

Grant Park

Neighborhood Association

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Hollyrood School Changing Hands to Become Part of Grant High School

By Neon Brooks

The 2022-2023 school year will usher in major changes for the Hollyrood School building on the Northeast corner of Grant Park: after serving primarily early elementary school students since it was built in 1958, the school will be used by Grant High School (GHS) next year, and probably for some number of years to come.

Since 2007, the school campus has served the kindergarten and first grade classes of Beverly Cleary K-8 School (BCS), with older students attending the Fernwood campus on 33rd and Hancock. However, shifting demographics and school boundaries over time have meant that the BCS population is shrinking, while the Grant High School population continues to grow. According to Beverly Cleary Principal John Ferraro, GHS was originally built to accommodate 1,750 students and currently enrolls over 2,100 students. The BCS community was notified in February of this year that Portland Public Schools had requested that BCS consolidate all students to the Fernwood campus to allow GHS to make use of the Hollyrood building.

GHS Principal James McGee says his current plan is to use Hollyrood for World Languages classes, including Spanish and Japanese. Since few students take more than one World Language, this will ensure that most students do not need to make the trip to the building more than once per day. "We are excited about the opportunity to address some of the overcrowding issues at Grant," McGee said. "Having use of the Hollyrood campus will make the situation more comfortable for students and teachers."

Hollyrood was originally built as an annex to the Fernwood building, and has served as a school for Kindergartners through children as old as third grade since at least 1977. Generations of young Grant Park residents have attended this very special school building. However, Principal Ferraro notes that the move will have benefits for BCS, including providing a stronger sense of unified school community, allowing all students access to the cafeteria and the gym, simplifying pick up and drop off for parents, and eliminating the need for staff members (including nurses, counselors, and librarians) to move between buildings. "It is very sad to see the building changing over from a campus for younger students. In many ways, the space is ideal for those students and it really is a special place to work and learn." Says Ferraro, "We will miss having our students there but look forward to having our entire community together under one roof." Ferraro notes that while the Fernwood campus will be more full with the addition of kindergartners and first graders, "It will not be crowded." The youngest students will have classrooms on the main floor, while middle school students will primarily spend time on the second floor. Two classrooms will remain available for use by the special education and academic support programs.

No major changes are planned to the grounds of either the Hollyrood or Fernwood campus in the short term, with the exception of some garden beds at Hollyrood potentially being moved to the Fernwood garden. The Hollyrood playground will remain in place, and the playground at Fernwood is already suitable for the younger students who will be arriving.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- June 28, 2022
- October 11, 2022
- January 10, 2023
- April 11, 2023
(Annual Meeting)

LOCATION:

All meetings for the foreseeable future will be virtual rather than in person. To obtain the agenda and the Zoom meeting link, go to the meetings page on our website, grantpark-na.org.

MEETINGS:

GPNA holds elections at the Annual Meeting in April. Necessary special or emergency meetings may be scheduled at any time. Meetings are open to the public. ALL persons living, working, or attending high school within its boundaries are members of Grant Park Neighborhood Association. If you need special accommodation, please contact a Board member.

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Construction Updates

By Neon Brooks

Work is close to complete on the Grant Upper Field Improvement Project (US Grant Place). Despite supply chain delays, Portland Public Schools is now projecting that the project will “show substantial completion” on June 14th. However, the new scoreboards for the field are held up by additional supply chain delays and will likely be installed in July.

Aircraft Factory (former Gordon’s Fireplace, 3312 NE Broadway): The construction permit for the Aircraft Factory building was issued at long last on March 21st. Steps have since been taken to secure access to the building, and work is underway on removal of windows and unreinforced masonry on the 2nd and 3rd floors. The next step

for this project is excavating for a new pin pile foundation for new steel brace forms on the interior of the building. The architect reports that delays in scheduling the pin pile subcontractor have limited the ability to create an overall project schedule for this project to date.

