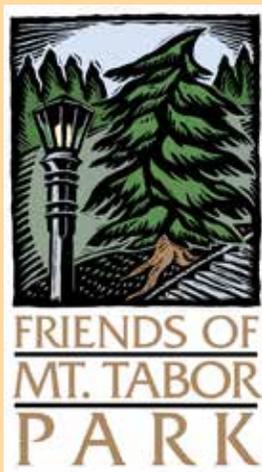


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Newsletter - February 2015

The purpose of the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park is to improve and/or help maintain Mt. Tabor Park for the benefit of individuals, organizations and the Park Bureau; to identify and help solve problems; to participate in park planning projects. We work with the Park Bureau, the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association and other community and park user groups to monitor park use and operation, to support effective maintenance of the park, and to help in the successful implementation of the parks goals and vision as stated in the Mt. Tabor Park Master Plan.



Thank You Bertha Guptill!

Bertha Guptill, one of the original five founding members of the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park, has been a very active member of our organization for the past sixteen years. The Board would like to publicly thank Bertha not only for her assistance with the formation of FMTP, but also for her long-standing role as "Pie Coordinator" for the park's summer concerts. For approximately nine years, Bertha has been the point person with our generous partner Bipartisan Café, who supplies the delicious pies that are sold to benefit FMTP at the summer concerts in the caldera. Bertha and her team have orchestrated delivery of the pies, pie sales, and setup/breakdown of the tent at each concert.

As of the upcoming 2015 concert season, Bertha will be turning the reins over to Carol Baumann, who has graciously offered to continue the tradition of coordinating pie sales for the benefit of FMTP. Bertha would like to thank fellow volunteer Mary Pleier, who has been instrumental in assisting her with this project each summer. Thanks to volunteers like Berta and Mary, approximately \$400 is raised for FMTP each season!

Stay tuned for the volunteer sign-up sheet for this year's concerts.



Bertha (right) and Carolyn selling pies during the summer concerts

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From the Co-chairs – Mary Kinnick and Beau Russell

On Behalf of the Board, we would like to express our appreciation for the continued support of our members, with a special thanks for the generous giving of some members' donations above and beyond basic membership dues. Because of this generosity, the Board is able to consider funding a number of park improvement projects. We thank our members for trusting us to manage and spend these funds wisely.

Notable highlights from 2014:

- The Award-winning Friends of Mt. Tabor Park Weed Warriors worked in collaboration with PP&R and BES to remove invasive plant species and do habitat restoration. As of the end of June, they have logged a formidable 2,345 volunteer hours.
- Since opening in October 2011, the Visitor Center continues to exceed all expectations by having over 17,000 visitors. During 2014, the Visitor Center utilized eighteen different volunteers, including eleven Central Catholic High School students and one Warner-Pacific College student who donated a total of 867 volunteer hours.

- The Foot Patrol continued to keep the park a safe and clean place, while logging 833 volunteer hours through December.
- Election of Martrese White, Laura Mason, and Suzanne McCarthy as new three-year term Board members and reelection of Board members Mary Kinnick and Jason Doerflein.
- Gayle Marechal and Martrese White teamed up to edit and produce our Newsletter.

(It is worth noting that two full-time personnel, working a forty-hour week for fifty-two weeks, equals 4,160 hours. The combined 2014 volunteer hours for the Weed Warriors, Foot Patrol, and Visitor Center is 4,045!)

Completion of a one-sided railing on the grand stairway on the northeast side of the park was to be FMTP's top priority for funding for 2014. It would have enabled greater park access and ensured safety among its diversity of users. Alas, a new PP&R cost estimate of \$20,000 that FMTP would need to fund is currently beyond FMTP's funding capacity and is not being pursued at this point.

On a brighter note we were able to replace the badly weathered and scratched Plexiglas panels on the Kiosk by the Visitor Center with a new, weather and scratch resistant product. We have approved funding for a new drinking fountain to be located between the restrooms east of the Visitor Center and for installing a new bench near the Visitor Center. Also, we have increased funding for our part-time Weed Warrior Stewardship Coordinator

A final note: Portland Parks & Recreation's budget situation has improved somewhat this past year. But after five years of budget decreases, the park continues to suffer. Consequently, FMTP volunteers are serving an increasingly critical role in supporting the park's well-being. We are always looking for more volunteers. So, if you are interested in joining us, please contact one of our coordinators: Mary Kinnick (Weed Warriors), Dave Hillman (Visitor center), or Beau Russell (Foot Patrol) at 503-512-0816 or taborfriends@gmail.com

