

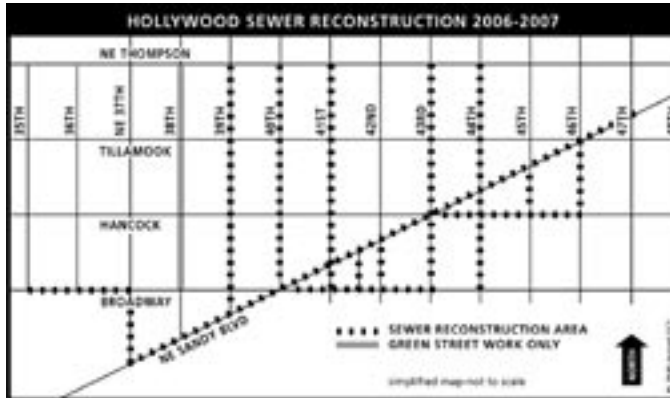
# Grant Park Neighborhood Association

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## Sewer Abatement Comes to Hollywood

The Portland Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) plans to reconstruct and improve the Hollywood District's sewer system, originally built around 1911. The project has two main goals: Rehabilitate the medium-sized trunk sewer under Sandy Boulevard between



NE 37th and 47th Avenues and; Rebuild and enlarge collector sewers north and south of Sandy. Engineers have identified which sewer lines need to be reconstructed, and how large the new lines need to be. In most cases, the reconstructed system will follow the route of the existing sewer.

The highest scheduling priority will be to complete sewer reconstruction on Sandy before the Sandy Boulevard Resurfacing and Streetscaping Project starts in late 2006. Sewer work in the streets north and south of Sandy will be coordinated with the streetscaping, but will not directly affect the street work.

A key element of the project is reconstructing the Sandy Boulevard brick and concrete trunk line. Plans are to repair the Sandy trunk using a cured-in-place pipe liner. A flexible resin liner is inserted into the sewer, filled with hot water and hardened in place, providing a hard, smooth lining inside the sewer pipe. This method limits the amount of excavation required to fix the trunk sewer, but major excavation will still be required, and will include construction of large manholes at a number of intersections on Sandy. The pipe lining method should reduce, but not eliminate, the traffic impacts on Sandy.

The Hollywood sewer project is planned to begin February 2006 and take 18 months. It runs from Sandy to Thompson and from 37th to 46th Ave. The first areas of construction will be along Sandy Blvd and Broadway. One lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction while work is being done and both lanes will be restored to use when no work is occurring. Proposed hours are Monday-Saturday, 7am to 10pm (except on Sandy which will have 24 hour pipe lining lasting three to five days each at six locations.) BES applied for a noise variance because they are proposing to work extended hours while completing the projects on Sandy and Broadway.

Contact Bob Cynkar of Environmental Services at 503-823-7898, or e-mail [robertcyn@bes.ci.portland.or.us](mailto:robertcyn@bes.ci.portland.or.us) for more information about the project.

[www.grantpark-na.org](http://www.grantpark-na.org)

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**Next General Meeting**  
**December 6, 2005**  
**Tuesday, 7 p.m.**  
**Grant Park Church**  
**2728 N.E. 34th Ave.**  
**(at Knott)**

### AGENDA

Committee Reports

Old Business

- Grant Bowl Improvement
- Albina Fuel Site
- Park Issues

New Business

- Sewer Abatement
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### Future Meetings

(tentative)

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| January 3, 2006   | (Board)   |
| February 14, 2006 | (General) |
| March 28, 2006    | (Board)   |
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## Albina Fuel Site Update

Following up on a 9/26 meeting where the architects for the new Albina Fuel site development presented preliminary plans to surrounding neighbors for review and comment, the project went to an informal "Design Advice" session with the Portland Design Commission on 11/3. This session was open to the public and gave attendees an opportunity to learn about the project, about what the Commission will be looking for when the project comes before it for formal approval, and to give testimony.

Currently, the mixed use residential/commercial development is designed to be built in three phases. Phase 1 would be built on Broadway with housing above commercial space. Housing and additional commercial space is planned for the later phases on the remainder of the site. Altogether about 300 rental units are anticipated.

At the September meeting, many questions were asked about the relationship of the developer's plans to the Albina Fuel Site Broadway Main Street Planning Study produced two years ago by Crandall/Arambula and the five neighborhoods. The feeling was that developer's plans did not include

key ideas developed in that planning study and did not adequately address all the concerns of the surrounding neighborhoods.

