

Grant Park Neighborhood Association

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Holiday 2014

WWII Veteran to lead Veterans Day parade

World War II veteran and Oregon native Brig. Gen. James B. Thayer, Lake Oswego, will be the grand marshal of the annual Ross Hollywood Veterans Day parade Nov 11, 2014. Held in the Hollywood District, Portland's only Veterans Day parade is marking its 40th year.

Thayer, 92, enlisted in the U.S. Army following the attack on Pearl Harbor. He served in Europe, where he earned both the Bronze and Silver Star awards. In addition to his direct combat feats, his anti-tank mine platoon helped liberate the Gunskiriden Lager concentration camp May 4, 1945, saving more than 15,000 Hungarian-Jewish refugees.



"Serving as grand marshal is especially important to me as we near the 70th anniversary of WW II in 2015," Thayer said. "I want the people of a grateful Oregon to remember those who gave so much."

In 2012 the Oregon Military Museum at Camp Withycombe, Clackamas, Ore., was renamed in honor of Thayer. The museum is currently conducting a multi-million dollar capital campaign for renovations.

"We are honored to have Brig. General Thayer as our grand marshal," said Angela McKenzie-Tucker, manager of parade sponsor Ross-Hollywood Chapel. "His lifetime achievements and service symbolize what all citizen soldiers do and have done for our country. I hope everyone comes to the parade to honor all of them and their families."

The parade begins at 9:45 a.m., November 11 at Northeast 40 Avenue and Northeast Hancock Street and travels east on Northeast Sandy Boulevard to Northeast 48 Avenue, where a memorial flag raising ceremony will be held. Everyone is welcome to attend and can register to march in the parade at veteransdaypdx.org.

For more about the parade see "Our Veteran's Day Parade" on page 2

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GPNA MEETINGS

The Board of the Grant Park Neighborhood Association has voted to adjust the meeting schedule. Future board meetings will be 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

November 11, 2014

January 13, 2015

March 10, 2015

April 15, 2015

To check the meeting schedule or 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

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Land Use Issues

By the time this newsletter reaches you, Grant Park Village and the stores it houses may well be open for business and for a significant number of residents to move in. Houses are being infilled or replaced all over the neighborhood. In a few years Grant High School will go through a major renovation. Nothing stays the same and our neighborhood is changing.

We want to know what issues you think are important in this neighborhood. Is it traffic? Parking? Infill houses? Transit options? Changes at the 33rd & Broadway intersection? The dog park? Let us know what worries you at: GrantPark@necoalition.org with the subject line "Land Use."

Cleanup 2015

As we plan for next year's cleanup we would like to know what you would like to have. More yard debris pickup? Electronics? A bigger swap area? Recycling? Education? Let us know what options would best serve you. Send your suggestions to us at: GrantPark@necoalition.org with the subject line "2015 cleanup". Thanks.



Our Veteran's Day Parade

In 1974, Vernon E. Ross, a veteran of both World War I and World War II, wanted to do something to honor veterans of all wars – past and present, living and dead. The owner of the Ross Hollywood Funeral Chapel, he founded Portland's only Veteran's Day parade and erected a Veteran's Memorial flag pole.

Many groups and organizations from in and around Portland participate in the Parade: Royal Rosarians, local High School marching bands, military groups, motorcycle groups, bagpiper marching bands, senior living groups and various local, regional and even state dignitaries.

The Parade starts around 9:45 am and assembles at NE 40th and NE Tillamook, proceeds along NE 40th turning East onto NE Sandy Blvd. The parade then travels along Sandy, concluding at 48th and Sandy Blvd at the Veteran's Memorial flag pole in front of Ross Hollywood Chapel.

Parking Info

Several Hollywood Businesses kindly provide free parking the day of the parade. The parade website will be updated to reflect which business are allowing the use of their parking lots the day of the parade. Parking is limited and we do request for those able to consider carpooling or public transportation.

