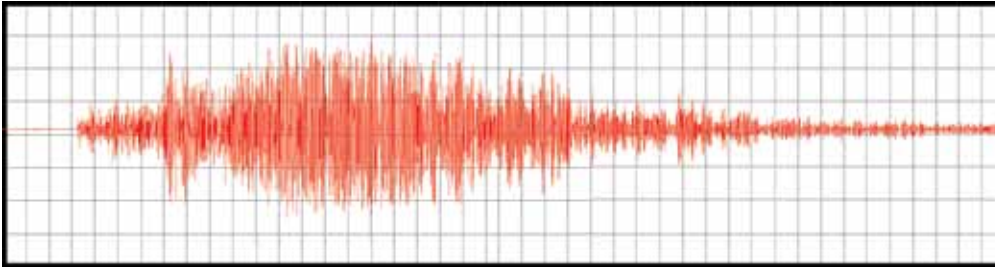


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3 Community Forums on Disaster Preparedness

Public awareness has been growing about the high probability of a major earthquake, due to the build-up of pressure in the Cascadia Subduction Zone. Because of this the Grant Park Neighborhood Association has planned a series of forums on how to prepare for a major disaster, and how we can assist each other in the aftermath. *(Dates and topics are included on the back page.)*

On July 20, 2015, the New Yorker magazine published an article by Kathryn Schultz, entitled “The Really Big One” which can be found at www.newyorker.com/magazine/2015/07/20/the-really-big-one

In the article Ms Schultz points out that the odds of a big earthquake (magnitude 8.0 to 8.6) happening in the Pacific Northwest in the next fifty years are roughly one in three; The odds of a really big earthquake (magnitude 8.7 to 9.2) are 1 in 10. By comparison, the 2005 earthquake in Japan was magnitude 9.0. Scientists have verified 41 subduction zone earthquakes in the past 10,000 years. On average, they have occurred every 243 years. The last one to affect Portland was in 1700—315 years ago.

Reading Ms Schulz’s description of what happens next should motivate all of us to take action. In a 9.0 earthquake, estimates are that a million buildings may collapse or be compromised, including 3000 schools, one third of all fire stations, half of all police stations, two-thirds of all hospitals, and 15 of the 17 bridges across Portland’s rivers.

It is more important than ever for all of us to know:

- What to expect during and after a Cascadia earthquake
- How to prepare to quickly locate your loved ones following a disaster
- How much food, water, and supplies you will need to take care of yourself and others

The series of forums will also explore options for “Mapping Your Neighborhood” and other strategies to support networking, so that we can

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[GrantParkNeighborhood](https://www.facebook.com/GrantParkNeighborhood);
Tweet us at [@GPNAPortland](https://twitter.com/GPNAPortland)
Join our discussion group at: groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/gpna-forum

GPNA MEETINGS

Meetings are held quarterly on the third Tuesday of the month. Our annual meeting, when elections are held is in April. Special meetings, when needed, may be scheduled at any time. Meetings are open.

Grant Park Neighborhood Association is open to ALL persons living or working within its boundaries. If you need special accommodations, please contact a Board member.

NEXT MEETING & AGENDA

Special Meeting Nov 29, 2016
Board Meeting Jan 17, 2017
Board Meeting Mar 21, 2017
Annual Meeting Apr 18, 2017 Board Meeting Jun 20, 2017
Board Meeting Sept 19, 2017
Regular Meeting Nov 21, 2017

To check the meeting schedule and agenda, or to suggest an agenda topic, please go to: grantpark-na.org/thehood/meetings.html

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Connect to Kindergarten

Beverly Cleary Hollyrood invites interested parents to, **Connect to Kindergarten**, to kick off the 2017-2018 school year registration; Thursday, February 16th, 9:00-10:00 am or 6:30-7:30 pm. Please join us at either time, *(no need to call ahead)*.

