in our driveways. On one occasion, a large delivery truck could not find a place to park. They parked in front of our house, taking out a brick on a very young tree. No compensation. Cars speed up Barnsdale to Glisan - 40-50 is not enforced - making that tiny left at Glisan. All in all, not a Good Neighbor. *Traffic laws on Glisan: Between the hours of 3:15-4:00 p.m. when I am returning home after picking my boys up at school, I travel west on Glisan. When I get to 56th & Glisan the fun begins. As I turn on my left turn signal, I am forced to ease (continued next page)
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the middle “lane” to make a left on NE 56th, I am hit head on by 1-3 cars who decided at 53rd the left turn lane to enter NE 54th starts now. I honk, flash my light, wave and a lot of people look at me like I have done something wrong. Please hear this: I have heard the sound of a crash. A car sitting at the corner of NE 55th and Glisan then turning left, inciting the car further and further into oncoming traffic from the west, then hit by a car using that “middle lane” as their own personal thoroughfare. Van was toned and flipped.

*Using neighborhood as an adverb: As I work from home, I am aware of activity in the neighborhood. I look out the window and see Providence workers clap in their corners having a smoke, and leaving the ashes and cigarette butts on our sidewalks. They are standing 1/2 block from the Providence sign that says there is No Smoking. When done with their routine, they then sit in their cars. Why can’t they sit in their cars to smoke? My neighborhood is not their ashtray or garbage can. I have called this office’s administrator asking that this stop and that they smoke in their cars. It stops for a bit and then starts up again. I get looks and stares from Providence employees like I am dirt. All in all, not a Good Neighbor.

*HIPAA: I have been self-employed as a medical transcriptionist for 14 years. I understand HIPAA too well. While sitting at my desk with the window open, I have been witness to various conversations between doctors, nurses and various staff members. During these observed and overheard conversations, I was ready to go out and remind these staff members of their ethical obligation in keeping patient confidentiality. All in all, not a Good Neighbor and in violation of HIPAA compliance.

“My dream is that the expansion will cease.”

This beautiful neighborhood has lost some its luster and with the property values— which have gone down, but the taxes have gone up. How does Providence envision compensating me for my loss of privacy, the loss of my property values, and the loss of my neighborhood. My dream is that the expansion will cease. That Providence will see that its belly is full and be content with what they have. As a resident, it is hard not to see this as a competition within the health facility industry to be the biggest and best, not what is best for the residents.

My boiling question is this: Providence and its employees from the top down have lost sight. They do not see this as an established, lively neighborhood with residents who have lived here for 40+ years, who have families, and raising children in our area. We are growing outside, BBQ’s are being held. Providence and its employees see this only as their “ job”. It is where they have lived for 40 years, having a smoke, building a parking lot. But half a block away, there is a vibrant world where people are living out their lives. There is a living community. Providence’s employees— they don’t seem to remember that they are “visitors” to the neighborhood and they act like they are entitled rather than being “Good Neighbors.”

—Kerby Aguilar

Safe Routes to School?

RE: Case File ALU 11-18343 CLU MS AD

I don’t want to come across as a negative-nelly complainer, but I want the City to recognize that allowing so much development on such a small footprint will really have a huge impact on our small village.

When I moved into my house in 2001, I understood there would be issues involved in having one of Portland’s largest hospitals one block from my home: ambulance sirens, patient traffic, etc. At the time, Providence had moved many employees to Beaverton and instituted a fairly aggressive employee parking policy, complete with security patrols for enforcement. With a large hospital footprint on a small area of space, expansion did not seem likely.

With Providence’s planned expansion and campus redesign beginning in 2002, the neighborhood quickly revealed new changes. The old Waldorf School building reopened as Providence Montessori and Child Care; both relocated when construction started on the new NE Glisan and parking structure. Traffic increased from 450th on NE Everett with adults dropping off children at the new centers. NE Everett is a dedicated bike route for commuters. My handful of emails and calls through the years asking the school to remind parent drivers to slow down and obey the school speed zones has been well-received.

