

From the Owners of 6733 SE Thorburn What We Love About Our Home in the Sky

The View

It is stating the obvious that our home's view is to die for. The wide vista featuring Mt. St. Helens is stunning all summer. The sunsets are beautiful. We have watched amazing fireworks with the neighbors from the deck for many years. We top the cherry trees every three years to maintain the view, taking the top six feet of each tree at that time. This is best done in the fall.

The Decks

To highlight and enjoy the spectacular view, we installed high-quality decks after we bought the home. There is an extra 1500sf incorporating two new decks and a patio for your summer activities here! The decks provide plenty of space to hold a large crowd or just a lovely smaller gathering with a few close friends.

The upper deck is Iron Wood and requires little maintenance beyond moss removal in the Spring and stain refreshing every third year. The lower deck is made of cedar and stands on twelve pylons installed five feet in to the hillside. That deck requires occasional stain refreshing every year or so.

The patio furniture was all purchased from a resort furniture store in Texas. There are both white and orange coverings. All have weather-proof covers to protect them from the elements. Plus, throw pillows and various deck items can be stored in a convenient large chest. The umbrella has ten-foot swing arms that provide shade on the sunny days of summer.

The two-person hot tub was purchased in 2014 and has been maintained by Oregon Spas and Pools. A nearby cabinet holds all the spa maintenance products.

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The Landscaping

After we purchased the home, we completely redesigned the front landscaping and added the fence. We have Hybrid-Willows as a screen with Lucifer, Snow in Summer, Lily Trees, Doe Ear and Native Lilies in several colors all blooming throughout the year at different intervals.

The entire yard “rests” during the winter. A handful of plants stay green through the year. For winter clean-up, make sure to cut back the resting vegetation. There are five varieties of fern and a dozen types of Hostas in the shade areas in the courtyard. The courtyard fountain provides water for a variety of birds, including the Anna Hummingbirds that winter in the yard and are nourished all year long with two feeders.

The lower backyard is full of native grasses, shrubs and fruit trees. The cherry trees are mature and get filled to the brim each year, as does the enormous fig tree. There are Climbing Hydrangeas, Daffodils, Poppies and other wildflower species in the lower yard. We have planted a “no-mow” Canadian grass that lays beautifully all summer on lower yard.

The wood pile includes remnants of two Cherry trees that were taken down for the deck to be built. The wood is seasoned and burns wonderfully in the living room fireplace. The substantial wood piles will stay with the home to keep its new inhabitants warm.

The Community

The neighbors on both sides are original owners and builders of their homes. We have enjoyed their company as well as their common interest in keeping the properties and fences in order. But we also cherish the intimate privacy this lot provides us, and the triple-pane windows keep the home quiet and comfortable. Berms on the road help to safely manage the cars driving by. The stunning pinks and purples of the sky and flora that North Tabor offers to its home owners are beyond words. Magnificent hawks fly by nearly as much as the resident Anna Hummingbirds that live in the yard.

It truly has been a highlight living here in the “sky” with all the lovely creatures to watch.

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Key Upgrades and Features

Updates completed since 2011

- New 30 -year Roof & New Gutters
- New Triple-Pane Windows, Sliders and External Doors
- Upper 12x20 Deck and Stairs (Iron Wood and Aluminum with Stainless Steel Cable)
- Lower 20x20 Cedar Deck
- New Sewer Line and Drainage
- Exterior Paint
- Extensive Landscaping
- Fireplace Chimneys and Brickwork Tuck Pointing and Cap
- New Fencing
- Repaved Driveway with Added Berm
- Exterior Lighting Fixtures
- Large 10x10 Shed

Kitchen

- New Island
- New Quartz Counters
- New Cabinets and Lighting
- New Hardwood Floors
- New Stainless Steel Appliances
- New Granite Sink and Designer Faucet
- Updated Electrical, Lighting Plumbing, and Gas Line

Master Suite

- New Master Bath: Shower, Heated Stone Floors, Vanity, Lighting, Plumbing and Fan
- New Gas Fireplace
- New Closets
- Updated Electrical, Lighting and Plumbing

Other Interior Rooms

- New Hardwood Floors and Carpet
- New Living Room Fireplace Façade (Stacked Slate)
- New Lighting
- New Venetian Plastered Walls
- New 96" Bedroom Closets
- Remodeled Main Floor Bath: Heated Stone Floors, Spa Shower, Vanity, Lighting