



Grant Park Neighborhood Association

P.O. Box 13102, Portland, OR 97213

Fall 2008

Tri-Met Considering Route Changes

TriMet is considering several ideas for downtown bus service once the Transit Mall (SW 5th and 6th avenues) reopens in late May 2009. TriMet is conducting outreach to riders and community stakeholders through the fall of 2008 to help develop the new service plan. A formal proposal will be released followed by a comment period and open houses in Fall 2008.

Current considerations include moving bus lines that serve SW 3rd and 4th avenues during light rail construction back to the Transit Mall. However, the routing for Line 10 – NE 33rd Ave., is still under consideration. One possibility would be to run Line 10 only between

NE Portland and the Lloyd District, terminating at the Lloyd Center MAX Station.

Once the I-205 MAX Green Line begins operation, trains will arrive every 5 minutes in each direction at the Lloyd Center MAX Station.

Making this change would allow TriMet to improve rush hour frequencies on Line 10 from every 15 minutes to every 10 minutes and midday frequencies could be improved from every 30 minutes to every 15 minutes.

TriMet will be seeking feedback from Line 10 riders about this possible change in the Fall.

2009 Neighborhood Small Grants Program

The City of Portland, Office of Neighborhood Involvement and seven District Coalitions announce the third year of the Neighborhood Small Grants Program with \$187,557 available to neighborhood and community-based organizations. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis through the seven neighborhood District Coalitions. The goal of this program is to provide neighborhood and community organizations an opportunity build community, attract new and diverse members and sustain those already involved.

For more information, come to the September general meeting and meet the new Neighborhood Association Outreach Coordinator, Lauren McCartney. Lauren will act as the liaison and support to neighborhood associations and staff the Land Use and Transportation Committee.

Proposals must be received by 2 PM, Monday, November 3, 2008.

Childcare at GPNA General Meetings

Childcare will be provided at the Sept 30th General Meeting of GPNA. Please email Grantpark@necoalition.org and give us the number and ages of the kids. We hope to see you at the meeting!

www.grantpark-na.org

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Next General Meeting
September 30, 2008
Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Grant Park Church
2728 N.E. 34th Ave.
(at Knott)

AGENDA

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Committee Reports
NECN Outreach Coordinator
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Future Meetings (tentative)

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September 30, 2008 (General)
October 21, 2008 (Board)
November 25, 2008 (General)
January 6, 2009 (Board)
February 24, 2009 (General)
March --, 2009 (Board)
April 28, 2009 (General)
June --, 2009 (Board)

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From the President's Desk

Grant Park is a wonderful neighborhood. Summer evenings remind me of this fact as my family sits on our front stoop and chat with the people walking to the park. We are lucky to live, work, play or go to school and be a part of this wonderful community.

This is one of the reasons I originally became a part of the neighborhood association. I wanted to protect the community I love to live in. After being an active member of the neighborhood association for 5 years, I am convinced that the Grant Park Neighborhood Association (GPNA) has a role in our community remaining livable, walkable, safe, clean, friendly, and green. Since I joined, the GPNA has helped to create the dog off leash area, supported the movement by neighbors to inoculate the Elms against disease, started a neighborhood clean up, facilitated a good neighbor agreement between a charter school and the neighbors surrounding it, and many other great things. Our involvement in all topics start with an interested citizen, like you.

In an attempt to make the neighborhood association more inclusive, last year we started to provide childcare at our meetings. This benefit for residents will continue to be provided at all our General meetings in 2008 and 2009. We invite you to come and get involved. Share with the Board topics that interest you or ideas that you'd like us to explore. Together we can make our neighborhood a better place to live.

We welcome all members of our community to become involved. Please join us at our September 30th General Meeting.

Elizabeth Beeghly,
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New Name - Beverley Cleary

Hollyrood Elementary and Fernwood Middle School merged in 2007 to create a single school serving kindergarten through eighth grade.

It was decided in June 2008 that the name of the new combined school will be the Beverly Cleary School - Hollyrood Campus and Beverly Cleary School - Fernwood Campus.

