



Grant Park Neighborhood Association

P.O. Box 13102, Portland, OR 97213

Winter 2009

Airport Changes May Affect Grant Park

Over the next few years the Port of Portland is planning to increase usage of the North runway at PDX (while another runway is being repaired), which will place a significant number of planes over our neighborhood.

What do this and other airport issues mean for us ... what are the potential health or noise implications?

NORTH RUNWAY EXTENSION (NREX)

www.portofportland.com/Prj_PDX_NREX_Home.aspx

Portland International Airport's south runway is scheduled for rehabilitation beginning in 2011, complicated by a need to maintain existing air service at PDX by having at least one runway capable of serving the larger passenger and cargo aircraft that fly nonstop to international destinations.

Currently, only the south runway at PDX is long enough (11,000 feet) to accommodate wide-body aircraft departures when fully loaded. In order to have one runway in operation to accommodate these aircraft, the Port is considering extending the north runway. They have completed required feasibility/justification and environmental and noise bridge studies. An environmental review should be finished sometime in early 2009. The north runway is tentatively scheduled to be extended during the summers of 2009 and 2010.

PDX AIRPORT FUTURES PROJECT

www.pdxairportfutures.com/

Airport Futures is a collaborative effort between the City, the Port of Portland, and the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan community to create an integrated long-range development plan for PDX. The Port will update the airport master plan and the City will create a land use plan recognizing PDX's role in the regional economy while managing City infrastructure and livability. A 30-member Airport Futures Planning Advisory Group and extensive stakeholder involvement guide the planning process.

Current Status:

PDX is currently in the Alternatives Analysis and City Land Use Plan phase of the planning process, or over halfway through the planning process.

Next Steps:

Beginning in January 2009, the Planning Advisory Group will begin analyzing development alternatives to meet PDX forecasts for 2035 and beyond, continued on page 3

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Next General Meeting February 26, 2008

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

•NEW TIME!•

Grant Park Church
2728 N.E. 34th Ave.
(at Knott)

AGENDA

- neighborhood clean up info (May 9th).
- party after clean up @ the church parking lot
- kiosk in the park for GPNA
- community garden
- committee reports
- new & old business

Future Meetings

(tentative)

(new time - 6:30 P.M.)

February 24, 2009 (General)
March 17, 2009 (Board)
April 21, 2009 (General)
May 19, 2009 (Board)

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Childcare at GPNA Meetings

Childcare will be provided at the May 13th General Meeting of GPNA. Please e-mail Grantpark@necoalition.org and give us the number and ages of the kids. We hope to see you there!

From the President's Desk

Because of the challenges associated with raising a severely impacted disabled child, my family has had to make the difficult choice to move. For the last few months, we have been looking throughout the Portland metropolitan area, an impossible task because none of the homes have communities or amenities that can compare to Grant Park. Even when we eventually find something, we already know we will miss this special neighborhood.

Several years ago Portland Monthly interviewed me about living in Grant Park, named one of the top neighborhoods to live in. I said I like this neighborhood because of its close proximity to a library, a park, schools, shops, boutiques and restaurants. All are within walking distance! The reports joked that the only problem with Grant Park would be the need for new walking shoes. I see now that our neighborhood is so much more.

From summer block parties to greeting our neighbors as we walk down the street, it's this sense of community that I enjoy the most. So thank you to the neighbors, board members, and friends who made my families lives here so full and rich.

Finally during these hard financial times, it's more important than ever to support our neighborhood businesses. Please remember to shop local.

Elizabeth Beegley, GPNA President

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Mark Your Calendars for the 2009 Grant Park Neighborhood Cleanup

This year's neighborhood clean-up is scheduled for May 9th, from 9 am to 1 pm, at the Grant Park Baptist Church parking lot, 2728 NE 34th Ave. 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 but, once again, no hazardous waste: including paint, pesticides, fertilizer, batteries, disinfectants, motor oil, or medical waste. We also cannot accept tires. We will have a more complete list of items that will be accepted in our next newsletter.

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 remember, our funding limits the number of drop boxes so when they are full the clean-up will have to close.

A 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.

We have been overjoyed at the interest that parents, students and the community have taken in this event in the past. At the same time we must be cautious about safety. There is constant vehicular traffic at the site. People are tossing items from car to drop box or moving things from one location to another. Sometimes there is broken glass or sharp metal.

This is not a safe event for young children. 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.

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developing a City land use plan for PDX, and an ongoing public involvement process to follow Airport Futures. During this phase, work will continue on a sustainability evaluation framework to be used to evaluate future development alternatives for PDX.

