



Grant Park Neighborhood Association

P.O. Box 13102, Portland, OR 97213

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What is the Grant Park Neighborhood Association?

Simply put, it is YOU. It is US. If you are getting this newsletter, you are a member with all privileges and responsibilities of the GPNA. We are a 501(c)(4) "public good non-profit". That means we are allowed, as part of our charter, to endorse candidates or measures if we wish to.

Our main job is to help make our neighborhood a better place to live. Decisions are made by those who go to the General meetings, or by the Board in between the General meetings. Your voice is heard, only when you participate.

The main thing we can do for the neighborhood is to communicate to you and for you, and to point you in the right direction to get further information from the city, county, state and federal entities. See us at <http://grantpark-na.org/>

Old Business - Our Election

We did not have a quorum at last May's meeting so we cannot declare the results of our board election. The GPNA Board helps formulate direction, implement policy, and develop an agenda for the Association.

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.

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

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 website.

Aside from the Officer positions, there can be up to 10 "At Large" positions available. We would also like to create a separate position of Web Master, who would maintain the GPNA website and facilitate future web development.

Existing Officers offered to continue to this meeting and stand for election. Anyone else who desires to have their name put into nomination can do so at this meeting. For additional information please contact any current Board member (listed on the right)

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

October 5, 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:

Call to Order - Introductions
Minutes - Read and Approve
Treasurer's Report
Oregon Historical Society
Commissioner Fish's Office

FUTURE MEETINGS (tentative)

October 5, 2010 (General)
November 2, 2010 (Board)
December 7, 2010 (General)
January 4, 2011 (Board)
February 8, 2011 (General)
March 8, 2011 (Board)
May 3, 2011 (General)

GPNA EXECUTIVE BOARD

President/Land Use:

Geoff Hyde 503-281-4097

Vice President:

Ron Laster 503-287-9566

Treasurer:

Merryl Mix 503-282-5446

Secretary:

Mary Cal Hanson 503-288-2878

Communications:

KC Davenport 503-288-3340

At Large:

Liz Alexander 503-331-1381

Cori Jacobs 503-281-6514

Updates from Commissioner Fish

We invited Commissioner Fish to address the next General meeting. Due to a scheduling conflict he had to decline, but we requested a staff member to attend and we will have a representative. The main issues of interest are the new "Leaf Fee" (see story this page) and an update on the field improvements at Grant Park including the information and process used.

Keep Storm Drains Clear

Portland receives on average 37 inches of rainfall annually, creating about 20 billion gallons of stormwater runoff. Storm drains, ditches, trash racks, and culverts all are prone to blockage, and leaves are the prime culprit in the fall.

How You Can Help

- Use a rake or pitch fork to clear leaves and debris from storm drains so that water can drain easily.
- Do not rake or blow leaves into the street. Pile them on the curb in the parking strip and prepare them for curbside pickup.
- For leaves that have already fallen on the street, rake them about 12 inches from the curb to allow water to flow to the catch basin without carrying the leaves and other debris with it.

In Case of Street Flooding

- To report a clogged storm drain, contact the Bureau of Transportation Maintenance Operations at 503-823-1700.
- When you see City crews out working, please slow down.
- Watch carefully for pedestrians and bicyclists, who may be in the street to avoid a flooded intersection or catch a bus.
- SHARE THE ROAD - Darkness limits everyone's visibility. Look out for each other.

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New 2010 Fee for Leaf Removal

The City of Portland removes fallen leaves from the streets in 28 leaf districts and turns them into high-quality compost. With a large number of mature trees, our neighborhood is included.

New this year, property owners in the leaf districts will now pay a fee for this service. Mayor Sam Adams and the City Council approved this fee on May 5, 2010. The City Revenue Bureau will bill property owners once a year for leaf removal services.

- Property owners in leaf districts that receive two scheduled leaf pickups will pay \$30 a year.
- Property owners in leaf districts that receive just one scheduled leaf pickup will pay \$15 a year.
- Northwest Clean Sweep and Sullivan's Gulch will pay \$30 to cover costs of barricading and towing.
- Businesses with less than 76 linear feet of frontage will pay the same as residential properties.
- Businesses greater than 76 linear feet of frontage will pay \$65 a year.

In Grant Park, east of 37th, the collection dates will be on November 3rd and 23rd; west of 37th, leaf pick-up will be on November 14th and December 5th. Residents in the leaf removal neighborhoods will also be notified in advance of their scheduled dates by a mailed flyer. For a full schedule, go to:
<http://www.portlandonline.com/transportation/index.cfm?c=47252&a=192732>

What You Will See

- **1st scheduled pickup** - crews will push leaves into piles at intersections, load leaves into trucks, and haul them away to a recycling facility. First pickup will leave some leaf debris on the street because our street sweepers and flushing trucks will not be used during this pickup.



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- **2nd scheduled pickup** - crews will again push, load, and haul leaves PLUS street sweepers will sweep your street and flush it with water. Second pickup will result in a much cleaner street because your street will be flushed and swept.

Street leaf removal helps reduce slippery road conditions, increasing the safety of all. Leaf removal also reduces localized flooding caused by clogged drain inlets. The City infrastructure benefits from the reduced amount of leaves rotting on asphalt and entering storm drains.

If your property is within the boundaries of one of the leaf districts, the City recommends the following:

DO

- Remove all vehicles from the street on the day of scheduled leaf removal.
- Move any items that would prevent City trucks from getting to the curb.
- Make sure your street trees provide 11 feet of clearance over the street so that City trucks can get to the curb. To obtain a free permit for tree trimming, call Urban Forestry at 503-823-4489.
- Report abandoned vehicles on your street to the Abandoned Auto Hotline at 503-823-7309.

