Spring clean-up Saturday, April 27!

On April 27, from 9am-1pm, the North Tabor Neighborhood Association will join forces with Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association to host our annual Spring Clean Up in the parking lot of Mt. Tabor Middle School, 5800 SE Ash Street. Everyone is welcome to bring their unwanted items for disposal, recycling and reuse. As in previous years, reusable items will be available for sale at low cost. Acceptable items include yard debris, electronics, furniture, clothing, carpets, mattresses, tires, car seats, plastics, metal, and glass. Hazardous waste, construction debris, air conditioners, refrigerators, and freezers will not be accepted. Organizers and volunteers retain the right to refuse any item. Fees will be $10-$15 for average car loads and $25-$30 and up for oversized loads. Tires will be $5 each off the rim and $10 each on the rim.

The event is made possible by Mt. Tabor and North Tabor Neighborhood Associations, Southeast Uplift, the City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, Metro, and the work of many volunteers. Proceeds above the cost of the event will be split between the two neighborhoods. Volunteers are still needed to direct traffic, and for unloading and sorting materials. Contact 503.928.4655 or cleanup@northtabor.org to volunteer or with questions about what will be accepted. See the insert accompanying this newsletter for further information.

Infill and increasing density in North Tabor

by Gabe Fryne

This past year Nathan Keene and his wife Astrid were considering making an offer to buy the three-bedroom house they rent on NE 5th Ave. Originally from Idaho, Keene spent several years in New York City before returning to the northwest in January of 2012. Then he found out about the infill project that was soon to come to the lot directly behind his house.

"Knowing that there are these multiple unit things being built right behind us that are going to be built all the way out to the sidewalk and to the edge of the lot and removing trees and removing green space makes us less interested," he explains wistfully.

From a host of stenciled lawn signs and the pages of Craigslist, the pitch “We buy lots! Houses in any condition” has alerted residents of North Tabor and surrounding areas that change is on the way—and it may not be pretty. The recent purchase by Portland City Homes, a local real estate development company, of a modest cottage on a double-sized lot on NE 57th Avenue is the latest episode in a growing trend towards infill development that is gradually transforming the neighborhood into a denser, more crowded and, some would say, less attractive swath of real estate. With local housing prices on the mend, the gold rush is on.

The builder, Mark Wilde of Portland, has filed an application with the Bureau of Development Services to demolish the cottage, take down a mature magnolia tree at the rear of the property, and build three individual residential units, with an option to put accessory dwelling units in two of those. If the application complies with all relevant zoning criteria and wins approval, construction could start as early as April. Wilde estimates that the new residences will be priced at over $300,000 each—slightly more than what he paid for the cottage alone.

On March 19 the North Tabor Neighborhood Association passed a resolution formally objecting to the Portland City Homes proposal for the lot. The resolution takes issue with the diminished privacy that would result from taking down the magnolia, as well as the 30-ft height of the proposed residences, the possibility of increased traffic and demand for parking in the immediate vicinity, and what it calls the “downgrading” of the character and aesthetic appeal of North Tabor. It further “calls on the City of Portland to retain ‘community benefit agreement’ for any future infill developments in North Tabor so as to ensure that local residents benefit from the development and the builder has neighborhood support for the project.” Wilde seems unphrased by these objections.

Sitting at his desk in a quiet office just off Hawthorne Boulevard early one morning, he spoke calmly about the proposed development on NE 57th.

“It’s no more different privacy-wise than any of the existing homes. There are some other tall houses, especially the ones that are up on the hill, and I would say there have more of a view into neighboring properties than ours do.” It wasn’t exactly clear which houses “up on the hill” he was referring to, but his description would seem to fit two new infill structures that were built on NE Couch within the past three years. In other words, his project would be well within a new standard of privacy created by the recent trend towards vertical infill.

Wilde also takes exception to the resolution’s claim that his plans would downgrade the neighborhoods character. “I think I understand that,” he says. “A gain, the house design, I provided it, although it’s probably narrower than an older house, we try to utilize a lot of the character: the front porch, hipped roof with the gable, so unfortunately I have to disagree with them.”

The controversy surrounding the proposed development on NE 57th is merely one of many.

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Letter from the chair

Thank you to everyone who has submitted ideas for our Mural Project! The muralists brought their design to our last Board meeting and it is looking fantastic (see photos on back page). We feel confident with our RACC grant application and are still seeking outside donations for this project. Anyone interested in the mural may contact the muralist this summer and chilly fall months.