Get Involved!

We encourage your participation in this process. You can get involved by attending a Planning Advisory Group meeting, joining a subcommittee, or signing up for electronic updates from our website.

DEICING PROGRAM

http://www.portofportland.com/PDX_Deicing_Home.aspx

In April 2008, the Port of Portland began an environmental assessment of the Portland International Airport deicing system. This evaluation, studies the effects and impacts of changes to the way PDX manages deicing stormwater runoff. The Port is asking community members to share their concerns and provide feedback.

If you have questions or comments about these or other issues surrounding PDX, please bring the to the next general meeting on February 24th.

GRANT PARK CHURCH

A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE ARE WELCOME TO DISCOVER HOW MUCH GOD LOVES THEM. OUR MISSION IS TO BE A PLACE OF HOPE IN PORTLAND. ALL DIFFERENT KINDS OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAY AT 11 A.M. CALL IF WE CAN BE OF SUPPORT ON YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY.

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9th Annual CPPS Parent Leadership Conference

Saturday, February 28th • 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM
da Vinci Arts Middle School • 2508 NE Everett St.

The Community & Parents for Public School's (CPPS) Parent Leadership Conference (PLC) is a great event to network and collaborate with those who care about Portland's public schools and youth in our community, and we hope YOU will be there.

The conference is free and offers workshops and opportunities to help you to become more effective with your student, school, and district. Translators will be available and a number of workshops will be presented in languages other than English. Childcare will be provided, as well as a light breakfast and lunch. The doors will open at 9:00 AM, and the conference will begin at 9:30 and end at 1:30.

Register for the conference today at www.cppsportland.org/?page_id=41

The keynote speakers will include Superintendent Carole Smith and Mayor Sam Adams! You will have an opportunity to ask questions after their addresses.

Workshops are still being developed. We will have something for everyone, whatever your level of involvement with our students and our schools.

You can also help with:

- Outreach in your school and through your networks.
- Greet, register, guide, serve coffee, etc.
- Share your expertise

For information or to help, contact Debbie Gordon - CPPS 2009 PLC Coordinator, 503-318-6023, Debbie@cppsportland.org

Winter Storms Bring Pot Holes

This winter's early heavy snowfall has led to another serious hazard citywide - potholes. Residents are urged to report potholes to the Pothole Hotline at 503-823-BUMP (2867).

Listen to the recording and be prepared to provide some basic information, including the location of the pothole, nearest cross street, your name and contact information, and the time and date of your call.

The Hotline is checked daily and reported locations are verified to be on Portland-maintained streets. Crews aim to investigate every pothole on city streets within 48 hours of being notified.

If conditions prohibit a permanent thermal patch repair, a cold patch repairs the immediate hazard and crews follow up the emergency repairs with permanent repairs during warmer and drier periods.

To report a pothole in other jurisdictions:

Clackamas County - 503-650-3262

Multnomah County - 503-988-5050

Washington County - 503-846-7623

Beaverton - 503-526-3709

Gresham - 503-618-2525

Lake Oswego - 503-635-0280

Milwaukie - 503-786-7600

ODOT Freeways - 503-283-5859

Where is Grant Park Exactly?

The Grant Park neighborhood extends from NE 26th Ave. in the west to NE 47th Ave. to the east. It is bounded by Broadway/Tillamook to the south, and Knott/Stanton to the north. Our neighbors are Irvington, Sullivan's Gulch, Hollywood, Alameda, Beaumont-Wilshire and Rose City with some overlap.



News from Beverly Cleary SUN

Spring Break Drama at Beverly Cleary!

The spring break play camp brought to you by Young Players and the SUN school gives kids a way to have an adventure right at home! They'll have a blast rehearsing and performing a play. Just \$137 for the entire week (Monday, March 23rd thru Friday, March 27th, 9:00-3:00 p.m.) and the kids put on a play at the end. Camp is limited to 25 students!

AM Adult Yoga

Every Tuesday from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at the Fernwood Campus. Vinyasa Style Yoga is a flowing style of yoga where the postures are linked together creating continuous movement. The class is suitable for all levels. The cost is \$40.

Adult Spanish II

Every Monday from 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. at the Fernwood Campus, SUN Room 2. The class will be taught by Nina Frayne, a native speaker with over 15 years experience teaching Spanish. The cost is \$40.

If you are interested in any of these programs, please contact Corrie Heselius at (503) 916-5314 or e-mail cheselius@impactnw.org.

