



**Association Newsletter
Spring 2023**

**IMPORTANT DATE: NEXT GENERAL MEETING,
TUESDAY, APRIL 18 2023 7 PM**

AT ELKS CLUB (11605 SE MCGILLIVRAY BLVD, VANCOUVER))

"The impersonal hand of government can never replace the helping hand of a neighbor." -- Hubert H. Humphrey

Spring has returned, and the neighborhood is alive with new energy. We have new blooms at the Native Plant Habitat, newly leaved trees at Biddlewood Park, and new initiatives in the community. If you are busy with spring cleaning and you are eager to clean up the planet too, check out the recycling presentation at the General Meeting on April 18th. See you there.

SO YOU THINK YOU ARE GREEN

We all want to save the world, or at least our small patch of it. But sometimes we go about it wrong. Did you know that throwing away a plastic bag of beer cans is more trouble than it's worth? Or that sharp can lids injure recycling workers? Come learn how to recycle safely and effectively from the experts at Waste Connections speaking at the general meeting 4/18/2023.

IMPROVING MCGILLIVRAY AND TRAFFIC SAFETY

The McGillivray Safety Project is completing consolidation of resident input and analysis of facts found, leading to recommendations and design. City officials will be on hand at the General Meeting to discuss project status and timeframes.

ISLAND HABITAT IN BLOOM

One great way to greet the spring weather is to check our Native Plant Habitat on the cul-de-sac island at the west end of 13th Street. The Vine Maple, Huckleberry and Oregon Grape weathered the winter just fine, the poppies and asters are peeping above ground, and the Snow Drops

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and Coastal Strawberry sport tiny blossoms that attract native pollinators. If you are interested in devoting a part of your yard to plants that support native ecology, you can't do better than starting with an Island tour.

TIME TO RE-UP

The neighborhood association does a lot of good for our community. It maintains the entrance off Chkalov Blvd., provides Mutt Mitts in Biddlewood Park for dog walkers, lobbies for park and playground improvements, hosts the annual ice cream social, etc. The Board is asking you to support these efforts with voluntary annual dues of \$15/household. Dues can be paid via Venmo (on the website or by scanning the QR Code below) or by check or cash delivered to the Treasurer, Laurie Bryson (contact info on sidebar). Help keep this good thing going.



COMING SOON TO AN ENTRANCE NEAR YOU

The Association is making progress on revamping the signs at the entrance of Cascade Park. A design has been selected, materials ordered and lettering selected. Signage Committee lead N'cole Merritt hopes to have a prototype available for viewing at the General Meeting 4/18/23.

RIVERIDGE CONNECTIONS

Our neighborhood is working to improve communications. We now support three ways to stay in touch:

Riveridge website: <https://riveridgewa.wixsite.com/riveridge-neighbors>

Our Facebook pages: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/riveridgena>

Our Nextdoor site: <https://www.nextdoor.com/neighborhoos/riveridgewa-vancouver-wa>

Our Riveridge website now features new community photos and Forum postings. Check it out.

CHATGPT MAKES NEWS

To stay hip to current events (an expression which is not very hip), we asked AI to explain what makes a good neighbor:

A good neighbor is someone who is friendly, respectful, and considerate towards the people living nearby. They take the time to get to know their neighbors and establish a positive relationship with them. A good neighbor also respects their neighbor's privacy, property, and boundaries.

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