

Grant Park Neighborhood Association

P.O. Box 13102, Portland, OR 97213

Spring 2007

News From the Park Maintenance Staff

From Peggy Glascock, Park Maintenance Supervisor

New Staff

Earl Elliot, is our new Park Technician at Grant. Earl is in his late 20s, from Indiana. He tall and has dreadlocks. Earl is a scholar, and loves books. He has been a Utility Worker for the Carpentry and Pools Divisions, in Parks, and has been a seasonal worker at Mt. Tabor as well. He is quickly picking up the diverse information that one needs to run a group of parks. If you have an issue, be sure to wait until he can put the concern on his list of TO DO items.

Summer

Updated schedules for summer will be out in May. Generally the Swimming Pool opens after school is out and will be open until the end of September. The Beverly Cleary Fountain opens in June and will operate until September. The wading pool is also scheduled to be open, but the valves are old, and there may be times when repairs are needed.

At this time, a summer Recreation Program is also planned and it will be staffed from late morning through the afternoon.

Park restrooms will be open June 15 - September 1. This could be changed if we could get a volunteer to lock the restrooms at night, every night. This is working well at Glenhaven and Peninsula. Night time vandalism is too much for Grant restrooms to survive if left open. Playground and dog area users, regular park walkers, volunteers, call Parks if you would like to cover this duty! Parks would need to do a security check on this volunteer.

New things

- **Asphalt paths.** The worst areas have been repaved, although the areas between the pool and tennis courts are still a concern for many reasons and not forgotten.
- **Sidewalks.** Trip hazards were addressed and repaired, and the sidewalks will be evaluated in the next month to see if landscape changes might be able to reduce some of the puddling. More concrete work will be done in the next few months as it can be arranged.
- **Pool fencing.** Last year the wood pool fence was removed. This year the chain link will be replaced with wrought iron fencing, which comes from the 911 Communications Building who got new fencing in response to



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Special Board Meeting April 10, 2007

Grant Park Church CU Permit

Next General Meeting May 8, 2007

Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Grant Park Church
2728 N.E. 34th Ave.
(at Knott)

AGENDA

Committee Reports

- Grant Bowl - Lisa Turpel (PPR)
- Vote on Officers
- Cleanup review
- GP Church update

Future Meetings

(tentative)

August 28, 2007 (Board)
October 2, 2007 (General)
October 30, 2007 (Board)

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Election of GPNA 2007 Officers

We will be electing our GPNA Principal Officers at the May 8th General Meeting.

There are five elected positions on the board:

President - Is the Chief Executive Officer of the GPNA corporation and presides at all meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors.

Vice President - (one or two) In the absence of the President, the powers and duties of the President are performed by one of the Vice Presidents as designated by the Board of Directors.

Treasurer - Responsible for the corporation funds.

Secretary - Keeps the minutes and correspondence of all meetings. Maintains the attendee lists.

Communications - Prepares the newsletter and maintains the Association website.

The GPNA Board helps formulate direction, implement policy, and develop an agenda for the Association's general meetings. Aside from the Officer positions, there are up to 10 "At Large" positions available. There are four General meetings a year, and a minimum of four Board meetings (each usually one month before the General meetings)

The Board is responsible for maintaining and updating the bylaws, ensuring the fiscal well being of the Association, developing transparent, open and objective processes, and act for the Association on time sensitive issues.

At the meeting, the Board will recommend a slate of officers, and nominations will be taken from the floor. Every member of the GPNA is welcome to nominate themselves.

For additional information please contact any other Board member.

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Ongoing Issues

Information on these issues will be updated at the May 8th general meeting and on our web site.

Grant Bowl

There is no official progress in the proposed sports facilities improvements to the areas shared by Grant High School and Grant Park. At the last Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting in May 2006, it was agreed that the final draft proposal would be distributed to the CAC members to ensure all suggested changes were included before the proposal was submitted to Parks and Portland Public Schools (PPS). That review and an Open House to provide public review of the "final" proposal did not take place. GPNA was informed on March 28th that the project is no longer a citizen initiative and has been turned over to PPS for promotion. It is believed that it will become part of a larger plan by PPS to upgrade sports facilities at all PPS high schools. Lisa Turpel from Portland Parks & Recreation will provide the latest information on this developing issue at the GPNA May 8th General meeting.

