



# Burton Ridge Neighborhood



## NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION PLAN

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# Introduction

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The purpose of a neighborhood action plan is to identify issues that are of concern to the residents of the neighborhood, and to devise strategies for addressing these concerns. In conjunction with broader policies and implementation measures contained within the City's comprehensive plan, the neighborhood action planning process is intended to protect and enhance the livability within specific neighborhoods, as well as to help fulfill the overall community vision and to create a more livable city. More specifically, neighborhood action plans are intended to:

- Educate both city government and neighborhood residents about each other's concerns and visions for the future.
- Promote collaboration between the city and the neighborhood in order to achieve mutual goals and a shared sense of responsibility.
- Create a "sense of place" within the community by identifying and developing the assets within each neighborhood.
- Initiate change, rather than simply reacting to it, by addressing specific issues and opportunities.
- Achieve sensible and coordinated project and program planning within each neighborhood and between all the city's neighborhoods.
- Strengthen neighborhoods.



## Relationship to the Comprehensive Plan

In general, a comprehensive plan is intended to provide broad policy direction, which is implemented through more specific development regulations and capital expenditure programs. Comprehensive plans do not, however, typically address the more immediate needs and concerns of individual neighborhoods. This is the purpose of a sub-area or neighborhood plan.

The City's new comprehensive plan, entitled *Visions for the Vancouver Urban Area*, was adopted in December of 1994. The Plan specifically states that the City should: "*create neighborhood plans by assisting neighborhood organizations in identifying issues, policies and implementation measures specific to their areas.*"

The purpose of the Burton Ridge Neighborhood Action Plan is to integrate neighborhood needs into the City's budget process, Six-Year Street Improvement Program, Neighborhood Traffic Control Program, Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan, and other planning and funding programs. The general policy statements included in the Action Plan may also be used by the City Council to guide future decisions involving development proposals and plan amendments affecting the neighborhood.



## The Neighborhood Action Planning Process

The Burton Ridge Neighborhood Association with assistance from the City of Vancouver Office of Neighborhoods has developed this plan. The actual preparation of this plan is being coordinated by the Neighborhood Action Planning Committee, whose members were appointed by the Neighborhood Association to represent the interests of the neighborhood as a whole.

A survey was taken and a draft version of this Action Plan has been sent to each household in Burton Ridge for review and comment by all residents of the neighborhood. After considering and reconciling comments from the residents, the plan has been endorsed by the Neighborhood Association according to their specific by-laws. After neighborhood approval the Plan will be forwarded to City Council for consideration and acceptance by resolution.

It is intended that city agencies will utilize the action plans as input in developing more specific work programs and helping to establish citywide funding priorities. It is recognized that many of the recommendations contained in the action plans are conceptual only and may need to be analyzed in greater detail, both individually and in relationship to other recommendations. It should also be emphasized that **financial resources** may not exist for implementing all of the recommendations identified in the plan. All of the actions identified in the plan are intended to be initiated and implemented by residents of the neighborhood **in collaboration with the appropriate responsible party/agency**.



## Overview of the Plan

This Plan contains four components. The NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE contains a general description of the current conditions within the neighborhood. The VISION STATEMENT describes the neighborhood's sense of identity and vision for its future. The NEIGHBORHOOD OBJECTIVES identifies issues that are of concern to the residents of the neighborhood. The NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION STEPS includes specific potential strategies for accomplishing the identified objectives. Each Action Step is prioritized and identifies the responsible parties for implementing those strategies.



## Funding and Financial Resources

Having the Neighborhood Action Plan does not guarantee the funding. The Vancouver City Council does appropriate \$100,000 per year via Neighborhood Action Planning Grant to help implement action steps. In addition, your neighborhood may be eligible for many private, federal and state funding programs.

# Neighborhood Profile

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*The Burton Ridge Neighborhood is located approximately 6 miles east of the city center. Our neighborhood occupies 169 acres and does not use a grid-like block system. The 169 acres is roughly equivalent to 144 street blocks in size. We are bounded to the north by Burton Road, to the east by I-205, to the south by 18<sup>th</sup> Street, and to the west by 94<sup>th</sup> Avenue.*