There will be an opportunity to meet the Principal, the Assistant Principal and to learn about our Kindergarten program. Registration packets will be available to take home to return by March 24th.

Due to lack of space, this is a parents only event.

To register your child you will need:

1. Proof of Address.
2. Your child's birth certificate.
3. Proof of immunization.
4. Emergency contact names & phone numbers.

Beverly Cleary Hollyrood campus is located at: 3560 NE Hollyrood Court. Contact Karen Calabrese with questions, 503-916-6766.

School is in Session Again

Remember that our neighborhood schools are now in session, so be careful and watch out for kids.

Grant High School | 2245 NE 36th
8am - 3pm | Lunch 11:37am - 12:19pm (open campus)

Beverly Cleary Schools:
Fernwood Site | 1915 NE 33rd
8:30am - 3pm | Lunch (closed campus)

Hollyrood Site | 3560 NE Hollyrood Ct.
8:30am - 2:45pm | Lunch (closed campus)

Portland International Community School
(PICS) | 2728 NE 34th
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NE Village PDX in Grant Park

Grant Park seniors who love their neighborhood and want to age in their own homes will want to check out NE Village PDX. This "virtual village" is now offering memberships to seniors in a number of northeast Portland neighborhoods. It's one of several in the greater Portland and Vancouver area.



These grass roots, nonprofit organizations use trained, background-checked volunteers to provide services that can help keep members in their homes as long, happily, and inexpensively as possible. Villages also offer a rich menu of social, wellness and educational activities and lists of vetted and/or recommended professionals – plumbers, electricians, roofers and more – who can be hired for major projects beyond the expertise of volunteers.

How does the village work? Members join at either the full service or associate level. Full service members have access to the full range of programs, volunteer services and vendor recommendations. Associate members also have access to the activities and programs plus the vendor lists, but more limited access to volunteer services. At both levels, members may also choose to volunteer.

To receive a service, the member simply makes a call to the Northeast Village PDX office to request such things as transportation to a medical appointment, help with light housekeeping or yard work, walking a dog, or assistance with paperwork or record-keeping. Using a database, the office volunteer then matches a service volunteer with the member's request, and the service is confirmed.

Northeast Village PDX supports seniors staying home, staying active, and staying connected. Find out more at www.nevillagepdx.org. E-mail : nevillagepdx@gmail.com, phone 503-895-2750.

The village office at 5012 NE 42nd Ave. in Cully is open Mon – Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Stop in and learn how one call does it all.

Newsletter Delivery Routes open

This newsletter is a vital part of our neighborhood communication and people tell us they like getting it.

It is distributed four times a year, thanks to our group of dedicated volunteers who tell us that it is wonderful to meet and greet their neighbors. Delivering the newsletter gives you the chance to get out, see the neighborhood and meet some of your neighbors. This is your chance to give back to the neighborhood in a fun, social way. Plus you will get all the neighborhood news before anybody else!

Newsletter will be dropped at your house and most routes are usually a couple of blocks that take about 20-30 minutes. If you are able to help, please email Marianne Lynde at marianuelynde@msn.com.

MAX Station Update

Adding a MAX station between Hollywood and Lloyd Center/NE 11th appears to be a popular idea. GPNA has worked together with the Sullivan's Gulch neighborhood to explore adding a station at or near the NE 28th Avenue overpass of I-84.

The location at 28th has been confirmed as feasible, if a bit challenging. MAX engineers state that it appears to be the only viable location near Grant Park.

A new station at this location would be about midway between the Hollywood Transit Center at 42nd Avenue and the Lloyd Center stations, and also close to both Sandy Boulevard and Broadway.

Recent development at Grant Park Village (soon to be about 600 apartments, with the completion of Phase 2) and additional anticipated large-scale development in the vicinity also make 28th an attractive location, and one that could help alleviate increased vehicular traffic resulting from new residential construction.