The owner of **the old Burger King building (3550 NE Broadway)** reports that they expect work on the **12-cart food cart pod** on the site to be complete by August. Current work is focused on electrical permitting.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at gplanduse@gmail.com if you have questions or concerns about these or any other land use matters in the neighborhood.

More Newsletter Deliverers Needed!

The newsletter you are holding is delivered to your door by an awesome team of neighborhood volunteers. Each volunteer is assigned a newsletter route, which takes about a half an hour, give or take, to complete. We do need a few extra volunteers. So, if you fancy getting out and about, meeting some of your neighbors, and getting a bit of fresh air and exercise, shoot us an e mail indicating your interest at general@grantpark-na.org.

Letters to the Editor and Articles

Grant Park Neighborhood Association (GPNA) welcomes letters to the editor and original articles for publication from those residing or working within neighborhood boundaries. Letters concerning prior published articles must be submitted within 30 days of newsletter distribution. Letters or articles that include profanity, libelous statements, personal attacks against individuals or specific organizations, or that are unreasonably long, will be rejected. Articles should be original or with attribution stated, and should address topics of local interest. Letters and articles submitted anonymously will be evaluated on a case by case basis for publication, but the editor must be able to verify the identity of the writer to ensure authenticity. Letters or articles that support or oppose individual candidates for public office cannot be published, but those concerning ballot measures will be considered. All submissions must be in Word or other text-based format, no PDFs.

GPNA Newsletter Ads

The GPNA newsletter reaches over 2,000 homes and businesses between NE Broadway and NE Knott and from NE 26th to NE 47th, with some overlap around the outside edges. Distribution of the newsletter occurs quarterly.

Ads need to be print ready about three weeks before delivery of the next issue.

There is a per-issue standard rate, due upon receipt of an invoice with an attached copy of the issue in which the ad has run, and a per-year 10% discounted rate, which must be paid in advance. A copy of each issue will be sent to the advertiser.

For copy information contact Ron Laster, printresults@aol.com, 503-287-9566.

Ad deadlines for 2021-2022: Dec. 15 issue: November 24, 2021, March 16 issue: February 23, 2022, June 1 issue: May 11, 2022

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Business card	2"H x 3.5/3.625"W	per issue \$45	per year \$162
Quarter page	4.5"H x 3.5/ 3. 625"W	per issue \$75	per year \$270
Half page (horizontal)	4.5"H x 7.5"W	per issue \$120	per year \$432
Half page (vertical)	9.5"H x 3.5/ 3. 625"W	per issue \$120	per year \$432
Full page	9.5"H x 7.5"W	per issue \$210	per year \$756

Meet Your New GPNA Board

At the April 12 annual meeting of the GPNA, the Board was delighted to welcome four new at large board members. They are Mary Artz, Kara Caselas, Tom Fawell, and Gary Stamps. Three of these new members are profiled below.

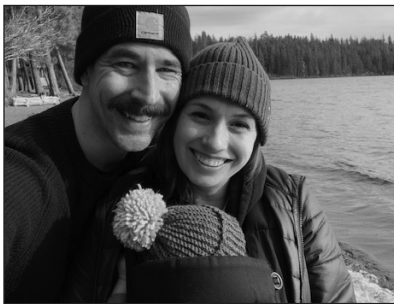
The Board also said goodbye to Vivek Kothari and Lois Okrasinski, who retired from the Board. Vivek served on the GPNA subcommittee working on the Grant Park upper field improvement project. Lois is retiring after her second stint on the Board. Most recently she was the Board's representative at our coalition (Central Northeast Neighbors) meetings. The Board is so grateful to Vivek and Lois and wishes them well.

One last change to report, Neon Brooks, our Land Use Chair, who does such a great job on reporting land use and traffic safety issues to our readers, has stepped up to also take on the role of Vice President. Thank you, Neon!



