

WE ARE NEIGHBORS WORKING TOGETHER FOR A STRONG COMMUNITY



The Vancouver Sparkles Award is a program in the City of Vancouver that recognizes neighbors who go the extra mile to make their neighborhood special. Since its beginnings in 2001, hundreds of award winners have been recognized for making Vancouver Sparkle, and acknowledged for making their neighborhoods clean, green and a good place to live and

work. Whether it's picking up litter during a daily walk, organizing a cleanup, helping neighbors with yard work or being a friendly neighbor with a "can do" attitude, our neighborhood association is encouraged to name a Vancouver Sparkles Award Winner and honor them in a special way. If you know of a neighbor that helps make our neighborhood a great place to live please email their name and reasons why you are nominating them to colleen.kinney.sneider@gmail.com by October 1st.

Vancouver Sparkles Nomination

Name of Nominee: _____

Reason for Nomination:

Nominated by: _____

Phone: _____ (Just in case we have a question or need more information.)

Please turn your nomination by **Sunday, October 1st.**

Please email the above information to Colleen Sneider at colleen.kinney.sneider@gmail.com by June 10th.



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There are a lot of houses in the neighborhood. *Please think about volunteering* to help deliver next year's newsletter. Email colleen.kinney.sneider@gmail.com to be added to a list of potential newsletter volunteers.

Bulky Item Pickup

Again in 2023, Vancouver Solid Waste is partnering with Waste Connections to offer a special Bulky Item Pickup Day.

Similar to last year's Bulky Item Pickup Day, all single-family residents within the City of Vancouver who have active garbage service with Waste Connections are eligible for one curbside disposal of up to five bulky items, each item weighing less than 100 pounds, for free. Residents can sign up to schedule this one special pickup for *any* available day in 2023. Go to <https://www.cityofvancouver.us/publicworks/page/bulky-item-pickup> for more information and to schedule your free pickup.



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Appliances: In addition to this special 2023 Bulky Item Pickup Day, an annual one-time free appliance pickup is available to single-family households as part of regular Vancouver Solid Waste services in the City of Vancouver. To arrange for an appliance pickup under our regular program, you must schedule directly with Waste Connections by calling 360-892-5370, emailing customerhelp@wcnx.org or using the chat feature at www.wcnorthwest.com. The appliances collected as part of the regular appliance pickup option will be recycled. Appliances collected as part of the Bulky Item Pickup Day will be sent to the landfill.

Examples of Common and Acceptable Bulky Items for Pickup

- Broken or worn out items that are too large to fit in your garbage cart at home
- Furniture such as couches, chairs and beds
- Small appliances, such as vacuums and lamps
- Rugs, brooms, kitchen sinks and plumbing items
- BBQs, bicycles, kiddie pools, lawn mowers and garden equipment
- Broken patio furniture and broken play sets



Our annual neighborhood picnic will be on September 24th



Cascade Southeast and Bella Vista's annual joint neighborhood picnic will take place in **BELLA VISTA PARK from NOON to 2 PM.** We always have games and crafts for the kids. We will have picnic tables, tableware, drinks and be grilling hotdogs and hamburgers. All we need is **YOU with your FAVORITE POTLUCK SALAD or DESSERT to share.**

Since this year's picnic will be 3 months from Christmas Eve, we are going to have a Christmas theme. The craft will be decorating wooden medallions and hanging them from a Christmas tree. You are invited to wear a Christmas sweater or shirt or to simply come in red or green attire.



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Come to the gathering. Come to socialize, come to relax, come to meet the people that live on the block.



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On the back of this newsletter, you will find that there are several openings. In order to continue to be recognized as a neighborhood we need neighbors to step into the various positions that are open.

As a recognized neighborhood, we can benefit from the following programs and resources:

- Neighborhood newsletter printing
- Neighborhood clean-up programs
- Support for neighborhood activities (i.e. picnics & other special events)
- Reduced land use/permit appeal filing fees
- A Neighborhood Liaison appointed by the City Manager (see the end of the newsletter for more information)
- A Neighborhood Police Officer
- Communications from the City - Weekly Updates and more
- Neighborhood Action Planning
- Technical assistance/problem solving
- Notices of development pre-application
- Quarterly Leadership Meetings with the City Manager
- Neighborhood Leadership Training & Resources

Please consider taking on a more active role in the neighborhood. Contact Colleen Sneider (colleen.kinney.sneider@gmail.com) if you would like to find out more about any to the open positions.



