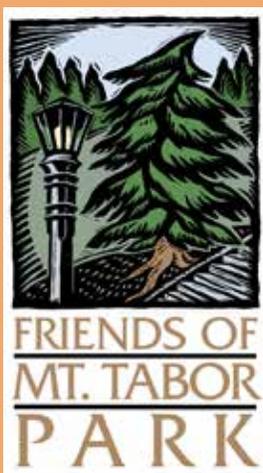


The TABOR TIMES

Newsletter - August 2018

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.



Come to the Annual Potluck Picnic!

It is almost that time of year again! The Friends of Mt. Tabor Park annual summer potluck picnic will be held on Tuesday, August 14 from 5:30–7:30 p.m. at Picnic Shelter A across from the main parking lot and Visitor Center. This is the perfect opportunity to socialize with your fellow FMTP members, chat with the board, learn the latest Mt. Tabor news, sample

delicious homemade treats, and win some great prizes, including a certificate for a pair of Danner boots valued up to \$400! Each guest will receive a raffle ticket for the opportunity to win. We encourage you to wear your finest FMTP gear, and please bring a dish to share; drinks, plates, napkins, and utensils will be provided. No R.S.V.P. is needed. We hope to see you there!



Greeting members! On behalf of the Board, I would like to express our appreciation for the continued support of our members, with special thanks to those who donated beyond basic membership dues. Because of membership generosity, the Board is able to consider funding a number of park improvement projects, like the Weed Warriors Stewardship Campaign. We thank our members for trusting us to manage and spend these funds wisely.

A few highlights so far in 2018:

- The board said farewell to two long-time board members (pictured below). Outgoing board Chair Beau Russell served on the board for nine years, and outgoing Secretary Gayle Marechal served for six years! We thank them for all their hard work—they will be missed.
- New board members Hannah Dondy-Kaplan, Mary Kinnick (who is rejoining the board after a hiatus), and Dennis Puetz were elected to three-year terms.
- Current board member Laura Mason is our new Secretary. Thank you Laura!



Beau Russell

- With the departure of Beau Russell, FMTP is without a board Chair. Chair duties have been divided among board members, and we **welcome new board candidates** to fill this position.
- Current Treasurer Isabel Johnson will not be running for reelection in March. **We will be in need of a treasurer.** Those interested in this much-needed board position should contact the current board at taborfriends@gmail.com
- Mary Kinnick has been instrumental in establishing fundraising efforts to sustain our Weed Warriors program (see page 3). Thank you Mary for all your hard work!
- Weed Warriors continue to work on the ecological health of the Mt. Tabor Park. Volunteers have logged over 1,000 hours already this year, thanks in part to some big work parties.
- Since opening in October 2011, the Visitor Center continues to exceed all expectations. Ten regular volunteers keep the center open six days a week, totaling 30–34 hours each week.



Gayle Marechal

- The Foot Patrol continued to keep the park a safe and clean place while racking up 310 volunteer hours through May.
- Bing Wong is on the Mt. Tabor Reservoirs Preservation Project Committee with Portland Water Bureau, community members from the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood, and Portland Parks and Recreation. Funding was provided by the Portland City Council for a four year project to preserve the historic value after the reservoirs were discounted from drinking water supply. He also serves as representative to the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association.
- Laura Mason is our FMTP representative on the Mt. Tabor Yard Planning Group.
- Carol Baumann and Larry Duckwall were chosen to be our 2017 FMTP Friend of the Year (see page 7).
- Gayle Marechal and Martrese White continue to edit and produce our newsletter.
- Martrese White continues to oversee our FMTP Website. Check us out at taborfriends.org

As always, FMTP continues its commitment to work closely with PP&R to identify how we can help to support them through efforts by volunteering, the investment of FMTP funds for park improvement projects, and in other ways.

Stewardship Fund Campaign for Weed Warrior Program off to a Healthy Start!

-Mary Kinnick

On April 1, FMTP kicked off a one-time, neighborhood-based campaign to raise \$100,000 to open a Stewardship Fund for the award-winning FMTP Weed Warrior Program. As of June 1, through personal outreach to businesses, organizations, and individuals, FMTP has raised \$77,000 toward that goal! Specifically, we have received:

- Donations ranging from \$4 to \$5000 from 169 individuals & businesses
- Donations of \$500 or more from the following organizations:
 - \$2500—The Nature Conservancy
 - \$1000—Academy Theater, Hawthorne Auto Clinic, Honl Tree Care, Living Room Realty (Cristen Lincoln), Old PDX Homes (Tracy Wiens), PDX Commons, Portland Nursery, Square Deal Remodeling Company, and The Caplener Group
 - \$500—Flying Pie Pizza, Parkside Clinic (Chiropractic & Massage), Saylers Old Country Kitchen, Sohler Law, and a commitment from the Hawthorne Blvd. Business Association
- In-kind donations from the Cheese Bar, Jaciva's Bakery, and Tabor Bread and special publicity by Rain or Shine Coffee House

Stay tuned for more information about the next phase of the campaign to begin in September. Meanwhile, please help us meet our goal by making a donation and



sharing Stewardship Fund information with friends, family, and through social media. The *SE Examiner* June issue included an [article](#) about the campaign along with an ad thanking local businesses for their generous donations.

Planning is now underway to transfer the FMTP “Stewardship Fund” to an endowment fund with the Oregon Community Foundation. This fund is expected to generate at least \$4,000 per year that will be used to continue funding the part-time Weed Warrior Stewardship Coordinator (see page 9).