Mt. Tabor Park Invasive Plant Control and Revegetation Project Update

-Naomi Tsurumi

Since February 2011, the FMTP newsletter has run articles about the Bureau of Environmental Services's (BES) Mt. Tabor Park Invasive Plant Control and Revegetation Project. Many newsletter readers have likely seen these articles, while others may not. In the interest of providing a full picture about the project to all readers, here is some basic information about BES, the project, and recent accomplishments. To learn more about the project, visit portlandoregon.gov/bes/mttabor.

The Bureau of Environmental Services and Tabor to the River

BES "provides Portland residents with Clean River programs including water quality protection, watershed planning, wastewater collection and treatment, sewer installation and stormwater management." In short, BES manages sewage and stormwater to protect public health and the

environment. The Tabor to the River Program is one of BES's many efforts to provide these services, specifically in SE Portland between Mt. Tabor Park and the Willamette River. In this part of the city, sewage and stormwater enter the same pipe system. Because of increases in pavement and other impervious surfaces and decreases in tree canopy, the volume of stormwater going into the pipes is much greater than the system was designed to manage one hundred years ago. Heavy rains can cause sewers to back up into basements, flood streets, and sometimes cause sewage overflows into local rivers and streams. Tabor to the River uses a combination of grey and green solutions to address these problems including replacing public sewer pipes, installing green streets, building rain gardens on private property, planting street trees, and implementing the Mt. Tabor Revegetation project. For more information about Tabor to the River, see www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/tabortoriver.

Why the Mt. Tabor Park Revegetation Project?

Plants are a vital component of the natural water or hydrologic cycle. Their leaves, stems, and trunks capture rainwater; their roots help the rainwater soak into the soil; and they absorb and hold water, releasing some of it back into the atmosphere. Invasive plants

diminish this component of the hydrologic cycle by reducing the diversity of plants available to perform these important functions. In the Tabor to the River basin, water flows from Mt. Tabor Park down to the Willamette River. The park's natural areas were overrun with invasive plants, which threaten the long-term health of the forest and decrease the park's ability to serve as a natural stormwater management system. This project began in fall 2010 and is a partnership among many groups: BES, Portland Parks and Recreation (PP&R), Portland Water Bureau, Friends of Mt. Tabor Park, Audubon Society of Portland, and the East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District. It began in fall 2010 and will continue through June 2017, at which point PP&R and FMTP Weed Warriors will work together to maintain the native plant communities.

Recent Accomplishments

In early February 2015, BES planted over 3,300 native shrubs and trees in ten acres of the park's natural areas. Most of these plants were added to increase the density of native plants in areas where native plantings by BES had occurred previously. A few areas of the park, such as the area along SE Salmon Way as it heads north from SE Reservoir Loop Drive, are being planted for the first time following invasive plant removal. Including



the February 2015 planting, BES has planted over 37,000 native shrubs and trees throughout the natural areas in Mt. Tabor Park since planting began back in February 2011.

Bird surveys continue to be conducted by Audubon Society of Portland volunteers every winter and spring. Spring bird surveys began in 2009; winter bird surveys began in 2010. The surveys will continue at least through spring 2016, at which time the data will be analyzed for trends in bird use

of Mt. Tabor Park over the course of the project. Use of Mt. Tabor Park by birds serves as an indicator of watershed health. The bigger, more numerous, and healthier the vegetation, the more stormwater is detained and cleaned before it reaches the river. Birds are a good way to measure effects and success of upland vegetation over time. The bigger, more numerous, and healthier the vegetation the more birds, and more types of birds, we expect to see.



A volunteer removes invasive plants from the park.

Friends of Mt. Tabor Park Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, March 19, 7:00–8:30 p.m.**, for the Annual Meeting/Winter Program of the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park. The featured speaker will be Kaitlin Lovell, who manages the Science, Fish and Wildlife Division for the Bureau of Environmental Sciences at the City of Portland. Kaitlin is a co-author of the recently-adopted “Climate Change Preparation Strategy” and its companion, the “Climate Change Risk and Vulnerabilities Assessment.” Kaitlin has a B.S in environmental science and a B.A in biology from Bucknell University as well as a J.D. from Cornell Law School.

