



# Neighborhood News

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## Events Calendar

### Sunday Parkways Bike Rides

11am – 4pm

East—May 10th

North—June 21st

Northeast—June 26th

Southeast—Aug 23th

Tilikum/Sellwood—Sept 27th

### Movies/Concerts in the Park

Schedule available at

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

### Neighborhood Cleanup

May 23rd 9am-1pm

Trinity Fellowship Church parking lot.

### National Night Out Aug 4th

Start planning your block party at [www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/article/461755](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/article/461755)

### South Tabor Neighborhood Association Meetings

3rd Thursday every month (except December) 7pm  
Trinity Fellowship Church, rear entrance

### Selecting & Promoting Diverse Tree Species

free workshop May 30th, 9am - 12pm  
Trinity Fellowship Church

### Harvest Festival

Sept 13th 12pm - 4pm  
Trinity Fellowship Church back lawn

### Tilikum Bridge Opening

September 12th

### Jade District Night Markets

August 15th and 22nd  
PCC SE Campus, corner of Division and SE 82nd

## Upcoming Annual Neighborhood Cleanup

by Jana Throckmorton

It's time for the Neighborhood Cleanup! Mark your calendar for Saturday May 23rd, 9am-1pm, Trinity Fellowship Church parking lot. Enter on SE Clinton St, off of 67th Ave.

*What's a Neighborhood Clean-Up you say?*

It's a serious, but fun, volunteer-driven event. The purpose is to help neighbors get rid of their bulky mixed waste, tires, metal, styrofoam, plastics, and household goods that are no longer wanted - while diverting as much from the landfill as possible. We gather volunteers and tools to help unload vehicles and sort items into the appropriate dumpsters. We also demolish things & recycle as much as we can! We also have charities and other organizations taking items

that can be repurposed or given directly to community members in need. The cleanup is part building material reclamation, part recycling collection, and part garage sale (at the you-

price-it table).

We'll be taking bulky yard debris this year, but nothing over 8 inches in diameter, and there'll only be one dumpster available for this, so it's best to come early.

The Clean-

up is NOT able to accept items that can be recycled curbside such as paper, glass, or cardboard. No hazardous waste, including but not limited to Freon or gasoline

or tools or appliances that contain Freon or gasoline, batteries, smoke detectors, air conditioners, fluorescent bulbs, or paint. No contractor loads, including but not limited to rock, brick, sod, sand, gravel, or concrete.

The Cleanup is funded by the South Tabor Neighborhood Association, Southeast Uplift, Metro, and the City of Portland Bureau of Planning & Sustainability.

The fee STNA charges on the day of the cleanup, as well as the proceeds from the you-price-it table, goes toward the overall costs of the event, including the dumpsters and hauling fees. Having a local cleanup not only saves you the time and gas that would be spent on the long drive to the dump, but also saves our landfill because you've taken the time to sort all that stuff, rather than just dumping everything in the trash. ✿

### 2015 Neighborhood Cleanup Fees

arm/bike load ..... \$10  
car/tiny truck load .. \$20  
truck load ..... \$30  
extra trailer .... additional \$5

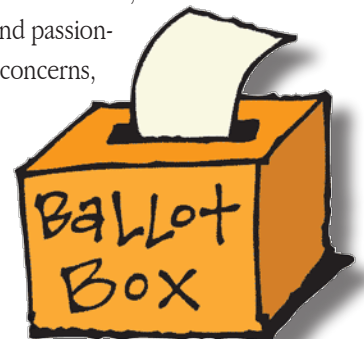
### Volunteer for a Shift, Bring a Load to the Cleanup for Free!

Shifts: 8:00-11:30 or 11:30-3:00  
Consider a day of service for you and your family!  
Contact us at  
503-772-1423 or  
[cleanup@southtabor.org](mailto:cleanup@southtabor.org)

## South Tabor Neighborhood Association Elections

by Brenda Reddaway

Do you want to contribute to your neighborhood? STNA's annual elections are happening on Thursday May 21st. Opportunities are available to serve on a committee or as a board member, or to serve as a volunteer on a project. It takes involvement by concerned and passionate people to create a neighborhood that is a great place to live, to express concerns, and to actively seek solutions about what's happening in your neighborhood and in the city of Portland. You can also help be a part of a fun and celebratory project such as the Harvest Festival or Movie in the Park. Help shape your neighborhood! Consider nominating yourself at the May elections, or volunteering for a project. More information available at [www.southtabor.org](http://www.southtabor.org) or send an email to [info@southtabor.org](mailto:info@southtabor.org). ✿



# South Tabor Tree Project

by Susie Peterson and Brenda Reddaway

The South Tabor Tree Project was implemented in January 2013 by the Urban Forestry Program to inventory all of our neighborhood's street trees. The premise behind the inventory is to manage, improve, take care of, and provide education about our street trees.