FMTP opened the campaign with a donation match of \$12,500. Stewardship Fund Steering Committee members Jeff Anderson, Amelia Caldwell, Jackie Dingfelder, Kari Easton, Tom Kohler, Cristen Lincoln, Kate Raphael, Tim Raphael, Diane Redd, and chairperson, Mary Kinnick have been tireless in their personal outreach efforts. And, FMTP Board members have gone far beyond their regular duties to support the effort. A \$2500 grant from the Portland Parks Foundation has afforded us the opportunity to purchase professional campaign materials.

Over these past eight years, the award-winning Weed Warrior volunteer program has grown to involve twenty-seven trained crew leaders and over 500 volunteers each year who remove invasive species such as English ivy and Himalayan blackberry to help keep the park ecologically healthy. City funding for the Stewardship Coordinator ended June 30, 2017. The \$4,000 from the Stewardship Fund will be supplemented with annual funding from FMTP to provide funding for the Stewardship Coordinator, an individual critical to the quality and effectiveness of the habitat restoration program.

Many of you, in addition to annual membership renewal and giving, have also contributed to this one-time fund-raising campaign. Your generosity is amazing!!

For more information and to see how you can donate or in some other way help the campaign, go to www.taborfriends.org/stewardship or contact Mary Kinnick at marykinnick@gmail.com or 503-287-6959.

The following two pages can be printed and shared with your friends and neighbors who love beautiful Mt. Tabor Park.

Help Us Keep Mt. Tabor Park Healthy

Donate today to keep the award-winning Weed Warrior program alive.

For over 100 years, Mt. Tabor Park has provided an exceptional natural retreat, just minutes from downtown Portland, where we breathe deeply beneath towering Douglas Firs, stroll around historic reservoirs, and take in city views. Photo credit: Larry Olson



WHY IS MT. TABOR PARK AT RISK?

Invasive plants like Himalayan blackberry and English ivy threaten to choke out biodiversity in Mt. Tabor Park. Left unchecked, invasives create a monoculture, degrade soil health, and negatively impact birds, pollinators, and other wildlife. In 2005, a City survey found 93 percent of Mt. Tabor Park's vegetation areas to be in "poor" or "severely degraded" condition. Since 2010, hundreds of our neighbors and friends have volunteered over 15,000 hours to restore health to the park by removing invasive species. This massive restoration effort has been spearheaded by a group called the Weed Warriors.

WHO ARE THE WEED WARRIORS?

- The Weed Warriors is a major volunteer program of the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park.
- This award-winning program began in 2002 and expanded significantly in 2010 to bring ecological health back to Mt. Tabor Park.
- Since 2010, the Weed Warrior program has been led by a part-time paid Stewardship Coordinator who organizes volunteers once a month from March–October to remove invasive plants and inspire the next generation of park stewards.
- Over the last decade, Weed Warrior volunteers planted hundreds of native plants to prevent the return of invasive plants, stabilize steep hillsides, and capture stormwater run-off.
- In 2017, the Weed Warrior program engaged over 500 volunteers from across the Metro area.
- Until 2017, the program had been funded primarily by the City of Portland as part of Tabor to the River, a stormwater management project.
- The Weed Warrior program has been recognized by a **Spirit of Portland Award** and the statewide **Community Organization Award** from SOLVE.



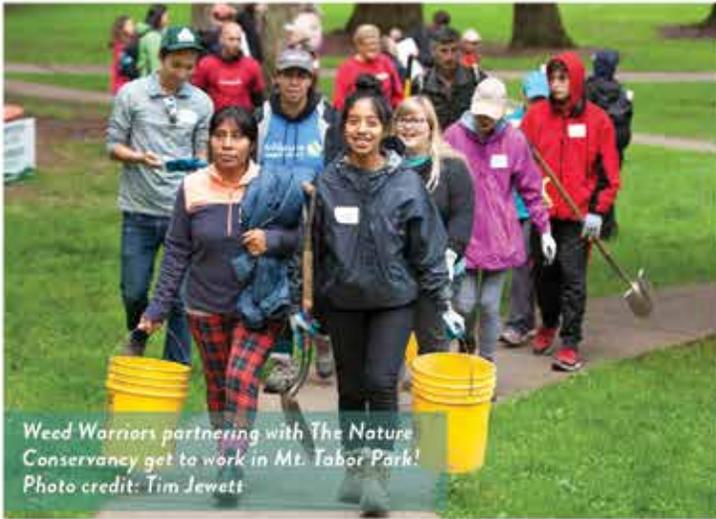
Invasive blackberry and clematis overtaking native tree in Mt. Tabor Park. Photo credit: FMTP Board Member Bing Wong



Weed Warriors taking a rest after pulling English ivy. Photo credit: Stasia Hannold

NUMBER OF WEED WARRIOR
VOLUNTEER HOURS
RESTORING HABITAT IN MT. TABOR PARK
2010–2017:
15,726

In 2017, the City of Portland ended funding for the Weed Warrior program, jeopardizing years of restoration and the future health of the park.



