

## Grant Neighborhood Association

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## You are invited to our NEIGHBORHOOD ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, May 7, 7:00 p.m.

Grant Community School  
Cafeteria  
725 Market St NE

### AGENDA

Welcome/Introduction of Board Members

Great Story from Grant Neighborhood

Police Report

Update from Ward 1 City Councilor, Chuck Bennett

Discussion of a Grant Historic District

Salem Cinema on Broadway, Loretta Miles, Owner

Beautification Awards

Election of Board Members for 2009-10

Neighborhood Questions or Concerns

Adjourn and Refreshments

## GRANT IS A GREAT AND GRAND NEIGHBORHOOD!

*Views expressed are those of the authors.*

If you are reading this newsletter that means you live or own property in the Grant Neighborhood, and you are part of one of the most active and enthusiastic neighborhoods around! There was a time when this district just north of downtown was struggling . . . but, thanks to some old-timers who never left and a lot of newcomers who believe in the vision, Grant is becoming one of the most sought-after neighborhoods in Salem-Keizer.

We can remember writing this Chair's Message and asking everyone to "imagine the new development on Broadway". Well, we don't have to imagine anymore—two major developments are up, and a third just broke ground last month. The YWCA building (plus affordable apartments) was followed by Broadway Town Square, which just recently hoisted a wonderful art-deco *BROADWAY* marquis on the theater building. An historically consistent office building adorns Market Street, and Craftsman-style townhomes are going up to the west. We salute Telos Development and its many partners for bringing us these.

At Gaines and Market, Salem Alliance Church recently broke ground on a facility that will sport offices, a restaurant, and a coffee shop with an outdoor plaza. In keeping with a neighborhood-wide survey conducted last summer, the facility also will be home to a free medical clinic to serve the many kids, families, and folks who need basic screenings and referrals. This is representative of our neighborhood; we want to improve economically and aesthetically, yet not ignore the needs of our neighbors, many of whom have lived here a long time.

In addition to Broadway, there is new construction and home remodeling happening all over the neighborhood. There is a new, but architecturally compatible, home rising from a vacant lot near Grant Park and a new office building rising from the shell of an abandoned house on Capitol Street. A new eye clinic is planned for Capitol Street, and new Craftsman-style townhomes planned for Fourth Street. Take a look around—there are probably improvements happening on your street, too, especially among the older historic homes that are being restored to their former glory. Some of our neighbors are working on creating an Historic District (see related article).

In Grant Neighborhood, we are big on "buying local". We have solid businesses that we can patronize within walking distance. Car repair, dry cleaning, printing, antiques, medical supplies, clocks, furniture, a veterinarian, and gasoline are all within our boundaries. There are a great variety of restaurants, including The Willamette Noodle Company, JR's Taqueria, Cuatro Caminos, Muchas Gracias, and, just across the border in CAN-DO, Boon's Treasury pub. More businesses, restaurants and eating spots are coming, too!

But the best part about Grant Neighborhood is the people: The neighbors, the teachers and kids at Grant Community School, the grandmas and grandpas and new babies, the young couples and the empty nesters. We invite you to get involved. Not just with Grant Neighborhood Association, but with Grant School, the North Neighborhoods Community Progress Team, the Historic District, Grant Park, and many other neighbor-led initiatives. It's grand to live, shop, and dine in our great Grant Neighborhood!

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## NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

By Jeanne Boatwright

All of that snow in December, January, and, oh yes, in February too, was so lovely, but as we slide into the warmth of spring and witness the rebirth of all of our beautiful bulbs and buds, we are reminded of just how wonderful our old neighborhood is. Just as our gardens need gentle stewardship, so do our structures. Each year the Grant Neighborhood Association awards certificates of appreciation to deserving property owners who have either rejuvenated a property or have been the constant guardian of a fine old home or business. This year's awards will be proudly presented to:

YWCA & Broadway Partners Ltd Partnership  
1211 Broadway

James & Hope Tacchini  
835 Belmont

Kenneth & Adrienne Sexton  
860 E Street

Hung Tran  
Hoa Huynh  
345-351 Norway

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## NEIGHBORHOOD LITTER PICK-UPS

By Jay Howe

Every six weeks, the Grant Neighborhood Association sponsors a litter pick-up in our area. We meet on the east side of Grant School near the intersection of Market and Winter Streets. The pick-ups are always on Saturday morning beginning at 9:00 a.m. You can help for as long as you want—30 minutes, an hour, or all morning. The upcoming dates for this year's pick-ups are as follows:

May 9  
June 20  
August 1  
September 12  
October 24  
December 5

Please mark your calendars and come join us. Call Jay Howe at 503-588-7032 if you have questions.