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Urban Growth Bounty classes

Want to grow abundant fruit and vegetables, raise chickens, keep bees, make cheese and preserve food? Urban Growth Bounty classes, taught by Portland experts, will provide the tools to make 2009 a more sustainable, healthier year for you.

All of the classes listed below will be offered in the Fernwood building, presented by the City of Portland Office of Sustainable Development. For more information on these and other classes, visit <http://www.portlandonline.com/osd/ugb>.

Organic Vegetable Gardening

Nine-class series, every third Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 p.m., February-October • Beverly Cleary/Fernwood School, 1915 NE 33rd • \$300 for the series.

High Productivity Vegetable Gardens in Containers

One class, April 1, 7:00-8:30 p.m. • Beverly Cleary/Fernwood School, 1915 NE 33rd • \$20

Growing Fruit in any Backyard Class II

(cane fruits, berry plants and other fruits, such as rhubarb and olives • Tuesday, March 31, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. • Beverly Cleary/Fernwood School, 1915 NE 33rd • \$25 per class

Chickens 101-Basics of a Backyard Flock

One class, March 9, April 6, and May 11 at 7:00 -9:00 p.m. • Beverly Cleary/Fernwood School, 1915 NE 33rd • \$15 each class

Learn to make a simple fresh cheese (panir)

One class offered on April 20 and May 18, at 7:00 -9:00 p.m. • Beverly Cleary/Fernwood School, 1915 NE 33rd • \$35 each class,

St. Paddy's Day Parade - March 15

Don't forget to mark your calendar on Sunday - March 15, 2009, for the 19th Annual Neighborhood St. Paddy's Day Parade. Don your best "Sunday green" to join families, friends and neighbors as they promenade through the neighborhood, celebrating St. Patrick's Day and the arrival of spring!

The Parade starts at 11:00 AM sharp at Fernwood/Cleary School on NE Hancock and 32nd (right next to QFC). Revelers head west on Hancock to NE 17th, where the party jogs north for one block to NE Tillamook, then heads east on Tillamook ... back to Fernwood/Cleary School. In a 1.2 mile circuitous route, the Parade ends where it started!

An annual tradition since 1990, Parade Organizer Steve O'Slavik quips, "With this being no. 19, we're PRIME for a great, GREEN Parade!"

For more information, contact Steve O'Slavik at 503-282-6370. Or find O'Slavik on the Web at: WWW.ST-PADDYS-DAY.COM

Don't let the Parade pass you by!



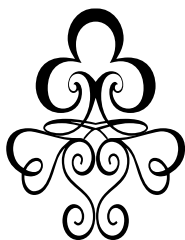
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Beverly Cleary/Fernwood Field Construction Update - Dec. 2008

Portland Public Schools (PPS) has acquired permission from the City of Portland Bureau of Development Services (BDS) to relocate the backstop on the Beverly Cleary School-Fernwood Campus field. It will be moved farther from the north property line to address complaints that the backstop was placed too close to the property line. The relocated backstop will have "wings" and additional netting to prevent foul balls from landing in the back yards of adjoining residences.

In response to a claim that the project required "conditional use review", BDS has also determined that non-school uses of the Fernwood field has automatic conditional use status, which means that Hollywood Little League and Portland Youth Soccer Association (organized, non-school leagues) can continue to use the fields as they have in the past.

BDS made this determination with field usage information provided by Portland Parks & Recreation and by parents and athletes who played on the Fernwood field over the past 20 years or so. The number of competitive events per year will be kept at or under an approved threshold determined by BDS from prior use levels.

With these approvals, PPS and Little League contractors will begin the work to remove and relocate the backstop soon, with work on the new infield to begin in mid-January. The goal is to have the project completed in time for school use and Little League play in March.

A community-based solution!

Last spring, a group of neighbors around the Fernwood field and representatives of the youth

athletic leagues created the Fernwood Field Task Force. Its goal was to help resolve the impact of sports activities on the neighborhood, and ensure successful completion of field improvements.

Members of the task force met with representatives of the Grant Park Neighborhood Association, Hollywood Little League, Portland Youth Soccer Association and Beverly Cleary-Fernwood Campus staff. The task force concluded its work by signing a Good Neighbor Agreement. The agreement includes provisions to reduce the impact of youth league play, such as hours of play and practice, the number and times of tournaments, and a procedure to address unforeseen issues.

PPS commends:

- Fernwood Field Task Force members, who labored through the summer on a solution for field use.
- Neighbors in the immediate vicinity of Fernwood, who have worked with the interests of the entire community in mind.
- The Grant Park Neighborhood Association, which encouraged a community-based solution.
- Beverly Cleary-Fernwood Campus staff, parents and students, who have gone without the use of a field for nearly half a school year awaiting a resolution of issues.
- Sponsors of the improvements, who have generously donated time and money on behalf of the neighborhood's kids and the betterment of the community assets that serve them.

