

Grant Park Neighborhood Association

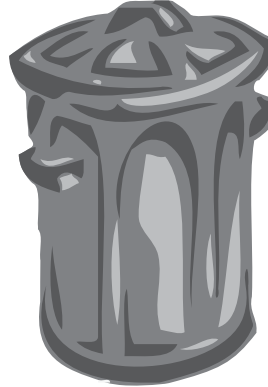
P.O. Box 13102, Portland, OR 97213

Spring 2016

Save the Date! 11th Annual GPNA Spring Clean-Up

**When: Saturday, April 30th, 2016
9am to 1pm**

**Where: Grant Park Church parking lot
at NE 34th & Knott**



It is time for spring cleaning, and Grant Park Neighborhood Association is here to help you to reuse, recycle, and discard your unwanted stuff at our annual household cleanup and neighborhood association fund-raiser on Saturday, April 30th. Once again, we are asking only \$10 per car load and \$20 per truck or van. Money raised at this event supports neighborhood activities such as the Grant High School graduation party, NE Village PDX, and other community events and projects.

Reuse

One person's trash becomes another person's treasure in our popular "free" area where neighbors drop off or take home household items. Leftover items will be donated to a local non-profit organization. We will also have a designated plant swap area for you to bring and exchange your excess garden or house plants. Reusable construction materials will be accepted and donated to the Rebuilding Center.

Recycling

Recycling will be available for scrap metal, compact fluorescent (CFL) light bulbs (no tubes), electronic waste (anything with a cord), tires, and batteries

Disposal

Finally, you can get rid of bulky mixed waste in the commercial sized disposal bins. Please, be a good neighbor and do not bring hazardous waste to the event (see definitions article on page 7) to the event. It is primarily staffed by neighborhood volunteers and we want to keep everybody safe.

If there are elderly or other neighbors who need assistance to access the event, please email us at grantpark@necoalition.org and we will make arrangements to assist you.

Volunteers are urgently needed on the day of the clean up to help make the event a success. Two hours of volunteer time entitles you to bring one free car or truck load! For information, to volunteer, or to make suggestions, contact us at: grantpark@necoalition.org.

(Related information in back - tack it up as a reminder!)

www.grantpark-na.org

STAY IN TOUCH

Find us at Facebook:
[GrantParkNeighborhood](https://www.facebook.com/GrantParkNeighborhood);
Tweet us at [@GPNAPortland](https://twitter.com/GPNAPortland)
Join our discussion group at: groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/gpna-forum

GPNA MEETINGS

Board meetings are held quarterly on the second Tuesday of the month. General meetings will be held twice a year, in April and October. Special meetings, when needed, may be scheduled at any time.

Grant Park Neighborhood Association is open to ALL persons living or working within its boundaries. If something prevents you from participating, please contact a Board member and we'll make accommodations.

NEXT MEETING & AGENDA

Annual - April 12, 2016 (Elections!)
Board - June 14, 2016
Meeting dates may change.
To check the meeting schedule and agenda, or to suggest an agenda topic, please go to: grantpark-na.org/thehood/meetings.html

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Grant HS Modernization Nears

Grant High School is one of 3 PPS high schools being modernized as part of an 8-year \$482 million school building improvement bond. This modernization will completely reconfigure and update learning spaces with a focus on indoor environmental quality, sustainability and historic preservation.

Because of the size and scope of construction, Grant will be closed during the construction. Staff and students will be moving to the Marshall Campus in SE Portland, which will be designated temporarily as Grant High School. Students are scheduled to return to a modernized Grant in the fall of 2019.

Reconstruction will start at Grant High School in just a little more than a year. It will last two years. The construction is going to be messy and is going to affect traffic throughout the neighborhood. It's going to be a huge impact on neighbors. As we find out more we will let you know.

For more information please join our mailing list email: GHSMOD@pps.net. Visit the Grant Project Website, GrantBond.pps.net, or Call 503-916-2222.

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Beverly Cleary Walking Tour

Help celebrate Beverly Cleary's 100th birthday!

One of the most popular and honored children's authors of all time, Beverly Cleary has won numerous awards for her many books. Her books *Ramona Quimby*, *Age 8 plus Ramona* and *Her Father* have been named Newbery Honor Books.