The count was made this last summer on 4 different occasions with the site, condition, and species of the trees being noted. There were 58 volunteers who worked a total of 304 hours.

The final tally was 2571 street trees in our neighborhood, providing \$195,000 worth of environmental and aesthetic value, with the replacement value listed at \$7.1 million. Of the 2571 trees, there were 93 different types, with maple, plum, and cherry being the most prevalent. 50% of all street tree planting spaces in our neighborhood have trees in them. The complete map and report is available online at [www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/treeinventory](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/treeinventory).

Sadly, some of the street trees are in poor condition, and our neighborhood inventory does not meet recommended diversity guidelines. In addition, only 20% of the trees are large-form, with 285 spaces still available to site large-form trees. 51% of the planted spaces are small-form trees, and planting all of the available spaces may not be enough to achieve diversity.

Come and learn all about our neighborhood trees and what you can do to support their health. On Saturday May 30th from 9AM – 12PM at Trinity Fellowship Church (2700 SE 67th Ave), South Tabor and Foster-Powell tree teams will be jointly hosting a workshop on Selecting & Promoting Diverse Tree Species. It's important to keep in mind how diversity affects the city's tree canopy at large when choosing trees for your home and your neighborhood. We hope to see you there!

Any questions, please send them to [southtabortreeteam@gmail.com](mailto:southtabortreeteam@gmail.com). ☘

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# Exploring the Jade District

by Christian Harvey

The Jade District is a neighborhood business center located along SE 82nd Ave and Division St. The Jade Neighborhood Prosperity Initiative is part of an eight-district network sponsored by the Portland Development Commission. Its focus is on improving commercial areas experiencing a "higher-than-citywide poverty rate and a higher concentration of minority-owned or neighborhood-serving businesses". The goal is to create a community-based approach to neighborhood economic development, with an emphasis on eastside neighborhoods.

A volunteer steering committee made up of local community members meets the third Thursday of each month at the district office, located at 2738 SE 82nd Ave suite 203B, just north of the Fubon shopping center. Meeting topics explore issues related to small business development, Jade District identity, policy recommendations, and community building projects. The public is encouraged to attend meetings, and provide input as to how the area will develop over the coming years.

Organizational support and fiscal sponsorship is provided by Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO), a local non-profit that shares office space with the Jade District. Todd Struble is the district manager hired to facilitate primary Jade District functions such as community/business relations and steering committee organization.

**Get Involved within the Jade District Community Space for Rent.** METRO purchased the building at SE 82nd Ave and Division for future development. In the mean time temporary leases will be available for community-based events. Please contact Duncan Hwang at [duncan@apano.org](mailto:duncan@apano.org). **Jade District Night Market** is similar to Saturday Market, but hosted in the evening, right in our neighborhood, at PCC SE campus. August 15th and 22nd 5:00-10:00pm. Garden plots at **Harrison Park School Community Garden** are available!

For more information, visit the website at [www.jadedistrict.org](http://www.jadedistrict.org), or contact Christian Harvey at [jadedistrict@southtabor.org](mailto:jadedistrict@southtabor.org) or Todd Struble at [todd@apano.org](mailto:todd@apano.org). ☘

# Land Use in South Tabor

by Shem Harding

As people flock to Portland in record numbers, established patterns of land use are changing to accommodate the influx. As the density of the city increases, land use issues are becoming a larger part of our neighborhood conversation. How will the city accommodate a growing population? Where will all these new people live, work, and play?

The South Tabor Neighborhood Association has a committee engaging in that conversation. The Land Use Committee currently meets the second Thursday of each month at Trinity Church (2700 SE 67th Ave, rear entrance, follow the signs) to discuss land use issues affecting our neighborhood. All are welcome to attend and join the dialogue. Current topics include home demolitions, land divisions, the Powell-Division Transit Plan, the Franklin High School Modernization project, and development guidelines for SE Division St (Division Design Initiative).

Recently, time has been spent discussing the 2035 Comprehensive Plan currently under development by the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. The plan will guide future growth and development in the city for the next 20 years, and create goals and policies to guide planners and landowners in implementing future zoning changes. The plan characterizes areas of the city using broad terms such as "urban centers" and "corridors", and indicates what kind of growth and density might be appropriate in those areas. A current snapshot of the proposed changes can be accessed at <http://www.portlandmaps.com/bps/cpmapp2>

Although the changes proposed in South Tabor are mostly limited to major street corridors (SE Division St, SE 82nd Ave, and SE Powell Blvd), we have submitted letters to the City addressing broader issues such as the proposed density of the Belmont-Hawthorne-Division Neighborhood Center, and the proposed increased density along SE Clinton St at SE 26th Ave, SE 21st Ave, and SE 16th Ave.