At the conclusion of the Parade there is a Flag raising ceremony along with comments from dignitaries, music from local High School bands, Dove release and a military fly over from the Oregon Air National Guard 142nd Fighter Wing.

For more information: veteransdaypdx.org



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Grant Park Sewer Repair Project Construction Update

By now we are all aware of the sewer work disrupting traffic on NE Broadway. Hopefully, by the time this newsletter reaches you, the work on Broadway will be complete. After that, the contractor is scheduling work on residential streets, including pavement restoration work on US Grant Place, and finishing the work started on NE Hancock.

Please be aware that the schedule can change due to conditions underground, weather, traffic impacts, availability of materials or other factors.

Here are some of the things we have learned from the work that has been done so far:

- Construction creates noise, vibration, and dust that can disrupt normal neighborhood activity. Both the noise and the vibration can be significant, so allow for the noise and beware of at-risk breakables.
- On-street parking in or near active work areas is prohibited during construction hours. Please plan to move your vehicle by 7:00 a.m. in work zones.
- Traffic and access may also be significantly impacted at times.
- It seems that the sewers resident rat population are moving away from the construction area.

Multnomah County has some simple instructions for rat-proofing your home and property at: multco.us/health/staying-healthy/pest-prevention-and-control/rats

- One business on Broadway has experienced a sewer backup that may have been triggered or worsened by the construction. Many of our houses have old pipes that could be affected by nearby construction like digging, so stay aware.

If work will be done on your street, you should receive a doorhanger notice a few days before work begins. Work hours are 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, but may include work during the same hours on Saturdays.

A city inspector will be on-site during work hours and may be able to assist you with construction concerns. Inspectors typically wear a hard hat and a green safety vest with "City of Portland" across the back.

You can request emailed project updates by contacting Kristen@jla.us.com with "Grant Park" in the subject line. For more info and to see a map, go to www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/GrantPark.



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A Village is Growing NE Portland

First, a disclaimer: this is NOT an article about the "Grant Park Village" apartments being built at the corner of NE 33rd Ave and Broadway. Instead, it introduces Grant Park Neighborhood residents to the "Village Movement," now with over 150 locations across the US and another 150 in formation.

Whether we choose to acknowledge it or not, we all experience a decline in health, energy, and the ability to manage as time goes by. And with the increased social mobility of today's world, many families no longer live close to each other so children, who in earlier times were nearby to help parents as they aged, may live far away. The loss of a spouse or significant other can leave us alone to cope with daily chores and often, lonely for companionship as well.

Villages are not places – they are groups of people who come together to enable their members to stay in their homes, aging in place, as well as they can for as long as they can, and as cheaply as possible.

The Village Movement started in 2002 in the Beacon Hill neighborhood in Boston when a dozen

people decided that they wanted to "age in place" in their own homes and neighborhood, remaining independent for as long as possible. That simple beginning launched the Village Movement.

Each Village is formed, developed, and managed by people who live in their homes within a set geographic area and choose to become members. These residents also decide what kinds of services the Village will offer and how those services will be provided. Each Village is self-governing, with a volunteer board.

Services are provided through a variety of means: if a needed service is already available, the Village will facilitate the connection. Volunteer members provide assistance with tasks like shopping, transportation, household chores, gardening and home maintenance. For larger tasks, the Village vets vendors, who provide services at discounted rates to members. And, when needed, carefully chosen partners can provide home health care services at discounted rates. Villages also build relationships and develop community through fitness, wellness and social activities, provide, either directly or through referral, solutions to the day-to-day problems that can drive aging persons from their homes.

Grant Park neighborhood is within the boundaries of Northeast Village PDX, one of several being established in the Portland area. It is in development, building an organization and identifying interested people. Already, over 200 residents are involved.