Neighborhood Cleanup Day – Saturday, September 23rd, 8 AM to 1:30 PM at Riverview Elementary School

Our yearly neighborhood cleanup day will be a little different again this year.

Our neighborhoods' cleanup is scheduled for **Saturday, September 23rd**. We have been grouped with 4 nearby neighborhoods to share a Saturday cleanup. Since our cleanup day will be shared with other neighborhoods, please be patient if you have to sit in line a little.



There will be trucks for **Bulky Items, Scrap Metal and Yard Debris**. There will also be a **too good to toss pile**. This is a place to put good usable items that should be making their way to another home rather than the landfill. Please feel free to add to the pile and to take from the pile.

We are using the wealth of knowledge of 5 neighborhoods and the knowledge of Waste Connections workers that are already working on Saturdays to help neighbors keep their homes and land clean and safe. **Please contact Carol Hostetler to volunteer to help. carolahostetler@gmail.com.**

On September 23rd we will also have a woodchipper to chop up tree branches. The wood chipper will be available from 8 to noon.

Thank you, Carol, for all your awesome organization skills and your leadership in pulling off past clean up days.

Don't forget, each Waste connections household also gets a one-time 5 item bulky item pick up, plus an appliance pick-up.

What's Accepted?

- Bulky Items
- Broken or worn out items that are too large to fit in your garbage cart at home, such as a rug, kiddie pool, small appliances, furniture, broom, etc.
- Scrap Metal
- Metal BBQs, bicycles, lawn furniture, mowers, car parts or small engines (drained of fluids) metal appliances (no Freon containing items – no fridge or freezers, AC units)
- Yard Debris
- Branches, grass, leaves, vines, bramble, arborvitae, juniper, bamboo, yard and garden trimmings

What's NOT Accepted?

- NO Household trash or contractor waste
- NO Concrete, cement, rocks, sod or dirt
- NO Home project/remodel debris (i.e. flooring tiles, drywall, large amounts of fencing, etc.)
- NO Roofing shingles or roofing materials
- NO Hazardous chemicals, cleaners, paints or stains, fluids like gasoline or oil
- NO TVs, computers or electronics (recycle for free, visit www.EcycleWashington.org for locations)

- NO CFL or fluorescent tube lights (recycle for free visit www.LightRecycle.org for locations)
- REALLY LARGE items like boats and hot tubs should be hauled directly to the transfer station at the owner's expense.

Prepare Your Load:

- Categorize your load – separate material for easy unloading into the bulky item truck, yard debris box or truck, chipper or metals box
- Use a tarp liner under the yard debris for faster and cleaner unloading
- Put the yard debris on the bottom, then the big stuff (furniture), then the other stuff tucked in around the big stuff
- Don't forget to cover your load to prevent littering if you bring a truck or trailer
- Do not bring your curbside cart to the cleanup, as they are too heavy to dump.

Don't forget: **Saturday, September 23rd, 8AM to 1:30PM at Riverview Elementary School**

Please contact Carol Hostetler to volunteer to help. carolahostetler@gmail.com.



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Jean Kent, chair of the Cascade Highlands neighborhood association applied for, and received, a Neighborhood Sustainability Grant from the Watershed Alliance (W.A.) for the December 2, 2023 Friends of Trees (FoT) SE Vancouver planting. The grant amount is \$3,500.00 for 100 trees although the W.A. is willing to expand the grant if we order more than 100 trees.

The grant covers \$10.00 of the cost of the tree (so now only \$25.00 per tree), one-time mulch for the tree, and a watering bag for the tree.

If you've participated in a FoT planting before, you know that they - along with volunteers – check to make sure there are no buried utilities, help you pick an appropriate species for the location, dig the hole, and plant the tree. It is up to the resident to WATER that tree for three years which is why a watering bag is provided. (It's much easier to fill that bag weekly than to use other methods.)

