

North Garrison Heights Neighborhood Association Newsletter

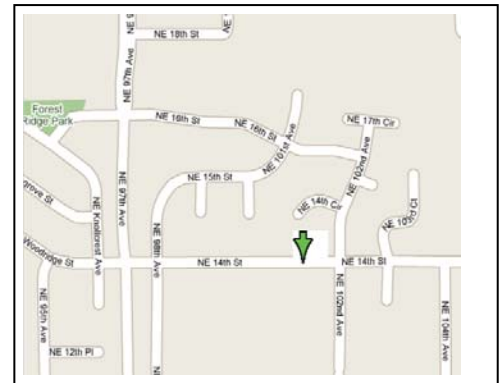
February 2012

February Neighborhood Association Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 9, 2012
Place: Marrion Elementary School - Media Room
10119 NE 14th Street,
Time: 7:00 p.m.

If you have any issues to discuss concerning the neighborhood or need information, please stop by.

We hope to see you at the meeting!



Neighborhood Clean-up Day!

Our neighborhood clean-up day will be Saturday May 19, 2012. It's a couple of months away, but never too early to start planning and get some of those projects started and/or finished! Thank you to Laurie Roberge and Belinda Larson for volunteering to chair this popular event. They did a fabulous job last year and our neighborhood continues its recycling efforts because of their leadership. Once again, we will be partnering with our neighbors to the east from Forest Ridge. They are asking for volunteers to work that day in 2 hour shifts starting at 8:00 a.m. Please call Laurie at 944-8810 or email Belinda at belindalarson@gmail.com to volunteer. Thank you!

Our Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO) is Corporal Doug Rickard 360-487-7500 ext. 3080
doug.rickard@cityofvancouver.us

Neighborhood Contacts

Chair: Heather Waller: dhwaller@comcast.net or 944-0625
Co-Chair: Kevin Roegner
Treasurer: Laurie Roberge
Secretary: Lisa M.

NTSA Meetings

Neighborhood Traffic Safety Alliance (NTSA)
Tuesday, February 21 at 7 p.m. at City Hall,
415 W. 6th St. in the Aspen Rm.

The City of Vancouver supports the Neighborhood Associations in their effort to share vital information with residents to create a more informed public. However, the information provided and the opinions and views expressed in Neighborhood Association newsletters or other documents do not necessarily represent the position of the City of Vancouver, nor does the City determine whether the information published is accurate or appropriate.

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Community Announcements!

Neighborhood Response Teams Provide Focused & Proactive Enforcement

The Vancouver Police Department recently formed two Neighborhood Response Teams (NRT), one in East precinct and one in West precinct, to address community livability issues through focused and proactive enforcement. As street level investigative teams, the NRT's support both the patrol unit and high level investigative units by responding to crime trends. The NRT members utilize a combination of crime analysis, criminal investigation and community based problem solving and collaboration to effectively reduce crime in Vancouver neighborhoods. The members of the NRT have extensive experience in specialty areas including fugitive apprehension, gang investigations, violent crime investigations, street crimes, and arson investigations.

The NRT units fill the gap between short term investigations that Patrol Officers are able to work and longer term or large scale investigations that other specialty units such as the Safe Streets Task Force or Major Crimes Unit will work.

Detectives on the NRT bring individual specialty area expertise to the team and are also able to work across specialty areas. Specialties of the team include:

- Auto Theft Investigations
- Street Narcotics Investigations
- Street Level Gang Investigations
- Fugitive Apprehension
- Burglary/Pawn Investigations

Each NRT also collaborates with the precinct's Crime Analyst and Neighborhood Police Officers (NPO) to maximize their efforts by utilizing data collection and analysis and additional investigative resources.

For more information on the NRT visit their page on the VPD website:
[/police.asp?policeID=31530&policeSubID=31599&itemID=93752](http://police.asp?policeID=31530&policeSubID=31599&itemID=93752)

Take Careful Approach with Your Trees

Heavy winter rains can raise concerns about the condition and safety of large trees, according to the City of Vancouver's Urban Forester Charles Ray. Careful understanding and management of tree defects in advance can help create a safer environment, reduce liability and ease those concerns, he said.

