

# Newsletter August 2023

Meeting is Saturday August 19th 9AM, We need your help! Agenda: Paint the Street Mural; Party and socialize with your neighbors, arrive in work clothes and knee or sit pads help. We have paint gear plus drinks and snacks but you are welcome to bring paint brushes and rollers. Prepare for Interstate Bridge Managers' Visit in September Approve minutes of June Meeting

# We Need Pressure Washers! Got one?

On Friday August 18<sup>th</sup> we will pressure wash the intersection at D & 22<sup>nd</sup> Streets to prepare it for paint the next day. We need two machines to get the job done and some volunteers to do it. The City will do a rough clean with the street machine early in the morning and we will follow that. So please volunteer yourself and/or your machine. Just contact Ken Visser or Russ Pascoe (see page 2).

# **Arnada Ads Supplement Managers**

We are looking for one or two people to manage relationships with the businesses that post the ads you see appended to this newsletter. Shelly and Jim Calbreath are currently dong it but they will phase out by the end of the year. We want to continue our relationships with the existing businesses that are mostly in Uptown adjacent to Arnada. We'd like to pull in ads from a greater distance such as Downtown and the Waterfront. We can coach you on what's been successful in the past if you're willing to reach out. The income from the ads is used to fund much of what do as an association; meetings, parties, neighborhood projects, playground and donations to local schools and Veteran's assistance groups. Our volunteers for this won't need to do the ad sheet graphics, Amy Carlson will continue in that role. Contact any Board member listed on page 2. Thanks!

# Arnada Apartment Building Denizens

Who are you? How are you? Provide your email address and we'll keep you informed. Arnada Neighborhood is bounded by Fourth Plain, Main St, I-5 and 15<sup>th</sup> St. on the south. Building managers won't let us hand-deliver our monthly neighborhood newsletter to you, as we do to the rest of the neighborhood. But we can email you a weblink.

Contact a board member to discuss any neighborhood concerns, give advice or get your issue on a meeting agenda. To post in this newsletter contact Russ Pascoe See Page 2 for contacts

To receive this newsletter by email sign up at this link: http://eepurl.com/cLGhcb



# SURE, IT'S HOT

....BUT WE'RE NOT TAKING A SUMMER VACATION!

HUNGRY NEIGHBORS ARE COUNTING ON US...SO THE CLARK NEIGHBORS FOOD PROJECT WILL BE AT YOUR DOOR ON <u>AUGUST 12</u> TO PICK UP YOUR GREEN BAG!

THANKS! SEE YOU ON THE 12TH.

člark neighbors food project

# Arnada Neighborhood-Wide Yard Sale

This year we will host the second annual Arnada neighborhood-wide yard sale on Saturday September 16th, 2023 from 8am-2pm. All neighbors are encouraged to participate. Promotion signs will be placed around the boundaries of the neighborhood in early September to promote the event.

We will again create a map of the neighborhood to be shared during event promotion on social media, Craigslist, and more to help shoppers find sale locations. Want your location highlighted on the map? Join the private Facebook group and share your location with us; specific addresses will not be shared, only a general location. Join the group: <u>Facebook.com/groups/arnadayardsale</u>

#### **10 Tips to Have a Successful Yard Sale**

1. **Start collecting items early.** Start now and give yourself time to sort garage sale items into categories, such as tools, kitchen, linens, clothes, kids and media. This will simplify your setup.

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Office of Neighborhoods Hiring a new Neighborhood Coordinator

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Contact CoV if you want the job!

Neighborhood Fire Station Uptown Station #1 2607 Main St. 360 487-7212

Code Compliance 487-7810

Clark County Animal Control Weekdays 8:30-4:30 360 397-2488

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Parking Hot-line 360 487-8653

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2. **Price as you gather items.** Price items as you gather them. Pricing takes a long time and starting the night before can mean you end up stressed and tired. Remember, you're trying to make extra money here... price your items so they'll sell. Don't set the starting price high and expect your customers to haggle you down. Many attend yard sales with the intent to bargain hunt and will walk away from big prices and never even bother to haggle—and you just lost a potential sale. Even if the item is new with original tags, people assume you just want to get rid of it since you're selling it out of your garage or on your lawn, and want to see bargain pricing.

3. **Make it look good**. If you're going to the trouble of attempting to sell your stuff, make it look appealing so it actually sells. Wipe down appliances, wash, iron and hang clothing, and lay everything out nice and neat on clean tables and shelves, not in piles. Put a few bigger and more popular items closer to the street so people know you're selling more than just T-shirts and old coffee mugs and some in the back to lure people in. Group like items on tables. For example, put all your kitchen items on one side of a table and kids' toys on the other.

4. Use inexpensive tags. Pick up stickers from a discount store or use masking tape and a permanent marker. To make your own tie-on versions, tear up brown paper bags into tag-size pieces and punch holes in them for stringing.

5. Write up a pricing sheet for clothes. Don't waste your time pricing items individually. Make a single price sheet that shows prices for each category; e.g. socks, shoes, t-shirt, sweaters, dresses, and pants. Make sure the price sheets are highly visible by posting them in several areas around the clothing.

6. **Have all the essentials ready for sale day.** The week before the sale, gather necessities and stash them together. Arrange to borrow lots of tables, including one for the cash-out area. Have an extension cord, lightbulbs, and batteries on hand, so people can test whether items work. Other items you might need include: calculator, chairs, clear ziplock bags, plastic grocery bags, string, pens, paper clips, safety pins, scissors, mark display shelves/tables as "not for sale", tape, measuring tape, and a cooler for drinks and snacks for yourself.

