Grant Park Neighborhood Association

P.O. Box 13102, Portland, OR 97213

Spring 2005



Berries are Back!

Last year the Grant Park Neighborhood Association sold quality, local berries to raise funds and we are happy to be able to do it again this year. Not only will this fundraiser benefit GPNA by helping us raise sorely needed money, but it will also help address a significant problem here in the Northwest.

Northwest agriculture is in trouble. The number of acres dedicated to growing and harvesting fruit has declined significantly. Foreign competition and big business make it increasingly difficult for the small, local farmer to survive. The cost to grow and harvest the fruit is exceeding the sale price. We can help create a different ending to this story. We raise funds for the GPNA, we help Northwest agriculture remain healthy, and you get the chance to buy premium quality, locally grown fruit. It is a win-win-win situation for us all.

What fruit are we selling? Oregon strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, marionberries and organic strawberries and blueberries. The strawberries, raspberries and marionberries are cleaned, processed and ready to eat when you pick them up. Blueberries and organic fruit should be washed.

When will the fruit be here? Strawberries may be picked up on June 4th and the blueberries, marionberries and raspberries will be available on June 25th. Delivery location is the QFC across from Fernwood Middle School.

How can you help? You can purchase fruit for you and your family. You can have order forms at your business for co-workers and customers. And you can help us spread the word by telling friends, neighbors, family, co-workers and business associates. And we need volunteers to help distribute fruit on pick-up days, staff tables and hand out information at different events, and manage incoming orders.

An order form is included on the back page of this newsletter. The form is also available on our web site at: www.neighborhoodlink.com/portland/gpna. For more information or to volunteer, contact Karen Lewis at 503-288-4356 or grantparkna@yahoo.com.

This program was created in cooperation with the local area berry farmers, Oregon Berry Packing Company, and 3F Consulting, a company founded to help organizations create a steady stream of revenue while helping the Oregon farmers at the same time. For more information on 3F Consulting, refer to: www.oregonberry.com/3F.htm.

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Next General Meeting May 10, 2005 Tuesday, 7 p.m. Grant Park Church 2728 N.E. 34th Ave. (at Knott)

AGENDA

Committee Reports

Old Business

- · Sandy Blvd. Plan
- Berry Fundraising

New Business

- Graffitti Control
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Future Meetings

August 30, 2005 (Board) October 11, 2005 (General) October 25, 2005 (Board) December 6, 2005 (General)

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Graffiti Prevention and Removal

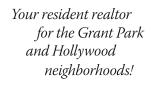
Research shows that prompt and persistent removal of graffiti is an effective deterrent. Portland's Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) has a Graffiti Abatement Program that works with concerned neighbors and business-owners to locate, report and remove graffiti from public and private spaces.

Some things you can do to help reduce graffiti:

- Form neighborhood graffiti patrols
- Report graffiti by calling:
 - the Police Graffiti Hotline 503-823-4TAG (4824)
 - the Youth Employment Institute (YEI) Graffiti Removal Program - 503-249-2856
 - Graffiti Abatement Coordinator 503-823-5860.
- Report graffiti online at: www.portlandonline/oni/select "report a graffiti problem" Attach a digital photo of tag to your online report.
- OR take a photo of the graffiti and send it to the Graffiti Abatement Coordinator at 1900 SW 4th, Room 40, Portland, OR 97201.
 (Photos help identify and prosecute taggers.)
- Remove graffiti as soon as it appears or call YEI for free removal.
- If you are a property owner, business owner or manager, fill out the Graffiti Removal Permission Form and mail or fax it to YEI.
- Report the incident, even if you have already removed the graffiti.
- Contact the City Maintenance Bureau for traffic sign cleanup at 503-823-1703.
- Participate in Graffiti Removal Days.
- Purchase a graffiti abatement cart for your neighborhood or business district association.

For more information, contact the Graffiti Task Force volunteer for Grant Park, Ted Okrasinski, at tedokrasinski@yahoo.com.









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Grant Bowl Bleachers

Many residents may have noticed that Bleachers were placed at the Grant Bowl during the fall which blocked the pathway. Grant Bowl is an organized sports-oriented area of Grant Park, a public park, and not Grant High School property. The bleachers blocked the path, and were in violation of certain city codes. The executive committee of the GPNA sent a letter to the Director of Parks and Recreation about this problem. After some additional correspondence the bleachers were removed on March 12. A smaller set of bleachers, which do not block the pathway, have been relocated to this spot.