However, competition for new MAX construction is fairly intense, and a new station at 28th won't magically appear overnight. GPNA will continue to collaborate with Sullivan's Gulch, other adjacent neighborhoods, and neighborhood coalitions to lobby for inclusion of a station here as part of any future MAX expansion plans.

Adopt a storm drain

The rainy season has begun, which means it's time to watch out for clogged storm drains. They help drain storm water quickly and efficiently and keep our streets safe. When drains get clogged with leaves and other debris, it can sometimes lead to deep water in our streets and at our intersections, making it harder to drive, walk, bike and roll around town.

Portland Bureau of Transportation crews work hard to keep the drains clear. But we have over 58,000 drains and they can't get to all of them quickly.

But we can all keep the storm drains in our own neighborhood clear and our streets safer. When clearing a storm drain, keep these tips in mind:

- Clear your drains before it starts raining.
- Clear about 10 feet on both sides of the drain.
- Remember to clear from the sidewalk, not the street.
- Wear reflective clothing so vehicles can see you.
- Wear gloves and be careful of sharp objects!
- Use a rake, shovel, or broom - not your hands.
- Watch out for traffic!
- Be careful of standing water to avoid slipping or stepping on sharp objects.
- If children are helping, they should be supervised
- Don't try to lift the very heavy storm drain grates.
- Clear surface debris only. Let City crews handle garbage or any hazards in the catch basin.

If the drain is still clogged after you've removed the surface debris, please call City Maintenance Dispatchers at 503-823-1700 or email pdxroads@portlandoregon.gov to report the location.

Thank you for helping keep our streets safe!

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Grant Park Dog Off Leash Conundrum Continues

Ken Peterson, Land Use Chair

For more than two years, GPNA has tried to improve the “dog off leash area” or DOLA (using Portland Parks’ terminology) at Grant Park. Most park users agree that the current system of two unfenced, seasonally shifting open spaces is problematic. There are frequent territorial conflicts between dogs and organized sports field users. Some dog owners allow their pets to roam freely throughout much of both areas, regardless of season, as well as the rest of the park, putting dogs, pedestrians, bicyclists, and small children at risk.

These issues will become more acute with planned sports field expansion within one of the current unfenced areas as part of the Grant High School modernization process. The soccer field area is currently slated to expand to include a softball diamond, which will of necessity require an open field area for play.

Reaching a consensus about how to address these problems has been challenging. A community meeting held by Parks on October 1, 2015, offered three possible location options:

One, called **Option A**, would place a fenced DOLA immediately adjacent to homes, creating significant noise intrusion and livability issues for homeowners.

Another, **Option B**, which is next to the soccer field, might be too close to current sports fields and those planned for the future.

Last, **Option C**, would be in a new location abutting 36th Avenue, which has not been fully explored. Parks recently unilaterally eliminated Option A, one of the two seasonally shifting locations, from current use leaving only unfenced Option B with its inherent sports field conflicts as the year round DOLA.

At its November 2016 meeting GPNA formed a new subcommittee to focus on developing a plan of action. Given the expansion plans for Grant High, finding a permanent, defined home for dogs within the park has new urgency. Future issues of the newsletter will include updates as the work of the subcommittee progresses.

Tree Renewal Time in Grant Park!

Liz Hay, Grant Park Tree Inventory Coordinator

Urban Forestry’s Street Tree Inventory of Grant Park was conducted this summer and the data is in. The Inventory helps identify the needs and vulnerabilities of our street tree population, and it contains data about our current mix of trees. Tree type diversity is important in providing safeguards against pests, pathogens and the effects of a changing climate.

Maple, plum and cherry trees are over represented, accounting for 50% of the tree resource. Also, 98% of trees are broadleaf, deciduous trees, indicating a need to plant more evergreens for year-round benefits and to create resilience. Only 17% of Grant Park’s street trees are large form varieties that create the beautiful tree canopies we all enjoy. If the identified 151 large available spaces were planted with appropriate sized trees, our neighborhood can continue to have this valued canopy.