Kaitlin’s presentation is titled “*Preparing for Climate Change: Portland and Mt. Tabor Park*,” and it will touch on such topics as Portland’s climate preparation strategy, the biggest risks facing Mt. Tabor, which species are likely to migrate into and out of Mt. Tabor, how Portland is already making infrastructure and natural habitats more resilient, and what you can do to help make Mt. Tabor more resilient to change.

Don’t miss this interesting and informative presentation. As usual, the meeting will be held in the chapel of Western Seminary, SE 55th & SE Hawthorne, and doors open at 6:30 p.m. The business meeting, which includes the election of board members, begins at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Kaitlin’s presentation. Any members wishing to be considered for board elections should contact Beau Russell or Gayle Marechal to be included on the ballot.



*Guest Speaker
Kaitlin Lovell*



HOLIDAY POTLUCK 2014

The annual FMTP Holiday Potluck/ White Elephant Party was held on Sunday, December 14. A big THANK YOU! to Mary McWilliams for organizing and Pat Morgan for hosting at her home. We hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season!



Our Neighborhood “Wilderness”

-Gayle Marechal

More than fifty years ago, in 1964, Congress passed the Wilderness Act, setting aside millions of acres of federal land which were defined “as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor.” The act further defined wilderness as “retaining its primeval character and influence.” Lofty goals for some of the federally protected lands across the United States. Oregon is lucky to have many such areas, some quite close to Portland.



Wilderness, by design and as defined by the Wilderness Act, is not always easy to reach so there are those who do not get to experience nature in its “primeval character and influence.” But within the city limits of Portland there are numerous parks that provide a bit of that quality which the Wilderness Act hoped to impart on the landscape. In Mt. Tabor, we are fortunate to have within our neighborhood Mt. Tabor Park, not exactly a wilderness but a place where one can find solitude and a peaceful environment, parts of which are slowly being returned to a more natural state thanks to the efforts of the Bureau of Environmental Services, the Park Bureau, and the Weed Warriors.

So if you can't get to one of the many wilderness areas created by the Wilderness Act, take a stroll through one of Mt. Tabor Park's more remote corners and experience a little bit of the tranquility that the natural world provides and think how lucky we are to live where we live.

2014 Membership Report

-Suzanne McCarthy

The calendar year and the membership year both ended on December 31, with a membership total of 110. This includes single persons, couples, and even several non-human entities, such as a pub or a doctor's office. Please encourage any non-member friends and family who are interested in the park to support it by becoming a member of Friends of Mt. Tabor Park (FMTP). Annual dues, covering the year from January 1 through December 31, 2015, are \$15.00 per family. You will find an application at our website, www.taborfriends.org. FMTP also provides opportunities to volunteer in a variety of activities, all of which benefit the park. Renewal notices for 2015 have been distributed.

Note: Please be aware that Suzanne McCarthy is the current Membership Chair of FMTP, and all membership dues should be sent to her at the address below. Any questions relating to membership should also be addressed to Suzanne at:

Suzanne McCarthy
7705 SE Market St.
Portland, OR 97215
503-772-5091



Meet the Members

-John McLaren

It's hard to imagine more dedicated foot patrollers than **Dave Beltz** and **Dennis Puetz**. Since January 2013, they've been teaming up for far ranging patrols taking them over wider swaths of Mt. Tabor Park. "Dennis and I try to carry out foot patrol duties on the tougher sections of the park—steep locations on the east slope, looking where the transients hang out, and typically hike from two to two and half miles each session," Dave explains.

"With our familiarity of sixty-plus years on Mt Tabor, our good health-fitness, we have the ability to hike any place on Mt Tabor," Dennis adds.

It helps that the two have been pals since 1962, when they were high school freshmen, Dennis at Franklin High and Dave at Benson Tech. They were introduced by a mutual friend, Tom Rocks, who forty years later reunited Dave and Dennis after they had gone their separate ways.

"I grew up near SE 58th and Woodward and have lived most of my life in the Portland metro area. I began hiking and riding my bike to Mt. Tabor Park about 1954-55. Now I live two blocks from Oregon Public Broadcasting on Macadam Ave. SW and go to Mt. Tabor once a week for foot patrol with Dennis or a bike ride," Dave says.

Dennis is practically a native of the park. "I grew up near 65th & Division," he says. "I always considered Mt. Tabor my back yard playground, a giant

playground! In those days parents didn't worry about their children very much when they went outdoors to play."

