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ARNADA NEIGHBORHOOD

ARNADA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



Newsletter April 2023

Next Meeting is Thursday April 13th at 7:00 PM at VHA 2500 Main St.

or Zoom in: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85083439490?
pwd=Mm9YQnJYN0lsNDNpbzBXR0RqVW1Rdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85083439490?pwd=Mm9YQnJYN0lsNDNpbzBXR0RqVW1Rdz09)

Agenda: Approve minutes of March Meeting; Treasurer's summary
Representatives reports from Vancouver City, Port & Police
Updates to old business (playground equipment, NA activity planning)
New business

Contact a board member to discuss any neighborhood concerns, give advice or get your issue on a meeting agenda. To post in this newsletter contact Russ Pascoe See Page 2 for contacts

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Needed: Arnada Business Liaison

Are you looking for a reason to schmooze with local business owners? We've got a opportunity for you! The Arnada Business Sponsorship Program needs a neighbor to help with business outreach and advertising. We are hoping to expand beyond the boundaries of Uptown to reach businesses Downtown and on the Vancouver Waterfront to find potential advertisers for the Arnada Neighborhood Association newsletter's advertising supplement. If you're interested contact ads@arnadaneighborhood.org or talk to any board member.

Memorial Day Weekend NA Event

We need someone who's interested in planning the event. If that's you talk to a board member or attend the April meeting.

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NEIGHBORHOOD TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ALLIANCE NEWS

The **Neighborhood Traffic Safety Alliance (NTSA)** is a group of volunteers from Vancouver neighborhoods who advocate for traffic safety throughout the community. Vancouver residents are encouraged to participate in the NTSA to learn more about traffic safety in their neighborhoods and become more involved in making the City a safer place to live. Ken Williams is Arnada's representative to the NTSA.

The last regular monthly meeting of the NTSA occurred on March 21, 2023. (Ken Visser filled in for Ken Williams at this meeting.) Representatives from about 15 Vancouver neighborhoods participated. Here are the highlights:

- Chris Malone, the City's Finance and Asset Manager, highlighted the 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) which is accessed on the web here: [Transportation Improvement Program | City of Vancouver, Washington, USA](https://www.cityofvancouver.us/publicworks/page/transportation-improvement-program)
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- Ryan Miles, the City's Street Operations Program Manager, shared information regarding the Pavement Preservation Program along with the 2022 paving projects, this year's projects and the 2024 paving projects. A great deal of what Ryan covered is accessed on the web here: [Pavement Management | City of Vancouver, Washington, USA](https://www.cityofvancouver.us/publicworks/page/pavement-management)
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If Ryan's schedule permits, he will return next month to discuss the city's Sidewalk Program. Besides the TIP and Pavement Management Schedule, these websites contain a lot of transportation related information such as funding, definitions, limitations, management philosophy and so forth and so on. Arnada and nearby neighborhoods have several projects "in the works". You are encouraged to go explore the information the City has provided on these websites to find out more.

Minutes Arnada Neighborhood Association- March 9, 2023

Attendees: Ken Visser Tracy Jensen Sandi Christensen Amy Carlson
Jim Girard Kathie Loveall Rena Benette Sharon Morse
Kathleen Pereles Brenda Hoge Debby Watts, Lee Gelsinger-Neighborhood Officer, Julie Rawls-Port of Vancouver, Casey Bowman-Port of Vancouver
Daisy Quinonez-City of Vancouver Neighborhoods Coordinator

January Minutes approved.

Treasurer Report: Kathie In two months, we collected a little over \$1000 for ads in the flier. Expenses of \$400 for printing and one more payment for our Christmas event. \$10,049 is in our account.

Neighborhood Officer: Lee Gilsinger 130 doses of Narcan distributed throughout city and have already had 9 lives saved with it. Body cameras have

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also rolled out. 1700 videos in two weeks already. Haven't had any information about people being opposed to the cameras. Stats for the neighborhood from Feb. 2022 to Feb 2023: Offenses are down 50.9% from last year. Still have issues with petty theft but what is driving percentage up is that there were two DUI's. Theft is down 72%, vandalism down 12%, burglary down 75%, and motor vehicle theft is down 42%. Usually, the highest month is March and May for crime. Question about catalytic converter theft across city-a lot of change. Places that were taking the recyclables have stopped. Now they need to register themselves to recycle them. Question: Narcan- should citizens have it with them and does it fall under Good Samaritan Law? Yes, the Revised Code of Washington said Narcan is protected under Good Samaritan. Taking it nasally is the way to go. CPR is often related to opioid overdoses and once Narcan is administered it can block the receptors from the opioid.

