



Grant Park Neighborhood Association

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Spring 2006

The Hollywood Sewer Project is Starting

Work on the Hollywood Sewer Reconstruction Project is expected to start in mid-April as crews begin setting up for the 16-month project. The first excavation should begin in April, with major work underway by early May. This project will involve major construction along NE Sandy Boulevard, which is one of Portland's busiest streets. Traffic control plans and publicity will encourage commuters to seek alternate routes while maintaining local access for Hollywood's residents, businesses and offices. Construction will slow traffic on Sandy, but side streets won't be directly affected in the early work. Most sidewalks and crosswalks will remain open. Crews will maintain access to businesses and driveways.

The project will reconstruct most of the century-old sewers in the project area, including 10 blocks of a 4-foot-diameter brick sewer under Sandy Boulevard. Much of the reconstructed sewers will also be enlarged, to reduce sewer backups and the resulting basement flooding. Parsons-RCI Construction of Portland is the City's contractor for the work.

April through June

The first three months of the project will take place along Sandy and its intersections. The work will involve a number of different tasks, various construction methods, and changing traffic controls. Major work will take place at or near five of the eleven intersections on Sandy between 39th and 45th, but the entire length of Sandy will be involved in the construction. The tentative schedule shows the work starting first near 39th, 40th, and 41st.

Work Hours

The contractor plans to work Monday through Friday from 7 am to 6 pm. However, a noise variance for the project will allow hours as late as 10 pm and will include Saturday. Businesses and residents will be notified in advance if any work is going to be done Monday through Saturday after 6 pm, or any time on Sundays.

During the "pipe-lining" on Sandy this summer, work will go on around the clock at each location. This will mean 24-hour operation of pumps, generators and other equipment at six different locations for three to five days at each.

Traffic Control on Sandy

Traffic control will vary with the work but Sandy will never be closed. However, the major work will reduce travel lanes on Sandy to one lane westbound and one or two lanes eastbound. In work areas on Sandy, parking will be removed on both sides of the street. Many of these lane reductions on Sandy will continue at all hours because the excavations will be too large to

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Next General Meeting
May 9, 2006
Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Grant Park Church
2728 N.E. 34th Ave.
(at Knott)

AGENDA

Committee Reports

Old Business

- Bowl Survey Results
- Grant Bowl Presentation
-by Lloyd Lindley
- Hollywood School
- Sandy Sewer Construction

New Business

- Grant Park Wading Pool
- Safety and Livability

Future Meetings

(tentative)

August 29, 2006 (Board)
October 10, 2006 (General)
October 31, 2006 (Board)
December 5, 2006 (General)

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cover. Northbound traffic on 39th will be reduced to a single lane. Some streets will dead-end at Sandy during major excavation. At 40th & Broadway and at 43rd & Hancock, streets will be closed at times.

Major Excavation Areas

Excavation to build 8-foot-diameter manholes will be done in Sandy at 39th, 40th, 41st, 43rd and 45th. Shafts will also be built on 39th just north of NE Broadway; on Broadway just east of 40th; and on NE Hancock at 43rd for equipment that will build sewers under Sandy and Broadway without open excavation. This equipment is expected to operate one to two weeks at each location. Excavation will also be used to replace lateral connections on the north side of the street and to reconstruct storm drain inlets and pipes.

Overall Project Schedule

- **April - September**
Major work along NE Sandy between NE 37th and 47th.
- **June -September**
Major sewer reconstruction under Sandy
- **Fall 2006**
Street improvement work along Sandy.
- **Fall 2006 - Spring 2007**
Work on the streets north and south of Sandy.
- **July 2007**
Sewer project completion

Getting Updated Information

Work locations will move and traffic controls will change weekly and even daily. Projected work schedules will be available online and updated regularly at: www.portlandonline.com/bes Or you can contact Bob Cynkar, BES community outreach at robertcy@bes.ci.portland.or.us or 503-823-7898.



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Hollyrood Elementary

from information provided by "Operation Lemonade"

The Portland Public School administration is considering closing several elementary schools and moving toward a K-8 learning system. One of the 11 schools being considered for closure in the district's draft plan is Grant Park's own Hollyrood Elementary (near NE 35th and Knott.)

The School Board is set to vote on the plan by April 23, 2006. This allows less than three weeks for parents and other stakeholders to react. All the costs, effects, benefits and savings of this plan have not been adequately explored, and cannot be in that time. Many questions still need answers, and other options could be considered. For instance, Hollyrood parents would like to work with the District to provide an alternate plan that involves a campus model consolidation of the three Grant Park schools, Fernwood, Grant and Hollyrood, which keeps the school open, and offers a fee-based pre-k program.

