



Grant Park Neighborhood Association

P.O. Box 13102, Portland, OR 97213

Spring 2011

Grant Park Neighborhood Clean-Up May 14, 2011

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Election of GPNA 2011 Officers

What is the Grant Park Neighborhood Association? It is YOU. It is US.

If you are getting this newsletter, you are a member with all privileges and responsibilities of the GPNA. We are a 501(c)(4) "public good non-profit". That means we are allowed, as part of our charter, to endorse candidates or measures if we wish to.

The GPNA Board helps formulate direction, implement policy, and develop an agenda for the Association. The Board is also responsible for maintaining and updating the bylaws, ensuring the fiscal well being of the Association, developing transparent, open and objective processes, and acts for the Association on time sensitive issues.

We will be electing our 2011-2012 GPNA Principal Officers at the May 4th Meeting. The Board will recommend a slate of officers, and nominations will be taken. Any member can also nominate themselves. There are five elected positions on the board:

President - Is the Chief Executive Officer of the GPNA corporation and presides at all meetings of the membership and the Board

Vice President - (one or two) In the absence of the President, the duties of the President are performed by the Vice Presidents as designated.

Treasurer - Responsible for the corporation funds.

Secretary - Keeps the minutes and correspondence of all meetings.
Maintains the attendee lists.

Communications - Prepares the newsletter and maintains the website.

Aside from the Officer positions, there can be up to 10 "At Large" positions available. We would also like to create a separate position of Web Master, who would maintain the GPNA website and facilitate future web development.

Some, but not all, of the existing Officers offered to continue to this meeting and stand for election. Anyone else who desires to have their name put into nomination can do so at this meeting. For additional information please contact any current Board member. (listed on the right)

www.grantpark-na.org

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

**May 3, 2011
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Grant Park Church
2728 N.E. 34th Ave.
(at Knott)**

Grant Park Neighborhood Association is open to ALL persons living within its boundaries. We invite our neighbors to involve themselves in neighborhood affairs. If something prevents you from participating, please contact a Board members.

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AGENDA

**Scheduled:
Board Elections
Cleanup Preview
To Be Determined
Community Input**

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FUTURE MEETINGS

(not yet scheduled)

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GPNA EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Vice President:

Ron Laster 503-287-9566

Treasurer:

Secretary:

Mary Cal Hanson 503-288-2878

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KC Davenport 503-288-3340

At Large:

Liz Alexander 503-331-1381

Cori Jacobs 503-281-6514

GPNA Clean-Up, May 14, 2011

Once again this year, there will be a Neighborhood Clean Up on May 14th from 9 am to 1 pm, held in the parking lot of Grant Park Church, located at 2728 NE 34th Avenue. There will be separate drop boxes for general waste and for yard debris. Other vendors will also be available to recycle or reuse your unwanted items including scrap metal, and building material. There will be areas for swapping/selling other items. You can save a lot of trouble and effort by separating or grouping your materials as you load your vehicle.

We are asking only \$10 per car load and \$20 per pick-up load, with an extra \$3 fee for large loads of yard debris. The total number of drop boxes is limited. When they are full the clean-up will close.

Yard Debris

The rules for yard debris are similar to your curbside rules: no rocks, stumps; metal, plastic, branches more than 4 thick, animal waste, garbage, dirt, or sod. You can add unpainted and untreated wood but not plywood or particle board.

Building Materials

Building materials should be sound and free of major defects. Lumber should be at least four feet long without nails. For more about what is acceptable check out www.rebuildingcenter.org/donations.htm

Scrap Metal

Scrap metal will be collected by LJs Metal Hauling Service. He will be on site and have business cards available and if people have things that are too heavy, he can arrange to pick it up.

Don't Bring

- **Do not** include your regular household garbage.
- **NO** hazardous waste: (paint, pesticides, fertilizer, disinfectants, or medical waste)
- **NO** batteries
- **NO** motor oil
- **NO** tires
- **NO** electronics (TVs, computer monitors, phones)
- **NO** refrigerators.