New Board Member at Large: Mary Artz

Mary and her family moved to Grant Park in November 2021 after 10 years in the Boise Eliot neighborhood. She's lived, worked and played (Oregon Kickball Club) in Portland since the early 2000s and originally hails from Vancouver, WA. She's so excited to set down roots in Grant Park and get to know the community better. Mary and her husband Jake work in tech and when not working they enjoy hitting the road in their 1991 Hiace camper van, biking around town with their 3-year-old son, Julian, and traveling to Jake's hometown, Portland, Maine. Mary can't wait to continue to meet others in the neighborhood as the sun pops out this Summer!



New Board Member at Large: Kara Caselas

Since moving to Portland in 2015, Kara and her husband, Chris, have always enjoyed spending time in the Grant Park neighborhood. In 2019 they moved into the area from the Roseway neighborhood and welcomed their son at the end of 2020. For the last decade she has worked and volunteered on a variety of conservation projects and programs involving environmental education, habitat restoration, and community partnerships. She has a passion for helping others build deeper connections to the natural world and is hoping to utilize that skill while on the GPNA board. She is looking forward to engaging with her local community on a deeper level and helping to build a more resilient neighborhood.



New Board Member at Large: Gary Stamps

After a decade of annual Portland visits, Gary and his family finally made the move to Grant Park from Arizona in November 2021. The location, the homes, the schools, and the beauty of the neighborhood made the choice very clear. Gary joined GPNA to become more aware of what was going on around him along with a desire to be a part of the neighborhood community. Having children that attend both Grant HS and Beverly Cleary, Gary's main priority is the safety of all who live, work, and play in the neighborhood. Along with safety, the beauty and livability of Grant Park is of the utmost importance to Gary as he feels that we have something very special here that is worth protecting. Gary is currently employed as a Budget Analyst for Portland Public

Schools. Gary, his husband Jake, and their two children have been very happy so far in Grant Park and look forward to all the neighborhood has to offer throughout the rest of their first year here.

Transportation Updates

By Neon Brooks

On May 5th, we received a response from the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) to the letter we sent on October 12th about safety concerns on 33rd between Knott and US Grant Place. PBOT's response, which is available on our website, did not address our

concerns about the crossings at Brazee and Thompson, or the obstructed visibility of the Eastern crosswalk by a signal box at the US Grant Place intersection. I encourage

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neighbors to document their safety concerns about these intersections or other hazardous spots to the city by calling 503-823-SAFE or filling out an online form at <https://www.portland.gov/transportation/report-non-urgent-traffic-safety-concern>. Please also continue to reach out to GPNA about traffic safety concerns and incidents in our neighborhood.

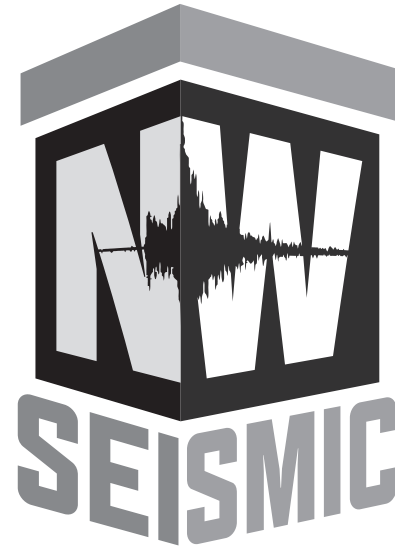
Wet weather has slowed the progress of PBOT paving crews this spring. **However, a few projects remain planned for the current construction season** (through Fall 2022) within or just beyond our neighborhood borders.

NE 33rd Avenue is set to be repaved beginning in June. Following this repaving, possibly in the fall, PBOT crews will implement the additional planned safety changes at **NE 33rd and Hancock** discussed in our last newsletter to prohibit cars traveling on Hancock in either direction from going straight or turning left at 33rd. We are also still awaiting signage and pavement markings on Hancock to mark this new segment of the Tillamook-Hancock greenway.

