
May 2023 – Second Quarter FPNA Newsletter

First Place Neighborhood Association

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Hello Neighbors! FPNA held its 2nd quarter meeting April 27th. I was happy to see so many of you join us via zoom. A full agenda was presented and we had lots of business to attend to.

97 of 300 households have paid their \$30 dues for 2023. Let's see if we can send in our dues and get the number of households participating up. A dues form is attached to the back of this newsletter.

Now that the weather has started to turn, you may see me out walking my giant Doodle, Tucker, meeting the new neighbors, and visiting with families. Over a dozen new residents have moved into this incredible community since the beginning of the year. Let's get out and introduce ourselves to these new faces. Many events are on the calendar for the upcoming months. If you are not receiving updates we may not have your email address correct, please reach out to FPNAcommunicate@gmail.com to update your information.

The Annual First Place Neighborhood Garage Sale is slotted for June 23rd-24th, 9AM-4PM. Spring Clean-up Day is June 24th. Items for disposal/recycle can be taken to the church on 18th St. & 156th.

Picnic at the park is scheduled for July 22nd. A big shout out to Doug Stalheim and his many committee members for the hard work in planning and preparing for this exciting event.

Last and possibly the most important is the update given by Grace Teigen on the 18th street widening project. If you are not informed on what is happening with 18th street, I highly recommend you reach out to Grace and take part in the next zoom meeting she is holding on May 18th.

There is always the need for more helpers to contribute in many events going on around the community. We encourage anyone interested to reach out to any of our board members for more information.

Best Regards, Acting Chair Dale Cisco



Upcoming Events

Ladies' Happy Hour: May 15th
at the home of Karen Wilson,
5PM.

- contact Bonnie McCampbell

Men's Luncheon: May 19th at Thai House Restaurant,
11:30AM. - contact Wayne Sparks

Neighborhood Social: May 20th at the home of Tim Eannarino and Rick Moerloos,
5PM. - contact Sharon Bevan

Neighborhood Garage Sale: June 23rd & 24th, 9AM-4PM.
- contact Pat Tarnow

Spring Clean-Up Day: June 24th. - contact Tom Harriman

2023 Neighborhood Picnic - FPNA Afternoon in the Park: July 22nd at 12 noon.
- contact Doug Stalheim

Email Addresses and Info
FPNAcommunicate@gmail.com
Changes to group participation, email, or contact information changes

FPNAnewsletter@hotmail.com
For submissions and questions

[NextDoor App](#)
Information shared by members

[Facebook Website](#)
Information shared by members

18th Street Corridor Widening/Design Update

The City has been busily working on other road projects, but their plan to hire a design consultant for our 18th Street Corridor remains. We expect to hear when the process will begin soon.



Meanwhile, our coalition of neighborhoods is expanding. We are now working with Countryside Woods, Stonebriar, and Sunrise Glen neighborhoods and Evergreen School District has also joined our committee. More are invited. We have delivered flyers to Richland Estates and the homes along the north side of 18th Street. We hope to keep expanding until we have reached all our neighbors.

Zoom meetings are beginning again. There will be a meeting on May 18th at 7pm. If you would like to attend, contact Grace Teigen. As we have gathered more information from BPA (electric tower easement), the City, and many

others, we have become aware that it will be very important that we demonstrate very clearly what we are looking for in the way of a design. We all want it to be beautiful, safe, noise dampening etc. but what exactly does that look like??

We're working on answers to that question.

Watch for updates! *(Grace is in the Neighborhood Directory.)*

- Grace Teigen

First Place Neighborhood Garage Sale:

For those of you who are new to the neighborhood, the First Place Neighborhood Association hosts an annual Garage Sale in June.

Each household manages their own garage sale and the First Place Association does all the advertising. If you don't have enough items to have your own garage sale, consider having a joint sale with your neighbors.

The Garage Sale will take place rain or shine on Friday June 23rd and Saturday June 24th from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

If you're having a garage sale, let me know and I'll add you to the garage sale map. *(Pat's in the Neighborhood Directory.)*

- Pat Tarnow



Life in First Place Spring Color



- Sheree Belanger

Did You Know?

