

NEIGHBORLY NOTES

Newsletter of the Vancouver Heights Neighborhood Association

Notes From The Chair

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Dear Neighbor,

We've had a flurry of activities in our neighborhood and region lately. The February meeting featured an amazing lineup of speakers, and fortunately, they have agreed to come back for the March meeting. One of the highlights of my time with the VHNA came with the dedication of the Vaughn Rhoden Covid Tree. The event brought many of our close neighbors and their adult children, as well as mayor Anne and many of you. It was a groundbreaking achievement and a testament to what neighbors taking care of neighbors means. I would like to thank Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle and Sarah Wolf from the Columbian for helping us remember, celebrate, and dedicate a symbol of hope and longevity to those who lost a courageous fight against Covid.

Our Thursday, March 23 meeting will feature Kelly McCoy, a C-Tran representative, Ross Montgomery from the NTSA (Neighborhood Traffic Safety Alliance), Victor Caesar from the Vancouver Housing Authority, Ryan Lapossa from the City of Vancouver Transportation, and Dr. Joey from CORE Chiropractic. As you can see, we have quite the lineup!

In closing, I would like to invite you to own a piece of history. For \$10, you can buy a brick or two from the recently demolished Lieser Elementary School. Bricks will be available at our March meeting. We have already had a great response, with 20 bricks sold. If you are interested in purchasing a brick, you can reserve one for pickup on March 23rd by emailing Llafet4@gmail.com.

Let's work together to make our area great. Once again, please keep your eyes open and let people know that you are watching for any suspicious behavior. I hope to see you at the March meeting!

With Warm Regards-
Park Llafet- VHNA Chair

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Heights Neighborhood Breakfast

Please join the City of Vancouver and nearby neighborhood associations for a breakfast conversation about the Heights District, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 25th at King Elementary School (4801 Idaho Street).

During the meeting, the project team will share how designs have evolved since the open house held last fall. The team is also excited to share ways that they're designing spaces that are accessible and welcoming to all community members. As the team works to refine designs, we'd appreciate your feedback and ideas.

Interested neighbors should visit tinyurl.com/heightsbreakfast to RSVP.

*Thank you to all who joined us for the
CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE FOR
Gail Hinchsliff*



As a lifelong member of the Vancouver Heights Neighborhood, Gail attended Lieser Elementary, participated in VHNA activities, and became a member of Immanuel Lutheran. She loved to garden, share kindness with friends, and volunteer for community activities such as Compassion Clinic and After-School activities for children. Help us honor the life of this beloved community member!

Vaughn Rhoden Covid Tree Dedication

Residents of the Vancouver Heights came together on the 4th of March to dedicate a tree planted in honor of former VHNA chair Vaughn Rhoden, and the 1406 lives that were lost from Covid here in Clark County.



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CHIPPER
DAY
2023

Columbia Presbyterian Church
8 A.M. to 12 P.M.
805 Columbia Ridge Dr

OK for the chipper

- Branches, twigs, tree pruning (up to 4" in diameter)
- Tree limbs (up to 4" in diameter)
- Trunks and woody debris
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Please NO

- Juniper, arborvitae, ivy, vines, bamboo, blackberry briars
- Leaves, grass clippings, pine needles, rocks, dirt, large stumps, painted or treated wood

Announcements and Events

Event Title	Date	Location
Heights Update Breakfast	Saturday, March 25th @ 10:00 am	King Elementary
Beach Cleanup on World Water Day	Wednesday, March 22 @ 9:30 - 12:00 PM	RSVP @ https://tinyurl.com/marineparkbeach
Watershed Stewardship Course	Fridays 10am - 12pm 3/17, 3/24, 4/21	Register@ https://www.clarkcd.org/watershed-stewardship
Buy Lieser Elementary School Bricks	March 23rd @ VHNA meeting	Immanuel Lutheran Church

Please join us for our next VHNA meeting!
March 23 @ 7:00 PM

Featured Speakers:

Kelly McCoy - C-Tran

Ross Montgomery - NTSA

Ryan Lopossa - City of Vancouver Transportation

Dr. Joey Gonzalez - CORE Chiropractic

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Watch online w/ Zoom @ tinyurl.com/vhnameeting

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BENEFITS OF TREES

Did you know that the way we landscape directly impacts the quality of our water? Planting, properly maintaining and preserving trees is a cost effective and easy way to assist in managing stormwater. As homeowners, landscapers and property managers there are a few simple steps you can take to protect water quality where you live: remove high maintenance turf, plant new yard and street trees, use organic mulch, reduce your pesticide use, preserve existing trees and properly maintain your trees so they remain healthy.

Urban forests help to reduce the amount of polluted runoff that moves through urban areas and into lakes, rivers and other water bodies. Planting, properly maintaining and preserving trees creates a "green infrastructure" which is a great way to protect and restore the quality of our water resources.

- Trees clean dust and other pollutants from the air
- Trees help cool air in the summer and warm air in the winter
- Properly placed trees increase property value
- Birds, bugs and other wildlife find food and shelter in trees
- Trees provide a shady place to rest on a hot day!
- Tree canopy acts as a sponge, protecting soil from rain splash damage while slowing runoff
- Roots hold soil in place and reduce erosion
- Urban forests are essential to the replenishment of groundwater for a steady supply of clean drinking water
- Decomposed leaves, roots and branches enrich the soil
- Trees make our neighborhoods green and beautiful
- Trees act as windbreaks
- Logs and snags provide habitat and food for wildlife
- Foliage shades and cools streams so fish and other wildlife can survive



THINGS YOU CAN DO:

- ▷ Remove high maintenance lawns
- ▷ Plant new yard and street trees
- ▷ Use organic mulch and fertilizers
- ▷ Preserve existing trees so they are healthy
- ▷ Reduce your pesticide use

References and additional information:

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Washington State University Pierce County Extension: *Low Impact Development Technical Guidance Manual for Puget Sound*

