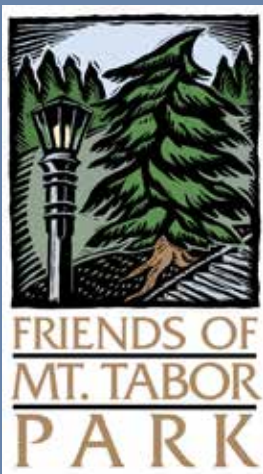


# The TABOR TIMES

## Newsletter - February 2017

The purpose of the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park is to improve and/or help maintain Mt. Tabor Park for the benefit of individuals, organizations and the Park Bureau; to identify and help solve problems; to participate in park planning projects. We work with the Park Bureau, the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association and other community and park user groups to monitor park use and operation, to support effective maintenance of the park, and to help in the successful implementation of the parks goals and vision as stated in the Mt. Tabor Park Master Plan.



## Save the Date for the FMTP Annual Meeting!

The Friends of Mt. Tabor Park will hold its annual meeting in a **new location** this year! Please join the board and fellow members on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at Taborspace, 5441 SE Belmont Street [taborspace.org](http://taborspace.org). Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for light refreshments and mingling, and the meeting begins promptly at 7:00 p.m.

The evening will include annual reports, general announcements, and the election of board members. We welcome anyone interested in running for the board to submit a brief bio

and contact information to [taborfriends@gmail.com](mailto:taborfriends@gmail.com) for consideration. New board members are always needed; no experience necessary, just an enthusiastic love for the park.

The annual meeting is the perfect opportunity to catch up with other FMTP members, ask the board and volunteer coordinators questions, and sample some of our members' delicious baked goods! (A heartfelt, "Thank you!" in advance for those who are bringing treats.)



# From the Chair – Beau Russell

On behalf of the Board, I would like to express our appreciation for the continued support of our members, with special thanks for the generous giving of some members' donations above and beyond basic membership dues. Because of membership generosity, the Board is able to consider funding a number of park improvement projects. We thank our members for trusting us to manage and spend these funds wisely.

## **A few highlights from 2016:**

- The award-winning Friends of Mt. Tabor Park Weed Warriors continued to work in collaboration with PP&R and BES to remove invasive plant species and do habitat restoration. By year's end, they logged a formidable 1762 volunteer hours!
- Since opening in October 2011, the Visitor Center continues to exceed all expectations by having over 31,500 visitors. During 2016, the Visitor Center utilized 18 different volunteers who donated a total of 1071 volunteer hours through December.
- The Foot Patrol continued to keep the park a safe and clean place while racking up 1148 volunteer hours through December.
- Reelection of Board members Anne Crispino-Taylor, Laura Mason, and Bing Wong to new 3-year terms, and Deb Hanson, Chris Olinger and Isabel Johnson were elected as new Board Members.
- FMTP was approved to be added to the Oregon Cultural Trust's registry of Cultural Nonprofits.
- Bing Wong continues to be our representative on the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) that is providing community review of the Portland Water Bureau on the reservoirs and project funding priorities once the reservoirs are disconnected from our water supply.
- Deb Hanson is our representative with the Intertwine Alliance, a coalition of public, private and nonprofit organizations working to integrate nature more deeply into the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan region.
- Laura Mason is our FMTP representative on the Mt. Tabor Yard Planning Group.
- Dennis Puetz, Foot Patrol Coordinator, has been asked by PP&R to have the Foot Patrol assist with the Mt. Tabor summit restroom restoration project by assisting with some trail mapping efforts that will give more detail than existing maps have, distances between land marks (restrooms, water fountains, parking, trail heads, etc.), and other details of the park. A completion date for the restoration project being in the latter part of 2017.
- Gayle Marechal and Martrese White have once again teamed up to edit and produce our Newsletter.
- Martrese White continues to oversee our FMTP Website and facebook page. Check us out at [www.taborfriends.org](http://www.taborfriends.org)

## **Project Funding**

As previously mentioned in our 2016 August newsletter, we have funded and installed a new bench near the Visitor Center as well as

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a new drinking fountain between the restrooms east of the Visitor Center. The construction of a new split rail fence at the top of the slope south of the playground was funded and installed; the fence is designed to prevent soil erosion and allow native plants help stabilize the slope. Also, we have continued to increased funding for our part-time Weed Warrior Stewardship Coordinator which we will continue doing in 2017.

### **Projects we hope to be involved with in 2017:**

Chris Olinger has been working with Parks to finalize plans and get costs to create a Harrison gate handicap cut-out near reservoir #1, installing a retaining wall by the steps at SE 69th and Yamhill, and possibly contributing to the rebuilding of 2-sections of the Amphitheater wall.

Finally, although Portland Parks & Recreation's budget situation has improved this past year, the park is slow to recover from past years of decreases and continues to suffer

from unmet maintenance needs; FMTP continues its commitment to work closely with PP&R personnel to identify how FMTP can best help with its support, through efforts by volunteers and the investment of FMTP funds in park improvement projects, and in other ways. So, if you are interested in joining us, please contact one of our coordinators: Lise Gervais (Weed Warriors), Dave Hillman (Visitor center), or Dennis Puetz (Foot Patrol) at 503-512-0816 or [taborfriends@gmail.com](mailto:taborfriends@gmail.com)

## Meet the Members: Ellen Simmons

-Dennis Puetz

Ellen Simmons has been a valuable member of Foot Patrol since 2011. While walking on Mt. Tabor during a family visit in 2009, she happened to meet Dave Hillman and John Wish, who were bounding down a slope in the park with bags of trash. They explained The Friends of Mt Tabor Park (FMTP) organization to her, and heartily encouraged her to join. Not long after that visit she and her husband moved to Portland and joined FMTP.

