



Grant Park Neighborhood Association

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It's time to take steps to implement the Cascadia high-speed rail between Eugene and Vancouver, BC. Faster and more comfortable, it could move people and freight at least 110 miles per hour and avoid traffic interruptions.

A new multi-track high-speed rail could act as a commuter and freight alternative as well. From Vancouver's Northwest 39th to the Rose Garden Transit Station would take seven minutes by high-speed rail. From Portland to Eugene, it would take 75 minutes. The Eugene to Vancouver, BC, corridor is one of 11 designated for possible high-speed rail development, but there is much to be done before priority funding is assigned. For more information contact Bruce Agnew 206-292-0401 x113, bagnew@discovery.org.

City Clarifies Leaf Removal Opt-Out Process

This year marks the first time the City has charged for leaf removal and street sweeping in neighborhoods with high concentrations of mature street trees. In the face of declining transportation revenues, the fee was enacted to help cover the costs of leaf removal, a service provided only in Portland's 28 designated leaf removal districts. Leaf trucks will collect all leaves between the curbs on the streets in these districts through December 15 this year.

Residents and property managers in the leaf districts will receive a bill after the final sweep in their neighborhood. That mailing will include the leaf removal bill, a simplified opt-out application and affidavit form, and a letter explaining the program. The opt-out application and affidavit forms are also available online at: www.portlandonline.com/transportation/leafremoval. Those who already submitted an opt-out application do not need to complete this new form. No additional receipts or photographs will be needed.

Customers can qualify for an exemption to the leaf removal fee if:

- they declare that they removed the street leaves themselves
- they paid someone else for the service
- they have no street trees near their property AND the trees in their yard do not drop leaves in or near the street

For assistance, e-mail leafremoval@portlandoregon.gov or call the Leafline at 503-823-1784 or visit www.portlandonline.com/transportation/leafremoval.

Remaining Leaf Depots

Drop off your leaves at a nominal fee from 9 am to 4 pm at:

- December 4, Saturday - Lents Park and Westmoreland Park
- December 5, Sunday - Gabriel Park

(Only leaves; no other yard debris will be allowed.)

www.grantpark-na.org

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

December 7, 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 member.

AGENDA

Scheduled:

Call to Order - Introductions
Minutes – Read and Approve
Treasurer's Report
High Speed Rails

FUTURE MEETINGS

(tentative)

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

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Christmas Trees for Charity

L'Arche Nehalem is proud to announce its 21st annual Benefit Christmas Tree Sale taking place every day beginning Friday, November 26th through Sunday, December 19th. Locally grown and freshly cut Noble and Douglas Fir trees will be sold in both the Hollywood and Montavilla neighborhoods at NE 43rd and Hancock in the Grocery Outlet parking lot and at SE 82nd and Burnside in the Safeway lot.

Santa and St Nick will be on site at both lots on Saturdays and Sundays, December 4th & 5th, and 11th & 12th from noon - 3 pm for photo opportunities.

All sale proceeds directly support life in L'Arche homes for members with developmental disabilities. To volunteer, please visit our website at www.larche-portland.org/ for more information.

L'Arche Nehalem is a non-profit organization located in Portland. It is part of L'Arche International, a worldwide network of homes where the developmentally disabled live in community, creating security for personal growth and development. live-in caregivers in the two Portland homes, creating nurturing, rich and meaningful lives for all.

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& enjoy
yourself...

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details at nebroadway.com

GPNA School Closures

Remember as the holidays approach that there will be closures at our neighborhood schools.

No school November 22 - 26, 2010

No school December 20, 2010 - January 2, 2011

PICS at Grant Park Church

The Portland International Community School (PICS) starts it's fifth year at Grant Park Church for the 2010-11 school year and is looking forward to a great year and being part of this community. Enrollment is small but growing with some 24 students in the day program at this time and 6 in the evening classes.

PICS has welcomed two new young men from Tanzania and the Congo and also has students from the former Soviet Union and from Mexico. The school has already taken it's first field trip of the school year to the State Capitol and is planning to take pictures at the Rose Garden with the help of professional photographers that volunteer their time with the 501c3 group "Focus on Youth".

A copy of PICS latest Handbook can be obtained by calling the school and questions or concerns can be addressed by calling 503-232-5334 or e-mailing the director (Skip Adams) at sadams@emoregon.org.

Other Groups In the Building Include:

Hope Presbyterian Church, New Covenant Baptist Church, Myanmar Church, Lee Owen Stone Preschool, Youth for Christ, Grant Park Baptist Church, Grant Park Neighborhood Association & other groups occasionally.

For building concerns or questions, please contact Pastor Gregg at 503-282-5596 or 971-207-9263.

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Riding the Bus After Dark?

If you're traveling alone between 8 pm and 5 am, you can ask your TriMet bus operator to stop anywhere along the route. Just tell the driver a block or two in advance. He/she will let you off at a safe place. This service is available on TriMet buses anywhere outside the City Center and the Lloyd District.

Consider Carpooling

Like to save money on your commute but walking, biking and transit are not a good fit? Try a carpool. It's a great way to save on gas, parking and wear and tear on your car. CarpoolMatchNW.org is the carpool and ride share matching site serving Oregon and SW Washington. Over 11,500 are already registered.