7. Get your cash box ready. It's typical to have \$100 in a variety of bills on hand to make change; 20x\$1 bills, 5x\$5 bills, 4x\$10 bills. 1 roll of quarters, and 1 roll of dimes. Keep your cash in a cash box, old toolbox, crafting box, or a fanny-pack-type device. A fanny-pack allows you to keep the money close at hand to reduce trips to the cash box to make change. If you have high-price items consider downloading a free app like Venmo or PayPal to your smartphone.. It's true, cash is always king, but taking other forms of payment can help with sales, especially if it an expensive item. If shoppers need to leave to get more cash they may change their mind and not return.

8. **Make everyone feel welcome.** Create an environment for shoppers to feel relaxed and shop. If you can, put up a tarp, umbrella, or pop-up tent for shade or rain. Throw on some background music; music can make a big difference in ambience. People often feel more relaxed when music's playing. They'll also feel freer to discuss with their friends the pros and cons of your offerings without worrying about offending you. Consider putting out some treats and drinks for free or for sale.

9. Set out a free box for stuff you think probably won't sell, put them on a "Free" table. It helps you clear some clutter with no extra effort. Plus, it can lure people in and they may buy something along the way.

10. **Be safe.** While some neighbors will stop and shop, most shoppers will be strangers. Lock your doors. Do not let people in your house to try on clothes or use the bathroom. Don't take personal checks and keep your cash secure.



Arnada Armada 2023 team photo taken in June 2023

#### Neighborhood Co-ed Kickball Alive and Kicking for a Decade

In 2013 Arnada neighbors, with the support of the Arnada Neighborhood Association, put together a way to bring more neighbors and even neighborhoods together. They started an inter-neighborhood co-ed kickball league. The Arnada Armada plays kickball games against Hough, Carter Park, Lincoln, Shumway, and NW Neighborhoods. Our team name was hatched during an ANA meeting, by the way. With a team that's been around for just over 10 years a new generation of players who grew up watching their parents sail with the Armada have joined the ranks. The league welcomes players 12-99 years of age.

We've created another tradition where after each kickball game play many teams and their families go to the Arnada neighborhood establishment Trap Door Pub. This year the Arnada Armada has seen great player turnout. We kept up the momentum from last year's 2022 undefeated season with 4 wins, 0 losses, and 1 tie mid-way through this summer. We finish the regular season mid August. With our momentum the Armada will be a shoo-in for the league championship slated for the week of August 14th-18th. Go Armada and here's to summer in Arnada.



The Arnada Armada in the founding year 2013 – before team shirts!

## **Future Meetings**

At the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting the Interstate Bridge Replacement team will be present to report on the project status and to answer questions. It will help of we provide questions to them in advance and the best way you can do that is to attend the August meeting. If you've unavailable for that contact Ken Visser by mid August. Mark your December calendars for the neighborhood Holiday Party on the evening of the 14<sup>th</sup>.

# August Events Calendar

Date/Time	Event	Details
Fri., Aug. 4: 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.	First Friday Downtown Art Walk	Visit downtown Vancouver's wide array of gallery spaces and art-centric businesses. Free. Map: vdausa.org/first-friday/
Fri., Aug. 4: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m, Sat., Aug. 5: 11:30 a.m 2 p.m.	Art4Art Fundraiser Vancouver Community Library 901 C St.	Purchase affordable art from local artists and help the library at the same time! Proceeds go to funding art projects and programming at the library.Each 8" x 8" wood panel piece is priced at \$30.
August 4 - 13	Clark County Fair Clark County Fairgrounds	The 2023 Clark County Fair is going to be worth the wait! This year's fair is sure to provide you and your family endless entertainment and excitement.
Fri., Aug. 4: 12 - 10 p.m. Sat., Aug. 5: 10 a.m - 9 p.m. Sun., Aug. 6: 10 a.m 5 p.m.	Vancouver Arts & Music Festival Esther Short Park & Downtown	Three days of world-class music, art, dance, food and fun! Stages, pop-up galleries, family activities and food vendors will be available throughout downtown Vancouver and Esther Short Park. FREE. Info: www.vancouverartsandmusicfestival.com
Sat., Aug. 12: 9 a.m.	Downtown Alley Flea Market Alley next to 606 Main Street	Over 30 vendors from the local community of collectors, makers, movers, and shakers. Enjoy live music, blow bubbles, and play with chalk!
Sat., Aug. 19: 5 - 8:30 p.m.	Sip & Stroll Downtown and Uptown Vancouver	Sip and Stroll is a self-guided tour using a map. It takes you to 35 different local merchants in Vancouver up and down Main Street, Broadway and Washington. Each location has two different kinds of adult beverage. \$40; Age 21+. Tickets: houghfoundation.org/sip-and-stroll
Sat., Aug. 26: 12 p.m.	Cedar Creek Grist Mill Treat Day 43907 NE Grist Mill Road Woodland, WA 98674	Whole Wheat never tasted so good! Cookies, Cakes, Muffins, Scones, even dog biscuits can show up today. Always new, always great.
Sat. Aug., 26: 5 - 8 p.m.	National Play Music on the Porch Day The Fort Vancouver Historic Reserve	Features live music on porches all around the Fort Vancouver Historic Reserve.

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