Word is out... join the North Tabor Garden Project in welcoming Garden Gnomes back to their natural habitat. (from: northtaborgardenproejct@blogspot.com)

After I became a parent, my neighborhood awareness increased. I attended the first hearing downtown in 2009 regarding traffic concerns once the new Cancer Center building opened, and IFNE 47th and NE Glisan roads could allow the increased traffic. The City of Portland would not allow the last three floors of the cancer center to open until traffic patterns were addressed. With the new building, traffic already dramatically increased. To get the last three floors opened, Providence hired many development planners that concluded the neighborhood could sustain the increased traffic, and the flow could be controlled, ultimately altering and staggering the traffic signal at NE 60th and Glisan. In my experience, there are times in the morning where getting through the intersection is difficult, if not impossible, in order to take a left turn from 60th onto NE Glisan.

"[There are times in the morning when getting through the intersection takes five cycles in order to take a left turn from 60th onto NE Glisan."

The most recent development was the medical building on the corner of NE 53rd and Glisan. Previously, there was Providence medical equipment office and a gravel parking lot that was a wonderful landmark for our annual neighborhood clean-up day. While I welcome new buildings instead of vacant ones, the increased traffic and parking issues only increased frustration. Last summer there was a house several blocks from me on NE Flanders that had a sign in their window, "I am a dead employee parking." Clearly I was not the only frustrated resident. Enclosed are pictures I took on May 1 at the intersection of 53rd and NE Flanders. They show the number of parked cars and poor visibility at 9:00am and then the clear visibility at 6:00pm; this occurs Monday through Friday. I witness close calls between motorists-to-motorists, and motorist-to-cyclists daily. These intersections have become dangerous; how are residents and commuters expected to exit our neighborhood safely? Are neighborhood parking permits the next solution?

With Providence’s press release last year that they need to cut $250 million dollars, imagine my wonderment when Notice of Public Meeting signs were up regarding 1 NE building in NE Glisan. Now I understand Providence has plans to build up and move east. How can our neighborhood sustain more traffic daily parking?

In the last three years, Providence rebuilds concerned residents, and placates during neighborhood meetings. Frankly they know that after all these years, residents are worn out from not being heard. Complacency builds buildings.

On any given weekday, the most obvious result of increased traffic occurs between 3:30 and 5:00 when late patients, staff, and neighbors attempt to navigate NE Glisan between 47th and 60th. Because the second lane on NE Glisan at 57th is not accessible until 4:00pm, all cars are forced to use one lane traveling east and the traffic volume is dramatic; traveling thirteen blocks is arduous.

With children returning to Laurelhurst Elementary soon, I cringe at the thought of my child navigating across NE 47th and Glisan.”

I have been on NE Flanders for 11 years and the amount of traffic occurs between 3:30 and 5:00 when late patients, staff, and neighbors attempt to navigate NE Glisan between 47th and 52nd is astounding; so many drivers have realized the shortcut around the traffic on NE Glisan. At first I noticed it was possibly employees and patients, but now I recognize NE Glisan, police cars, and my neighbors’ cars flying by my house. We too have found the traffic work-around. I urge you to contact The Portland Police Department who now regularly patrols our block in order to keep drivers at safe speeds.

In the last five years or so, the neighborhood dynamic has changed with an increase in families with babies and small children. In 2001, there were only a handful of children on my block; now there are 20. Laurelhurst Elementary is now a K-8 school and the 5-8 day kindergarten starting soon. With my child attending Laurelhurst Elementary soon, I cringe at the thought of my child navigating across NE 47th and Glisan. It seems an accident is waiting to happen.

With their revised 10-year plan, Providence plans to include an enclosed walkway that connects their proposed medical office building and the hospital over NE 47th. The irony of patients and staff being protected from traffic while school children are left to navigate a busy intersection is disheartening.

I urge the City of Portland to carefully consider the additional building permits. There are growth boundaries for a reason, and there should be careful consideration for urban density on existing pieces of property as well as transportation plans.

