



Grant Park Neighborhood Association

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Holiday 2013

Tire Punctures and Vehicle Vandalism

Close to 600 cases of tire punctures have been reported in Portland since mid- May, 2013. The bulk of this vandalism has been in the NE neighborhoods: Alameda, Irvington, Rose City and Grant Park, but the problem has also spread to SE neighborhoods as well.

The vandals primarily target SUVs, trucks and vans. Subaru station wagons wagons comprise approximately 50% of the damaged vehicles. Some victims have been hit multiple times. The vandalism is generally occurring at night, every day of the week, but more heavily on mid-week days.

An average of 20-25 new reports are filed each week, although incidents seem to have slowed since early October. It appears that this activity has actually been under-reported by as much as 20%, and the damage is estimated to be between \$300,000 and \$500,000. So far, there is no suspect information, since the damage is generally not discovered until well after the crime occurred.

The Portland Police Bureau has an active investigation underway and an investigator assigned to this case, but they need your help to catch the person(s) responsible.

- If you witness suspicious activity of this type going on, call 9-1-1.
- Victims - file a report, even if you did not initially, by calling the police non-emergency number, 503-823-3333. Accurate statistics are valuable.
- If you have knowledge of this vandalism, contact CrimeStoppers. A \$1,000 reward is being offered for information leading to an arrest.
 - call: 503-823-HELP (4357)
 - text: CRIMES (274637) subject line 823HELP
 - online: crimestoppersoforegon.com/submit_online_tip.php
 - mobile: Crimestoppers reporting app available at www.tipsoft.com

Suggestions for Keeping Your Vehicle Safe

- Park off the street, in a garage, if possible
- Remove your keys, roll up the windows, and lock your car when parking
- Enhance your exterior visibility: lights, motion sensors, cleared obstructions
- If you have exterior cameras, turn them toward the street
- Never leave money, valuables, phones, personal information, credit cards, shopping bags, or garage door openers in your car
- Be observant when you exit or enter your vehicle
- Organize a Neighborhood Watch - The people living in your neighborhood are most likely to spot suspicious activity and people.

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NEXT GPNA MEETING

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2013
7:00 pm - Board
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 member and we'll make accommodations.

AGENDA

To see the agenda for our next meeting, or to suggest an agenda topic, please go to our web site at: grantpark-na.org/thehood/meetings.html

FUTURE MEETINGS

Second Tuesday of the month.

Dec 10, 2013 - Board Meeting
Mar 11, 2014 - Board Meeting
Apr 8, 2014 - General Meeting
Jun 10, 2014 - Board Meeting
Aug 12, 2014 - Board Meeting

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Online Crime Statistics

from: portlandoregon.gov/oni/article/320543

Crime data and statistics are available online from the City, County, State and Federal government. This data shows you what is going on locally and may influence your crime prevention strategies.

Listed below are some City of Portland resources that provide information on the numbers and types of crimes, calls for police services, more. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact the City of Portland's Crime Prevention Program at 503-823-4064.

City of Portland Crime Information:

- CrimeMapper
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Grant Park Upgrades a Possibility

Thanks to a better economy and increased construction within Portland, funding is available to improve parks within the city.

Commissioner Amanda Fritz recently announced that approximately \$8 million from System Development Charges (SDS) generated by construction projects will be earmarked for park enhancements. How much (if any) of the funding might be directed to Grant Park, cannot be predicted, but it is among the city parks eligible for improvements.

The Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN), an umbrella organization for twelve northeast Portland neighborhoods including Grant Park, has established a committee to generate suggestions and priorities for the parks within coalition boundaries. GPNA is actively involved on this committee and wants your ideas for ways to make our park better for all of us.

This funding cannot be used for basic maintenance, but must be for new or improved facilities.

Suggestions received so far include the following:

- Low level path lighting to improve safety
- Repair/replace the toddler wading pool
- Improve the off-leash dog area
- Add more drinking fountains and another restroom
- Add lights to the bowl area
- Install a cover and solar panels for the pool so it can be used year round.

Do you have something to add to the wish list? Let us know what you think should (or shouldn't) be done. Send your comments, questions and suggestions to GPNA@necoalition.org; post on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GrantParkNeighborhood; or tweet us at [@GPNAPortland](https://twitter.com/GPNAPortland).