Through the "Village Movement" other communities have already successfully confronted the realities of aging in place. For more information about the Northeast Portland Village go to www.nevillagepdx.org or email nevillagepdx@gmail.com

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NE Broadway Business District: A Community Conversation

You've probably noticed that NE Broadway is changing with the rest of Portland. Empty spaces, parking lots and older homes have been reborn as Grant Park Village at 33rd, infill apartment buildings and new commercial spaces.

Familiar businesses disappear and new ones take their place. Traffic is busier, parking is tighter, more bikes are rolling through, and crossing the streets remains a challenge. Even more change is coming our way in the years ahead.

Join a community led conversation exploring today's NE Broadway Business District and what the future may hold for both residents and businesses.

The NE Broadway Business Association (NEBBA) is sponsoring an eye-opening evening of opinion from local and national experts, and providing an opportunity to ask questions and offer feedback on your vision for NE Broadway.

Thanks to a grant from Venture Portland, three top district experts are already examining where Broadway is now and how to strengthen the commercial corridor's economic competitiveness and how to create a more focused identity.

The evening will explore how NE Broadway stacks up against some of Portland's hottest business districts. Then it's on to the future: how things like new businesses, commercial/residential development, visually improved storefronts, a nicer streetscape, and transportation improvements can make NE Broadway a more accessible and vital part of our community.

Please put the event on your calendar and come help us shape the future of NE Broadway on Nov. 12th.

NE Broadway Business District: A Community Conversation

Wednesday Nov. 12, 2014
6:30-8:30pm


Westminster Presbyterian Church,
1624 NE Hancock St.
Upstairs Great Hall

4th Annual Art & Crafts Show

Enjoy local arts and crafts at the NorthEast Community Center (NECC) during the fourth annual Fine Art and Cool Crafts Show and Sale!

Located in the heart of the Hollywood District, NECC is an independent non-profit and a place where kids, families, and individuals of all ages come to build strong bodies and active minds. The Fair helps raise fund to support NECC.

NECC • 1630 NE 38th Ave
Friday, November 7th - 5 - 7pm
Saturday, November 8th - 9am - 4pm



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Grant Park Projects: Finding a Path Forward

The last newsletter fully summarized GPNA's year long effort to gain Parks Bureau support for two Grant Park projects: construction of a fenced off-leash dog area (DOLA) and repair of the tennis courts (see grantpark-na.org/thehood/newsletter14/gpna092014.pdf).

Despite continued efforts by GPNA, and multiple articles and favorable editorial comment in The Oregonian (see www.oregonlive.com and search for grant park dogs) the stalemate continues.

The Parks Board was supposed to discuss formulation of a neighborhood equity policy at its October meeting, but put that off until December. As a result, it appears unlikely that any meaningful progress can be made during all of 2014 on issues or projects that Commissioner Fritz must subject to her "equity lens," as the process has become popularly known in the Parks Bureau.

Even with all of the recent press concerning the proposed fenced DOLA, one major issue has been largely ignored. For many months, GPNA has asked

Parks to participate in a public meeting to gauge support for the project and to facilitate agreement on a location within Grant Park for a fenced DOLA. Until that happens, project planning and possible fund raising cannot move forward. Regardless of who ultimately pays for a fenced DOLA, these issues must be resolved and nothing more can happen until they are. Surely the Parks Bureau can spare one senior staff member to participate in a meeting for a few hours, despite its current workload. It is important to remember that Grant Park serves many thousands of Portlanders who reside throughout the city and to the suburbs beyond, each year.

GPNA has had preliminary communication with Portland State about helping to design a model DOLA that could be replicated by other neighborhoods and parks in terms of ADA gates, fence type and height, amenities such as water access, and seating. Thus far, Parks Bureau refuses to support that effort, even after advising GPNA that there is no staff available to develop an in-house design. Such a model design could clearly boost Commissioner Fritz' neighborhood equity agenda, while saving taxpayers money.

A Call to Action: GPNA calls on the Parks Bureau to reconsider its "all or nothing" posture, and to agree promptly to support and facilitate preliminary planning processes. To help convince Parks to act, consider sending an email to Amanda@portlandoregon.gov, asking Commissioner Fritz to move forward on Grant Park projects.