City Report-Daisy Quinonez State of the City on March 27 at 7pm at Firstenburg. State of the City with Mayor annual address followed by a City Council community forum.

Office of neighborhood survey out about what the future of the neighborhood programs should look like. Want to learn about challenges and identify opportunities. Encourage people to get involved and come to their neighborhood meetings.

Port Report: Julie Rawls Port Authority Grain ship and loading a copper concentrate ship-mined in Wyoming and used for batteries. Another one is scheduled on the 12th . 27 wind blades are coming in tomorrow. Later this summer, some that are coming are 83 meters-longer than a football field. The Lecture series is going on at Kiggins. State of the Port report is free to the public on April 27th at the AC Marriott. They will probably have some tours of terminal one if people are interested. Will have 10 Port tours May through September. You need to register for those tours early because they fill up fast.

Arnada Park Toddler Equipment: Collecting donations for the toddler climber that will be in the park. So far, we have \$1578. Only need \$592 and we can purchase it.

Tree Steward: Kathleen She was a retired professor of organizational behavior and development. Also did organizational consulting for 35 years. Dealt with street trees in Philadelphia and on campus where she taught. Also served on an invasive species committee reporting to City Council. Vancouver Urban forestry is concerned with tree canopy. Arnada has 18% and they would like 40%. Most is south of McLaughlin. She will be training and then determine where we would like to have trees. She will also be attending the invasive species and exotic pests conference on April 30 th . She will not be the invasive plants police, but she will educate.

Litter Steward: Sandi Went to training. They go over what to do with garbage and safety issues. They give you a bright yellow vest and they give you a sharps container. If you want to pick up trash, you can. If you don't, you don't. Is there any place in Arnada that people are seeing litter? If so, let us know. If you are interested in picking up trash, the City does trainings monthly.

Green Bag Program: Sandi Had 36 people signed up. Last month every single person donated. The food goes to FISH Westside pantry. They have a new system where the neighborhood coordinators do a sort of the more fragile items.

Memorial Day Party: Have a history of doing one on Monday of Memorial Day. Want to know if anyone wants to organize it? If interested, let us know. Also want to do the Witness Tree dedication for Starr Morales at that event.

New Business: We still need a business liaison volunteer to talk to businesses about signing up for ads in the newsletter.

Debby wants to know if we have had any **updates on the IBR program?** They said they are going to start doing more meetings in the spring so we should invite them for another update.

Our neighborhood cleanup will be September 30 th . Some people didn't like that donations were required. Ken will bring that up with the group. Also a question about if our portion of the donated money was given to Arnada? Kathy will follow-up.

Tracy-neighborhood garage sale this year? Would like to have a training on how to do a garage sale for those that have never done a garage sale. Tracy will come up with a date.

Amy-Van that parks on the sidewalk near Fourth Plain between C and D Streets that you can't see around it. Amy will tell Ofc. Gilsinger.

2023 Summer Camp and Family Fair April 22nd 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Bring your family for a fun afternoon of fun at the Summer Camp and Family Fair 2023. The event is a “one-stop shop” for families to learn and sign-up their children for summer camp. There will be dozens of vendors to help answer questions and plenty of activities to keep kids busy... games, crafts, activities, face painting and more. The first 100 families to arrive will receive a tote bag with goodies! Firstenberg Community Center - 700 NE 136th Ave. Reserve your FREE tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-camp-family-fair-2023-tickets-482916495237>

Sakura Festival

The annual Sakura Festival on the Clark College main campus celebrates the anniversary of the gift of 100 Shirofugen cherry trees to the City of Vancouver from John Kageyama, President of America Kotobuki Electronics, Inc. to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Washington's statehood. On April 11, 1990, as a celebration of Arbor Day and Earth Day, the trees were planted on Clark College's main campus in Vancouver's Central Park. The first tree was dedicated by Kageyama, who was joined by Vancouver Mayor Bruce Hagensen and Washington Governor Booth Gardner.

2023 festivities will take place on Thursday, April 20th. Opening remarks are to take place at 1:00 p.m. in the Royce Pollard Japanese Friendship Garden. The celebration begins at 2:30 p.m. in Gaiser Student Center.

Comedy in Vancouver

Did you know about the ever-growing comedy scene in Vancouver? I didn't. But after attending a recent comedy showcase at the UnderBar right here in Arnada I'm taking note. The show was great and packed with all local comedians. If you enjoy a laugh here are a few spots around downtown to see some local talent.

