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Friends of Mt. Tabor Park (FMTP) Annual Report for 2008

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Below you will find the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park annual report for 2008. It has been our pleasure to work with each one of you as our organization continues to grow. We strive to build strong relationships with all of the different city agencies, and learn more with each passing year. Please let us know if we can assist your office in some way to better serve the public in Mt. Tabor Park. The current FMTP Chair can be reached on the FMTP cell phone: 503-200-4176. Or a message can be left (and a volunteer will respond) via email at taborfriends@aol.com. Our web site is: www.taborfriends.com

2008 FMTP Board Members and Selected Committee Chairs

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FMTP Significant Accomplishments During 2008

MEMBERSHIP

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PRODUCTS

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STEWARDSHIP OF MT. TABOR PARK

FOOT PATROL

Completion of the 2000th foot patrol

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SERVICE - Trails

Installed the second trail markers for two of three designated foot paths

K-kids (Kiwanis) assisted with trail post painting

SERVICE – Invasive Species

Provided leadership for seven, half-day work parties to remove invasive plants etc

SERVICE - Other

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FMTP Board participated in the PP&R Survey (Fall)

Kiosk – continued efforts for its improvements (kiosk near caldera)

Mt. Tabor Park Concerts - multiple members assisted PP&R for parking & security at the four music concerts during July; and a FMTP membership table

Mt. Tabor Park Yard & Nursery - one member served on a board regarding them

Mt. Tabor Park Yard - one member participated in the mediation regarding the sale of

Centennial - Participating in plans for Mt. Tabor Park Centennial planned for Aug. 1 & 2, 2009.

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FMTP PURPOSE

FMTP was founded by interested citizens (Lorene Farrar, Bertha Guptill, David Hillman, and Nancy Norby) in early 2000 with the completion of the Mt. Tabor Park Master Plan. FMTP is now a non-profit organization.

The purpose of the organization shall be to improve and/or help maintain Mt. Tabor Park for the benefit of individuals, organizations and the Park Bureau of the City of Portland, to identify and solve problems and participate in park projects. FMTP works with the Park Bureau, Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association and other neighborhood, community and user groups to monitor park use and operation, support effective management and maintenance of the park, and the vision and goals of the January 2000 Mt. Tabor Park Master Plan (FMTP Bylaws, updated June 8, 2008).

FMTP Significant Accomplishments During 2008

MEMBERSHIP

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New member drive in March; and renewal notices in July

Growth of web site (www.taborfriends.org) with additions on the "Foot Patrol" and "How to Join"

Automation of treasury functions

FMTP Newsletter (semi-annual) – mailed to all FMTP members

Membership Meeting (Winter) - sponsored our 8th annual meeting and community educational program (open to the public as well). FMTP Friends of the Year Award to Bunny and Gayle Marechal. They were honored for their time and energy to the park.

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STEWARDSHIP OF MT. TABOR PARK

FOOT PATROL (see separate report below for further details)

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SERVICE – Improvements, Trails

K-Kids from Glencoe Elementary School (Kiwanis Northwest District) freshly painted concrete roadside posts, gates and guardrails
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SERVICE – Invasive Species

Provided leadership for seven, half-day work parties to remove invasive plants etc with volunteer groups such as Hands on Portland

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Mt. Tabor Park Master Plan Update - one member served on a board regarding the update of the 2000 Mt. Tabor Park Master Plan to include the yard and nursery.

Mt. Tabor Park Yard - one member participated in the mediation regarding the possibility of the sale of the property

Centennial - Participating in plans for Mt. Tabor Park Centennial planned for August 1 & 2, 2009.

FRIENDS OF MT TABOR PARK FOOT PATROL ANNUAL REPORT 2008

The data furnished below has been compiled from our foot patrol calendar, monthly foot patrol meeting notes, our log book and meetings held with pertinent officials from the Park Bureau, Water Bureau and Police Bureau. I hope that the information is useful to you and may serve as a guide for any actions deemed necessary to insure the continued safety and livability of Mt Tabor Park. As usual, any comments or questions pertaining to this report are most welcome. Dave Hillman (503) 254-5931; (503) 720-0979); davehillman@comcast.net

Total number of foot patrols	265
Total number of hours on foot patrol	1,382
Total participants on patrol in 2008	44
Total on current, active roster	44
Total number of foot patrols conducted from year 2000 thru 2008	2,176
Total hours contributed by foot patrol members 2000 thru 2008	15,282
Total foot patrol hours contributed in 2008	
On patrol	1,382
Training/Meetings	324
Concert assistance	120
Administration	180
Total for 2008	2,006

Some of the significant accomplishments throughout 2008

- Picked up approximately 800 bags of litter
(Total est. of litter pickup 2000 – 2008 -- 6,950 bags)
- Provided extra foot patrols on 4th of July and Halloween night
- Made 210 entries in our log book
- Provided assistance for all four July park concerts
- Recorded on and off leash dogs (details below)
- Reported broken equipment and unlocked facilities
- Removed homeless camps
- Provided a heads up to authorities on potential problem groups
- Maintained kiosk
- Provided assistance to lost visitors
- Provided occasional first aid

On and Off Leash Dog Reports

Throughout the year, foot patrol members would record on/off leash dogs. These are recorded in our log book. We have 78 specific reports, noting 290 dogs on leash, and 97 dogs off leash. This report is similar to that of the two previous years, with approximately 26% of the dogs still off leash in what should be an on-leash portion of the park. This demonstrates that further enforcement is still necessary. We have several log book entries that state that the owners of off-leash dogs are at times rather angry at us when we mention the leash law requirements.

Problems Noted This Year

- Lots of graffiti in and on buildings, signs, even trees
- More and more condoms, especially along roadways
- Excess trash along viewpoint on East Drive
- Facilities often left unlocked
- Excess trash in basketball court

Specific Foot Patrol Statistics

Times of Foot Patrols:	Number of Patrols	Percentage
6:00 AM -9:00 AM	20	7%
9:00 AM – 12:00	188	71%
12:00 Noon – 3:00 PM	35	13%
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	12	5%
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	10	4%

Days of Week on Patrol	Number of Patrols	Percentage
Sunday	16	6%
Monday	42	16%
Tuesday	48	18%
Wednesday	38	14%
Thursday	69	27%

Facilities often left unlocked

Friday	36	13%
Saturday	16	6%

Months on Patrol

The average was 22 per month with the range from a low of 16 to a high of 27.

Suggestions for consideration by Park personnel, based upon our observations throughout the year.

Place the trash can, now at the southwest corner of the basketball court, closer to, or between the two park benches at the side of the ball court. Perhaps it will be utilized as opposed to trash being tossed on the ground.

Place a trash can at the side of the road along the viewpoint on East Drive. Again, perhaps it might be used as opposed to all of the "lunch time" trash being tossed over the hillside.

Push a little harder to get the Multnomah County Animal Control people out of their truck, and walk around bit in the park. We could probably make the task pay for itself by checking on the leash law, not to mention checking for licensed dogs.

Relocate the trash can at the top loop from the southwest side of the loop to a point closer to the viewpoint benches. It might be utilized as opposed to the trash being tossed down the bank.

Noteworthy Items:

The year 2008 saw the foot patrol complete its 2000th patrol in April.

We had a DVD made of the foot patrol (most of you have copies)

We had two stories about the foot patrol in the "Oregonian"

The Water Bureau provided us with 10 new vests

We assisted the new Montavilla foot patrol with a "how we do it" presentation

We now have Sharp Shuttles to pick up needles.

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