Weed Warriors partnering with The Nature Conservancy get to work in Mt. Tabor Park!
Photo credit: Tim Jewett

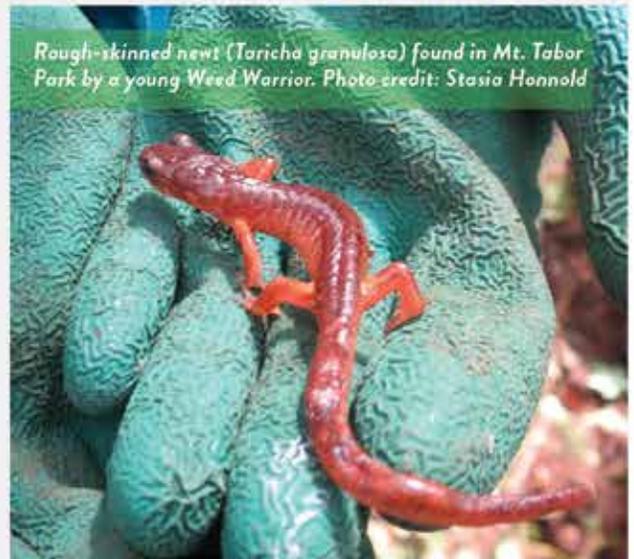


American Robin finds lunch in Mt. Tabor Park.
Photo credit: FMTP Board Member Bing Wang

The Mt. Tabor Park Stewardship Fund

A small group of neighbors and friends, led by the nonprofit Friends of Mt. Tabor Park, are banding together to help maintain the health of our beloved park.

- Stewardship Fund Goal: **\$100,000**
- Friends of Mt. Tabor Park will contribute \$12,500
- Funds will be invested through the Oregon Community Foundation where interest accrued will sustain the Weed Warrior program for generations to come.



Rough-skinned newt (*Taricha granulosa*) found in Mt. Tabor Park by a young Weed Warrior. Photo credit: Stasia Honnold

DONATE TODAY!

Become a Steward of Mt. Tabor Park to keep the award-winning Weed Warrior program alive.

Let's take care of our gem of a park! All contributions count. Mt. Tabor Park is a priceless asset for all who value access to nature and recreation. Please consider contributing to this important one-time campaign. Make your tax-deductible contribution today at:

www.TaborFriends.org/Stewardship

Join us on social media:



Friends of Mt. Tabor Park
Friends of Mt. Tabor Park Weed Warriors



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For more information, please contact Friends of Mt. Tabor Park Board Member Mary Kinnick at FMTPStewardshipFund@gmail.com. IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) information available upon request. Thank you for your support!

Friends of Mt. Tabor Park is a 501(c)3 organization established in 2000 to improve and help maintain Mt. Tabor Park for the benefit of individuals, organizations, and the Park Bureau; to identify and help solve problems; and to participate in park planning projects.

FMTP received a grant from the Portland Parks Foundation to cover the cost of all campaign materials. Thank you Portland Parks Foundation!

THANK YOU to the following businesses that have generously donated to our Stewardship Campaign!

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For a complete list of all donors, please click on the "Donors" link at www.taborfriends.org/stewardship.

2018 Annual Meeting Review

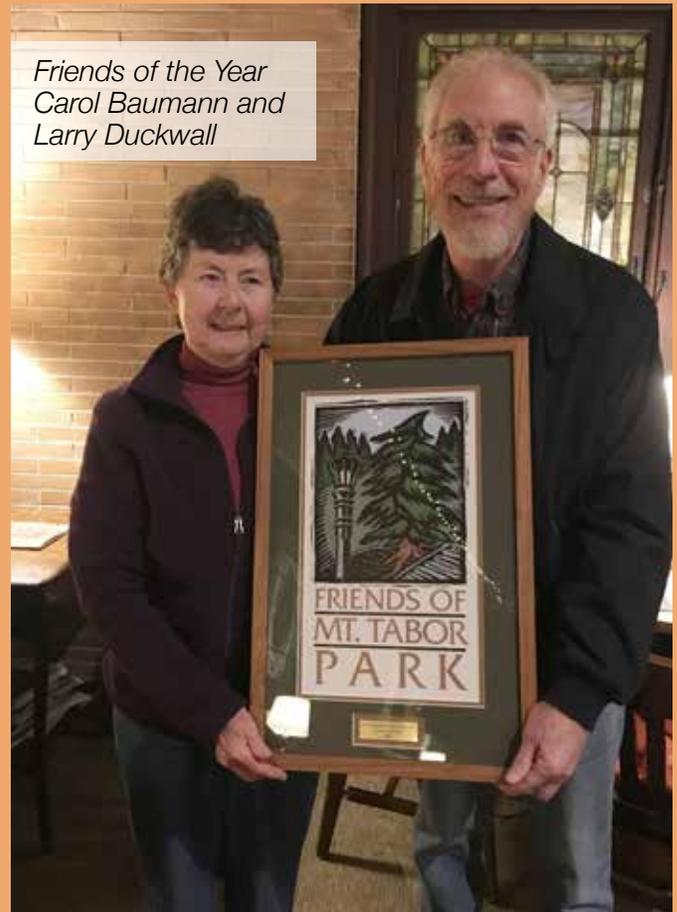
-Martrese White

The Friends of Mt. Tabor Park annual meeting was held at TaborSpace on Tuesday, March 13. We saw lots of familiar faces as well as some first-timers. Long-time board members Beau Russell (Chair) and Gayle Marechal (Secretary) stepped down from the board; we thank them for their many years of service and dedication! Newcomers Hannah Dondy-Kaplan and Dennis Puetz were elected to the board, and after a hiatus from board service, Mary Kinnick returned to the board.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of awards. Tireless volunteers Carol Baumann and Larry Duckwall were recognized as the Friends of the Year. Carol and Larry have both been true friends of Mt. Tabor Park over the years, whether it be staffing the Foot Patrol, pie sales at the summer concerts, Visitor Center volunteering, painting and installing tree post markers, trail marker maintenance, putting up and taking down concert barricades, and taking care of all purchases for the visitor center. Congratulations to Carol and Larry on this much-deserved award!