At the design advice session on 11/3, the public was invited to comment following the development team's presentation. Each Commissioner received a copy of the Planning Study as a reference and officers from four neighborhoods testified. After the testimony each commissioner spoke of their views on the issues and what the development team needs to address. The following points were most significant:

1. The site is of gateway quality and will set the standard for future development in the area. Not only is it at the juncture of four neighborhoods, but its location on I-84 makes its south-facing facades important as well. Special attention needs to be paid to the intersection of Broadway and 33rd.
2. The plan needs a "cultural context" and good connections to the surrounding neighborhoods. The massing of buildings and circulation within the site require an urban rather than the suburban feel it has now, and a system of publicly-accessible pedestrian spaces is needed. Many people mentioned the importance of considering the Gulch Trail, which would cross the back of the property.
3. Retail along Broadway is challenged by the traffic and accessibility. There was general agreement that curbside parking is needed for retail. Overall, the current plan appears to be designed for easy auto access and needs more pedestrian consideration.

"The five neighborhoods are looking to the design commission to ensure that the redevelopment of the Albina Fuel Co. property is of the quality that this catalytic site requires. This is not just about a single property, but also about the future of NE Broadway," said Lynn Coward, Land Use Chair of the Sullivans Gulch Neighborhood Association (SGNA).

Full details on the history of this development, the zone change, and the neighborhood-sponsored Broadway-Albina Main Street Planning Study can be found on the SGNA website, [www.sullivansgulch.org](http://www.sullivansgulch.org). If you have questions, please contact Lynne Coward, 503-335-9405.



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## Update on Grant Bowl

The second meeting of the Grant Bowl Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) was held on Tuesday, November 1st. A full year has passed since the initial meeting. There are now representatives involved from the Community Associations in Grant Park, Irvington, Alameda, Hollywood, and Beaumont-Wilshire. However, representatives from Hollywood and Beaumont-Wilshire did not attend this second meeting. The specific area in Grant Park that are targeted for field improvements are the bowl (football field) itself, the soccer fields to the east of the bowl and the Hollywood field south of Hollywood School.

Permanent seating in the bowl area and partial permanent fencing on the south and west edges of the bowl plus metal railing along the north border are also planned subject to CAC recommendation.

Night lighting is under discussion in order to allow Grant High School the opportunity to play two additional home games in the bowl. However, lighting would also permit other sporting activities and groups to take advantage of night lighting. This has the potential for 15 night games in addition to the two already mentioned. It is not clear what additional demands could be made for night games or for other activities that are not sporting events. New lighting for the bowl is the most contentious issue, so a meeting was set for November 29th to discuss the matter further. GPNA is looking closely at the potential negative impact on the immediate neighborhood.

The primary concerns are street traffic, parking, reduced availability of the track for jogging and walking, and minimizing any negative visual impact of the park landscape.

An open house is planned for Wednesday, January 18, 2006, 7pm, at Grant High School. Everyone is encouraged to attend to get full details, ask questions and make comments. As soon as we know the room number, it will be posted on our website. Whether or not you plan to attend, please let us know what you think about this project. While several neighborhoods are represented on the CAC, Grant Park residents will be most affected by these proposed changes. Your input is important to us. Send your comments to [grantparkna@yahoo.com](mailto:grantparkna@yahoo.com). This issue is on our agenda for our next GPNA meeting on Dec 6th.

## Grant High in the Neighborhood

### Baubles, Bubbles, and Blues

Grant's chamber ensemble, the Royal Blues, were invited to perform at the Celebration of American Music in Europe next summer. They are raising the money for the trip with an evening of dessert, entertainment and a live auction of holiday ornaments on Friday, December 2nd, 6:30 p.m. at the Irvington Club, 2131 NE Thompson. The cost is \$10 per guest. Bring ornaments for the silent auction and join in the fun! Tickets are available from all members of the Royal Blues, or from Anne Lucia, (503) 288-3404, or Louise Anderson-Dana, (503) 281-0146.

### Holiday Concert

Grant's annual vocal and instrumental holiday music concert is open to the community. The concert will be 7pm, on December 15th, in the school auditorium. Tickets are \$4 and can be purchased at the door.

### Snow Bus to Mt Hood Meadows

For the 12th year, the Eastside Community Snow Bus will sponsor a Saturday recreational bus to Mt Hood Meadows. It starts on December 17th, and continues every Saturday through February of 2006. Priority will go to people who sign up for all of January or February, but one-day walk-ons will be accepted on a "space available" basis. You do not need to have a student at Grant to ride! For further information, call Sara at (503) 280-2561, or email [sarapac@msn.com](mailto:sarapac@msn.com).

### Clean-up

On November 19th Grant High School held a neighborhood clean-up of the campus and nearby area (still to come as we go to press) between 50-60 students were expected to participate in the event, sponsored by the General Council. Another neighborhood clean-up is planned for spring 2006.

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### Fall Leaf Removal is Underway

The fall leaf removal program is currently underway for 2005. Included below is the final leaf removal schedule for our area.

