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The Grant Neighborhood Association Newsletter is the official publication of the Grant Neighborhood Association. The purpose of the newsletter is to involve citizens in local government planning and decision-making that affects the development of their neighborhood. Other purposes of the newsletter are to communicate information about the neighborhood and to invite participation from all residents, businesses, and property owners. It is published annually. For more information, call 503-588-6207.

## You are invited to our NEIGHBORHOOD ANNUAL MEETING

**Thursday, May 5, 6:30 p.m.**

**Grant Community School Cafeteria  
725 Market St NE**

### AGENDA

- ◆ **DINNER POTLUCK**
- ◆ **Welcome/Introduction of Board Members**
- ◆ **Reports from Police and City Councilor**
- ◆ **Mayor Anna Peterson**
- ◆ **North Broadway/High Street Parking Management Plan—Kim Moreland, City of Salem; Naomi Zwerdingly, ODOT**
- ◆ **Neighborhood Updates**
- ◆ **Beautification Awards**
- ◆ **Election of Board Members for 2011-12**
- ◆ **Neighborhood Questions or Concerns**
- ◆ **Raffle**

## COME BE A WINNER!

The Grant Neighborhood Board will be holding a raffle drawing at the May 5<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. You could be the lucky neighbor if you attend and register for the gift package. The prizes will include hanging baskets and discount cards.

**Winner must be present to win.**

1976 - 2011

## 35 YEARS OF GRANT NEIGHBORHOOD

**Sam Skillern and Eric Bradfield**

In 1976, Grant was one of the first Neighborhood Associations to be recognized by the City of Salem. Spanning the past four decades, many dedicated residents have supported our community by serving on the board or actively participating in neighborhood activities. They have faithfully met each month to do the Neighborhood's "business," such as: 1) listening to comments or concerns from neighbors and working to find solutions, which may include connecting neighbors with neighborhood or city services; 2) assisting the City with dispensing information about new programs, new construction, or changes in codes and requirements; 3) advising the City on how our neighbors feel about proposed projects and programs and having a voice in the eventual structure of these proposals; 4) commenting on and influencing land use decisions in our neighborhood that may go against our neighborhood goals; 5) working with law enforcement and code enforcement personnel to keep us all safe; and, 6) supporting programs and activities at our local schools, especially the school in the center of our neighborhood association – Grant Community School.

Part of that "business," over the past few years, has been to explore the potential for a Grant Neighborhood Historic District. It is thought that with the establishment of a recognized district, the distinctive and solid single family housing that is the core of our small neighborhood can be preserved. Not just preserved in that the house is still here, but preserved so that the style and grace that was originally included in its construction, some 70 to 100-plus years ago, is still present in its facade and, hopefully, in its interior, too. The care and craftsmanship that went into the building of our homes is a gift that we can treasure and then pass on to future generations. It is the ultimate in "green" building.

Along with the work on the Historic District, we have seen a renaissance on Broadway. The "streetcar village" that was centered about Broadway and Market in the "old" days continues to

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revitalize with the completion of the Broadway Commons building between Gaines and Hood streets. We are grateful to Salem Alliance Church for working with Grant Neighborhood to envision, build and operate this gem of a facility. For years we desired a coffee shop in the neighborhood; now we have one, and what a coffee shop! The building is also home to the Salem Free Medical Clinic, Salem Pastoral Counseling, and the Life Center. A number of important family services are available through the Life Center, including parenting classes, nutrition classes, and English classes. This is just the beginning. To learn more, contact Stephen Custer at the Life Center, at [scuster@salemalliance.org](mailto:scuster@salemalliance.org) or 503-581-2129.

In Grant Neighborhood we are big on "buying local." We enjoy having so many businesses in close proximity, allowing us to leave the car at home and walk or bike to our errands and amusements. The Salem Saturday Market, at Union and Winter, brings fresh produce, handmade goods, and flowers to us every Saturday from April to October. The many restaurants in and near our neighborhood (Boon's Treasury Pub, Christo's Italian, Cuatro Caminos Mexican, Jr's Taqueria, Maynard's Bakery & Café, Subway and Willamette Burger Co.) give us many flavors to choose from. We also have a wonderful source for film entertainment at Broadway Cinema, where a wide range of films can be seen from dramas, to comedies, short film series, and thought provoking documentaries. As an additional benefit, we have music at two venues on a weekly basis – Christo's on Wednesday-night and Maynard's on Sunday morning. We encourage you to walk through the neighborhood and promise that you will find something new to love!

We have grown, and we have changed, and we have stayed the same. We have managed to keep our history while embracing new ventures in a way that keeps us vibrant. What has kept us so balanced? We believe it is the quality of our neighbors. Not just those who have chosen to take an active role in the Neighborhood Association, but also those who quietly keep our neighborhood friendly, safe, and welcoming to all.