Many resources are available for assessing areas and choosing the types of trees for your planting strip. Friends of Trees (FOT) will be planting trees on 3/4/17 and offer street trees for \$35 (planted & staked). Some native trees are free. Other programs like the City’s TreeBate offer rebate money up to 50% if you choose to plant your own tree. Maintenance programs can also be found at FOT and through Urban Forestry.

Urban Forestry will host a workshop on 1/14/17 on “Selecting Diverse Tree Species.” There will be a FOT representative at the workshop to answer any questions. Sign up with FOT by 1/30/17 to have your planting areas inspected and then place your order by 2/13/17 after choosing your tree(s).

Many activities are available if you would like to help Grant Park keep, and even build, its tree filled streets. As the GP Inventory coordinator, I will be happy to let you know the workshop time, etc. as well as provide you with information. Trees are legacies that we leave to future residents, as well as ways we can clean our air and cool our planet.

Email Liz at lizhay59@gmail.com or call 602.527.4946. For the Friends of Trees: www.friendsoftrees.org. For TreeBates: www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/51399. Urban Forestry: www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/64539

911 - Things to know

If you call 911 from your cell phone don't hang up! Assume that the call taker doesn't know your location. If you don't know where you are when you call 911, look for landmarks, large buildings, street signs, or anything that may contain address information.

Text-to-911 is also available for those who may not be able to speak, as well as those who have hearing issues, or other speech limitations. Remember that location accuracy for Text-to-911 can be worse than for voice to 911 from cell phones.

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Move to CNN Completed

Recent issues of the newsletter chronicled GPNA's transition from the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN) to the Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN) coalition. That move became final in October with final approval by Portland's Office of Neighborhood Involvement. CNN also includes Beaumont-Wilshire, Cully, Hollywood, Madison South, Rose City Park, Roseway, and Sumner neighborhoods.

Board members Ron Laster and Ken Peterson currently represent GPNA's interests at CNN. GPNA will also continue to work closely on issues of mutual concern with Sullivan's Gulch and Irvington, adjacent neighborhoods that remain members of NECN.

New Talent in Town

Stacey Tipp, Member at Large

Grant Park Church is a longtime friend of the community, offering its welcoming spaces to host many diverse events and gatherings. Grant Park Neighborhood Association, in particular, benefits from this wide civic embrace, holding virtually all official GPNA meetings at the church.

In early October, the church gained a new permanent pastor with the appointment of Jeremy Richards. He and Brie, his wife of five years, are "Portland-ready" neighbors, both having graduated from nearby Concordia University. Jeremy also recently earned his degree from Duke Divinity School in Durham, North Carolina. Before arriving at Grant Park Church, Jeremy served as a student chaplain, a leader in training intern, a chaplain for a transitional housing development, as a pastoral intern at a rural Methodist church, and he helped start two Baptist churches.

After braving the heat and humidity of the south, the Richards look forward to the more temperate climate of Portland. They love the outdoors, board games (especially Cribbage), good food and drinks, and their dog Winfield.

The Richards are excited to join the extended Grant Park family and embrace its commitment to a green environment, to community and the greater city of Portland, and to welcoming all.

Grant Renovation Plans Presented at GPNA November Meeting

Grant High School is one of three Portland Public Schools (PPS) high schools being modernized as part of an 8-year \$482 million school building improvement bond. Grant High School's modernization will completely reconfigure and update learning spaces with a focus on indoor environmental quality, sustainability and historic preservation.

On Tuesday, November 15, GPNA hosted a presentation by PPS and Mahlum Architects, their design firm, concerning the final Grant modernization plans. Over 30 community members attended.

JoAnn Wilcox from Mahlum gave the presentation. Also in attendance were Alyssa Leeviraphan and Christopher Brown with Mahlum Architects; and Michelle Chariton and Jamie Hurd who work for the PPS Office of School Modernization.

