



# Neighborhood News

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## Events Calendar

### Sunday Parkways Bike Rides

11am – 4pm

East – May 15th

North – June 26th

Northeast – July 24th

Southeast – Aug 21st

Sellwood-Milwaukie – Oct 2nd

<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/58929>

### \$5 5k Series Fun Runs

May 15 - Fernhill Park

June 12 - Lents Park

July 10 - Gabriel Park

Aug 14 - Laurelhurst Park

Sept 18 - Westmoreland Park

Oct 16 - Pier Park

<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/61144>

### Movies/Concerts in the Park

Schedule available at

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/61921>

### Neighborhood Cleanup

Tentatively scheduled for fall

– stay tuned!

### National Night Out Aug 2nd

Start planning your block party at [www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/article/33907](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/article/33907)

### South Tabor Neighborhood Association Meetings

3rd Thursday every month

(except December) 7pm

Trinity Fellowship Church,  
rear entrance

### Harvest Festival

Sept 18th, 12pm - 4pm

Trinity Fellowship Church  
back lawn

### Jade District Night Markets

August 20th and 27th, 5-10pm

PCC SE Campus,

corner of Division and SE 82nd

## What is a Neighborhood Association?

by Sara Ray

High Fees? Strict rules? What do you mean I can't paint my house that color?! That describes a homeowners association, not a neighborhood association. So what is a neighborhood association? Imagine a group of people who want to know their neighbors, who are involved in what happens to their neighborhood, and who work together to make where they live a better place. Neighborhood associations organize cleanups, hold plant sales, plan block parties, among other events. A neighborhood association is a group where you can advocate for and work with your neighbors for improvements like neighborhood safety, beautification, and community outreach.

Neighborhood associations are all-volunteer organizations with elected officers and regular meetings and are open to the public. Meetings follow an agenda and deal with issues relevant to

the neighborhood. Agenda points could range from social events, to land use policies, to pet issues. Members are able to have their voices heard and be informed about things that affect them and their neighborhood.

The South Tabor Neighborhood Association has been in existence for over 40 years. Part of what makes South Tabor such a great place to live is the guidance of the association. STNA has hosted a neighborhood cleanup annually for the many years, allowing neighbors to dispose of various household items and materials without the hassle of a trip to the dump. The STNA Harvest Festival is in its 7th year and is always a fun, family-friendly way to kick off the fall season.

Neighbors and neighborhood business owners are welcome to join STNA. If you live in South Tabor and are over 18 years old, your vote counts! STNA does not

discriminate in membership or in any of its policies on the basis of race, religion, color, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, national origin, income or political affiliation. You can see all our bylaws at [www.southtabor.org](http://www.southtabor.org).

Does this sound like something you'd want to be a part of? Then join the South Tabor Neighborhood Association every third Thursday at Trinity Fellowship, 2700 SE 67th Ave from 7pm-8:30pm. Come share your thoughts about what makes South Tabor a great neighborhood!

Our annual Neighborhood Cleanup that has typically been held in May will NOT be happening this year. Unfortunately, no one stepped forward to organize it. There is a chance that one will be held in fall; stayed tuned! If you're interested in helping make this event happen, send an email to [president@southtabor.org](mailto:president@southtabor.org). ☼

## South Tabor Held Its First Trash Pickup

by Brenda Reddaway

South Tabor had its first trash pickup recently in partnership with SOLVE and Metro. 27 volunteers showed up on March 26th to pick up litter on Powell Blvd and other streets in our neighborhood. The morning started off chilly and overcast, but became blue skies and sunshine very quickly. We were able to pick up close to 60 bags of trash. Additionally, we were able to recycle 1 bag of glass and a small amount of plastics and plastic bags, cut up and recycle two Xmas trees, redeem 1 & 1/2 bags of bottles and cans, safely dispose of several sharp objects, and donate one pair of prescription glasses to the Lions' eyeglass recycling program. Many thanks to our donors and sponsors - they made our event great! We want to specifically thank Dr Jonathan Roxas for allowing us to use his parking lot to stage our event! Super big thank you to Donna Tallman - our neighborhood State Farm agent for helping us purchase pizzas for our volunteers. We were fortunate to have been given donated Grand Central Bakery breads and pastries as well as Starbucks coffee for the morning. Also, The Porch let us borrow their hot water pots. Special thank you to Rudy's Gourmet Pizza - for discounting their delicious pizza, and to Dutch Bros for donating coffee cards! And many thanks to SOLVE and Metro and Southeast Uplift for supporting our effort to make Powell Blvd and our neighborhood a little cleaner! And to our neighbors – you guys rocked it!! ☼

# Wild In The City

by Sara Ray

Trickster. Rogue. Spirit guide. In many Native American mythologies, coyotes are the pranksters, the chaos bringers, and the embodiment of the untamed. Coyotes bring hidden wisdom with a mischievous sense of humor. For most city dwellers, coyotes are a nuisance, a pest, and perceived as a danger.

Coyotes are a part of our modern urban landscape, even if most people never realize how prevalent coyotes are. And how close. According to the Audubon Society, coyotes were considered rare in Oregon until the 1940's when the elimination of larger predators, combined with the settling of traditional habitats, encouraged coyotes to move west into expanded territory.