Spring is in the air and we had a great turnout at the Rain Garden and Naturecoping workshops held in North Tabor in March (see page 7). We would love to showcase all the lovely gardens in our neighborhood by hosting a Garden Tour this spring or summer (see page 6). If you are interested in showing off your garden or organizing, please contact Zach at gardens@northtabor.org.

Thank you to our speakers! Clean Energy Works Oregon offer free home energy audits, rebates and financing for home energy improvements (www.cleanenergyworksoregon.org). The Southeast Portland Food Project is a long-term vision to drive that pickers' food to your home every two months - with their next pickup on Saturday, April 13th (www.southeastproj.org). Planning for our Annual Cleanup on Saturday April 27th with Mt Tabor Neighborhood Association is in full swing (see insert and page 1). We will still need volunteers for our main feature of the day. Please remember to bring a few hours to check people in, direct traffic, sort recyclables, or drive your truck to recycle goods at the end of the day, we would love to hear from you. Email us at cleanup@northtabor.org.

The North Tabor Neighborhood Association is excited to have a new Board member or individuals to be involved on one of our committees: Communications, Land Use, Sustainability, Providence Good Neighbor, or any ad hoc project committees like our Mural Project. Visit our website for more information on ways to get involved or Southeast Uplift, who provides a great summary on board member responsibilities.

Our next general board meeting is Tuesday, April 16th. We will be approving revisions to our bylaws and have speakers to share information relative to the Fluorine newsletter.

Visit our website at NorthTabor.org to keep updated on our meeting agendas, happenings in the neighborhood, or to get involved with one of our committees.

Melissa Bockwinkel

Resolution on Coal Trains Through North Tabor

February 13, 2013
Resolution on Coal Trains through North Tabor

North Tabor Neighborhood Association: Motion to oppose the proposal for the export of coal through the Pacific Northwest, the Columbia Gorge, the Portland Region, and the North Tabor Neighborhood.

We, the undersigned members of the North Tabor Neighborhood Association, hereby request the following:

- The Tabor Neighborhood Neighborhood Association believes it is our responsibility to protect and promote the quality of life, safety, health, well being, and economic interest of our neighborhood.

- We are opposed to the export of coal through our backyard and the greater Portland region that will have long lasting impacts on the health and quality of our lives and environment.

- Additionally, we are opposed to the export of coal mined from public lands through the Pacific Northwest that will contribute to a global increase in greenhouse gases and climate change.

We support Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber and U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley’s call for federal agencies to evaluate the impact of the five coal terminal proposals. We call upon State and Federal governments to require a cumulative and comprehensive programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, EIS.

The approval of the coal trains it is based on the following:

a) Our neighborhood is adjacent (within 1 block) from the train route. This is a public safety and concern hazard to the residents of North Tabor and the environment.

b) Damage and contamination of the land and water will have negative impacts and increase health issues for North Tabor residents and the Providence Hospital patient population including the Cancer unit where patients are sensitive to toxic emissions.

c) The introduction of coal trains represents a profound degradation to our health, safety, and security of a significant number of residents and businesses in our community and the entirety of North Tabor.

We urge our political leadership in supporting our community and strongly opposing coal trains.

Sincerely,

Melissa Bockwinkel, North Tabor Neighborhood Chair

Resolution regarding an Infill development

Resolution: The North Tabor Neighborhood Association requests that the Bureau of Development Services recommend the proposed infill sites for the lot at 214 NE 46th Street, City and City Homes (case L U 13-102781 LDP) for the following reasons: applicant would demolish a nearly century-old cottage, bordered by rose arbors, that was sold in January 2013 for a price well within the affordable range of middle-class family homes. Applicant would not cut down the large, mature maple trees that are an adversely impact bird habitat and residential privacy in the vicinity. Applicant would reconfigure the cottage with three individual skinny house type residences that would significantly downgrade the character and aesthetic appeal of the neighborhood. Applicant of North Tabor would like to preserve the neighborhood’s small-town look and feel and ambiance. Applicant has proposed two accessory dwelling units for two of the proposed residences, which would add a total of four new residences to the lot. This would adversely affect traffic and parking in the neighborhood. The North Tabor Neighborhood Association calls on the City of Portland to require community benefit agreements for any future infill developments in North Tabor so as to ensure that local residents benefit from the development and the builder has neighborhood support for the project.