Some highlights from the presentation included renderings of some of the projected new spaces:

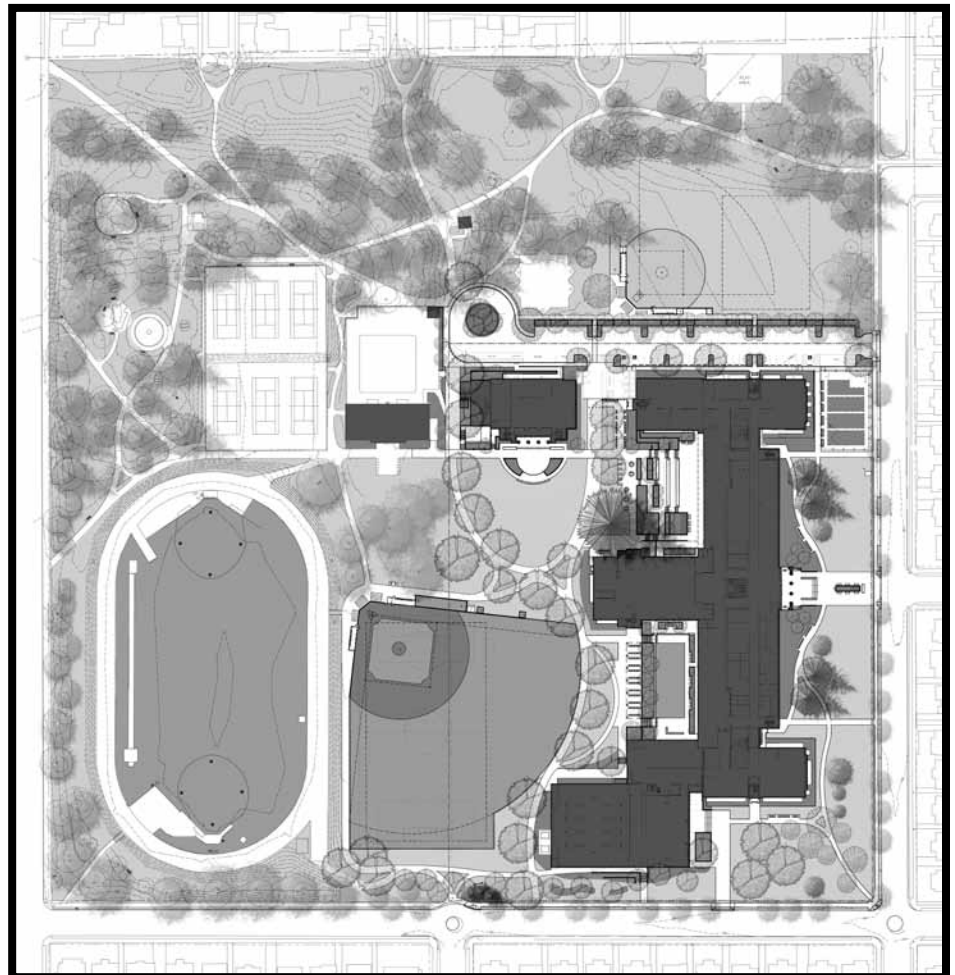
- A welcoming two-story common area that provides a student eatery and a community gathering space will be added at the back of the school, connecting all floors
- New spaces will be added for career and project-based learning, and will allow student to dream, design, and create
- There will be a new athletic building featuring a gym that accommodates up to 1700 students for assemblies, an auxiliary gym and weight room• The old gym will be restored and is planned as a maker space
- There will be a new library and media center
- Outdoor learning spaces and courtyards will be added on the back of the school
- A student-based health center and teen parent clinic are planned
- The front of the school will stay essentially the same but with accessibility ramps added
- Solar panels are planned

The planning for the modernization of Grant has included an extensive engagement process with numerous meetings involving school staff, students, alumni and community members.

Construction is scheduled to begin in summer 2017 at the end of the current school year, and last two years. During construction, Grant students will attend school at the Marshall High School campus, 3905 SE 91st Ave. Students are scheduled to returned to Grant in the fall of 2019.

