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Welcome From The Board Chair



Illustration by Stephanie Szabo

It's been well over a year since you received a copy of our newsletter. With the new year ahead of us, we are excited to present the *North Tabor Note*, a quality publication that will keep you informed of upcoming events and ways to get involved to make our neighborhood a safe, livable place that we can all call home.

Over the past year, North Tabor Neighborhood Association elected an entirely new board, which is passionate about safe streets for pedestrians and bicycles, quality and affordable housing, thriving businesses and inspiring street art.

We are proud of our efforts and invite you to join us. We meet every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm at 5600 NE Glisan. Or check out any

of our active committees. All renters, homeowners and businesses are invited to participate.

Save the date! The annual Clean Up will be Saturday, April 25th at Mt. Tabor Middle School. This is a great way to do spring cleaning and serves as the main fundraiser for the neighborhood. Volunteers will be needed.

Please share your ideas, questions and interest in volunteering at board@northtabor.org. Also, stay connected by "liking" North Tabor News on Facebook and visiting northtabor.org. We hope to see you at our next meeting.

Beth Sanders, Board Chair
North Tabor Neighborhood Association

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Transportation & Land Use Notes

By Terry Dublinski-Milton

Over the past year, work has begun on the new Providence guest house and major changes occurred on NE 57th with demolitions and new residential infill. The much awaited 50's bikeway opened connecting Rose City Park with SE Woodstock and point south. We can now safely bike to Glencoe Elementary and Franklin High! Last month, after much advocacy, a new flashing beacon and pedestrian crossing opened in front of Fred Meyer.

North Tabor has been very active in the generational comprehensive plan update advocating for affordable housing options and safe transportation improvements throughout the region: Open comment period is through March. This quarter, we will stabilize our requests to the city for MAX station access improvements and push for a modernization of Halsey so those in "the pocket" can safely get north and east. NTNA has made some significant suggestions to the Department of Planning and sustainability that could stem this rash of demolitions of older homes, while concurrently increasing density in an affordable way. I will continue to follow up as it is critical to keep North Tabor affordable for as many residents as possible.

Connect With Communications

By Devlyn Keith

The Communications Committee is pleased to bring you the first of many volumes of the *North Tabor Note*. For the past 3 months the committee and NTNA board have been pushing hard to get the *Note* completed and to the press – with immense gratitude, I'd like to thank everyone who has helped in this process.

For the next few months, we'll continue to boost the presence of the NTNA throughout the neighborhood. Keep an eye on our Website and Facebook page for a planned Spring Litter Cleanup Day and other opportunities to strengthen our neighborhood with Dine-ins and fundraisers. We're also hoping to refresh our meeting yard signs and post the *Note* in businesses and along well-traveled pedestrian routes. Please get in touch with us if you'd like to have extra copies of the *Note* to distribute in this manner.

As winter turns to spring, you'll see us delivering the *Note* throughout the neighborhood again, when we'll have some more news on the summer plans of the Communications Committee. If you're interested in joining us, we meet every second Saturday at 10 am at Bidy McGraws.

Arts Committee Plans

By Devlyn Keith



Mandala street painting in SE Portland / Photo by Stephanie Szabo

The Arts Committee was formed in mid-2014 in order to focus the want for increased public art in North Tabor. The original idea presented by the Arts Committee Chair, Max Goldenkranz, was to beautify the sound wall along the south side of I84, thereby slowing traffic along Willow Street while also providing an opportunity for local artists to converge on another neighborhood project. While this scheme has been put on hold, the Arts Committee have been busy submitting requests for funds to paint a street mandala at NE 53rd Ave and Everett, a critical crossing on the new '50s bikeway. We should be hearing back from the two organizations who would help with this project by the end of January, and hope to be painting this summer! If you're interested in getting involved in neighborhood arts, please feel free to contact us at board@northtabor.org, and we'll add you to our meeting notifications.

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NTNA Land Use & Transportation Committee
 Feb. 3, Mar. 3, Apr. 7, 6:30pm – 8:00pm
 Location TBA

NTNA Communications Committee
 Feb. 14, Mar. 14, Apr. 11, 10 – 11 am
 @Biddy McGraw's

NTNA Neighborhood Meetings
 Feb. 17, Mar. 17, Apr. 21, 6:30pm – 8:30pm
 @5600 NE Glisan St.

Annual Clean-Up
 April 25, 9 am – TBD
 @Mt. Tabor Middle School

YOU CAN GET INVOLVED!

You do not have to become a member of the board to get involved with your neighborhood! If you would like to contribute to the newsletter or you have a suggestion, please send an e-mail to note@northtabor.org. This newsletter is created solely by volunteers, and we're always welcoming new ideas into the discussion.