Update on Providence Portland Medical Center

You have been hearing about the pending Providence Portland Medical Center (PPMC) Master Plan land use application for significant additional development of the medical campus for many months. Well, last July the City approved this new ten year Master Plan. Some of it was a re-approval of projects that were not constructed during the lifetime of the previous Conditional Use Master Plan and much is new. New projects include construction of a new Hospital Building replacement, East Inpatient Building and West Medical Office Building with parking. The latter is a replacement of the currently existing office building west of 47th Avenue with an 80,000 square foot medical building. Along with the 20,000 square foot East Inpatient Building with parking replacing the existing Moore Lithographic Building, this represents the full build out of the west of 47th Avenue medical campus. The City denied the requested skybridge over 47th Avenue connecting the West Campus to the Main Campus. One of the City’s conditions of approval for the PPMC Master Plan is to have a Good Neighborhood Agreement (GNA) with the Laurelhurst and North Tabor Neighborhood Associations. This was finalized and signed by PPMC and our two neighborhood associations in November. It is the road map for neighborhood involvement with PPMC in the development of the medical campus over the next ten years. The GNA provides for a Standing Committee to achieve this continuous community input. The Standing Committee consists of representatives from PPMC, the North Tabor Neighborhood Association and the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association. The appointed North Tabor members are Zach Michael and Judy Kennedy. A very important Standing Committee Subcommittee to this agreement is the Transportation Work Group (TGW). Providing for a TGW recognizes the neighborhood impacts of the increased traffic and increased demand for parking generated by the medical campus, is a high priority issue. This has been a very brief overview of the medical campus updates and land use application. Please contact Zach Michael at zmi@zmichael.com for more information, including interest in membership on the Transportation Work Group.

—Gary Naylor
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such communities that have touched neighborhoods across the city in recent years. When the Portland City Council passed the Comprehensive Plan in 1998, the concept of infill—where the subdividing and building up of center city lots in order to prevent sprawl on farmland beyond the urban growth boundary—was envisioned to be "at the latest in two year or since the housing market bottomed out, the reality of infill has prompted many Portlanders to take a second look. A headline in the Oregonian last August declared "people resident—claiming that the southeast Portland neighborhood was "under assault" by infill. The article went on to note that former Commissioner Dorothy Lavelle had received an avalanche of mail over the summer complaining about developers "demolishing old homes and replacing them with newer, "skinnier homes, on smaller lots." One resident wrote, "Please put an immediate stop to this nonsense. We want true 5,000 SF and no more trash in fill filth and run rad.")

Bob Kellert, the Southeast Uplift contact for North Tabor, also sees infill as a "citywide dilemma." There are a few issues, especially the "skinny house" issues," he said at a recent North Tabor Land Use Committee meeting. "The other issue is in some areas where we're building new homes and removing homes going in." He noted that the latter does little to address the issue of affordability.

Fortunately for North Tabor residents, infill is front and center in an ongoing review of the Comprehensive Plan, which will be completed in the fall of 2014. A Bureau of Planning survey that is part of the review (available on line at: www.portlandonline.com/lps/psdcomplan) includes a number of questions on building affordable housing and "current neighborhood displacement and gentrification. Unfortunately for North Tabor residents, the current Comprehensive Plan supports infill in "transformation corridors," of which North Tabor is a prime example, and current city zoning allows for building in most of the neighborhood on lots as small as 2,000 square feet, which meant that any single residence lot could be subdivided.

Obviously, feedback from North Tabor and other residents affected by infill will be one factor the Planning Department needs to consider in its new Comprehensive Plan.

Some residents were willing to point out, "There is this huge demand in Portland. A lot of people want to live in North Tabor, on Mt. Tabor. There's still a major shortage of housing." The crux of the issue is whether new development will conform to the small-town ambience created by North Tabor's cottages and bungalows, or whether it will look more like suburban subdivisions waded into diminutive city lot. It makes the neighborhood less desirable to me to live in," says Nathan Keene, reflecting on the new units about to be built behind his house. "I don't think these properties are marketed to Portlanders, they're marketed to people from suburbs who aren't looking for the same things that [older Portland residents] are looking for." Keene shakes his head and glances out over the neighborhood from his door stoop. "If I wanted to see row after row of ticky-tacky townhouses, I could have stayed in New York City and moved further out in Queens."