Get the Latest Updates

There are many ways you can stay on top of this project as it progresses, and keep in touch with Grant. Sign up for project email updates at GHSMOD@pps.net. Check out the Grant Modernization website at GrantBond.pps.net. Or follow the school itself at www.pps.net/schools/grant/ and www.facebook.com/PPSGrantHighSchool



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Disaster Preparedness Forums

check on each other and cooperate during the recovery period, when utilities and services will not be readily available.

The first forum on January 10 will feature Steve Eberlein from the Red Cross, who has held these information sessions throughout the state. Resource guides and other hand-outs will be available at this meeting. Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) members from Irvington and Hollywood/Rose Park neighborhoods will also attend.

Several other neighborhood associations have held similar forums, including Willamette Heights, Cully, and Sunnyside which have been very well-attended. Hundreds of Portland residents have attended meetings or outreach events over the past year as we all work toward being prepared.

Please join us for these important forums, which will be held at Grant Park Church, 2728 NE 34th Ave, Portland, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. If you need more incentive, we will be giving away door prizes, and all attendees will receive a sample emergency meal, generously donated by Mountain House.

- Tuesday, January 10, 2017 - Disaster Preparedness
- Wednesday, February 8, 2017 - Neighborhood Emergency Teams (NETs)
- Wednesday, March 8, 2017 - Portland Bureau of Emergency Management

For more information:

American Red Cross Prepare Out Loud ([includes links to preparedness resources](#)): www.redcross.org/news/event/local/or/Prepare-Out-Loud

You can find information on Neighborhood Emergency Teams (NETs) at portlandprepares.org

“Grant Park Prepared” Committee members:

- Jane Comeault – Chair
- Ron Laster
- John Prell
- Earnest Smith
- Linda Reisser

Contact the committee at GrantPark@necoalition.org

Hollywood-Grant Park Sewer

Night Work is continuing on the Hollywood-Grant Park Sewer and Stormwater Project.

Noise Variance

The Portland Noise Control Office has granted Environmental Services a noise variance for overnight construction on this project. Night work hours vary by location. If you have questions or concerns you can call the City's on-site hotline at 503-823-8336. Environmental Services will forward any noise-related comments to the Noise Office. You can also contact the Portland Noise Control Office at 503-823-7350 or noise@portlandoregon.gov.

Developments of Note

The night work on NE Halsey is nearly complete. The final remaining task is permanent trench paving, which will also be done at night. However, this work is weather dependent and is unpredictable. The work is tentatively planned for the week of December 5th, but if there is an earlier window, it will be completed sooner. The homes near the work area will receive a door notice before the work begins.

Construction Schedule

Schedule maps are at www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/article/552546. Areas on the map, marked in gray, are currently not on the schedule or are not completed. The construction schedules are subject to change due to underground conditions, weather, traffic impacts, subcontractor schedules and availability of materials.

For More Information

The project is at www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/hgp for more information. With questions or comments, please contact Joe Annett at 503-823-2934 or joseph.annett@portlandoregon.gov.

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**American
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The first forum will feature Steve Eberlein from the **American Red Cross Cascades Region**, urging us to “Rise to the Challenge of a Cascadia Earthquake.”

Learn more about:

- What to expect during and after a Cascadia earthquake
- How to create a plan for communicating with and finding your loved ones following a disaster
- How much food, water, and supplies you will need

FORUM NUMBER ONE:
Tuesday, January 10, 2017 • 7 pm – 9 pm
Grant Park Church, 2728 NE 34th Ave.

FORUM NUMBER TWO on February 8th will focus on Neighborhood Level preparedness with Neighborhood Emergency Teams

FORUM NUMBER THREE on March 8th will feature the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management and Portland Fire Bureau

Sample emergency meals donated by Mountain House and door prizes donated by Grant Park Neighborhood Association