

Portland Street Playground “Community Build”—June 6-8, 2014

INFORMATION FOR VOLUNTEERS

Thank you for your interest in helping to build the Portland Street Playground! Here’s what you need to know. If you have other questions, please call me (Alice Mann) at **617 834 3592**.

WHEN TO COME: Many of you have signed up for specific time blocks—that’s been very helpful to our planning. But if your schedule has changed, you do not need to tell us. Just come when you can during any of the following time periods. If we have too many volunteers for that time slot, say hello and see the exciting stuff that’s happening!

Except for very severe weather, the build will go on! Below are the basic time slots. Please note that Sunday morning has been cancelled.

- **Friday, June 6—7 am to 5 pm** _____

If you already signed up for this time-block, we look forward to seeing you. If you did not sign up for this time block, there is a fair chance we will not need you.

We will not have jobs for anyone under 18 that day—it is construction-type work (digging holes, mixing concrete, setting poles).

We will provide food items around 8 am and at lunchtime, and water all day. If you have food allergies/sensitivities, please bring your own food so you’ll be safe.

- **Saturday, June 7—7 am to 7 pm** _____

This is the “big day” when a lot is going to happen! Volunteers 18 and older will be doing a variety of tasks at different levels of effort—from digging holes and mixing concrete, to assembling parts, to spreading new mulch to distributing water, to carrying garden-tools around.

Volunteers 12-17 will be able to help spread the mulch, and do general tasks around the site, like bringing people water, carrying garden-tools to where they are needed, etc. Parents are asked to work alongside their teenagers throughout their volunteer time. You are their supervisor: you need to make sure they are doing tasks approved for their age, and that they are staying clear of more hazardous equipment and activities.

We will provide food items in the morning, lunch items, a cookout supper, and water all day. If you have food allergies/sensitivities, please bring your own food so you’ll be safe.

- **Sunday, June 8—Noon to 4 pm** _____

We expect to be installing mulch during this time block. Adults and teens (with parent) welcome. There is a small chance we will have finished on Saturday; if you want to check, you can call me on Saturday around 4 pm—see phone number at top of page—and we can let you know if you’ll be needed.

We will provide water and a mid-afternoon meal. If you have food allergies/sensitivities, please bring your own food so you’ll be safe.

WHAT TO BRING: Sunscreen, work gloves, sturdy shoes (gravelly site), poncho (just in case), energy snacks, and any of the following tools, if you have them, boldly marked with your name:

Garden rake with rigid teeth, **garden spade**, **wheelbarrow** (for mulch), **hay fork** (for pitching mulch into wheelbarrow), and perhaps some hand sanitizer and a wad of toilet paper (in case the Porta Potty runs out). We expect Salvation Army to be open for comfort stops, as well—a two-block walk from playground.

Thank you!!!