Grant Park Church Conditional Use

The Grant Park Church Task Force will have its final meeting on April 9th (after this newsletter goes to press). On April 10th, the GPNA Board will hold a Special Meeting to consider the recommendations that the Task Force makes and what action, if any, the Neighborhood Association will take.

Albina Fuel Site

As of this writing, the design review process is over, but no permits have been issued for this project.

Sandy Sewer

Sewer reconstruction along Sandy Blvd. in Hollywood was completed on schedule in October 2006. Some work continues until July 2007. The project included: 3,000 feet of pipe lining; pipe crossings of Sandy at 40th and 43rd; pipe boring under NE 39th and Broadway; and reconstructing sewer laterals connecting properties on the north side of Sandy.

Sandy Streetscape

The Sandy Streetscape project moved into Hollywood in January 2007. It includes street, transit and pedestrian improvements, and street resurfacing. Details about project and schedule updates are at portlandonline.com/transportation.

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out the late night parties?

- **South planting beds.** Levy money provided the plants and installation of new shrub beds on 33rd and on Grant Place. They were planned and installed by our Parks Horticultural crews from Mt. Tabor - City Nature.
- * **North planting beds.** Vince Moore, Horticulturist at Grant did some repairs and replacement of shrubs and pruned others. He will also do some pruning after blooming is done in the north bed.

Youth Gang Prevention Fund-raiser

At our last General meeting on February 13th, we voted to spend \$396 for four tickets to a dinner and Trail Blazers game held March 3rd as a fund-raising event for the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN) Youth Gang Prevention Program.

The Board decided to donate the tickets back to NECN to be used by the two program staff members and their partners. About 90 tickets were sold and the event earned about \$2000 to help support the program but the most important aspect of the fund-raiser was to raise public awareness of the growing pervasiveness of youth gangs in Portland.

Community Members Honored

Community members who serve their neighborhoods in crime prevention or emergency preparedness will be publicly recognized for their hours of volunteer service at this year's "Ready. Safe. Go." training and recognition event, Saturday, April 28, at PCC's Sylvania Campus. Everyone is welcome, and the event is free. You must register by Thursday, April 5. Information and on-line registration is available at: www.portlandonline.com/oni/cp or call 503-823-4064.

What's Next?

The dying shrubs on the NW slope of the Grant Bowl, turf maintenance and maybe some field renovations at the Hollyrood field.



If your concern is not on the list?

To get specific fixes done, you can fill in a Citizen Initiated Project form from the Parks website at www.portlandonline.com/parks/, get it approved, and get a grant or fundraise to help pay for it. This has been effectively done at Fernhill with a grant to fix the field irrigation and put in a play structure, and at Irving where the Neighborhood Association put in a Play Fountain in the wading pool.

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Block Party Season is Coming!

One great way to get to know your neighbors is to close your street and have a neighborhood block party, and it's easy to do. But you should start the process at least three weeks before the date. Here are some easy steps to get you started:

1. Recruit a couple of your neighbors to help.
2. 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 cannot close a bus route street.)
5. 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)

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

The Junior Rose Festival Parade!

It's that time of year again. The Fred Meyer Junior Rose Festival Parade will be winding it's way through the Hollywood and Grant Park Neighborhoods. This year's parade will be on Wednesday, June 6th at 1 pm. 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 4 pm.

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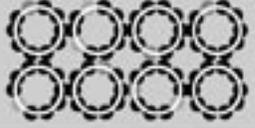


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Growing with Music Fund-raiser

The spring fund-raiser for Growing with Music will be on Monday, April 30th, - 6:30 to 8:30 pm. at Garden Fever, a local business supporting this endeavor, 2433 NE 24th. The event will feature gardening tips, music and refreshments. Come ask your gardening questions and purchase your spring gardening needs while supporting children. There will also be a raffle for a week's stay in a fabulous condominium at the Oregon coast and a great piece of garden art.

Growing with Music goes into the community providing music and movement classes to moms and young children. Through weekly classes, bonding is enhanced, brain development and early literacy enriched. Women in recovery, teen moms and others without resources benefit from weekly experience with their children.

For information call Anne Clark at 503-282-1839.

Relay for Life 2007

The Relay for Life of NE Portland will be held at the Portland Christian School track, July 28-29, 2007. Relay For Life offers everyone in the community an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer. Teams camp overnight at the track and take turns walking or running.