In the Community

Volunteer for Mount Tabor Park
Join the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park Ward Ward in protesting the proposed sale of a small lot at Mt. Tabor Park on the first Saturday of every month, 9-11 am. Find out more at www.taborfriends.org.

Kitchen Share Lending Library A lending library for kitchen tools is located in the main corridor of St. David of Wales Episcopal Church, 2000 SE Harrison Ave. The library is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 5-8 pm and beginning April 20 will be open Saturday, 10 am-noon. See the entire collection of equipment, ice cream makers, bread makers, etc. at kitchenware.org.

School Board Candidate Forum All candidates for Portland Public School Board have been invited to outline their plans for neighborhood schools and answer questions at a forum on April 10. The forum will be held at the Gym at Franklin High School, 505 SE Woodward, Wednesday, April 10 at 7 pm. Three of seven school board members will be chosen by voters in May election this year. Ballots will be mailed on May 3 and must be returned by May 21.

Support Sale to Benefit Mt. Tabor Middle School PTA Saturday, April 27, 9-5pm in the Mt. Tabor Middle School cafeteria, 5800 SE Ashe St. Contact Shanah Johnson if you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the sale: shannahjohnson@juno.com or 503.772.0427, or bring donations to Mt. Tabor Middle School on April 26, 4-5 pm.

Earth Day at Glencoe Elementary
Field trips and plants at Glencoe Elementary, 50th & Belknap. Saturday, April 20, 9-11 am. Bring gloves and tools if you have them.

Film: Deep Green. Local filmmaker, Matt Briggs, will be on hand to introduce his film during a special showing on April 13 at the Friends Meeting House, 4312 SE Stark St. Matt will answer questions about the film and after the show. Deep Green emphasizes solutions to the global climate crisis. Admission is free. April 13, 7 pm.

North Tabor/ Mt Tabor Spring Clean-up, Saturday, April 27, 9am-1pm. Mt. Tabor Middle School parking lot, SE 57th and Oak. $10-50 fee.

Portland Chamber Group. The Portland Chamber of Commerce hosted diverse candidates for the upcoming May elections at Portland City Hall. April 13. Guest artist is Amali Edelle, $7 donation, 54 students and seniors/kids 10 and under free.

Pedestrian Safety on NE Glisan. A meeting with Portland Bureau of Transportation addressed the proposed Safe Routes to School project and increased pedestrian safety is scheduled for 7pm, April 22, at Montavilla United Methodist Church, 252 SE 8th.

Reporting and Removing Graffiti
To become involved in the City of Portland Graffiti Abatement Program, contact the Office of Neighborhood Involvement at 503 823-5860. Who do I notify to report graffiti? Contact the Portland Police Bureau’s Graffiti Hotline at 503 823-4TA.G (4824).

- Report graffiti online through the City’s Office of Neighborhood Involvement website. Include a digital photo of the graffiti if available: www.portlandonline.com/oni/index.cfm?c=32420
- Call 1-1-1 to report ongoing graffiti progress.
- Report graffiti on your own property to the police: 503-823-3333. Without a police report, prosecution is difficult.
- Who can help me remove graffiti?

- Graffiti removal kits are available at nine Portland fire stations: 03, 08, 13, 14, 18, 23, 24, 50, and 41. Visit the ONI website for more information and station locations.

- Graffiti removal kits can be purchased at many Clean and Safe Clean & Safe Clean & Safe, community. Call 503-244-7383 for removal assistance. Visit www.portlandalliance.com to view a district map.

- For graffiti removal assistance contact the City of Portland Office of Neighborhood Improvement Graffiti Abatement Program at 503-823-5860.

- For graffiti removal on traffic signs, contact Citywide Maintenance Bureau for traffic sign cleanup at 503-823-1703.

Banfield Paving Project
The Oregon Department of Transportation will re-pave both directions of Interstate 84 between Interstate 5 and Interstate 205 (Banfield Expressway) in Portland this summer, using three directional weekend closures to complete construction more quickly. Construction is scheduled to start in May 2013 and be complete in October 2013. Some of the alternative routes they are suggesting will bring you through North Tabor neighborhood down Burnside, likely increasing Glisan street traffic as well.

The preliminary schedule of weekend closures is as follows:
- 10pm, Friday, July 12 to 5am, Monday, July 15
- 10pm, July 19 to 12am, Saturday, July 20
- 10pm, January 8 to 5am, Monday, January 13
- 11pm, Saturday, August 3 to 5am, Monday, August 5

This schedule is subject to change based on weather and other factors. Get the latest information and stay up to date by visiting www.banfield.org or calling the construction hotline: 503.731.4663.