This year's sponsors include The Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN); METRO (waivers on the dumping fees); and the Office of Sustainable Development (hauling fees and related expenses). We would also like to thank the Grant Park Church, Family Medical Group and The Real Estate Firm who let us to stage this event in their parking lot.

FOR ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

Hazardous Waste:

Metro Central Station - There is no fee for hazardous waste from your home.
www.metro-region.org/index.cfm/go/by.web/id=24267 503-234-3000

Recycling:

Far West Fibers - Drop off only. Accepts paper, metal, glass, plastics, electronics, other (white goods, athletic shoes, cell phones); some locations accept other materials. Some items have associated costs.

[/www.farwestfibers.com/](http://www.farwestfibers.com/) 503-200-5014

Metro Metals Northwest - Accepts ferrous and non ferrous materials, volume determines cost for trucking. Will provide list of non-accepted metals.
metrometalsnw.com/ 503-287-8861
info@metrometalsnw.com

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www.totalreclaim.com/ 503-281-1899
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Recology - Clean block Styrofoam and packing peanuts. No food trays, cups, egg cartons, spongy insulation. Less than 1yd: free
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 503-285-8777

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A Call for Clean-Up Volunteers

If you would like to get involved, we would love to have you. Volunteers should bring work gloves and wear protective clothing and footwear. We will also have free food and beverages for volunteers!!

In the past we had quite a few Grant High School volunteers and several families have expressed interest in volunteering. We are overjoyed at the interest the students and the community have taken in this event. Parents, working side by side with their children, send such a strong message about the care and value that we place on our environment. At the same time we must be cautious about issues of safety at the clean up.

There is constant vehicular traffic; cars and trucks are backing up; drop boxes are being loaded and unloaded; people are tossing items. Sometimes there is broken glass or pieces of sharp metal. This is not a safe site for young children. We are happy to have adult and high school volunteers. Middle school students are welcome if accompanied by a responsible adult. Sorry, we do not feel that elementary age students can be safely monitored.



Clean-up volunteers have fun & snacks, help neighbors dispose of their garbage, and explain sorting and disposal options.



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New NBBA Website Helps You

NE Broadway merchant listings, eat & drink, shop, services and events: www.nebroadway.com

The Northeast Broadway Business Association has launched a new website designed to be the online resource for area residents and visitors to the NE Broadway business district.

Find everything for everyday: special items to wear; furniture, art, flowers and accessories to beautify your home; books, crafts, music and cooking supplies. Find special sales and deals using listings and links to merchant websites.

Use the category list to discover a new favorite from the many dining and drinking spots unique to the NE Broadway area: Homemade Chinese noodles, Thai stir-fry, sushi; traditional Mexican or Italian, classic American and bistro favorites; creative vegan fare; baked goods, bagels, sandwiches ... plus coffee, beer, wine and creative drinks.

Complete services listings make life's errands easier: get your car repaired; have clothes altered and cleaned; take care of your health and fitness; get a fancy new hairstyle, a basic haircut, or a full spa treatment; find everything your pets need; handle your financial services; plus so much more.

Everything really is on NE Broadway! Over 150 businesses are highlighted on the new website, making it easy to "Buy Local" and support your neighbors. There's a handy website resource list to connect you with your neighborhood association; local, regional and state government; local transportation; and business resources. Plus find all the news and events of this great business district – where something is always happening.

GPNA Web Site

To help our neighbors get connected and stay connected on subjects of interest to us all we have added a new feature to the GPNA web site. In the issues section, we have links to a Google discussion group. By signing up, neighbors can start or join ongoing discussions on the site.

Please join us and let us know what you think and what issues you care about.

Farmer's Markets Open in May!

Fresh, local produce, plants will soon be here again.