In the case of a fallen branch or other storm damage to a tree on their property, Ray urges property owners to stay calm and make a careful appraisal of the situation. Stay out of the way of branches that might fall, and stay away from downed utility lines. "If a tree does not represent a hazard," he said, "take the time necessary to be sure it gets proper care and make a final decision about it in a few weeks or months."

The Urban Forestry website at www.cityofvancouver.us/urbanforestry offers tips and resources to help Vancouver residents better recognize and manage hazardous trees throughout the year. The site also provides a list of certified arborists who can help identify and manage defects and potential hazards, as well as facts about regulations and permit requirements. For information or questions, call (360) 487-8308, email urbanforestry@cityofvancouver.us or visit the Urban Forestry website at www.cityofvancouver.us/urbanforestry.

Reserve Picnic Shelters beginning Feb. 1

Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation will begin taking picnic shelter reservations starting at 7 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1 for events occurring this year. Reservations will be taken by phone at 360-487-7100, or in person at the Marshall Community Center, at 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd., Vancouver. The center will open at 5:30 a.m. on Feb. 1.

Picnic shelters available to reserve:

- Lewisville Regional Park (13 shelters)
- Vancouver Lake Regional Park (2 shelters)
- Frenchman's Bar Regional Park (2 shelters)
- Captain William Clark Regional Park at Cottonwood Beach (2 shelters)
- Salmon Creek Regional Park/Kliline Pond (2 shelters)
- Leverich Community Park (1 shelter)
- Marshall Community Park (1 shelter – new for 2012)

Reservations cost \$25 to \$100 per day, depending on the size of the shelter. The fees are used to help pay for parks maintenance and operations. Shelters not reserved will remain available on a first-come, first-served basis at no charge, as are shelters in all other county or city-owned parks.

For more information, including reservation fees for specific shelters, visit www.vanclarkparks-rec.org. Select "Picnic Shelter Reservations" from the "Parks & Trails" menu.

NEIGHBORHOOD Resource Directory

CITY WEBSITE: WWW.CITYOFVANCOUVER.US

COUNTY WEBSITE: WWW.CLARK.WA.GOV

STATE OF WASHINGTON WEBSITE:

WWW.ACCESS.WA.GOV

FREQUENTLY ASKED-FOR NUMBERS

EMERGENCY SERVICES (24 HOURS)

.....Police, Fire, and Medical 9-1-1
.....Report a Crime
<https://crimereports.clark.wa.gov/>
.....Sewer Repair, Traffic Signals, Water Main breaks,
.....Emergencies 693-9302 (24 hrs)

GENERAL CITY SERVICES

..... CONTACT US (CITY OF VANCOUVER)
[HTTP://WWW.CITYOFVANCOUVER.US/CONTACTS.ASP](http://WWW.CITYOFVANCOUVER.US/CONTACTS.ASP)
.....Fire Information 487-7212
.....Fire Prevention 487-7241
.....Burning (not allowed in city limits) 574-3058 (Info)
.....Garbage, recycling & yard debris 619-4120
.....General Information 487-8000
.....Police Information 487-7355
.....Sewer Connections 696-8020
.....Urban Forestry 487-8332
.....Water-Sewer Billing, Customer Srv. 487-7999

CARS, STREETS, AND PARKING

.....Abandoned Vehicle Complaints 487-8653
<http://www.cityofvancouver.us/upload/images/DRS/filecomplaint.pdf>
.....Parking - Questions 487-8650
.....Parking – Complaint Line 487-8653
.....Parking- Ticket Payments
<http://parking.cityofvancouver.us/ebusiness/cmn/index.aspx>
.....Pothole Repair, Street light out, 696-8177
Tree trimming (obstructing street signs ONLY)
.....Sidewalk repair (responsibility of the abutting property owner)
<http://www.cityofvancouver.us/servicerequest.asp>
.....Sidewalk right-of-way issues 487-7729
.....Traffic complaint hotline 487-7402