Interested residents need to create an account by the cutoff date (which I do not have - you can contact <https://friendsoftrees.org/> for that date but my educated guess is that it's early November), and order the tree(s) by another cutoff date (a bit later in November).

The planting date is Saturday, December 2. Creating an account does not commit you to ordering a tree.

If you have any questions, please ask. This is an easy way to help most Vancouver closer to its challenging 28% canopy goal.



Get a tree for your yard!

Here's your chance to get a great deal on one or more new trees for your yard.

Trees 1) increase your property value, 2) reduce your cooling and heating bills, 3) beautify your property, 4) can screen an undesirable view, 5) soften the suburban

hardscape, and 6) if a street tree, can slow traffic. Plant one or more in your yard with Friends of Trees!

Step 1: Visit www.friendsoftrees.org

Step 2: Create an account (this does NOT obligate you to purchase a tree)

Step 3: Order your tree(s) (parking strip trees require an inspection by Vancouver Urban Forestry first)

Step 4: Water your tree once a week for 3 years (not during the months of December through March)

Important date:

Early fall: last day to create an account and to order your tree(s)

Sign up to participate/learn more at www.friendsoftrees.org.



TWO AVERAGE-SIZED TREES
produce enough oxygen in
one year to keep a family
of four breathing!

BY ABSORBING STORMWATER
and pollutants, trees help
keep rivers and streams
clean. Stormwater absorption
also helps prevent flooding!

TREELAX! Just 5 minutes
of viewing trees can
REDUCE STRESS.

TREES FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE
by absorbing carbon dioxide,
storing the carbon, and
emitting pure oxygen.

Look What TREES Can Do!



PEOPLE OF COLOR AND LOW-INCOME
communities are more likely to live in
areas without sufficient tree cover and
green spaces, making them more
susceptible to illnesses
like asthma.

THE MORE PEOPLE
volunteer, the
healthier and
happier they are!

IN A YEAR, AN ACRE
of mature trees absorbs
the same amount of CO₂
produced when you drive
your car 26,000 miles!

EVERY \$1 SPENT
creating green
spaces, especially in
low-income areas,
can save almost \$3 in
health care alone.

 **FRIENDSOFTREES.ORG** 

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District 4 includes these neighborhoods: Airport Green, Bella Vista, Bennington, Burnt Bridge Creek, Burnt Bridge Creek, Burton/Evergreen, Cascade Highlands, **Cascade South East**, Cimarron, Columbia River Neighborhood Association, Countryside Woods, Fairway/164th, Fircrest, First Place, Fisher's Creek, Fisher's Landing East, Hearthwood, Landover-Sharmel, Lewis and Clark Woods, Mountain View, North Hearthwood, Northfield, Old Evergreen Highway, Parkside, Parkway East, Riveridge, Village at Fisher's Creek, Village at Fisher's Landing, Wildwood.



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.

If you see a sign like this around the neighborhood please stop and read it. We are trying to relay some message to you. (P.s. one went missing the last time they were out. If you see it please email colleen.kinney.sneider@gmail.com)



Help Your Recycle Truck Driver Help You

Recycling can take a little effort, but following the few steps below will help ensure your recycle truck driver collects the most recyclables in the best possible condition. The following handy tips may help shed light on how to Recycle Right in Clark County.