Located on NE Hancock between 44th and 45th Avenues, the Hollywood Farmers Market is open Saturdays 8 am to 1 pm from May until Halloween and 9 am to 1 pm until Thanksgiving.

The Market offers children's entertainment and weekly live music all season. For a schedule and details, check out the Market's calendar online at www.hollywoodfarmersmarket.org.

The market's dog policy offers customers both dog-free and dog friendly hours. From 8 to 10 am, dogs will not be allowed in the Market, to allow customers who prefer their shopping without dogs to enjoy the Market. During dog access hours (10 am - 1 pm), dogs must be kept on a short, non-expandable leash. And please, come prepared to clean up after your dog! Labeled service dogs will be allowed at all times in the Market, as required by law.

To volunteer at the Market, please contact the Market's Community Volunteer Coordinator at 503-803-7279. For general questions about the Hollywood Farmers' Market call 503-709-7403.

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Mosquito Education and Prevention

Last year our office, Multnomah County Vector and Nuisance Control (MCVNC), received community feedback that the mosquito activity in Portland neighborhoods was near unbearable. With an extended rainy season this year, Portland is experiencing a longer mosquito breeding season.

We are entering a critical time period when community members are especially vulnerable to increased mosquito activity. MCVNC would like to extend an educational opportunity to the City's Neighborhood Associations.

More information regarding mosquitoes and West Nile virus is available at: web.multco.us/health/pest-prevention-and-control. In addition to the website we are now offering a quarterly e-newsletter.

See a Dark Street Light?

The Portland Bureau of Transportation has changed the street light outage hotline to the easy-to-remember 503-865-LAMP. The old number has been discontinued. Street light problems can also be reported at portlandonline.com and through the city's smartphone app.

Calls from the general public to the street light outage hotline are critically important to keep the city's lights in working order. Portland has approximately 54,000 lights in the public right of way and the city depends on citizen reporting to find those street lights which are out or are malfunctioning. Typically, repair time is less than two weeks, once a call is received.

When calling, please provide the location of the light by stating the nearest street address or intersection, your name and daytime phone number in case clarification is needed and the nature of the street light problem. If possible, include the pole number, which is tagged to the street side of the pole at average eye level.

Please note that this is NOT the appropriate line for reporting a traffic signal that is malfunctioning.

If you come to an intersection and see that the traffic signals are not working correctly, call PBOT's maintenance dispatch line at 503-823-1700.

Common Ground Goes Co-op!

Common Ground Wellness Center is becoming a member owned cooperative and is now selling ownership shares. CGWC will be a democratically run organization and truly owned by the community it serves. The Co-op is open to all, but patron/owners will get discounts to the bathhouse, member only specials, and have a direct voice in how the business is conducted.

CGWC originally started as a non-profit located in a residential neighborhood. Since the bathhouse is now in commercial space it can operate under a different business structure. CGWC chose the cooperative business structure because patrons, practitioners, and staff have always felt a sense of "ownership" of this unique and special facility.

For more information please visit soakandsauna.com and check out the Cooperative News page. You can contact CGWC at: cwcoop@gmail.com.

Grant Park Track Meets

Portland Parks and Recreation will be holding "all come" track meets this spring and summer at Grant Park. There will be events for all ages. Everyone is welcome.

All meets: \$2 per participants.

Thursdays - April 21,28 - 6 pm

Thursday - May 5 - 6 pm

Tuesdays - June 14, 21,28 - 6 pm

Tuesdays - July 5 and 12 - 6 pm

For information contact David Pietka:
503.206.1071, david.pietka@firstservicepgp.com

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PICS Is In It's Fifth Year

The Portland International Community School is back in session at the Grant Park Church for the 2010-11 school year. Enrollment is small but growing. There are some 24 students in the day program at this time and six in the evening classes.

The school has welcomed two new young men from Tanzania and the Congo and have students from the former Soviet Union and Mexico as well.

