



Grant Park Neighborhood Association

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Spring 2009

Cesar Chavez Street Renaming

The Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard Committee has initiated the process to rename a Portland street for Chavez. Three streets have been proposed: Broadway (Downtown and the entire Eastside), 39th Ave. and Grand Ave. The proposal is still under consideration. Business and property owners, neighborhood associations and the general public will all have a chance to play a major role. NE 39th and Broadway are both located in Grant Park.

Following the process laid out in the City Code, the Committee submitted 2,500+ valid signatures collected throughout Portland in favor of renaming. The proposal was referred to a Historian Panel and has until April 22 to hear testimony on the merit of naming a street for Chavez and the history of the proposed streets. If a street is deemed of "historical significance" or is "significant in its own right," it can be recommended for removal from the list.

The Planning Commission will receive the Historian Panel's final report and take public comments on any related topic. They will then make a recommendation to the City Council, which will schedule a meeting to hear public testimony before deciding which street, if any, to rename for Chavez.

The city has sent a notice on the renaming proposal to property owners and businesses, to survey if they are in favor or opposed. A mailing is also being sent to neighborhood and business associations. These will be forwarded to the Historian Panel and/or the Planning Commission. In addition, any interested party can mail or email comments to any of these bodies.

Public Meetings and Hearings

Historian Panel Final Meeting: Monday, April 20, Portland Building, 7-9 pm. The public will be able to sign up at the hearings to speak for 3 minutes on any of the three streets.

Planning Commission Public Hearing: Tuesday, April 28, City Council Chambers, 7-9 pm. Written comments will be taken up until April 28.

City Council Public Hearing: Not yet scheduled.

Mail and E-mail Comments: Anyone can send in written testimony of any length regarding the street renaming proposal. Only historical issues should be directed to the Historian Panel. Financial and community issues should be directed to the Planning Commission. The Mayor and other City Commissioners will take comments on all related issues.

Addresses for meetings, letters and email can be found, as well as phone numbers for commissioners and other officials at the city of Portland web site: <http://www.portlandonline.com/index.cfm?c=28533>. At the top of letters or emails please write "RE: Chavez Street Renaming Effort."

www.grantpark-na.org

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Next General Meeting
April 28, 2008
Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
•NEW DATE!•
Grant Park Church
2728 N.E. 34th Ave.
(at Knott)

AGENDA

- Neighborhood Cleanup
- Election of Officers
- Committee Reports
- Old Business
- New Business

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Future Meetings
(tentative)
(new time - 6:30 P.M.)

April 28, 2009 (General)
May 19, 2009 (Board)

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Election of GPNA Officers

We will be electing our 2009-2010 GPNA Principal Officers at the April 28th general meeting. The Board will recommend a slate of officers, and nominations will be taken. Members can nominate themselves.

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 duties of the President are performed by the Vice Presidents as designated.

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 GPNA website.

We would also like to have a Web Master, if anyone is interested. The position would update the GPNA website and facilitate future web development.

The GPNA Board helps formulate direction, implement policy, and develop an agenda for the Association's general meetings. The Board is also responsible for maintaining and updating the bylaws, ensuring the fiscal well being of the Association, developing transparent, open and objective processes, and acts for the Association on time sensitive issues.

Aside from the Officer positions, there can be up to 10 "At Large" positions available. There are four General meetings per year, and a minimum of four Board meetings (usually one month before each General meetings) For additional information please contact any current Board member (listed on page 1).

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Just as recycling, natural gardening, energy conservation and other aspects of living more sustainably are part of the public dialogue, there is a growing awareness about water consumption.

The Regional Water Providers Consortium, represents the 25 water providers in the region and is committed to helping residents in this region to learn about the importance of water conservation, and to be aware of the information, tools and resources available to them though the Consortium's website: www.conserveh2o.org.

Neighborhood groups like ours are a great community resource. We can help share information and ideas of interest and importance to our residents. There are local gardeners who have adopted simple, interesting and sometimes innovative techniques for conserving water. Show off your water-wise garden – let us know what water conservation measures you find useful. Or let us know what water conservation problems you would like to solve. We want to hear from you. Grantpark@necoalition.org.

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!

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Tri-Met Proposed Service Cuts

Due to the weak economy, Tri-Met is facing a \$13.5 million budget shortfall which is forcing a 5% cut in programs and services agency-wide. After taking a number of steps to reduce costs and improve efficiency, Tri-Met proposed service reductions and discontinuations effective September 2009.

These proposed service cuts are separate from bus service changes proposed as part of the Green Line Service Plan, the details of which can be found at <http://www.trimet.org/portlandmall/may24.htm>.