—Beth Welty

3rd and NE Flanders: 9am

55th and NE Flanders: 6pm

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For the Chicken HEARTED: Werner and the Chicken

By Monique Mon

Recently, while looking up the German cinematographer Werner Herzog, I discovered a small video, on which Herzog shares his thoughts about, of all things: chickens. In his own words: “The enormity of their stupidity is just overwhelming. When you find yourself in the countryside one day, do yourself a favor and look into their eyes with great intensity and the intensity of their stupidity that looks back at you is just amazing.” I found this unsettling.

I know that we live in a competitive society. Mirror, mirror, on the wall: who is the strongest/wealthiest of us all? But one wonders what Werner Herzog means with the stupidity of chickens? Is he surprised that chickens, herrings, martgolds or field mice respond to life in a different way than we humans do? A competitive comparison of human and animals seems somewhat uneven.

About 100 years ago, it was not at all unusual, to take physical measurements which would help assess the level of intelligence in other human beings, something that is no longer in vogue. The presence of a high forehead which was then considered a mark of great promise, made many a grandparent heave a sigh of relief when inspecting their new offspring. Chickens however, lack any sign of a forehead and very few of us will be terribly surprised if they do not score high on an IQ test. IQ tests are meant to distinguish between very smart people, not so very smart people, and everyone in between, but not chickens.

In 1917, an article titled “Pearson’s Coefficients of the Correlation of Ability with Various Physical and Mental Characteristics” (Field Workers’ Conference on Eugenics, Volume 7 Issue 6, p. 251) instructs us how to spot the more intelligent amongst us, by whipping out a measuring device. Head-length, head-breadth and head-height were considered reliable IQ indicators helping us to separate the big-headed bright ones from the unfortunates with a smaller noodle. And for those who came unprepared with ruler or measuring tape, there were still the subject’s hair color, hair set, eye color and penmanship, for the acquisition of essential data regarding our neighbors.

But there is no mention of substituting feathers for hair, and I doubt that I will find any information about the reddish eye color of my best laying hen and how it reflects on her level of intelligence? Where is the research measuring the magnificent spring blossoms on humans, as compared to cherry trees, or how well we find our way across half the world, without compass or GPS, like our friend the whale? How well have we read the research that demonstrates the unique place of animals and plants on our planet? What about the fact that we do not know how to survive without them, even if they do not know how to conjugate the verb To Be?

How then, can we call chickens stupid?

To be fair, there have been changes. We used to treat all (human) students, as if they were the same. Now we are becoming more sensitive toward acknowledging their socio-economic and cultural background, which requires a different approach to learning and testing in schools. We may one day stop with all that painful labeling and appreciate what each person, animal or plant has to offer to our world.

So where does this leave oldman Herzog and the poor chicken into whose soul he peeked? I hope you will not accuse me of inconsequence after reading the following drastic measures in our household:

We are looking for tutors and working faithfully on penmanship. To be on the safe side. Just in case Werner Herzog pays us a visit.

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The scoop on responsible dog ownership

by Gabi Fayne

Ah, springtime in North Tabor...what is it about our dignified neighborhood that is so remissful of Paris around this time of year? Is it the blossoms on the luxuriant cherry trees and magnolias? Or perhaps the presence of young couples on their way to Mt. Tabor or Laurelhurst parks strolling past well kept, century-old houses? Or might it just be the sight of dog excrement festering in the grass on nearly every street corner? Yes, in recent months, it would seem that the ample sidewalk planting strips in North Tabor, much like the wide boulevards of the French capital, were designed not with any other purpose in mind. Whether there are more dogs or are simply more careless dog owners in the neighborhood, anyone who has walked the streets of North Tabor in the past year or so cannot help but notice that left behind dog poop is becoming a growing nuisance.

Unfortunately, it is a problem with no easy solution. Some behavioral specialists recommend holding the delinquent dog owner by the scruff of the neck and rubbing his or her nose in the offending matter while scolding vigorously. Others claim better results using an old Halloween trick: scoop up the offending dog poop in a brown paper bag, leave the bag beside the owner's front door, light it on fire, ring the doorbell and run. Then again, these methods may be a bit harsh for a neighborhood that prides itself on neighborliness, perhaps a round of plain of consciousness raising would elicit the best results.