Dennis joined Friends of Mt. Tabor Park about seven years ago and began foot patrolling in December 2012, joined by Dave about a year later. "I loved this volunteer position and jumped in with both feet. I love Mt Tabor and I love to walk, so this was a perfect fit. One very cold December day, after my initial training I patrolled the entire park, collected more than 15 bags of trash, and walked for more than four hours in the thirty degree weather."

He has been patrolling every week since then. In January 2013, he invited Dave, to join the Foot Patrol, beginning an enduring partnership. With all the time they've spent on the trails, Dave and Dennis have had their share of surprises.

"Our unusual experiences include finding two transient campers in the park. We also found a Mexican woman's wallet with an American Visa, driver's license and other ID," Dave says. On the plus side, we frequently are thanked by walkers for our volunteering and this is so nice."

"As for me," says Dennis, "the best part of Foot Patrol is keeping Mt. Tabor clean, being an ambassador for the park, answering questions for visitors, and being thanked by many people that I meet as I patrol. Foot Patrollers also create a feeling of safety for the visitors, and that makes me feel good, too."

Both men are recent retirees. What Dave terms his "regular work," since retiring last year after 30 years as a director of four humanitarian aid organizations, includes volunteer service with the Nature Conservancy, Outgrowing Hunger (which helps build community gardens), the International Community Development Organization (which promotes sustainable development practices), InStove (which produces highly efficient stoves for use in impoverished areas of the world), and Imago Dei Community Church. "I have worked, lived, and traveled in eighty-three countries, but I always return to Oregon," he says.

Dennis's career was as a microwave radio engineer for Bell System (Pacific Northwest Bell, US West, Qwest). But like his boyhood chum, Dave, a return to Mt. Tabor seemed inevitable, to the resounding benefit of the park.



Dave and Dennis patrol the park

People I've Met

-Dave Hillman

One of the best parts of being a volunteer in the Park Visitor Center is meeting people from all over our city, this region, this country, and the world. A few recent and special ones come to mind. I met an older couple visiting from Des Moines, Iowa and learned that the man worked for seventeen years with my father-in-law at the *Des Moines Register and Tribune* newspaper. I met a young couple now living in Dubai and working as flight attendants for Air Emirates. They were in Portland so the young woman could show her friend where she grew up on Hawthorne.

Other interesting visitors include a young family of six who just moved to Portland from South Carolina in order for a family member to accept a faculty position at Western Seminary, and a family of four who moved from Indiana in order for a family member to accept a faculty position at the University of Portland.

Oh, and we cannot forget the dogs who have come to know that if the door to the Visitor Center is open, they can come in for a treat. Let's just say that their number is growing, and all of the furry critters are wonderful! I also just recently met a gentleman who grew up near Mt Tabor and the park was "his back yard." He talked about building forts with all of the branches that would blow down during storms, using the wading pool that was near the northeast entrance by the tennis courts, and the tow rope that would be temporarily installed by the park between the soap box derby track and the top loop following snow storms. Then there was a family who grew up in Portland near the park, but the adult children now live in another state. Their father currently resides in a retirement facility in Portland, so they came to purchase several of our photo cards to place in a frame that their father can hang and have as a reminder of what he loved. Every week brings new stories, new visitors, and many thanks for having such a facility in the park.





Weed Warriors 2014: A Productive Year

-Alexa Todd (Stewardship Coordinator,
Friends of Mt. Tabor Park Weed Warriors)

The role of volunteers in habitat restoration at Mt. Tabor Park continues to develop. Weed Warrior events increased to ten in 2014 with one held each last Saturday from January to October. Tables 1 and 2 show volunteer counts and hours, the number of native plantings, acres of land worked, truckloads of debris, and invasive species targeted. Also deserving recognition is the volume of mulching accomplished. During 2014, Portland Parks and Recreation placed five large piles of mulch near the planting areas. Volunteers spread nearly all of it around native plantings throughout unit five.

In addition to the regular last Saturday Weed Warrior events, volunteers contributed service hours at special events that were coordinated with The Nature Conservancy, Warner Pacific College, and as part of The Portland Parks Foundation's Parke Diem. Including these additional events and administrative time, volunteers contributed 2345 hours

to restore the habitat of Mt. Tabor Park in 2014!