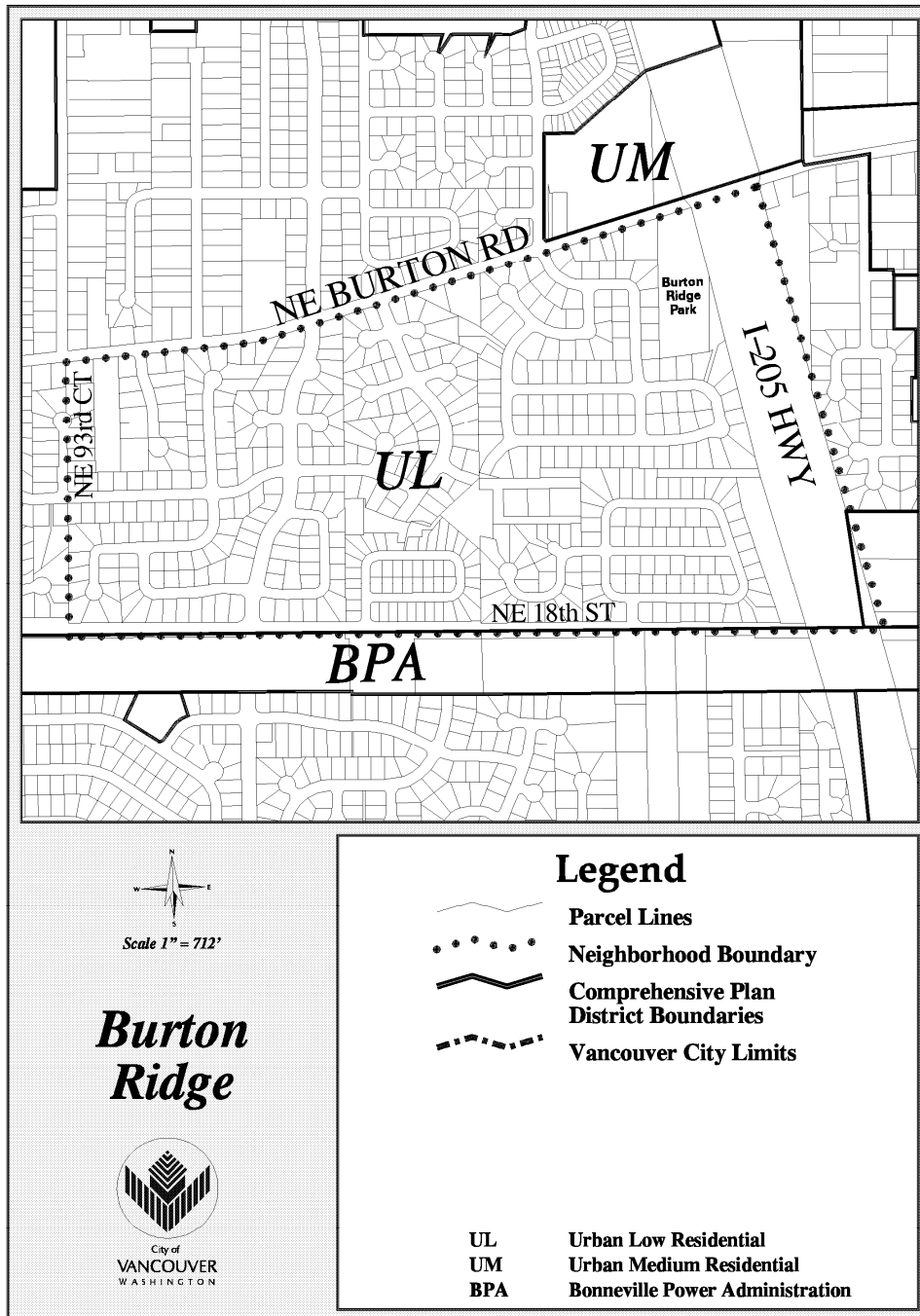
*The Burton Ridge Neighborhood is located on a ridge, creating a two-tier neighborhood with breathtaking views of Mount St. Helens. A beautiful grove of mature conifers separates the levels.*

*The Burton Ridge neighborhood was developed exclusively for residential use, with the majority of the single-family homes built in the early seventies and eighties. In the nineties three newer developments, Timber Trails, Kristine Pointe and West Pointe, were built in the southern bi-level of the neighborhood creating a variety of older and newer homes. The homes in the area are of medium price range, and taken care of with a level of pride obvious to the passerby. Ownership is primarily private, although we have a small percentage of rental properties included within our boundaries. Burton Ridge neighborhood is home to approximately 1515 people with approximately 500 houses.*

