

# September 2020 MTNA Update

The September 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 September 16 (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
- Treasurer's report
- SE Uplift report

## Community news

**Mt. Tabor is CLOSED until September 24<sup>th</sup> (at least)** – Try this link to confirm reopening: <https://www.portland.gov/parks/covid-19-updates-closures-and-postponements>

**WEAR A MASK on the stairs in Mt. Tabor** – We have received multiple complaints via social media and our website regarding a lack of mask etiquette on the narrow stairs that traverse the dam face between Reservoir 5 and Reservoir 6. Please wear a mask while on these stairs, so everyone feels safe. Masks are required in Oregon when you are outside in a place where you will pass multiple people or have to pass closely. <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-oha-face-coverings>

**Peace Poles come to our neighborhood!** The Hostel on Hawthorne Blvd is closing permanently, and they are giving their peace poles and land acknowledgement plaque to the Mt. Tabor neighborhood. Look for them to be installed to welcome all, in the pedestrian peninsula at the intersection of 50<sup>th</sup> and Hawthorne.

**Recycling event includes styrofoam** – On Oct 24<sup>th</sup>, at Walgreens. More info: <https://jshrecycling.com/recycling-drop-off-event/>

**MTNA's October meeting will be on Zoom, at 7pm, on October 21st** – 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/tZAlf-ivqzssH9RfIHOrPZyFTAEFNXhRGvYq>

## News about regular-old civic issues

**Get EMERGENCY ALERTS** – Sign up for the public alert system, so you know when an emergency is happening and what to do. The wildfires are not out yet. <https://www.publicalerts.org/signup>

**Hawthorne reconfiguration by PBOT** – PBOT proposes a reconfiguration of car lanes on Hawthorne which could result in significant changes to Hawthorne, including a reduction of lanes. This project proposes changes from 24th - 50th Avenues. No changes are proposed for 12th - 24th Avenues. This project also involves new curb ramps; construction will begin for those curb ramps next month and carry on until May 2021.

You can learn more here:

<https://www.portland.gov/transportation/planning/se-hawthorne-pave-and-paint>

Take the survey and give PBOT feedback and suggestions about this proposal, here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HawthornePavePaint>

**Grants for clean energy projects** – BPS (Bureau of Planning and Sustainability) is offering grants to clean energy community projects. Learn more: <https://t.e2ma.net/message/4mdc3cb/wcsugsc>

**Portland Police Bureau** is seeking applications for its Bureau wide Advisory Committee. Learn more here: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/article/765383>

## Useful links for Covid-19 repercussions

**FREE masks for small businesses and childcare providers** – From the state government, while supplies last. Go here: <https://supplyconnector.org/states/oregon/free-ppe/>

**For renters and landlords** - Any rent increase effective between September 16, 2020 and March 31, 2021 has the potential to trigger financial Relocation Assistance as outlined in PCC 30.01.085. Learn more: <https://t.e2ma.net/message/vdlvtf/3bxtln>

**Need a test?** Here is a tool to help you find a Covid-19 test when you need one, some sites don't require doctor referrals: <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-oha-covid-19-testing>

### **Outbreak data**

OHA (the Oregon Health Authority) creates detailed reports with Covid-19 stats from around the state, and their "weekly reports" released each Wednesday, are quite informative. Go here:

<https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>

### **General**

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>

## Treasurer's Report

*Update by Bing Wong*

### Bank Balance

Checking:	\$3,466.44
Savings:	\$1,146.08
Total:	\$4,612.52

Transactions:

SEUL Reimbursement SOS filing \$50  
SEUL Neighborhood Support \$250

Pending: SEUL 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Communications Funds Reimbursement Request mailed Sept. 17, 2020

Expenses: Zoom monthly fees (consolidated for reimbursement to Stephanie Stewart (Neighborhood Support fund)

## **Southeast Uplift report**

*Update by Sam Noble*

Vibe of Portland is the current tenant at Tabor Commons, the former site of cafe-au-play. Due to the covid-19 pandemic, they're unable to maintain their lease and will be moving on. Potential tenants will be screened according to the community survey performed several years ago. I'll provide another update when a new tenant has been selected.

Southeast Uplift is making a renewed push to fill out its houseless action committee. I'm interested in providing informed feedback to this group, if any of our members would like to share information relevant to our neighborhood boundaries

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Much of what you read here was posted to the **Mt Tabor Neighborhood Association's** facebook page @mttaborna . 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.

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