Born in McMinnville, Oregon, Ms. Cleary lived on a farm in a town that had no library. So her mother arranged with the State Library to have books sent and acted as librarian, instilling a lifelong love of books in the daughter. The family moved to Portland, where Mrs. Cleary attended grammar and high school. Her most famous books, the *Ramona Quimby* and *Henry Higgins* series, are set in and around this neighborhood.

The beloved children's author is turning 100 this year! Celebrate her life with a guided walking tour, including activities at neighborhood sites mentioned in her *Ramona* and *Henry* books. Additional activities will be taking place in the library.

100 Years of Beverly Cleary Neighborhood Walking Tour

When: Sat, April 02, 2016

Tours start at 12noon, 12:30pm, and 1pm

Where: begin at Hollywood Library • 4040 NE Tillamook St

Registration required: online at multcolib.org, in the library, or by calling 503.988.5391. There will be some paperwork to complete before starting the tour, please come 15 minutes early.

Target audience: Anyone and everyone.

Animal Felt Letters for Decorations

When: Mon, April 11, 2016 • 3:30 to 5:00

Where: Hollywood Library • 4040 NE Tillamook St
First come, first served.

Ramona loves to decorate her last initial Q to look like a cat after Miss Binney showed her that her initial is "A nice round O with a little tail like a cat." Come and decorate your own initial to look like an animal. Turn a G to giraffe, A to an alligator, and a S to snake using stencil felts and other crafty tools.

Target audience: Families, grades K-5, kids.

GPNA Considering a Change

The city of Portland has 95 recognized discrete neighborhood associations and seven neighborhood district coalition offices located throughout the city. Each coalition speaks collectively for its group of neighborhoods, and usually has proportionately more influence in lobbying for or against issues than a single neighborhood.

For a number of years, the Grant Park Neighborhood Association (GPNA) has been part of Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN), a group that includes 12 neighborhood associations. GPNA is the southeastern-most neighborhood in that group, which extends north to Woodlawn, west to Boise, Eliot, and Humboldt, and south to Sullivan's Gulch.

Before joining NECN, GPNA was a part of Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN), a collection of 8 neighborhoods immediately to the east, north and south of Grant Park, including Hollywood and Rose City Park. Several CNN neighborhoods border I-84 and have concerns relating to traffic and parking related to that freeway, as well as concerns over ongoing Portland schools enrollment issues and potential boundary and attendance changes shared with Grant Park.

The GPNA Board is currently evaluating whether to remain a part of NECN, or whether to instead again seek membership in CNN. In so doing, the Board will focus on shared community interests and neighborhood coalition goals, as well as the perceived effectiveness of both coalitions. Grant Park residents who have an opinion concerning this issue are urged to communicate it to GPNA through our websites or to attend forthcoming meetings when the issue will be discussed.

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All are Welcome!

2016 Street Tree Inventory

Street trees grow in the right-of-way between the street and adjacent tax lot. They are an important public asset in urban environments, where they serve as a buffer between our transportation corridors and our homes, filter stormwater, improve air quality, increase property values, calm traffic, and regulate summer temperatures, among other benefits.

From 2010-2015, more than 800 volunteers have worked thousands of hours inventorying trees in Portland. After reviewing the data, neighborhoods created tree plans to guide their future stewardship.

Portland Parks will partner with 10 new neighborhood tree teams to complete the final year of the inventory. This year's teams include Grant Park. The neighborhood will have tree data collection workdays this summer, so stay tuned. This is your chance to learn, to have fun, and to contribute to this ambitious city-wide street tree inventory!

Look up the trees around where you live or work and see the final reports, maps, inventory data (tree lists) and tree plans for the neighborhoods completed so far at: www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/433143

For more information, or to volunteer, contact: angie.disalvo@portlandoregon.gov

Getting to Know Our Neighbors

When local orthodontist, Dr Jerry Rensch was given 30 days to relocate, Dr Joe Safirstein immediately opened his doors on 33rd & Knott.

Dr Rensch claims, " I landed on my feet! Dr Joe has made it possible for me to treat my current and future patients in a state of the art office. "

Dr Joe and Dr Rensch share this generous philosophy in giving back to the neighborhood. Joe has supported the local kids soccer and little leagues for 15 years, while Jerry has sponsored a little league team for over 35 years.

The board certified doctors are enjoying the camaraderie and collaboration of their new partnership and greeting new patients at 2707 NE 33rd, 503-233-8050.