The board voted to bestow an honorary FMTP membership to local merchant Greg Bunker of KB Custom Frames (7828 SE Stark - kbcustomframes.com). Greg has graciously given our organization a discount on framing our Friend of the Year awards for many years. He was born on Mt. Tabor in a maternity hospital formerly on the site of the care center on SE Belmont Street. When he found a space to set up his framing shop on SE Stark, he knew he'd found the perfect location. In addition to framing, Greg paints landscapes, occasionally donating works to events such as The Alzheimer's Association annual auction. KB Frames is named after Greg's children Kenneth and Kelsey Bunker. The Friends of Mt. Tabor Park thank Greg for supporting our organization over the years!

Thank you to everyone who came out for our annual meeting, especially those who brought refreshments. It's always fun to reconnect with fellow members, and to share updates about our organization with everyone.



*Friends of the Year
Carol Baumann and
Larry Duckwall*



*Honorary member
Greg Bunker of
KB Custom Frames*

Weed Warriors Update

- Lise Gervais

Friends of Mt. Tabor Park Weed Warriors continue to work to improve the ecological health of the park by removing invasives, planting native plants, and encouraging the wonderful volunteers who come out each month to help us with this mission. We now have about thirty PP&R-trained crew leaders. I am constantly impressed with their enthusiasm, dedication, and great stories.

As is ever the case, the Weed Warriors have undergone some changes. A few months ago our Stewardship Coordinator, Stasia Honnold, accepted a wonderful opportunity to work for the Washington Trails Association, which unfortunately for us means working on Saturdays. We'll miss her leadership, great smile, and vegan cookies. We appreciate her time with us but are happy for the fabulous opportunity she has with the Washington Trails Association.

After interviewing a number of qualified candidates, we offered the Stewardship Coordinator position to Emily Lytle, who has been involved in stewardship efforts at Mt. Tabor while working with Susan Hawes at PP&R as well as working for SOLVE. Emily is also an Education Coordinator at Hoyt Arboretum and works for Portland Parks as part of the Lands Stewardship West division. We have been very lucky that each of our two previous and current Stewardship Coordinators are dedicated and enthusiastic about Mt. Tabor Park.

Our Portland Parks liaison Isabel LaCourse has also moved on to a new, exciting opportunity. Isabel is now the coordinator of the Native Gathering Gardens, which is part of the Community Gardens Program of Portland Parks. If you want to learn more about this new park, visit www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/683166

Our new Portland Parks liaison is David Grandfield. David has been working for Parks since 2015. You may have met him a few years ago if you volunteered at the Nature Conservancy work party. We're looking forward to working with Emily and David. They have met with Park Ecologist Steve Lower on a several occasions to walk around the park and plan the best way to use the limited number of volunteer hours in ways that will have the most effect on the continually improving health of the park.

In addition to our Last-Saturday-of-the-Month work parties, in March we planted over 1,000 plants in Unit 8 with Willamette River Keeper and One Tree Planted. We have also planted small ferns and weeded around large ferns with 4-12 year olds and their grown-ups from PP&R's Nature Mentoring class, and we pulled ivy and took a plant-ID walk with an AP Biology class from Franklin High School.

Looking forward, the annual Nature Conservancy work party, our biggest of the year, is on September 29. Work parties with New Seasons Managers and Assistant Managers are planned for this summer, as well as Warner Pacific's Common Day of Service in the fall.



Introducing Our New Weed Warrior Stewardship Coordinator!

-Martrese White

Our Weed Warriors do a tremendous amount of work each season clearing invasive plant species and planting native plants in the park. All that work doesn't "just happen." FMTP has a part-time Stewardship Coordinator who provides leadership and hands-on supervision for all volunteer service projects in the park, coordinates orientation/education sessions, helps plan and lead annual training sessions for crew leaders, recruits volunteers, manages the Weed Warriors Facebook page, and much more!

In February our former coordinator Stasia Honnold accepted a full-time job with the Washington Trails Association, and the hunt was on for a new candidate. After receiving several applications, the board unanimously voted to hire Emily Lytle (*right*), the Education Coordinator for Hoyt Arboretum Friends and a staff member at Portland Parks in the West Lands Stewardship Division.

At Hoyt Arboretum Friends, Emily has experience in managing high capacity education programs with a volunteer staff, including coordinating tours and environmental educational workshops.



Emily's PP&R West Lands Stewardship position involved completing an eleven-month AmeriCorps service term with the bureau. Her duties include coordinating and conducting outreach for the No Ivy League volunteer restoration events within Forest Park, and planning No Ivy Day, a 20-site Portland-Metro-wide volunteer event spanning over four counties with over 300 volunteers. She also creates and distributes a quarterly newsletter.

Emily has prior experience as an Environmental Education Director for Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation District's Nature Mobile program, and as a Programs Assistant at SOLVE Oregon. She completed Oregon State University's Master Gardener Certification, and holds a BA from University of California Santa Barbara.

In her free time, Emily loves to get outside by going on long hikes, camping trips, and biking around the neighborhood. Emily is a resident of SE Portland's Sunnyside neighborhood. She lives with roommates

and her three chickens.

The board is thrilled to have Emily as part of our Weed Warriors team. Anyone interested in volunteering at our monthly work parties should email Emily at emily_fmtp@gmail.com. We thank you for your support!