Protect Your Stuff and Neighbors

Ours is a generally safe neighborhood but, especially during the holidays, remember not to leave tempting things like purses, bags, or presents, in your cars or in places where they can easily be scooped out and grabbed. And, please, remember to drive cautiously on our local streets. Keep an eye out for pedestrians, bicyclists, skateboarders and pets, especially children and pets. They may be trying to avoid obstacles that are not obvious to drivers, and children particularly are not always as cautious as they should be.



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“The Fields” at Buckman Park

Questions are being asked about the process, or lack of process, used in the decision to replace the natural grass fields at Buckman Park with synthetic fields.

This summer, the project manager for “The Fields”, spoke to the Kerns Neighborhood Association. The project manager is from Portland City United, a private soccer club with offices in Beaverton. He explained the scope of the project, synthetic turf, additional lights and the plan for PCU and St. Mary’s athletic teams to share the field with Benson. The soccer club was to raise \$900,000 of the projected \$1.9 million price tag with the City Parks and Red Department to provide \$200,000. The project director stated he was not at the meeting for input, rather to state intentions of an approved, by City Council, project. Neighbors approached the City about citizen input and were told that Buckman was not a neighborhood park, so no input was required.

The project was scheduled to start in June and be completed by September according to the soccer club web site, but it is running behind schedule. In September it was determined that the clubs fund-raising would be \$350,000 short, so per the agreement with the City, PP&R stepped up to co-sign for a loan. This loan will be repaid by allowing the soccer club to collect rentals for field use from other private and public groups.

Construction was slated to start this summer, but permits were not pulled until September and October. As of October 4, the Bureau of Development Services has decided that parts of the development will require a Type III review, requiring public hearings.

There is no information on this project available on the PP&R website.

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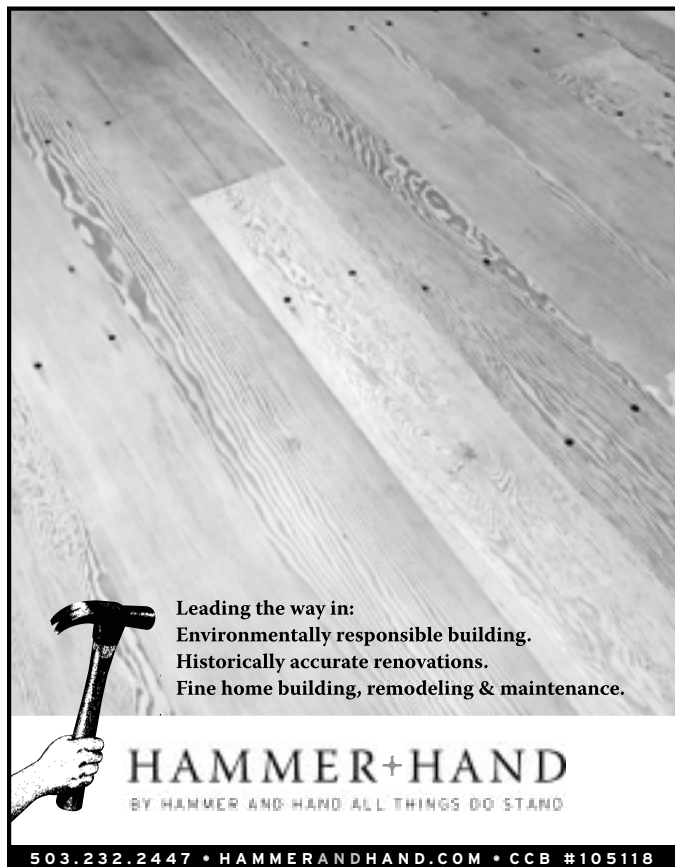
Neighborhood Restoration

The liveliest cities and neighborhoods don't happen by accident. We can all shape our communities through vision and leadership. Do you have an idea that will help your favorite natural area, our local rivers and streams, your school's nature programs?

Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods restoration and enhancement grants connect people to their neighborhoods, natural areas, and beyond. We look for thoughtful projects that help strengthen the community, involve residents and deliver results.

Proposals will be accepted from nonprofits; or from individuals, businesses, or groups that have an agreement with a nonprofit fiscal agent. The deadline to submit a pre-application is Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011.

Funding requests can range from \$5,000 to \$25,000 for hands-on activities and environmental education programs that protect and contribute to watershed health in the 25 cities in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties. Visit Metro's website and review the program information packet for more details at: www.oregonmetro.gov/grants



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Help Shape Portland

The Portland Plan's "Inspiring Communities" series offers Portlanders a chance to learn how other cities are tackling the issues of economic development, community health, education and equity as well as how to create complete communities and make the most of our natural systems. Each evening will include a keynote speech, local panel discussion and questions from the audience. Admission is free.

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Judith Bell, on Education
PSU - Lincoln Hall Recital Hall (Room 75)
1620 SW Park Ave

Wednesday, December 15, 2010

Dr. Julian Agyeman, on Re-imagining (E)quality
Hollywood Theatre, Main Theater
4122 NE Sandy Blvd

Monday January 10, 2011

Cynthia Girling and Ronald Kellett on Designing for Environment and Community
Multnomah Arts Center, Auditorium
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Monday, January 17, 2011

Bob Weissbourd, on Economic Development
Mercy Corps Action Center, Aceh Community Room
28 SW 1st Ave

All events start at 7 p.m.; doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Childcare and reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities provided at some events by reservation. For more information on the Portland Plan or the Inspiring Communities Series, contact Marty Stockton at 503-823-2041 or pdxplan@portlandoregon.gov.



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