1. UnderBar

Every Monday is Comedy Night at the UnderBar hosted by Juan Duran. The free show features some of the funniest comedians in the Pacific Northwest, including some who perform on the national circuit. Comedy Night starts at 8 p.m. The UnderBar is 21+ only. UnderBar: 1701 1/2 Broadway

2. Loowit Brewing Company

Every second Saturday of the month is Laughs on Loowit: A Free Comedy Show. Several local comedians will take the stage to make you chuckle inside the iconic downtown Loowit Brewing Company. The show starts at 7:30 inside their unique, intimate brewery space. Enjoy some great food, drinks and laughs, all in downtown Vancouver! Due to mature content, it is not suitable for young audiences. Loowit Brewing Company: 507 Columbia Street

3. Donnell's

Donnell's hosts a feature comedian every Monday for weekly laughs and open mic. The free show starts at 6 p.m. Donnell's is 21+ only. Donnell's: 813 Main Street

4. Kiggins Theatre

Recurring monthly on the 2nd Thursday, Comedy on Tap hosts local and regional stand-up comics for a night of laughs. Local breweries sponsor some of the events, offering up their brews and providing discounts. Shows start at 8 p.m. Cost is \$15. Kiggins Theatre: 1011 Main Street

Submitted by: Amy Carlson

April Events Calendar

Date/Time	Event	Details
Thurs. April 6: 7 - 8:30 p.m.	CCHM Speaker Series Clark County Historical Museum 1511 Main Street	Hidden Histories: The South Vietnamese Side of the Vietnam War. Historian Julie Pham draws from interviews she conducted with 40 South Vietnamese military veterans in the United States, and illuminates how people can remember historical events differently.
Fri. April 7: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Bag Swap Kindred Homestead Supply 606 Main Street	Swap purses, totes, fanny packs and more! Bring in your no-longer-used bags to swap for one more your style. This is a FREE event and you do not need to bring a bag to take a bag. Learn more: kindredhomesteadsupply.com
Fri. April 7: 4 p.m. - close	First Friday Downtown Art Walk	Visit downtown Vancouver's wide array of gallery spaces and art-centric businesses. Free. Map: vdausa.org/first-friday/
Sat. April 8: 10:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Easter Egg Hunt Vancouver Elks 823 11605 SE McGillivray Blvd	Free Easter egg hunt. Easter Photos at 10:30 a.m. for \$5; Easter Egg Hunt at noon. There will be four age groups 0-2; 3-5; 6-8; and 9-11. Face Painting. Lunch available for purchase.
Sat. April 8: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	The Downtown Alley Flea Market 606 Main Street	April through September on the second Saturday each month. With over 30 vendors, support your local community of collectors, makers, movers, and shakers.
Fri. April 14: Special needs day Sat. April 15: Main day	Klineline Kids Fishing Derby Klineline Pond and Salmon Creek Park 1112 NE 117th Street	Explore the joys and thills of fishing, learning about our natural environment, and water safety. Each child has 45-min to catch their limit (two fish). Open to kids of all abilities, 5 – 14 years of age. All equipment provided. Register: http://klineline-kf.org
Sat. April 15: 10:00 a.m.	Wiggles & Giggles: Red Yard Kiggins Theatre 1011 Main Street	Red Yarn (aka Andy Furgeson) is a Texas-born, Oregon-based family performer who weaves folksongs and puppetry into high-energy shows for all ages. \$10 per person (2 and under free).
Sun. April 16: 12 - 5 p.m.	Mending Circle & Leather Care Kindred Homestead Supply 606 Main Street	Bring in your well loved pieces of clothing to mend! Kindred will provide most of the materials needed to fix any of those holes, snags, and stains. Volunteer Avarie will be available to help revive your leather pieces. Learn more: www.kindredhomesteadsupply.com
Thurs. April 20: 7 - 9:00 p.m.	History on Tap Kiggins Theatre 1011 Main Street	Kick off the 2023 History on Tap season with historian Gregory P. Shine presenting "I am Also Entitled to be Recognized: The Journey of Moses Williams, Buffalo Soldier." Price: \$15 (advanced), \$18 (door)
Thurs., April 27: 6:30 - 8 p.m.	Military History Talk O.O. Howard House 750 Anderson Street	Topic: Johnny Clem, the youngest soldier of the Civil War. He served at the Vancouver Barracks in the 1890s, before becoming the last Civil War veteran to retire from the United States Army. FREE. To attend, call: (253) 223-0125 or email jddavis@rocketmail.com
Sat. April 29: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sun. April 30: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Home & Garden Idea Fair Clark County Event Center 17402 NE Delfel Rd Ridgefield, WA 98642	Southwest Washington's premiere home and garden show. Visit with 150+ vendors, get tips from DIY demonstrations, shop one of the largest plant sales in the region, and play in the Kids' Corner. FREE. Parking \$6.

