



Fircrest Neighborhood Association

Fircrest Neighborhood Newsletter

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Fircrest

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Non-emergency law enforcement situations 311 (*Emergency is still 911*)

Vancouver Public Works (streets, traffic signals, street light, signs)

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Development Updates...

Many developments are planned & progressing in our neighborhood. We try to invite the developers and city planning professionals to our monthly meetings for them to share & allow for them to hear feedback **from YOU**, those who are impacted by the developments.

The FNA is grateful for many positive outcomes from these meetings. We welcome you to join.

Our Tues, April 4th meeting will have Phil Wuest from the Ginn Group as our guest speaker. He'll be sharing about their **Bradstreet** project, developing the field between the water tower neighborhood at NE 121st Ave, east towards NE 123rd/NE 125th Ave, south of NE 18th St & north of NE 13th St.

The presentation will include information about which roads will be extended through the property (from NE 16th/15th/14th St to the East) and the reasons Ginn Group is requesting a rezoning to R-9 which would allow the building of more homes compared to the current R-6 zoning.

Another development that is progressing is the **117th Ave Townhomes** project which is between NE Major St and NE 5th St at NE 117th Ave. Though the developer is not currently planning

on presenting at a FNA meeting, Bev, the FNA Development Chair, and Margaret, FNA Co-Chair, have been tracking the progress and sharing the neighbors concerns and questions with the developer and the City.

Raising Cane is a restaurant development that will be going in where the former Sweet Tomatoes location was, north of Mill Plain, east of SE 126th Ave on SE 2nd Circle. This will be a complete demolition and rebuild for the new fried chicken fingers restaurant.

North & west around 7-11 at NE 4th St & NE 136th Ave, **Haagen Property Mixed Use** project is an affordable housing apartment complex that will include a 4 or 5 story building, separate units, & a commercial use component. At our Feb 2023 FNA meeting, Vancouver Housing Authority indicated possible changes to the design are to remove the row houses & reduce the height to only 4-stories, yet, a plan to retain the apartment's dog park & playground area.

These are just a sample of the projects we are monitoring & communicating with the developers & City about. Others include City street projects, waterline projects, etc. We welcome you to get involved to share your ideas & feedback.

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Calendar of Events

1st Tuesday of the Month, 7pm via Zoom—Fircrest Neighborhood Association Meeting (via Zoom, Mtg ID: **866 3944 8050** & Passcode: **096206**)

Now - Dec 31st—SIGN-UP for 5-BULKY ITEMS &/or Appliance curbside pickup time

April 4th, 7pm, Tues—next FNA Monthly meeting via Zoom

May 6th, 8am-2pm, Sat—FNA & Shared Neighborhood Annual Clean-Up

August 1st, PM, Tues—Annual Eastside Community Picnic and National Night Out @ LeRoy Haagen Memorial Community Park

—————SEE FURTHER DETAILS BELOW—————

Fircrest Neighborhood Association (FNA)

Monthly Meeting

Always the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

We are currently meeting by Zoom.

You can join the meeting any time after 6:50pm by going to

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88639448050?pwd=cFFyREVscUMxeUhhSL2E4Zms5UUtzZz09>

You can access Zoom via the free app on many devices or at Zoom's website.

Or, you can also join the Zoom meeting only by phone by calling **(253) 215-8782**; Then enter Meeting ID: **886 3944 8050** & Passcode: **096206**

Need help with Zoom?

If you are not sure how to use Zoom? Please contact us at: fircrestna@gmail.com and we will assist as much as possible. Please contact us prior to the meeting, as we can't help during the monthly meeting.

Next FNA Meeting,

Tues. April 4, 2023, 7pm

We will have the developer who will be building in the field on the eastside of the water tower neighborhood between NE 121st Ave and NE 123rd Ave; south of NE 18th St.

To be added to the FNA email list for this &/or all FNA development emails, please email: fircrestna@gmail.com

Annual Clean-Up, Sat 5/6, 8-2pm (@ NEW LOCATION)

Sat. May 6th, 8am-2pm, at: Evergreen School District headquarters (13413 NE LeRoy Haagen Memorial Dr by Haagen Park) **New location** & Shared with our neighboring neighborhoods.