As part of the Tillamook-Hancock greenway project, **another upcoming traffic pattern change to NE Hancock will be implemented this spring between NE Cesar Chavez Boulevard and NE 41st avenue**. Between Cesar Chavez and 40th, Hancock will become one-way westbound for cars, with a bike lane for eastbound bike traffic. Between 40th and 41st, the street will become one-way eastbound for cars with a bike lane for westbound bike traffic. Parking will remain on both sides of the street. For more details about this project, see <https://tinyurl.com/cesar41>.

A final note: while a long-term transportation plan for **NE Broadway** is still indefinitely stalled, a PBOT planning division manager has informed me that there is a near-term plan for a safety study of Broadway. This study will identify the highest crash segments on Broadway and suggest specific “tactical improvements” to address the needs at these locations. While this work will not come with funding, it will provide an actionable list of safety improvements for Broadway. This “high-crash corridor analysis” is planned for the fiscal year that starts July 1st of 2022.

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Getting to Know Your Neighbors

By Linda Burch, Grant Park Neighborhood Association Member at Large

One of the best aspects of living in Grant Park is our wonderful neighbors. As crime rises in Portland with porch pirates, vandalism, theft, and violent crime, it is even more important for us to watch out for each other and, even more importantly, to feel community and be there for each other.

The last time I called 911, I was on hold for over 30 minutes. It is most definitely terrifying to have nobody respond.

At a neighborhood safely meeting organized at Grant Park last fall, one of the most helpful recommendations was that we should get to know our neighbors and set up phone trees in case of emergency or even warnings about prowlers, theft, etc. We can check with our neighbors if we see or smell smoke. We can ask for help if we get hurt. If a pet gets loose, we can help to find it.

My neighbor next door had her car stolen right from in front of her house just before she moved this fall. We did notify neighbors we knew to be on the lookout for more thefts, but it would have been nice to be able to notify people a couple of blocks away. Not everyone feels comfortable joining Nextdoor to check for things like that.

Other times, neighbors have asked us to take in packages they wouldn't be home to receive. And in case of power failure and severe weather issues, it might be nice to pool resources.

Another neighbor was bitten by an outdoor cat, and she was trying to knock on doors to find the owner so she could check if the cat had rabies shots and spare herself the treatment.

But more importantly, especially during Covid, we have cherished our neighbors who have dropped off bread or cookies, loaned us books, had outdoor wine or tea with us while practicing distancing, stopped by to introduce themselves, etc. We have enjoyed reaching out to them as well in small ways. Sometimes we just want to know how to contact people to thank them for their kindness.

Relative newcomers, we are hoping to host or attend a block party where we get to know even more neighbors. A phone tree would make it easy to invite people to join us.

I have meant to start a phone tree on my street, but in the time of Covid, I didn't know how neighbors I didn't know would feel about my knocking on their doors. I think I will go out and see what I can do to reach out to my neighbors and see who's willing to participate. If you are so inclined, please do the same on your block or street.

If we are talking about being good neighbors and getting to know our neighbors, let me recommend Adopt One Block, which is a highly rewarding volunteer opportunity. With supplies like gloves, bags, and trash grabbers they send you, you are responsible for keeping the block you adopt clean. It feels empowering to do something, regardless of how small, in the face of the piles of trash so evident in our beautiful city. If you are on Facebook, they have an Adopt One Block page for Portland. They also have a website: <https://www.adoptoneblock.org>

Hope to see you in the neighborhood!

You Are Important in an Emergency

Nanci Tangeman, Grant Park NET member

Whether it's "the big one" or some other community disaster, members of the Grant Park Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) train throughout the year to be ready to help. But despite the team's hours of intensive NET instruction, the most important part of our neighborhood's disaster preparedness is YOU.

One of the most important things you and your family can do now to help get through the first few days after a disaster is to gather water, food and other emergency supplies.

Take a few minutes to read this information. Then ACT.

This information comes from the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management's Community Resilience Guide.



Your goal is to store two weeks of supplies, but even a few days' worth can be a big help. Store the kit where you can access it in an emergency, even if your home is damaged.

