

# DUBOIS PARK

## Neighborhood Association Newsletter

### NEXT MEETING

Thursday, November 9th

6:30-7:30pm

Vancouver Heights United  
Methodist Church, 5701  
MacArthur Blvd

### OFFICERS

President, Lucius Shields

Vice President, Janice Ritter

Secretary, Kate Fernald

Treasurer, Barbara Paulsen

City Liaison, Steve Kaspan,  
[steve.kaspan@cityofvancouver.us](mailto:steve.kaspan@cityofvancouver.us)

Neighborhood Police Officer,  
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### FINANCIALS

#### 2023

Current Balance: \$3,375.91

Deposits: \$913

Withdrawals: \$849.49

### Dubois Park Coat Drive - Donate Spare Coats

Give the gift of warmth this season by bringing clean coats of all sizes to the DuBois Park Neighborhood Association meeting on Thursday, November 9th at 6:30pm. