



Grant Park Neighborhood Association

P.O. Box 13102, Portland, OR 97213

Spring 2013

Save the Date! May 11th, 2013, 9am - 1pm Grant Park Neighborhood Clean-Up

Have space that you can't use because it is full of things you don't need? Once again, we're here to help with our 2013 neighborhood drive-thru cleanup event, hosted in the parking lot of the Grant Park Church, at NE 34th & Knott, from 9am to 1pm, on Saturday, May 11th.

At last year's Cleanup our volunteers helped approximately 110 vehicles, some with more than one load, plus several hearty souls who biked or walked their trash and reusables in.

We netted four dumpsters of waste totaling 9.44 tons, and one 1.82 ton yard debris box. We recycled a truck and trailer of scrap metal, a partial truck load of building materials, which went to the Rebuilding Center. Also, Finders Keepers/Veterans Charities (FK/VC) collected a truckload of reuse items.

This is GPNA's major fundraiser each year and last year the total raised from this event was \$1600.

We are still working out some details, so check our web site for the latest info. To volunteer, or to make suggestions, you can contact us at: Grantpark@necoalition.org

Once again this year we are asking only \$10 per car load and \$20 per truck or van. Please remember that

our total number of drop boxes is limited. When they are full the clean-up will close, and refuse will not be accepted past that point.

Check out our back page for a convenient list of materials we can and cannot accept. Stick it on your refrigerator as a reminder!

Some items we know are:

Household Goods Swap

We will have a swap area where you can drop off or pick up household items. Any items left over will be donated to FK/VC.

Building Materials

Building materials should be free of major defects. Lumber should be at least four feet long without nails. Our volunteers will help you sort materials if you are unsure or go to www.rebuildingcenter.org/donations/ for more about what is acceptable.

Scrap Metal

Scrap metal will be collected by LJs Metal Hauling Service. They'll have business cards available. If you have things too heavy or bulky to bring in, he can arrange to pick them up.

Styrofoam

Total Reclaim will take in Styrofoam.

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NEXT GPNA MEETING Tuesday, April 2, 2013

6:30pm - Board

7:00 pm - General
Grant Park Church
2728 NE 34th Ave

(at Knott)

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

AGENDA

To see the agenda for our next meeting, or to suggest an agenda topic, please go to our web site at: <http://grantpark-na.org/thehood/meetings.html>

FUTURE MEETINGS

First Tuesday,
every other month.

Apr 2, 2013

Jun 4, 2013

Aug 6, 2013

Oct 1, 2013

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A Broadway Corridor Charrette

The Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association will host a forum for neighbors to consider new ideas and collaborate on creating the future of Broadway. This one-day program, funded in part by the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, will provide an opportunity to learn about the Broadway Corridor and its impact on NE neighborhoods, small businesses and regional development.

The charrette is set for April 27th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM and will be held at Grace Church at 16th and Weidler and all nearby neighbors are invited.

While specific details are still being worked out, the format will include a guest speaker and an overview of the existing businesses. Then a neighborhood panel discussion of the visions for the Broadway Commercial Corridor. The City will update participants regarding related ongoing studies and City planning. Finally there will be plenty of opportunity for public engagement.

More information will be forthcoming as the event gets closer, and will be posted on our web site.



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GPNA Elections

Have you always wanted to be more involved in your neighborhood? Well this is your chance. If you are getting this newsletter, you are a member with all the privileges and responsibilities of the Grant Park Neighborhood Association (GPNA).

GPNA is a 501(c)(4) "public good non-profit." Our purpose is to enhance the livability of Grant Park by providing an open line of communication and to act as liaison for our neighborhood with various government entities, groups, businesses, and other neighborhoods. The GPNA Board of Directors makes all that possible by managing the affairs of the Association in between General Meetings.

We will be electing our 2013-2014 GPNA Officers at the April 2nd Meeting. The Board will recommend a slate of officers, and nominations will be taken from the floor. Any member can also nominate themselves. There are five elected positions on the board:

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

Vice President - In the absence of the President, his/her duties are performed as designated.