Coyotes are highly adaptable. Where destruction of habitats negatively affect many animals, the coyote thrives in an urban environment. The Audubon Society calls coyotes "opportunistic eaters", meaning they will eat whatever is available. Coyotes mostly eat small rodents, birds, and insects, but will also eat fruits and vegetables. In an urban environment garbage, compost, and pet food make an easy meal for coyotes.

Coyotes will also hunt and kill cats and small dogs if they are left outside at night. Coyotes can be dangerous to pets, but do contribute to keeping rodent populations in check.

Coyotes are not large, typically being 20-30 lbs. They are monogamous, but will form small

packs, and are most active between dusk and dawn. Attacks on humans are very rare, but coyotes will defend their dens so dog walkers should be careful in natural areas where coyotes may be protective of their pups.

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department suggest the following tips to prevent coyotes from becoming a nuisance:

- Keep all pet food in animal proof containers. Do not leave pet food or water out.
- Secure garbage cans and compost bins.
- Do not leave fallen fruit on the ground.
- Enclose chickens or other livestock in pens or coops.
- Don't allow cats or small dogs to roam, especially at night.
- Keep dogs on leashes in natural areas.

Coyotes are naturally wary of people and will most likely run if spotted. If cornered or trapped they will defend themselves, however. If you see a coyote exhibiting aggressive behavior, but is not an immediate threat, call the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department at 541-726-3515.

The Portland Urban Coyote Project is a group of researchers from Portland State University interested in understanding the relationship between humans and coyotes in an urban environment. You can report coyote sightings (for research purposes only), track sightings, watch video of Portland coyotes and learn more about coyotes at their website, [www.portlandcoyote.com](http://www.portlandcoyote.com). ❀

# Street Painting coming to South Tabor

by Morgan Pace Bolton

Have you come across a street mural in Portland before? Did you feel the sense of community and pride these neighbors must feel for their neighborhood? Or maybe you just appreciated the art and slowed down a bit to check it out.

Well, we're excited to announce that South Tabor, the neighborhood that we love and care for will be putting down its first street mural this summer!

A few of us ST ladies have been volunteering our time to make this happen. This involves many meetings with City Repair. City Repair aims to build community through design and art in public spaces, especially those areas that are, or could be, meeting spaces. The organization acts as a liaison with the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) to make the process smoother, and as a consultant to help groups like ours realize their ideas. We're also attending a few PBOT meetings to further comply with the city's rules and regulations regarding intersection street paintings. But getting out and meeting new neighbors and seeing the enthusiasm for our first street mural has been the best part by far!

The design contest for the mural has closed and the intersection of choice is in the process of final approval. We'll be posting the results on our South Tabor Neighborhood Facebook page and website soon. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/54718092947/> and [www.southtabor.org](http://www.southtabor.org).

Most likely we'll be doing the painting between June 3rd and 12th, during city repair's annual village building convergence. We'll keep you posted!

We'll need help! If you're interested in getting involved, either in the logistics or the actual street painting day this summer, please get in touch with us! At [streetpainting@southtabor.org](mailto:streetpainting@southtabor.org). ❀

# Good Land Use Links

by Sherm Harding

- Richmond-South Tabor Sewer Repair Project <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/article/565267> and nonconforming sewer info <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/58594>
- Residential Infill Study <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/67728>
- Homeless camps in all neighborhoods <http://www.pamplinmedia.com/pt/9-news/282350-158131-neighborhood-coalitions-seek-consensus-on-homeless-camps>
- Earthquake Preparedness <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/pbem/54418>
- Powell Rapid Transit <http://www.oregonmetro.gov/news/details-and-quick-poll-82nd-avenue-preferred-route-bus-rapid-transit>
- Café au Play or Tabor Commons community re-visioning <http://goo.gl/forms/RIqri-UC9N9>
- 2035 Comprehensive Plan <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/497622>
- Mixed-Use Zones project <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/63621>
- Division Design Initiative <http://divisiondesigninitiative.org/>
- WinCo <http://www.bizjournals.com/portland/blog/real-estate-daily/2015/09/smaller-concept-se-portland-winco-store-will-add.html> and <http://wincofoods.com/>

# Exploring the Jade District

by Christian Harvey

The Jade District is a diverse multi-cultural business district centered at SE 82nd Ave and Division, and is in a network of districts sponsored by the Portland Development Commission with the goal of creating small Urban Renewal Districts run by community members. The district is governed by a volunteer-driven steering committee made up of residents who are passionate about helping our community thrive. Mitigating displacement of existing neighborhood residents is one of the primary goals at the Jade District. The Jade District is currently seeking more community input and volunteers; if interested, more information is available at [www.jadedistrict.org](http://www.jadedistrict.org).

Here are some of the exciting projects the Jade is up to:

**PSU Sustainable Cities:** A team of Portland State University grad students is researching community-led development models, the value of urban greenspaces, and equitable transit fares. They will be developing a report on how community-led development works around the country.

**Economic Analysis:** The Jade has contracted with Bonnie Gee Yosick, an economic and policy analyst, to work with their subcommittees on an economic development study of local businesses.