PDX Airport Construction
Work is planned to reconstruct Taxiway C and repair the south runway this spring through fall at Portland International Airport (PDX). Planned is the full reconstruction of the eastern portion of Taxiway C, which provides aircraft access to and from the south runway. The south runway repair will replace concrete that was damaged after a military jet’s tire failed, causing its landing gear to scrape the runway. Temporary repairs are already in place.

Taxiway C reconstruction work will run from April 1 through mid-October. Repairs are planned for the south runway from approximately April 15 to May 31, and again from August 16 to September 29. The runway will be open between June 1 and August 15 to help accommodate peak summer traffic.

While no major flight schedule delays are expected, airport neighbors should expect increased flights over some airport neighborhoods during the south runway closure. That’s because many aircraft that would normally use the south runway will temporarily use the north or crosswind runways.

In particular, the use of the crosswind runway will increase the number of flights over neighborhoods south of the south runway closure. The crosswind runway use is necessary, because the airport generally cannot accommodate all PDX flights when the south runway closes. Furthermore, the location of some airline operations on the south side of the airport will mean that the runway will still be used by larger-than-usual passenger propeller aircraft.

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www.portlandairport.com/Noise_Mgmt/Home.aspx

North Tabor February Neighborhood Meeting
Six board members and ten other people signed in on the sign-in sheet.

Mark Lakeman from the Village Building Convergence spoke and gave a presentation about Placemaking. His organization hosts week-long workshops to build community.

John Cole from the City of Portland Office of Sustainability spoke about the Comprehensive Plan Update. The City of Portland has proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan policy as it relates to colleges and hospitals across the city. Several neighbors attending who were interested in how this would relate to our neighborhood and Providence Hospital.

John can be contacted at john.cole@portlandoregon.gov

It was motioned and approved to donate $2,000 to the Annual Cleanup and North Tabor Neighborhood Association checking account to the Mural Project.
Community Building: North Tabor Garden Tour

I have been working in my yard the last couple of weeks with the beautiful March weather we have been having. Well, I say working because that is what most adults say before they head outside to mow the lawn or trim the hedge or weed the garden beds. Usually, I tell my husband or hang up the telephone on a friend after saying I am off to play in the yard. And sometimes I pronounce it “yard” or “door yard” when my New England roots are showing. I don't know about you, but I'm not to old to play.

Maybe you have walked past our little bungalow at the corner of 55th and Couch and said hi. I know some of you have. We have chatted about your dogs or children, about our roses, hedge, or retaining wall. We talk about the neighbors and what construction projects are going on. We share community. We share some of the strongest community I feel in this world of driving in a box, from box to box on a grid of rectangles set into squares set into larger squares. We connect in a real and human way and it feels so special. At least it does to me.

I, too, get to greet others while they are playing in their yards as I walk my dog or deliver the North Tabor News. And I have seen some amazing gardens on these walks. But sometimes all we ever say is hi or the neighbors are not outside when I walk by.

That got me thinking about how, as a board member of the neighborhood association, I could facilitate further dialogue and deepen community connections beyond the pleasures. Not that those pleasures don't feel good for a minute or two, but they do seem rather shallow or unsubstantial. What if I came up with a garden tour? Now, a garden tour is not going to save the world, but it can build upon these experiences of community that we have in our yards with random passers by and promote connections between neighbors that may not have randomly met. Plus, it is cheap and easy to organize. All we need are some neighbors to volunteer their gardens for viewing and away we go!

Interested? Awesome! All you need to do to help this happen is volunteer your garden for viewing or encourage a neighbor to volunteer their garden. Once we have some locations I, your trusty board member, will set a date and time, whip up some flyers, create and distribute maps to the host gardens and bam! We are talking plants, enjoying each other's company, trading tips, or whatever else happens. I am not establishing everything a garden tour has to be, I am here to create it and dream of what could be as a result of having one.

Please send inquiries or hosting requests to gardens@northtabor.org. The proposed date is Saturday, June 15th, 10am – 2pm. As you can see, it is not a huge time commitment and I am hoping to organize thank you gifts or a thank you bar-b-que for the host gardens. Happy Spring!

—Zach Michaud

VARIETY REALLY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE!