The City removes leaves that fall into the street to reduce hazards for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians and to prevent clogged storm drains that may cause local flooding and deterioration of the road surface. Leaf removal occurs in 17 neighborhoods with high concentrations of mature street trees.

You should not rake leaves into the street. The City also provides leaf depot sites where citizens can bring their yard leaves for recycling for a nominal fee. Depots are open on either Saturday or Sunday each weekend through Saturday, December 10, 2005.

For more information contact the LEAFLINE at 503-823-1784, or KC Christensen at 503-823-1750.

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### Then comes the Snow and Ice

Some time after leaf removal, will come snow and ice. For the City of Portland snow and ice control objectives are to:

- provide a street surface free enough of ice, snow or slush to allow reasonable traffic
- encourage mass transit
- reduce accidents, bottlenecks, known hazards
- improve emergency response
- accommodate commerce.

In Portland, our main defense against snow and ice on our streets is sand. The quantity of sand used during a single winter storm can exceed 1000 cubic yards. The Bureau is responsible for sanding all major arterial routes, 1147 lane miles (about the distance from Portland to San Diego). The City does not have enough equipment or staff to sand individual residential streets so citizens should develop emergency plans of their own.

The City also has a recycling operation which reclaims about 95 percent of the sanding material placed in curbed areas of the city. City crews sweep a thousand miles of street, taking 10 days or more working around the clock.

And lets not forget our sidewalks.

Portland city code 17.28.025 says that "the owner(s) and/or occupant(s) of land adjacent to any street in the City shall be responsible for snow and ice removal from sidewalks abutting or immediately adjacent to such land, notwithstanding any time limitations."

Owners and/or occupants are liable for any and all damages to people injured or other damages resulting from failure to remove snow and/or ice accumulations. They are liable to the City of Portland for any amounts paid or incurred because of claims, judgment or settlement, and for all reasonable investigation costs and attorney fees, resulting from the responsible property owner's or occupant's failure to remove snow and ice accumulations from such sidewalks as imposed by this Code.

So remember to clear your sidewalks in a timely manner and don't forget your neighbors who might be less able. Do a good deed and help out if you can.



## NE Hub Walking Map

Each year the City of Portland Transportation Options Division selects an area to offer outreach on bicycling, walking, carpooling and riding transit.

In 2004, the Greater Interstate Corridor including six neighborhoods and about 12,000 households was selected. In 2005 it was the Southeast Hub. Free pedometers, walking kits and other materials were distributed (by bike) to over 5,000 households. Before and after surveys showed a 10% reduction in drive alone trips, a 21% increase in walking trips and a 44% increase in pedometer use.

The Options Target Area for 2006 will be what is called the "Portland Northeast Hub," which includes the Sullivan's Gulch, Hollywood, Irvington, Grant Park, Sabin, Alameda, Beaumont-Wilshire, King, Vernon, Concordia, Woodlawn, and East Columbia neighborhoods. The target area includes approx. 25,000 households and 50,000 residents.

The primary goals for the project are:

- Reduce vehicle miles driven in the area
- Increase walking, biking, transit and carpooling
- Reduce drive alone trips
- Increase awareness of all modes of travel
- Increase neighborhood mobility and livability
- Increase bicycling, walking and transit safety
- Support local economic development with transportation incentives and programs

The project hopes to reach all residents at least three times with information related to all the alternative options for getting around Portland, and will be working with Kaiser Permanente and Providence Hospital to promote the health effects of active living.

## Interested in Being on Our Board?

Elections for the 2006 Board for GPNA will be held at the February General Meeting. If you think you might be interested in being on the Board, come to the December general meeting. Introduce yourselves and get a feel for who we are and what we do. You can be a part of keeping the Grant Park neighborhood a great place to live.

### Newsletter Delivery

One position that will be open and that needs to be filled is that of Newsletter Distribution Coordinator. After three years of excellent service, Sally Baker is moving out of the neighborhood and won't be able to continue in the position. We will certainly miss her.

Our newsletter is published and distributed quarterly and the neighborhood is covered by 35-40 routes. Our Distribution Coordinator organizes, bundles and delivers the newsletters to the routes for delivery.

"This is a great way to feel connected to the neighborhood, and meet a lot of nice people," says Sally, who finds that the whole thing takes between five and eight hours per issue.

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## Grant Park Banner

Did you know that the Grant Park Neighborhood has it's own banner? We discovered it recently at the Office of Neighborhood Involvement, and the current board knows very little about how or why it was created and how it was used, except that the banner itself is dated 1986. If anyone out there knows more about the banner, or if you have suggestions for how we might use it, we would love to hear from you. You can e-mail us at [grantparkna@yahoo.com](mailto:grantparkna@yahoo.com).