Tri-Met received more than 1,500 comments and suggestions from riders, community groups, students, civic leaders and Tri-Met operators. This feedback, along with further analysis of ridership data, nearby service, transit equity issues and school/job access, has helped refine the proposal.

Summary:

5 bus lines that have low ridership and/or alternative service nearby would be discontinued; 20 bus lines would have major changes to route, frequency and/or hours of operation; 15 bus lines would have some or all weekend service discontinued; MAX and various other bus lines would have reductions in route, frequency and/or hours of operation at times of day when ridership is low.

In our area, no routes are cancelled. Routes with changes to service are: 8-NE 15th Ave, 9-Broadway, 12-Sandy Blvd, 15-Belmont, 20-Burnside/Stark, 33-Fremont, 70-12th Ave, 74-Lloyd District/Southeast

A full list of affected bus lines and details of how they will be affected on the proposal are available online at <http://trimet.org/alerts/servicecuts.htm>.

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Waaay More Than Just a Gym

The little community center that could, the Northeast Community Center (NECC) in Hollywood, is now four years old and still gathering steam. Started by a group of volunteers who formed a nonprofit, the NECC took over the building that originally served as the Northeast YMCA for 80 years.

The big yellow building just west of Starbucks was extensively renovated by volunteers and donors who wanted to save the facility and maintain its longtime heritage of service to the community. That heritage is now being expanded.

Beyond swimming, basketball, volleyball, circuit training and aerobics, the NECC offers dance classes, arts and crafts, film production, guitar lessons, chess, book clubs, after school programs, hikes and travel for active older adults, and more. There's something for everyone, including child care.

In April, the NECC will host a Native American art exhibit and weekend events including drumming and speakers in the gym; presentations on hiking the Pacific Coast Trail; lifeguard certification and scuba diving lessons. Many community residents are not only joining the NECC, but also offering their knowledge and skills by teaching classes.

In these tough times, the NECC has struggled like other organizations. Still, there is a vibrant spirit that is evident the minute you walk in the door. People come here for exercise and to work out, but also to meet friends and share good times together.

For more information, please contact the NECC at 503-284-3377, or visit www.necommunitycenter.org. The NECC is located at 1630 NE 38th Avenue. Stop by for a tour and ask for a program booklet.

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Beverly Cleary SUN School

Beverly Cleary SUN School will be offering four great opportunities for adults this spring, located conveniently at the Fernwood campus.

Adult Yoga

Tuesdays from 9:00-10:00 am, April 7th - May 12th. Vinyasa Style Yoga is a flowing style of yoga where the postures are linked together creating continuous movement. Suitable for all levels. \$40.

Adult Spanish II - Intermediate Beginner

Mondays from 6:15 - 7:15 pm, April 6th - May 28th. Taught by Nina Frayne, a native speaker with over 15 years experience teaching Spanish. \$40.

Adult Tae Kwon Do

Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 pm, April 6th - May 28th. Learn dynamic kicks, self control, self defense, flexibility, and strength. Come learn traditional Tae Kwon Do forms from Eli, an impressive 2nd degree black belt from the School of Traditional Tae Kwon Do. \$100.

Adult Dodgeball with Recesstime Sports

Thursday Nights, April 8th - May 28th; Tournament: May 30th. Kids don't have all the fun, join the Beverly Cleary Adult Dodgeball Team! Learn the art of Dodgeball. Play in a league and enjoy fun adult games throughout Portland. To register visit www.recesstimesports.com. There is a 10% discount for all Beverly Cleary parents!

We are also always looking for support from the local community. 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@impactnw.org.



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Beverly Cleary's Birthday

On April 12 one of Portland's best loved children's authors, Beverly Cleary, turns 93.

Ms. Cleary's children's books about Henry Huggins, Ramona Quimby, Beezus, Henry's dog Rigsby, and their friends, set in Portland, put our neighborhood on the map and reminders are all around us from the fountain in Grant Park, to the Hollywood Library's wall map depicting fictional and real landmarks from books in the neighborhood, to our newly renamed "Beverly Cleary School" campuses.

So take a little time to celebrate her legacy to and for us. Check out some of our special landmarks, visit the places around our neighborhood made famous in her books. Read or reread these wonderful stories.

2009 Junior Rose Festival Parade

The Fred Meyer Junior Parade is the nation's oldest and largest children's parade. A signature event of Rose Festival, the parade comes to the Hollywood district each June, attracting hundreds of spectators.

This year the parade will start Wednesday, June 3, at 1 pm. Participants may gather as early as 11 am.

The parade begins at Normandale Park, NE Sandy and 52nd, marches down NE Sandy to NE 40th. At 40th, it turns right and then left at NE Tillamook and ends at 36th. The parade then disbands at Grant Bowl Park. It takes about 45 minutes to one hour. Sandy Blvd. will be closed beginning at 11:30 am to facilitate the start of the parade. The rest of the parade route is closed between 12:30 pm and approximately 3 or 3:30 pm.