They have mobilized to form "Operation Lemonade" a collaborative group spearheaded by parents of Portland Public School students (and prospective students) who believe that keeping performing schools open, especially during a "fiscal crisis," will have a positive short, medium and long term impact on the city of Portland and all its residents.

The members of Operation Lemonade feel that there are better, more thoughtful ways to improve education in Portland than this rush to overhaul a system without a true public process.

More information about Operation Lemonade can be found at the web site, www.lemonops.org along with School Board contact information and a simple, one-step e-mail petition.

Grant Bowl & Sports Fields

There has been an unavoidable delay in compiling and evaluating the 127 responses (a significant 7% return rate) to the GPNA questionnaire in our last newsletter. We hope to post the results on our website when they become available, and many thanks to everyone who responded.

The proposal by Friends of Grant Football continues to be evaluated by their Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). There is little controversy concerning the benefits for the students of Grant High School. The proposal, which is still in draft form, is controversial because more than half of the sports field space under consideration is part of our neighborhood public park and not on school property.

There has been a close relationship between Portland Parks Bureau and Portland Public Schools. Since it opened in 1923, Grant has always depended on the availability of athletic field space in a shared environment. Today, according to the Friends of Grant Football, of the annual total time booked by Parks for those athletic fields, only 38% is in direct support of Grant athletics. The majority of the available time, 62%, is used by community groups like the Hollywood Little League, Irvington Lacrosse, Grant Babe Ruth, Skyhawks Camp, and several soccer groups, among others.

As soon as it was announced, the issue of stadium lighting for night games in the Grant Bowl area quickly became a focal point for opponents of the proposal. Lighting garnering the most opposition (more than half) with permanent fencing running a close second, based on statistics collected at the Open House held on January 18th. The CAC, recognized the strength of this opposition, and

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has tentatively agreed to remove lighting from the proposal at this time.

The proposed permanent fencing was tentatively modified to reduce its visual impact. Wrought iron fencing no higher than 42", without brick pilasters is under consideration. It would be the same height as the proposed railing along the north rim of the bowl.

Permanent seating, built into the east side of the Bowl, would be limited to about 425 seats - for now. This is, in part, because a conditional use permit is required for any greater permanent seating capacity. It should also be noted that any stadium lighting would also require a conditional use permit. Both stadium lighting and the expansion of permanent seating to a capacity of 1,500 may be sought in the future. Not discussed during the January 18th Open House, but now included as part of the draft proposal, is a Women's Fast Pitch Softball field to be constructed in the Hollywood Field area. It would share some of the space currently used by Grant High School for soccer and lacrosse. The CAC has recommended that the layout be adjusted to a modified plan to reduce both the visual impact and likely interference with other park activities.

Other CAC suggestions include a wood chip trail around the western and southern top of the Bowl, pedestrian lighting along existing pathways in the Hollywood section, security video and additional, permanent trash receptacles.

Lloyd Lindley will make a presentation at our May 9th meeting and GPNA will arrange a future Open House with the proposal's sponsors to present the final proposal and address neighborhood concerns. For the latest on the GPNA's participation in this process, check out the "Grant Bowl" pages of our web site at: www.grantpark-na.org/thehood/issues.html.



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GPNA Helps Fund All Night Party

The Grant Park Neighborhood Association has donated \$250 toward the Grant High School 2006 "All Night Party," a drug and alcohol-free event for all graduating seniors at Grant High School. The party begins immediately after graduation and goes until 5:00 the next morning. It is six hours filled with activities, fun and food. This year it will be June 2nd.

Grant Park Neighborhood Profiled

The April issue of Portland Monthly magazine has the results from a comprehensive city livability survey showing which Portland residents are happiest and why. The magazine profiles the top 10 neighborhoods in Portland for livability, and the Grant Park is in that group. The magazine has information on things from parks to home prices, for all metro neighborhoods.

No Berry Sale This Year

Due to the loss of a volunteer coordinator and driver, we regret that GPNA will not be able to offer the wonderful, Oregon grown berries that we had the last two years. We hope to be able to reestablish this service in future years.



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Included are the following neighborhoods: Bridgeton, East Columbia, Sunderland, Woodlawn, Concordia, Vernon, Sabin, Alameda, Beaumont-Wilshire, Irvington, Sullivan's Gulch, Grant Park and Hollywood plus parts of King and Eliot.

Watch your mailbox for the Transportation Options Order Form in the coming weeks. It offers a wide range of travel tools to help you discover how easy it is to get around Portland. We have a variety of road tested and successful programs and materials including a new and improved Northeast Walking Map complete with bus and light rail routes and stops, bikeways, key business districts and landmarks, fountains, parks, schools and much more.

PDOT is partnering with Kaiser Permanente for the third year to offer the walking campaign, "Ten Toe Express." Participants receive a walking kit complete with a pedometer, trip logs to help you track your progress, and a short-tripper coupon book with discounts for local pedestrian friendly businesses. There is also a series of guided walks, including Senior Strolls for older walkers.

