



Grant Park Neighborhood Association

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Holiday 2011

Neighborhood History Project

Seeking to Document the History of Portland's Neighborhoods

Portland is a city of neighborhoods, each rich in its own history. Some, like Sellwood, Albina, and Multnomah, started out as separate cities; others, as country crossroads, or stops on interurban lines.

In a city as infatuated with history as Portland, neighborhood history should be well documented, but it is not. Apart from the 1979 book *Portland Names and Neighborhoods*, there is no comprehensive work on Portland's neighborhoods. There are a few works on individual Portland neighborhoods, but most are sparsely documented. There are a few neighborhood based history groups, but no organized, comprehensive effort at preserving the history of all Portland's neighborhoods – until now.

Historian Tim Lyman has launched the "Neighborhood History Project". The group's immediate goals are to identify: existing neighborhood history groups; people who might be interested in forming groups; those who could contribute to neighborhood histories; and people interested in representing all neighborhood history groups. The long term goal is to create a self-sustaining structure for preserving and promoting neighborhood history.

According to Lyman, "Most Portland history is not at the Oregon Historical Society, it's in old photo albums, diaries, letters, and notes in people's homes; it's in the memories of our citizens. The problem with that is that as each generation passes, more of that history is lost forever. "

Lyman started working on neighborhood history as a volunteer for the Multnomah Historical Association, a group that started documenting the history of the Multnomah neighborhood, and eventually expanded to include all of outer southwest Portland. Through this work, Lyman saw the need for more local historical work, and for an organization to help local history buffs connect with each other. "I emailed every member of every neighborhood association, seeking leads. I was pleasantly surprised by the level of interest, but, as I suspected, most neighborhoods had no organized history group."

Lyman aims to create a structure for neighborhood history groups; to help them organize, preserve, and digitize their collections; and to find additional resources for them. Digitized collections can be placing them online, and become easily available worldwide to students, teachers, scholars, and the public. Digitized collections will also survive the collectors, and digitizing can make materials available that individuals are unwilling to relinquish.

If you would like to become involved, or know someone who might, Tim Lyman can be contacted at neighborhoodhistory@gmail.com.

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

December 6, 2011
Tuesday, 7:00 pm
Grant Park Church
2728 NE 34th Ave
(at Knott)

Grant Park Neighborhood Association is open to ALL persons living within its boundaries. If something prevents you from participating, please contact a Board members.

AGENDA

Scheduled:

Reading of the Bylaws
Our Donation Guidelines
PDX Experimental Preschool
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FUTURE MEETINGS

(tentative)

December 6, 2011 (General)
February 7, 2012 (Board)
March 8, 2012 (General)
April 10, 2012 (Board)
May 8, 2012 (General)

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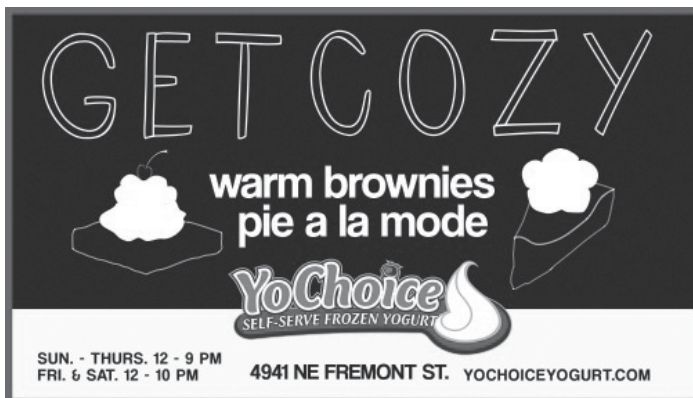
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A Call for Clean-Up Volunteers

We are, once again, starting to plan for a Grant Park Neighborhood Clean-Up some time in May. If you would like to get involved, we would love to have you. What would you like to see and have at our next clean-up? How can we best get the word out? How can we make it as good as, or better than, previous years events?

In the past we had neighbors, families and Grant High students as volunteers. At different events we've taken in yard debris, metals, building materials, and donatables. We have had neighborhood trading areas? What would make it better? Send your suggestions to: grantpark@necoalition.org



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Holiday Trimmings in the Green Cart

The holidays usually mean lots of food on your table. This year, the holidays also mean food in your Portland Composts! green roll cart.