*This is a neighborhood that gets together for Block Parties and Christmas Parties, clean-ups, saving the trees, creating Christmas Decorations, raising funds for fire fighting equipment and rallying around neighbors in need.*

*Access to the neighborhood is available from a number of streets via Burton Road and 98<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Extensive retail opportunities are located relatively close so the neighbors have the opportunity for easy accessibility but still benefit from the quiet streets of a mature neighborhood.*

# Neighborhood Zoning/Comp Map



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# Vision Statement

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*Burton Ridge residents will work together to preserve and improve the overall livability of our neighborhood. We will come together to unite the common interests and promote the welfare of the neighborhood and its residents. Partnering with the City of Vancouver, we will be enabled to enhance the neighborhood for the benefit of all.*

*We envision a safe neighborhood, where families and children feel secure while living within the City of Vancouver. We would like to promote neighborhood unity and a sense of community through welcoming committees, block parties and a neighborhood watch. We feel to live so close together in harmony we must promote community and bring back the sense of neighborly caring that is so often forgotten in today's fast paced technology driven world.*

*We desire Burton Ridge to be a quiet neighborhood that is pedestrian and bicycle-friendly and a desirable place to raise a family. As a neighborhood we value and would like to preserve our mature trees and open space by developing and maintaining our neighborhood park.*



# Objectives and Action Steps

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The following recommended action items identified as having a "high" priority are considered by the Neighborhood Association to be most important. "Medium" priority action steps are somewhat less important. "Low" priority action steps are considered least important.

Priority has been assigned by the Neighborhood Association for each action step without regard for the time

Listed below are abbreviations for the various responsible parties used throughout the document:

## Abbreviations:

<b>AC</b>	<b>Animal Control</b>
<b>BRNA</b>	<b>Burton Ridge Neighborhood Association</b>
<b>BPA</b>	<b>Bonneville Power Administration</b>
<b>CDBG</b>	<b>Community Development &amp; Block Grants</b>
<b>CERT</b>	<b>Community Emergency Response Team</b>
<b>CITY</b>	<b>All Responsible City Departments</b>
<b>CPU</b>	<b>Clark Public Utilities</b>
<b>CS</b>	<b>Community Services</b>
<b>CMS</b>	<b>Community Mediation Services</b>
<b>CTRAN</b>	<b>CTRAN</b>
<b>DRS</b>	<b>Development Review Services</b>
<b>ESD</b>	<b>Evergreen School District</b>
<b>LRPS</b>	<b>Long Range Planning Services</b>
<b>OTH</b>	<b>Other organizations</b>
<b>OWN</b>	<b>Neighborhood Property Owners</b>
<b>PMG</b>	<b>Property Management Groups</b>
<b>RTC</b>	<b>Regional Transportation Council</b>
<b>VUF</b>	<b>Vancouver Urban Forestry Commission</b>
<b>VCE</b>	<b>Vancouver Code Enforcement</b>
<b>OON</b>	<b>Vancouver Office of Neighborhoods</b>
<b>VPD</b>	<b>Vancouver Police Department</b>
<b>VPR</b>	<b>Vancouver Parks and Recreation Services</b>
<b>VPW</b>	<b>Vancouver Public Works</b>
<b>VTD</b>	<b>Vancouver Transportation Department</b>
<b>WSDOT</b>	<b>State of Washington Department of Transportation</b>

frame within which the recommendation can realistically be accomplished (short-range, long-range) and without concern for whether funding sources can be practically identified. Accordingly, it is possible that a "High" priority item may not be realized for many years. In contrast, some "Low" priority items could be potentially accomplished in a relatively short amount of time without significant capital expense.

# I. COMMUNITY APPEARANCE

## Objective #1

Preserve and enhance overall neighborhood livability, appearance, and safety.

Through active neighborhood association participation, personal responsibility, code enforcement and stronger ordinances, we wish to promote regular maintenance and upkeep of properties in our neighborhood, including but not limited to yards, homes, accessory buildings, gardens, sidewalks and planting strips. This will enhance overall neighborhood livability, as well as the visual appearance of our neighborhood.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Encourage residents to alert appropriate parties of any violations concerning the following:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Violations of City Codes and Ordinances.</li> <li>* Shrub and tree obstructions at intersections</li> <li>* Problems with excessive noise violations should be reported</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	High	VCE, OWN, BRNA, CITY, VPW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Explore possible solutions for the removal of abandoned cars.</li> </ul>	High	VCE, OWN, BRNA, PMG
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Increase awareness and educate residents via the neighborhood association's monthly newsletter, neighborhood web site and information signs regarding:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Property upkeep and maintenance tips</li> <li>* Neighborhood Cleanup days</li> <li>* Chipper Program</li> <li>* Property improvement programs</li> <li>* Junk Abatement Ordinance</li> <li>* Anti-graffiti Program</li> <li>* NeighborWoods Program</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	High	VPW, CMS, OWN, BRNA, PMG
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Work with Development Review Services staff and the City Council to adopt a Property Maintenance Ordinance.</li> </ul>	High	VPD, Animal Control, CMS, OWN, PMG
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Explore options for funding to purchase new trees.</li> </ul>	High	CITY, BRNA, OWN, PMG
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Work with Development Review Services staff and the City Council to adopt a Property Maintenance Ordinance.</li> </ul>	Low	OON, CITY, BRNA, VPD, VUF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Explore options for funding to purchase new trees.</li> </ul>	Low	BRNA, DRS, CITY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Explore options for funding to purchase new trees.</li> </ul>	Medium	BRNA, CITY, OTH

## COMMUNITY APPEARANCE (Continued)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Notify property owners if their properties are not well kept (vegetation maintenance or cluttered yard.)</li> </ul>	Medium	OWN, BRNA, CMS, PMG
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Work with the City's Urban Forestry Services, residents, and Property Management groups to identify and replace trees damaged by disease, accidents and development.</li> </ul>	Low	BRNA, VPR, OWN, PMG, VUF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Encourage BPA to maintain it's property located south of 18th street, as shown on the Neighborhood Zoning/Comp Map. The easement of this property needs to be cleaned up. Bushes cut down or trimmed.</li> </ul>	Medium	BRNA, BPA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Work with City to remove graffiti promptly thereby discouraging further incidents.</li> </ul>	Medium	VPD, BRNA, OWN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Work with the City to ensure that the streets are well maintained, including pot hole repair, street lighting maintenance, storm drains cleaned, etc.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Conduct an annual inventory of the Neighborhood's streetlights.</li> <li>* Work with the City and public utilities to identify lighting deficiencies within the neighborhood.</li> <li>* Encourage residents to report burnt out or broken streetlights for repair and maintenance.</li> <li>* Work with the City to improve street maintenance in the area. Including pot-hole repairs.</li> <li>* Work with the City's Public Works Department to maintain clean storm drains in our neighborhood.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	High	VPW, VTD, BRNA  VTD, BRNA  BRNA, VTD  BRNA  VPW, BRNA  VPW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Maintenance of Burnt Bridge Creek running through out neighborhood.</li> </ul>	High	VPW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Maintenance of the berm running parallel to I-205.</li> </ul>	High	WSDOT

## II. LAND USE

### **Objective #1**

Improve the visual aspect of our neighborhood.

Burton Ridge Neighborhood is a largely residential neighborhood. We believe it is essential to maintain a standard of housing quality and character compatible with existing neighborhood.

<b><u>Action Steps:</u></b>	<b><u>Priority</u></b>	<b><u>Responsible Parties</u></b>
◆ Maintain the current housing standards of the neighborhood.	High	BRNA, LRPS
◆ Invite a city planner to discuss comprehensive plan update. Insist on review of the final product and monitor the project as it progresses.	High	BRNA, LRPS
◆ Continue working with Long Range Planning Services to maintain zoning and density standards for the neighborhood.	High	BRNA, LRPS
◆ Continue to work with Development Review Services to be notified of development proposals that directly effect the neighborhood.	High	BRNA, DRS
◆ Encourage residents to alert code enforcement officials of any violations in property zoning.	High	VCE, DRS, OWN, BRNA, CMS, PMG
◆ Encourage residents to alert appropriate parties of any incompatible home businesses in our residentially zoned area.	High	OWN, BRNA, CMS, CITY

### **III. OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION**

**Objective #1**

Preserve and improve the Burton Ridge Forest, which is a natural open space in our neighborhood located on the corner of 20th Street and 101st Avenue.

Burton Ridge Neighborhood Association through community outreach and in cooperation with the City of Vancouver and Clark County raised in excess of \$100,000 to purchase and preserve what is known as the Burton Ridge Forest.