Money raised goes to research and programs to help prevent cancer, save lives and diminish suffering from the disease. Learn how you can be a part of Relay for Life at our Kick-Off Rally. Bring friends, co-workers, or family members (kids are welcome!) and help us kick-off our 2007 event with a bang!

For more information, call Heather Sayah at the American Cancer Society: (503) 795-3971.

Old House Fair

One of the largest gatherings of old house expertise will take place at the Architectural Heritage Center on June 23rd. Over 25 vendors will showcase their goods and services and answer your questions about old home renovation and maintenance. This FREE public event will also include numerous how-to demonstrations and education programs pertaining to period-authentic renovations. Look for more information on the AHC website, www.VisitAHC.org.

Measure 37 Claim in Our Area

If you thought that Measure 37 claims were just in other areas of Oregon, think again.

The owners of Rose City Furnishings, 3446 NE Broadway, have filed a claim to either allow them to lease space on their property for a 672 sq. ft. advertising sign or receive \$178,813 in compensation for the reduced value of their property located just across the street from the southern boundary of Grant Park Neighborhood Association. The sign would be on the back of the building facing I-84. You can view the documents submitted on our website, www.grantpark-na.org/thehood/issues.html.



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New Pastor at Grant Park Baptist

On June 3rd, Grant Park Baptist Church will welcome new Pastor, Gregg Sneller, wife Cheryl, and daughters Chelsea and Sara to their church family. They plan to have a home close by in our neighborhood. Pastor Gregg was at Calvary Baptist in Salem, OR for eight years. Before that, he served in Chico, CA for six years; McMinnville, OR for five years; Walnut Creek, Los Angeles and Fullerton in CA; and Pueblo, CO.

The church membership also expressed sincere appreciation to interim Pastor Don Fuller and his wife Ethel for faithful work from February 2005 to September 2006. They have relocated to First Baptist Church at Lincoln City, OR.

Lawn Sign Season is Coming

Just a reminder that lawn signs are prohibited in the public right-of-way which includes the street, sidewalk and the planting strip in between. There is no limit on the number of lawn signs that may be used but each sign may not be larger than three square feet and no more than three square feet of signage is allowed on a single pole or supporting structure.

Lawn signs are defined as freestanding signs made of lightweight materials which are supported by a frame, pole or other structure placed directly in the ground. Those that are typically used on residential property do not require a permit or registration. Please ensure yours stay on your private property.

Students Look for Creative Answers

From a letter to GPNA

.... I just wanted to let you know that we are still working on improving the situation with garbage in the Grant neighborhood. It has taken me a while to get the art department to help, but they are now working on painting garbage cans that we will have located along the neighborhood streets that the Grant students tend to litter on. Sorry it has taken so long, but we know that the litter is a problem.

Thanks
Sara Wild
Grant Student Body President

Earth Day Celebration in NE

This year the 8th Annual Earth Day Celebration at Woodlawn Park in NE Portland will be on Saturday, April 21, 2007 to promote awareness of environmental issues. This year the theme is Planting Seeds of Community, to focus on the role of Woodlawn neighbors in helping to reconnect our community roots to the Earth and to each other.

The event will feature 150 sustainable businesses and organizations, a Kid's Village organized by students at the Woodlawn School and I Have a Dream Foundation, three stages of live music and entertainment, and areas to recycle all materials. There will be bike rides to the event from starting points around the city, and partnerships with SOLV and the City will offer volunteer opportunities to clean-up/restore natural areas close to the celebration.

For more information, please contact Bob New at 503-235-8946 ext. 3 or earthday@cityrepair.org.

Hollywood Farmer's Market

The Hollywood Farmers' Market is a premiere Saturday morning destination for the whole family.

The market is located between 44th and 45th Ave. on NE Hancock St., 1 block South of Sandy Blvd. It begins its 11th season of bringing local, fresh foods to NE Portland every Saturday from 8 am to 1 pm starting May 5th, and continuing through October 27th. And for the first time ever, the market will also be extending three Saturdays into November, on the 3rd, 10th, and 17th from 9 am to 1 pm.

In addition to fresh produce, baked goods, fresh-cut flowers, meats, cheeses, and prepared foods; market patrons can enjoy weekly live music, children's entertainment, and monthly cooking demonstrations.

To sign-up for a weekly e-newsletter or just to get more information, you can also find the market online at www.hollywoodfarmersmarket.org.

