

July 2020 MTNA Update

The July 2020 General Meeting was two-part. One part is this written update about civic issues, offered by volunteers with the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association. One part was the Zoom meeting held July 15 (once meeting minutes are approved, they will be available online here: <https://www.mttaborpdx.org/meeting-minutes>).

Written updates included here are:

- Community news
- News about regular-old civic issues
- Useful links for Covid-19 repercussions
- SE Uplift Board Report

Community news

WEAR A MASK – Masks are required in Oregon when you are inside any public space AND when you are outside in a place where you will pass multiple people or have to pass closely (so... while on a hiking trail or in a busy area of a park, while shopping on Division or Hawthorne...). As of this week, children 5 and older are also required to wear masks in these situations. Oregon is at a critical moment, for public health and economics, and masks are one way you can contribute to a stronger Oregon. <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-oha-face-coverings>

Avoid visiting Bend, OR – The City of Bend is asking for your help, as they request visitors stay away until September, due to a Covid spike. <https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/2020/07/18/covid-bend-oregon-tourism-asks-visitors-stay-away-labor-day-rising-cases/5459100002/?fbclid=IwAR22i2FPLE5R82QEA3irPsRvcHYw5eTcWucKIsxCDTK9K4LbsCEbw55dyFU>

MTNA's August meeting will be on Zoom, at 7pm, on August 19th. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMod-isqDksGd3yFlkbfMeuZ0hZNFZMrIh>

News about regular-old civic issues

Local, grassroots, timely activism you might find interesting –

Wall of Moms is on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wallofmoms/>

Wall of Dads is on twitter: <https://twitter.com/pdxdadpod>

National Night Out - Postponed to October 6th this year due to concerns over COVID-19. Registration for the City of Portland National Night Out will happen in June 2020 for an October 6, 2020 celebration.

Burning wood in Multnomah County – Multnomah County’s Office of Sustainability has received a DEQ grant to implement a community campaign about health and wood smoke. The goal of the campaign is to promote clean air and reduce wood smoke in the county. They are in the early stages of brainstorming and would appreciate feedback about wood burning.

If you burn wood, this 10 minute survey will help inform their 2020-2021 Wood Smoke Campaign. Reach out to sustainability@multco.us with any questions or concerns. Survey link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfvyo-Bwjfryh9KiMrt7ckKuLtrRKOnugjsa5L9OZjMtbJNdw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1>

Fun distractions...

A printable coloring book from our local soil and water conservation agency: <https://emswcd.org/new-activity-book-gga/>

Video tours of Portland's best patios for cats! <https://www.catssafeathome.org/discover>

Useful links for Covid-19 repercussions

Testing questions? OHA (the Oregon Health Authority) will host a facebook live event on Wednesday July 29 at 1:30 pm to answer questions. <https://www.facebook.com/OregonHealthAuthority/posts/3114522875251115>

Outbreak data

OHA (the Oregon Health Authority) creates detailed reports with Covid-19 stats from around the state, and their “weekly reports” are quite informative, go here: <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>

General

For the latest about **Oregon State Parks** and facility openings, go here: https://stateparks.oregon.gov/index.cfm?do=v.dsp_parkstatus

For the latest news about **Portland Parks and Rec** park and facility closures turn here: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/756348>

For the latest news about **Trimet’s** Covid-19 related changes, go here: <https://trimet.org/health/>

OHA (the Oregon Health Authority) has created a new website where they bring together a host of useful resources for these strange and challenging times: <https://www.safestrongoregon.org/community-board>

Southeast Uplift Board News

Update by Sam Noble

This month the board heard a presentation from Vibrant Portland, a group organized around relocating Union Pacific from the Brooklyn and Albina Rail Yards. Southeast Uplift had previously contributed financially to help fund an engineering study to further this project. The Southeast

Examiner covered this effort last year: <https://www.southeastexaminer.com/2019/06/railroad-retracking-becomes-possible-reality/>

The organization adopted its first statement on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA), including guidelines for evaluating organizational policies and programs.

Finally, due to the budgetary impact of COVID-19, Portland / Civic Life will be unable to fund community small grants this year. The Southeast Uplift board voted to continue to support this program at a lower financial level by rebalancing its own budget.

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Much of what you read here was posted to the **Mt Tabor Neighborhood Association's** facebook page @mmtaborna . Not to be confused with the "Mt. Tabor Neighborhood" group facebook page. If you are interested in keeping informed in a more timely manner of the many great links and excellent guidance we are sent as your Neighborhood Association, please join facebook so you can read our posts as they happen.