Watch for postcard in April for further details.

More info to come via Nextdoor, Facebook, and our email list.

5-Bulky Items Pick Up

In 2023, all City of Vancouver residents with active Waste Connections garbage service are eligible for one FREE curbside pickup of up to 5

items. Schedule one free pickup for an available day in 2023.

In addition link below has info for one free appliance pick up.

To schedule a bulky pick up:

-Use the RecycleRight App **OR**

-Call Waste Connections at

(360) 892-5370. **OR**

-Email Waste Connections at: customerhelp@wcx.org

All the details for both appliance or bulky pick up programs can be found online

at: <https://www.cityofvancouver.us/publicworks/page/bulky-item-cleanup-option>

Annual Eastside Community Picnic and National Night Out **Tues 8/1, TBD (PM)**

Back again for 2023, we are excited for our Annual Eastside Community Picnic and National Night Out this year. More info to come.

If you would like to participate as a vendor or volunteer, please contact us at 360-836-6736 or fircrestna@gmail.com

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2023 Annual Eastside Picnic & National Night Out (NNO)

Tuesday night, August 1, 2023, at LeRoy Haagen Memorial Community Park, the Fircrest Neighborhood Association will host this annual festival event which includes music, food, games, information booths, etc.

This is a free event that includes some low-priced activities like a bouncy house and bouncy slide.

We are grateful for many wonderful sponsors, partners and volunteers who help make this a success each year.

Save The Date! & watch your mail in April for a postcard with the details. Please contact Margaret (360-836-6736) if you would like to be a vendor or volunteer.

Additional Resources Contacts:

Community Mediation Services

360-334-5862

Traffic Safety Hotline

360-487-7402

Code Compliance and Parking Complaints

360-487-7800

Clean-Up, Clean-Up, Everyone Clean-Up 2023

Sat. May 6th, 8 am-2 pm, at the newer location of the Evergreen School District headquarters at 13413 NE LeRoy Haagen Memorial Drive (across from Winco) we will have our annual clean-up event. Like 2022, this is a shared event with our nearby neighborhood association.

As usual, the Clean Up includes:

- bulky trash (items that would not fit into your trash can)
- scrap metal
- yard debris (stuff that grew from the ground - e.g., branches, grass clippings, leaves, ivy, vines, blackberry briar, bramble, yard and garden trimmings, etc.)

Still in the process of confirming if there will also be:

- (possibly) an old lawnmower collection
- (possibly) eWaste

NO kitchen garbage, business garbage, concrete, household hazardous waste, liquids, painted or treated wood, rocks, large clumps of sod or dirt, extra large stumps, or items too heavy to lift.

- NEW: paint, primers, stains, sealers, shellac, varnish, **with limitations**
- Paint products must be in their original containers (no larger than 5 gallons in size)
- must have the original manufacturer's printed label on the container, and
- must be covered with a secured lid.
- NO open or leaking cans
- NO aerosols (spray cans), solvents, and products designed and labeled to be used for industrial or non-architectural use.

Please also see the curbside Bulky Items Pick-up & Appliance pick up info on our Calendar of Events page if unable to participate.

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Connection Corner:

Ways to Connect, Helpful Resources and Important Contacts

Ways to connect:

Connect with us via a call or text

Do you want a call or text with neighborhood info? Much of our neighborhood information is sent out through our email list, our Nextdoor site, and our Facebook page.

If you would like to get this information via a phone call or text, please call or text Margaret at (360) 836-6736 .

Connect Online

Fircrest Neighborhood is Online @:

Nextdoor

Fircrest, Vancouver

(<https://nextdoor.com/neighborhood/fircrest--vancouver--wa/>)

Facebook

Fircrest Neighborhood Association

(<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Organization/Fircrest-Neighborhood-Association-137077616397461/>)

Email List (email to be added)

fircrestna@gmail.com

Attend a Monthly Fircrest Neighborhood Association Meeting

Always the first Tuesday of the Month, 7pm, currently via Zoom.

