

NORTHCREST NEWS



January 2023

GET TOGETHER with your Northcrest neighbors

Thursday, January 19th from 6:00 – 8 pm

Stop by for some refreshments & catch up with your neighbors. There is no agenda.

We'll gather at the Northcrest Community Church, 5602 E. Mill Plain Blvd.

Successful Summer Picnic

Our last gathering, Northcrest's Annual Neighborhood Picnic was held on August 4 at Columbia Lancaster Park.

Because of Covid restrictions, this was the first picnic in two years. We had a great turnout with over 50 people. It was one of the few days in August where the weather was enjoyable. We had a warm summer breeze, not the scorching hot that we experienced on the days prior and again after the picnic.



Thank you to all who volunteered, brought side dishes and stuck around for clean-up. Five members from our local Fire Department showed up, along with the 3 of Vancouver Police Department's finest including our Neighborhood Police Officer, Sean Metevia.

Neighborhood Clean-up Summer of 2023

No date has been set for the **2023 Neighborhood Cleanup** as yet. However, the new location will be at the Vancouver Heights United Methodist Church, 5701 MacArthur. (On the corner of Devine and MacArthur).



Again, it will be a combination of 2 to 3 other neighborhoods. All the clean-ups are being combined with other neighborhoods, as there are not enough Saturdays in the year to accommodate all the neighborhoods individually. Last year's Cleanup was extremely well organized, although a bit further to drive. We'll keep you posted and we will be calling for volunteers again to help with the event as the date gets closer.

Devine Road Update

Construction has begun on the multi-use path along Devine from Idaho to Burnt Bridge Trail. Crews will replace the existing path along the west side of Devine Road, from Idaho Street to the Burnt Bridge Creek Trail, with a wider ADA-compliant, multi-use path for walkers and bike riders. Construction hours planned for 7 am to 7 pm, Monday through Friday, but could go as late as 8 pm and include weekends if needed. Project completion is anticipated for early 2023, weather and construction conditions allowing.



During construction there could be impacts to travel near the work zone. Watch for signs indicating changes for cars, bikes and pedestrians. The contractor will maintain a 5-foot-wide pedestrian path. Drivers are asked to stay alert to possible one-lane travel at times. All residents in the area should prepare for delays and remember to go slowly in the construction zone.

Burnt Bridge Trail Homeless Situation Update

Having heard multiple concerns regarding safety along the Burnt Bridge Trail, Glenn Miller contacted HART (Homeless Assistance & Resource Team), Officer Tyler Chavers. This was the response:

The HART conducted a cleanup in the BBC Trail system area as described below on Nov 2nd, and will continue to address the unsheltered folks in that area. Around Nov 2nd at least 3 different sites vacated because they were able to get into permanent housing! HART continues to conduct outreach and engagement with the rest of those staying in the area, and assesses the sites for solid waste mitigation. The current sites are not in violation of the Camping Impact Ordinance or other non-permitted areas, such as directly under the BPA power lines. We continue to enforce those and other ordinances for compliance.

A couple of factors have slowed our work throughout the entire City with regards to the unsheltered population. One has been the inclement weather. Anytime it rains for days in a row with no chance of drying out and/or the temperature drops below freezing (32 degrees) City crews are busy with streets maintenance work (clearing leaves, tree debris, standing water, de-icing, etc.), and we don't force folks out of the only shelter available to them during those times. Another factor was team staffing as folks were out on vacation and/or sick with the illness going around. Most of those issues have resolved, except the cold weather, and we are assessing the sites for cleanup again in the near future.

Regarding trail safety, I am not aware of anything out of the ordinary which would prevent the free use and enjoyment of the trail system. At any given time while we are out on the trails conducting our work we see walkers, bikers, joggers, etc. using the trails. While the police have had reports of criminal activity among the homeless population directed at each other, I am not aware of any problems between the public using the trails and the unsheltered folks staying in the area.

Love living in Northcrest? We sure do!

The Northcrest Neighborhood Association is 100% volunteer run.

- We are not a homeowner's association.
- We don't make or enforce rules or collect dues.
- We work with the city to solve neighborhood problems and host events to help bring us closer together.



In order to keep doing this, **we do need your help!**

Our Board's elections are coming up at our next Association Meeting.

Please consider making a one-year commitment. If you are even thinking of getting involved or have questions – we'd love to talk to you!

You will have the “pros” to help walk you through it. It will take less than 2 hours a month or if you want to go to the city's meeting, Coffee with the Mayor, Planning Commission meetings etc. - a little more. You get to know what changes the city will be making. We have some big changes that you might want to keep an eye on.

Get in touch by email – northcrestneighborhood@gmail.com



Water Station 5 Update

Construction began in the last quarter of 2021 and will take approximately two years with completion anticipated for the end of 2023. You can find more details here: www.cityofvancouver.us/WaterStation5Project.

Heights Project Update

The City of Vancouver is planning to share up-dated designs in early 2023. Community members will be able to share their input online and attend the community meeting in early February (exact date TBD). They are planning to have small-group conversations with local businesses and service providers, as well as students, parents and educators at nearby schools. The City is in contact with the Vancouver Heights Neighborhood Association about co-hosting a meeting where they would bring together multiple neighborhood groups. There is no date set, but this will likely happen in late January or early February. We hope to have more information at our January 19, Northcrest get-together at Northcrest Community Church.



Safety Update



From Neighborhood Police Officer, Sean Metevia: *Package and mail theft are on the rise. Encourage neighbors to NOT leave packages on doorsteps or mail in mailboxes for extended amount of time. Also, no warming up vehicles unattended during cold weather as this promotes vehicle theft when keys are in the ignition and vehicle running and no one around.*

If you SEE something, SAY something

Download the **MYVancouver** app. It's a convenient line of communication with City employees to solve nonemergency issues and stay in-the-know on City events and resources.

- Report non-emergency issues such as potholes, graffiti, sign damage or streetlight outages
- Include a photo and GPS location
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- Access other City info, including street sweeping schedules, a community event calendar and City job listings
- Easily locate local parks, hospitals, community centers and more

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<https://www.cityofvancouver.us/community/page/myvancouver#whatelse>

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If you have an EMERGENCY, call 9-1-1, non-emergency call 3-1-1

If you need help and are not sure where to start call 211 or go to www.211.org

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