DON'T

- Don't park on street on the leaf removal day.
- Don't rake leaves from your yard into the street.
- Don't place branches, yard debris, or bags of leaves in the street.

Property owners are responsible for collecting and disposing of leaves that fall behind the curb and on the sidewalks in front of their property.

Questions or Comments?

Email: leafremoval@portlandoregon.gov

Voicemail: 503-823-1784

So, What To Do With Your Leaves?

Please do not to rake yard leaves into the street. Use your yard debris collection service, or take your leaves to METRO transfer stations. You can also contact METRO at 503-234-3000 for information on yard debris and leaf composting.

Leaf Depot Program

Residents can deposit their leaves for a minimal fee at the locations listed below. The leaves will be recycled into high quality compost.

Only leaves will be accepted. No other yard debris will be allowed. Please contact Metro Recycling at 503-234-3000 for information on yard debris and leaf composting, or use your curbside yard debris container for this material.

Cost

- \$5.00 per car load
- \$10.00 per truck, SUV, or trailer load
- \$20.00 per truck and trailer (5 cu yd maximum)
- No commercial loads – these individuals will be referred to commercial recycle centers

Depots open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 4:00 p.m.

- Sat., Nov. 13 - Lents Park and Westmoreland Park
- Sun., Nov. 14 - Gabriel Park
- Sat., Nov. 20 - Stanton Yard and Westmoreland Park
- Sun., Nov. 21 - Gabriel Park
- Sat., Dec. 4 - Lents Park and Westmoreland Park
- Sun., Dec. 5 - Gabriel Park

Leaf Depot Addresses

- Lents Park – SE 92nd and SE Holgate
- Stanton Yard – 2929 N Kerby
- Westmoreland Park – SE 23rd and SE Nehalem
- Gabriel Park - SW 42nd and Vermont



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Oregon Historical Society

“Voters will decide on a measure that will provide the necessary resources to keep the Oregon Historical Society open and to preserve its vast holdings in Oregon history. This is a nonpartisan measure that currently does not have campaign in opposition to it.”

An Oregon Historical Society representative supporting the measure will speak to it at our October 5, general meeting.

Once Again, We Need Your Help!

Once again we are putting out a call for more volunteers to deliver the newsletters. We produce four issues a year and takes about 20 minutes per issue. Delivering the newsletter gives you the chance to get out, see the neighborhood and meet some of your neighbors. This is your chance to give back to the neighborhood in a fun, social way. Plus you will get all the neighborhood news before anybody else!

If you or anyone you know would be interested please contact our delivery coordinator Marianne Lynde at mariannelynde@msn.com.

Hollywood Urban Park

The Hollywood Neighborhood Association and the Hollywood Boosters have been working on an Urban Park idea for the Hollywood business district. Nine original possible sites were pared down to three, and then community members were asked to participate in a “charrette” to put forth possible designs.

The ideas ranged from hardscape plazas to mixed use areas with a play ground and grass. A design committee will use these ideas to craft proposals for the urban park. You can still participate by filling out a survey at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/9V33LKR

Watch for further information in local press or hollywoodinportland.org/index.htm, the Hollywood Neighborhood Association website.

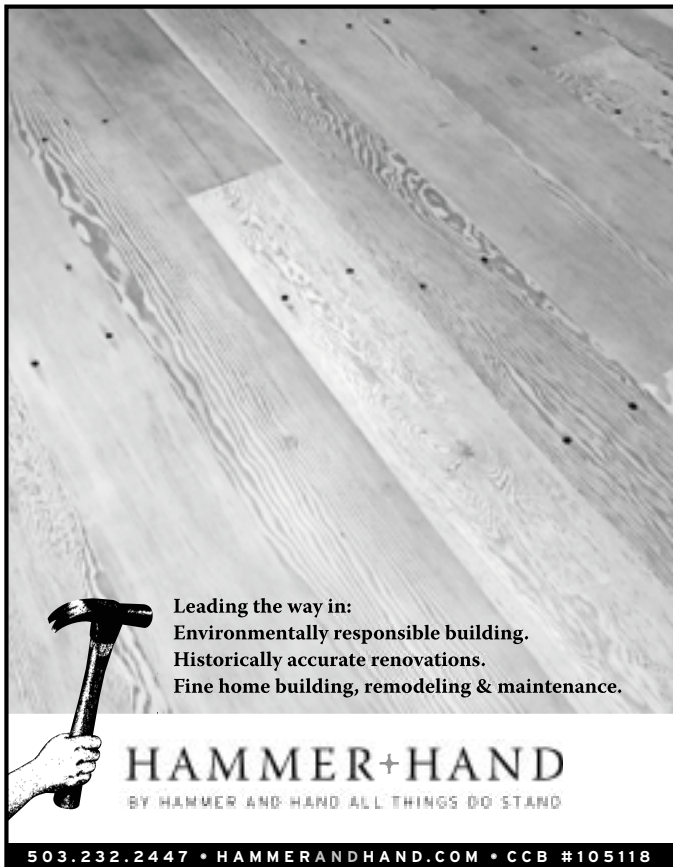
Plant a Tree and Get a Rebate

Every tree planted in Portland contributes to clean rivers and healthy watersheds. If you plant a tree on a residential property, Environmental Services will credit your water/sewer utility bill for half the price per tree up to \$10 - \$20 - or \$50 depending on mature tree size and stormwater management potential.

How to Get Your Treebate:

- Purchase a tree*
- Plant it in your Portland residential yard.
- Complete and submit a Treebate form by May 1, 2011. Include your receipt with the price circled.
- Receive a credit on your city water/sewer utility bill.

*Most tree species are eligible for a Treebate; see the eligible list for conditions and ineligible list for exclusions. For more information go to: www.portlandonline.com/bes/index.cfm?c=51399&a=314187



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