Parks Chooses Location for Grant Park Fenced Dog Park

By Ken Peterson

The last issue of the GPNA newsletter reported the results of a public engagement meeting convened to discuss fenced dog park location issues at Grant Park. Unfortunately, the final tabulation of a survey completed by 230 individuals concerning siting preferences was not available. Parks recently released those survey results and simultaneously selected "Option A", which is described below, together with the other locations considered:

Option A

Existing Fall aka Alternate Area (between NE 35th Ave & NE 35th Pl, north of path)—add fencing and adjust hours/seasons to reduce early/late noise for residences. Parks indicates the new "open" hours would be from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Option B

Existing Spring/Summer/Winter Area (north of the soccer field)—add fencing (either full or partial), adjust boundaries to create adequate setbacks around both the soccer and the basketball courts, and adjust hours/seasons.

Option C

Create new off-leash area with fencing at NE corner between Hollyrood play shelter and NE 36th Avenue, roughly bound on the north by the Hollyrood playground fence, on the east by the west side of NE 36th Avenue, on the south by the asphalt pathway that borders the north side of the soccer field, and on the west by the park shelter area.

More than half of survey respondents preferred the Option A location (54%), with option C garnering favorable responses from 42%. Option B was a distant third, with 20% favoring that location. Overall

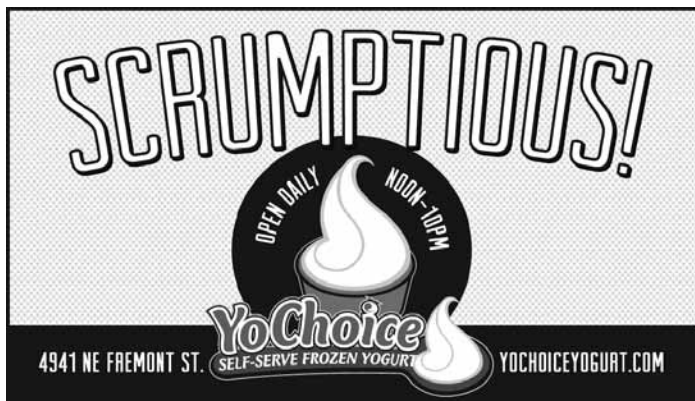
responses exceeded 100%, due to the design of the survey. See www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/68931 and the link embedded in that article for a summary of the survey results.

Parks estimates that the cost of necessary improvements to create the new permanent fenced area will be approximately \$19,000. The project has been placed on Parks' Capital Improvements Project list, although lack of city provided funding precludes imminent completion.

As previously reported, some neighbors immediately adjacent to the area continue to strongly oppose the project site selected. They have documented significant and frequent noise created by barking dogs, and contend that locating a dog park immediately next to residential housing violates the City of Portland noise ordinance.

They wish to make it clear to the community that they do not dislike dogs, dog owners, or the concept of a fenced off-leash area within Grant Park. Rather, they believe that the location chosen will dramatically impact their ability to peaceably enjoy their homes and yards, and that the City of Portland should not have made Option A a possible choice to begin with. In support of that position, these neighbors cite evidence of excess noise that was previously provided by them to the Parks Bureau, based upon the current seasonal use of the location as an unfenced off-leash area.

Given the absence of government funding and Parks' mandate that public fund raising is necessary to complete the project, it appears unlikely that the fenced off leash area will happen any time soon.



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Broadway-Weidler Charrette

Do you think cars drive too fast on Broadway? Is the Broadway/Weidler couplet the best design, or should Broadway be two way its entire length? Should there be more/better crosswalks or signals? Wider sidewalks? Better landscaping? Safer and easier bike transit? A streetcar line? Another MAX station? More inviting streetside seating and dining options? A greater variety of retail businesses and restaurants? How can they be attracted?

A unique consortium of neighborhoods and business associations bordering NE Broadway from the Willamette River to the Hollywood Transit Center, Broadway-Weidler Alliance (BWA) aims to revitalize the NE Broadway shopping/transit corridor.

Plan to attend the first BWA Better Broadway design charrette (French for an intense period of design or planning activity) on Saturday, May 14, commencing at 10 a.m. at the Grace Memorial Church, NE 17th and Weidler. There is plenty of free parking for vehicles and bicycles.