Portland Nursery is proud to offer a wide variety of heirloom vegetable seeds and starts, many from local companies. Cosmic Purple parrots? Tiger Eye beans? Arkansas Traveler tomatoes? Yes, those and many more.
Gardening with no pesticides or fewer pesticides


Gardens of eau: advanced vegetable gardening
Ready to take your veggie gardening to the next level? Learn how to plan for year-round harvests with careful crop choices, vertical gardening and techniques to stretch the growing season. Plus, explore the principles of no-till weed and pest management to boost your harvests and reduce the amount of time and money needed for a healthy, productive garden. Led by regional gardening expert Jen Aron. Advance registration required; call Naomi’s at 503.317.8551. Thursday, May 2, 5:30-6:30pm. Naomi’s Organic Farm Supply, 2651 SE Schiller. Free.

Montavilla Food Buying Club isn’t just for Montavilla
In its most basic form, a food buying club is a way for individuals to join together and purchase bulk food directly from vendors, usually at wholesale prices. It’s a way to “Buy Better Together”—better quality at better prices with better (less packaging). Purchasing through the buying club empowers members to make conscious choices about where our food comes from and to support our local economy.

Participants in the Montavilla Food Buying Club ultimately make the decisions about the kind of products bought together. Currently, the Club offers monthly orders from Frontier Hummingbird, Cafe Mantu organic coffee, and PD Farms. Grass-fed beef, eggs, garlic and pasture raised pork are regularly available and there are periodic opportunities to buy specialty items, like blueberries, peaches, apples, tamales, fish oil and many other local products. Pesticide-free produce is offered from Little Gnome Farms and PD Farms.

Sustainable North Tabor
The first ever Rain Garden and Naturescaping workshops in North Tabor were held in March at the Community of Christ Church. Both free workshops were a huge success with robust attendance and enthusiastic participants. Rain Gardens Tabor 101 looked at constructing rain gardens in your yard and how to assess your property for the best location, size, and choice in plants. Naturescaping Basics looked at designing or redesigning a landscape so that it reduces water use, stormwater runoff, and pollution while saving time and money; and creating a beautiful space. Naturescaping Basics also had wonderful suggestions on native plants to include in your yard, which invasive and toxic plants to avoid, and solutions for landscape issues. These two workshops were made possible by the East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District (EMSWCD), the North Tabor Neighborhood Association, and the Community of Christ Church.

A huge thank you to all that made the workshops a major success. This was a fulfilling learning experience for North Tabor residents as it helped us learn how low impact & chemical-free gardening techniques are good for everyone, good for our water quality, good for our wildlife, and good for our neighborhood. Features of the workshops included landscaping with native plants, minimizing watering needs, invasive weed identification, creative stormwater solutions, and how to provide backyard habitat for birds and butterflies. Other workshops that North Tabor would like to host in the future are Site Planning 1 & 2, which is an extension of Naturescaping Basics, Urban Art: Basics and Mapping, Naturescaping Yard Tour, and Urban Weed Control. For more info please see the EMSWCD website. If you would like to be part of planning for future workshops, projects, and other events that also develop neighborhood interest and involvement in North Tabor’s flourishing ecology, please contact sustainable@northtabor.org.

Show off your Garden: Be a Tour Host!

That’s right! East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District highlights yards and gardens in their Naturescaping for Backyard Habitats Tour on Saturday, June 1. They are looking for a variety of garden sizes and types by do-it-yourselfers who have incorporated naturescaping concepts and stormwater features into their garden.
Draft Bylaws of the North Tabor Neighborhood Association for April 16 vote

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION: The name of the organization shall be the North Tabor Neighborhood Association (NTNA).

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE: The purposes for which the Association is organized are:

a. To enhance the livability of the neighborhood and Portland by establishing and maintaining an open line of communication and liaison among the neighborhood, government agencies and other neighborhoods.

b. To provide an open process by which all members of the neighborhood may involve themselves in the affairs of the neighborhood.

c. To do and perform all of the activities related to neighborhood matters as determined by the Bylaws of the NTNA. Any activity for which nonprofit corporations may be organized under ORS Chapter 64.580 may be performed by the Association.

d. For such other objectives as are approved by the Board of Directors (Board) or membership.