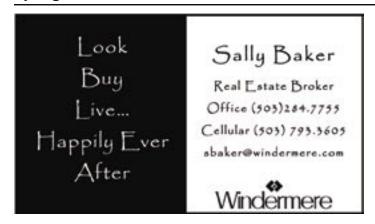
Grant Park is a jewel in our neighborhood, and it is the GPNA's goal to keep the park accessible and available to our residents, and to balance the various recreational interests of all. Thank you to all those who helped resolve this incident.

New Trees at Grant High School

On Saturday, March 5th, Grant Park Neighbors, Portland Parks & Recreation and the Grant High School Environmental Club planted six new trees at the school, followed by a Friends of Trees tour of the park and school grounds.

There was an opportunity for a tree planting next to the mobile classrooms on the south side of the school. Working together, the group planted three London Plane trees, and three Japanese Snowbells that were donated by Portland Parks. They were planted near the baseball field.

Anyone interested in planting trees, please contact Beth White at Friends of Trees, 282-8846.



Relay for Life at Grant Bowl

This summer, NE Portland residents have the opportunity to unite as a community and fight back against cancer through a very special community event. It's called the Relay For Life. The inaugural NE Portland Relay For Life will be the beginning of an annual NE Portland summer event that not only celebrates the wonderful community of NE Portland, but also honors survivors of cancer and joins people together to fight against cancer.

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's signature activity. It is a unique event that offers communities an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer. Relays are 18 to 24 hours long and go overnight. Teams of anywhere from 8 to 15 people camp out at a local high school, college, park, or fairground and take turns walking, jogging, or running around a track or path.

Because Relay For Life is a community gathering rather than an athletic event, anyone and everyone can participate. Businesses, clubs, families, friends, hospitals, churches, schools, and service organizations form teams. These teams share a common purpose - supporting the American Cancer Society's mission of eliminating cancer.

All NE Portland residents are invited to this "party with a purpose." This year's NE Portland Relay For Life will be July 30-31, from 4pm-10am at the Grant High School Track. Volunteers and community leaders are needed to join the planning committee and form teams for the event. Businesses and organizations are invited to be sponsors.

For more information, call 503-795-3923, or send an e-mail to megan.slack@cancer.org.

NE Community Center Opens

The Northeast Community Center began operations February 1 in the former NE Family YMCA, 1630 NE 38th Ave, Portland. On December 1, the Board of Trustees of YMCA Columbia-Willamette announced the 80-year-old building was for sale and would close January 31. NE Family YMCA members rallied to keep the facility open and formed a not-for-profit organization. Dan and Sue Ellen Dolan, NE Y members, purchased the building for \$1.2 million and lease it to the new not-for-profit organization, the Northeast Community Center (NECC). The lobby of the building is under construction thanks to a dedicated gift from three people who learned to swim at the NE Y sixty years ago.

Over eighty NECC members volunteer in committees & work parties in an effort to expand programs, raise funds, establish a sound financial plan, improve the building & grounds and increase membership. The NECC welcomes everyone and is actively recruiting new members The Center is open seven days a week with fitness activities for all ages. The warm water pool is ideal for swimming lessons for children and adults. New educational and recreational programs are being added.

Please join us at an Open House on Sunday, May 1st from 1 to 4 PM. The afternoon includes wellness activities, current NECC program demonstrations, a basketball free throw contest, storytelling, face painting, music, craft activities and free massages from NECC's massage therapist. Or use this special complimentary guest pass.

Questions? Call 503.284.3377 or visit NECC on 38th between Sandy Boulevard and Broadway.

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Planning a Block Party?

Think it would be nice to get together with your neighbors, close your street and hold a block party, but you don't know where to begin? Have no fear - it's easy! But you should start the process at least three weeks before the date of your party.

Here are some easy steps to get you started:

- 1. Recruit a couple of your neighbors to help.
- Poll your block and decide on the date and time. Choose one that works for most of your neighbors.
- 3. Decide whether or not you want to close down your street for the evening and spread out.
- 4. If you do want to close your street, you need a no cost permit from the City Office of Transportation. You can obtain a permit application packet from your Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, 503-823-4575. You will also need to buy or rent Type III barricades.

(You cannot close a bus route street.)

- 5. Make a list of food and items needed.
- 6. Have all your participating neighbors volunteer to bring something. Remind them to bring folding chairs and sports equipment if they want. You can also recruit people to help with other tasks.
- 7. Consider whether or not you would like to have any special entertainment. For amplified music, you will need a \$50 permit. You get an application online or pick up an application for this permit at the neighborhood coalition office (allow at least two weeks to process the application)
- 8. This is also a great opportunity to start or update your Neighborhood Watch.
- 9. Sit back, relax, and enjoy your party!

For more go to: www.portlandonline.com/oni/ and select "Get a block party permit."

