



Grant Park Neighborhood Association

P.O. Box 13102, Portland, OR 97213

Winter 2010

May 15th 2010 SaveTheDate!

We will be having a neighborhood cleanup, hosted in the parking lot of the Grant Park Church, at NE 34th & Knott, from 9am to 1pm on May 15. We are still working out the specifics so check the next newsletter or our web site for more information.

We are also looking for volunteers and suggestions. If you would like to get involved, we would love to have you there and/or hear from you. For information or to volunteer, contact us at Grantpark@necoalition.org.

Sign Up Today for Tree Planting!

Friends of Trees is offering Grant Park homeowners quality trees for their yard or parking strip at low prices. This year's planting will be held March 13, but the deadline to order is fast approaching, so please sign up today to order trees or volunteer: www.friendsoftrees.org. For those without internet access, please call Eileen at 503-467-8545, to get involved with this great event!

City of Portland Treebate Program

Every tree planted in Portland contributes to cleaner rivers and streams. So, if you plant a tree on your residential property, you can receive a rebate of up to \$40 (up to \$50 for native trees).

For more information check the City's web site: <http://www.portlandonline.com/bes/index.cfm?c=51399&> or contact Erica Timm at 503-823-5729.

Going Green & Saving Resources

Looking for ways to save money on utility bills? • Where jobs and training in sustainability are posted? • How to go about hiring an eco-friendly contractor? • Or get green home design ideas for little or no cash? • Where you can find a free class on rain gardens? • How to make your home wheelchair accessible? • About local green programs and incentives? • How to harvest rainwater, or recycle graywater?

Try the free service: Regional Green Building Hotline at 503.823.5431 • greenhotline@ci.portland.or.us • <http://www.buildgreen411.com>
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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

February 23, 2010
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Grant Park Church
2728 N.E. 34th Ave.
(at Knott)

Grant Park Neighborhood Association is open to ALL persons living within its boundaries. We invite our neighbors to involve themselves in neighborhood affairs. If something prevents you from participating, please contact a Board members.

AGENDA

Scheduled:
Portland Police update
Radon presentation
RideConnection
City Planning update

FUTURE MEETINGS (tentative)

February 23, 2009 (General)
March 30, 2009 (Board)
May 4, 2009 (General)

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PDX Citizen Noise Advisory Committee

The Port of Portland – operator of the Portland International Airport (PDX) – maintains a Noise Management Department (NMD) focused solely on mitigating community noise impacts associated with aircraft operations to and from PDX. The mission of the NMD includes working with community residents, like the Grant Park Neighborhood, to address noise-related concerns and to answer questions while enabling the Port to fulfill its mission to meet the regions demand for air service. A Noise Information Line is available 24 hours per day 503-460-4100.

The Port also maintains a website which includes NMD information including PDX Webtrak – the Port's flight tracking system at: www.FlyPDX.com. PDX Webtrak allows residents to review flight activity associated with PDX and other area airports, to track aircraft, and to submit questions or complaints about specific aircraft. All complaints to the NMD are responded to, usually within 2-3 business days.

The Citizen Noise Advisory Committee (CNAC) is made up of 15 citizen-representatives from around the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan region. CNAC acts as an advisory committee to the Port and an outreach program to the community.

Clearly, there are undesired impacts like noise, associated with the operation of an international airport serving close to 14 million passengers annually. Both the NMD and the Citizen Noise Advisory Committee are dedicated to effective noise management and community outreach.

We invite Grant Park neighbors to contact us with questions or comments. Please call the PDX Noise Information Hotline at 503-460-4100 or email us at: PDXNoise@portofportland.com

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21st Annual St Paddy's Parade

Sunday – March 14, 2010 – 11:00 AM Sharp!
Portland's "greenest" parade will be taking off from Fernwood/Cleary school, NE Hancock & 32nd!

Hard to believe, but this year will be the 21st annual parade! Along those lines, our theme this year is: "we're finally legal!"

What's 21 years old, green, eight blocks long, has 1,218 feet and smiles a whole lot?! The annual NE. Neighborhood St. Paddy's Day parade, of course!

Join everyone decked out in their "best Sunday green" to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and the arrival of spring. The "wiernmobile" will be back again, as well as strollers, wagons, bikes and trikes.

"You can't help but to have a good time," quips parade organizer, Steve O'Slavik. "This St. Paddy's Day parade might not be the biggest, but it sure is the most fun!"

The parade starts at Fernwood/Cleary. Revelers head west on Hancock to NE 17Th, then jog one block north to Tillamook. It's then eastward bound on Tillamook, back to the school. The parade ends where it started and the circuitous 1.2 mile route takes about an hour.

"Couple of things to remind folks," adds o'slavik. "Saturday night before the parade, don't forget to set the clocks forward an hour for daylight savings. Would hate to have the parade pass you by! A little green is always a good thing to wear and most important: bring lots of smiles!"

For more information, contact Steve O'Slavik at: 503-282-6370.

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School Fundraiser

Beverly Benefit Invites You To...Dream Big!

The Beverly Cleary School Foundation's annual fundraising auction, the Beverly Benefit, will be held on March 5th 2010 from 6-10pm, at the Bison Building in Northeast Portland, at 419 NE 10th Avenue. The community is invited to join us and benefit neighborhood children.

The Beverly Benefit offers fun and fellowship for everyone. The evening's festivities will include a light buffet as well as both a silent auction and spirited live auction. There will be items for one and all: fun family vacation packages, delicious treats, crafts by local artists, student artwork, and more. Enjoy an evening with a cause we can all join together to support.

Beverly Cleary School Foundation's annual auction is the primary fundraiser for the Foundation, which raises money to fund extra teachers at Beverly Cleary School. Faced with ever-shrinking budgets, the Foundation funds allow our neighborhood school to maintain a full range of specialist teachers, giving children a richer school experience. The Beverly Cleary School Foundation is affiliated with the Portland Schools Foundation, which serves to benefit all school-age children in Portland.

Your support will directly benefit your neighborhood school and children's education and give us an opportunity to Dream Big together. Beverly Cleary School Foundation hopes to see you there!

Visit the Beverly Benefit online at www.auction.beverlyclearyschool.org to register or contact Doug Young douglas1961young@gmail.com with questions. Tickets are \$35.us that it is wonderful to meet and greet their neighbors.



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Solarize Northeast Kicks Off

Like to save money, energy, and the planet? A new initiative can help you and your neighbors do all that and make your home more comfortable.

Solarize Northeast is a volunteer-driven effort of the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN) to bring solar electric technology and weatherization to Northeast Portland. Interested neighbors will join forces to enjoy significant savings through the bulk purchase of solar electric (photovoltaic) panels. Contractors selected through a competitive proposal process will perform site assessments and install panels on participating homes this spring.

The project will also offer to help residents make their homes more energy efficient, increasing comfort and reducing utility costs.

A series of free workshops will cover the basics of going solar and the basics of weatherization.

Sign up, learn more, and view the workshop schedule, at <http://solarize.necoalition.org/>. You must sign up by April 15, 2010 to participate. Questions can be directed to, Kelly Rodgers at solarize@necoalition.org, or call 503-823-9134.



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Land Use Report-Grant Park & City of Portland

NE 28th & US Grant Place

Last fall, the City made a decision on a proposal to divide the property at the NE corner of US Grant Place and NE 28th Avenue into three lots. It was approved with conditions including retrofitting the property with sidewalks on US Grant. The decision by the City was appealed by a group of neighbors and was sent to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA). The approval by the City was upheld by LUBA allowing the owner's of the property to go forward with their plan to add two lots to the parcel, one north of the existing house, facing NE 28th and one east of the existing house, facing US Grant.

The existing house will remain. The next step is to alter the property to comply with the conditions.

Albina Oil Site

There are no pending applications concerning the Albina Oil site at NE 33rd and NE Broadway. The information we have is that the development proposal that had recently been in the news, has pulled the plug due to market conditions. Sources tell us the current work is the owners of the property doing some of the excavation and remediation that will be necessary to sell the property.

Old Pancho's on Sandy

An applicant for the business at the old Poncho's site on Sandy Blvd., has applied for a liquor permit for a new "gentleman's club". The GPNA Board will support the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association in opposing the application because of it's proximity to school routes and problems that the applicant has had with the operation of other clubs in the area.

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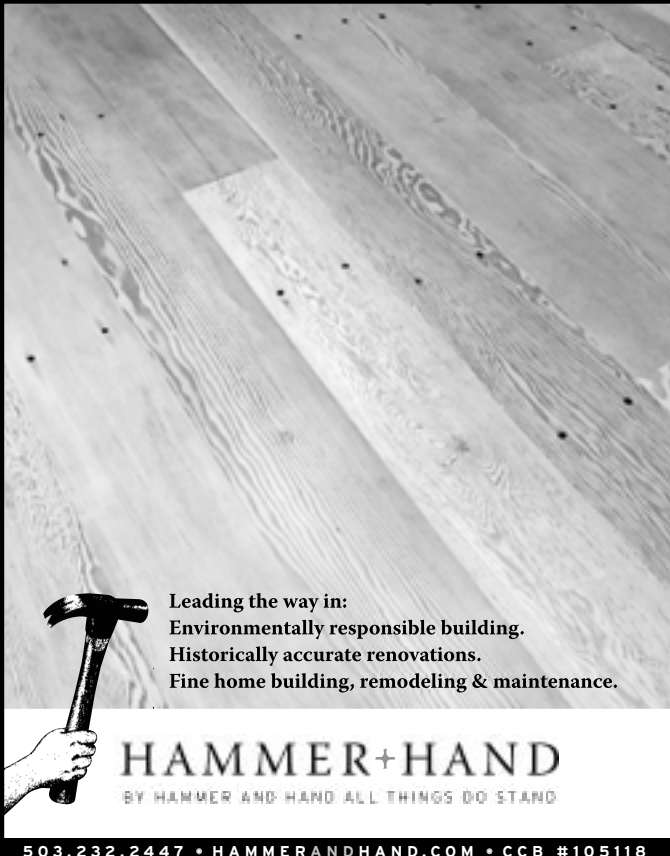
Schools and Parks Zoning Issues

The Planning Commission has forwarded its recommendations to the City Council, concerning some proposed changes in school and parks zoning rules. Their recommendation will require the schools to go through the planning process on some school changes that have already been made. The proposed park zoning changes will loosen up some field changes but require more public notice and "Good Neighbor" agreements.

The Portland Plan & Urban Renewal Investment

The next round of community workshops for The Portland Plan will start in April 2010. For an update and to fill out a survey online, go to PDXPLAN.COM.

There are also discussions planned on Urban Renewal Investment in inner North/Northeast neighborhoods. For information, contact Shoshana Cohen at the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, forums@necoalition.org or 503-823-4575.



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