

NORTHCREST NEWS

April 2023



Come and find out what's happening in your neighborhood.



Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 7 pm
Northcrest Community Church
5602 E. Mill Plain Blvd. (back entrance)

We have invited **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** to do a presentation at the meeting. CERT is a county coalition where Fire District 6 and the Vancouver Fire Department pool their resources to train citizens of all ages and backgrounds to assist in their neighborhood in the event of a disaster.

Several Northcrest neighbors attended this presentation a few years ago, and it was very informative. One example that came to mind was the Columbus Day storm which brought in 90 -plus m.p.h. winds and caused in the neighborhood of \$200 million in damages (1962 dollars). A disaster could knock out electricity, water, phones and roads for several days to weeks. Most of us, I suspect are not ready for a disaster of that scale.



If that should happen - there will not be enough firefighters, medics, police, public works, healthcare workers to address a catastrophic disaster. Advance planning and family preparedness is the ticket.

UPDATE: Devine Road Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Improvement

Construction began in late October 2022 for the pedestrian and bicycle enhancements along North Devine Road. Crews are in the process of replacing the existing path along the west side of Devine Road, from Idaho Street to Burnt Bridge Creek Trail which includes a wider ADA-compliant, multi-use path for walkers and bike riders. Project completion is anticipated for May 2023, weather and construction conditions allowing.



If you need to report a FIRE along Burnt Bridge
Call 9-1-1 and INCLUDE THE ACCESS POINTS INTO BURNT BRIDGE –
specify ANDRESEN OR DEVINE ROAD!

This information will enable the Fire Fighters to get to the scene of the fire quicker.

UPDATE: Neighborhood Clean-up Summer of 2023

The ever-popular **Neighborhood Cleanup** is scheduled for **Saturday, July 8, 2023** from **8 am to 2 pm** for yard debris, bulky items and scrap metal.

This year a chipper will be available from **8 am to noon**.

The new location will be at the North parking lot of the **Vancouver Heights United Methodist Church, 5701 MacArthur.**



We **need volunteers** not only to help at the cleanup site but also to help neighbors who will need assistance (physically or in need of a pick-up.)

If you can volunteer, or have any questions contact us at northcrestneighborhood@gmail.com.

Suggested hours for volunteers are

7:45-10:00

10:00-12:00

12:00-2:00

Volunteers are needed for these tasks:

1. Meeting the neighbors at Devine as they pull up. Find out what they need to dump.
2. Direct cars to the site to dump - garbage, yard waste, or metal.
(We sell the metal and the money goes into our neighborhood fund).
3. Help people unload. Help is particularly needed at the yard waste site.

There are several things we cannot accept:

TV's, computers, monitors, or laptops. (The Goodwill Store at [6425 NE Fourth Plain](#)) Household hazardous waste, propane tanks, liquids, roofing, concrete, and ammunition. We can take empty paint cans.

Yard debris and tire coupons will be enclosed in the Waste Connections garbage bills that come out in early April. Garbage subscribers who receive their bill online will receive a postcard in the mail with their coupons in early April.

Free curbside pickup of a non-working appliance. All single-family residents who subscribe to garbage service are eligible for a free curbside pickup of a non-working major appliance one time each year. Waste Connection at 892-5370 to schedule – Please call one to two weeks in advance.

Free Bulky Item Pickup of 5 Items. All single-family residents who subscribe to garbage service are eligible for one free curbside pickup of up to 5 items too large to fit in the garbage cart. Visit www.cityofvancouver.us/bulkyitempickup or contact Waste Connections.



UPDATE: Heights Development Timeline

Spring 2023

Streets and Open Spaces
Preliminary Design Completed
Equitable Development
Strategy Finalized

Late Spring 2023

Advance Streets and
Grand Loop Design

Fall 2024

Street Designs Completed
Market City Owned
Development Parcels for
Private Development
Late 2024
Commerce Construction of
Mill Plain Blvd./MacArthur Blvd. Intersection

Spring 2025

Commerce Construction of
Grand Loop North to Support
Private Development
Private Development Starts
Construction

Opportunity to join Neighbors on Watch

Upcoming NOW Academy April 20-May 25, one evening per week + one CPR Class
Interested? Contact Jordan.Macfarlane@cityofvancouver.us , 360-487-7467

Some of the objectives of the NOW Program are:



- Assist police department through observation
- Reduce crime and improve quality of life in neighborhoods
- Foster cooperation between citizens and police officers
- Educate citizens on crime prevention
- Create high visibility, public presence in neighborhoods
- Unite residents for a dedicated reason
- Increase crime awareness among the citizens of the neighborhoods
- To help make law enforcement more effective and productive
- Provide safe, secure environment for all neighborhood residents
- Make a difference in the community

MYVancouver App

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
- View and track the status of a request or view other reported issues in a particular area of the city.
- 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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Learn more about the App:

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

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

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