To that end, a small sampling of North Tabor residents was asked if they felt it was okay or not okay for dog owners to leave a pile on their neighbors' front yard. Surprisingly, many of the respondents came down on the one side. "It just irritates the hell out of me," says Michael, a resident of NE Davis. "I'm upset that pet owners are not responsible;" adds Dula Baker, who says she often finds poop on the planting strip in front of her house, on NE 58th St. "It's just disgusting," is the way Vicki Renfrew of NE 58th puts it. "You can't really clean it up right away."

However, not all North Tabor neighbors share these sentiments. Joe Michael pondered the question in between shooting baskets on a portable basketball set beside his home on NE 62nd. After some hesitation, he decided he didn't feel strongly one way or the other, but said, "I don't understand the mentality of people who get infuriated about dog owners who don't clean up after their pets."

One theory holds that there is a connection between the recently legislated plastic bag ban in grocery stores and the proliferation of dog waste in public. That theory would be difficult to prove, but if a shortage of bags is the problem, there are relatively inexpensive solutions available at local pet stores. Portland Pet Supply on NE Hawthorne carries a variety of poop scoops that consist of a two-part shovel and rake apparatus, with the high-end "Smelly Poosh" going for $39.99. Petco on Glisan sells a similar device for $21.99.

Dog owners who take a laid-back attitude about picking up after their loved ones should be aware that their negligence is, in fact, illegal. Section 13.300 of the Multnomah Animal Services code ("Animal Waste; Duty to Remove") states that "any person in physical possession or control of any animal of the premises of the animal’s owner or keeper shall immediately remove excrement or other solid waste deposited by the animal in any public area." Violators can be served with a "notice of infraction," though an exception is made for owners of service animals.

North Tabor residents may take some comfort in the knowledge that the poop problem is not restricted to their neighborhood. "It’s an issue throughout the city," says Mike Oswald, the director of the Multnomah County Animal Shelter. "There are not enough people out there to enforce the laws." He notes that on any given day only three or four animal control officers are out on the streets. However, Oswald also says that if enough neighborhood residents are concerned about any given domestic animal situation, a representative from the animal shelter would be available to come to a neighborhood association meeting to suggest ways of dealing with the problem.

Annual cleanup features recycling and resale

by Candce Jordan

For the third year in a row, North Tabor and Mt. Tabor joined forces for a combined neighborhood clean up Saturday afternoon, providing the opportunity for residents to bring their bulky waste and certain recyclables to a convenient location for a fee generally less than the minimum $24 charge at the landfill. Rates this year started at $10 for small carloads and additional fees were charged for larger loads. Approximately 225 neighbors made use of this event this year, and in the next few months, the returned home with items purchased from the Resale Area.

Over the years the neighborhood cleanups have shifted focus from just providing a convenient way for neighbors to dispose of bulky waste to a concerted effort to reduce the amount of waste heading to the landfill. This has been accomplished through a focused effort to salvage and redirect as much of the material as possible and to encourage the recycling and other programs to reuse or repurpose as much as possible. The biggest limitation for this effort has been the shortage of volunteers to make all the arrangements, help separate these items from the flow and deliver as needed to processors and other accepting organizations.

As in prior years, metals were separated and Portland Disposal delivered the container for which Metro Metals paid $338.40, to be divided between both neighborhoods. This effort received a boost this year when Andrew Hare, from North Tabor, stepped up to manage a deconstruction area allowing more
Ken Bareilles of Laurelhurst Cafe honored at Southeast Uplift Awards

by Candice Jordan

On Tuesday, May 1st, SE Uplift celebrated outstanding coalition volunteers and committees during its Second Annual Volunteer Appreciation Bowl-o-Rama.

SE Uplift invited neighborhood associations to recognize an outstanding leader in their community with a Sprout Award. At the March North Tabor Neighborhood Association meeting, Ken Bareilles, owner of the Laurelhurst Cafe, was selected as our recipient for the North Tabor Neighborhood Sprout award.

Since opening the Laurelhurst Cafe at 47th and Burnside just over a year ago, Ken has actively reached out to the neighborhood associations and to residents of North Tabor, Mount Tabor and Laurelhurst to support neighborhood activities and to find out what neighbors would like to see in a neighborhood cafe. He has contributed coffee, tea, pastries and bottled water for our last two cleanups, prizes for several events, raised funds for the

Clean up

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end to deliver carloads of usable items to Goodwill and the ARC. Due to the large amount of recyclables we are unable to arrange pickup for, and serviceable items left in the Resale area at the end of the event, the committee is looking for one or two U-Haul type trailers next year’s cleanup.

Fees from participants amounted to $3,620 which was evenly split between the two neighborhoods. For North Tabor this is our only fundraiser for the year. We managed to keep our reimbursable expenses reimbursed from the Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. Metro waived the fees on the six dumpsters that were taken to the landfill. Portland Disposal gave us a great rate on the dumpster rental and hauling. And with the two

containers provided free of charge by McFarlane’s, the cleanup stayed under budget. Laurelhurst Cafe provided coffee, tea, bottled water and delicious coffee cakes for the volunteers, supplemented by the awesome, hot from the oven, cookies provided by volunteer Nancy Norby.

Comments from the collected feedback forms were for the most part very favorable. “Nicely organized”, “It was great!”, “Thank You!”, “Grateful for this service!”, “Thank-you, I arranged yardwork around this annual event.”, “Fabulous, lovely volunteers!”, “Great!”, “Keep up the great work!”, “Let’s keep doing this!”, “Great effort by volunteers—we appreciate it!”, “This was so awesome! Thank you!”, “Friendly help”, “Well organized, as usual!”, “I so appreciate you and all your hard work!” “It was so easy!” were among the many positive comments.

A few feedback forms indicated some participants felt the fees were too high, while other individuals actually donated more than the fee requested feeling they were getting a bargain as the cleanup cost less and is more convenient than taking items to Metro. Others who had brought hazardous waste were unhappy and the committee apologizes for the erroneous information submitted in error to the Southeast Examiner for Mt Tabor’s neighborhood notes. A hitch with one of the haulers delayed opening time. But as a whole the event was quite a success and ran smoothly for the most part. At least 30 volunteers showed up to help out during the event, many veterans of past cleanups and lots of new faces. The committee would like to identify volunteers early on who would like to take on crew leader positions to begin working soon on plans for next year’s event. If you would like to participate in the planning and organizing for next year’s cleanup, please email cleanup@northtabor.org or leave a message with your contact information at 503-928-4655. Let’s work together to make next year’s cleanup even more successful and sustainable.

Laurelhurst Cafe events can be found on the cafe website: laurelhurstcafe.com. The North Tabor Neighborhood Association appreciates the support we get from all our local businesses, but Ken seems to go the extra mile. Congratulations!

To see more about the Seeds of Southeast Uplift Awards go to: southeastuplift.org/content/seeds-se-uplift.

Ken Bareilles and family enjoying Southeast Uplifts Second Annual Volunteer Appreciation Bowl-o-Rama.

Check the North Tabor Calendar for Mt Tabor Concerts this July. northtabor.org
Andrew Hunt of WoodMetalSun

Hello North Tabor Neighbors! My name is Andrew Hunt. I am a builder re-building my business here in North Tabor. My wife, Cortnie Tippet, and I moved here about 2 years ago with our two wonderful daughters. We had a chicken farm along with our construction business. The construction boom finally ended in Santa Fe after an astonishing 75 year run. My wife has written a book about our personal piece of this historical event, called Just a Couple of Chickens.

We came to Portland looking for more moisture, and found it! Along with better schools for our girls. You long time residents will be proud to know that Portland schools rate amongst the highest in the nation. We loved our chickens and look forward to having a micro homestead here in the hood.

My company, WoodMetalSun, is a full service residential remodeling concern. My personal specialty is as a woodworker with a particular love for, and expertise in, doors, locksets, hinges, thresholds, glass. Give me a call at 503-201-3914!

For North Tabor residents I am offering a free, no-obligation door tune-up, to proverbially and literally, get my foot in the door. I desire to build rapport along with my business here in North Tabor, and I look forward to having a conversation about your other infrastructure improvement needs. You can check me out online at: linkedin.com/pa/andrew-hunt/444040x/725.

I really enjoyed helping out with the deconstruction effort at the Clean-up April 28th and further enjoyed doing my part in helping you all clear a space for a new project in your garage or yard. I look forward to meeting you again soon.

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Community Health & Safety Fair, June 16 (Continued from Page 1)

Rose City Park, Mt. Tabor, and Laurelhurst neighborhoods by providing an event where residents in these communities can come together to become more familiar with each other and what the area as a whole has to offer. The focus of this fair will be on community-building, healthy lifestyles, and a safe environment. We have a number of organizations lined up to offer education, resources, and fun interaction as of this printing and we hope for confirmation from many more. We are excited to have Outdoor School, Elden in Action, Friends of Trees, Petco, Portland Community College Medical Assisting Program, Parkinotics A Resource of Oregon, North Tabor Neighborhood Association, The Mural Project, AARP, Cyclovia, City of Portland Crime Prevention, Humane Society, East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, and SOLV each hosting a booth at the fair.

Several organizations have already generously donated prizes for our this event and we are hoping to receive additional donations from some of our local businesses. You can look forward to the possibility of winning such wonderful items as a Gift Tree from Friends of Trees, an Outdoor School t-shirt, a $50 gift certificate to the Adventure WILD Summer Day Camp, a First Aid Kit from PCC, a gardening basket of goodies from North Tabor Neighborhood Association, bike helmets in multiple sizes from OHSU, Walk Thru’s books from Mtms, a basic bike tune up and T-shirt from Cyclovia, Chinook Books from Meadows Group Realtors Jen Luntstrom and Sam Fueg, tickets to the Academy Theatre, tickets to the Architectural Heritage Center exhibits, certificates for dining at local restaurants and many other fun prizes yet to come. Check out northtabor.org/committee/sustaining/safety/community-health-safety-fair/ for updates on participating organizations and prizes.

There will also be live music, artists displaying their creations, arts and crafts activities for everyone, neighborhood oriented interactive displays, and entertaining learning games—all with a focus on community. North Tabor residents have volunteered to play gutter for kids and help make mini-mascots, to provide stamping and water color pencil art, to guide fair-goers through the “Know Your Neighborhood” game, the neighborhood map, and the neighborhood feedback/input board; and to help make bottle cap art magnets. Petco will provide a Wheel of Fortune Game with prizes for all, which costs $1 to play, but all the proceeds will go to their foundation for animals. Look for other fine games, each with a community, health, or safety theme. Other craft booths may include origami, papier mache, free painting, and chalk drawing.

If you or a business you know would like to donate prizes for this event, please contact us. Additionally, we need to hire a ticket and prize distribution, craft assistants (whatever your talent is!), setting up, hospitality, traffic management; help at the game stations and cleanup. If you would like to volunteer please e-mail sustainable@northtabor.org or call 503-928-4655.

For updated information on the fair, keep an eye out for the posters that will go up next month around the neighborhood.
Help Wanted: Board Members

The North Tabor Neighborhood Association is in need of a few new board members to replace current vacancies. There is a special need for someone to fill the vacant position of Secretary, to record and process meeting minutes. But there is also always room for anyone who would like to serve on the board or on any committees. If interested email volunteer@northtabor.org or call 503-928-4655 and leave a message with your contact information.

Help Needed: Newsletter

The North Tabor News welcomes contributions of articles and photos. Individuals who are interested in assisting with the production including proofreading would be welcomed. For information, please contact editor@northtabor.org.