"Portland By Cycle" returns this year too, providing a bicycling kit with bike maps, a short-tripper coupon book for bicycle friendly businesses and other essential tools for the new or seasoned cyclist. The program again offers a full schedule of guided Summer Cycle bike rides as well.

Watch for newsletters with information on all the events, rides and classes coming your way. And be sure to visit the Options Mobile at local neighborhood and street fairs throughout the spring and summer.

For more information, go to the Northeast Hub link at www.GettingAroundPortland.org or call Linda Ginenthal, Transportation Options at 503-823-5266.

Neighborhood Clean-Up in April


As a service to people in the neighborhood, there will be a Neighborhood Clean Up on April 22nd from 9 am to 12 noon, held in the parking lot of Grant Park Church, located at 2728 NE 34th Avenue. We are asking \$5 per car load and \$10 per pick-up load.

There will be separate drop boxes for general gully waste and yard debris and some wood. Other vendors will be available to recycle or reuse unwanted items including scrap metal, styrofoam, building materials and supplies, reusable household items, computer processors, TVs and cell phones. Computer monitors will be an added \$10 per item and TVs an added \$2.50. We cannot accept hazardous waste, which includes paint, pesticides, fertilizer, disinfectants, batteries, motor oil, medical waste, etc. We also cannot accept tires or refrigerators.


The response to 2005's clean-up was so positive that we decided to do it again and are considering making it an annual event. We hope our neighbors will take this opportunity to clean out some of those things we've all been meaning to get rid of, but our funding limits us to 5 drop boxes so when they are full... Hopefully we will even expand the event in the future.

The whole event is being sponsored by several different organizations: the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods is the umbrella organization assisting the neighborhood associations and distributing grant money; METRO is granting waivers on the dumping fees; and the Office of Sustainable Development has contributed money to assist with hauling fees and related expenses. We would also like to thank the Grant Park Church, Family Medical Group and The Real Estate Firm who have permitted us to stage this event in their parking lot.

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The Junior Rose Festival Parade!

It's that time of year again. The Fred Meyer Junior Rose Festival Parade will be winding its way through the Hollywood and Grant Park Neighborhoods on Wednesday, June 7 starting at 1 pm as usual. The Sandy Boulevard Sewer Construction project, which will be in full swing by then, will shut down for the day. Work areas will be cleaned and swept the day before to make way for the parade.

The Junior Rose Festival parade is a Portland metro tradition and the oldest and largest children's parade in the US. Thousands of children from more than 20 Portland schools come to our neighborhood to join the fun. They dress up and ride on floats, or bikes or tricycles. They come on scooters, in wagons and on foot. They march in bands, dance and twirl in drill teams, or walk their pets.

Cultural groups from all over the Portland area celebrate their respective heritages by wearing authentic dress and performing traditional music. Fred Bear, making a special appearance, will cut the ribbon that opens the parade.

This year's parade will be on Wednesday, June 7th at 1 pm. It forms at Normandale Park and ends at Grant Park. Grant Park will be in use from up to two hours prior to the start of the parade until nearly 4 pm.

The Junior Parade is located in the Hollywood District in NE Portland. It begins at NE Sandy and 52nd and ends at NE Tillamook and 36th. Don't forget that traffic will be disrupted and parking in the neighborhood will be at a premium that day.

For more information and a route map, go to:
www.rosefestival.org/events/juniorparade/

Relay For Life 2006

This summer, N/NE Portland residents have the opportunity to unite as a community and fight back against cancer through a very special community event called the "Relay For Life", an overnight event, 24-hours in length, and a community gathering where everyone can participate in the fight against cancer. Teams of 8-15 camp out and take turns walking or running around a track. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event – because cancer never sleeps.

The goal is to raise \$40,000. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society's patient services, advocacy, prevention and early detection programs and research. You can raise much needed funds, and also raise awareness of cancer prevention, early detection, treatment, and patient support. This relay brings people together from all walks of life with the common goal of eliminating cancer.

WHEN: Sat., August 5 – Sun., August 6, 2006
10:00am, Opening Ceremony, Survivors Lap
10:00 pm, Luminaria Ceremony

WHERE: Portland Christian School, 12425 NE San Rafael, Portland

Join the fun NOW! Start a Team! Any group of 8-15 can join in the fight against cancer and have a lot of fun doing it. Or, Become a Sponsor! Promote your business and support this fight in your community.

To participate or for additional information on ways you can help, please call: Joyce Brewer, Event Chair, 503-408-0428; Team Development Co-Chairs, Hayley Kimble, 503-739-1065, and Allison Landstrom, 503-869-8952; or ACS staff member, Heather Sayah, 503-795-3971.