Urban planning and transit experts have been invited, and topic specific small groups will enable the public to focus on areas of particular interest. Food and drink will be supplied, and the event is free and open to all. Although there will be brief speakers who will share their expertise, the event is intended to be an opportunity for informal sharing of ideas and concerns, while still allowing participants to be home in time for lunch.

Coinciding with the charrette (as well as the Irvington Home Tour, the same weekend), Better Block PDX plans a temporary demonstration installation on Broadway between NE 13th and 17th Avenues. The goal is to physically demonstrate a range of possible pedestrian, bicycle, crossing, and other street enhancements for the public to evaluate and comment upon. Better Block previously made temporary changes to Naito Parkway and OldTown/Chinatown along 3rd Avenue that prompted considerable comment and influenced future permanent planning for those areas.

More specific details will be available online nearer the date of the charrette, so check back on GPNA's Facebook page, Nextdoor, or our proprietary website, www.grantpark-na.org.

Take the Right Steps

Have you fallen before? Do you have a fear of falling? Falls are the leading cause of hip fractures and traumatic brain injury, even death, among persons age 65 and older. In fact, most fatal falls occur in the home. And many of these falls can be prevented.

Legacy Emanuel Medical Center will sponsor a free fall prevention program called "Take the Right Steps." This program addresses the issue of falls, especially among older individuals, and what steps you can take to prevent such falls.


The program is presented by Simone Carter (BS, MS), Trauma Prevention and Outreach Education Coordinator at Legacy Emanuel.

When: 7pm, Thursday, April 14th

Where: Grant Park Church, 2728 NE 34th Ave


The program lasts for one hour. Persons of all ages are welcome, and the program benefits everyone, not just senior citizens. There is no fee for attendance. For information call: 503-615-1090.

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Portland Promotes Deconstruction

Portland City Council approved a resolution that directs the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) to require projects seeking a demolition permit to fully deconstruct a structure if it was built before 1916 or if it is a designated historic resource. The new deconstruction requirement will protect public health and save valuable materials for reuse.


In Portland, more than 300 single-family homes are demolished each year. This produces thousands of tons of salvageable waste. Deconstruction is a way to keep valuable materials out of the landfill, protect health, create pathways to construction careers and generate affordable reusable building materials.

Currently, less than 10% of houses that are removed use deconstruction. After the code changes take effect on October 31, 2016, approximately 33% of single-family demolitions would be subject to the deconstruction requirement. This will:

- Divert 8 million pounds (4,000 tons) of materials for reuse (annually).
- Create job opportunities that act as a pathway for construction careers.
- Increase the chances of finding lead or asbestos containing materials for safe removal and disposal.

For the past several years, BPS has been promoting deconstruction through outreach, education and grants. Since April 2015, BPS has worked with a Deconstruction Advisory Group (DAG). It includes representatives from the community, development firms, builders, demolition contractors, historic preservation agencies and the salvage industry.

For more information about deconstruction in Portland, visit www.exploredacon.com.

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GPNA 2016-17 Elections

In Portland, neighborhood associations are the officially recognized representatives for a specific geographic location. Each one is self-governed, has citizen-written bylaws, and works to reflect the issues and needs of their members.

Our purpose at GPNA is to enhance the livability of Grant Park, and to provide a line of communication for our neighborhood with local government entities, groups, businesses, and other neighborhoods.

You can help shape GPNA. We will elect our 2016-2017 Officers at the April Annual Meeting. The Board will recommend a slate of officers, but nominations will also be taken from the floor. Any eligible member can nominate themselves, including both residents and those who work within GPNA boundaries. There are five elected Officers and up to 10 "At Large" Board members. The officer positions are:

President - The Chief Executive Officer of the GPNA corporation, who presides at all meetings of the membership and the board.

Vice President (one or two) - In the absence of the President, the Vice President provides his/her duties as designated.

Treasurer - Responsible for the corporation funds.

Secretary - Keeps the correspondence and the minutes of meetings. Maintains the attendee lists. Communications - Manages the newsletter and maintains the website.

For additional information please contact any current Board member (listed on page 1) through our general e-mail: Grantpark@necoalition.org

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More info about what we can take at the Spring Clean-Up

Materials Accepted

There will be designated areas in the parking lot of the event for different types of materials. Help both the volunteers and yourself by loading your refuse so that it can be unloaded into these categories:

Household Free Area

Drop off household items in good condition that you no longer want. Items in this area are free to take. Anything left over will be donated to charity.