2018 Tar 'n' Trail Park Benefit -Anne Crispino-Taylor

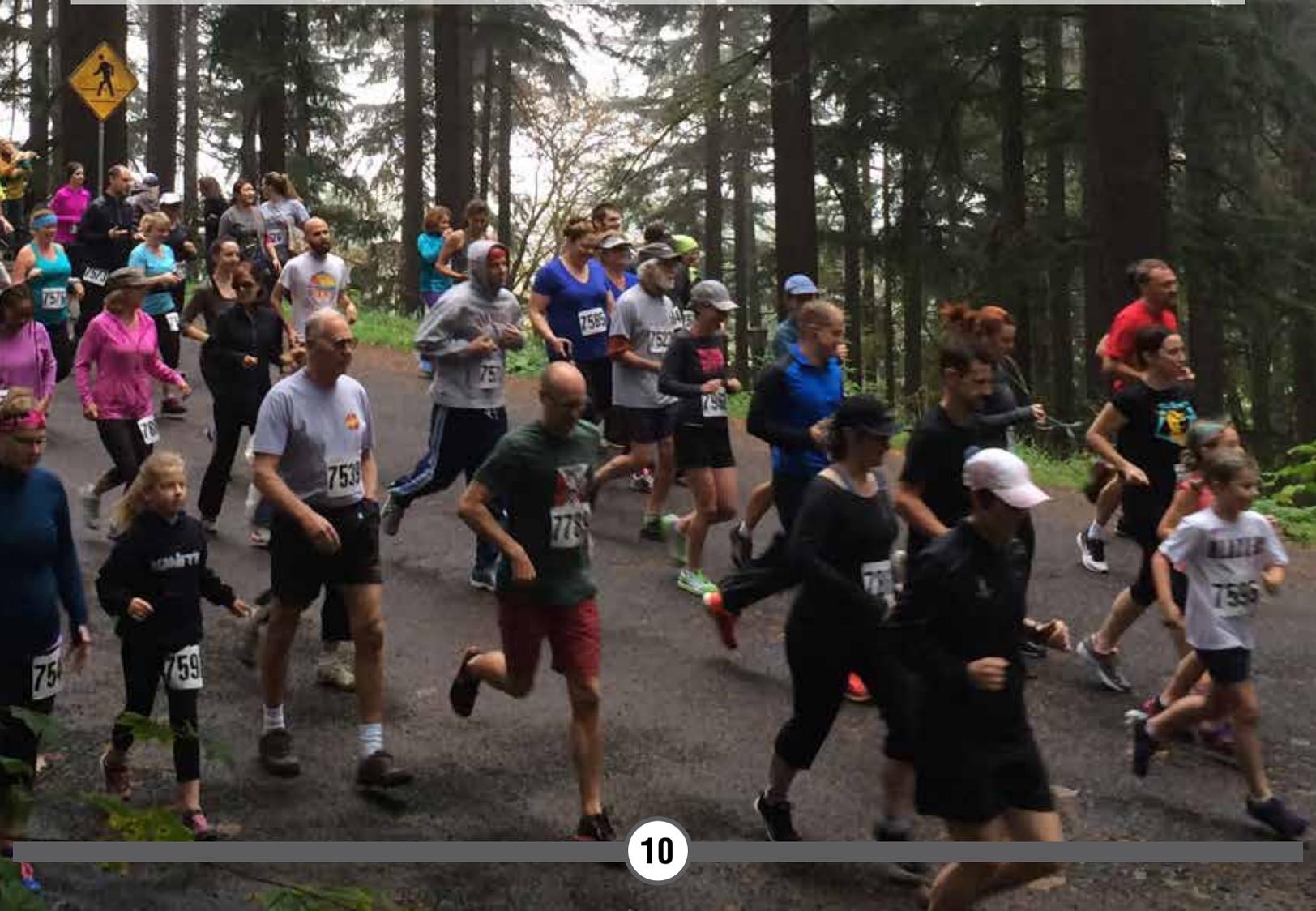
The seventh annual Friends of Mt. Tabor Park 5k walk/run and 10K run will be held on Sunday, September 30 to celebrate autumn in the park. Prices for the races remain the same as 2017: \$25.00 for the 10K, \$15.00 for the 5K, and \$5.00 for kids 12 and under entered in the 5k. The race is a fundraising event to benefit The Friends of Mt. Tabor Park. Over the past six years the race has raised over \$7,000 for the organization!

Mt. Tabor Park has a well-designed forested trail system consisting of three trails: the Red Trail, the Green Trail, and the Blue Trail. The Red Trail is a 1-mile loop running counter-clockwise; the Green Trail is a 1.7-mile loop running clockwise; and the Blue Trail is a 3-mile loop that runs counter-clockwise. The 10K utilizes all three trails, while the 5K utilizes the blue loop.

The 10K race begins at 9:00 am and the 5K race begins at 9:05. For check in and same-day registration, please come to the parking lot near the caldera between 8:00 - 8:45 am. After the race mingle with other runners and enjoy post race snacks generously donated by local businesses. There will also be a raffle after the race for other donated prizes.

Please come join us for a fun run (or walk) around the park, and help support FMTP!

To register and to learn more about the race, go to www.runannie.net



Update: Mt. Tabor Reservoirs Preservation Project

-Bing Wong

The new fencing project between Reservoir #5 and #6 is finished. The fencing on the sides of the stairs took several extra weeks due to the steep slope and getting the fence manufactured for installation. When near completion, the fence was vandalized. Parts of the fence hardware were broken off and had to be replaced, and the steps will have to be repaired. Park users are asked to keep an eye out for unlawful activity and report it immediately.

Restoration of Reservoir #1 is progressing with the south parapet wall completed. The public expressed concerns that the reservoir will never be filled again, which is not the case. Ground-penetrating radar was used on the inside wall and basin to detect voids. Once targeted repairs are done, the reservoir will be filled with water. Sidewalk and gutter repair work is continuing. These problems have added to the estimated budgeted cost for Reservoir #1. The Mt. Tabor Reservoirs Preservation Committee is making budget adjustments as allotted funding is running out for the current fiscal year, and lighting projects will be pushed back.

