## **Newsletter May 2023**

No May Meeting; Next is Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at VHA 2500 Main St. or Zoom in:

Agenda: Approve minutes of April 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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## Fourth of July Weekend Arnada Event

We need someone who's willing to planning an event. If

that's you talk to a board member listed in the contacts

section of this newsletter. We need a volunteer before the

June Meeting.

## Minutes Arnada Neighborhood Association April 13, 2023

Attendees: Ken Visser, Sandi Christensen, Amy Carlson, Russ Pascoe, Kathie Loveall, Rena Benette, Ali Boris, Holly Chamberlin, Kathleen Pereles, Brenda Hoge, Anita Reyes, Lee Gelsinger Neighborhood Officer, Steve Hamnker Central Park, Brent Waddle-City of Vancouver

March Minutes correction: It was stated that Tracy Jensen was going to pick a date for the garage sale but she did not

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agree to that. We will reach out to the neighborhood to see if anyone is interested in organizing that. Minutes approved.

Treasurer Report: Kathie Loveall As of March 31, we had \$4405.64 in checking, \$9.99 in savings and \$5056.72 in our CD for a total of \$9472.35. Kathie reached out to Chris Dickinson of Carter Park to see about our \$200 from the joint neighborhood cleanup. She needed our address and she now has it and will send the money. Jim and Shelly Calbreath agreed to be the business liaison to solicit support for our monthly newsletter insert. Thank you!

Neighborhood Officer: Lee Gilsinger Crime analytics from the last month, comparing month to month for the last 2 years. 43 serious reported crimes in 2021. This year we had 13. Huge reduction, and even less than 2022. Serious crimes aggravated results-0 this year. Burglaries-2. Vandalism has gone down by 59%. Only 21 vacancies in officers now so will see more police presence. Questions about how it compares to the city-District 1 (us) vs District 2-crime is down but more arrests. Our district lowest crime rate.

Question-When witness someone shooting up, should we report it? Police sole purpose is to protect life. Person under influence of narcotic is danger to society and themselves. If doing that in vehicle, that should concern everyone. We don't want them to drive. That is a 911 call, not 311. ½ of Narcan lives saved so far were in vehicles. Question: It seems like education in particular is the issue-neighbors may not be aware of actions that they can take. Have the police considered how the neighbors can serve themselves? He hopes to use the Nextdoor app to push out more education.

He is encouraging people with questions to connect with neighbors as a way for crime prevention. He's encouraging them to come to neighborhood association meetings to do that. Lee.gilsinger@cityofvancouver.us

City Report-Brent Waddle The City is going to be involved in a Narcan training program for others-starting with Marshall site. It will be on site and employees have been trained on how to use it. Will be training them to be Narcan trainers as well.

Sat April 29<sup>th</sup>-Ribbon cutting for new inclusive playground at Esther Short Park at 11 .am Brent will check in on when the Marshall park playground will be opening.

**Arnada Park Toddler Equipment-Amy Carlson** \$175 left to raise. She has found some equipment that won't be \$10,000 and will give us some other addon possibilities. She will run those by the Parks department to see if they will approve that. We have very generous neighbors. Thank you!

**Memorial Day Party**: No one has stepped up to plan the Memorial Day picnic. Starr's family would like to come for the tree dedication but cannot be here for Memorial Day. Maybe a family day in the park for that and look into YWCA having a domestic violence table with information? We will check with the family on what they would like.

#### **New Business:**

Vancouver Neighborhood Alliance: Ken Visser Insurance that we have always been paying but the Neighborhood Alliance was paying during two COVID pandemic years. It covers liability insurance for our neighborhood

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Parking Hot-line 360 487-8653

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events. It will be \$100 and due by May 29<sup>th</sup>. Ken would like to have someone to attend the Vancouver Neighborhood Alliance meeting-Second Wednesday at 7 p.m. Meet at various places around the city. If you would like to participate, let an officer know.

**Food Waste: Reina Benette-**Went to a workshop on Food Waste Prevention through City Public Works, County Public Health and Waste Connections. If someone from the neighborhood goes and either does a presentation or writes an article, we get \$120. Rena chose to present at the meeting:

Food waste-People waste because it's our lifestyle. If you can't see every item in your refrigerator, it is going bad and will be waste. Create a meal plan and go shopping with that-get kids involvement too in not wasting food. Think of the resources of how it came to your house-shipping, growing, water, etc. Most agriculture we are growing is for animals and not for people. When shop bulk if you don't need all of it, share it or have a plan for it. WW1 they considered food a precious resource and we are back to that. Some of the websites are: savethefood.com which gives recipes, storage, and ideas on how to work with food. Also on Facebook: Vancouver Free Fridge-people can donate food or take it if they need it. Has different locations. They also take perishables. Also an app: Too Good to Go-Restaurants that have food that wasn't picked up or day old. Expiration dates mean nothing except for baby formula. Amy suggested marking everything in freezer with a date.

Update: Since last meeting, we got an email from IBR bridge project about doing a spring workshop for us. But we have not heard back from them yet on a date.

## Tips to Reduce Food Waste



#### **Plan and Prep**

Plan meals and use a shopping list to avoid buying extra food.



## Understand 'Use by' and 'Best by' dates

There is no regulation of expiration dates (except for infant formula). Most dates are a suggestion for best quality not spoilage.



### Keep it Organized

A crowded fridge can make it hard to see what food you have. Make sure you can see the food at the back of the shelf.