<b><u>Action Steps:</u></b>	<b><u>Priority</u></b>	<b><u>Responsible Parties</u></b>
◆ Maintain tree health. Periodically remove invasive plants.	High	BRNA, VPR, VUF
◆ Discourage debris dumping in Burton Ridge Forest.	High	BRNA, CMS, VCE
◆ Discourage vandalism within and adjacent to the Burton Ridge Forest, possibly by a neighborhood watch program. Discourage improper access to the Burton Ridge Forest.	High	BRNA, VPD
◆ Develop nature walk.	Medium	BRNA, VPR

## OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION (Continued)

### Objective #2

Develop Burton Ridge Neighborhood Park.

Burton Ridge Neighborhood Association negotiated with the City of Vancouver to acquire land for the purpose of creating a neighborhood park. This will alleviate the need for our children to cross heavily traveled Burton Road and to provide a gathering place for our neighborhood.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
◆ Clean up the park grounds.	High	BRNA
◆ Install fencing and bollards for the South entrance.	High	BRNA, VPR
◆ Plant trees along east side of park to assist with pollution abatement and to provide a visual screen to I-205 as a natural barrier to the I-205 traffic visual, pollution abatement.	High	BRNA, VPR, VUF, WSDOT, VTD
◆ Work with VPR to develop a Master Plan for park development for city review and approval, to include:	High	BRNA, VPR
* Survey the area's topographic and boundaries.	High	BRNA, VPR
* Perform site grading.	High	BRNA, VPR
* Install perimeter fence.	High	BRNA, VPR
* Purchase and install playground equipment.	High	BRNA, VPR
◆ Install walking trail.	High	BRNA, VPR
◆ Purchase and install picnic tables.	High	BRNA, VPR
◆ Explore Funding for desired park amenities listed above.	High	BRNA, CITY, OTH

## IV. NOISE AND NUISANCE

### Objective #1

Reduce the noise and visual impact from I-205.

The berm located along I-205 is barren and creates a visual impact. The noise created from I-205 is a nuisance to the residents.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
◆ Work with the City and other appropriate agencies to find options to reduce noise along I-205.	High	BRNA, CITY, WSDOT
◆ Plant trees on the park property as a natural barrier to the I-205 visual impact.	High	BRNA, VPR, VUF
◆ Plant varying trees and shrubs on the existing berm. Use mostly evergreen with some deciduous vegetation.	High	WSDOT, BRNA, VUF

## V. MOBILITY MANAGEMENT

### Objective #1

Encourage pedestrian-friendly access throughout our neighborhood.

With the exception to our open space Burton Ridge Neighborhood is almost 100% residential, which is an ideal environment for walking and jogging. In order to encourage residents to pursue bicycle and pedestrian friendly transit to our neighborhood and its' amenities, measures to ensure the pedestrian safety need to be taken.

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
◆ Survey our Neighborhood to identify problem areas associated with speeding and traffic issues.	High	BRNA, VTD
◆ Explore options for additional Speed Limit signs throughout the neighborhood.	Low	VTD, VPW, BRNA
◆ Increase speeding enforcement on neighborhood streets, such as 98th Ave and 21st St.	High	VPD, BRNA
◆ Identify a need for and encourage installation of pedestrian crossing signs and markings where appropriate.	Medium	VTD, VPW, BRNA
◆ Support establishment of a regional ADA compatible pedestrian walking network. Identify amenities, such as curb ramps, which need to be installed to implement this network.	High	VTD, BRNA, CDBG
◆ Survey neighborhood to identify areas where sidewalks are needed.	Medium	BRNA, VTD
◆ Survey neighborhood to identify sight triangle obstructions.	High	BRNA, VTD
◆ Repair existing sidewalks to enhance pedestrian safety.	High	VTD, VPW, CDBG, BRNA, OWN, PMG



## MOBILITY MANAGEMENT (Continued)

◆ Continue liaison to the city and state traffic management organizations to ensure our neighborhood is represented regarding traffic designs. Continue to update residents on this issue.	High	RTC, VTD, BRNA
◆ Work with CTRAN to ensure adequate bus service for the neighborhood.	Medium	CTRAN, BRNA
◆ Trim vegetation obstructing sidewalks.	High	OWN, PMG, VPW
◆ Complete walkways and bike lanes on the NE 97th Avenue and 98th Avenue corridor from Mill Plain to Burton Road.	High	VTD, RTC
◆ Provide a connection to the proposed Burnt Bridge Creek trail.	Medium	VTD, RTC
◆ Improve pedestrian and bicycle access to and along Mill Plain Blvd.	High	VTD, RTC

## MOBILITY MANAGEMENT (Continued)

### **Objective #2**

Improve accesses to the highway and arterial network and reduces cut-through traffic with regional transportation improvements.

