

May 2020 MTNA Update

In lieu of the regular General Meeting May 20, cancelled due to Covid-19 concerns, volunteers with the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association offer the following written updates. Updates include:

- MTNA Board election
- A “practice” Zoom meeting in May
- News about regular-old civic issues
- Useful links for Covid-19 repercussions --- financial assistance, health insurance and more...
- Friends of Mt. Tabor Park Report
- SE Uplift Board Report

MTNA Board election

The election for the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association's volunteer-board, term June 2020 - May 2020, will be at our **June 17th meeting at 7pm, on Zoom**. Copy and paste this URL into a browser window to join the meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72180850290?pwd=Y2s4dHVUUEYzRS9pNnovZjdsWnYxdz09>

Meeting ID: 721 8085 0290

Password: 4w4CXZ

Nominations

Have you been attending our monthly meetings, or volunteering on a committee and you would like to step-up your volunteerism to a Board position? Great, we could really use more hands! We have an open seat for the Secretary position (minutes, general record keeping and publishing, etc), and we have many other jobs that any "at-large" board member can do. Please send your name to be included on our ballot, to:

email: contact.mtna@gmail.com

subject: "nominations"

May's “practice” Zoom meeting

Instead of a regular May meeting, we will offer a combination of the written update we've been doing for the last two months (you are reading it!) PLUS a short Zoom meeting. This short Zoom meeting will allow all of us to work out the Zoom kinks. You are welcome to join our "practice" meeting this Wednesday at 7pm on Zoom. If you've never used Zoom, please start to log on by about 6:40 so you have plenty of time to work through the install, etc. Copy and paste this URL into a browser window to join the meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78626350272?pwd=NHhUczJwZjBuOGZVVWdhRTI2NGo2QT09>

Meeting ID: 786 2635 0272

Password: 4WLcQH

News about regular-old civic issues

Sunday Parkways – The normal May and June bike rides have been cancelled and replaced with a number of online fitness classes. A broader range of online classes, like bike repair classes, are supposedly in the works. Find the latest here: https://beta.portland.gov/sunday-parkways?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Census 2020 – It is NOT too late to be counted. Accurate numbers help all sorts of services be more accurately allocated. Offer help to a neighbor who is elderly, or not a native-English speaker, to file online. File the form online here: <https://2020census.gov/en.html>

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>

Useful links for Covid-19 repercussions

Financial Assistance

Self-employed, gig workers, and those who were about to return to work but couldn't are now eligible for **unemployment payments called Pandemic Unemployment Assistance**. Go here for Oregon claims: <https://govstatus.egov.com/ui-benefits/CARES>

General

PBOT implements new car-traffic rules for Neighborhood Greenways, to assist with physical distancing for bike- and pedestrian- traffic. Learn more here: https://beta.portland.gov/transportation/slowstreetspdx?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

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>

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.

Southeast Uplift Board News

Update by Sam Noble

There were two principle agenda items at the May Southeast Uplift meeting. There was no board of directors meeting in April.

1) Representative Rob Nosse talked about the state response to COVID-19. He mentioned that unemployment claims in the last month rose to 18% (it's what he called an "unemployment number" so it's not exactly % of the working population or % of 2019 tax payers), This measure is larger than it has been in our lifetimes.

2) Muz gave an overview of COVID-19 elections. He says we're largely at the mercy of our bylaws*** here, rather than specific Civic Life standards. We would still have to send out a notice of the election.

If we choose to use an online video platform for as part of our election, we should utilize a recording feature to act as a formal record. An online ballot can be created using Microsoft or Google forms. To preserve anonymity, Southeast Uplift recommends sending candidate names to our staff liaison and letting her create the ballot. To avoid excluding some of our membership, we'd also want to consider providing a physical ballot box.

Southeast Uplift has a Zoom account that can be used for our meetings *if nobody else is using it at the time.* They only have a single meeting. We can use communications funds to pay for our own online meeting platform if we like.

Muz is moving to California and will be leaving his job at Southeast Uplift.

This May update was compiled by Stephanie Stewart, reach her at:
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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.