Please join us at any of our regular meetings on the first Thursday of the month at 6:15 pm at Grant Community School (Library). For more information please log onto [www.grantneighborhood.org](http://www.grantneighborhood.org).

To find Grant Neighborhood on Facebook go to Facebook.com, search for "Grant Neighborhood Association" and click the "Like" button next to the "Grant Neighborhood Association" title.

## SALEM: 1976 Virginia Green

Grant Neighborhood Association, 35 years old in 2011, was established in 1976 as part of a citywide project to give municipal attention to special concerns within small communities. The process to organize all the neighborhoods continues as the city grows.

1976 was a year that the world witnessed the death of Chairman Mao in China, Irish Republican bombs exploding in London, "Legionnaires' Disease" in Philadelphia, Detroit rolling out the "last" new convertibles and the new Apple Company promising personal computers. But of greatest importance to Americans was our national celebration: the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the election of a new president, Jimmy Carter of Georgia.

Salem had events to celebrate as well: electric wiring went underground downtown and the Reed Opera House, vacant after years as a department store, was renovated into an attractive indoor shopping mall. A few blocks away, pedestrians were treated to the sight of workmen scaling the Methodist Church steeple (our highest building) to make repairs. At the Capitol building, wings were added to the original 1937 building. For residents with a desire to see all these improvements from aloft, the Goodyear blimp offered several occasions for leisurely flights above Salem.

For more information (and photographs), check out these and other 1976 events on the SHINE website at <http://salem-heritage-network.blogspot.com/2010/07/salem-in-1976.html>.

## NEIGHBORHOOD LITTER PICK-UPS

*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 am. 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 in the box below. Please mark your calendars and come join us. Call Jay Howe at 503-588-7032 if you have questions.

### Grant Neighborhood Litter Pick-Ups 2011-12

- ◆ May 14     ◆ September 17     ◆ January 21, 2012
- ◆ June 25     ◆ October 29     ◆ March 3, 2012
- ◆ August 6     ◆ December 10     ◆ April 14, 2012

# HISTORIC MATTERS

*Lola Hackett*

The Grant Neighborhood has spent some positive energy towards obtaining historic designation in the past year. During the spring and summer months, your neighbors, Thomas Nash Green, Jr, Christopher Hackett and Lola Hackett, teamed up and walked through the Grant Neighborhood; photographing every structure in the Neighborhood. The photographs were forwarded to Cara Kaser-Bradfield in the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) as part of the historic designation application process.

While research begins at SHPO to identify the contributing structures, that is, ones that still represent the original buildings without significant changes, a group of Grant neighbors had an opportunity in January to conduct some of our own research. The Marion County Historical Society, which is part of the new Willamette Heritage Center at the Mill, opened its doors to Grant neighbors for a morning and allowed interested individuals to review their documents, maps and directories to learn more about their homes. Participants learned about previous occupants of their homes and their professions, found original footprints of their houses on the Sanford Insurance maps, and located news articles about related events and activities.

While involved in researching our homes, we were introduced to a weekend walking tour event, "If This House Could Talk," that has taken place for two years now in October in the Cambridgeport Neighborhood of Cambridge, Massachusetts. The residents and business owners are encouraged to post house-shaped signs on which they provide a brief description of something interesting about the building—past or recent history of the building, or, its previous or current occupants. The event has become so popular that they have already appointed the committee to organize the project for 2011, and are expanding to include some special topics. Are you interested in helping to develop such an event for the Grant Neighborhood? If so, please contact Lola Hackett at [lolahackett@yahoo.com](mailto:lolahackett@yahoo.com) or (503) 566-3697.

## BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

**Jeanne Boatwright**

It has been exciting to watch Grant Neighborhood continue to flourish over the past 35 years of our Association's existence. The top goal of the Neighborhood Association has been to preserve our single family housing. Two of our other goals are to support the North Downtown Plan (Broadway and environs) and to support local businesses. This year Grant Neighborhood Association is honoring the owners of six homes and one commercial building, all of whom have helped us achieve those goals. We are delighted to recognize their accomplishments. We call on all of our neighbors to keep Grant a thriving, safe, and friendly neighborhood that all of us can enjoy. Special congratulations to:

650 E St  
Aracely Navarrette

Broadway Commons  
1390 Broadway  
Salem Alliance Church

965 5th St  
Jeff & Jennifer Roth

918 5th St  
Steven & Timmie Brandt

1311 4th St  
James & Eileen Tepper

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The Grant Executive Board meets the first Thursday, 6:15 p.m. at Grant Community School, 725 Market St NE.  
The Annual Meeting, where officers are elected, is traditionally held in the spring. These meetings are open. The public is invited.  
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