A copy of the school's latest Handbook can be obtained by calling the school and questions or concerns can be addressed by calling us at: 503-232-5334 or e-mailing the director (Skip Adams) at sadams@emoregon.org.

Other Groups In the Building Include:

Hope Presbyterian Church, Rose City Myanmar Church, Impact Life Change Community, Lee Owen Stone Preschool, Youth for Christ, Grant Park Baptist Church, Grant Park Neighborhood Association & other groups occasionally

For building concerns, please contact Pastor Gregg @ 503-282-5596 or 971-207-9263

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New Metro Online Tool

Metro has developed a new online tool to help engage more citizens across the region and gather public opinion to inform policy making decisions.

The tool is called Opt In, and was designed to create a timely and cost-effective way for the region's residents to provide input into decisions affecting them and their communities.

Opt In seeks to engage a broad and diverse range of individuals throughout our region, including populations who are not always engaged through other forms of public outreach.

Partners - The Opt In panel is hosted by DHM Research, a Portland-based consulting firm with extensive experience in public opinion research.

Opt In was developed in partnership with the United Way of the Columbia-Willamette, the Northwest Health Foundation, and Portland State University's College of Urban and Public Affairs, respected community organizations that are committed to improving the health, well-being and quality of life in our region.

How It Works – Participation is free. When signing up, participants are asked a series of demographic questions which take about five minutes to answer. Panelists will be asked to participate in two to three short online surveys each month.

Because the data is hosted by DHM Research, individual information will be kept confidential. Information submitted will be reported to Metro in the aggregate.

What's In It For You? -- Our goal is to have at least 10,000 participants signed up by the end of May (and the more, the merrier). All participants will have access to the results of Opt In surveys and will be able to see how their input is being used. Metro also welcomes input on suggested survey topics and questions.

You are invited to sign up and participate. Please share this information with your neighbors and friends and encourage them to visit www.oregonmetro.gov/ connect to sign up.

2010 Junior Rose Festival Parade

Wednesday, June 8, 2011, 1 pm.

The Fred Meyer Junior Parade is the oldest and largest children’s parade in the nation, and it is a signature children’s event of the Portland Rose Festival Association. The parade comes to Portland’s Hollywood district each June, attracting hundreds of spectators and participants.

This year, approximately 30 marching bands from elementary and middle schools in the greater Portland/Vancouver metro area will fill the Hollywood District with music. Bands, school groups, scout troops, children’s organizations, youth clubs, dance teams and families join in the parade.

Children dress in costume, build colorful floats towed on wagons, or ride on bikes decorated with flowers, crepe paper, streamers and balloons—some of them future court members themselves!

The Fred Meyer Junior Parade welcomes all children, up to and including middle-schoolers. For more information on participating in the parade, visit www.rosefestival.org/events/juniorparade/.

Parade participants may begin to gather as early as 11 am in the formation areas.

Formation and Disband Areas

The formation area includes eight square blocks between NE Sacramento & 57th and NE Tillamook & 53rd. Normandale Park is also used for bands and dance units. Grant Park is the disband area.

Parade Route

The parade begins at NE Sandy & 52nd and marches down NE Sandy to NE 40th where the parade turns right. At NE Tillamook the parade turns left. It ends at NE Tillamook & 36th and disbands at Grant Park. The parade route is approximately one mile long.

Street Closures

Sandy Blvd is closed beginning at 11:30 am. The rest of the parade route is closed around 12:30 pm. The parade generally lasts until approximately 3:30 pm.