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Irvington Historic District

As many are aware, the Irvington neighborhood has been designated as a National Historic District. What you may not know is that the newly designated district also includes 130 Grant Park properties and some 435 properties in Alameda and in the Alameda-Irvington overlap.

As a result, all of the homes inside this historic district became subject to Portland's Historic Overlay zoning codes on October 22, 2010. This has meant expensive and lengthy reviews for construction, demolition, and exterior renovations for homes inside the district. It also restricts the kinds of changes that can be made.

Over 4,900 photos of District homes were taken shortly before the District was approved and are on file. Unapproved alterations will have to be removed and redone. Non-compliance can result in enforcement fees and penalties. Some exterior alterations do not require a building permit, but may require review. However, people have been confused and appalled to discover how the added costs and restrictions would affect their own home projects.

There have been recent changes to the overlay zoning code, which went into effect on May 1, 2013. Some out-of-sight or detachable elements are now exempt. The Historic Resource Review fee for a Type I alteration has been reduced and fast-tracked to a two-to-three-week processing period, but it remains an added cost. And for more extensive changes the fee can be a significant impediment.

Many neighbors, especially those outside of the traditional Irvington boundary, question the process for establishing the district, and feel that they were not properly consulted or even informed about their inclusion in the district. Some of them have formed a grass-roots organization, the Alameda-Irvington Overlap Committee (AIOC), and are working on changing the boundary to exclude the area north of Knott and east of 21st. The AIOC is not officially affiliated with any Neighborhood Association.

More information on the AIOC, plus relevant links, can be found at alamedaoverlap.wordpress.com. Historic codes are online at the City's website; most relevant codes are in 33.445 and 33.846.

Grant Park Village

Construction at Grant Park Village is moving forward on schedule and will begin wood framing this winter, which is a big milestone.

As you've probably seen from the signage on the site, the anchor store, New Seasons Market, is scheduled to open in Fall 2014. Other retail tenants of the ground floor business spaces will be announced as they become known.

Capstone Partners will have a lot more news as they release the website for this development in late Spring 2014 and begin pre-leasing apartments in Summer 2014. So stay tuned.



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Joint Efforts Expand Neighborhoods


Many Portlanders know that the city has a strong network of neighborhood associations intended to encourage grass roots involvement by residents.

The Grant Park neighborhood's southern boundary has been NE Broadway. The Sullivan's Gulch neighborhood is bounded by Broadway on the north, and the Banfield Freeway (I-84) to the south, and is located between 33rd Avenue and the Lloyd Center.

Recently, our two neighborhoods joined forces to enlarge their boundaries to jointly include the area bounded by 33rd Avenue, Broadway, 37th Avenue, and I-84. This commercial area was not previously a part of any neighborhood, and includes Gordon's Fireplace Shop, Rose City Furniture, Domino's Pizza, Burger King, and other familiar businesses.

The completion of Grant Park Village should serve to stimulate commercial development in this area, and Grant Park Neighborhood Association (GPNA) and Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association (SGNA) will be ready to serve the interests of residents and businesses when that happens.

Overlapping jurisdiction by two neighborhoods is uncommon but not unknown in Portland. In fact, Grant Park already has an overlapping boundary with the Hollywood neighborhood on the east. In this case, Broadway will serve as a unifying, rather than dividing line between the neighborhoods, and joint jurisdiction will ensure a cohesive approach to future planning. Said Carol Gossett, SGNA Land Use Chair, "The Broadway corridor can become a vibrant and appealing community center for our neighborhoods, where residents will come just to enjoy the experience."

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A Call for Clean-Up Volunteers

We are planning for the Grant Park Neighborhood 2013 Clean-Up some time in the spring. If you would like to get involved, we would love to have you. What would you like to see or have at our next clean-up? How can we get the word out? How can we make it as good as, or better than, previous years events? Send your suggestions to: grantpark@necoalition.org

Connect to Kindergarten

(formerly called Kindergarten Round-Up)

Thursday February 20th 9 - 10am or 6:30 - 7:30pm.

Help us kick-off the 2014 - 15 school year registration at Beverly Cleary School - Hollyrood Campus by joining us at either time. Due to space concerns, this event is for parents only.

Meet the Principal and Assistant Principal and learn about our kindergarten program. Registration packets will be available for parents to take home. Information is also available at pps.net/schools/beverlycleary.