Treasurer - Responsible for the corporation funds.

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

Communications - Manages the newsletter and maintains the website.

Aside from these Officer positions, there can be up to 10 "At Large" Board members. Anyone who wants to be considered for nomination can do so at the April meeting. For additional information please contact any current Board member (listed on page 1) through our general e-mail: Grantpark@necoalition.org



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Grant Park Village is a Go!



After more than 10 years of designs, reviews, public and neighborhood meetings, and a change in developers, the former site of Albina Fuel Co. at NE Broadway and 33rd Avenue finally has an approved design and will break ground this spring/summer.

On January 24th the Portland Design Commission gave its blessing to a plan that will include 45,000 square feet of retail space, 211 units of apartments and townhouses, 270 parking spaces, and a retail strip facing Broadway anchored by a New Seasons food market.

The various buildings in the development will reflect a similar design theme found in the nearby 1920s-era industrial buildings in the area. However, the intent is to make each of the four and five-story building in the complex look a little different through subtle changes. The overall project is being called "Grant Park Village."

The five buildings will create a central courtyard that will be open to the public and provide access to the townhouses. A planned walkway at the southern edge of the property may someday intersect with a proposed bicycle/pedestrian way along the proposed Sullivan's Gulch Trail.

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Both Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association (SGNA), and Grant Park Neighborhood Association (GPNA) generally favor the current plan. Over the years, neighbors were primarily concerned about traffic that would be generated by such a large development, and how it would fit into the character of the neighborhood.

The final plan calls for another major signal at Broadway and 32nd Avenue, which would funnel traffic to the Weidler Street vehicular entrance.

The sloping site posed several design challenges, including vehicle circulation to allow for fire trucks and grocery supply trucks as long as 67 feet. Storm water run-off is also an issue, and will be stored in large cistern, allowing for gradual release into the sewer system.

Commission members offered encouraging thoughts about the scope of the project and its potential impact on the neighborhood noting that it would be a significant link between the active Hollywood District and the Broadway commercial strip. Grant Park Village should add vitality to an under-utilized portion of the Broadway corridor"

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Community Budget Forums

The City of Portland has been inviting people to participate in the Community Budget Forums. The forums provide an opportunity for people to offer testimony before City Council and express which service priorities are most important to Portland residents for fiscal year 2013-14 budget. This is your chance to help shape how our city spends our tax dollars. The last form will be:

April 11th, 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Montgomery Park
2701 NW Vaughn Street
Portland, OR 97210

There will also be a Council hearing for the Mayor's Proposed Budget based, in part on these results:

May 16th, 6:30pm - 8:30pm
City Hall – Council Chambers
1221 SW 4th Ave.
Portland, OR 97204

For general questions about the forums or accommodations, please contact Ryan Kinsella ryan.kinsella@portlandoregon.gov, 503-823-6960.

Grant High School All Night Party

The Grant All Night Party is a way for graduates to celebrate their accomplishments and party with their friends and peers in an alcohol and drug free environment. This event is a tradition that has been going strong for over 20 years.

The party begins immediately after graduation when students leave directly from the June 12 ceremony on chartered buses and travel to a secret location for a jam-packed night of music, food, activities, games, entertainment, casino games, and prizes. Then they returned to Grant HS the next morning at 5am.

Adults chaperon the event and buses transport the graduates to the event at a closely guarded secret.

The goal is always 100% attendance from Grant High graduates with fundraising events and donors helping to defray the costs. GPNA has donated \$500 towards making this a stellar event for everyone involved, and to help keep it affordable for all students.

Any questions about the All Night Party can be quickly answered by the ANP Queen Karmen Von Arx, kvonarx@comcast.net.



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Apartment Parking Survey

Thanks to all who participated in the Neighborhood Apartment Parking Survey.