Neighborhood Clean-Up in May

There will be a Neighborhood Clean Up on May 21st from 9am to 12noon, held in the parking lot of Grant Park Church, located at 2728 NE 34th Avenue. We are charging \$5 per auto and \$10 per pick-up. This is intended as a service to people in the neighborhood.

There will be separate drop boxes for General Bulky Waste and Yard Debris. Wood can also be disposed of with yard debris. We have arranged for other vendors to be available to recycle or reuse unwanted items. Separate collections will be provided for scrap metal, building materials and supplies, reusable household items, computer processors and cell phones. We cannot accept hazardous waste, which includes paint, pesticides, fertilizer, disinfectants, batteries, motor oil, medical waste, etc.

This is the first time in more than 10 years that Grant Park has held a clean up. We ask for your patience and understanding since we've never organized an event like this. We have no idea how many people will take advantage of the clean up. Our funding limits us to 5 drop boxes so when they are full... Hopefully we will continue and perhaps even expand on the event in future years.

The whole event is being sponsored by several different organizations: the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods is the umbrella organization assisting the neighborhood associations and distributing grant money; METRO is granting waivers on the dumping fees; and the Office of Sustainable Development has contributed money to assist with hauling fees and related expenses. We would also like to thank the Grant Park Church, Family Medical Group and The Real Estate Firm who have permitted us to stage this event in their parking lot.



Grant Park Neighborhood Association Drive-thru Spring Clean-up

Saturday, May 21, 2005 9am to 12noon

NE 34th Ave. & Knott (the parking lot of Grant Park Church)

\$5 per car load, \$10 per truck load

Drop-off items Accepted:

- Yard debris
- Building materials
- Bulky household waste
- Donations (i.e. Goodwill)
- Computers and peripherals
- Cell phones
- Scrap metal

NOT Accepted

• Hazardous materials (to find out what is hazardous in your home, visit: www.metro-region.org/article.cfm?articleid=644)

There will also be a yard sale area for those wishing to swap or sell.

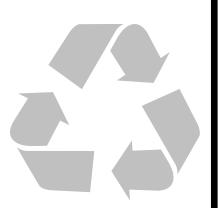
Thanks to our sponsors: The Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, METRO, and the Office of Sustainable Development.

Volunteers Needed!

We will provide coffee & muffins . You provide muscles & brains. For information or to volunteer, please contact us at grantparkna@yahoo.com

www.neighborhoodlink.com/portland/gpna (click on the community calendar)





Pacific Power Tree Pruning

In an ongoing effort to provide safe, reliable electric service, Pacific Power tree pruning crews will be working in Portland neighborhoods from Northeast 42nd west to I-5 and from I-84 north to the Columbia River. The crews will prune trees that are too close to the overhead power lines. Property owners will be notified before the work is to begin. Pacific Power's arborist will also pay a personal visit to all property with trees that require pruning. If no one is home, a "door card" will be left letting customers know that their trees are scheduled for pruning, along with a phone number if they have questions. The work will be done at no cost to the property owner. Customers do have the option to hire and pay for their own arborist to prune their trees.

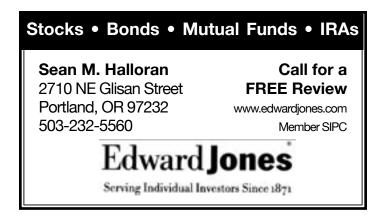
Pacific Power has reduced the time between pruning cycles from 4 years to 2 years in an attempt to soften the effects while still maintaining safe and reliable electric service.

For more information or if you have any questions about tree pruning or any of Pacific Power's other service, visit: www.pacificpower.net/trees, or call us at 1-888-221-7070. For assistance with tree care or free permits for planting or removal, contact the City Forestry Division at 503-823-4489.

What would you like to see?

The Grant Park Neighborhood Association has a web site at www.neighborhoodlink.com/portland/gpna.

Have you visited it? If you did, what would you like to see there? Let us know grantparkna@yahoo.com.





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Downspout Disconnection in Grant Park

Grant Park Neighborhood Downspout Disconnect Saturday, June 18 8:50 a.m - 2:30 p.m.

Help to protect our rivers and raise money for the Neighborhood Association at the same time by helping disconnect neighborhood downspouts.

Portland's combined sewer/runoff system ends up dumping billions of gallons of raw sewage into our rivers every year. This creates unsafe and unhealthy conditions and damages the river habitat. But some homeowners can disconnect their downspouts from the sewer and let the water flow onto their lawns and gardens. Many of your friends and neighbors have already done it, removing a billion gallons of water every year! You can help more homes join the trend.