CITIZEN ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION

.....Animal Control & Noise Complaints 397-2488
.....Cable TV Complaints 487-8702
.....Code Compliance Hotline 487-7810
<http://www.cityofvancouver.us/upload/images/DRS/filecomplaint.pdf>
.....C-VTV – Clark/Vancouver Television 487-8702
.....Job Hotline 487-8417
.....Junk & Junk Vehicles on Private Prop. 487-7810
<http://www.cityofvancouver.us/upload/images/DRS/filecomplaint.pdf>
.....Office of Neighborhoods 487.8608

HOMELESS SHELTERS & ASSISTANCE

.....Emergency Shelter Clearinghouse 695-9677
.....PDX Housing Enrichment Resources 503-721-6760

PARKS, RECREATION, AND EVENTS FACILITIES

..... Class Registration
Marshall Center 487-7077
Firstenburg Community Center 487-7001
..... General Parks Information 487-8311
..... Parks Maintenance 696-8177
..... Park Res. for Lewisville, Leverich, Vanc Lake 487-8323
..... Reservations for Esther Short, Waterworks and Vancouver
Landing Parks, Turtle Place 487-8630

<http://www.cityofvancouver.us/parks-recreation/events/specialevents.asp>

..... Reservations for the Water Center 487-7111
..... Special Use Permits for large groups 487-8323

PERMITS, LICENSES AND DEVELOPMENT

[HTTP://WWW.CITYOFVANCOUVER.US/BUILDPERMITS.ASP?MENUID=10463&SUBMENUID&ITEMID=17515](http://WWW.CITYOFVANCOUVER.US/BUILDPERMITS.ASP?MENUID=10463&SUBMENUID&ITEMID=17515)

..... Assessments and Liens 397-2391
..... Block Party/Street Use Permits 487-7729
..... Building Permits 487-7800
<http://permits.cityofvancouver.us/>
..... Building Inspections 619-1200
..... Business Licenses 487-8410 X3
<http://www.cityofvancouver.us/businesslicense.asp?>
..... Long-term Right-of-Way Permits 487-7729
..... Planning and Zoning 487-7800
..... Signs, Commercial 487-7800
..... Special Event Permits 487-8630

http://www.cityofvancouver.us/parks-recreation/events/special_events_permit_application.pdf

OUTSIDE AGENCIES

..... Amtrak Station 694-7307
..... Bonneville Power Admin. (BPA) 800-282-3713
..... Burlington Northern 800-795-2673
..... Call Before You Dig 800-424-5555
..... Clark County Bar Association 695-5975
..... Community Mediation Services 334-5864
..... CMS.clarkcounty@gmail.com
..... Consumer Resource Center 759-2150
..... Coordinated Legal Education Advice and Referral (CLEAR) 888-201-1014
..... C.P.U. & Energy Assistance Programs 992-3000

<https://www.clarkpublicutilities.com/paymentoptions>

..... C-TRAN (Customer Assistance) 695-0123
..... C-VAN (Cust. Assistance/Scheduling) 695-8918
..... Ft Vancouver Regional Library - Main 695-1561
..... Ft Vancouver Regional Library- Cascade Park 256-7782
..... Information & Referral (2-1-1) 694-8899
..... Northwest Natural Gas 571-5465
..... PDX Noise Concerns – Port of Portland 800-938-6647
..... PDXNoise@portofportland.com

..... Voter's Registration- County 397-2345
<http://wei.sectate.wa.gov/osos/en/voterinformation/Pages/RegisterToVote.aspx>

.....Waste Connections 892-5370

STATE OF WASHINGTON

.....Information 800-321-2808
.....Atty General Consumer Protection 759-2150
.....Auto Licensing, Downtown 397-2288
.....Auto Licensing, East 892-1877
.....Auto Licensing, North 695-2122
.....Children & Family Services 993-7900
.....Dept. of Social & Health Services 877-501-2233
.....Ecology Dept., Vanc. Field Ofc 690-7171
.....Employment Security (Work Source) 735-5000
.....Fish & Wildlife, Regional Center 696-6211
.....State Patrol (Emergency, dial 911) 260-6333
.....SW Clean Air Agency (Burning Info) 574-3058
.....Transp. (WSDOT), SW Region 905-2000
.....Vehicle Emissions Testing Info. 800-272-3780
.....WA State Business Licensing,(SW WA ofc) 256-2060

<http://www.dol.wa.gov/forms/700028fillable.pdf>