If land use issues in South Tabor interest you, please join us at our next regularly scheduled meeting! ☘

# 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, regular meetings and are open to the public. Meetings follow an agenda and deal with issues relevant to the neighborhood. Agenda points may range from social events, to land use, to pet issues. Members have their voices heard and are 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 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 6th year and is a fun, family-friendly way to kick off the fall season. STNA also recently appealed to the Portland School Board and helped implement changes to the Franklin High School Modernization Project that would be more beneficial to the neighborhood.

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! ❁

# President's Corner

by Sandra Hay Magdaleno

Hello neighbors and volunteers, I want to thank you for your energy and desire to make South Tabor a great place to live. Whether you've been to meetings, attended events or just kept track via the listserv, Facebook, website, kiosks, or newsletters, I'm glad you're with us. I also thank Trinity Fellowship for giving us meeting and event space.

## STNA Involvement with Local Issues

- direct path from 64th Ave to Mt Tabor Park
- the Jade District
- South Tabor Tree Team street tree inventory
- PCC SE Campus upgrades
- SE 50th Ave bike path from Woodstock-Sandy
- Division traffic patterns
- Traffic light at SE 67th and Division
- Franklin HS Modernization Project
- Powell-Division Rapid Transit
- Division Street Strategic Plan
- Bond and initiatives
- STNA was also nominated for Spirit of Portland award in 2014

Please forgive me for the many items not mentioned. Your work, wisdom, and support during my 4-year presidency will not be forgotten. I'm glad to be a part of our neighborhood. ❁

# What's a 'Welcome Bag'?

by Ute Munger

No, it's not the old lady at the end of the block!

Since I've now got you curious - here goes: Several years ago I made mental notes when a 'For Sale' sign went up in our South Tabor neighborhood. After the sign was gone and the new owners had moved in and were settled, I would welcome them with a little gift. I started out with a 'hello' and a plate of home-baked goods which has evolved into an actual South Tabor Neighborhood Association (STNA) welcome bag with a letter of welcome, information about the activities of our neighborhood association (which are conducted purely by volunteers), various informative pages supplied by the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI), and usually a small jar of my homemade jam or apple sauce or cookies.

After a few years of lapse, I again picked up the bags and actively tried to welcome 'newbies'. Sadly, a couple of health problems kept me from doing it regularly. To give you an idea of the amount of new sales in our great neighborhood: 71 houses were sold from January to the middle of November in 2014, and most of the time I was the only bearer of the welcome bags. Although two other people have offered to help, time is our most

precious commodity and always getting away from us.

If you have moved here and have not been properly acknowledged, please accept my apologies. Sometimes I have to give up after knocking on doors more than once. Feel free to send me your address at [welcome@southtabor.org](mailto:welcome@southtabor.org) and someone will be showing up on your doorstep to welcome you.

We still try to reach everyone, often more than 1 year after the date of sale, but I personally am still doing it on foot.

This lengthy article may have given you more information than you expected and maybe it leaves you with more questions. Or, would you like to join me on a walk through the neighborhood and meet some of your neighbors? If so, contact me at [welcome@southtabor.org](mailto:welcome@southtabor.org). And yes, we can always use more volunteers! Either check out our website, [www.southtabor.org](http://www.southtabor.org), or send us an email at [info@southtabor.org](mailto:info@southtabor.org). ❁



# Join the Fun at the 6th Annual Harvest Festival

by Duane Hanson

Mark your calendars now for the biggest neighborhood party of the year and join your neighbors on Sunday, Sept 13th 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.

All proceeds go to the South Tabor Neighborhood Association. ❀



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## Digging Deeper into Dog Park Issues at Trinity Church

by Brenda Reddaway

Several neighbors attended the March South Tabor Neighborhood Association (STNA) meeting with concerns about Trinity Fellowship Church's plan to make their back lawn (green space) off limits to dogs.

The area had grown increasingly popular as an unofficial dog park, and as a result, had seen a lot of use and unfortunately abuse. Trinity no longer has the funds or the manpower to fill in holes dug by dogs, to scoop dog doo, or to dispose of left-behind bags of dog doo. The church had concerns since the area is also used by kids as a play area. At the April STNA meeting, Trinity emphasized that the green space was never meant to be a dog park. The decision was made by the church to make the area off-limits to dogs as of April 3rd. Since then, the grass has markedly recovered and children are again playing on it. Trinity has decided that it may be used by dog owners as an on-leash area only. Trinity, in conjunction with 7 Dees, is also doubling the community garden space and plots have already been

applied for. Thank you to Trinity for allowing the neighborhood to use the field in the past. STNA is hoping to acknowledge that graciousness with a work day.

This is something to keep in mind at all the unofficial dog parks in our neighborhood. A part of being a responsible dog owner is to scoop it, bag it, and take it home; and if your dog digs a hole, doing your best to fill it in. Businesses and churches have graciously opened their green spaces for the community to use, and it should be respected and treated as if it was one's own backyard in order to keep these areas open. A great resource for finding nearby official dog parks is <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/38287>. ❀