The agenda usually includes: (1) checking in with city representative (s) and our neighborhood police officer, (2) guest speaker, (3) updates regarding development, parks/trees, traffic/safety, and other topics of interest to Fircrest residents.

You can join the meeting any time after 6:50pm by going to <https://zoom.us/j/86639448050>

You can also join the Zoom meeting by phone by calling (253) 215-8782 (enter Meeting ID: 866 3944 8050 & Passcode: 096206)

Recommend a Guest Speaker

What speakers/topics would you like us to invite to an FNA meeting? Do you have a speaker or topic that you would like us to include in one of our meetings? Just email us the information at fircrestna@gmail.com

Volunteer opportunities

Please contact Margaret at (360) 836-6736 or fircrestna@gmail.com if you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities.

1) We are looking for volunteers who would like to add art to our neighborhood—e.g., street murals at entrances to the neighborhood, designs on electrical boxes, and adding more Little Free Libraries.

2) We are looking for volunteers who would help with our newsletter. With content, editing, or delivering.

3) We are looking for volunteers who would help maintain or store & set out our a-frame signs announcing monthly FNA meetings.

4) We are looking for a volunteer who would look at the Legal Notices in The Columbian every day and then let us know of any announcements that apply to our area.

Stay Connected with Neighborhood Construction and Development—get the FNA emails!

Are you interested/curious/concerned about all the housing and business developments in and around our neighborhood?

We have an email list just for this topic. People on this list get information about projects, meetings of relevant organizations (e.g., city council, planning commission), and opportunities for public comment. Email fircrestna@gmail.com to request to be added to the Fircrest Developments email list.

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Helpful Resources

Food, Medical, Counseling, Housing, Etc.

Share Summer Meals Program (see site for locations)

<https://sharevancouver.org/summer-meals-program/>

Evergreen School District's free meals for all children for 2022-2023 school year:

<https://www.evergreenps.org/child-nutrition-services>

List of food pantries:

<https://www.clarkcountyfoodbank.org/foodpantrysites>

Applying for Basic Food Benefits (food stamps, SNAP):

1-877-501-2233

www.washingtonconnection.org

Housing assistance through the Council for the Homeless

(You do not have to be homeless to get help from this organization.)

360-695-9677

www.councilforthehomeless.org/needhelp/

Medical Help at the Free Clinic of Vancouver

360-313-1390

<https://freeclinics.org/>

SeaMar medical clinic at Evergreen High School

360-726-6550

<https://www.seamar.org/clark-medical-evergreen.html>

Mental/Emotional/Behavioral Health Support through NAMI

<https://namiswwa.org/>

Southwest Washington Crisis Line

1-800-626-8137

<https://wa.beaconhealthoptions.com/>

Unemployment assistance through the Employment Security Department of Washington State

1-800-318-6022

<https://esd.wa.gov/unemployment>

If you need help and are not sure where to start,

call 211 or

go to www.211info.org

Clark County Health Department's webpage with Coronavirus & related information:

<https://www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/novel-coronavirus>

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Why a mobile app? In today's increasingly mobile world (65% of U.S. citizens use a smart device), cities must adapt to meet citizens where they are or get left behind. The City of Vancouver has launched the free MyVancouver app to provide residents with a direct, convenient line of communication with City employees to solve issues affecting our community.

What can you do with it?

- **REPORT** non-emergency issues, including potholes, graffiti, sign damage or street light outages quickly and easily by uploading a photo and GPS location
- **COMMUNICATE** directly with the right City employee on reported issue
- **STAY IN-THE-KNOW** on the status of your request
- **DISCOVER** local places using the places widget as a visual guide, including transportation hubs, municipal buildings, parks and hospitals
- **ACCESS** City services, such as parking ticket or permit payments and street sweeping schedules
- **JOIN** the social media conversation with the #IHeartVanWa widget

How to download:

The free MyVancouver app is now available in the iTunes App Store and the Android Google Play store when you search MyVancouver. For more information visit: cityofvancouver.us/myvancouver

A 60-second animated video showcases the app's key features at <http://bit.ly/myvancouver>



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