Your Neighborhood Association Needs

Your Help: Our neighborhood association needs to fill the position of secretary on the FPNA board. Our current secretary, Vicky Splinter, has held the position for more than two years and would like to retire. We thank Vicky for her excellent work and service to our neighborhood. We invite YOU to volunteer to fill the position of Association Secretary for the current year. The position entails taking minutes at meetings and posting them. Orientation and support will be available to the interested individual.

Please volunteer by contacting Joe Ghaffari.
(Joe's in the neighborhood directory)

Men's Monthly Luncheon: The May Men's Lunch will be held at Thai House restaurant on Friday, May 19th at 11:30 am. The Thai House is located at 8058 East Mill Plain Boulevard--just a couple of blocks beyond the Peace Health Hospital complex, on the same side of Mill Plain Boulevard. The web site for Thai House is thaihousevancouver.com.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by Wednesday, May 17th by e-mailing Wayne Sparks. We will need to have a final count of attendees for the restaurant by that time.
(Wayne's in the neighborhood directory)

Get Sharp, Look Sharp:

Springtime means gardening, pruning, and lots of other yard maintenance activities. Did you know you can get your pruners, loppers, hedge trimmers, and mower blades all sharpened for FREE? Check out Repair Clark County for sharpening events:
<https://www.columbiasprings.org/repair-clark-county/>

Welcome New Neighbors!

The First Place Ambassador program is Busy, Busy, Busy! Their goal is to make new neighbors feel welcome, invited, and included.

Since 2020, the neighborhood ambassadors have distributed over 50 welcome baskets with a variety of goodies, city and neighborhood information, First Place Directories, and First Place Newsletters. All visits are person-to-person.

Thanks to that team of 10 who go out of their way to strengthen our neighborhood!

Recycle Durable Medical Devices:

Our neighbor, Kay Scott, let us know about a great non-profit called A Caring Closet. They accept donations for certain medical mobility devices and recycle them for reuse.

Learn more here: <https://acaringcloset.org>



First Place Neighborhood Social

Saturday, May 20th at 5:00pm

Please join Rick Moerloos and Tim Eannarino for an Italian-themed get-together.

Join us for lasagna, music, conversation, and laughs. If the weather permits, this will be a backyard party.

Please bring an Italian-inspired appetizer or dessert to share and your favorite beverage.

Showing Your Support for First Place

The pandemic certainly altered the way we could connect as a neighborhood, however as we move forward the FPNA Board and Committees are committed to supporting the functions that make First Place great. To do so, we please need your help with a donation through our annual dues process.



Maybe you will find value in this reminder about how much your support matters. Thank you to those who regularly contribute! Your contributions can allow the neighborhood to finance activities such as maintaining our landscape design at the beautiful front circle, warm welcomes to new residents moving in, and many other fun community events like our annual picnic. Let's also not forget the impact we can make to local students' futures by supporting our scholarship fund. It is fulfilling to see the impact our neighborhood can make with our neighbors' support like yours!

If you would find value in supporting your neighborhood, please contribute via the instructions included in the newsletter (pg 12). It's even easier to give support this year! Please consider our PayPal option by following this link www.paypal.me/firstplaceNA. Thank you for your support!

- Evan Meessen, Your First Place Neighborhood Association Treasurer

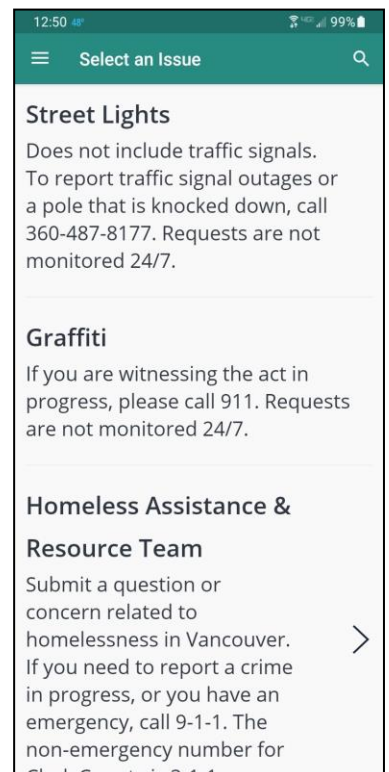
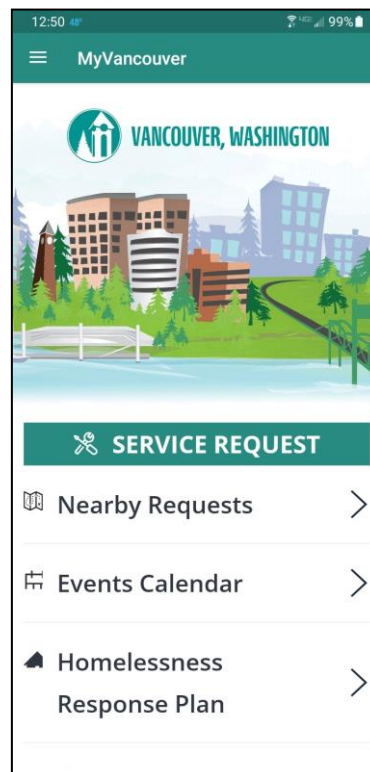
Pots Holes? Broken Street Lights? Graffiti? We Have an App for that!