Living close to the park, she immediately became involved in the Foot Patrol. Within a year, Beau Russell asked her to be in charge of training new Foot Patrol members and maintenance of the hut, where all equipment and supplies are stored. She has trained at least fifteen new members during the last four plus years,

including Steve Bingold, who in August assumed Ellen's duties of training and hut maintenance.

Ellen credits Mary Kinnick, Beau and Nancy Russell, Guin and Dave Hillman, Glenda Chaite, Pat Morgan, Suzanne McCarthy, Dennis Puetz, and many more members for enriching her volunteer time with FMTP. These relationships, whose work helps make Mt. Tabor the treasure it is, have encouraged her to be a loyal and active volunteer.

Ellen was also an active crew leader for Weed Warriors and has volunteered as a Visitor Center greeter. She can say she has done it all for FMTP and will continue being an active member.

Ellen Simmons has enjoyed a lifelong appreciation for the soul-nurturing aspects of nature.



Through the years public parks in New York City, New Orleans, Vancouver B.C., and Pennsylvania have provided her with beauty and roots to community.

In the words of Ellen, "The park is a treasure to be cherished."

It is the Foot Patrol's pleasure to select Ellen, the Meet the Members recipient for Winter of 2017.

Thank you from all of us for your time and contribution to the Foot Patrol, and FMTP.

# Mt. Tabor Handrail Project

Portland Parks & Recreation responded to concerns regarding the need to add handrails at the grand staircase on the north east slope of Mt. Tabor Park. Commissioner Amanda Fritz and Director Mike Abbate identified funding for the expansion portion of this project from System Development Charges (SDC) and funding for the maintenance and replacement portion of the project from the Major Maintenance budget. Completion should be in the Fall of 2017.

## Current Conditions

The upper 1/3 of the NE staircase is without handrails. The lower 2/3 of the stairs have outdated green handrails.

## Project Scope

PP&R will build new handrails along the entire length of the main staircase, replacing the existing green handrails and adding rails to the upper stairs. The new handrails will enhance the capacity, use, and experience of the park, and will also improve accessibility and safety. The handrails will be designed to meet historic landmark design expectations that apply to Mt. Tabor Park.

## Project Schedule

**Fall 2016:** Project startup

**Winter 2017:** Design development and construction drawings

**Spring 2017:** Reviews and permitting\*

**Summer/Fall 2017:** Handrail fabrication and installation

Questions can be directed to Jaime English, the project manager, at 503-823-2568 or [jaime.english@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:jaime.english@portlandoregon.gov).

\*This schedule may adjust depending on historic design review requirements.



# Foot Patrol Holiday Party

The FMTP Foot Patrol held its annual holiday party at Pat Morgan's house on Sunday, December 11, 2016. Approximately twenty people attended to share good food and drink and exchange white elephant gifts. The Foot Patrol extends its gratitude to Pat Morgan for hosting the party at her lovely home, and to Mary McWilliams for her coordinating efforts.

# SPRING EVENTS IN THE PARK



## **Bob Rogers' FREE Monthly Tree ID Walk**

Third Sunday of Every Month - 2/19, 3/19, 4/16, 5/21

2:00 p.m., meet at the Visitor Center



## **FMTP Weed Warriors Work Party**

Last Saturday of each month starting in March

9:00 a.m.–noon, meet at the Visitor Center

Website: [taborfriends.org/volunteer](http://taborfriends.org/volunteer)



## **The Columbia River Orienteering Club's annual FREE orienteering event at Mt. Tabor Park**

Saturday, April 1, 2017 - 10:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Website: [croc.org/events/2017/4/1/mt-tabor](http://croc.org/events/2017/4/1/mt-tabor)



## **FREE Songbird Walks with the Audubon Society**

Wednesday mornings in April and May- 7:00 a.m.

[audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/walks](http://audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/walks)



## **Third Annual Tabor Challenge 5K**

Saturday, April 8, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

Website: [taborchallenge.com](http://taborchallenge.com)



## **Ninth Annual Run Mama Run 10K and 5K**

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.–noon

Website: [runmamarunpdx.org](http://runmamarunpdx.org)



## **Donate Life NW Tabor Trot 5K**

Saturday, May 27, 2017 - 9:30 a.m.–noon

Website: [tabortrot.com](http://tabortrot.com)



# Recycling in the Park

-Dennis Puetz

In 2016, special recycling bins for glass, cans, and plastic were installed in Mt. Tabor Park. I am recommending that we make more of an effort to get recyclable items into the appropriate bins. Here are some suggestions and guidelines:

1. While performing a Foot Patrol (FP), carry two bags. One for trash and one for recycling items.
2. The recycle bins near the visitor center/information board are conveniently located for you at the end of a FP since they are near the hut.
3. The recycling bins at other locations in the park are often used for trash by park visitors. If this is the case, don't add recycling material to these locations. Instead, carry it back to the bins by the hut. If you have a large amount of recycling, you can leave it in the bag and place it on the ground by the bin.
4. Any time recycling material contains more than 10% other material (trash, dirt, etc), put the whole bag in the trash can. The recycling companies will not accept contaminated materials and will toss it into the dumpster.



## Membership Report and Dues -Suzanne McCarthy

The Friends of Mt. Tabor Park closed out 2016 with a membership count of 100. Since numerous memberships are for couples or families, the actual number of members is 141. For the new year of 2017, the membership stands at 78 with new members/renewals still appearing.

Anyone who uses and/or loves the park is invited to support it by becoming a member of the Friends. Volunteers are welcome and there are many ways to participate. Annual dues begin at \$15.00 per family (but don't feel limited by the basic membership!). Please visit our website, [www.taborfriends.org/membership](http://www.taborfriends.org/membership), for more information about what we do or how to join. Now that people can sign up and pay through the [Square Online Store](#), joining has become even easier. For those who prefer paying by check, you may follow the instructions for mailing a check with an application.

If you're receiving this newsletter, you're a dues-paying member, and we at the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park **thank you** for your generous support!

# Stories by our Foot Patrol About Dog-Owners and Dogs

The Foot Patrol (FP) is a major, almost daily presence to the visiting public on Mt. Tabor. One of the main problems we face are dog-owners and their dogs. January 10 this year, I sent an email with a web-link to an article titled "Protect yourself and your dog from an off-leash dog" for the benefit of training FP members. The following are a few dog stories I subsequently received from FP members. -Dennis Puetz

True story! While we were on Foot Patrol today on the east main road about 10:30 am, we came across an older lady walking her dog (on-leash). She thanked us for our work picking up trash, and we said you are welcome. Soon we noticed she was picking up others' left behind dog-poo bags. As her bag was beginning to get full, we offered her one of our patrol bags. She replied, "Thanks, but I bring lots of my own bags, and I go along picking up other dog owners' left-behind bags."

We soon noticed she would even pick up poo that had not been bagged. Yes, she was actually picking up the poo. We were amazed, and commended and thanked her. Later we wished we had gotten the name, and/or a photo, of this lady doing what we would not think of doing. There are a few very responsible people in the park doing something that nobody else does, and going beyond the call!

- Dave Beltz and Dennis Puetz,  
1/20/2017

I walk through the park at least five days a week with my dog, who is always on lead. We walk relatively early, depending on weather and light, normally between 6AM and 7:30AM. We frequently encounter off-leash dogs and their owners. I always ask the owners to put their dog on lead or under voice control. A few politely do, but most respond with the usual litany of "my dog is friendly; isn't yours?";

"I can do what I want"; "I have been doing this for years"; etc. My primary, and obviously limited observation is that most of these owners are Mt. Tabor residents, since I later see them as they leave the park, with their dogs leashed. I have lost my temper at a few of these encounters creating situations that are unpleasant for all.

-Peter de Garmo, 1/10/2017

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I was on Foot Patrol (FP), about 11:30am with my dog Ransome, which I do almost daily. Walking downhill along the NE entrance road, just past our FP Hut, a dog leaped out of the bushes, only ten feet away, toward me and my dog, with a viciousness that terrified me beyond my belief! I immediately slammed my five foot walking stick down to the ground in front of the dog, since he was going after my little guy, to prevent further attack. Then I yelled at the dog, hoping he would retreat, which he did. I continued to yell at the dog and yelled repeatedly for the dog owner to come and get his dog;

the owner was more than 200 feet away. The dog owner immediately took off running up hill, with his dog following and trying to catch-up. I took off running after the owner to give him a piece of my mind. I soon realized I had to regain control of myself; this wasn't the proper thing to do as a Foot Patrol member so I stopped. I was a Marine in the military many years ago and have been through rough situations, but this clearly rattled me. After two trips to Ascension Catholic Church to calm myself, I was ready to go on Foot Patrol again.

- Jack Vidosh, 4/17/2016

Good article. It reinforces my position on this issue. I was up at the park yesterday, and of the 50+ dogs I encountered only one was on leash. It seems the owners thought, since there was snow on the ground, that it was OK to let their dogs run wild. I did observe, from a distance, two dog fights at the snow sledding hill.

A few weeks ago, I had an encounter with a woman who had her dog off leash at the upper reservoir. I tactfully

reminded her about the park's leash law. She, very nicely, asked if she didn't leash her dog was I going to write her a ticket? I told her no, but that I hoped she would do the right thing and follow rules to protect her, her dog, and others. She ended up going back to her car and getting the leash. Happy ending, but not all end that way. Some folks just plain ignore you and keep on walking.

-Steve Bingold, 1/12/2017

To read the off-leash dog article, visit <https://smartdoguniversity.com/protect-yourself-and-your-dog-from-an-off-leash-dog/>



# Treasurer's Report

-Jason Doerflein

The Friends of Mt Tabor Park organization was financially strong through 2016. Membership contributions remained steady and were lifted by the addition of credit card membership/donation payments. Product sales at the FMTP Visitor Center were robust. Our primary fundraiser, the Fall Tar 'N 'Trail 5k/10k, provided a healthy contribution from its participants. This year, the FMTP organization received donations from Warner Pacific College and The Caplener Group - Realty Trust Group that directly helped offset our organization's cost to print the park brochures that are available to our guests.

