

NEIGHBORLY NOTES

Newsletter of the Vancouver Heights Neighborhood Association



April Meeting Notes

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Hello Neighbors,

Thanks to everyone who came out for our thank you celebration for Park Llafet last month. We had a great turnout and hope to see even more folks at our next meeting in May on the 25th. We are still looking for some help, both short term until our next elections in December, and long term for anyone who would like to step up. If you've been thinking about getting involved, come to our next meeting and see if it's something you'd be interested in doing.

At our meeting in April, Ryan Lapossa from Streets and Transportation gave an update on a number of projects around the Heights neighborhood. The master plan for the Tower Mall Redevelopment has been approved and the team has spent the last year designing the infrastructure, specifically in the Tower Mall area, including open spaces and parks. Devine and 18th will be more pedestrian friendly with audio crossing alerts. Construction will start sometime next year. Mill Plain and McArthur will be a new, Western gateway to the Heights neighborhood. There will be a new signal, new turn lanes, and more clearly designated bike and pedestrian lanes. This will extend down McArthur to Blandford Dr. McArthur Blvd becomes a sort of linear park. The team is currently advancing to final designs.

The Grand Loop in the Tower Mall Redevelopment is the key project that gets everything going. This will begin when funding is complete. Ryan also explained that the best way to keep traffic moving on Lieser and Macarthur at the intersection will be a roundabout.

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The footprint of the roundabout will be minimized so that it doesn't take any additional real estate to complete. There will be distinct crossing points for pedestrians. This will not be a problem for the new fire station going in on Lieser Ave. The team worked with the department to ensure vehicle access. There will also be turn-only lanes to help control the flow of traffic. Visibility will be increased with streetlights, and it will be very difficult to cut or speed through due to the design. The pace of developments occurring in our neighborhood will determine the timeline.

The reason for the cones on the S Lieser Rd bridge crossing Highway 14 is because of an accident involving a vehicle hauling wind turbine parts. The bridge will be replaced and made wider because it is not repairable. It will include sidewalks and is currently in the design phase through Washington State Department of Transportation. Construction will begin sometime next year.

Brandy Porter and Brandy Osborn from City of Vancouver Pavement Management gave an update on work to be completed soon on neighborhood streets.

- Chip seal on Lieser Road
- Resurfacing Morrison to Tennessee Ave.
- Additional details and map of projects can be found at links below

Visit tinyurl.com/vhnapavement for more details on Vancouver's Pavement Management Program for 2023.

Visit tinyurl.com/pavement-map for a map of upcoming projects and specific streets.

Neighbors can look for door hangers with dates and instructions prior to work.

New leadership is needed for the following positions. Elections to be held at November Meeting.

Chair

Act as the primary executive officer and preside over all deliberations and activities of the Association. The Chair, Vice Chair, or their designated alternatives shall be the official spokesperson(s) of the Association.

Vice Chair

Shall assist the Chairperson in all duties and perform the functions of the Chair during their absence, and perform other duties as required. Miki Landis is currently interim Vice Chair until election.

Treasurer

Maintain the financial records of the Association.

VHNA needs an Interim Chair who can preside over activities of the association until elections in November.

Could this be you? Your help is needed. Come to our next meeting to find out how and learn more.

Events

Event Title	Date	Location
Re-Imagined Radio: "The Day the Earth Stood Still"	May 15: 1-2 p.m.	http://reimaginedradio.net/episodes/earth-still/index.html
Military History Talk	Thurs., May 25 6:30 - 8 p.m.	O.O. Howard House 750 Anderson Street. Free. To attend, email jddavis@rocketmail.com
CR Workshop - Low Waste Living Virtual Workshop	Wed. May 31: 7-8 p.m.	clarkcountycomposts.org/classes-and-workshops/current-offerings

Please join us for our next VHNA meeting!
May 25 @ 7:00 PM

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Watch online w/ Zoom @ tinyurl.com/vhnameeting
Passcode: 654772

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Recipe for Healthy Soil ~ Compost

Relax; this is an easy recipe to follow. And if you don't have all the ingredients, you probably have some neighbors that would be willing to contribute to your compost.



Ingredients for compost:

- 1 Large wheelbarrow full of brown stuff (fallen leaves, straw, etc.)
- 1 Large wheelbarrow full of green stuff (lawn clippings, yard trimmings, etc.)
- 1 Shovel or pitch fork and a little elbow grease

Mix:

Mix thoroughly and moisten slightly so entire pile feels like a wrung out sponge.

Pile:

Your pile should reach 3 feet high by three feet wide in all directions or approximately one cubic yard.

Heat:

Naturally your pile will begin to heat as microscopic critters and fungi begin their work decomposing your pile. The highest temperatures (130° to 160°F) may be reached in 3 to 5 days. Keep your pile moist

like a wrung out sponge and turn your pile once a week so there will be plenty of oxygen available to keep the microbes healthy and multiplying; continue turning occasionally for several months.

Apply:

When it's done cooking, your brown leaves and green grass clippings should be unrecognizable; they'll look and smell like rich forest soil. Add finished compost to garden, lawn or flower beds. This will improve your soil by increasing organic matter, which increases nutrient retention and helps the soil hold water.

Enjoy:

The benefits of home composting are many...you prevent waste and save precious landfill space, you save money on disposal, and you improve your environment with a healthy alternative to petrochemical fertilizers.

How can I learn more about backyard composting?

The Clark County Master Composter/Recycler program offers free educational materials, yard debris and food waste composting workshops and training throughout the year. For details on class dates and times, call (360) 397-2121 ext. 4352, email mcr@clark.wa.gov or visit their website at www.ClarkCountyComposts.org.

If you don't have the space or inclination to whip up a batch of homemade compost, consider subscribing to Yard Debris Service from Waste Connections. The yard debris picked at the curb is taken to a commercial composter for processing. Call Waste Connections Customer Service at (360) 892-5370 for more information.

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