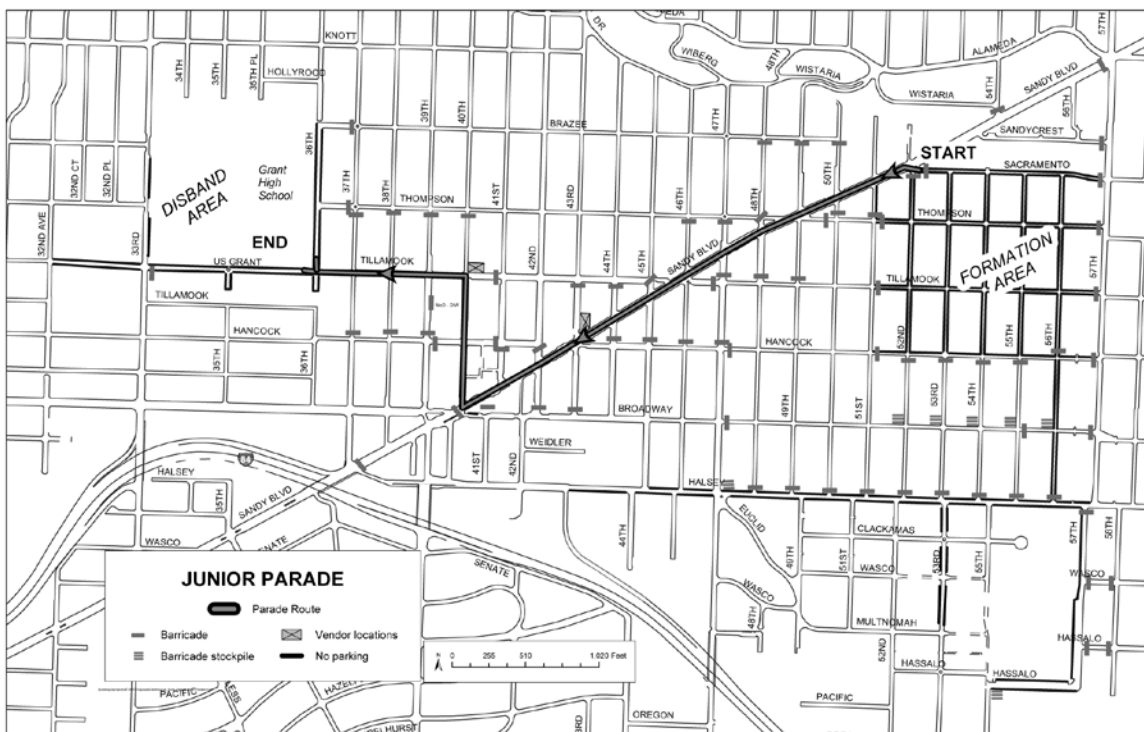
Spectators

The Fred Meyer Junior Parade attracts hundreds of spectators who line the streets, often setting up lawn chairs or just sitting on the sidewalk. Seating and parking can be very tight, so we encourage the use of public transportation. Spectators should also remember to be prepared for the weather.

Clean-Up

The Portland Rose Festival is proud to be the

“Cleanest and Greenest Festival in America.” The Festival makes every effort to provide ample garbage containers in the formation areas and to encourage participants to keep our parks and streets clean. They want to thank the city of Portland and the Hollywood Boosters for assisting in these efforts!



Grant Park Neighborhood Association Drive-thru Spring Clean-up

Saturday, May 14, 2011

9 am to 1 pm

(materials will not be accepted after the event closes and cannot be left on-site)

Where

NE 34th Ave. & Knott

(the parking lot of Grant Park Church)

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

Drop-off items Accepted:

- Non-hazardous garbage
- Yard debris
- Scrap metal
- Building materials
- Bulky household waste
- Donations (i.e. Goodwill)

Materials NOT Accepted

- Hazardous materials (to find out what is hazardous, visit: <http://www.metro-region.org/index.cfm/go/by.web/id=24267>)
- Plastics (for recycling)
- Cell phones
- Computers, monitors and peripherals
- Televisions

Thanks to our sponsors: The Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, METRO, and the Office of Sustainable Development, Grant Park Church.

Volunteers Needed!

We will provide food and beverages. You provide muscles & brains.
For information or to volunteer, please contact us at grantpark@necoalition.org