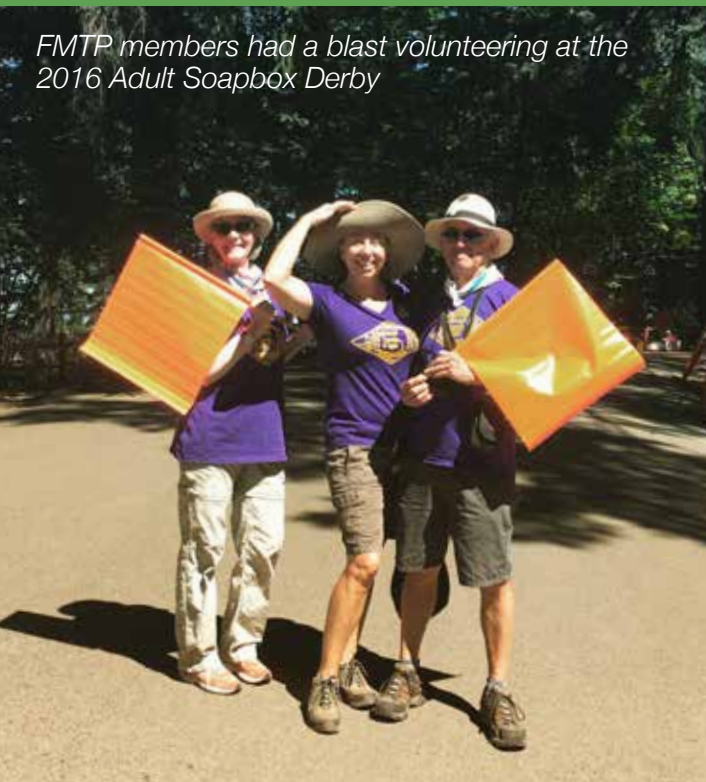
While FMTP continues to team with Portland Parks and Recreation on identifying and helping fund park improvements and amenities, 2016 did not result in the completion of any such projects. FMTP sponsors thank you for helping to fund events and supplies for the Weed Warriors and Foot Patrol, which are volunteer sub-teams of FMTP.

In 2016 FMTP took on a larger role, both financially and authoritatively, with the Weed Warrior program's stewardship (see page 10) and will continue this increased role into 2017.

*Editor's Note: Jason Doerflein will be concluding his time on the board after the annual meeting. The Board thanks Jason for all his hard work as Treasurer, and we welcome our new treasurer Isabel Johnson!*



## PDX Adult Soapbox Derby 2017



FMTP volunteers are often willing to lend a hand at park events not organized by our organization. Case in point: you'll often see familiar faces directing traffic, managing crosswalks, and judging racecars at the annual PDX Adult Soapbox Derby (see Bunny and Gayle Marechal and Martrese White at left). Why not come join the fun?

This year's event will be held on Saturday, August 19, 2017, starting at 10 a.m. in Mt. Tabor Park. Volunteers can register for a variety of posts during a range of timeframes. Spend some time in the park assisting with this fun event as you watch dozens of teams propel their vehicles down the curves and straightaways, attempting to win prizes for speed, engineering, and fan-favorites.

If you'd like to assist with this popular event, email [volunteer@soapboxracer.com](mailto:volunteer@soapboxracer.com) to be added to the volunteer list and learn more about what's expected. It's a day you won't forget!

After a successful 2016-2017 season and a winter break, we're getting geared up to start a new Weed Warrior stewardship season. Our Last-Saturday-of-the-Month events will commence on March 25th. Crew Leader training is being offered on Saturday, February 25th and again on Saturday, March 18th. If you, or someone you know, might be interested, please contact Stasia Honnold, Stewardship Coordinator, at [fmtp.weedwarriors@gmail.com](mailto:fmtp.weedwarriors@gmail.com).

We continued to see more volunteers returning and becoming "regulars," and several expressed interest in becoming crew leaders in 2017. Sixteen crew leaders gave generously of their time this year, with between six and twelve participating at each event. At one event, we filled more than sixty garbage bags with herb Robert and shiny geranium, which couldn't be left to mulch, as they were about to fling seeds everywhere.

We're looking forward to again partnering with The Nature Conservancy and Portland Parks for our biggest work party of the year, which will take place on Saturday, September 30th. Last year 101 volunteers attended!

Two events had to be cancelled due to weather. In October, the Saturday Parke Diem event was cancelled because strong winds and heavy rains increased the possibility of limbs and trees falling. In January, a Day of Service event commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was cancelled because of snow on the ground.

We looked for new ways to inform the community about the continuing need for Weed Warrior volunteer efforts. I attended three volunteer fairs at PCC SE, two at Franklin High School, and one at Grant High School, which will be moving to the Marshall campus closer to Mt. Tabor Park. . If you have suggestions for other outreach events, please contact me at [weed.warriors.coord@gmail.com](mailto:weed.warriors.coord@gmail.com).

Continuing effort will be needed to remove invasive plant restarts and to engage in early detection and removal of new opportunistic invasives to free space for native plants to fill in and enable dormant seeds to germinate. Now that reservoirs are offline, units formerly off-limits to restoration may open up, creating opportunities to free more native plants from blankets of ivy and clematis.

In the unknown climate of PP&R budget cuts and BES's withdrawal from stewardship efforts at Mt. Tabor in June 2017, it's more important than ever to make the best use of a finite number of volunteer hours and to impress upon volunteers how much we value their efforts.