- Mixed recycling and glass ~ In 2009 Clark County and its cities switched from a 3-bin recycling system to one bin for glass plus a blue recycling roll cart for mixed recyclables collected at the curb. Waste Connections recycle trucks have two sections; one for glass and one mixed recycling. When the trucks return to the transfer station - where the actual sorting is done - they deposit each section in a different location.
- Place your roll cart at least three feet from other carts or obstacles ~ Providing adequate space allows the automated arm on a recycle truck to reach out and pick up your recycling cart without knocking other nearby carts or objects like a basketball hoop.
- Plastic bags are recyclable, but NOT in your cart ~ Plastic bags tangle in the recycling sorting machinery and prohibit other more valuable commodities from being recycled. Many local retailers have a special collection bin for film plastics near the entrances or customer service areas.
- Set your glass bin and mixed recycling cart at the curb by 6:30 am on your pick up day ~ Waste Connections recycle truck drivers are out on routes and start picking up recyclables by 6:30 a.m. You cannot always count on the fact that your driver usually comes by at a certain time; for any number of reasons, the schedule and drivers can change. If scavenging is not a problem you may want to set your recycling cart out the night before your pick up is scheduled.
- Cut cardboard down to fit inside your recycling roll cart ~ Cardboard is much more marketable if it is dry. If it is inside the cart, it saves time for the recycling driver and allows them to service more carts in a day, keeping costs down.
- Place used motor oil or antifreeze in a clear one gallon plastic jug with a screw top lid and place near cart ~ Motor Oil and antifreeze will be picked up at the curb, when space is available in the truck. Please use clear, one-gallon plastic jugs with screw-on lids; they fit snugly in a special space on the side of recycle trucks so they won't spill. Also, please NEVER mix oil or antifreeze, don't add water, brake fluid, or other liquids either. Contaminated oil and antifreeze are not recyclable; they should be disposed at Hazardous Waste Facilities located at the three county transfer stations.
- Place household batteries in a clear bag on top of your blue recycle cart ~ Please tape the ends of batteries and place batteries, including batteries from flashlights, rechargeable appliances, hearing aids, etc. in a clear, sealed plastic bag on top of your recycle cart. Rev 3/18 Article courtesy of Waste Connections of WA



Why Picking Up After Your Dog Matters



Picking up after your dog isn't exactly the most enjoyable chore. Let's face it — it's gross! It can be tempting to skip this task, but doing so is not only bad for the environment and public health — in many places, it's also illegal. Keep reading for all of the reasons you really do need to pick up your dog's poop, and read on to learn how to clean dog poop from grass.

Dog Poop Is Not Fertilizer

the truth is that dog poop is toxic for your grass, said [PetHelpful](#). Unlike cow manure, which is basically composted grass, a typical dog's poop, which is made acidic through natural digestive processes and their [microbiome](#), is enough to destroy the grass underneath it. For this reason, dog poop also shouldn't be placed in your compost or used to fertilize your garden. In either case, it contains bacteria that could contaminate your vegetables.

It's an Environmental Pollutant

In fact, the [Environmental Protection Agency](#) describes dog waste as containing two types of pollutants: nutrients and pathogens. Dog waste that gets washed into waterways may carry pathogens that affect living things in the water and can make people sick that are in contact. Also, nutrients released from dog poop can stimulate the growth of algae and other plant life, making the water unsuitable for recreational uses.

It Carries Diseases

Even if your dog doesn't show any symptoms of illness, their waste could still carry bacteria and parasites that are harmful to other pets and humans. And you don't need to come into direct contact with dog poop in order to contract an illness from it — diseases in poop can be transmitted by flies or other pets that come into contact with it, said [iHeartDogs](#).

It Can Overwhelm the Ecosystem

While you may think your own dog's poop can't do that much harm, keep in mind that your dog is likely one of hundreds in your area. iHeartDogs pointed out that while the ecosystem can generally handle up to two dogs per square mile, in urban areas, there are on average 125 dogs per square mile — far more than enough to overwhelm the local ecosystem with their waste. By picking up after your dog, you'll help protect the ecosystem.

It Smells Bad

Dog feces left lying in parks, on public walkways and even on neighborhood lawns can quickly pile up to a point that the smell becomes overwhelming. Even if you live in a rural area with no close neighbors, you

no doubt know that a relaxing afternoon in the hammock can be ruined by the smell of too many dog deposits in the yard.

It's Common Courtesy

If you've ever had to clean dog poop from the bottom of your shoe, you don't need to be told stepping in the stuff can ruin an unsuspecting person's day. We all know how inconvenient it is to have to stop multiple times while mowing the lawn clean up after a dog from outside your family left a surprise in your yard. Picking up after your dog not only makes you a responsible dog owner, but also a considerate neighbor. It's simply the right thing to do.

Have you joined Nextdoor.com yet?

Are you new to the neighborhood?

We want to welcome you!

Nextdoor.com can be an easy way to start to connect with your Cascade SE neighbors and surrounding neighborhoods. The City of Vancouver also communicates through the site. Common posts from neighbors include topics like, "lost cat", "looking for a contractor" or "free moving boxes".

