



Grant Park Neighborhood Association

P.O. Box 13102, Portland, OR 97213

Holiday 2007

What is the Neighborhood Association? It is YOU!

The Grant Park Neighborhood Association is a forum for you and your neighbors to come together to share what is going well and to strive to maintain the high quality of life that we, in the Grant Park neighborhood, enjoy.

There are four general Neighborhood Association meetings a year, usually in the evenings. There are snacks. We have been talking about being more responsive to families with children, like providing childcare. We invite you to join us.

Some of your neighbors have volunteered to be the officers of this association and this is called the Grant Park Neighborhood Board. We Board members are parents, teachers, small business owners, just like you. We are interested in participating in our community. The Board members are a nice and fun group of folks. The Board usually meets four times a year. Again, we invite you to participate.

Sometimes there are BIG issues in the Neighborhood. People get active and come to the Neighborhood meeting and ask the Neighborhood Association to do something. The Neighborhood Association is YOU. If you want action, take action. If you want change, be the changer. The Neighborhood Association can give some legitimacy to your efforts and support you to locate the necessary supports.

Many people, each giving a little, is easier than a few people giving a lot. Join us in keeping Grant Park Neighborhood the fabulous place it is. Come to the neighborhood meetings. Join the GPNA Board.

Volunteer Opportunity: Website Development

We're looking for a volunteer with website development experience to help Grant Park Neighborhood Association update our website. The GPNA website is viewed by prospective home-buyers, people interested in relocating to Portland, our neighbors as well as many others. The two primary functions of the website are to keep us informed about issues impacting Grant Park, and introduce this great neighborhood to the world.

Check out grantpark-na.org. As you will see, the website is sorely in need of being revamped. The volunteer will be given lots of freedom to create a new face for GPNA on the world wide web. This person or another volunteer would be asked to make regular updates to the web as new information become available. Please contact grantpark@necoalition.org if you are interested in this project.

www.grantpark-na.org

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Next General Meeting
December 4, 2007
Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Grant Park Church
2728 N.E. 34th Ave.
(at Knott)

AGENDA

State Rep. Jackie Dingfelder
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Future Meetings

(tentative)

January 8, 2008 (Board)
February 26, 2008 (General)
March 25, 2008 (Board)
May 13, 2008 (General)
June 3, 2008 (Board)
August 19, 2008 (Board)
September 30, 2008 (General)
October 28, 2008 (Board)

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From the President's Desk

The end of 2007 is just around the corner. It's a good time to say thank you to our volunteers who make the neighborhood association work.

- As the Communication Chair, Katie Davenport edits and puts together our newsletter often on a very tight deadline.
- Merryl Mix has become our Northeast Coalition of Neighbors representative. Her willingness to get involved and share her thoughts benefits us all.
- Geoff Hyde has been actively following the actions of the City and never walks away from a challenge (except becoming President of the NA).
- Quarterly, Hal Hays bundles and delivers the newsletters to our wonderful delivery volunteers who drop them off at your door.
- Liz Alexander, Sam Panarella and Anne Briggs and other volunteers worked with Grant Park Baptist Church and PICS to design a good neighbor agreement that enable the school to continue operating in the church.
- Ron Laster prints our newsletters and helps run our General meetings.
- Mike Kinney, where do I start, has been a great leader and volunteer.
- Mary Cal Hanson, Mike Heymann and Kathy Bang organized the neighborhood clean-up. We've all come to look forward to it in the spring.
- A very special thank you to the partners and families of our volunteers.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

Now for my resolution: Next year, I'd intend to make it easier for you to become involved in the neighborhood association. First, I plan to provide childcare at our meetings starting in the new year. Second, I will keep to our schedule and end meetings on time. Third, we'll always have cookies and water for your enjoyment.

As a final note, I'd like to encourage you to become involved. Our influence and strength depend upon your participation. Your neighborhood association is a great way to get to know your neighbors and be involved in deciding issues that impact us all.

Elizabeth Beeghly
GPNA President
503-288-5527

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School Events 2007-2008

Here are some of the upcoming events for Grant High School and Fernwood/Hollyrood K-8:

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| Nov. 27-28 | Coffee Conversation with Fernwood Principal 8:30 am - 9:30 am - Library |
| Dec. 3 | No school |
| Dec. 20 | Grant HS Holiday Concert 7:00 pm
Vocal & Instrumental - Auditorium |
| Dec. 24 -
Jan. 4 | Winter Break No school |
| Jan. 31 | Grant HS play Lysistrata at 7:30pm
- Auditorium |
| Feb. 1-2 | Grant HS play Lysistrata at 7:30pm
- Auditorium |
| Feb. 7-8 | Grant HS play Lysistrata at 7:30pm
- Auditorium |
| Feb. 21 | Grant Cluster Concert |
| Feb. 23 | Grant HS PIL Band Competition |

School Hours:

Grant HS - 8:05 am - 3:01 pm.