Thanks to Crew Leaders Mikey Bishop, Corlene Blue, Rachel Brooks, Brad Copenhaver, Ada Garcia, Brady Hall, Deb Hanson, Mary Kinnick, Monique Leslie, Darvel Lloyd, Zosia Lynch, Gayle Marechal, Alexie McNerthney, Justin Olexy, Chris Olinger, Ellen Simmons, Jess Williams, and Bing Wong. A special thanks to Dick Anderson for again volunteering himself and his pickup truck for our projects.

Thanks also to the outstanding leadership of FMTP Weed Warrior Stewardship Coordinator Stasia Honnold, PP&R Stewardship Coordinator Isabel LaCourse, Emily Lytle (PP&R and SOLVE), and the continuing support from Colleen Mitchell and her colleagues at BES, Ryan Durocher and Ken Finney. Thanks also to PP&R Natural Areas Supervisor Lynn Barlow, Park Technician Johannes Venghaus, and Ecologist Mart Hughes who retired in December.

Thank you to the FMTP Board, especially Gayle as our WW/Board Liaison, and Bing, Chris and Deb, who volunteer their time as Board members and as Weed Warrior Crew Leaders.

**Friends of Mt Tabor Park Weed Warriors Stewardship Events:**  
**Last Saturday of the month, March-October, 9-noon. Crew**  
**Leader Training: Sat 2/25 or Sat 3/18. For more information:**  
**[FMTP@gmail.com](mailto:FMTP@gmail.com)**







## Adidas Running Shoe Event on Mt. Tabor

On January 5, 2017, local athletic giant adidas organized a running shoe giveaway on Mt. Tabor. For those willing to brave the bracing wind and below-freezing temperatures, the reward was a goody bag full of treats, including running shoes, a water bottle, a beanie, and more. We're glad adidas chose our beautiful park as one of two locations for this fun community outreach promotion!