School Events 2008

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

9/25 - 4:15 Grant Boys Soccer
9/25 - 4:00 Grant Football
9/26 - 4:15 Grant Girls Soccer
10/2 - 4:00 Grant Football
10/3 - 4:15 Boys Soccer
10/10 - No School
10/14 - 4:15 Boys Soccer
10/21 - 4:15 Girls Soccer
10/23 - 4:15 Girls Soccer
10/24 - 3:30 Football
11/11 - No school

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Beverly Cleary SUN School

Beverly Cleary SUN School, formerly Fernwood SUN, will offer two great opportunities for adults this fall, located conveniently at the Fernwood campus, 1915 N.E. 33rd Ave.

The first is Spanish for Beginners II (Mondays 6:15-7:15 p.m., Sept 29 - Dec 8). This Spanish class will be taught by Nina Frayne, a native speaker with over 15 years experience teaching Spanish to Americans. This class is perfect for beginners with some experience and will continue in the Winter and Spring as a progression from this beginning term. The cost is \$40.00.

The second offering is AM Adult Yoga, 9 week Intro to Vinyasa Style Yoga (Tuesdays 9-10 a.m., Sept 30 - Dec 9). Vinyasa Style Yoga is a flowing style of yoga where the postures are linked together creating continuous movement. Breathing techniques are also used with each movement to focus the mind, relax and find lightness in each pose. This class is suitable for all levels. The cost is \$40.00.

We are also always looking for support from the local community. You might volunteer to teach a class once a week, based on your professional or personal expertise. You might step up and donate school supplies, snacks or computers to students in need. There are so many ways to get involved, just give us a call or send an email!

For more information or to register for a class, call Corrie Heselius at (503) 916-5314 or email: cheselius@portlandimpact.org

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The Grant High School Used Book Fair, held during "Back-to-School" night on October 2, 2008, benefits the school's library.

Last year we raised \$1,700 and put nearly \$3,000 worth of books right onto the shelves. For this year's fair, we are in need of used hardback and paperback books in good condition.

Especially popular are cookbooks, mysteries, children's books, biographies and sports-related. Please, NO magazines, textbooks, really old/out-of-date reference books, incomplete sets, or damaged books.

You may take your books directly to the library, or, better yet, call or e-mail me and I will pick them up. (If you're interested in attending the fair and buying a book or two, the cost ranges from \$1-\$3, and we take cash and checks. The fair will be open from 3:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.)

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New Principal at Grant

Join us at the GPNA general meeting to hear from the new Principal of Grant High School. Mr. Malone follows long time Principal Toni Hunter. This will be your chance to hear his vision for the school and to share your compliments and concerns as neighbors.

Joseph Malone has served for six years as principal of Ockley Green Middle School, a magnet school with a focus on the arts, sciences and technology. Previously he was principal of King Elementary School and assistant principal of Beaumont Middle School. Mr. Malone was the Magnet Schools of America Regional Director and President of the Oregon Association for Comprehensive Education.

He has held the positions of student management specialist and physical education / health teachers at George Middle School and was a biology teacher and basketball and track coach at Gallatin School in Tennessee.

Slow Down on Knott!

Between 33rd and 42nd - the speed limit on NE Knott Street will be reduced to 25 miles per hour. This change will happen some time in the next 2 months.

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We Need Your Help!

This newsletter is a vital part of our neighborhood communication. To keep it going, we need your help.

It is distributed only FOUR times a year. The system is all in place, but we need a COORDINATOR. This is your opportunity to give back to your neighborhood. You will feel really good about it.

We could also use some help with counting/bagging, dropping packets at homes or newsletter delivery. Delivering a newsletter route gives you a chance to get some exercise, say "hi" to neighbors. It only takes about 20 minutes. If you are able to help, please call Merry! Mix at 503-282-5446.

Dress for Success Fundraiser

Acey's Closet is holding a Warehouse Clothing Sale on October 3-5, 2008 at 1532 NE 37th and Broadway (park at the Banfield Motel). All proceeds benefit Dress for Success of Oregon, a nonprofit organization that helps promote the economic independence of disadvantaged woman.

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