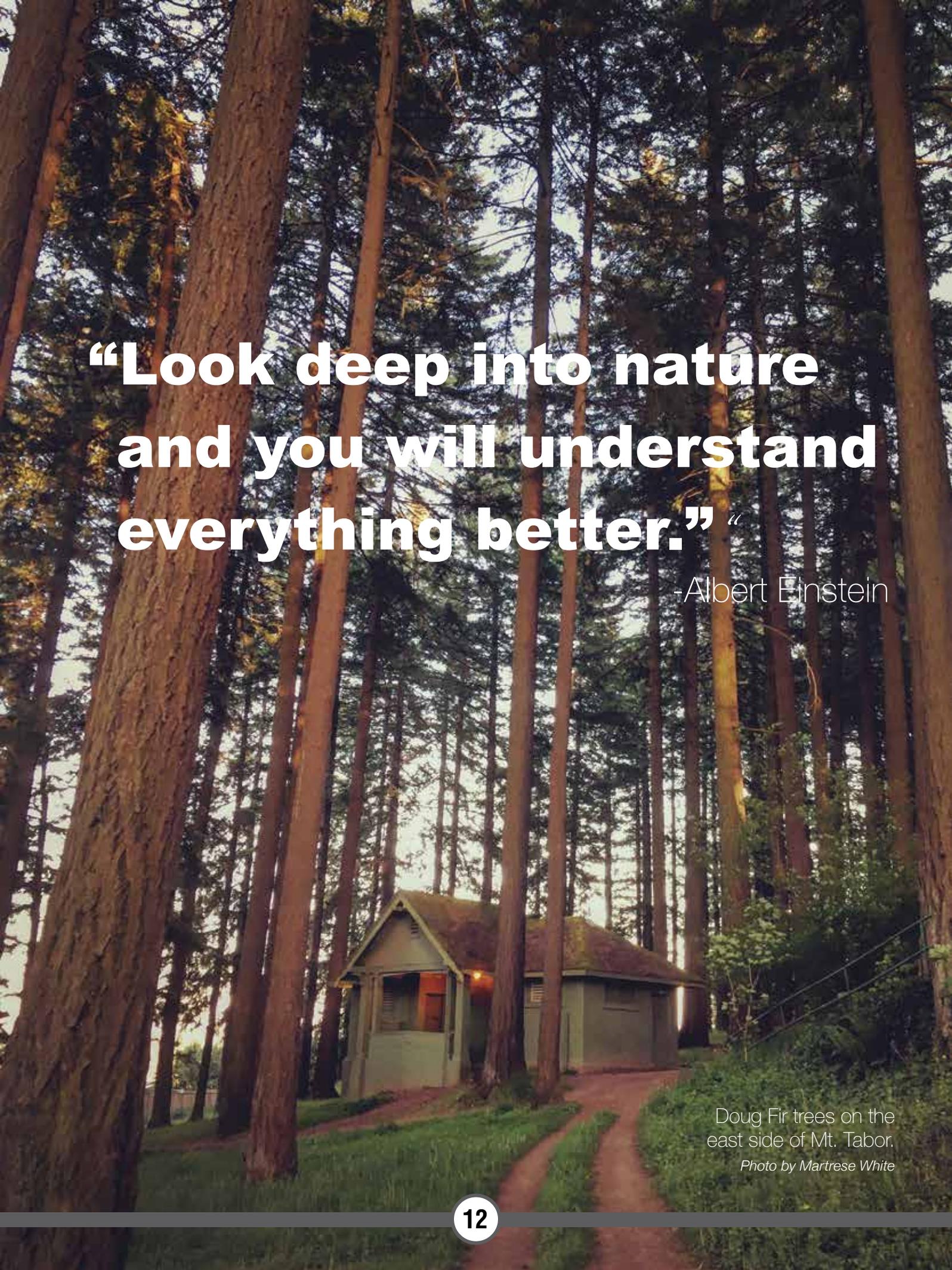
Reservoir #6 was drained for cleaning and repairs. Leaks between the north and south cells were repaired. With the reservoir drained, further inspection revealed exposed rebar and rusted struts. Reservoir #5 will be drained and inspected once work on #6 is completed and it has been filled.

Work is continuing with the Interpretive Program. The design and location of interpretive signs will have to meet Water Bureau and Parks & Recreation requirements. The first community meeting took place on April 14 to get feedback on design concepts and was an opportunity to offer historical information.



Board Chair and Treasurer Needed!

Do you love Mt. Tabor Park? Would you like to spend some time volunteering for the benefit of the park? FMTP is seeking two park-loving citizens to be on the board as Chair and Treasurer. The board meets every other month, and we have a great time keeping our organization running. Duties are manageable, and the rewards are immeasurable. Please email taborfriends@gmail.com for more information.



**“Look deep into nature
and you will understand
everything better.” “**

-Albert Einstein

Doug Fir trees on the
east side of Mt. Tabor.