Not only can you add food preparation scraps – from meat to bones to dairy – to the yard debris in your green cart, you have a new place to scrape your holiday plates as well. Your leftovers can also join your yard debris to be turned into nutrient-rich compost to nourish yards and gardens.

Did you know that even your tree, wreath, or other decorative greenery can be composted? Just remove the non-greenery parts. Put the whole tree at the curb on your collection day for a fee, or cut it into pieces less than 36" long and four" in diameter and add them to your green cart for no charge.

The holidays can also mean lots of all kinds of packaging. Some, like uncoated paper, can go into your curbside recycling. Other materials, like packing peanuts, can't be recycled curbside, but they can be recycled or reused. Call 503-234-3000 or visit www.oregonmetro.gov/findarecycler to find out where to take materials to keep them out of your garbage.

But some stuff is just not recyclable. If you end up with too much of that kind, you can set out an extra bag or can on your pickup day for a one-time, \$5 fee.

Finally, if you have questions about your collection schedule during the holidays, you can find it online anytime at www.portlandonline.com/bps/eschedule.

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Inspire & Be Inspired.

The ReBuilding Center is excited to announce the unveiling of the Creative ReUse Ideas Library, the first of its kind in Portland. Available, on the website (www.rebuildingcenter.org/reuse-ideas) and in The ReBuilding Center warehouse, are creative reuse ideas ranging from the practical to the downright fun.

All ideas feature salvaged, reusable building materials, inspiring and empowering you to incorporate reuse into your own projects. Each idea in the ReUse Library includes photos, level of difficulty, material and equipment lists, and full instructions. Find a project, download instructions and let your creativity bloom!

In addition, you are encouraged you to submit your own Creative ReUse Idea to the library. Everyone who submits a complete idea will receive a 10% discount coupon for their next ReBuilding Center purchase, and is entered to win a \$25 gift card in a monthly drawing.

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Grant Park Neighborhood Association is about you, your neighbors, friends, and your family. We are here to inform you on the policies and procedures of the City and changes in your area that may affect you, and to be your representatives when necessary.

But right now we have open Board positions. Board members are each covering several functions, sitting on multiple committees, and trying to keep up with as many activities and issues as they can.

Come to the December 6th meeting and make yourself known. We are here to make our neighborhood better. Join us in that goal. We will thank you. For additional information please contact any current Board member, listed on the front page.

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Beverly Cleary Partners with EMSWCD to Improve Water Quality

Beverly Cleary School's Fernwood campus has completed construction of its new bioswale on school grounds. The project was funded by an East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District (EMSWCD) "Partners in Conservation" (PIC) grant.

The project disconnected two sewer downspouts, and constructed new ones to drain into the bioswale, and also improved the area's overall appearance.

Native plants, three french drains, and soil, slow the runoff and filter sediment and pollutants before the water soaks into the ground. One of the new downspouts uses a rain chain and the other an interactive "spill bucket" that slowly fills and then spills water, adding a playful touch to the structure.

Storm water runoff is considered one of the main sources of water pollution nation-wide. Impervious surfaces like paving and rooftops drain polluted rainwater directly into storm drains and on to rivers.

This bioswale project is part of an overall landscape plan for the Fernwood campus, called the "Learning Landscape Project." The goal is to provide on site opportunities for children to experience nature, and to improve the aesthetics of the school grounds.

People wishing for a tour of the bioswale should contact Beverly Cleary School parent Kathie Eastman at kathieeastmantell@comcast.net

The project, managed by Beverly Cleary School parent volunteers, also received support from GreenWorks Landscape Architecture and Environmental Design.

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Futsal (indoor soccer) Fundraiser

Get the kids off the couch during Thanksgiving break and participate in the 2nd annual Futsal (indoor soccer) for kids Nov 21-23 from 9am to 5pm in the Beaumont middle school gyms, NE 42nd and Fremont, and raise money for a great cause at the same time.

Proceeds benefit Grant Field Improvement Project friendsofgrant.org and the Beaumont Foundation www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/beaumont/276.htm.

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