Finally, Parks repeatedly promised to repair the tennis courts in Grant Park by the end of September "before the rainy season." As of the date of writing of this article in mid October, nothing had been done.



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Mobility allows a person to be independent and it offers a way to access life's essentials and connect with community. From public transit training to grocery shopping shuttles, Ride Connection's priority is to ensure every person has access to reliable and accessible transportation.

Ride Connection's premier fundraising event, Going Places! is coming up. The 2015 event will feature a live and silent auction, dinner and music. It promises to be the best yet...you don't want to miss it.

So mark your calendars for:
Ride Connection Going Places Gala
Friday, February 27, 2015
5:30-8:00 pm
The Oregon Zoo

Leaf Pickup is Here Again

Leaves are falling again, and it benefits all of us to get them swept off the street. Slippery leaves make streets dangerous for pedestrians, bicyclists and even cars. Removing them also helps keep sewer drains clear. And fallen leaves can actually degrade the street surface, which means repaving.

Most Grant Park residents are in a Leaf Service Zone and pay the fee for this service. In exchange, City crews will take away any tree leaves from your property. All you need to do is rake them into the street the day before your scheduled Leaf Day. Other yard debris should go into your yard debris bin.

If you'd like your street to be as clean as possible, move your car off the street on your Leaf Day(s) so that the sweeper can get right to the curb. If someone else's car is parked in front of your property, please ask them to move their car, or do your best to rake your leaves away from the curb and beyond the car into the middle of the street.

For more check the City's Leaf Day web page:
www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/55380
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Holiday Crime Prevention

From Stefanie Adams, Crime Prevention Coordinator

During this busy holiday time, please take a few precautions to ensure a worry-free holiday.

Shopping online is convenient, but there are risks.

Take some proactive steps to protect your data.

- Use a credit card for online purchases versus a debit card. Both typically offer protection, but it is easier to dispute a charge on your credit card vs recover funds from your bank account.
- If you set up an account with a retailer, use a unique, long and complicated password, and vary your user ID and password for each account.
- Track your IDs and passwords. Cancel those no longer in use, and change passwords frequently.
- Only do business on secured websites. This can be determined by an "https" address and a lock in the URL field or something on the web page.
- Make sure to use a current version of your internet browser so that you have the most recent security protections in place.
- On Wi-Fi, use a secured connection and don't enter into financial transactions on public Wi-Fi.

Package thefts are frequent this time of year. When arranging for package delivery, consider:

- Sending them to an address where someone will be available when the delivery arrives.
- Arranging to sign for packages, or notifying the carrier about a preferred hiding place.
- Tracking your delivery online.
- Some companies provide for packages to be sent to lockers that are established at retail locations.

If you are out shopping, do not leave your purchases unattended in your vehicle. This time of year we see rashes of car prowls at shopping malls. If you must leave valuables in your car, put them in the trunk BEFORE you reach your destination.

When you are out of town:

- Have a trusted neighbor keep an eye on your home.
- Put lights, televisions, and radios on timers
- Have a neighbor roll your recycling and garbage bins to the curb on trash day.
- Stop your mail and newspapers.

A few extra steps can translate into peace of mind during this time of year. Enjoy this holiday season.

Crime Prevention Contacts

The Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement's Crime Prevention Program announced recently that it will be reassigning its staff and program areas, starting on October 13th.