## Summit Restroom Help

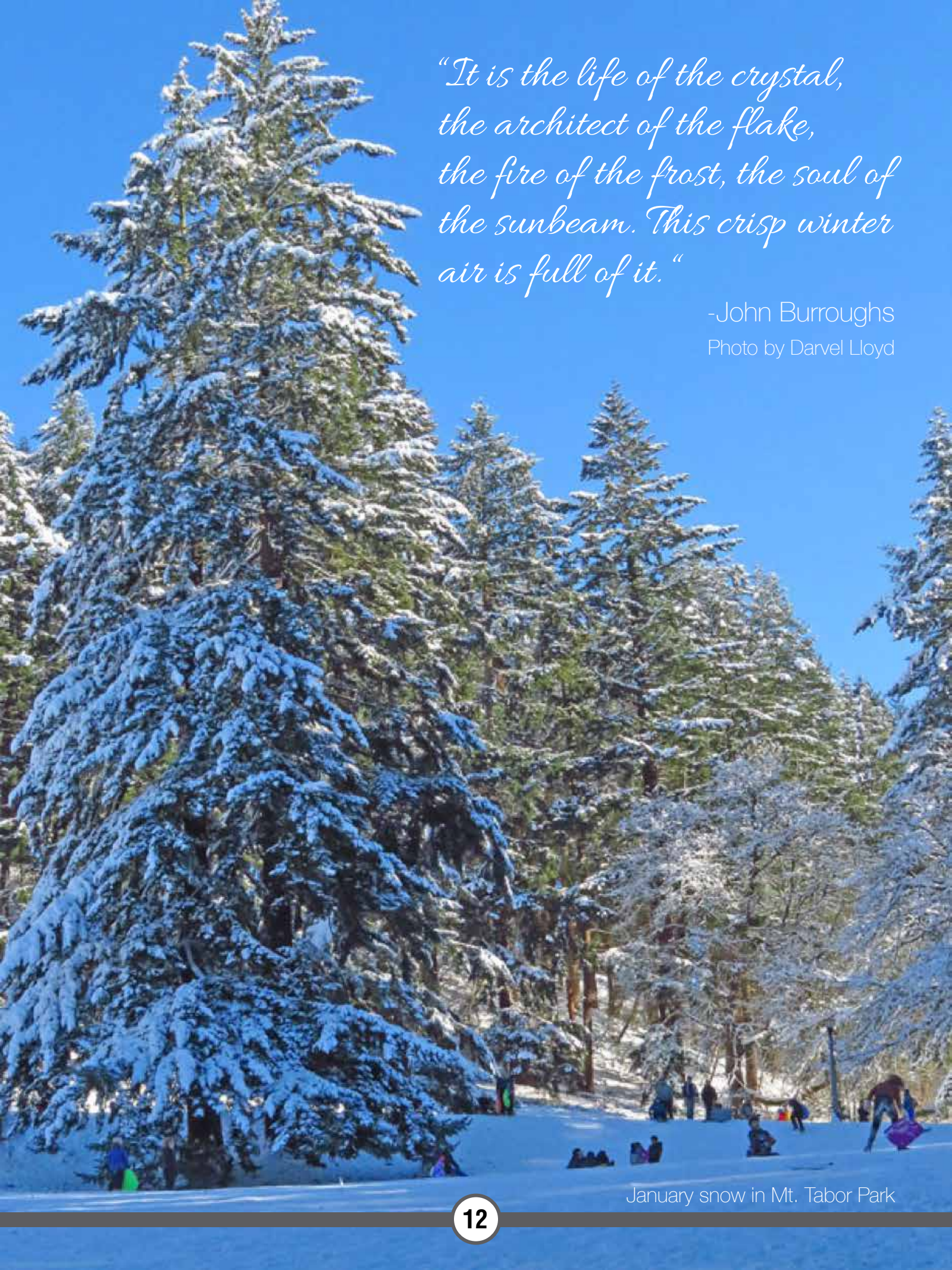
-Dennis Puetz

I received some exciting news recently. The Foot Patrol has been asked to assist with the Mt. Tabor summit restroom project to be completed next summer. (See page 7 of the August 2016, issue of *Tabor Times* for details about this project.) The Foot Patrol will likely assist with some trail mapping efforts that the project manager needs. I will not go into too much detail at this time, but the project involves new maps for the park which will provide more detail than our existing maps have with distances between land marks (restrooms, water fountains, parking, trail heads, etc), and other details of the park. PP&R will need a small team of Foot Patrol volunteers to do the work. I expect we will become very involved in the upcoming months.

Yes, the summit restrooms are going to be renovated and open again after decades of being closed! This is one more indication that the park is alive and well and important to the city. We look forward to these exciting developments.







*"It is the life of the crystal,  
the architect of the flake,  
the fire of the frost, the soul of  
the sunbeam. This crisp winter  
air is full of it."*

-John Burroughs

Photo by Darvel Lloyd

January snow in Mt. Tabor Park



# Foot Patrol

-Dennis Puetz



The year ending December 31, 2016, was another successful one of keeping the park clean and orderly while creating a safe environment with foot patrollers in the park.

Events reported from FP members while on foot patrol:

1. 14 needles and syringes were found and safely disposed of.
2. Graffiti multiple times was discovered, especially on the Harvey Scott statue.
3. Campers significantly increased with the rising homeless problem in Portland. At least six cases of reported campers in the park.
4. On February 29, an FP member discovered a heavy gym bag on east bank of Mt. Tabor. It contained a large amount of gun and automatic weapon ammunition that was taken to the East Precinct.
5. Membership of FP is at 47 (per Gmail account) active list. This is slightly down from 2015 member count.
6. FP conversion to digital record keeping, documentation, communication for email, and calendar is working well. The Gmail account is used as the basis for the digital record keeping.

7. Creation of scrapbook "Meet the Members" was finished (image below), with an online version available, too. Web link to scrapbook: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B5r9yIzPYEXc2lTc0p0Z0ZjUGM>.
8. Newest member, Jack Vidosh, has been an amazing addition to the Foot Patrol. This one patrol member does the work of the entire FP membership by himself. In 2016, Jack performed: 142 patrols, 365 hours, 244 trash bags, counted 554 dogs on-leash, and 33 dogs off-leash. Thank you Jack for your outstanding work!!!
9. The 2016 Concerts in the Park were successful. The pie table had to be eliminated this year, to the disappointment of many people, especially annual visitors to the concerts. FP staffed an information table for each of the four Tuesdays to advertise FMTP and FP; response was minimal success.
10. Smartphones are being used more and more to document events and problems in the park. All problems are reported to [parkscan.org](http://parkscan.org) web site, and photos are provided when possible.
11. Mt. Tabor Park is immaculate and as clean as it ever has been as reported by FP members.

As park ambassadors, we are the eyes and ears of the park, our motto being, "Observe, record, and report." As the leader, I have kept the proven practices intact, and have started using the Gmail account as a single source for communication, record keeping, scheduling,



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and storage of all Foot Patrol and FMTP records. We are using Google Apps: Gmail, Calendar, and Drive to accomplish this.

I want to thank all members who showed up for patrols, assisted at events, and supported the effort to keep Mt. Tabor Park the gem it is. The park has never been cleaner!

### Foot Patrol Stats:

Total number of members at end of 2016:  
**47** (email list)

Total volunteer hours for foot patrol members at end of 2016: **1148**

Total number of foot patrols since year 2000: **4007**

### Looking Ahead to 2017:

FP has been asked by City of Portland Parks Bureau to participate with trail measurement for the reopening of the Summit Bathrooms (see pg. 11).

City of Portland is rewriting the “PDX Reporter” app for smartphones, and the FP will assist with testing the new version. The app greatly simplifies reporting of any non-emergency event, with ability to include photos, and GPS exact location. We look forward to assisting the City, and getting the app to be a successful communication/document tool for all people in Portland and especially Mt. Tabor Park.

We will continue to attract new members, be ambassadors to the park, be active and involved with the park. We will work with PP&R, the Office of Neighborhood Involvement, and Portland Police Bureau. The presence of the Foot Patrol on Mt. Tabor will always be a positive sign for all who enjoy the park.

### Challenges for 2017:

Increase membership and participation, especially participation from members who have not performed a foot patrol during the previous year.

The Foot Patrol will be ready to respond to the needs of the park, as reductions in park services continue from City of Portland. Dogs off-leash are always a problem, and we will continue our efforts to inform owners of the leash rule and of the available off-leash dog park area.

