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Agreement Reached for Improvements and Community Access

Access for Grant Bowl, Track, and Sports Fields in place

After consultation with neighbors, sports participants, and the Grant High School community, Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) and Portland Public Schools (PPS) staff have reached an agreement around the Grant Bowl, track, and sports fields. The PPS Board will vote whether to approve the agreement on February 20.

The Grant Bowl was installed in September 2013 with an eight-to-10-year expected lifespan. Between permitted play by community groups and by Grant HS athletics, usage has been particularly heavy.

PP&R provided a permit to PPS last fall at the school district's request, to begin a project to replace the Grant Bowl turf. This work is underway.

Vibrant Communities Commissioner Dan Ryan facilitated a successful meeting on October 16, 2023, with representatives from Grant High School, the Grant neighborhood community, Portland Public Schools, and



Grant Park. Photo courtesy of portland.gov

PP&R leadership. An agreement has been reached: PPS will lease the Grant Bowl, track, and upper sports fields from PP&R and PPS will be responsible for the renovation, upkeep, and maintenance of Grant Bowl, track, and the upper sports fields.

"This is a win for the neighborhood, Grant High School community and for community sports users. PPS and PP&R teams have developed an agreement to better serve everyone in our community," said Commissioner Ryan.

Grant High School students and its feeder schools will be able to use the track and fields, while preserving public access and other community use by community sports organizations for all the facilities.

The permitting of Grant upper and lower fields will now be done exclusively by PPS for consistency and clarity, but 1,200 hours of non-district hours will be made available to the public, and the track will generally be open to the public as it has been for many years.

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Experiences of Black Men in the Community

Panel Discussion For Black History Month

In honor of Black History Month, Clackamas Community College's Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is hosting a panel discussion: "Truths & Transitions: Living His-Story, as Experienced by Black Men."

The college invites both in-person and online attendees to listen, learn and connect with the stories that shape the experiences of Black men in the community. The panel discussion will be Tuesday, Feb. 27, 10-11:30 a.m., in the community room in Roger Rook Hall on the Oregon City campus. There is also a virtual option at <https://www.youtube.com/@ClackamasCommCollege/streams>.

The panel discussion will be facilitated by Tory Blackwell, who is a CCC full-time faculty member and currently chairs the science department. He is also active in the Oregon City community as a volunteer and organizer for community events.

Panelists include:

- James Graham, Oregon City economic development manager
- Jordan Gulley, CCC wildland fire science faculty
- Aaron Henry, Veterans Rehousing case manager
- Kelly Montgomery, CCC director of custodial, mailroom and duplication services
- Taylor Steward, Oregon Remembrance Project executive director

To register to attend the event in person or to learn more about the



James Graham, Oregon City Economic Development Manager

panelists, visit <https://truths-transition-living-his-story-as-experienced-by-black-men.eventbrite.com>. For questions, contact the DEI Office at 503-594-3022 or email diversity@clackamas.edu.

Clackamas Community College is located at 19600 Molalla Ave., Oregon City, 97045. Parking at Clackamas Community College is free. The most convenient lot to park in for this event is the Orange Lot.