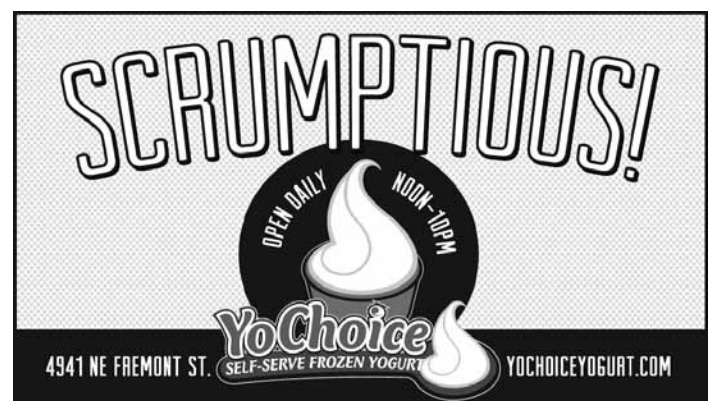
What this means for Grant Park is that ONI's Crime Prevention Coordinator, Mary Tompkins, will now be the designated Crime Prevention Coordinator for all 12 of the Coalition's neighborhoods.

In her eight years, Mary has partnered with neighbors to improve safety and livability in NE neighborhoods including Grant Park. "I enjoy working with communities and utilizing my conflict resolution skills of facilitation, mediation, forgiveness, and reconciliation," Tompkins says.

Tompkins will be the ONI contact for problem locations or crime trends. She can be reached directly at mary.tompkins@portlandoregon.gov or 503-823-4763.

Here's who to contact about other safety and livability issues:

- Starting or revitalizing a Neighborhood Watch or a Community Foot Patrol: Brad Taylor, brad.a.taylor@portlandoregon.gov, 503-823-2781
- Newsletters, communications or trainings on crime prevention topics: Stefanie Adams, stefanie.adams@portlandoregon.gov, 503-823-3131
- Enhanced Safety Properties, a program designed to encourage and support landlords and property managers to take measures to keep their properties safe and livable: Mike Boyer, michael.boyer@portlandoregon.gov, 503-823-4763



Dutch Elm Disease Report 2014

Dutch elm disease (DED) is one of the most destructive plant pathogens in the US and has killed millions of elms. It persists despite organized control efforts. With approximately 3,500 susceptible elms throughout the city of Portland, including the Grant Park neighborhood, DED could have a catastrophic impact on our urban forest and neighborhood trees. PP&R Urban Forestry works diligently to manage the impact of DED in Portland.

DED is caused by a fungus, *Ophiostoma* spp., which invades the vascular tissue of elms and prohibits water movement in the tree. The DED fungus spreads in one of three ways: the elm bark beetle, root grafting, and human activity. Beetles feed on and overwinter in elm wood, transporting the fungus from infected to healthy trees. The fungus also spreads rapidly between nearby trees through natural root grafts. Humans spread the disease by transporting infected elm wood.

Infection can be prevented with commercial fungicides which disable the fungal spores. These fungicides are not 100% effective and there are no known cures for DED. However, communities can slow the spread of the disease.

This has been an average year for DED in Portland with 35 elms removed. After October 15 you can once again prune your elm trees. It is also the end of Urban Forestry's elm monitoring program for DED) in 2014.

The full report on the elm season was presented at the Urban Forestry Commission meeting on Thursday, October 16th at City Hall. Learn more about Portland's DED Management Program at: www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/424029

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From Clean Energy Works

After a hot summer, temperatures are finally dropping—and winter is just around the corner. Grab a coffee or a hot apple cider, put on your favorite flannel, and cuddle up to your sweetie because we've got you covered when it comes to the best tips for keeping toasty indoors.

Take advantage of winter sun. Yes, there is sun, even in Oregon winter! When it's shining, be sure to open south-facing window curtains, drapes, and blinds during the day, so the sunlight can naturally heat your home. Close window coverings at night to keep the heat in.

Cover drafty windows. Tape a do-it-yourself, clear, plastic film to the inside of your window frames. Make sure the plastic is sealed tightly to the frame. Installing window treatments, such as blinds, drapes, or shades, can also help reduce heat loss.

Adjust the temperature. Set the thermostat 10 to 15 degrees cooler when you're not home to use less energy and lower utility bills. Lowering the temperature slightly at night and adding an extra blanket to the bed keeps the whole family extra cozy.