## Park Facilities

Portland Parks Bureau typically closes the Grant Park public restrooms each fall around September 15th. This is done due to lack of sufficient maintenance personnel and to reduce the increased risk of vandalism as we get into the Fall season.

We can extend the time that these facilities are open by forming a small group of volunteers to keep an eye on this area of the park and taking on the responsibility of unlocking the doors in the early morning and locking them at the end of each day.

Public usage of this area of the park remains fairly high long past the usual closure date. If you are interested in volunteering a small amount of your time to help keep these facilities open and available for public use, please contact Michael Kinney, GPNA Parks Liaison, at 503-282-2883. Also, if you would like more information, please plan to attend our next GPNA meeting on December 6th.

## Community Safe and Liveability

GPNA is considering the reconstituion of a neighborhood foot patrol. A foot patrol is a trained group of volunteers organized to increase the safety and livability of their neighborhood. They walk their neighborhood streets, parks, or schools to deter crime and report incidents and problems, rather than sit back and hope that someone else will take care of it. Foot Patrol members are actively and directly involved in solving those problems in a community-based, non-confrontational manner.

Foot Patrols collaborate with the City's Crime Prevention Coordinators, police, neighborhood coalitions and associations, schools, parks personnel, and area businesses to help make sure that neighborhood problems receive a prompt and effective response. A Foot Patrol is a great way to meet like-minded people, contribute to your community, and get some exercise too!


If you're interested in participating or would like more information, please attend the next GPNA meeting on Dec 6th. Copies of the Foot Patrol handbook will be available. The handbook can also be accessed at [www.portlandonline/oni](http://www.portlandonline/oni) (search for Foot Patrol).

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**Holiday Season Safety Tips**

By Northeast Precinct Commander Bret Smith

During this holiday season, many families plan a get-away or a mini-vacation. Whether it's for a week or a day, remember to implement some vacation safety guidelines. By following some of these tips you may minimize the chances of being a victim of crime and ruining your vacation.

First, remember to always keep your car locked, and your windows rolled up. Some thieves target cars at rest areas. Whether in daylight or darkness, park as close as possible to the area (well lit and populated) you'll be utilizing. Always take your purse or wallet with you. Valuables such as cameras or camcorders can be very inviting to dishonest individuals. If you car is full of items like holiday gifts, go to the restroom in shifts if possible, leaving one person with the car.

When checking into a hotel or motel, park in a well lit, populated area. Ask for a room close to where you parked if possible. When unpacking the car, never leave the trunk or doors open or unlocked between trips to the room. Use traveler's checks whenever possible. Minimize the amount of cash you carry.

Some thieves target tourist sites where they know vacationers are probably not as vigilant, for example, while taking a dip in the pool, putting on ski equipment or falling asleep sunning themselves. Leave valuables in your room or in a safe if available. Be aware of the people around you. If you notice anything or anyone suspicious, report it immediately to the hotel staff.

Once in your room, make sure the door and window locks are in working order. Familiarize yourself and your family with the nearest fire exit. Reinforce the

need to stay low to the ground if there is smoke. The same response should apply if you and your family are at a restaurant or other facility.

If you like to walk or go out at night, stick to populated areas. Be knowledgeable of the culture of the area. If you're not sure, talk to employees from your hotel or nearby business. You should know if it's not safe to be in a particular place at night.

At home, follow the same burglary prevention rules as you would during vacation time. Residential burglaries increase during the holidays because more people are away from home and there are typically more valuables around the home, namely Christmas presents.

Limit the number of presents under your tree. Store your presents out of sight, like inside a closet or garage.

If you are going away for the holidays, have a friend or neighbor pick up your paper and mail, open and close different blinds or curtains in the house, turn on and off different lights, radios or TV'S. Timers are effective also. Have a neighbor park in our driveway at different times.

Don't leave your porch light on the entire time you are gone. It should be turned on at night and off in the morning. Porch lights on during the day are a sign that on one is home.

Holidays are a fun time of the year, but it can be a nightmare if you are the victim of a crime. Be aware this holiday season.

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### A Family Night of Fun

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This promises to be a fun event for children and parents and will benefit Growing with Music. Enjoy an opportunity for holiday shopping, music, gifts and decorations, children's activities, food and raffles.

Growing with Music, under the leadership of Anne Clark has been bringing music, movement and the encouragement of bonding to at-risk mothers and drug affected infants and toddlers. Among the many important goals of this program is helping to interrupt the potential cycle of abuse and providing positive new skills. The instructor goes to the site, bringing music and rhythm to the child and mother where a familiar location makes it easier to participate in new activities. There have been many success stories in the 6-year history of Growing with Music.

### Happy Holidays to All!

The Grant Park Neighborhood Association would like to wish each and every one of our neighbors and friends a safe and happy holiday season.

We are looking forward to having an exciting and productive year in 2006, and hope to meet, and work with, many more of you.

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