

## On-site

# Mt. Tabor town houses

**Location:** 136 & 140 S.E. 71st Ave.

**Number of town houses:** Two

**Sizes:** 2,193 square feet each

**Features:** Each town house has three bedrooms, 3.5 baths and a single-car garage; both include kitchens with oak hardwood floors, maple cabinets, stainless-steel appliances and tile counters; white-painted millwork, gas fireplaces, air conditioning, rear decks with gas barbecue hookups, CAT-5 wiring, views of Mount Hood and Mount St. Helens

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A front porch with pillars and a steep-pitched roof give a classic look to the new attached town houses on Southeast 71st Avenue.

Putting up new construction in an established neighborhood presents a builder with a whole host of challenges. And none may be more daunting than satisfying the elderly neighbor with the skeptical eye.

Such was the case for builder Richard Kassebaum when he began building a pair of recently completed attached town houses on Southeast 71st Avenue in the Mount Tabor neighborhood.

"Quite a few of the elderly ladies from the next block came for a walk-through," said Herb Hamilton, the RE/MAX Preferred Inc. Realtors agent who is marketing the two new, 2,193-square-foot homes, each listed for \$379,900. "They said, 'Show me the project that's interrupted my life the last year.'"

A quick glance at the handsome Craftsman-style exterior and gleaming hardwoods inside was enough to earn praise from skeptical neighbors who expressed concern that the building would stick out like a sore thumb.

"One of our major concerns was to make something that fit into the neighborhood,"

Hamilton said. "We hit it right on the nose."

The two condominiums are mirror images of each other except for a few minor differences that were planned to preserve neighborhood views of Mount Hood and Mount St. Helens, Hamilton said.

Each features three bedrooms, all of which contain a full bath. The main level has a living room with a gas fireplace, a powder room, a dining area and a bright, U-shaped kitchen with access to a rear deck.

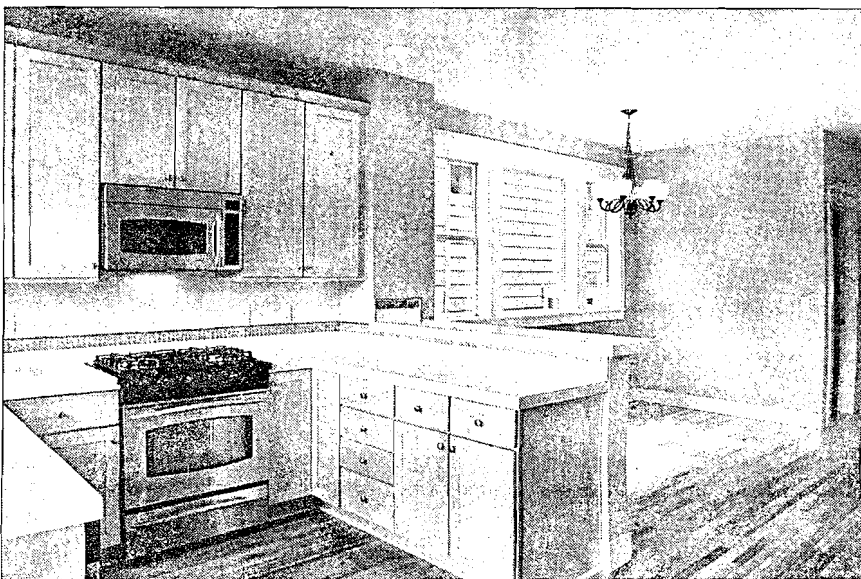
Upstairs, two bedrooms flank a laundry station. In the daylight basement, another bedroom with a bath is adjacent to a family room.

Both units also have high-quality finishes such as white-painted woodwork, tile counters and red oak hardwood floors.

And buyers will enjoy the benefits of new construction while living in an established neighborhood.

"It's a tight little community where most of the people mention their neighbors by their first name," Hamilton said.

— Phil Favorite



The kitchen, left, is finished with top quality materials such as stainless-steel appliances, tile counters and maple cabinets. Red oak hardwoods flow throughout the main