MyVancouver Website and App:

The City of Vancouver provides a location to report graffiti, street light problems, potholes, sign damage, and a variety of other issues. Several FPNA neighbors use this service and the city's response and remediation is quite fast. You can also check on reports already submitted. It's easy to use on your computer, mobile device, or tablet.



[MyVancouver | City of Vancouver, Washington, USA](https://www.vancouver.wa.gov/)



2023 Summer FPNA Family Picnic

"An Afternoon in the Park" July 22nd, 12 Noon

Come one! Come all!

- ✓ **Bring the kids**
- ✓ **Bring the grandkids**
- ✓ **Heck, bring your parents**
- ✓ **Food and prizes**
- ✓ **FPNA Friends and Neighbors**
- ✓ **Games**
- ✓ **Trip to Hawaii (Wait! What?)**

Your FPNA 2023 Summer Picnic Committee is working together with the FPNA Scholarship Committee to have a combination family picnic and FPNA Scholarship Fundraiser. Both committees have been planning scholarship fund raising activities to go along with great old fashion neighborly camaraderie and a fun filled exciting day.

Great food:

- ⇒ Mexican Buffet compliments of Fiesta Bonita and FP Neighbor Manny Amado
- ⇒ Or, Hot dogs, chips, drink, vegetable trays, etc. Your choice.

Yard games:

- ⇒ Corn hole, ladder golf, and more

Contests:

- ⇒ FP Trivia, Invite a Neighbor Raffle, Meet a FP Neighbor Contest)

Great prizes:

- ⇒ \$100, \$75, \$50 various gift certificates, wine baskets, etc.

Music:

- ⇒ Back by popular demand Jeanne Walker

Special guests to entertain everyone.

There will also be fun and exciting opportunities for the great neighbors of First Place to contribute to the FPNA Scholarship Fund for Evergreen High School graduates by participating as chefs and judges for the First Place Chili Cook-off competition. There will be

a Silent Auction to bid on wonderful vacations, like a 4 day/5 night Maui stay at the Westin Kaanapali Ocean Resort Villas North. You can also bid on some very exciting gift baskets, etc. with all proceeds going to the scholarship fund.



If you were at the 2022 Summer Picnic and enjoyed that, please return. This year is working out to be even more fun and exciting. If you did not attend in 2022 or are new to the neighborhood, please come out and get to know your First Place neighbors and learn why this is one of the best neighborhoods in Vancouver.

So we can plan appropriately, please RSVP by email to Doug Stalheim with the number of people and food preference; Mexican, hot dogs, or both.

(contact info for Doug is in the Neighborhood Directory.)

- Doug Stalheim, First Place Summer Family Picnic Committee

Recycling: Help Your Truck Driver Help You

Recycling can take a little effort, but following the few steps below will help ensure your recycle truck driver collects the most recyclables in the best possible condition. The following handy tips may help shed light on how to Recycle Right in Clark County.