To register your child bring:

1. Proof of address
2. Your child's birth certificate (Your child must have been born before Sept. 1, 2009)
3. Proof of immunization
4. Emergency contact names and phone numbers.

Also, prospective parent tours with Assistant Principal Newlyn, will be held on February 26th or March 8th at 9-9:20am or 1:30-1:50pm. Hollyrood Campus is located at 3560 N.E. Hollyrood Ct. Your attendance does not require registration. Please call the school at 503-916-6766 if you are interested in attending a parent tour.

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The following is a guest submission by a Grant High student. At this time, the Grant Park Neighborhood Association (GPNA) neither supports nor opposes a request to install permanent field lighting or bleachers at the Grant Park Bowl. These items were removed from the project without direct input from, or a vote by GPNA. We encourage residents to share their views at grantpark@necoalition.org.

Grant Park Field

Amber Burkhart, Grant High Leadership Class

Grant High School (GHS) was privileged enough to have a new turf field built in the bowl area this fall. Its construction was approved in an alliance between Portland Public Schools (PPS), Parks and Recreation (P&R), and Friends of Grant. It was decided that the new field wouldn't have lights or permanent seating; features that every other Portland turf field belonging to a high school has.

Due to neighborhood complaints, time constraints, and different rules that apply to our field because it is the property of P&R instead of PPS, the idea of permanent lights and seating was removed from the final plan. Because the new field doesn't have lights, hosting athletic events with winter's early dusk will be impossible. This year, Grant has only had one football game, and less than five soccer games at the new field because of the lack of lights. The small number of home games were at 4:00. The other alternative is using Lincoln's lighted field. Having games at Lincoln limits the number of community members that are able to experience the greatness of Grant athletics, and it's shameful for Grant athletes to have to play at a field whose athletic teams rival ours. The small makeshift bleachers that the field currently provides also restricts how many people can watch the games in comfort.

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circumstances ought to have unique rules. If the field had lights, its open hours would be that of all lighted fields owned by P&R. However, a compromise that limits the hours that the lights would be on would help to appease neighbors. Working with the existing terrain, seating could be built into the slopes leading up to the field. A third idea is to have a ticket booth to charge money for sporting events. Normally, you have to fence the field so that people will only enter by the ticket booth if you charge for sporting events. However, a fence around the field would dampen its communal environment. Having a ticket booth without a fence would be a compromise. With luck, attendees will see the importance of buying a ticket so that the profits can go towards improving GHS.

The new field is not living up to its full potential to unite the community. Not only would lights and seating make a stronger community, but they also provide a local gathering place where everyone can celebrate this wonderful school and neighborhood. It will take time, but with your help we can reach our goal for a better community and experience! Let your voice be heard. Also, like or contact our Facebook page at [facebook.com/GHSLightsAndSeating](https://www.facebook.com/GHSLightsAndSeating)

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All proceeds go directly to support the L'Arche Portland community where people with and without intellectual disabilities share life in loving family homes. To learn more about L'Arche Portland, visit our website at larche-portland.org. For tree information, contact Erin Weisensee at 503-839-4012 or larche.tree.sale@gmail.com.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Recycle your holiday greenery and support the Boy Scouts. Your local Boy Scout Troop 107 will recycle your Christmas tree and other holiday greenery for a suggested donation of \$5 to \$7. All proceeds will benefit troop activities. You have two options:

Drop-off:

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM, Sunday, Dec. 29, 2013, and Saturday & Sunday, January 4 & 5, 2014 at NE Skidmore & 33rd (NW Corner of Wilshire Park)

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Good Start For QFC/PTA Recycling

Thanks to a positive community response and good organizational efforts by the Beverly Cleary PTA and QFC, the cans and bottles recycling fundraising project announced in the last newsletter has begun to pay dividends.

"We have raised \$265 dollars since August 24th. That's 5300 bottles and cans turned in to benefit the Beverly Cleary School PTA and our kids!" according to PTA President Heather Leek. "That money is slated to buy books, microscopes, art supplies, math aides and small science rockets! We plan to continue the program indefinitely and are trying to make it everyone's Saturday Habit."

QFC Manager Roger Dowell also proclaimed the school recycling program a success.

Just as a reminder, bring your cash value bottles and cans to QFC between 4 and 8 pm each Saturday. QFC employees will count them and each month the Beverly Cleary schools will receive a check to help make up for school budget cuts. A little extra effort by neighbors can make the nickels mount up quickly!