### 2017 Meeting Schedule

Fourth Tuesday of the following months:

February 28, 7:00 p.m.  
Mary & Bob McWilliams, 6825 SE Pine Ct

May 23, 11:00 a.m.  
Dennis Puetz Home, 1832 SE Hazel St. (Ladd's Addition)

August 22, 11:00 a.m., Mt. Tabor Park Picnic Area B  
(near tennis courts NE corner of park)

October 24, 7:00 p.m.  
Pat Morgan's home, 6135 SE Taylor Ct.

In addition to these meetings we have added an RSVP to each meeting announcement, and need at least 5 people to attend the meeting, or the meeting may be cancelled at the discretion of the Foot Patrol Coordinator. If the meeting is cancelled, a meeting summary (minutes) will be sent out based on the proposed agenda. Foot Patrol Coordinator can call for interim meetings should the need arise.

Email [taborpatrol@gmail.com](mailto:taborpatrol@gmail.com) for more information on volunteering and to schedule an orientation.

Center volunteers and park steward Johannes Venghaus pose with a sample of a new center sign



Volunteers of our park Visitor Center gathered at Flying Pie Pizza on on October 27, 2016, to celebrate the center's fifth anniversary. Congratulations team, and thank you for all your hard work!



# Mt. Tabor Maintenance Yard Project

-Martrese White

On October 8, 2016, Portland Parks and Recreation held a community Open House at the Mt. Tabor Maintenance Yard on SE Division at SE 64th Avenue to inform guests of the upcoming much-needed refurbishment of the site. Park workers gave tours of the property, displayed site plans, answered questions, and even provided coffee and donuts for guests. There were also details about the park's summit restroom renovation (see image 2 at right).

A highlight of the project that will directly benefit park visitors will be a new pedestrian/bicycle access path from SE Division Street at SE 64th Avenue. Work at Mt. Tabor Yard is being funded by several sources and will be built two phases, with guidance from the Mt. Tabor Yard Master Plan.

## Property Overview

Mt. Tabor Yard serves as the central dispatch for PP&R maintenance and nursery services for about 140 employees who are responsible for maintaining parks facilities and services across the city. This facility at has not kept up with the growth of the park system. Many of the existing structures originally designed as horse stables are now home to offices and work spaces, and have become unsuitable for today's larger maintenance equipment. Many improvements are needed to improve safety for workers and visitors.

## Schedule

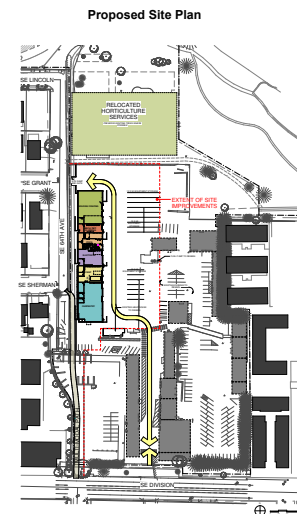
**Fall 2015–Spring 2016:** Contracting for Design Services, Negotiations, and Contract Award

**Summer 2016–Winter 2016/17:** Project Kick-Off, Design Development, Land Use Reviews

**Winter 2016/17–Spring 2017:** Construction Documents Development

**Summer 2017–Winter 2017/18:** Permitting and Bidding  
**2018:** Construction

Please visit [portlandoregon.gov/parks/67928](http://portlandoregon.gov/parks/67928) for more details about this project, to view the materials displayed at the October 8 Open House, and to add your email address to the mailing list for project updates.



# Mt. Tabor Visitors Center: A Volunteer's Experience

-Dave Houghton

When I unlock the old wooden door to the “castle” which guards the key to the Visitors Center, I can only imagine what my hours as the volunteer host will bring.

After hanging the pin-studded maps and the logo t-shirts, setting up the signs at the entrance to the parking lot and putting out the “open” sign, I note the weather in the log book and my volunteer day begins.

It's always a pleasure to come to the park, but the great joy of this endeavor is the people I meet. Some are neighbors, many come from throughout the country and some visit from the other side of the planet. Many are drawn to the park by kin, some by memories, some by a fortunate turn of events and a few by a fragment of history.

Often the conversation begins with a request for a map. I never know where a conversation will lead.

One couple of nearly fifty years remembered being Franklin High School teenagers who came up to the park on warm summer evenings. They had come back to see the park after nearly forty years, and reminisced with me about their time living in Southeast Portland. A visitor from England listened to my volcano spiel and then taught me that England, in fact, has extinct volcanoes of its own. They are now on my list of things to see.

Not long after the Mt. Tabor Park geology pamphlet came out, I was

visited by one of the pamphlet's authors. We chatted for awhile and she left, only to return with two small, well-worn stones she had found on the east flank of the park, remnants of the Missoula Flood. You can see those stones on top of the bookshelf when you come into the center. Visitors often know about the volcanic history of the park, but a smaller number know about the flood. Those stones are a great teaching tool.

Several years ago, an old Chevy van that could only be described as a “beater” rumbled into the parking lot. The man, and the woman who was traveling with him, had driven all the way from Louisiana to see the place that a “prophet” (whom I believe was John G. Lake) had claimed to have had a visitation from an angel in

Mt. Tabor Park back in the 1920. He excitedly leafed through a dog-eared copy of the book that led him here and found a passage about the park pathway where the angel had appeared. After reading the detailed description and looking at the path leading up from SE Yamhill to the parking lot, he came away satisfied that he had found the place. They walked the path, said goodbye and headed back home happy that they had achieved their goal.

And then there are the children. Sometimes they come with parents or grandparents and sometimes in organized groups. Some are quiet and observant, others distracted, some inquisitive and then there are the kids who astound me with their knowledge. The gift they leave for me is hope for the future.





# Mt. Tabor Reservoirs Historic Preservation Project Update

-Bing Wong

Members of the Mt. Tabor neighborhood continue working with the Portland Water Bureau and Portland Parks and Recreation on the Mt. Tabor Reservoirs Historic Preservation Project Team. In early 2016, the city council approved \$4,000,000 to repair and restore the Mt. Tabor Reservoirs to historic condition over the next four years. In December, AKANA was selected for Division of Work 1, and Historic Research Associates, Inc. for Division of Work 2 (Interpretive). AKANA is a minority owned business and one of their sub-consultants is Robert Dortignacq, Architect, who did the 2009 Historic Structures Report and the 2016 Update. These two firms were favored by most of the neighborhood member evaluators. Major neighborhood member contributor Stephanie Stewart continues working on prioritizing projects and costs for the group. Mr. Dortignacq has been very helpful. There is much work to be done with contractors in the upcoming year.

In 2017, look for the replacement of the cyclone fencing between Reservoirs 5 and 6, including the fence adjacent to the steep stairway, which was installed so workers could travel between the two reservoirs quickly (see photo above right). The original fence was installed for security to protect the slope, which is the dam face. When water was transferred from Reservoir 5 to 6 through a pipe, a generator produced electricity. The steps are narrow and challenging when people move in both directions, but the steps will not be widened due to the historic designation. As of this writing, the preservation team is still working on the final fence design. The upper portion (photo at right) will be 3.5 feet high with low, spaced out vegetation to permit good views looking west. There will be the opportunity for new benches.

*Photos by Bing Wong.*





# Book Review:

## *The Revolution Where You Live* by Sarah van Gelder

-Deb Hanson

I recently saw Sarah van Gelder speak at Powell's City of Books promoting her new book, *Revolution Where You Live*. Sarah, author, speaker and cofounder of Yes! Magazine, took a 12,000-mile journey across the U.S. to find pockets of activism that are addressing some of the most significant challenges of our time - climate change, economic insecurity, social injustice, racial violence.

She looked for places off the beaten path where people might not necessarily have the resources or political clout to create change - rural communities, Indian reservations, neglected urban neighborhoods. In each place she traveled, she found people who are passionate about their communities and committed to making them better because they LOVE where they live. They have a special connection to that place.

After reading the book, I am struck by the grit and perseverance of the people in these communities and by the unlikely partnerships that have formed to create real and lasting change - ranchers and Native tribes working together in Montana, Central American immigrants and white landowners in Kentucky, school children and police officers in Pennsylvania. Each story is different, but they all have one thing in

common - a deep connection to place. These stories demonstrate the hard-earned, small steps we must take in the long journey toward a more sustainable, peaceful, loving world.

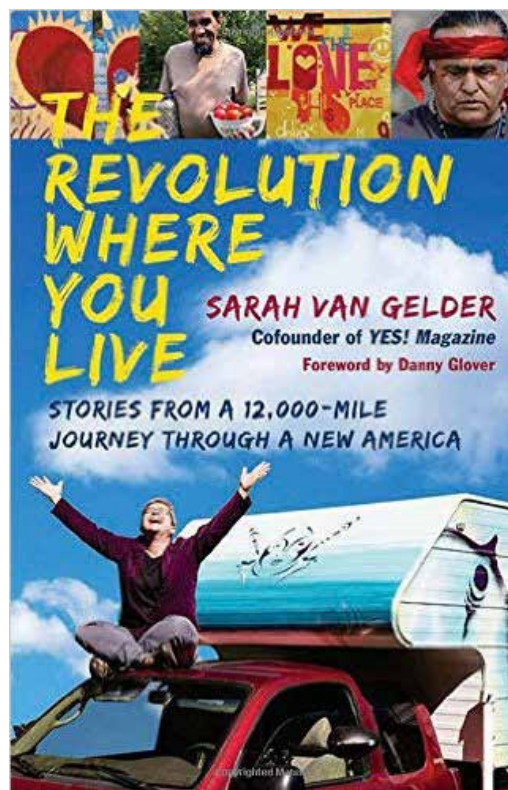
They are powerful and inspiring, vivid reminders that every single person can choose to make a difference. This book shows how real people in real communities are finding solutions to their most

challenging problems by being creative and open-minded. It reminds us that we each have the power to make our communities better by taking action together. Sarah ends the book with a list of "100 ways to reclaim local power". From building relationship bridges to connecting to self and your ecological home, she suggests ways to act within your own circle of influence.

As Friends of Mt. Tabor Park, we have a connection to this dormant mountain. We have a deep love for our park. We are connected to each other through our work to protect this special part of our community. We are a community of activists, and, in our small way, are participating in the revolution where we live

- making our community a more sustainable livable place. Read this book to see how other communities are creating revolutions where they live.

*The Revolution Where you Live* is [available at Powell's](#).



We gratefully acknowledge those who donated more than the basic \$15.00 to the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park during 2016. These additional funds enable the organization to help fund much-needed upgrades and maintenance, to the benefit of all those who visit the park. This list, categorized by tree names, honors those who contributed during 2016. Those who give more than the minimum in 2017 will be included in the year-end donor list.

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