The Hollywood Farmer's Market is run mostly by volunteers, and can always use more help. It is an interesting and fun way to get out and meet your neighbors. If you are interested, you can contact volunteers@hollywoodfarmersmarket.org



At the Clean-up ... Families & Student Volunteers

Last year we had quite a few Grant High School volunteers and this year several families have expressed interest in volunteering for the clean up. We are overjoyed at the interest the students and the community have taken in this event. Parents, working side by side with their children, send such a strong message about the care and value that we place on our environment.

At the same time we must be cautious about issues of safety at the clean up.

There is constant vehicular traffic at the site. Cars and trucks are backing up. Drop boxes are being loaded and unloaded. People are tossing items from car to drop box. Sometimes there is broken glass or pieces of sharp metal. This is not a safe site for young children.

We discussed the issue at the last General Board meeting and decided to set some parameters. We are happy to have all high school volunteers. Middle school students are welcome if accompanied by a responsible adult. Sorry, we do not feel that elementary age students can be safely monitored.

So we would like to encourage parents with younger children to participate in this event by having the children help to prepare at home. Discuss with your children what items can be brought to the clean up. Focus on how items may be reused or recycled instead of thrown away. Let your children assist in loading the car and accompanying you to the clean up. These are appropriate ways for young children to become involved in the event and we look forward to their participation in the future.

Neighborhood Clean-Up in April

Once again this year, there will be a Neighborhood Clean Up on April 21nd from 9 am to 12 noon, held in the parking lot of Grant Park Church, located at 2728 NE 34th Avenue. We are still asking only \$5 per car load and \$10 per pick-up load.

There will be separate drop boxes for general waste and for yard debris. Other vendors will also be available to recycle or reuse your unwanted items including scrap metal, block styrofoam, building materials and supplies, reusable household items, computers, TVs and cell phones.

New this year, we will also be accepting food grade plastic tubs, packaging peanuts, plastic plant pots, plastic bags, and bicycles & bicycle parts, which will go to the Community Cycling Center. This year, computer monitors will be an added \$3 per item and TVs an added \$5.

We hope our neighbors will take this opportunity to clean out some of those things we've all been meaning to get rid of, but our funding limits us to 5 drop boxes so when they are full the clean-up will have to close. Hopefully we will even expand the event in the future.

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What is What?

The biggest confusion people have had in the past is what qualifies as yard debris and what building materials can be reused or recycled.

The rules for **yard debris** are similar to your curbside rules: no rocks, stumps; metal, plastic, branches more than 4" thick, animal waste, garbage, dirt, or sod. You can add unpainted and untreated wood but not plywood or particle board.

Recyclable **building materials** should be sound and free of major defects. Lumber should be at least four feet long without nails.

No hazardous waste: including paint, pesticides, fertilizer, batteries, disinfectants, motor oil, or medical waste. We also cannot accept tires or refrigerators.

You can save yourself (and us) a lot of trouble and effort by separating or grouping your materials as you load your vehicle, rather than after you arrive at the clean-up.

Call for Volunteers

If you would like to get involved, we would love to have you. Volunteers should bring work gloves and wear protective clothing and footwear.

Sponsors

The Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods is the umbrella organization that assists the neighborhood associations and distributes grant money; METRO grants us waivers on the dumping fees; and the Office of Sustainable Development assists 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.

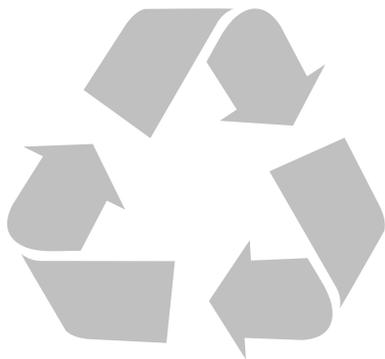
Grant Park Neighborhood Association Drive-thru Spring Clean-up

Saturday, April 21, 2007
9am to 12noon

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

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

Drop-off items Accepted:



- Yard debris
- Scrap metal
- Block styrofoam
- Building materials
- Bulky household waste
- Donations (i.e. Goodwill)
- Food Grade Plastic Tubs & Plastic Bags
- Packaging Peanuts
- Plastic Plant Pots,
- Bicycles and Bicycle Parts
- Cell phones, Computers and peripherals
- Monitors (\$3 per) & TVs (\$5 per) separate charge



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- Hazardous materials

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

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