The Fred Meyer Junior Parade attracts hundreds of spectators who line the streets. Seating and parking can be tight, and traffic through the area slow.

The Portland Rose Festival is proud to be the "Cleanest and Greenest Festival in America," and encourages our participants to keep our parks and streets clean.

This parade welcomes all children, up to and including middle-schoolers. For information, visit www.rosefestival.org/events/juniorparade/.

Grant Park Church Uses Creativity to Get New People

On Saint Patrick's Day, the GPNA Board met at Grant Park Church. Unfortunately, when Pastor Gregg Sneller left early, no one realized that all the doors were locked. The GPNA Board was trapped in the boardroom. Creatively, the board members climbed out the front window. Clearly Pastor Gregg needs to come up with another plan for congregational growth. The deadbolt has now been disabled.

Good measures are happening at the church building, too. You may notice a few more signs out front. People using the space are:

- Grant Park Neighborhood Association (GPNA), which exists to provide an open process for communication and involvement by all neighbors.
- Lee Owen Stone Cooperative School, allowing people of all incomes to have access to a preschool experience.
- Portland International Community School (PICS), an alternative high school that serves refugee, immigrant, and at-risk high school students.
- Portland Youth for Christ, aimed to mobilize the Christian community to reach lost youth.
- Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation of Oregon, committed to raising awareness, educating, counseling and providing free diagnostic testing.
- Oregon Myanmar Christian Church that has members from several nations participating.
- House of Prayer is a predominately Black American congregation, centered on bringing hope to people who are struggling.

Good measures environmentally are taking place at the church, too. Lee Owen Stone Preschool has been certified as an Eco Healthy Childcare provider. The church is working with Energy Trust of Oregon to reduce our carbon footprint.

Finally, we invite any of you who would like to assist with a Mother's Day weekend food drive to join us. On Mother's Day, you can bring food to the church, and we will make sure it gets to the Oregon Food Bank. Start setting aside some quality food like tuna, peanut butter, canned vegetables, fruits or some cash (checks should be made out to Oregon Food Bank). Bring it on Sunday, May 10th, between 9 am to 12:30 p.m. We promise to not let our pastor lock you in the building!

Graffiti Clean-up

The Portland Police Bureau in cooperation with the Office of Neighborhood Involvement Graffiti Abatement Program identified and arrested 189 graffiti vandals between 01/2008 and 01/2009. Of the 189 vandals arrested, 90 were juveniles (age 13 and 17), and 99 were adults (age 18 to 40).

"Without a strong collaborative effort ... we could not have achieved these kind of results", says Marcia Dennis, graffiti abatement coordinator.

The program encourages everyone to REPORT, DOCUMENT and REMOVE graffiti as soon as it appears. Call the Graffiti Hotline at 503-823-4824 or online at: www.portlandonline.com/oni.

Laurelhurst School Plant Sale

Mark your calendars for Friday May 8th, 3-5 pm and Saturday May 9th 9 am - noon. The First Annual Laurelhurst School Plant Sale will be held at the school, 840 NE 41st Ave. This school fund raiser will include organic vegetables, herbs, annuals and perennials provided by Garden Fever.



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Grant Park Neighborhood Clean-Up, May 9, 2008

Once again this year, there will be a Neighborhood Clean Up on May 9th from 9 am to 1 pm, held in the parking lot of Grant Park Church, located at 2728 NE 34th Avenue. We are asking only \$10 per car load and \$20 per pick-up load, but our funding limits the number of drop boxes so when they are full the clean-up will have to close.

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, building material there will be areas for swapping/selling plants and other items.

Yard Debris

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.

Building Materials

Building materials should be sound and free of major defects. Lumber should be at least four feet long without nails. For more about what is acceptable check out www.rebuildingcenter.org/donations.htm

Scrap Metal

Scrap metal will be collected by Schnitzer Steel, See their website for details on what can be collected. www.schnitzersteel.com/metals_recycling_policies.aspx

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

This year's sponsors include The Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN - the umbrella organization that assists neighborhood associations); 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.

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 will also have free food and beverages for volunteers!!

In the past we had quite a few Grant High School volunteers and several families have expressed interest in volunteering. 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; cars and trucks are backing up; drop boxes are being loaded and unloaded; people are tossing items. Sometimes there is broken glass or pieces of sharp metal. This is not a safe site for young children. We are happy to have adult and 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.

RESOURCES FOR ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED AT THE CLEAN-UP:

Electronics: Check www.oregoncycles.org to find out where you can take TVs, desktop computers and monitors. You are usually limited to 7 items, so look-up the collection sites on-line or call 1-888-5-ECYCLE, to find out more.

Hazardous Waste: Can be taken to Metro Central Station, 6161 NW 61st Ave., from 9 am to 4 pm, Monday through Saturday. METRO also hosts hazardous waste roundups. There is no fee for hazardous waste from your home. For more information, call Metro Recycling Information at 503-234-3000, or go to www.oregonmetro.gov/index.cfm/go/by.web/id=760.

Styrofoam: PLC will take it (503-285-8777 and <http://www.plcrecycling.com>), they are located right off Columbia Blvd., and they will accept one carload at a time.

Hollywood Farmer's Market Set to Open on May 2

Mark your calendars, the Hollywood Farmers' Market will reopen on May 2, 2009. Once again this year, the market will be located on NE Hancock between 44th and 45th Avenues. The market will be open on Saturdays from 8 am to 1 pm from the May 2 opening until Thanksgiving.

New Dog Policy

This year the market has a new Dog Policy which will take effect on June 6, 2009. There will now be dog free hours will be 8 am - 10 am. The Hollywood Farmers' Market's new dog policy will offer our customers both dog-free hours and hours when dogs are allowed in the Market. This will allow customers who prefer to do their shopping without dogs to enjoy the Market without the presence of dogs.

Dogs will be allowed in the market from 10 am - 1 pm. Customers who bring dogs to the market need to follow these rules:

- Dogs must be kept on a leash. No exceptions.
- Keep your dog under control and by your side.
- Keep dogs away from produce, plants and other food products. This means head and tail ends!
- Your dog must be sociable to people and other dogs to earn the right to shop at the market.
- Not everyone is a dog lover: Be considerate.
- Come prepared to clean up after your dog!

If a dog is not behaving or is not on a leash, the market volunteers or staff will ask that the owner remove it immediately.

While other farmers markets in our area have banned dogs entirely, the Hollywood Market board has decided to adopt this new policy to accommodate all community members.

Labeled service dogs will be allowed at all times in the Market, as required by law.

Customer Pick-Up

This year, the Hollywood Farmers' Market will offer a customer pick-up service. You no longer need to worry about how to get that tree back to your car, or what to do with those flats of berries as you maneuver your way around the market.

This year you can drive your car or bicycle right up to the curb for pick-up!

Customer Pick-Up Guidelines:

- Bring your purchases to the Information Booth.
- A volunteer will give you a ticket for your items while you retrieve your vehicle or continue to shop. You must have this ticket in order to pick-up your purchases.
- The customer pick-up is for Farmer's Market purchases only. It is not a place to leave your personal items, children, spouses, or pets.
- Items need to be picked up by 1 pm. Anything left after 1 pm will be donated to the Rose City Park Presbyterian Church's gleaning program.

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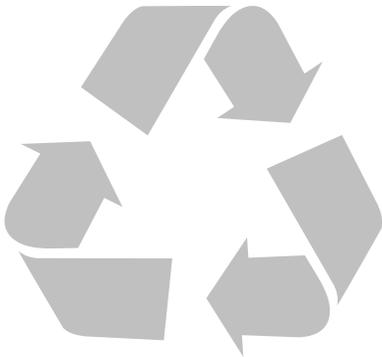
Grant Park Neighborhood Association Drive-thru Spring Clean-up

Saturday, May 9, 2009
9 am to 1 pm

(materials will not be accepted after the event closes
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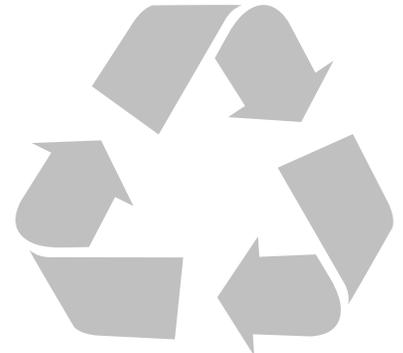
Where:

NE 34th Ave. & Knott
(the parking lot of Grant Park Church)
\$10 donation per car load, \$20 per truck load



Drop-off items Accepted:

- Non-hazardous garbage
- Yard debris
- Scrap metal
- Building materials
- Bulky household waste
- Donations (i.e. Goodwill)



NOT Accepted

- Hazardous materials (to find out what is hazardous, visit: www.metro-region.org/article.cfm?articleid=644)
- Plastics (for recycling)
- Cell phones
- Computers, monitors and peripherals
- Televisions

Thanks to our sponsors: The Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, METRO, and the Office of Sustainable Development, Grant Park Church.

Volunteers Needed!

We will provide food and beverages. You provide muscles & brains.
For information or to volunteer, please contact us at Grantpark@necoalition.org