

November 2021 MTNA Newsletter

Our monthly newsletter offers information about civic issues and has some overlap with the conversations that happen at our monthly community meeting.

Community News

Noticed the construction in the SW corner of the Park? You may have noticed the areas at the SW corner of Mt. Tabor Park -- including the area SW of the dog park, and part of the green space we call the “long block” along Lincoln at 60th Ave -- have been fenced off for construction. Both of these changes are a result of the construction at the Parks Department Maintenance Yard adjacent to the park. This construction has been in the planning stage for many years, it has had solid community involvement, the work will revitalize the Yard and help keep those living-wage nursery jobs in the city, and it is supported by the MTNA. The area near the dog park is actually part of the Maintenance Yard, and will house greenhouses. The “long block” space is part of the park, and will temporarily house potted plants for the Maintenance Yard during construction.

To learn more about this project: <https://www.portland.gov/parks/construction/mt-tabor-maintenance-yard-project>

Leaf day is coming! Mt. Tabor’s street cleaning day is **DECEMBER 6th**. **Move your cars!**

The next meeting will be January 19 at 7pm, on Zoom – 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/tZctdO2prz4pGtXS2Ni6IRjczZ_WaFAszUhO

Civic Issues

You can help Oregon’s Foster Care crisis – A message from Boys & Girls Aid:

On any given day, there are 7,000 children in Oregon’s foster care system. Many of these children come from situations of abuse and neglect only to find themselves facing uncertainty and instability once they enter foster care.

Boys & Girls Aid, a nonprofit founded in Portland in 1885, wants to change that. We are looking for compassionate people to help improve the lives of children in foster care.

A good foster home is often the first place a child in foster care has felt safe in a long time. Foster parents help children build trust in adults and provide a supportive environment where they can thrive.

Boys & Girls Aid supports foster parents with responsive program staff available 24/7, ongoing free professional training, and generous monthly, tax-free stipends ranging from \$1,200 to \$3,500 per month. There are options to fit every family, from full-time placement to relief care a few days a month.

Fostering children might bring life changes and challenges, but it's a great opportunity to make a difference in a child's life — and in your own life, too. "It's worth it to get to know these kids," said experienced foster parents Jen and Chad. "It's enriched our lives a lot."

To learn more, visit our website: boysandgirlsaid.org/fostercare, or contact Outreach Coordinator Scott Appel at (503) 542-2316 or sappel@boysandgirlsaid.org.

Free gardening workshops – The folks at East Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation District want to remind you that they have free webinars and videos available throughout the year. See what's available here: <https://emswcd.org/workshops-and-events/upcoming-workshops/> . Upcoming webinars include:

- Creating an Edible Landscape on 11/18
- Urban Weeds- 11/20
- Rain Gardens 101- 11/21

Treasurer's Report

Update by Bing Wong

Asset: Bank Balance Total: \$5,900.55

Liabilities:

Recurring Expenses: Zoom monthly fees November 2021 onward.

Completed: Copies for "Communications" invoices compiled and sent to SEUL for documentation for funds received to cover costs.

Pending: 2021-2022 MTNA Communications Funds Budget Proposal application to SEUL. Non-competitive \$500 available. Competitive DEIA Capacity Building Grants program, Community and Civic Engagement Grants up to \$1200.

Presentation and vote for Communications Funds Budget Proposal pending.

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