

April 2020 MTNA Update

In lieu of the regular General Meeting cancelled April 15 due to Covid-19 concerns, Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association volunteers offer the following written updates. Updates include:

- News about regular-old civic issues
- Development notice for a new, large apartment building at 57th & Burnside
- Useful links for Covid-19 repercussions --- financial assistance, health insurance and more...
- Friends of Mt. Tabor Park Report

News about regular-old civic issues

Tree Code - BDS invites you to share your views about updates to the City of Portland's tree code through an online survey that is available through Friday, May 15. Here:

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

Wipes clog pipes! And create an environmental mess. Remember not to flush anything but toilet paper, read more here: <https://beta.portland.gov/bes/news/2020/4/9/wipes-clog-pipes-during-covid-19-crisis-and-every-day-prevent-sewage-overflows>

Development Notice – 57th & Burnside

Update by Stephanie Stewart

A new development is proposed for a lot near 57th and Burnside, by the same developers of the large project at 60th and Burnside. The developer was willing to share a version of the plans with me, and you can find that here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dxLU87RcyEOo8f5ID02fsx9_R8mpW7UD/view?usp=sharing

The official notice by the developer reads as follows: “A 4-story apartment building comprised of 70-units with ground floor mail lobby and tenant amenity space along with some onsite parking. The development will face Burnside between SE 56th and SE 57th Avenues.

A **virtual meeting** to discuss the proposal will be hosted by the developer on: **Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 6pm**. The virtual meeting can be found at:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_z6jDTkhIT4GngmkHobpQoA

All participants must register so the applicant can generate a required attendance list as required by the City.”

Useful links for Covid-19 repercussions

General

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/>

Need health insurance? You may now qualify for coverage under the recently expanded Oregon Health Plan. Apply and find out: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/OHP/Pages/Apply.aspx>

Eviction Moratoriums - Governor Brown's moratorium on evictions:
https://www.oregon.gov/gov/admin/Pages/eo_20-13.aspx?fbclid=IwAR20BsMXI0hc7ehHCCD4xNyaaMglwM_bA_ErUVdlZ5yz7sIEdkvQlwZyYuw
City of Portland and Multnomah County's eviction moratorium:
<https://beta.portland.gov/phb/rental-services/multnomah-county-city-portland-covid-19-eviction-moratorium-faq>

The **newsletters from** your **State Rep Alissa Keny-Guyer** and your **State Senator Michael Dembrow** are packed with useful content and links regarding all aspects of Covid-19, so consider subscribing now.

Alissa Keny-Guyers newsletters are here: <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/keny-guyer/Pages/news.aspx>

Michael Dembrow's are here:

<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/dembrow/Pages/news.aspx>

Grocery stores – You may have noticed practices at local grocery stores are changing due to Covid-19, read an article here: <https://www.oregonlive.com/coronavirus/2020/04/more-portland-area-grocery-stores-limit-number-of-customers-reduce-store-hours-due-to-coronavirus-crisis.html?fbclid=IwAR2kiX4AZrvJJY0zysteAROIUFuFHLIQ82Bg4GZce4Y1Z0gFEbj9nPf8A4es>

Financial Assistance

Disaster Grants for businesses, independent contractors and the self-employed - SBA has COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Grants of \$10,000 for small businesses (even if you're an independent contractor or self-employed). Fill out the form here: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance> (Here's a helpful 13 minute video on filling out the form: <https://vimeo.com/402753002>)

Forgivable Loans through the "Paycheck Protection Program" – Small businesses and non-profits with less than 500 employees, may be eligible for forgivable loans through the CARES Act Paycheck Protection Program if they keep employees on payroll during the COVID pandemic. See more details at <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program-ppp>

\$1,200 check guidance from Senator Jeff Merkley:

-- **If you're a single tax filer and you made less than \$75,000 annually in the last year in which you filed taxes, or if you're a joint tax filer and your combined household income was less than \$150,000**, you will receive a full payment (\$1,200 for single filers or \$2,400 for joint filers) automatically if you filed taxes for 2018 or 2019. You will also receive an additional \$500 for every child in your household.

-- **If your income is greater than those incomes, but less than \$99,000 for single filers and \$198,000 for joint filers, and you have filed taxes in the past two years**, you will receive a payment automatically. Your payment amount will decrease by \$5 for every \$100 of extra income over \$75,000 for single filers and over \$150,000 for joint filers. (That means, for example, that if you're a single filer who earns \$87,000 annually, you will receive a payment of \$600.)

-- **If your individual income last year was less than \$12,200, or \$24,400 in your household income, and you therefore did not file a tax return**, use this IRS tool to receive your payment: <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here>

-- **If you receive Social Security**, you will receive a payment automatically in the form that you usually receive your Social Security benefits (as a check or direct deposit).

-- **If you are not normally required to file a tax return, such as if you receive benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs**, use this IRS tool to receive your payment: <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here>

Those who receive Social Security benefits AND have dependent children under age 17 should also use this tool to ensure their stimulus payment includes the \$500 per dependent.

-- **If you have not received a tax refund through direct deposit in the past**, but wish to receive your payment as a direct deposit, you can file your direct deposit info here: <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment>

-- **When you receive your payment**, know that it is not considered taxable income.

-- **If you'd like to check the status of your payment, you can here:** <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment>

Friends of Mt. Tabor Park Report

Update by Bing Wong

Cancelled- Summer Free For All's 2020 season of Movies and Concerts in the Park, including Washington Park Summer Festival.

The park is closed to vehicle traffic; the Wednesday gate closure is now every day. Road closures to the entrances at SE Lincoln and SE Harrison Streets have eliminated all the parking within the park to address crowding issues. The tennis nets have been removed as well as the basketball hoop nets and boarded up. Sign closures were not enough.

The friends Visitor Center is shut down until PP&R notify FMTP. Weed Warriors monthly work parties are cancelled. Lise Gervis is organizing Crew Leaders small group work parties, 4-6 with social distancing. The Foot Patrol continue to operate with single or couples patrolling using PPE.

Park users are encouraged to use facial masks and observe social distancing.

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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.