Give your home a free check up from Clean Energy Works. Your home does a lot for you. We'll give you a complete look at all the ways you can improve your home: becoming more efficient, creating comfort, providing better air quality, and even being safe during an earthquake. Take an online eValuation, and use HomeScope to see what your neighbors are doing for their homes—with all kinds of information on rebates and financing available when you're ready for a home upgrade. It's all available at: www.cleanenergyworksoregon.org

Don't Go Up in Holiday Flames!

For most of us, the holiday season represents a time for family festivities and good cheer, but the holiday season is also a time of increased risk for home fires. This is because many households engage in holiday activities that are some of the leading causes of U.S. home fires, including; cooking, Christmas trees, candles, holiday decorations, and fireworks. Add to that the hectic nature of trying to accomplish multiple tasks at one time and, of course, alcohol.

Everyone gets busier during the holidays, rushed, distracted, tired, and not following our usual routine. That's when home fires are more likely to occur. Fortunately, with a little added awareness and some minor adjustments to holiday cooking and decorating, the season can remain festive and safe for everybody. Most home fires can be prevented.

First, unattended cooking is the leading cause of US home fires and fire injuries. So stay in the kitchen while you're frying, grilling or broiling food. Most cooking fires involve the stovetop, so keep anything that can catch fire away from it. Turn off the stove when you leave the kitchen, even if it's for a short period of time. If you're simmering, boiling, baking or roasting food, check it regularly and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking. You can also create a "kid-free zone" of at least three feet around areas where hot food and drinks are prepared or carried.

Candles are widely used in homes throughout the holidays, and December is the peak month for home candle fires. The nonprofit National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) statistics show that candles start two of every five home decoration fires. Consider using flameless candles, which look and smell like real candles. If you do use traditional candles, keep them at least 12" away from anything



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that can burn, and remember to blow them out when you leave the room or go to bed. Use candle holders that are sturdy and won't tip over, placed on uncluttered surfaces. Lastly, never leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle.

According to NFPA, US fire departments respond to 230 home fires caused by Christmas trees each year. Electrical problems cause one in three, while one in five resulted from a heat source that's too close to the Christmas tree.

- If you have an artificial tree, be sure it's labeled, certified or identified as fire-retardant.
- If you have a fresh tree, make sure the green needles don't fall off when touched; before placing it in the stand, cut 1-2" from the base of the trunk. Be sure to water it daily.
- Make sure any tree doesn't block an exit, and is at least three feet away from any heat source.
- Use lights that have an independent testing laboratory label, and know whether they are designed for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords, or loose bulbs. Do not connect too many strings of lights together.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving the home or going to bed.
- After Christmas, get rid of the tree. Dried-out trees are a fire hazard and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside the home.
- Bring outdoor electrical lights in after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

Fireworks can also be a part of the New Year's eve celebration. The good news is you can enjoy your holiday and fireworks, with just a few safety tips:

- Best option: Leave fireworks to the professionals. Attend a public display run by trained operator.
- Use fireworks that are legal in your area.
- Keep all animals inside and away from fireworks.
- Douse the spent device with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding.
- Never light fireworks if you have been drinking!

By following these tips you can greatly reduce the risk of a home fire, and enjoy a safe holiday season.

Visit www.nfpa.org/holiday for more info and tips.

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What's a Mud Bay?

Mud Bay is one of the three southernmost arms of Puget Sound, just outside the town of Olympia, WA. Our first store opened for business in 1988 on Mud Bay Road, on a hill just above the bay (that's why it's our company's name.)

Today, Mud Bay is one of the largest pet retailers in the world focused on natural food for cats and dogs. We carry hundreds of raw frozen, dehydrated, freeze-dried, canned and kibble foods for dogs and cats. Collectively, we also spend a lot of time researching everything we sell to make sure that our foods and supplies are healthy, well-made and offer great value.

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