Photo by Martrese White

Foot Patrol Meeting Summary

May 22, 2018

-Dennis Puetz, Foot Patrol Coordinator

1. Thank you to Patricia Morgan for hosting the meeting. It was a beautiful evening in her backyard; about nine members attended the 7:00 to 8:10 pm meeting
2. There were no new members at the meeting.
3. New member training & hut maintenance - Steve Bingold presented the following list of new members (*pictured from left to right: John Fulbright, Stasia Honnold, Jacob Rose, and Karen Wilkinson*)
7. Mt. Tabor Park had only two concerts this year due to budget limitations (7/10, 7/17). The Foot Patrol again committed to provide assistance with parking control during the concerts.
8. There will soon be new signs in the park informing visitors of the Lost & Found location at the Visitors Center and an email address to contact Friends of Mt. Tabor Park about lost items. Below is the draft copy of the sign, and it will be similar in size to a no parking sign.



4. Special thanks to our members for adopting trails for maintenance. This is an essential and easy way to help Mt. Tabor Park! These members will be making their first maintenance trip on their adopted trail in the next few weeks.

- Red Trail, Patricia Morgan
- Blue Trail, Dave Beltz
- Green Trail, Steve Bingold

5. Dog Park business cards are available in the hut on the main shelf and in the Visitors Center. Here is a [link](#) to the business card Foot Patrol members carry to hand out to visitors.
6. Jack Vidosh donated a couple of dozen walking sticks he made for the Foot Patrol members to have. Jack finds suitable downed tree branches in the park and creates colorful walking sticks. Almost all have found a new home. Thanks, Jack!



9. Homeless camps continue to be found in the park but not as frequently as in recent years. The camp below was found in a difficult-to-reach location of the park, location K13 on the [grid map](#).



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10. Jacob Rose, one of our newest Foot Patrol members, has been cleaning and painting all the yellow tree marker posts. Jacob started in February, and as weather permits is working a few days each month, with the goal to get all 57 posts looking good by June. Here is a [link](#) to the tree guide, “The Trees of Mt. Tabor Park.”
11. The Foot Patrol roster was updated a few weeks ago and sent out to all Foot Patrol members. If you need a copy, email taborpatrol@gmail.com.
12. Warner Pacific female students have volunteered for public service by picking up trash in the park. The Foot Patrol provided pick-up sticks for them to use. Here is a photo of the first group starting their day in the park. *(pictured from left to right: Satera, Morgan, Brittany, and Julianna)*



13. In July, Lee Haywood, Graduate Environmental Civil Engineer from Scotland on a Research Grant to visit Portland as part of his studies for “The Transformation of Glasgow’s Drainage and Wastewater Network for 21st Century Demands.” He has chosen as one of his interests to visit Mt. Tabor Park and would like to meet with Foot Patrol and Weed Warriors. We look forward to his visit!
14. Foot Patrol Stats for 2018:
 - Total number of members at end of May: 59
 - Total volunteer hours for foot patrol members through May: approx. 310
 - Total number of foot patrols since year 2000: approx 4600
15. The next Foot Patrol meeting will be a potluck at Mt. Tabor Park picnic area B, August 21, 11am. Picnic area B is in the NE corner of park, near the tennis courts. Join us!

Links to Foot Patrol Resources:

[Updated Meet The Members Scrapbook](#)

[Updated New Member Guide](#)

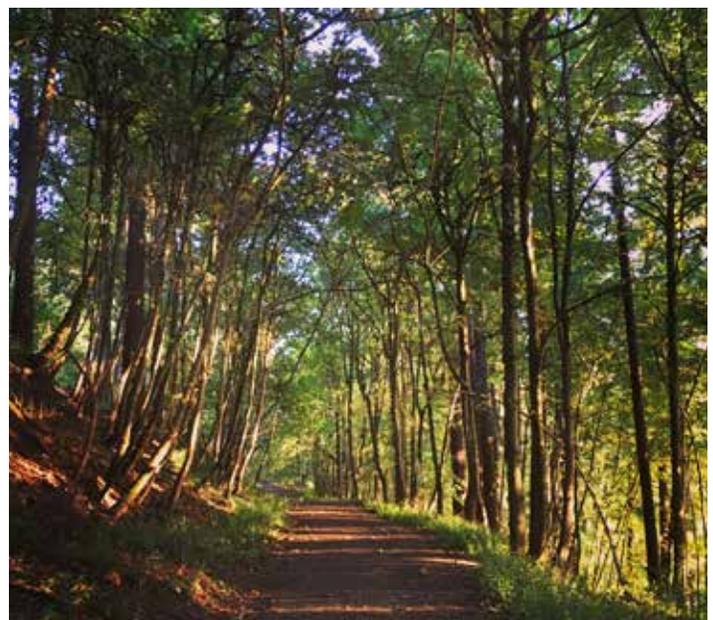
[Link to Grid Map of Mt. Tabor Park](#)

Foot Patrol Purpose: Keep park clean, safe, and secure; act as ambassadors who observe, record & report items such as theft, vandalism, graffiti, improperly secured facilities, lost & found items; assist visitors in the park; and pick up litter. Don’t forget to use the new City of Portland website to report anything important that you observe in the park that needs to be reported: www.pdxreporter.org

Visit the Foot Patrol Gmail account for the calendar, member/roster/contact information; www.gmail.com, sign into Gmail account: taborpatrol@gmail.com, select Gmail if needed. Existing Gmail users can add the Foot patrol calendar to their existing calendar, contact Dennis.

Visit the Google Drive that comes with the Gmail account and the record center of all activities for Foot Patrol and Friends of Mt. Tabor Park (bylaws, newsletters, etc.).

We welcome new Foot Patrol volunteers. please contact us at taborpatrol@gmail.com to schedule an orientation. Thank you for your support!