The purposes for which the Neighborhood Association is organized are:

a. To enhance the livability of the neighborhood and Portland by establishing and maintaining an open line of communication and liaison among the neighborhood, government agencies and other neighborhoods.

b. To provide an open process by which all members of the neighborhood may involve themselves in the affairs of the neighborhood.

c. To do and perform all of the activities related to said purposes, to have and enjoy all of the powers granted, to do and perform all of the activities for which nonprofit corporations may be organized under ORS Chapter 65.

d. For such other objectives as are approved by the Board of Directors (Board) or membership.

ARTICLE VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Section 1 Number of Board Members: The Board shall determine the exact numbers of Board positions annually. There shall be at least five (5) and no more than seven (7) Board members.

Section 2 Eligibility for Board Service: Only persons eligible for membership shall be qualified to hold an elective office on the Board.

Section 3 Terms of Office: Terms shall be one (1) year after which the office is up for election. All board members shall run on a consecutive term basis. Any board member must notify the Chair of their inability to finish their term. One (1) year term is to be effective starting from the annual board election.

Section 4 Board Vacancies: The Board may fill any vacant position on the Board or committees by majority vote of the Board. A member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term until his or her successor is elected or appointed.

Section 5 Election of Board Members: Board members shall be elected annually by a vote of the membership at the annual meeting. The names of all candidates for the Board shall be placed in nomination by a nominating committee or by any member of the Neighborhood Association. Election requires a majority vote of the membership present.

Section 6 Duties of Board Members: The Board shall have the following responsibilities and powers: a. To manage the daily affairs of the Neighborhood Association.

b. Make decisions and represent the interests of the Neighborhood Association on all matters for which it is impractical to present to the membership in all such actions shall be reported to the membership at the next regular meeting.

c. Appoint committees to perform necessary functions and represent the Neighborhood Association on special topics.

d. Establish a procedure for the discussion of priority issues and projects for maintaining and encouraging involvement in the Neighborhood Association.

The Board shall consist of the following:

Section 7 Election of Board Officers: Board members shall meet after the annual general meeting
Bylaws Draft (Continued)

has the responsibility to act in the best interest of the neighborhood but is not specifically bound to act according to the desires of the majority of members attending a particular meeting.

Executive Committee: The Executive Committee is made up of the officers of the NTA and any Board members assigned the duties of the Chair and Vice Chair. A majority of the Executive Committee is authorized to take action on behalf of the NTA when action is required before the next regularly-scheduled NTA Board meeting. The Board will review the action and either approve or disapprove it at the next regularly scheduled NTA meeting.

Section 11 Termination for non-attendance: Board members failing to attend three consecutive Board meetings may be terminated from the Board upon written notice.

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES: There may be standing committees as designated by the Board and special committees as may be established by the Chair. Membership on these committees is open to all members. Committees must have at least one (1) Board member on them. Committees must keep minutes of all meetings and may make recommendations to the Board for action.

ARTICLE IX. REPRESENTATIVES/DELEGATES AND LIAISONS
Representatives/Delegates or Liaisons to any agency, city bureau, organization, private or public group may be appointed by the board of directors or elected by the general membership when the need arises. Unless otherwise specified, term limits will last for one (1) year from time of appointment.

Section 1. Duties of Representatives/Delegates
Representatives/Delegates are to serve at the pleasure of the board and general membership. Only authorized representatives/delegates may represent NTA; each is to express the majority’s view or opinion, and a minority vote or opinion, if directed to do so, after a hearing and vote by the board or general membership has been held. Representatives/Delegates may take a position or vote representing NTA and be protected or authorized to do so by advance action of the Board or General Membership. Representatives/Delegates shall report to the Board and General Membership at regular meetings.

Section 2. Duties of Liaisons
Liaisons serve as communication between the NTA Board and an outside group or citizen on a particular issue. Liaisons are observers at others’ meetings and are expected to report back as needed during the “Liaison Reports” section of the board meeting agenda.

ARTICLE X. NEWSPAPER:
Section 1. Newsletter Purpose: The purpose of the newsletter is to:
1. To inform the members of the issues affecting our neighborhood, our community and the city and to encourage the free exchange of ideas and opinions on these issues.
2. To promote participation in NTA.
3. To act as a public announcement of NTA activities and meetings.
4. To inform the neighborhood of actions taken and decisions and recommendations made at NTA Board, general and committee meetings.
5. To reflect the cultural and artistic diversity of North Tabor.