Become a Litter Steward

The City of Vancouver is recruiting volunteers to put an end to litter in our community. Attend our “Litter Stewards” training to receive equipment and support from the City to clean up litter *wherever and whenever* you see it. For more information, see <https://www.cityofvancouver.us/cmo/page/litter-removal>, then choose “watch the city’s calendar of events” to see upcoming clean-up events and trainings.

An Arnada resident who has taken the training reports it is a simple 30 minutes of safety information held at City Hall, and you walk away with safety equipment and your own “litter picker” to be used whenever you wish on Vancouver city streets or parks.

We are part of something big!

The first Food Project was in Ashland, Oregon in 2009. There are currently 45 Food Projects in 11 states! The program started in Clark County in 2017 with 20 donors in the Truman neighborhood. Now, Arnada is just one of 115 neighborhoods or organizations that collect food/toiletries every two months in Clark County for the Clark Neighbors Food Project. Items are distributed to one of seven food pantries or six different school resource centers around the county. We have two businesses and 28 residences donating from Arnada. Donations from Arnada are delivered to the FISH Westside Food Pantry in downtown Vancouver. The Clark Neighbors Food Project also accepts cash donations. If you would like to become a food donor, you can sign up on <https://clarkfoodproject.org/>, or just contact Sandi to get added to the Arnada list. Next pick-up day is Saturday, April 8. sandichristensen16@gmail.com 360-772-4026

The Clark Neighbors Food Project

GREEN BAG REPORT

FEBRUARY 2023

You really showed the love during the February Green Bag Collection, surpassing our **last record high** just gathered in December 2022!

*As you are aware, the need in our community continues to grow.
Your generosity is simply extraordinary! Many thanks!*

Feb 11 th Pick-Up	21,401 lbs of food collected	17,763 meals delivered	\$1,235 donated
2023 Year-to-Date	21,401 lbs of food collected	17,763 meals delivered	\$1,235 donated
Since 2017 Inception	362,867 lbs of food collected	301,180 meals delivered	

HEADS UP: Our next pick-up is Saturday, April 8th

All-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit in Clark County WA

ClarkFoodProject@gmail.com
RidgefieldFoodProject@gmail.com

www.clarkfoodproject.org





\$9,622*

\$10,000



**Donate
Today**

<https://givebutter.com/Arnada>

Only \$378 to go!

*Total as of March 23, 2023

Free Community Shred Events

Time for spring cleaning and to clear out those stacks of paper everywhere? Don't let identity thieves steal your important info. You should shred documents that contain sensitive information such as social security numbers, birthdays, and bank account information. Such documents include:

- Financial statements
- Invoices
- Medical/dental records
- Legal records
- Pay stubs
- Tax records
- Vehicle records
- Employment records
- Customer information
- Tax records

In conjunction with Waste Management, local organizations are offering these free Shred Events in April. More information available at <https://wcnorthwest.com/shredding-with-waste-connections>

Saturday April 15th, 2023 10am-1pm

Beautiful Savior Lutheran

12513 SE Mill Plain Blvd

Vancouver, WA 98684

Suggested Donation \$5-\$10 per car, 2 box limit

Saturday April 22nd, 2023 10am-1pm

Fort Vancouver Lions Club

15804 SE Mill Plain Blvd

Vancouver, WA 98684

Saturday April 22nd, 2023 10am-1pm

Knights of Columbus

Corner of W 12th St & Columbia St,

Vancouver, WA 98660

Saturday April 22nd, 2023 11am-2pm

C-Tran - 99th St Transit

9700 NE 7th Ave

Vancouver, WA 98665

EARTH DAY 2023

Earth Day is celebrated every year on April 22nd. It is a day to show how we care for our planet and all the animals and plants on it.

Show you care, wear green!

Children and students all over the world go to school dressed in green, or wear a green ribbon.

How can I help the environment?

- Save energy - turn off your lights when you aren't using them.
- Pick up litter that is on the ground or in a park.
- Use less water. Take shorter showers and turn off the water while brushing your teeth.
- Plant a tree, flowers, or a garden.
- Walk or ride your bike instead of getting your parents to drive you places. Encourage your family to do the same!
- Turn off your electronics when they aren't being used.