Lunch - 11:37 until 12:19 pm

Fernwood - 8:30 am - 3:00 pm.

Hollyrood - 8:30 am - 2:45 pm.

Find out
about the
changes slated
for Grant Park.

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Leaf Removal

Once again, we're engulfed in falling leaves and the City's Leaf Removal program is in progress. Residents are asked NOT to rake leaves into the street. The City removes leaves that fall into the street to reduce hazards for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians and to prevent clogged storm drains. The City does provide leaf depot sites where citizens can bring their yard leaves for recycling for a nominal fee.

Grant Park is included in the city's leaf removal program, but it's effectiveness is limited when automobiles are parked in the street during leaf removal. We hope that you'll remember to move your car off the street the night before the final cleanup crew day. It is a service we all pay for so let's get the most from it.

Fall leaf removal runs through December 16, 2006. Leaf depots will run through December 15, 2007 and are open on either Saturday or Sunday each weekend through December 15, 2007.

For schedules and other information, check online at: www.portlandonline.com/transportation/ or contact the LEAFLINE at 503-823-1784.

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Stop Illegal Activity in Grant Park

If you've walked through Grant Park neighborhood at lunch time, after school, or during the evenings, you might have noticed an increase in the number of individuals who are loitering and exhibiting belligerent conduct against other park users.

Several recent incidents, mostly involving teenagers, have resulted in verbal abuse, threats, unwelcome confrontations. Some have resulted in police intervention. The primary driver of these incidents appears to be the increase in drug related activity in and around the Park and surrounding neighborhood amongst the teenagers. If we want to stop this intensification of illegal activity Grant Park neighbors need to work together.

If you encounter illegal activity, getting yourself and those with you to safety should be your first course of action. The Portland Police urge all citizens not to confront this kind of illegal activity directly. Doing so, may place you in harms way. When you are at a safe distance or at home, we urge you to contact Portland Police and report the activity.

Providing the police with descriptive information helps them to identify and question the wrongdoers. Take note of distinct characteristic, number in the group, ethnicity, sex, how they are dressed and where they are in the neighborhood. Pay attention to cars that frequently come and go from the Park. When able, get the license plate and vehicle description.

911 should only be used in case of emergencies. The Portland Police have a Non-Emergency number (503-823-3333) that should be used for all non-emergencies.

Also, the "foot patrol" has resurfaced as a way for Grant Park neighbors to actively watch the Grant Park area.

Groups of approximately 4 adults walk the Park and streets where illegal activity has been witnessed. Carrying a cell phone, they report illegal activity to the police. In the past, these patrols have been effective in reducing the potential for drug-use and loitering.

For more information about joining the "foot patrol," contact grantpark@necoalition.org or call Elizabeth Beeghy, 503-288-5527.

Liquor License Renewals – North of Burnside Street

All liquor licenses located North of Burnside within the Portland City limits will expire on December 31, 2007. There are approximately 2200 liquor licenses in the City of Portland and approximately half of those licenses are coming up for renewal by the end of the year. As a part of the renewal process, the City of Portland reviews current licensees in order to make a recommendation to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC).

The role of neighbors, Neighborhood Associations and Business Associations is very important in the licensing process. The annual renewal provides an opportunity for neighborhoods and community members to identify problem locations before the City makes its recommendation to the OLCC.

All interested parties are encouraged to provide information regarding liquor establishments with ongoing problems as soon as possible.

If there are concerns regarding any liquor location but neighbors do not wish to formally oppose the outlet's renewal, this is an excellent time to bring these issues to the City's attention so that we can work with the licensees to resolve specific problems informally.

Concerned neighbors and community organizations wishing to oppose a license renewal should identify problem locations North of Burnside and advise the Office of Neighborhood Involvement by November 19th, 2007.

For information contact: Kimberly Mark-Villela, Office of Neighborhood Involvement, 503-823-3092, kmarkvillela@ci.portland.or.us

Fernwood Sun Program

Do you have a working computer to spare? Did your company recently make some computer upgrades? Do you plan to replace a computer? Please consider donating a new or used computer to middle school students at Hollyrood-Fernwood School!

So many homework assignments now rely on access to computers--from internet research on solar energy to typing papers on colonial governors--and we believe that finding computers some students would help their academic performance immensely. The 10 students we identified are really trying hard to succeed, show great character, and demonstrate a real financial need. Please consider donating a computer to our wonderful students. It may make a difference in their success through middle school, high school, and as they prepare for college.