During the first part of the 2014 season, Weed Warriors made a sweep of unit 6. For the first time, volunteers focused not only on aggressive species such as English ivy and Himalayan blackberry, but also removed lower ranking invasive species and weeds, including herb Robert and yellow avens. Removing these weeds frees ground for native plants and enables dormant seeds to germinate. In cleared areas of unit 6, volunteers found two uncommon native plant species: phantom orchid and big-leaf sandwort.

During the second part of the season, Weed Warriors returned to unit 5 where invasive plants were found re-growing. Volunteers identified several new invasive species in unit 5: evergreen blackberry, Canada thistle, and bull thistle. Detection of new invasive species emphasizes the importance of regularly monitoring work areas.

LAST SATURDAY	Total
Events	10
Total Volunteers	347
Crew Leaders	66
Total Hours	1157
Native Plants	1295
Acres*	4.43
Truckloads of Debris*	6

*Table 1: Results from the Weed Warrior Last Saturday events (*approximate figures).*

Increased attention to species and the expanded range of work areas is indicative of the progress made by Weed Warriors. When Weed Warriors adopted units 5 and 6 in 2011, volunteers worked like a clear-cutting crew removing established blackberry, clematis, and ivy. Three years later, Weed Warriors are working more like Japanese gardeners, identifying and weeding new growth and reintroducing and caring for native plants. This progress has made it necessary to revise work methods.

A challenge has been tracking progress and assigning the work of “Japanese gardener” to volunteers who may know very little about plants and habitat restoration. Over the course of the 2014 season, new methods were implemented: iNaturalist, species-based, and subunits. iNaturalist is a web-based species mapping and data sharing system that is available as an app. While the tool appeared promising for recording weed surveys, it is time consuming to fill in the information using a smartphone or other portable handheld device. In addition, the spatial data collected was not accurate enough for the scale of planning that is necessary for the Weed Warriors. While assigning groups of volunteers to a species was an effective method when dense patches covered large areas, the second pass of the units involves removing scattered plants that can be difficult for inexperienced volunteers to identify during early growth stages. As a solution, subunits of unit 5 were created. Subunits help define consistent work areas for volunteers, and provide pre-calculated areas that aid the tracking and assessment of work results.

In 2015, Weed Warriors’ work will continue to be tracked using subunits in units 5 and 6. The main goal for unit 5 will be maintenance of the planting areas, keeping the areas clear of weeds and mulching while following up on work already done in unit 6. Volunteer work will also expand into additional areas of Mt. Tabor Park as guided by a recent Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) report. Since the

SPECIES	COMMON NAME	EVENTS
Clematis vitalba	old man's beard	5
Hedera helix	English Ivy	5
Rubus armenicus	Himalayan blackberry	5
Cirsium arvense	Canada thistle	4
Solanum dulcamara	bittersweet nightshade	3
Cytisus scoparius	Scotch broom	2
Geranium robertianum	herb Robert	2
Hieracium caespitosum	yellow hawkweed	2
Senecio jacobaea	tansy ragwort	2
Cirsium vulgare	bull thistle	1
Convolvulus arvensis	field bindweed/morning glory	1
Crataegus monogyna	hawthorn	1
Geum aleppicum	yellow avens	1
Ilex aquifolium	English holly	1
Polygonum	knotweed	1
Prunus avium	sweet cherry	1
Rubus lucinatus	cutleaf/evergreen blackberry	1

Table 2: Species targeted by Weed Warriors in 2014 are listed in order of the most events where it was targeted to the least.

Weed Warriors will continue to spread out in different areas of the park, crew leaders are crucial for supporting volunteers. Crew leaders range in age from high schoolers to retired and come from varied backgrounds but have in common a curiosity for learning and a desire to make a meaningful contribution to the community and Mt. Tabor Park.

The crew leader training program has been improved over the last three years through a collaboration of the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park, Portland Parks and Recreation, and BES. Training includes a two-hour session where new crew leaders learn about the program, restoration techniques, safety practices, how to work with

volunteers, and the invasive species most commonly removed. Crew leaders are provided a manual that contains all the material covered during the training as well as background information on the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park and partner organizations, contact information, and an invasive species lesson plan. Crew leader training also involves a hands-on lesson in Mt. Tabor Park. Crew leader trainings for the 2015 season are scheduled for February 28 and March 21. The February training will include a native planting. To get more information and sign-up to be a crew leader, contact Alexa Todd via e-mail: alexatodd.fmtpp@gmail.com. Hope to see you at a Weed Warrior event in 2015!