Its fun and effective. Volunteers earn \$13 for Grant Park for each downspout they disconnect and remove thousands of gallons of water from the busy sewer at the same time. Previous experience is not necessary; materials, tools, and gloves will be provided; and crew leaders will be present for training and supervision. Bring lunch and walking shoes.

Young volunteers must be sixth grade or older or must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Groups must commit to a number of volunteers in advance, and there is an injury release form to sign.

For more information or to volunteer, you can call one of our Neighborhood Coordinators: Karen Lewis, 503-288-4356; or Pamela Pickens, 503-287-4240; TTY Lauren Norris at 503-823-6868. Or e-mail us at: grantparkna@yahoo.com.

GRANT PARK CHURCH

A BAPTIST CHURCH SINCE 1927 AND ALWAYS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD. NOW WE HAVE A NEW PASTOR, DON FULLER, TRADITIONAL AND CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AND SONG. SUNDAY SERVICE: 11:00 AM. COME ENJOY FRIENDLY PEOPLE AND RAISE YOUR SPIRIT.

FOR INFO, 503-282-5596

The Chalkboard Project and You

For those who don't know about the Chalkboard Project, it is a pioneering effort established by five of Oregon's charitable foundations to conduct strategic planning for Oregon's K-12 public education system. It is a unique opportunity for Oregonians to inform our state's decision makers and community leaders how we would like our public education system improved.

For the last 18 months, Chalkboard has gathered information about education and Oregon's public education system, including costs, performance scores, and the national/international "best practices." Chalkboard is now in it's "citizen engagement" phase. It is holding discussion and feedback sessions focussing on five key issues identified through extensive research as top barriers to raising the bar for Oregon's public schools: (1) Parental Involvement; (2) Funding Stability; (3) Quality Educators; (4) Good Readers; and (5) Budget Accountability.

Chalkboard will compile the information to present to policy makers and leaders to help guide them in decisions that will impact our K-12 schools. In June, Chalkboard will announce a package of action-driven recommendations.

The next several weeks are critical. The project needs to hear from as many people as possible. Chalkboard urges you, your friends and neighbors to weigh-in with your ideas and feedback. For more information about the project, or to respond online, see www.ChalkBoardProject.org. If you would like to attend a small discussion/feedback session, or if you would like to host a session, please contact Kristin Dahl, a Chalkboard Project coordinator, at kdahl@rdllnc.org, or Ruth Rocker, a local volunteer, at RuthRocker@comcast.net.

Here Comes the Junior Parade!

The Fred Meyer Junior Rose Festival Parade will once again be winding it's way through the Hollywood and Grant Park Neighborhoods.

Ours is the oldest and largest children's parade in the US. Thousands of Portland children from more than 20 schools dress up and join the fun. They ride on floats, or ride their trikes, their bikes, on scooters and in wagons. They march in bands, dance and twirl in drill teams, or walk their pets. Cultural groups from all over the Portland metropolitan area celebrate their respective heritages by wearing authentic dress and performing traditional music.

This year's parade will be on Wednesday, June 8th at 1pm. It forms at Normandale Park and ends at Grant Park. Grant Park will be in use from up to two hours prior to the start of the parade until nearly 4pm.

Don't forget that traffic will be disrupted and parking in the neighborhood will be at a premium that day.

For more information, go to: www.rosefestival.org/juniorparade.html







NOTE YOUR ORDER

- ☐ Sliced Strawberries 6 lbs
- ☐ Sliced Strawberries 14 lbs
- ☐ Organic Strawberries 10-11 lbs
- ☐ Blueberries 10 lbs
- ☐ OrganicBlueberries 10-11 lbs
- Marionberries 6 lbs
- ☐ Marionberries 14 lbs
- Raspberries 6 lbs
- ☐ Raspberries 14 lbs

Order forms available at our web site: www.neighborhoodlink.com/portland/gpna

PICK-UP DATES & TIMES:

Strawberries (organic and non-organic)
Saturday, June 4, 2005 - 10:30am-2:00pm
Blueberries (organic and non-organic), Raspberries and Marionberries
Saturday, June 25, 2005 - 10:30am-2:00pm

PICK-UP LOCATION:

QFC parking lot, 1835 NE 33rd AVE (next to Fernwood Middle School)

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Fruit not picked up by 2:00pm will be donated to Oregon Food Bank.
- You can send both order forms with one check, but it MUST be received by 05/29/05.
- · We cannot provide refunds or exchanges for this program
- · Please bring ID and a copy of your order form when picking up fruit.
- This program created in cooperation with the local area berry farmers, Oregon Berry Packing Company, and 3F Consulting. For more information on 3F Consulting, refer to www.oregonberry.com/3F.htm.

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