


Neighbors On Watch (NOW) is Back!

Neighbors On Watch Academy

6 WEEKLY TRAINING SESSIONS

April 20 – May 25
6 – 9:15 p.m.



Volunteer with the Vancouver Police Department!

Learn observation skills, how to be a good witness, personal protection, volunteer procedures, CPR and more!

The Vancouver Police Department is hosting the 23rd Neighbors on Watch (NOW) Academy beginning April 20!

NOW volunteers participate in administrative projects and the Out of State License Plate Program. Volunteers also help support a variety of units at the department, including Training, Backgrounds, Traffic and Logistics.

The NOW program promotes the positive impact individual community members can have on our community's crime problems and quality of life issues. Community members interested in making their neighborhoods safer are encouraged to apply.

Please contact Vancouver Police Department Volunteer Coordinator Jordan Macfarlane, jordan.macfarlane@cityofvancouver.us, with questions about the program.

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Spring 2023

Meet Your Neighbors

Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, April 20
Franklin Elementary
7-8:30 P.M.

Clean Up Day

Saturday, June 3
58th and Franklin
8 A.M – Noon
(Volunteers Needed)

Summer Coffee and Conversation

July 2023 TBD

Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, Oct 19
Franklin Elementary
7-8:30 P.M.

Follow NW Neighborhood on Facebook for any changes or updates

President Update

Welcome back! Those were our words in January as we held our first in person neighborhood meeting in three years. Time flies.

We had an amazing turnout and covered a lot of important topics for our neighborhood. Many of those issues you will read about in this newsletter.

We welcomed Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle to our meeting who gave us an update on all the happenings in the city including updates on the I-5 Bridge, homelessness, the waterfront development, and the new bus rapid transit line. Thank you, Mayor, for joining us.

Our next meeting will be on April 20 at Franklin Elementary. At the beginning of the meeting, we will hold our election for president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. We put out the call at the January meeting if anyone would like to run for these positions.

So far both Ben McCarty, our current Vice President, and myself are willing to lead for another term. With COVID hitting us for the last three years we haven't had to do as much as we could have, so we are willing to continue on.

Bryan Dainty has been our treasurer for many years and we are so grateful for his hard work and support in keeping our books up-to-date. Bryan would like retire from the his role this month.

We have been operating without an official secretary for a few years and after our last meeting Grace Sherman came forward willing to run for Secretary at our upcoming meeting. Thank you, Grace.

If you would like to run for any of these positions, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions. We are always looking for new volunteers to get involved in the hood.

Until next time. Keep doing good in the neighborhood.

-Jim Mains



Jim Mains, NWN President

NWNA April Meeting will hold our election.



Neighborhood e-newsletter

Our Vice President, Ben McCarty, is collecting email addresses from our NW Neighborhood residents. Our goal is to be able to start sending out a e-newsletters.

This doesn't mean we are moving away from our paper delivery (we hear how much our neighbors look forward to this).

Having email contacts will be another way for us to keep neighbors informed on meeting changes, upcoming events and if there is a neighborhood emergency so we can get information to you.

Please send Ben your email address if you would like to be added to the list:

newsletter@northwestneighborhood.com

Tree Over Lincoln

Following the concerns brought to our attention during our January meeting regarding the tree growing out over Lincoln at 45th Street we contacted the city to check it out.

Nick Redmond, the urban forest specialist with the city, got back to us after visiting the tree.

Nick let us know he has been driving by the tree almost every day since he started working with the city in 2005 and the tree has the same structure over that time period. Clark Public Utilities keeps it pruned the way it is due to the transmission lines and the tree would have adapted its growth rings to accommodate for an unbalanced crown. If you took a cross section of the tree's trunk you would find egg shaped growth rings as the tree puts on additional wood to support the east side of the tree. He said he is confident that the tree is stable and safe. Nick doesn't see any significant issues that needed to be addressed.

FREE YARD SIGNS

Free yard signs are available for Vancouver residents to place in front of their homes as a reminder to passing motorists to obey posted speed limits. The signs are designed to be placed on private property, typically in front or side yards, and act as an educational and awareness tool. Signs are available for individual use within the city of Vancouver limits only and are offered in English, Spanish or Russian.

You can use the [interactive map](#) on the city website to determine if your street is within City limits.

Pick up free signs at Vancouver City Hall, 415 West 6th Street. Drop by during the week - the lobby is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Check in at the security desk and get a couple of signs for your street.



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Prologis Park Warehouse

by Ben McCarty, Vice President, NWNA

In January, Vancouver residents learned of a proposed warehouse development in Fruit Valley that has the potential to add significant truck traffic to the surrounding area.

Prologis Park would sit on a nearly 32-acre parcel off Fruit Valley Road, between La Frambois Road and just north of 39th Street. If constructed it would be made up of three warehouse buildings totaling approximately 560,000 square feet.

The project was submitted to the city before a moratorium on large warehouse projects was passed by the City Council, meaning that it was grandfathered in under previous guidelines as it undergoes the city review process. Currently, initial plans are being revised by the applicant. Once submitted, the city planning department will draft a staff report on the project. If approved, the project would have a 14-day appeal window of appeal for the decision.

According to the environmental assessment conducted for the project application, the site for the project does not contain any natural wetlands.

However, it does contain 30 small artificially created wetlands none of which meet protected criteria

and do not appear to drain off site or into critical areas. There are buffer plans proposed to mitigate runoff.

For traffic impact, the project would require an extension off La Frambois for driveway access, a direct access off La Frambois and a driveway off Fruit Valley. It would add an estimated 1,900 daily trips from the Industrial Park-the bulk of which will be funneling onto Mill Plain and 4th Plain corridors to I-5.