Basketball Court Makeover

-Martrese White

Nike and the Portland Trail Blazers are partnering to refresh and upgrade the majority of the basketball courts across 30 Portland Parks & Recreation parks, including the court in Mt. Tabor Park. The courts will be repaired and refreshed with new paint and a new design featuring the name of the park. The backboards will also be redesigned with the name of the park's quadrant. Repairs to the court surface and replacement of backboards and hoops will take place as needed. The project will take place from fall 2018 through fall 2019. More details can be found at www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/688863



Membership Report and Dues -Suzanne McCarthy

The Friends of Mt. Tabor Park enjoyed a healthy first half of 2018. We received contributions from 101 households, with 32 of those representing more than one person. We have 133 members!

Basic dues are \$15.00, but if a member chooses to donate \$25.00 or more, his or her name will be entered into an honors list, with the various giving levels named for trees in the area. The 'Trees List' memberships stand as follows:

Linden - \$25.00 to \$49.99:	31
Red Leaf Maple - \$50.00 to \$99.99:	23
Red Alder - \$100.00 to \$249.99:	27
Madrone - \$249.99 to \$499.99:	3
Sequoia (\$500 and over):	2

This year has been unique in that the Friends have embarked upon a one-time campaign to raise \$100,000, the income from which will cover the expenses incurred by our Weed Warriors as they work to keep invasive plants out of our beautiful park. We are pleased to say that 207 people have answered the call to support this project. Local businesses account for 14 of those contributors. Thanks to all!

Many people wonder what happens to their information when they sign up on any list. Friends of Mt. Tabor Park does **not** share its membership list with any other group. If a member asks not to have his or her name on any of our lists, that person becomes "Anonymous." Mailing addresses and email addresses are treated with equal care.



Visitor Center News

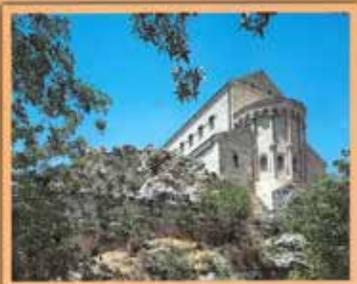
-Dave Hillman

Many thanks to all Visitor Center volunteers, especially as we continue to set attendance records. More visitors often result in an increase in merchandise sales and contributions! A few highlights as we tackle the second half of summer:

- We now have a large supply of the Water Bureau annual reports on the shelf of the bookcase under the hats/post cards/etc. The second and third pages of this report do a very good job of depicting the Portland water supply system from Bull Run to the city, including the buried reservoirs. Visitors (and residents) are often unaware of how the system works. Stop by the center and discover for yourself!
- My grandson just returned from a Vanderbilt University Maymester (a five-week college credit concentrated semester) in Israel with a group of students. He found a laminated placemat of Mt. Tabor in Israel, our namesake, and brought it home for me (see next page). Photocopies of the front and back are taped to the door of the supply cabinet for visitors to see.
- We now have a new full-color Trail Map [brochure!](#) They're kept inside the Visitor Center (not in the holders on the kiosk in the parking lot).
- The PP&R Reservation Center e-mails a weekly summary of events scheduled in the park. A copy will be at the Visitor Center so all volunteers will be informed about where and when events will be happening in the park, which is helpful when visitors unfamiliar with the park stop in to find the location of an event they're attending.



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The present church built in the ruins of the Byzantine and Crusader Churches

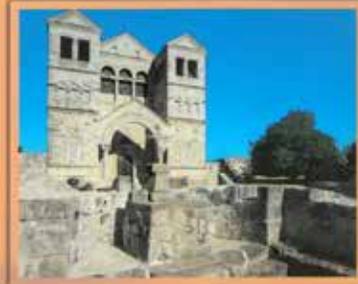


Entrance gate to Mount Tabor



Interior of the present-day Church of the Transfiguration

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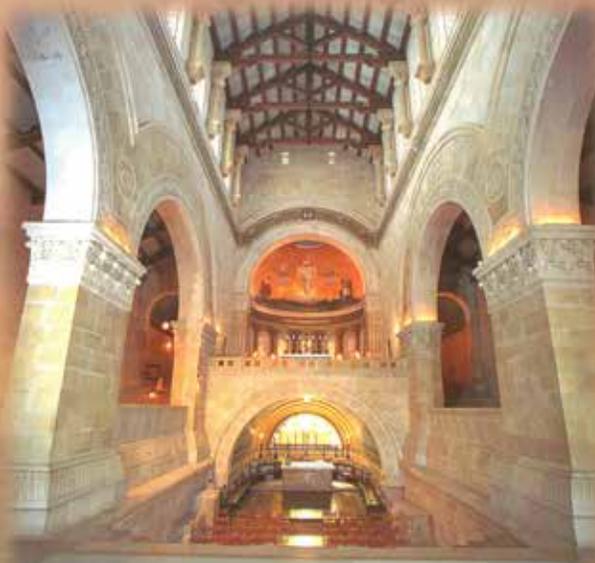
Facade of the Church of the Transfiguration



Chapel of Peace



Chapel of Blood the People



Interior of the present-day Church of the Transfiguration



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Meet Mt. Tabor's New Park Tech

-Martrese White

FMTP welcomes our newest Park Tech Mike Christensen (below left)! Mike was born and raised in the Portland area and lives outside Oregon City with his wife (below right), three dogs, two cats and three goats. When he is not at home tending to his pets, he enjoys camping, going to concerts and having a tasty local beer with friends. Mike has worked for Portland Parks & Recreation for almost three years and he loves his job! He is very happy to be working up on Mt. Tabor, and he's having a blast meeting new people and taking care of such a great part of Portland.

If you see Mike in the park, stop and say "hi" and introduce yourself. We all look forward to working with him to keep Mt. Tabor safe and clean.