## ALWAYS EXPECT A TRAIN!

Oregon Operation Lifesaver

[www.oregonol.org](http://www.oregonol.org)

Research tells us that many people do not realize that railroad tracks are private property, and that trespassing on them is both dangerous and illegal. This unawareness, or indifference, can lead to tragedy.

Each year more than 450 people are seriously injured and nearly 500 are killed in the U.S. as a result of activities on or near tracks or railroad equipment, in rail yards or tunnels, or on trestles and bridges.

- Fact No. 1: You cannot accurately judge the distance and speed of an oncoming train.
- Fact No. 2: A train can appear on any track at any time. Quieter technology makes it more likely that you might not hear the approach of a train.
- Fact No. 3: Railroad tracks, bridges, trestles, tunnels, and yards are private property. It is not only dangerous to be there, it is against the law.
- Fact No. 4: Playing on top of railcars or climbing between them is a deadly game. People can be crushed, or limbs severed in seconds.
- Fact No. 5: Items of any size thrown at a train or placed on the tracks can ricochet and injure bystanders or train crews.



Stay Off. Stay Away. Stay Alive.

## YOU CAN HELP!

Participate in the Grant Neighborhood Association: Be a Board Member or Serve on a Committee

One good way to participate in the decision-making process of your city's government, or to meet and work with neighbors and make the neighborhood a real "community", is to get involved in your Neighborhood Association. Fill out this form and mail it today!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: **Grant Neighborhood Association**  
**555 Liberty Street SE, Rm 300, Salem OR 97301**

Interested in:

- Neighborhood Executive Board
- Historic District
- Land Use Planning
- Neighborhood Watch
- Parks and Recreation
- Traffic/Transportation Issues
- Watershed Council

## SUMMER STREET TRAFFIC TASK FORCE

By Jean Palmateer

Grant Neighborhood Association formed the Summer Street Task Force in order to work with the City of Salem on developing short-, mid-, and long-range plans appropriate for the preservation of livability and the promotion of safety along Summer Street. The Task Force will work with the City to: identify ways to calm Summer Street traffic, improve pedestrian safety, reduce crashes, reduce traffic noise and emissions, preserve on-street parking, preserve the historic "front-door" to the state's capital, preserve property values, and instill pride in the neighborhood.

The immediate concern of the Task Force is pedestrian safety on Summer Street near Grant School, the Boys and Girls Club, and the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. The Task Force is preparing a request to the City for traffic calming measures, including crosswalk curb bump-outs at the intersections of Summer and Hood, and Summer and Gaines Streets. Other measures may include: school zone designation, marked crosswalks, and slower speeds. Please note that these are only ideas at this time. In the long term, the Task Force will work with the City to update the adopted Salem Transportation Plan as it relates to Summer Street and other Grant Neighborhood streets. The Task Force will report to the Neighborhood Association at regular intervals. For more information or to offer suggestions, please contact one of the Grant Neighborhood Association Chairs, or attend a monthly Neighborhood Association meeting.

## HISTORIC DISTRICT

By Lola Hackett

One of the goals that the Grant Neighborhood has identified for 2009 is to initiate the application for a Historic Neighborhood designation. Following the enthusiastic turn-out at several preliminary meetings in 2008, about a dozen neighbors have formed a core team to facilitate the Historic Neighborhood application process.

Completion of the entire application may take several years. The first step is to conduct a professional survey to identify which areas within the neighborhood meet the Historic Neighborhood criteria. While awaiting the survey, the core team is developing educational materials to share with neighbors to assure that all the owners within the identified area understand the meaning of Historic Neighborhood, with the benefits and challenges. When there is consensus, the final area is defined and the formal assessment begins. During the formal assessment, research is done to obtain as much information as possible about the history of each building in the defined area. Throughout the entire application process, there are ways that the owners and residents may participate as much as they are interested. This is an exciting experience and can be a source of pride when neighbors join together to learn about the people who built their community, and those who live and work here now.

On January 22, representatives of the Grant Neighborhood made a formal request to the Historic Landmarks Commission for a grant to fund the initial survey to identify the potential contributing area within the Grant Neighborhood. News regarding the status of the application process is shared at the monthly Neighborhood Association meetings.