Support projects that will keep traffic on the arterial streets and off of residential streets, like NE 21st Street. Additional access to I-205 is very important to relieving congestion on Mill Plain Blvd.

<b><u>Action Steps</u></b>	<b><u>Priority</u></b>	<b><u>Responsible Parties</u></b>
◆ Add another interchange on I-205 in the vicinity of NE 18th and 28th Streets.	High	RTC
◆ Complete NE 87th Avenue Extension project.	High	RTC
◆ Complete the Burton/NE 28th Street widening.	High	RTC, VTD
◆ Complete NE 18th Street from NE 112th to NE 98th Avenue.	High	RTC, VTD
◆ Complete NE 18th from NE 98th Avenue to NE 87th Avenue.	High	RTC, VTD
◆ Implement an ITS (Intelligent Transportation System) in the City that will give resident real time information to make important transportation choices.	Low	RTC, VTD

## VI. PUBLIC SAFETY

### **Objective #1**

Increase the public safety of our residents.

Encourage neighbors to get to know one another. Neighbors of Burton Ridge Neighborhood wish to work together to improve safety during crises and to prevent crimes in our neighborhood.

<b><u>Action Steps:</u></b>	<b><u>Priority</u></b>	<b><u>Responsible Parties</u></b>
◆ Install a traffic light on 103 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue/25 <sup>th</sup> Street and Burton Road.	High	VTD, BRNA
◆ Alternatively install pedestrian walk/lights across Burton Road at 103 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 25 <sup>th</sup> street to access CTRAN bus stop.	High	VTD, BRNA, CTRAN
◆ Improve visibility at “blind” corners (e.g. remove or trim vegetation impairing visibility of oncoming traffic.)	High	BRNA, VPW, OWN, PMG, VTD
◆ Trim trees surrounding streetlights.	Medium	OWN, PMG, BRNA, CPU
◆ Provide CERT training for Volunteers to serve our neighborhood.	High	CERT, BRNA
◆ Develop Block Home Program	High	ESD 114, BRNA
◆ Promote Community Mediation for dispute and conflict resolution and to promote peacekeeping.	Medium	CS, CMS, BRNA
◆ Work with Vancouver Police to discourage speeding and traffic through our neighborhood by increased enforcement.	High	VPD, BRNA, VTD
◆ Establish a neighborhood watch: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Reestablish patrols</li> <li>* Publish a telephone tree</li> <li>* Work with our Police Liaison</li> <li>* Make neighborhood patrol visible</li> <li>* Encourage more police patrols</li> <li>* Build a better rapport with the police</li> </ul>	High	VPD, BRNA
◆ BPA easement needs to be patrolled to discourage illegal activities.	Medium	VPD, BRNA, BPA

## VII. COMMUNITY BUILDING

### Objective #1

To build a stronger neighborhood.

We will continue to organize social traditions that promote collaborations between residents of all backgrounds that live in our area. We wish to continue to raise funds for neighborhood improvements and activities, as well as research funding that's available through different programs and services.

<u>Action Steps:</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>
◆ Organize a Summer Block Party	High	OWN, BRNA, CITY
◆ Organize a Christmas Party	High	OWN, BRNA, OON
◆ Hold annual neighborhood garage sales	Medium	OWN, BRNA
◆ Maintain our neighborhood web page	High	BRNA
◆ Hold more fund raisers to promote community and help fund social events.	Medium	OWN, BRNA
◆ Explore different funding options to fund neighborhood activities, as well as funding for physical improvements in the neighborhood.	High	OON, BRNA, OTH
◆ Coordinate volunteers to help the elderly and disabled residents in the neighborhood.	High	OWN, BRNA
◆ Organize a Potluck Bingo night.	High	BRNA
◆ Develop a Welcoming Committee.	Medium	BRNA
◆ Create other meaningful opportunities for neighborhood involvement.	High	BRNA, OTH, OON
◆ Perform a Talent & Skill Survey.	Low	BRNA, OON, OWN
◆ Continue our partnership with restorative justice to use juvenile offenders in our neighborhood projects.	High	BRNA, CMS – Restorative Justice
◆ Burton Ridge Forest Cleanup Day.	High	BRNA, OWN, VPR, VUF