Section 2. Newsletter Responsibility:
A. Board Responsibility
a. The Chair shall establish a newsletter committee to be chaired by a Board member.
b. The Chair assigns articles as appropriate to communicate relevant issues to the North Tabor area or delegates this responsibility.
c. The Newsletter committee will make every reasonable effort to ensure the newsletter will be delivered in a timely and useful manner.
d. The Board is ultimately responsible for the production and contents of the newsletter. The Executive Board is responsible for resolving disputes regarding the newsletter.

B. Editor Responsibility
a. The Editor is responsible for the production and authenticity of the newsletter and its contents.
b. The Editor may delegate responsibilities to other members.
c. The Editor has authority to withhold or edit any submitted items with the approval of the Chair.
d. As the Editor is a spokesperson for the NTA Board, the Chair must approve the newsletter prior to printing and distribution.

ARTICLE XI. CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROCEDURES: A transaction in which a Director may have a direct or indirect conflict of interest may be approved by a vote of the Board if in advance of the vote by the Board all material facts of the transaction and the Director’s interest are disclosed to the Board. A conflict of interest transaction is considered ratified if it receives the affirmative vote of the majority of the Directors who have no direct or indirect interest in the transaction. Approval may not be authorized by single Director. If a majority of the Directors who have no direct or indirect interest in the transaction votes to authorize, approve or ratify a transaction, a quorum must be present for the purpose of taking action. The presence of, or vote cast by a Director with a direct or indirect interest in the transaction does not affect the validity of the action taken by the Board. The Director with the direct or indirect conflict of interest may elect to abstain from voting on the transaction.

ARTICLE XII. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES:
Section 1. One-on-One Dialogue and Mediation: Individuals and groups are encouraged to reconcile differences, whether inside or outside the scope of these grievance procedures, through one-on-one dialogue or mediation.

Section 2. Eligibility to Grieve: Any person or group may initiate this grievance procedure by submitting a grievance in writing to the Board. Grievances are limited to complaints that the grievant has been harmed by a violation of the NTA Standards or these bylaws that has directly affected the outcome of a decision of the North Tabor Neighborhood Association. Grievances must be submitted within 45 days of the alleged violation.

Section 3. Presenting the Grievance: The Board shall arrange a Grievance Committee, which shall review the grievance. The committee shall hold a public hearing and give the grievant and others wishing to present relevant comment and an opportunity to be heard. The committee shall then forward its recommendations to the Board.

Section 4. Final Resolution: Within 60 calendar days from receipt of the grievance, North Tabor Neighborhood Association shall render a final decision on the grievance and notify the grievant of their decision. Deliberations by the grievance committee on a recommendation and by the Board on a decision may be held in executive session.

ARTICLE XIII. PROCEDURE FOR CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS:
Section 1. Submission of Proposals: Any person or group, inside or outside the boundaries of the neighborhood, may present written items for consideration and/or recommendation to the Board. The Board shall decide whether proposed items will appear on the agenda of the Board, standing or special committees, or general or special meetings.

Section 2. Notification: The proponent and members directly affected by such proposal shall be notified in writing of the place, day, and hour the proposal shall be considered. The proposal shall be reviewed not less than 24 hours in advance.

Section 3. Attendance: The proponent may attend this meeting to make a presentation and answer questions concerning the proposal.

Section 4. Dissemination: The Neighborhood Association shall record recommendations and dissenting views in the meeting minutes.

ARTICLE XIV. PUBLIC MEETINGS/PUBLIC RECORDS REQUIREMENT: The Neighborhood Association shall abide by all the requirements relative to public meetings and public records as outlined in Section VII of the Office of Neighborhood Involvement Standards for Neighborhood Associations. Official action(s) taken by the Neighborhood Association must be on record or part of the minutes of each meeting. The minutes shall include a record of attendance and the results of any vote(s) and recommendations made along with a summary of dissenting views. Official records will be kept on file at the District Coalition office.

ARTICLE XV. NONDISCRIMINATION: The Neighborhood Association will not discriminate against individuals or groups on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, ancestry, handicap, disability, citizenship, national origin, income, or political affiliation in any of its policies, recommendations or actions.

ARTICLE XVI. ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS OF BYLAWS: All amendments to these bylaws must be proposed in writing and submitted to members for a reading at a general meeting before voting on their adoption may occur. A proposal to amend the bylaws, specifying the date, time and place for consideration, must be provided to all members a minimum of seven (7) days before voting. Adoption of any amendments to these bylaws shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote by the members present at a general meeting.

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