As you may know, the Apartment Parking Task Force (APTF) was initiated at the Citywide Land Use Group (CWLUG) with the goal of compiling and consolidating the issues raised by neighbors regarding apartments with little or no parking. This list of issues was then developed into a questionnaire to determine the level of concern for each throughout the ONI neighborhood community.

1,188 responses were generated by the survey within 12-days of the survey being sent out! Lead by the APTF, these survey results were then presented by representatives to the Planning and Sustainability Commission on November 14th and to the City Council on January 10th.

The City of Portland is now proposing a 'short-term' code fix for New Apartments and Parking scheduled for a Planning and Sustainability Commission in response to community concerns.

This hearing is scheduled for March 12, 2013 (*after this newsletter goes to print but before you get it*) The proposed ordinance can be found at: <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/434428>

The results of this survey can be found at the following website: <https://sites.google.com/site/apartmentparkingtaskforce/>

It has been a primary goal that results of this survey speak for itself - as a source of information for community leaders and decision-makers. Please, send your comments to District Planner Matt Wickstrom at Matt.Wickstrom@portlandoregon.gov, or to Chief Planner Joe Zehnder at Joe.Zehnder@portlandoregon.gov.

What's Next? Most of the issues identified by the survey are not being addressed through the 'short term' fix ordinance. The only other option for timely change is through the Comprehensive Plan Update (CPU). Your participation is critical to bring forward issues that affect your neighborhood. Information on CPU workshops in your area can be found at: <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/429865>

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Electronics & Small Appliances

Electronics, including computers, TVs, peripherals, cell phones, and most items with a cord will also be collected by Total Reclaim. *This does not include anything containing liquids or biohazards.*

Tires

Les Schwabb will be there to accept, up to 30 tires.

Batteries

Interstate Batteries will have a drop box available.

Items that will NOT be accepted:

- NO regular household garbage.
- NO hazardous waste (paint, pesticides, fertilizer, disinfectants, or medical waste).
- NO motor oil
- NO refrigerators, freezers, or air conditioning units
- NO yard debris (use weekly curbside pick up)
- NO plastics for recycling

This year's sponsors include The Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN); METRO; and the City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. We would also like to thank the Grant Park Church, who let us to stage this event in their parking lot, and our reuse and recycling partners: LJs Hauling, Total Reclaim, The Rebuilding Centre, and Veterans Charities.



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Grant High School Remodel

A \$482 million Portland Public Schools (PPS) bond passed in November 2012 to rebuild Grant, Roosevelt, and Franklin high schools, and NE Portland's Faubion K-8, as well as make smaller improvements to other PPS schools. The four schools considered "keystones" will get new plumbing, wiring, heating, and electrical. They will also get updated auditoriums, cafeterias, new furniture, fixtures, and equipment.

According to a conceptual timeline, the Roosevelt and Franklin remodels will happen first. Planning for Grant won't begin until the summer of 2015, construction won't start until March of 2017, and Grant would reopen in August of 2019.

PPS officials have said the vacant Marshall High which closed in 2011, is a likely choice for Grant students to go during the construction, but Jefferson is also a possibility. The community will be invited to comment once the choice is more concrete, said PPS Chief Operating Officer C. J. Sylvester.

Student transportation costs are factored in the bond and PPS will run yellow buses, Sylvester said. Another thing yet to be determined is where athletic activities and other school events will take place.

Sylvester predicts that "the biggest complaint we'll have won't come from the design, and it certainly won't come from the finished product. It's going to be about construction traffic. There's going to be an impact on the neighbors."

Construction traffic of a magnitude "not seen in 100 years" will likely revolve around each remodeled school, and will likely draw complaints, because the schools are located in the heart of residential areas.

"I am thrilled there will be an unbelievably beautiful new high school built here because our kids deserve a 21st Century learning environment," said Grant Principal Vivian Orlen, who said she would invite the community to a "walk through" to see the school and its challenges firsthand, when the process is closer.

GPNA will also try to stay ahead of the process and keep all of our neighbors informed during what promises to be a challenging process.

Portland Fruit Tree Project 2013 Tree Care Workshop Series!

Portland Fruit Tree Project is offering a full line-up of 2013 Tree Care Workshops. These fun, hands-on workshops teach basic methods of organic fruit tree care, for improved tree health and fruit production.

2013 Fruit Tree Care Workshops:

Grafting:

Sunday March 24th, 10am-1pm

Spring Tree Care: Pest & Disease Management /Fruit Thinning:

Saturday June 1st, 10am-1pm

Wednesday June 5th, 5:30-8:30pm

Bud Grafting:

Sunday July 14th, 10am-1pm

Summer Pruning:

Sunday July 28th, 10am-1pm

Wednesday July 31st, 5:30-8:30pm

Fall Tree Care: Pest & Disease ID & Assessment:

Saturday Oct 26th, 10am-1pm

Workshops are open to anyone, but pre-registration is required. Standard workshop fee is \$25 with Scholarships and work-trade available. The location address of the site is provided after registration.

For more information and registration go to: <http://portlandfruit.org/tree-care-workshops>

About the Portland Fruit Tree Project:

Portland Fruit Tree project is an award-winning non-profit that provides a community-based solution to a critical need in Portland: Access to healthy food. By empowering neighbors to share in the harvest and care of urban fruit trees, we are preventing waste, building community knowledge and resources, and creating sustainable, cost-free ways to obtain healthy, locally-grown food.

"We organize people to gather fruit before it falls, and make it available to those who need it most. We register fruit and nut trees throughout the city, bring people together to harvest and distribute thousands of pounds of fresh fruit each year, and teach tree care and food preservation in hands-on workshops."

For info, contact: Katy Kolker, Executive Director at katy@portlandfruit.org or call 503-284-610.6

Historic Resources Code Improvement Project is Underway

Making modifications to homes in Portland's historic and conservation districts should get easier with a proposed set of code amendments developed by the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability and Development Services, in collaboration with homeowners, remodelers and historic resource advocates during an 8-month planning process.

In response to community concerns about the time and expense involved in Historic Design Review, City staff kicked off the "Historic Resources Code Improvement Project" in the summer of 2012 and released an Issues and Opportunities Paper covering Portland's existing historic resource regulations and ideas for potential code changes. The goal was to streamline the regulatory process around historic resource review.

Since then the project team has been looking at ways to create a quicker, easier-to-understand, and more predictable review process for projects that involve minor impacts on historic resources. They also sought to clarify code definitions and implement other code clean-up measures.

On Jan. 22, 2013, the Planning and Sustainability Commission held a public hearing to consider the zoning code amendments and voted to forward a package of recommended amendments to City Council. If passed, the code amendments will be effective May 1st. (They are expected to pass, but the vote will be after this newsletter goes to press.)

The project team will continue its work to improve the regulatory process and provide benefits to homeowners in the historic and conservation districts. The code amendments may also allow the Bureau of Development Services to reduce historic review fees for smaller projects in the near future.

For more information and how to get involved, please call (503) 823-5869 or visit the project website at www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/58976. If you would like to receive monthly project updates, please visit the website and click on the "stay informed" button.

You can read the Recommended Historic Resources Code Amendments themselves at: <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/433949>



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Grant Park Neighborhood Association Drive-thru Spring Clean-up

Saturday, May 11, 2013

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
- Scrap metal
- Building materials
- Bulky household waste
- Reusable household goods
- Electronic waste and small appliances
- Styrofoam (not food containers)
- Tires (up to a maximum of 30 total)
- Batteries

Materials NOT Accepted

- **NO** Hazardous materials -- to find out what is hazardous, visit:
<http://www.oregonmetro.gov/index.cfm/go/by.web/id=644>
- **NO** Plastics (for recycling)
- **NO** Yard debris (curbside pickup now available)
- **NO** Large appliances (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners)

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Volunteers Needed!

Come for an hour or half a day. We provide food and beverages, you provide muscles and brains. Show up at the event or even better if you contact us in advance at grantpark@necoalition.org