## Get Creative with Leftovers

Turn your leftovers into new meals. Get creative with soups, casseroles, and more.



#### **Donate Food**

Donate to local food banks or pantries. Check out:

- •SavetheFood.com
- Too Good To Go App
- •Facebook.com/ VancouverFreeFridge



## Compost

Compost food scraps in a backyard composter or in a curbside bin.





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\*As of April 17, 2023

May Events Calendar

| Date/Time                               | Event  | Details   |
|---|--|---|
| Fri. May 5:<br>4 - 8 p.m.               | First Friday Downtown Art<br>Walk  | Visit downtown Vancouver's wide array of gallery spaces and art-<br>centric businesses. Free. Map: vdausa.org/first-friday/   |
| Sat., May 6:<br>12 - 5 p.m.             | Savor SW Washington Wine<br>2023<br>3000 Columbia House<br>Boulevard #107                        | A unique event exclusively showcasing wine from Southwest Washington in partnership with locally owned and operated boutique restaurants. Tickets: https://savor-swwawine.eventbrite.com  |
| Sat. May 13:<br>9:30 a.m 1 p.m.         | Volunteer: Spruce the Couve planting and cleanup   | Volunteer to help plant summer flowers at Propstra Square and spruce up around the downtown core as well as Uptown Village. Register: https://www.volgistics.com/appform/1673443784   |
| Sat. May 13:<br>9 a.m.                  | Downtown Alley Flea Market<br>Alley next to 606 Main Street                                      | Over 30 vendors from the local community of collectors, makers, movers, and shakers. Enjoy live music, blow bubbles, and play with chalk!   |
| Sat. & Sun. May 13-14:<br>10 a.m 5 p.m. | House Plant + Seed Swap<br>Kindred Homestead Supply<br>606 Main Street                           | Bring in anything <u>LABELED</u> from rooted cuttings, plant babies, full-grown 10" potted plants. There is nothing too small or too large. Bring them in anything; e.g. a plastic bag with water and rubber band, wet paper towel with string, test tubes, or a leftover glass salsa container. Free. You do not need to bring a plant to participate. |
| May 15:<br>1 - 2 p.m.                   | Re-Imagined Radio: "The Day<br>the Earth Stood Still"  | Re-Imagined Radio presents the radio adaptation of the 1951 sci-<br>fi movie A space alien arrives in Washington, D.C., and gives<br>humankind a warning and an ultimatum: live peacefully or be<br>destroyed as a danger to other planets. Free. Learn more: http://<br>www.reimaginedradio.net/episodes/earth-still/index.html                        |
| Thurs., May 25:<br>6:30 - 8 p.m.        | Military History Talk<br>O.O. Howard House<br>750 Anderson Street                                | More Than "This Old House": 1980s Rehabilitation on Officers Row. This month's Vancouver Barracks Military Association's history talk discusses the history and future of Officer's Row. FREE. To attend, call: (253) 223-0125 or email jddavis@rocketmail.com  |
| Sat. May 27:<br>1 - 4 p.m.              | Cedar Creek Grist Mill Bread<br>and Butter Day<br>43907 NE Grist Mill Road<br>Woodland, WA 98674 | You'll be churning rich fresh cream into butter & spreading it on fresh made bread! Free.   |
| Wed. May 31:<br>7 p.m 8 p.m.            | CR Workshop - Low Waste<br>Living<br>Virtal Workshop   | Learn how to live a low waste lifestyle, and learn tips and resources to refuse, repair, refurbish, reuse and donate. Register: https://clarkcountycomposts.org/classes-and-workshops/current-offerings   |
| Thursdays<br>4:30 - 6 p.m.              | After School STEAM Program<br>Pearson Field Education<br>Center<br>201B East Reserve Street      | The Hangar at Pearson Field offers a general STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) club for students from 4:30-6:00pm every Thursday during the school year. Open to ages 11-18. Limited to 15 students. Free. Registration required. Contact: Email PFEC@airsci.org  |

## Got Summer Projects Requiring Tools? Arnada Has a Tool Lending Program!

Inventory:

Werner 6 foot fiberglass stepladder (maximum weight limit - 225 lbs) Louisville 20 foot aluminum extension ladder (maximum weight 200 lbs) Tallman 10 foot orchard ladder (maximum weight 200 lbs)

Seymore post hole digger
Green Thumb 2 wheel edger
Green Thumb bypass loppers
Bow Saw
Hedge Shears
Seymour 6 cubic foot wheel barrow
Dremel electric engraver
Square end, Long handle Shovel
8.5 foot aluminum step ladder
Grass Rake

Joining the Tool Lending Library is easy! Membership is free and will allow you to borrow tools. Tools are stored by Russ Pascoe and Ken Visser

To join, you need to be: Over 18 years of age and a resident of Arnada Neighborhood of Vancouver.

The following documents are on the Arnada Facebook Group or you can contact any Arnada Board Member to request them by email:

### 1. Read the **Tool Lending Library Rules**

- 2. Read and sign our <u>Membership Agreement</u> & <u>Liability Waiver</u> (You may wish to print and fill out this form at home to hasten the registration process, or simply obtain it or from any Board member)
  - 3. Provide **Proof Of Identity** (Any government-issued ID with photo
- 4. Provide **Proof Of A.N.A. Residency** if you are not know to an ANA Board member (utility bill, mortgage statement, lease agreement, or similar document confirming your. Address)