For more information, to register, or make a donation, visit us at: <http://acs.kintera.org/relay/or/neportland>

Farmer's Market

The Hollywood Farmers' Market opens on May 6th. It will be open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. through the end of October. It is held at Northeast Hancock Street between 44th and 45th avenues, one block south of Sandy Boulevard.

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Grant Park Wading Pool

Thanks to the outpouring of support from parents and interested people in Grant Park neighborhood, the Grant Park wading pool will be open this summer!

A park employee will staff the wading pool Monday through Friday for four hours. At the time of this publication, Portland Parks and Recreation (PP&R) was still determining the hours of operation.

The PP&R summer activities guide will contain information about start date and hours of operation and we will post the hours on our web site.

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Church Renews Commitment

Under a new pastor, Rev. Don Fuller, and a new Church Board, Grant Park Church has reaffirmed its commitment to serving the greater Grant Park community. During a recent board meeting, the new Church Moderator, Dr Horace Duke, stated that, "Our congregation is in a period of 'visioning' to meet new community needs." Pastor Fuller added, "We are going to add significantly to our community focused activities over the months ahead."

The Grant Park Church, is an ecumenically oriented church that serves as the center for neighborhood programs such as: gym/multi-purpose activities for Hollyrood School; YMCA after school care for Hollyrood students; the Lee Owen Stone Cooperative School; Advanced English Composition high school classes; the Alternative High School, a Portland International community school; an English Second Language program; and the meeting place for GPNA.

Mrs. Helen Elsasser and Mrs. Yvonne Brown, co-owners of "Two Celebrate," in NW Portland, are the newly appointed Wedding and Events Hostesses. They are available to assist with weddings, receptions and other community social events, using the space and full kitchen facilities of the church. They can be consulted by calling 503-957-3039.

A coffee and Bible study program is featured each Sunday at 9:30 am. This innovative and open discussion is led by Dr Horace Duke. The on-going study focuses on biblical/spiritual concepts, and their value for real life events and contemporary living. If you are interested, this may be the place for you.

A new feature is the church's focus on celebrating the birthdays of Grant Park community children. Any child age 1 – 12, can have a birthday featured on the church's message board at the corner of NE 34th and Knott. To wish a child you know a happy birthday, call Pastor Fuller at: 503-282-5596. There is no charge for this greeting and only first names will be used.

The church is here, "if anyone has a personal, or community need with which we can help--anything from a car wash in our parking lot, to celebrating your wedding in our church reception hall, or just joining us for a time of singing and worship on Sunday mornings." For more information, call 503-282-5596.

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How about a Block Party?

One great way to get to know your neighbors is to close your street and have a neighborhood block party, and it isn't that difficult. But you should start the process at least three weeks before the date. For more information go to: www.portlandonline.com/oni/ and select "Get a block party permit."

News Alert Network

To get the latest on crime issues you can join the News Alert Network, an e-mail list serve created in partnership with the Portland Police's NE Precinct, Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) Crime Prevention, and the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods Public Safety Action Committee (NECN-PSAC). The Network bulletins are a listing of high level investigations outcomes, good police work and collaborative efforts which have reduced crime and the fear of crime in North and NE Portland.

The News Alert Network list is offered to Neighborhood Associations, Neighborhood Watch and citizens at large on request. It is used to maintain a high level of awareness of serious crime issues impacting North and NE Portland neighborhoods served by NE Precinct. Most information displayed on the network has not received media coverage through print, radio or TV sources. To get on the News Alert Network list, please call 503-823-4763.

ONI Crime Prevention and NECN Public Safety Action Committee are asking you to become involved in supporting your neighborhoods by further reducing crime and the fear of crime. The PSAC for NECN is meeting at the King Neighborhood Facility (4815 NE 7th, Community Court Room) on April 18th at 5:45 pm to discuss crime in their neighborhoods.

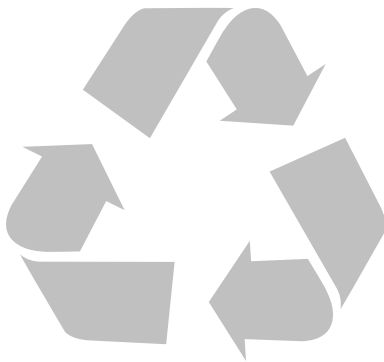
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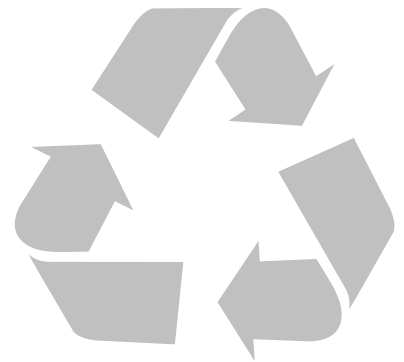
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