- Mixed recycling and glass ~ In 2009 Clark County and its cities switched from a 3-bin recycling system to one bin for glass plus a blue recycling roll cart for mixed recyclables collected at the curb. Waste Connections recycle trucks have two sections; one for glass and one mixed recycling. When the trucks return to the transfer station - where the actual sorting is done - they deposit each section in a different location.
- Place your roll cart at least three feet from other carts or obstacles ~ Providing adequate space allows the automated arm on a recycle truck to reach out and pick up your recycling cart without knocking other nearby carts or objects like a basketball hoop.
- Plastic bags are recyclable, but NOT in your cart ~ Plastic bags tangle in the recycling sorting machinery and prohibit other more valuable commodities from being recycled. Many local retailers have a special collection bin for film plastics near the entrances or customer service areas.
- Set your glass bin and mixed recycling cart at the curb by 6:30 am on your pick up day ~ Waste Connections recycle truck drivers are out on routes and start picking up recyclables by 6:30 a.m. You cannot always count on the fact that your driver usually comes by at a certain time; for any number of reasons, the schedule and drivers can change. If scavenging is not a problem you may want to set your recycling cart out the night before your pick up is scheduled.
- Cut cardboard down to fit inside your recycling roll cart ~ Cardboard is much more marketable if it is dry. If it is inside the cart, it saves time for the recycling driver and allows them to service more carts in a day, keeping costs down.
- Place used motor oil or antifreeze in a clear one gallon plastic jug with a screw top lid and place near cart ~ Motor Oil and antifreeze will be picked up at the curb, when space is available in the truck. Please use clear, one-gallon plastic jugs with screw-on lids; they fit snugly in a special space on the side of recycle trucks so they won't spill. Also, please NEVER mix oil or antifreeze, don't add water, brake fluid, or other liquids either. Contaminated oil and antifreeze are not recyclable; they should be disposed at Hazardous Waste Facilities located at the three county transfer stations.
- Place household batteries in a clear bag on top of your blue recycle cart ~ Please tape the ends of batteries and place batteries, including batteries from flashlights, re-chargeable appliances, hearing aids, etc. in a clear, sealed plastic bag on top of your recycle cart. Rev 3/18 Article courtesy of Waste Connections of WA



- Penny McElvain
- Nic Belanger



Life in First Place Spring Color



From the Editor

The FPNA Newsletter is published quarterly after the general association meeting.

- Are you interested in writing an article for the FPNA newsletter?
- Want to remind your neighbors about an upcoming date or event?
- Do you have FYI-type information about the neighborhood or the FPNA Association?

Don't be shy. Send it in an e-mail to FPNAnewsletter@hotmail.com

(Note: To protect our neighbors, personal contact information is intentional omitted from the FPNA Newsletter. Please remember, the FPNA Newsletter is public information through the City of Vancouver.)

Note: 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 the Neighborhood Association newsletter 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. This newsletter has been shared with the City of Vancouver Office of Neighborhoods and therefore, is available to the Internet community.



Find Us On Facebook!

First Place Neighborhood Association

*This is a private Facebook page for First Place neighborhood residents only.

FPNA Executive Board: 2023

Chair – Dale Cisco

Vice Chair – Steve Zapp

Treasurer - Evan Meessen

Secretary – Vicki Splinter

Neighborhood Committees - Contact the Committee Chair if you're interested in more information on getting involved. Contact info is available in the FPNA Directory.

- **Annual Picnic** – Doug Stalheim (Team TBD)
- **Annual Spring Cleanup** - Tom Harriman
- **Communications Central** – Kandi Cisco
- **18th Street Widening Project** – Gene Wigglesworth, Grace Teigen, Ellen Sward, Bill Savoie, Margie Schnack, Wayne Sparks, Sherry Bala, and other interested neighbors.
- **Facebook** - Penny McElvain
- **First Place Directory** – Kandi Cisco
- **Garage Sale** – Pat Tarnow
- **Holiday Ladies' Luncheon** – Open
- **Ladies' Luncheon** – Open
- **Landscape** – Steve Zapp
- **Men's Luncheon**, - Wayne Sparks
- **Neighborhood Ambassador Program** - Doug Stalheim, Pat Sparks, Sheree Belanger, Julia Karnes, Joan Lamy, and Kandi Cisco
 - **Welcome Basket Production Team** – Penny McElvain, Kay Scott
 - **New Neighbor Spotters** – Joan Lamy, Joe Serroels, Bryan Fix (local realtor)
- **Neighborhood Social** - Sharon Bevan
- **Newsletter** – Darren Belanger
- **Next Door Website** - Joan Lamy
- **9th Street Garden Gang** - coordinate/maintain FPNA properties backing to 9th street – Open
- **Safety Committee** – Open
- **Scholarship** - Sharon Bevan, Kandi Cisco, Sharon Graven, Shirley Morgan
- **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** – Open
- **Walk-n-Knock** – Patricia Hines
- **Women's Happy Hour** - Bonny McCampbell

Please join the fun as you are willing and able. Working together we accomplish so much more. Everyone's help is welcome and appreciated!