Water

- Store one gallon water per person, per day for 14 days (that's 14 gallons per person).
- Use bottled water (follow the "best by" dates on the bottle) or tap water in clean plastic containers. Ideally, replace every six months.
- Store water bottles in a cool dark place.
- Do not store water in juice or milk containers because they may contain bacteria.
- If you need to purify water, boil it for at least three minutes or add 16 drops of unscented liquid bleach to

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one gallon of water. Stir and let it stand for 30 minutes before using.

- You DO need to purify rainwater.
- Learn how to remove water from your water heater. Turn off the gas or electricity to the tank before using the water for an emergency.

Food

- Select foods that require no refrigeration and little preparation. Save water for drinking and avoid using water for cooking.
- Select food with low sodium to help keep thirst down and preserve water.
- Make sure you select foods that meet your dietary needs and tastes.
- Get nutritious food that your family will enjoy.
- Keep food in a dry and cool environment.
- Mark your calendar and check your food every six months. Eat anything that's nearing expiration, and then replace it.
- Suggested food items:
 - Read-to-eat canned meats, fruits and vegetables
 - Canned juices, milk and soup
 - High-energy foods such as peanut butter, jelly, crackers and granola bars
 - Vitamins, infant food and food for special diets
 - Staples like sugar, salt and pepper.

Other items

- First aid kit
- Blankets

- Flashlights
- Extra batteries
- Cash (small bills)
- Fire extinguisher
- Trash bags
- Required medication
- Sturdy shoes for each person
- Can opener
- Diapers, baby formula
- Hygiene products
- Warm clothes
- Knife
- Pet food

Dive deeper into Emergency Supplies: <https://www.publcalerts.org/supplies>.

Learn a slightly obnoxious jingle to inspire your family to be Two Weeks Ready: <https://youtu.be/92LmqxTSAWw>

More about NET: Anyone who lives or works in Portland can become a NET member, and anyone over the age of 14 is welcome to attend meetings, regardless of whether they've completed NET training. Training includes light search and rescue, basic disaster medicine and triage, radio communications, fire suppression, disaster psychology, and trauma intervention. After completing basic training, NET members also receive access to free advanced training and practice opportunities, including drills at Portland Fire & Rescue's Scenario Village facility.

To learn more about Grant Park NET, please visit bit.ly/GrantParkNET For more information about Portland NET and CERT National, see portlandprepares.org/net-teams.

Group for Older Adults Unveils New Video: Introduction to Northeast Village PDX

By Jon Dickman, Volunteer with Northeast Village PDX



For the past five years, Northeast Village PDX, 5830 NE Alameda St., has served Grant Park and other neighborhoods in central northeast Portland. Volunteer-based, member-led and self-governing, the group has empowered older people to remain in their homes and enjoy a purposeful quality of life.

Services include, for instance: transportation, light home maintenance, tech support, social visits, phone check-ins, yard-work and neighborhood walks. Membership fees help pay for Village operating costs.

Since the Village's beginnings, members Jane Braunger and Julie Granger have provided in-person informational sessions about the group and, in response to the pandem-

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ic, introductory sessions through video-conference. Now, as of this past spring, Jane and Julie assembled what they see as a more convenient way for people to get information – through a comprehensive, nine-minute video called **Introduction to Northeast Village PDX**, which they posted on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F1-Nla-OPp-A>.

The informational video describes how to become a member and/or volunteer and how to access the Village's services and activities. It also provides historical and other factual information about Northeast Village PDX.

The video is helpful not only for those considering being members or volunteers, but also for people wanting to share about the Village with loved ones or friends who may benefit from the group's services and activities.

Although the pandemic has limited socializing, some Village members use video-conferences for book and movie discussions and arts and crafts. Cooking groups also conduct their meetings via video-conference, as well as speakers, including authors, who share information of interest to older adults.

More in-person cultural, recreational and social activities have resumed and even more are slated to start up again soon.