We believe that this neighborhood can come together to help our kids! For more information, call Lindsay or Corrie at (503) 916-5314, or email lking@portlandimpact.org.

Hollyrood-Fernwood SUN Community School works to support teachers, students and families as they strive for academic and social success. We offer a dynamic after school enrichment program, bringing arts, recreation, and academic support programs to all students. The Hollyrood-Fernwood SUN Community School is a partnership between the Children's Investment Fund, Portland Impact, Portland Public Schools, Multnomah County, the families of this school, and this wonderful neighborhood. We are currently looking for neighborhood residents and individuals from the business community to help--there are many ways to get involved--just ask!

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NECN Programs

The Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods **Citizen Participation Program** assists neighborhood associations and citizens in responding to actions that affect the livability of neighborhoods; encourages the flow of communication among citizens, associations and public and private agencies; and promotes the needs of the community.

The Crime Prevention Program offers problem-solving, community organizing, and education on crime and public safety in three broad areas:

- **Youth Gangs Outreach Program** addresses the issues of gang involved and gang affected youth and to find alternative ways to end gang violence.
- **Rider Advocate Program** is an extension of Tri-Met's Customer Service Division.
- **NACO (New Approaches To Community Outreach)** assists youth, ages 14 to 18 years of age, who are at risk.

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Bicycle Boulevards

Bicycle boulevards are low-traffic neighborhood streets that have been treated to limit car volume and speed in our residential areas.

Designating neighborhood streets as bicycle boulevards creates a family-friendly atmosphere where an 8-year-old child can safely ride with or without her parents. They provide opportunities for neighbors to meet face-to-face rather than bumper-to-bumper. They open up the world of bicycling to the 60% of Portlanders who are at present too wary of riding on shared roadways because of the vehicular traffic and high speeds.

The Grant Park Neighborhood sees a large number of bicyclists using NE Tillamook, NE US Grant, and NE Hancock as thoroughfares from NE 26th all the way to NE 47th. These streets have many of the various treatments and infrastructure that make Bicycle Boulevards a great addition to any neighborhood.

Good bicycle boulevard features include traffic circles, like the one at NE 24th & Tillamook in neighboring Irvington, that slow cars down. They also include diversions, like the one at NE 16th & Tillamook, that prevent autos from going through or turning onto a bicycle boulevard, while still allowing for bikes and pedestrians to get through.

Having NE Tillamook as a bicycle boulevard has increased the livability and viability of all the neighborhoods it bisects by providing safe passage to parks, shops, restaurants – anywhere someone may go on a bike.

Now let's do the same for more N/NE neighborhoods. Let the Bicycle Transportation Alliance and the City of Portland know that the Grant Park Neighborhood supports more bicycle boulevards.

Contact Emily Gardner: emily@bta4bikes.org, Policy Advocate for the Bicycle Transportation Alliance with questions, suggestions, and for a copy of the potential bike boulevards in NE Portland.

Contact Bicycle Coordinator for the Portland Office of Transportation, Roger Geller: rgeller@ci.portland.or.us and let him know which streets you think would make great bike boulevards.

Boeing Needs to be a Good Neighbor in Portland

by Robin Denburg & Bob Granger

Boeing Aircraft is asking the Oregon DEQ for a permit to dramatically increase emission of VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds) from 39 to 99 tons per year. These VOCs are among the hazardous waste produced by Boeing's airplane painting operations on Cornfoot Road on the southwest corner of the Portland airport, north of the Cully neighborhood.

A coalition of citizens, schools, neighborhood associations & coalitions, environmental groups, and political, community, & civic leaders is working to assure that DEQ requires Boeing to completely contain the VOCs and other hazardous pollutants.

VOCs contribute to air pollution and global warming. Technology is readily available that would capture all or most of the pollution. At a time that Boeing recorded record \$1.1 billion profits, they can afford the cost to capture the VOCs. The question is whether DEQ will allow Boeing to emit the pollution.

It is unjust for the people of Northeast Portland to disproportionately bear the environmental and economic impact of higher health care costs and compromised property values for the commercial benefit of a business that is not even adding jobs to the local economy.

We expect DEQ to weigh all the costs associated with the proposed expansion of Boeing's airplane painting operations in Portland.

We want DEQ to require Boeing to apply whatever techniques are necessary to capture the maximum amount of emissions that might adversely affect health—which have already been demonstrated to be greater than 90% of VOCs.

Join this effort to protect the health and livability of our neighborhood. To understand the issue, you can find additional information at www.cullyneighbors.org in the "News" section. Check the website for updates. Relevant information will be added, including detailed background information.