Plant Swap

Indoor and outdoor plants for swapping are also free to take. Plants should be contained in pots, bags or boxes. There will also be a Master Gardener on site to answer your garden related questions.

Electronics and small appliances

Electronics, including TVs, computers, peripherals, cell phones, and most items with a cord will be collected for recycling. This does not include anything containing liquids (e.g. refrigerants) or biohazards.

Compact Florescent Light bulbs (CFLs)

We will accept CFL bulbs, not tubes, for recycling. Broken CFLs, and all other kinds of bulbs, can be thrown away as trash. Note: CFLs can also be recycled for free at most big box stores.

Batteries

All kinds of batteries will be accepted for recycling.

Plastics not accepted at curbside

Clean plastics not accepted in your curbside container including clear clam shells, and soft plastic.

Building Materials

Materials should be sound and free of major defects: lumber at least four feet long without nails. Our volunteers will help if you are unsure but you can also go to rebuildingcenter.org/donations/ for more about what is and is not acceptable.

Scrap Metal

Scrap metal will be collected by LJs Metal Hauling Service. For things that are too heavy or too bulky to bring to the clean-up, he can arrange a pick up.

Tires

We will accept tires.

Materials NOT Accepted

There are things we still cannot accept for safety and environment. Please respect these rules to keep everyone healthy, and keep our event a success!

- **WE CANNOT ACCEPT STYROFOAM.**

- **NO construction or demolition debris**
Metro is cracking down on proper disposal of these materials and asks us not to take construction debris (even at a household DIY project level). For more see: <http://bit.ly/1LwdCOu>

- **NO hazardous materials**

These include asbestos (e.g. ceiling tiles, pipe insulation, siding), pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, poisons, cleaners, paints, motor oil, gas, antifreeze, aerosol cans, and medications.

- **NO large appliances**

Such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, etc.

- **NO fluorescent tubes**

They are too fragile for us to handle safely.

- **Nothing that can be recycled curbside**

We will not take recyclables as trash.

**What can I do with materials not accepted?
Call Metro's Recycling hotline 503-234-3000
or visit oregonmetro.gov to find a recycler**

Hazardous Materials - Both Metro Central (6161 NW 61st Ave, Portland) and Metro South (2001 Washington St, Oregon City) accept these items for a small fee, Mon-Sat, 9 to 4. Or check Metro's website for the free toxic waste disposal weekend events.

Flourescent tubes - Orchard Hardware will recycle these for free at residential quantities.

Paper for shredding - Events are held at various locations around the city throughout the year.

Pharmaceuticals - Portland Police hold a take back day, check their website. Walgreens is planning to roll-out a take back program in 2016.

Packing peanuts - Most UPS stores and Postal Annex stores will take these.

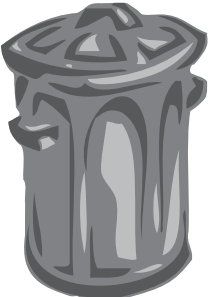

Large Appliances - Different for different items. Call Metro's Recycling hotline for specifics.

Grant Park Neighborhood Association Drive-thru Spring Clean-up

Saturday April 30th, 2016 9am to 1pm

NE 34th Ave. & NE Knott St.
(Grant Park Church parking lot)

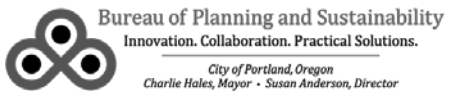
\$10 donation per car load, \$20 donation per truck load

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| <p>Drop-off Materials Accepted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrap metal • Reusable building materials • Reusable household goods • Electronics and small appliances • CFL bulbs (no tubes) • Batteries • Non-hazardous garbage • Tires • Plants to share  | <p>Materials NOT Accepted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO construction, remodeling or demolition debris • NO hazardous materials • NO motor oil, gas or antifreeze • NO large appliances • NO fluorescent tubes • NO general yard debris • NO curbside recyclables • NO medications • NO paper for shredding • NO styrofoam  |
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Volunteers Needed!

Come for a two hour shift and dump one load free.
Contact us at grantpark@necoalition.org

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We would also like to thank the Grant Park Church, who let us to stage this event in their parking lot, and our reuse and recycling partners: LJ's Metal Hauling, The Rebuilding Center, New Seasons Market, and Electronics, Starbucks, and Appliance Recycling LLC.