Speaking of in-person events: Jane Braunger and Julie Granger will host Introduction to Northeast Village PDX informative sessions at the Community for Positive Aging, 1820 NE 40th Ave. in upcoming months. Call 503.895.2750 for more information.

GPNA Awards \$500 Grant to Beverly Cleary PTA for Fernwood Garden Rehabilitation

By Jane Comeault, Beverly Cleary School parent

During the school closures resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Beverly Cleary Fernwood school garden area was vandalized to an unusable extent. Fences were knocked down, raised beds were dismantled, plants were uprooted and the storage shed was kicked in. Pre-pandemic, elementary school students enjoyed monthly garden education. It was a beloved and enriching part of their learning and has been greatly missed by the school community.

Parent volunteers, led by Janwyn Toy-Blazer, have responded with a plan to rebuild the garden, and are taking the opportunity to improve accessibility and enhance the space for learning. The new garden will include several raised beds, a hugelkultur (look it up - these are very cool!), and a space including seating where teachers can gather students for lessons. Together with other fundraising dollars, the GPNA grant will go towards purchasing: planters for the raised beds, soil, native and pollinator plants, seeds, tools, and a new storage shed. The remainder of materials needed will be reused from the old garden.

Once complete, the garden program will educate approximately 375 Beverly Cleary elementary students about food systems and environmental stewardship. Garden-based learning provides a range of benefits to students including increased engagement and knowledge retention in key



subjects such as math, science and reading. Students improve their knowledge of good nutrition and broaden their taste of vegetables. Also, children love learning outside and getting their hands dirty!

The Beverly Cleary PTA is grateful to the Neighborhood Association for donating to this effort! Thank you!!

If you are interested in volunteering in the school garden, please get in touch via beverlyclearyschoolgardens@gmail.com.

Take Care of Your Trees!

By Carolyn Latierra

Trees had an extra hard time this last year, what with the freakish weather. Our poor trees endured searing heat, wicked winds, snow and ice. Plus, it is just hard being an urban tree contending with pavement and pipes, and poles and wires in your branches. Some of you planted a new tree for the next generation of our urban canopy. Thank you.

For the last several years I have volunteered with Friends of Trees (FOT), doing green space restoration plantings in the cool season and neighborhood tree inspections in June and again in August. Folks like me, with map in hand and chart to fill out, will come by to check on trees you planted with FOT. I will look for leaves (how many? How healthy?) and check for any damage, broken branches, and nicked bark. I will also check for moisture in the soil. If you planted your own young trees, you want to monitor the moisture. I use a simple bamboo chopstick. Just insert it into the soil a few inches from the tree stem. Go two to three inches down, remove, and see whether it is moist or dry. Moisture is crucial. As is mulch, which conserves moisture and deters weeds.

One can buy a tree bag or ring and place it around the tree as per manufacturer instructions. Or you can use a 5-gallon bucket. Use a 1/8-inch drill bit to put several holes just above the bottom edge of the bucket. Fill it and place it a foot or so away from the stem. With each refill, position it to a different orientation to the tree. You want to encourage a healthy web of roots. *[Editor's note: water-filled 5-gallon buckets are a drowning hazard for babies and toddlers. A bucket with a tight-fitting lid that children cannot open may provide a solution, although young children should always be supervised when this watering method is used in an area where they play].*

Mulch is the other item on the checklist that, like water, is crucial to a thriving young tree. You want a 3-foot circle of 3- to 6-inch-deep mulch, leaving a 6-inch margin around the tree trunk (think donut!). The mulch conserves moisture and keeps weeds at bay. It also protects the tree from mechanical hazards like mechanized weed cutting. Remember, young trees have tender bark. A healthy tree has a root flare as it grows. It should not look like a power pole!



Young tree mulch circle like a donut.
Note root flare developing



Freshly planted tree with watering bag
and good mulch circle



This is a dead tree, now a power pole.
Your tree should not look like this



Established tree. Note root flare