As stated in the Fernwood Field Task Force Report: "When Little League and soccer start playing on the renovated field this spring, it will be because neighbors worked together to make it happen."

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Kindergarten Round-Up

Beverly Cleary's Kindergarten Round-Up will be held Thursday, February 12, 2009 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Hollyrood Campus, 3560 NE Hollyrood Ct. Please bring proof of address, proof of immunization, two proofs of address, and emergency numbers. Your child must turn five on or before September 1, 2009. Please come and meet the principal and teachers and hear about the Kindergarten program.

Public Action Safety Committee

Tuesday, February 24th at 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods Office,
4815 NE 7th at Wygant (just south of Alberta)

This month's PSAC meeting will focus on planning for the year. We will brainstorm issues and ideas to work on as a community. Representatives from neighborhood associations, community members, and staff from community partners are encouraged to attend this meeting to set the priorities for this committee. For more information, contact Sylvia Evans, Cross-Cultural Neighborhood Organizer at 503-823-4113 or e-mail at sylvia@necoalition.org.

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A Community Garden in Grant Park?

A Community Garden can be a vibrant place. Members can use the Garden for parties, picnics and hobnobbing with the locals. Beginners rub hooves with the experienced as knowledge is passed, a sense of community is fostered and our connection with the land is strengthened.

If you are longing to "grow your own" and are dismayed by shade, or lack of space, or other prohibitions to growing plants of your choosing, consider how that need may be satisfied by a Community Garden (CG) in our neighborhood!

Currently, our closest CGs are in Concordia and Cully and there is a long waiting list for both.

These gardens in Portland are owned and maintained by Portland Parks, even though they can be located in public or privately owned spaces. Once a CG is established, Friends of Portland Parks and volunteer garden managers are available to offer advice on organic techniques and more.

According to Portland Parks, starting up a new garden is a matter of community consensus and fundraising. There is a minimum size and it is a fairly expensive proposition, but not impossible given that there are neighborhood grants available. Coupled with some creative fundraising, it could happen.

Grant Park is an obvious possibility. Parts of it are shady for most of the year, but some parts are beaming with glorious open light, with plenty of space left for sports and recreation.

Let's brainstorm at the February general meeting. If you are interested but unable to attend, e-mail Madhavi Sessions at e-mail msessions@gmail.com.

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Fun at the Clean-Up

Kate Davenport, GPNA Communications Coordinator

Once again, I'm looking forward to May 9 and the 2009 clean-up with anticipation. It is a great way to meet the neighborhood, help do some good and, as a long time salvager/reuser, I expect to make a decent haul of things that other people have decided to throw out.

For the past four years, clean-up volunteers have had a fun interesting and rewarding half day as we worked to keep everything running smoothly at this yearly event which benefits the whole neighborhood.

Throughout the event we directed traffic, helped people unload, sorted, carted, swept, stomped and shoveled. We all kept our eyes peeled and each created our own tidy pile of useful items off to the side. In the past, I have found yard furniture that only needed minor repair, decorative plant pots, actual plants, lumber, a rug and, even a hand truck.

Come on down, join the fun, help out your neighborhood, and see what you can find.

What Do You Think Grant Park Needs to Clean-Up in 2009?

You have a chance to help us create a 2009 clean-up that will best serve the needs of you and our entire neighborhood.

In the past we have had dumpsters for trash and for yard debris, a metal recycler, the Rebuilding Center for usable building materials, a charity representative to take in donatable items, a computer parts recycler, a truck for plastic recyclables, a neighbor plant trade, and a neighborhood swap meet. Some of these venues have been successful and some haven't, but we have learned from each one.

Now we have to decide what we will or can provide this year and you can help us decide where to focus our efforts.

What would you like to see at this year's clean-up? How can we make the clean-up itself more interesting and more useful for our neighborhood? Let us know.

Send suggestions to Grantpark@necoalition.org.

Grant Park Neighborhood Association Drive-thru Spring Clean-up 2009

Volunteers Needed!

This year's Clean-Up will be on May 9, 2009

You provide muscles and brains, we will provide coffee and muffins.

For three hours of your time, you get to help clean up your neighborhood, meet many of your neighbors, and check out all the great stuff people throw away. We can also use volunteer planners and organizers, if that's where your strengths are.

For information or to volunteer,
please contact us at Grantpark@necoalition.org