You can also view a recent article in the Portland Tribune at http://www.portlandtribune.com/news/story.php?story_id=119093791779923600

We want to expand our broad-based support on this issue. If you have a personal relationship with political leaders, community groups, schools, businesses, media organizations or fellow citizens, please advocate for our needs or provided us with contact information so we can follow up.

You can contact the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (the decision-maker on this issue) by email at amidon.kathy@deq.state.or.us. Please cc: outreach@necoalition.org.

Join the Working Groups - We have a steering/strategy committee and two working groups. The Communications Group is coordinating advocacy, outreach and communications. The Technical Group is working on details related to the DEQ process, emissions control, and health and environmental justice issues. The Steering Committee provides coordination and consensus management.

To join these efforts contact Robin Denburg robin@necoalition.org 503-823-4135; or Bob Granger at robert@g2online.org 503-771-3916. If you are interested in becoming the GPNA representative contact Elizabeth Beeghly, 503-288-5527.

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2007 Legislative Session A Success for Education, Consumer Protection, and the Environment

By State Rep. Jackie Dingfelder

We experienced an incredible Legislative Session in 2007. In fact, some say it is the most successful session in over 30 years for education, consumer protection, and the environment. A few of the victories from this past session include: creating the Rainy Day Fund, reinvesting in K-16 education and HeadStart, equalizing access to birth control, making school foods more nutritious, creating a statewide system for recycling used electronic products, and updating Oregon's bottle bill.

Among these accomplishments is one bill that I want to take a few moments to highlight. As you may have read in previous materials of mine, the Oregon Legislature this year passed SB 583, which is the Oregon Consumer Identity Theft Protection Act. Compared to other states, Oregon has a high incidence of identity theft.

Since so many of our neighbors have already been affected by this crime, I want to make sure that the word gets out to everyone that we now have new tools which we can use to protect ourselves.

With the passage of SB 583, every Oregonian is now able to place a security freeze on his or her credit file maintained by one of the three credit reporting agencies. In addition, SB 583 requires businesses to notify customers if computer files containing personal information have been subject to a security breach. I have more information about SB 583 and will be happy to provide it at the December meeting of the Grant Park Neighborhood Association meeting, or you may always call me at 503-493-2804.

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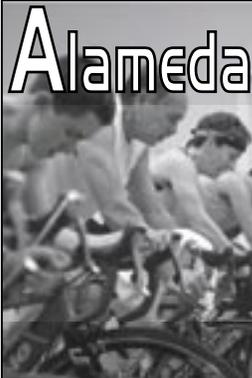
Think Outside the Bottle

A handful of corporations have identified water as a commodity and are increasingly trying to take control of public water resources and systems. The Think Outside the Bottle Campaign is a campaign to ensure it remains a human right and a public service.

Here in Portland, we are calling on Mayor Tom Potter and Commissioner Randy Leonard to take a leadership role in defending water as a human right and a public service. The mayors of San Francisco, Salt Lake City, New York City, Boston and Minneapolis, among others, are taking a stand as leaders supporting strong public water systems.

Our municipal leaders to ensure that all people have equal access to clean public water and that our water systems are supported and well-maintained infrastructure and the investment needed to ensure equal access to clean safe drinking water.

Take the pledge at www.thinkoutsidethebottle.org to opt for tap water over bottled water and show your support for local officials. Concerned associations and groups are encouraged to sign onto our letter to Mayor Potter and Commissioner Leonard.

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For more information on MetroPaint, please call Metro Recycling Information at 503 234-3000, Monday through Saturday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Or go to www.metro-region.org/paint

MetroPaint Sales, 4825 N. Basin on Portland's Swan Island does not accept left-over paint. Please call Metro Recycling Information on safe disposal options for your leftover paints.

New Green Building Hotline

In a collaborative effort, Metro, Clackamas, Washington and Multnomah Counties and the City of Portland Office of Sustainable Development are launching a new Green Building Hotline.

Intended to provide information about green building strategies, resources and incentives for new and existing projects, the hotline will reach residents throughout the Metro region. Callers can get answers to questions about green materials, financial incentives, and much more.

Inquiries are welcomed. The sponsors hope to inspire more people to incorporate as many sustainable choices as possible and to help overcome barriers and obstacles around green building. For more information, call 503-823-5431.

"I Brake For People"

The "I Brake For People" bumper stickers are now available from the Portland Office of Transportation website under "What's New" at <http://www.portlandonline.com/transportation/> or under Pedestrian Safety at <http://www.portlandonline.com/transportation/index.cfm?c=40554>



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