**82nd Design Studio:** Timothy Smith of Sera Architects is teaching a design studio focused on 82nd Ave. Students in this class may work on a number of 82nd Ave projects, including some that will potentially be in the Jade District. Perhaps there is some interface with the JAMS (Jade APANO Multicultural Space; the old furniture store at SE 82nd & Division) planning?

**JAMS building Development/82nd Ave and Division:** Rose Community Development was chosen by the Metro community advisory panel as the recommended developer for a mixed use building with affordable housing that will replace the old furniture store. Rose Community Development will be holding a series of community meetings, the first was held April 9th and subsequent meetings will be announced.

**Parks and Green Space with ISS (Institute for Sustainable Solutions) and Columbia Land Trust:** Jai, an intern with ISS, will be doing some outreach and planning around the 89th Ave and Brooklyn area to create a list of potential site acquisitions for use as green spaces. This work would be supported by the Columbia Land Trust.

**Tree Planting:** There is a proposed project to plant trees to help address air and water quality issues in the Jade District. It will be coordinated with OPAL (Organizing People/Activating Leaders) and will be designated an Oregon Solutions project, pending an EPA grant award.

## Mark your calendars!

The Jade International Night Market will be held on Saturday August 20th and 27th from 5-10pm, at the Portland Community College SE Campus at 2305 SE 82nd Ave. It will feature multi-cultural performances, food, farmers market, kids' activities, retail vendors, and even a beer garden. If you want to volunteer, be a food/retail vendor, entertainer, or activity person at the Night Market, please contact Rosaline Hui at (503)-888-6298, [jadenightmarket@gmail.com](mailto:jadenightmarket@gmail.com), or [www.jadenightmarket.org](http://www.jadenightmarket.org).

The Jade District is partnering with different organizations on different projects. If you want more information on these partner organizations, here's the links: APANO (<http://www.apano.org/>), OPAL (<http://www.opalpdx.org/>), ISS (<http://www.pdx.edu/sustainability/iss>), Columbia Land Trust (<http://www.columbialandtrust.org/>), and Oregon Solutions (<http://orsolutions.org/>). ❁

# President's Corner

by Duane Hanson

I love this time of year.

When the weather transitions from super-soaker to the first lawn mowing of the season. When neighbors shake off cabin fever and head for their gardening gloves. When that UFO known as the sun makes longer and more frequent visits to our fair city.

Your South Tabor Neighborhood Association (STNA) celebrates another productive year.

We held a Neighborhood-wide Yard Sale, another successful Harvest Festival, and a Neighborhood Clean Up. Our monthly meetings have hosted a large number of relevant guest speakers who informed attendees upon a myriad of interesting topics such as in-fill, local crime, and homelessness. (My personal feeling being that folks sleep better when they are more knowledgeable on topics of potential concern.)

We just had a litter pick-up along Powell Blvd at the end of March. We also hosted an April Fool's Day Forum & Social with speakers on the upcoming South Tabor Sewer Repair Project, Portland's 25 Year Comprehensive Growth Plan, an update on toxic air, homelessness, and current Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) efforts in the unlikely event of a major catastrophe.

STNA board elections are in May, and our seventh annual Harvest Festival will be Sunday Sept 18th from 12pm to 4pm. Everything accomplished has been volunteer driven. Won't you come out and lend your voice to shaping the future of our neighborhood? STNA meets the third Thursday of each month at 7pm at Trinity Fellowship Church.

See you around, neighbor! ❁

## SE Portland Tool Library looking for volunteers

The Southeast Portland Tool Library (SEPTL) is looking for friendly folks to fill some new volunteer opportunities including Treasurer, Volunteer Coordinator, Shift Coordinator, Social Media Coordinator, and Shift Volunteer. Tool knowledge is not required! For more information, please visit <http://goo.gl/gpoFMO> or contact Jim Benton at [president@septl.org](mailto:president@septl.org).



# 7th Annual Harvest Festival coming in September

by Duane Hanson

Mark your calendars now for the biggest neighborhood party of the year and join your neighbors on Sunday, Sept 18th from 12PM – 4PM in the field behind Trinity Fellowship Church (2700 SE 67th Ave).

There will be our now legendary swap of veggies, fruits, plants, seeds, and tools. Also available under the big top will be free freshly pressed cider, along with free facepainting and arts & crafts.

Of course, there will be family-friendly live music throughout the day and local vendors

selling handmade craft items. Raffle tickets for marvelous prizes will be available at \$1 per ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets.

Did I mention barbequed buttered corn-on-the-cob for only \$2? Yum!

Please consider volunteering! Starbucks coffee and Grand Central Bakery pastries will be waiting in the morning for set-up volunteers, and Flying Pie pizza in the afternoon for clean-up volunteers. Could that be you? If we've piqued your interest, send a message to [harvest@southtabor.org](mailto:harvest@southtabor.org).

Are you an artist with handmade wares to sell? Space is available, free of charge, at the festival to set up your own booth; contact us at [harvest@southtabor.org](mailto:harvest@southtabor.org) for more details. 🌻



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## JOIN US!

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