Join at **cascadesoutheast.nextdoor.com/join**

McGillivray Boulevard Safety and Mobility Project

PROJECT OVERVIEW

[HTTPS://WWW.BEHEARDVANCOUVER.ORG/MCGILLIVRAY-SAFETY](https://www.beheardvancouver.org/mcgillivray-safety)

The McGillivray Boulevard Safety and Mobility Project is exploring ways to make McGillivray Boulevard safer and more comfortable for everyone to travel between SE Chkalov Drive/SE 7th Street and SE 164th Avenue. The Safety and Mobility Project will evaluate how McGillivray Boulevard can better meet the needs of people walking, biking, using a mobility device, and driving. The Project will explore opportunities and examine tradeoffs to improve safety on the corridor ahead of upcoming pavement work.

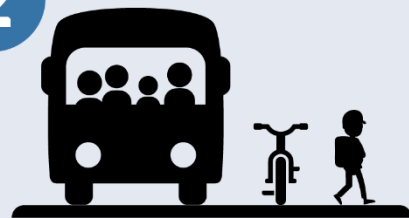
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Lower vehicle travel speeds on the corridor to improve safety for all users regardless of how they travel and to reduce cut-through traffic to support the local road context.

Make the corridor safe and comfortable for people of all ages and abilities to walk, bike, roll, use small mobility devices, and access transit.

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Improve safety and comfort at intersections and crossings on the corridor.

What does a City Liaison do?

A City Liaison specializes in receiving and responding to sensitive complaints and questions from the public. They work hard to find answers to your questions and solutions to your problems. Their goal is to improve City responsiveness to the community.

The City Liaison coordinates efforts with other departments to solve complicated or complex problems and works to ensure the situation is addressed as quickly as possible and correctly.

They will help explain policies, procedures, laws and regulations as well as facilitate meetings with residents, community organizations and staff to ensure the proper resolution for the community.

Unfortunately, not everyone who files a complaint will be satisfied with the outcome. Sometimes the answer is “no”. However, you will know that you have been heard, that the issue was researched, and an explanation provided.

Please keep in mind that the City Liaison can only assist with issues involving City of Vancouver government. Because the City has no jurisdiction over them, we cannot solve issues with County, State or Federal governments, but you will be provided with a contact for the respective agency.

When do I need a City Liaison?

- When there is a complex question or concern that may involve several departments.
- When you have a question and don't know who to ask.
- When you have a problem with City services and aren't sure how to solve it.
- When you have tried to find your own answer or solution and haven't been successful.

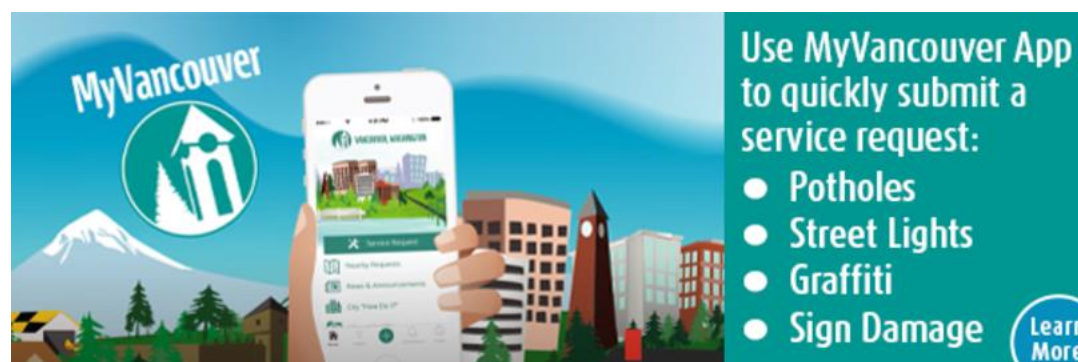
If you would like the assistance of the City Liaison, you can:

- [Fill out a City Action Request online](#)
- Email: Anna Quintrell, anna.quintrell@cityofvancouver.us
- Call: 360-487-8604

Our *Neighborhood Liaison* is:

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

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Hello Neighbor