What do committee volunteers and board members do?

Picnic Committee - organizes our Annual Picnic in First Place Park

Holiday Luncheon Committee - arranges a holiday celebration for the women in the neighborhood

Scholarship Committee - gathers funds and chooses worthy recipient(s) from Evergreen High School

First Place Neighborhood Ambassadors - The Ambassadors welcome new neighbors, deliver welcome baskets, and periodically host Newcomer Gatherings

FPNA Chairperson - The Chairperson sets the meeting date and time for the board meetings and the quarterly general meetings. The Chairperson also helps develop the agenda with input from the elected board members and committee chairs. Other duties of the Chairperson include conducting the business meetings, coordinating with committee chairs or other neighborhood groups implementing projects, and resolving issues that may arise

FPNA Vice Chairperson - The Vice Chairperson acts as a support person, covering meetings when the Chairperson is unavailable and coordinates with the Treasurer to audit our funds yearly. Also the Vice Chairperson manages special projects as requested by the Chair

Safety Chairperson - The Safety Chairperson checks and notifies the City when street lights are out and has managed the curb address painting. Further the Safety Chair has been on the lookout for hazard issues in First Place, such as low tree limbs obscuring stop and street signs

FPNA Communication Coordinator - The FPNA Communication Coordinator maintains the master list of residents and sends out announcements of neighborhood activities

Ladies' Luncheon Coordinator - Coordinator sets the time and location for their meetings

Men's Luncheon Coordinator - Coordinator sets the time and location for their meetings

FPNA Newsletter Editor - Reviews newsletter submissions, builds and edits the quarterly newsletter and sends it to the FPNA Chairperson for review and approval.

This is just a sampling of the FPNA positions that benefit our neighborhood. If you are interested in volunteering to help First Place remain a strong Neighborhood Association, please contact any board member.

First Place Neighborhood Association-Resident Information

Print, complete and return only when your information has changed.

Return to: P.O. Box 872261, Vancouver, WA. 98687

Or: By Email to

<mailto:fpnacommunicate@gmail.com>

Please type in the highlighted boxes below.

First Name. 1.		Last Name. 1.	
First Name. 2.		Last Name. 2.	
Property Address.			
Phone. Cell	Cell	Home	Work
Email 1.		Email 2.	

Please check those you would like.

I would like my information to be included in future directories.	Yes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	No.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Invite me to:

Neighborhood Social.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ladies' Luncheon.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Men's Luncheon.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ladies' Happy Hour.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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- **Neighborhood Social:** Held monthly in the home of a resident volunteer in First Place. Attendees are asked to bring a bottle of wine or other beverage and an appetizer to share. Open to all First Place neighbors.
- **Ladies' Luncheon:** Arranged at a local restaurant by a volunteer and open to all First Place women.
- **Men's Luncheon:** Arranged at a local restaurant by a volunteer and open to all First Place men.
- **Ladies' Happy Hour:** Held the second Monday of the month from 4-7pm in the home of a volunteer neighbor. Bring your favorite beverage and appetizer to share. Open to all First Place women.

2023

FPNA Annual Dues Notice

\$30 per household
(unchanged from 2022)

First Place Neighborhood Association (FPNA) voluntary dues are \$30 and renewed annually in January. Donations support neighborhood maintenance & social functions.

PayPal FPNAInfo@gmail.com at www.paypal.me/firstplaceNA

<<Choose payment type "For friends and family">>

or

Make checks payable to First Place Neighborhood Association (FPNA)

Mail to FPNA Treasurer, P.O. Box 872261, Vancouver, WA 98687

Please include your household information and any designation for additional donations, as listed in the form below, with your donation.

Thank you for you continued support!

Name_____

FP Address_____

Besides the annual dues, if you wish to include an additional voluntary contribution please enter an amount here:

FPNA Scholarship Fund: \$_____.

Any other FPNA activity: \$_____.

Thank You!!

-Your FPNA Board and FP Neighbors