Christmas Carol

Portland Playhouse invites Grant Park neighbors to Charles Dickens' A CHRISTMAS CAROL! This new adaptation by Rick Lombardo highlights the classic ghost story which invokes the beauty of second chances.

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Good “Petiquette” Help Keep Schoolyards, Parks Healthy for Play

By Ali Ryan, Dog Off-Leash Program Coordinator, Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R)

Parks and schoolyards are used for many different kinds of play, from soccer to jogging to dodge ball to biking. Dog owners contribute by keeping their dogs on leash and removing pet waste.

Unleashed dogs in leash-only areas is an ongoing concern for many park and schoolyard visitors. By law, dogs are required to be leashed in all public spaces. Pet waste must also be removed and disposed of properly. Pet owners who don't leash and scoop risk citations of up to \$150.

PP&R has 33 designated off-leash areas (OLAs) in parks throughout the city. Dogs on leash are welcome visitors to schoolyards during non-school hours and most parks, trails and natural areas.

“As year-round, all-weather users, dog owners can have a great positive presence,” says PP&R Security Manager Art Hendricks. “But their presence is just as positive, and much safer for all park users and pets, when dogs are kept on leash.”

Increased Outreach and Enforcement

Starting in October, PP&R stepped up leash and scoop law education and enforcement at parks where lack of compliance is an ongoing issue, including Alberta Park, Irving Park, and Grant Park.

- At Irving Park, the OLA is located along NE 7th Ave, north of the tennis courts.
- At Grant Park, the OLA is located north of the soccer field and basketball courts, off NE 36th Ave.
- At Alberta Park, the OLA is located along NE 22nd Ave., southeast of the baseball field.

These are all unfenced OLAs; boundaries are identified on the map on the OLA rules sign.

At these parks, PP&R outreach staff will add signs and visit the park frequently, reminding dog owners to leash up and scoop their poop. Efforts focus on encouraging owners to use designated OLAs for dog recreation. Park Rangers will add patrols, and will be issuing citations of up to \$150 for leash and scoop violations. No warnings will be given.

Dogs must remain on leash until they're in the OLA. PP&R understands that dogs occasionally cross the boundaries, but the expectation is that dog owners know where these boundaries are, respect them, and call back dogs who leave the OLA.

To report leash/scoop problems in parks, contact Park Rangers at 503-823-1637. To report leash/scoop problems in schoolyards, contact Multnomah County Animal Services at 503-988-PETS (7387).

For more visit the Dog Off-Leash Program website at: portlandoregon.gov/parks/dogs or call the Dog Information Line at 503-823-DOGS (3647).

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New Grant Principal Wins Points for Openness, Prepares for Rebuilding

Edited from an article by Dave Anderson with the Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association

In her first month as Grant High School principal, Carol Campbell dealt with a scheduling meltdown, a parent protest over Back to School Night and having to shut down Homecoming. Looking ahead, she will be shepherding the school through two years of rebuilding that will send students to another campus.

Still, Campbell seems serene. "It's been an easy transition so far," she said. She is returning to Grant, where she taught science from 1998 to 2007. After a stint in Newberg as principal of a small high school she returned to Portland as the Benson High principal. This post could take all her skills. Leading Grant is challenging, in part, because of the well-educated and vocal parents, according to Shannon Montgomery, president of the Grant Booster Club.

In early October, Campbell said she wants to build on what makes Grant a good school. That includes its diversity, strong sense of community, rich curriculum and experienced teachers. The priority that she mentions most is bridging the gap between school and college or work. That means bringing more professionals and businesses in to talk to students

about their futures, one of her successes at Benson. Her passion is helping teenagers. She loves that they have high energy, but are also capable of conversation and deep thinking.

"For me, it's about instruction," she said. She wants to emphasize teachers' professional development and is working on a doctoral dissertation about teachers helping other teachers to become better.

But the elephant in the room often seems to be the rebuilding. Last year, voters approved a \$482 million bond measure for Portland schools with an estimated \$95 million for Grant. The campus will close after June 2017 and reopen in fall 2019. Grant students will most likely use the shuttered Marshall High campus in Southeast Portland for those two years.

Campbell plans to create several committees soon after Jan. 1, 2014 to start planning for the rebuilding.

(For more information on Campbell and an excellent profile, see the September 2013 issue Grant Magazine (grantmagazine.com).



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