Visitors: Where Do You Live?

-Dave Hillman

Wow! Have you ever checked out the maps posted outside the park's Visitor Center? You might not believe your own eyes. Our visitors come from all over the world, not just greater Portland or the Northwest. Since posting the maps, we have greeted visitors from all fifty states, all of the countries in western Europe, several in eastern Europe, most of the countries in the far east, seven South American countries, and fourteen African nations. And that's not all of them. Next time you're in the park, stop by the Visitor Center and see our maps for yourself; they truly are an impressive attestation of the many nationalities of our guests.

Note: the Visitor Center is staffed entirely by volunteers and hours vary. Our maps and other items are on display only during open hours. If you would like to help keep our Visitor Center open to the public by volunteering, please contact Dave Hillman to schedule an orientation.

Mt. Tabor Park – It's for the Birds!

-Tom McNamara



Female Anna's Hummingbird nesting in Mt. Tabor Park. Photo by Tom McNamara

Portland Audubon-sponsored free Birdsong Walks will again take place in Mt. Tabor Park in spring 2015 beginning the first Wednesday in April and continuing each Wednesday through May. All are welcome. Groups will meet at 7:00 a.m. at the locked gate on Mt. Tabor Dr. 150 yards west of the cinder cone on the north side of the park. The walks will be led by long-time birders and Mt. Tabor neighborhood residents Gerard Lillie and Tom McNamara.

Bird songs are the focus of the walks, so these events are timed to coincide with a vital period in nature's cycle. Each spring many thousands of songbirds migrate through Mt. Tabor Park from their wintering grounds in the tropics. Relatively few of the migrating

birds will join year 'round resident birds in the park as breeders; most will continue their migration to their breeding grounds farther north or in higher elevations. As many readers know, on most spring mornings the park is alive with the beautiful sounds of birds singing. The bird song walk leaders will identify the various bird species and their song(s) and offer tips on how participants can learn to connect individual species with the particular songs they sing.

Migrant and resident birds alike have benefited greatly from efforts in the last several years to improve habitat in Mt. Tabor Park. The Weed Warriors, a dedicated group of volunteers; the City of Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services; and Portland Parks and Recreation's City Nature have worked to rid the park of invasive vegetation and restore essential habitat through plantings of native species. Insects such as butterflies and moths are adapted to use these native species, and when their larvae emerge, provide a critical food supply for birds. The restoration of native plants (see pages 3 and 9) will, over time, ensure greater species diversity, enhance the watershed, and promote ecosystem stability. The next time you are in the park, look for the connections. Pay attention to all the animals, note the new plants and all the other good work that has been done, and consider that indeed it's for the birds!

A Successful Parke Diem 2014

Mt. Tabor Park was the site of one of seventy-three park volunteer projects that took place over two days in mid-October 2014. Parke Diem, the biggest work party of the year, brought out more than 1,500 volunteers to spruce up Portland parks. Many thanks to the volunteers (right) who performed maintenance work on our park's trail signs by clearing brush and cleaning and repainting trail markers. We look forward to another productive Parke Diem in 2015. For more information and to volunteer, visit parkediem.org.



*Beau and Suzanne
MC the 2014 picnic*

FMTP Annual Picnic - 2014

-Suzanne McCarthy

The Friends of Mt. Tabor Park held its annual picnic on Tuesday, August 5, 2014, at Pavilion A in the park. Although the date of our event conflicted with National Night Out, which was supported by many of our members, the attendance at the picnic was estimated to be about forty-five or fifty, a good crowd. Guests included Katherine Anderson from the Portland Police Bureau and her family as well as City Council Member Amanda Fritz.

Attendees enjoyed a wide variety of potluck dishes. Door prizes awarded were FMTP note cards, hats, FMTP tee shirts, and entry coupons for the Tar 'n' Trail race held later in the year. Picnic guests were pleased to be able to collect their hats and shirts on the spot from the supply in the Visitor Center. The consensus was that a good time was had by all.

Mark your calendars - the date for this year's picnic is **Tuesday, August 11 at 5:00 p.m.**

We gratefully acknowledge the following members who have made donations in addition to annual dues during 2014. These much-needed funds greatly help finance the projects FMTP undertakes to maintain and improve the park's many amenities, all to the benefit of the thousands of people who visit annually. Please consider making a supplemental contribution in addition to your 2015 annual dues to be included in the year-end list of donors. Thank you!

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