To date, no tenants have been identified for the site.

During its January meeting, the Northwest Neighborhood Association gathered questions from neighbors and area residents and then sent them to City Planner Mark Person to find out more information about the project, and potential next steps.

If the project moves forward, the Northwest Neighborhood Association hopes to hear more from the city and Prologis about benefits and impacts at a future meeting.

See the Q and A with Mark Person on the next page.



Questions and Answers with Mark Person

The discussion has been edited for grammar and clarity.

Where is the project currently in the 90-day streamline review process?

The application is currently on hold as the applicant makes some changes to the site plan based on feedback from Vancouver transportation staff.

Has there been a traffic impact study done for this project? If so, what did it determine? If not, why not?

Yes, a traffic impact study was completed for the site.

Is there a plan to mitigate pollution from any increase of truck traffic?

The climate action framework addresses emissions and greenhouse gas reduction targets. Implementation measures associated with these goals have not been codified into our land use standards at this time.

How would social justice issues be addressed if this project contributes more pollution to a neighborhood already overburdened with air quality issues?

Our policy makers and leadership team are working on these issues and we expect that standards and regulations related to emissions and overburdened communities will be a part of our comprehensive plan update which has recently begun and is scheduled to be adopted in 2025.

What criteria led the planning department to determine there would be no significant environmental impact from the development?

A mitigated determination of nonsignificance was issued for the development, and the proposed warehouse is an allowed use in the light industrial district. A preliminary mitigated determination of nonsignificance was issued as the potential impacts can be addressed with compliance with the development code.

Some residents feel there was minimal notice for this project. What sort of public notice was provided?

Per our development code, neighbors within 500 feet of the site were provided notice as well as publication in the newspaper and any recognized (active) neighborhood association. (Continue on next page.)

Questions and Answers with Mark Person Continued

How can residents be more aware of projects impacting their local community in the future?

Through their neighborhood association, neighborhood network and active involvement with City Council.

This project is situated near the base of 39th Street. With 39th being the shortest through route to I-5 would the existing truck restrictions on 39th Street remain in place?

Yes, it is my understanding that existing truck restrictions on 39th Street will remain in place.

How was a determination made of no significant environmental impact when it is unknown what the warehouse will be used for?

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Was there any study done on wildlife impact from the development? Is there any protected/endangered wildlife in the area to be developed.

A wetland delineation and critical areas report were included as part of the site plan application.

Does this project keep in the letter or spirit of the City of Vancouver's climate action plan? If so, how?

This project was submitted and vested to our land use standard prior to Council's adoption of the Climate Action Framework.

What efforts are being taken, or will be taken to mitigate environmental, noise and traffic impacts on the area?

Our existing development code provides for height limits, setbacks, buffers, noise limits and transportation review as part of approval.

What are ways for people to find out more information on this project?

The application materials include the contact information for the applicant and consultant working on the project. In addition, I can keep you informed on the process as it moves through land use review.

Tips for preparing your house for Spring

Compiled from Campbell Homes Blog

Spring is coming. Is your home ready? Here are some simple tips to prepare your home for the warmer weather.

Clean the Gutters

It's not the most pleasant job but it certainly needs doing and there's no better time than just before Spring's arrival. So, grab your work gloves, hop on up a ladder, and get down to business. If that doesn't sound like your kind of thing, you can always hire a professional. The important part is that the work gets done, no matter who does it.



Replace Filters

Filters are never the first thought on anyone's mind but they do still need to be replaced. Generally, you should replace them twice a year or more, depending on the type of filters you use. Check and replace the refrigerator water filter, range hood filter, and charcoal filter on the bottom of the microwave.

Check Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms can only help protect you and your family if they are in full working order. To get ready for Spring, check the batteries in all of the smoke alarms and CO detectors in your home. It won't take you very long but you'll be glad you did if a worst-case scenario ever happens.



Clean the Fridge

Are there leftovers that got lost at the back of the bottom shelf slowly turning green? Condiments that are long expired? Now is the time to do a full review of the contents of your refrigerator and throw out the items that have simply gone bad. By the end, you'll have a fresher, more spacious refrigerator ready to hold all the fun Spring ingredients you're going to buy.

Meet our Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO)



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District 1 includes these neighborhoods:
Arnada, Carter Park, Esther Short, Fruit Valley, Hough, Lincoln, Northwest, Rose Village, Shumway, West Minnehaha.

The NPO's are the liaisons to the citizens within their district and are available to meet with neighbors to discuss crime issues, livability issues, attend community meetings and to answer questions about crime trends and prevention. These officers are the main contact person for a citizen within a district to go to when there are crime issues or other concerns that the police department can assist them with. These officers work cross departmentally as well to assist citizens with problem solving strategies as well.

Save the Date – Clean Up Day 2023.

Our Northwest Neighborhood Clean Up Day is set for Saturday, June 3 from 8 a.m. to noon.

We will have bulky garbage and scrap metal at the corner of Lincoln and 58th Street. Enter via Cherry and 58th.

We will also have yard debris pick up at Franklin Park. Enter via Cherry Street.

We are in need of volunteers to help us with the day of event. If you want more information on how you can help please email Jim Mains at jim@jimmains.com.

Newsletter Delivery

We are always in need of help delivery the neighborhood newsletter. If you would like to join the delivery team please contact Jim Mains at jim@jimmains.com.

Delivering the newsletter usually takes a few hours. It's a great way to get outdoors and meet your neighbors.

A special thanks to Jim and Brenda Walker for coordinating our deliveries and making sure you get your newsletter.

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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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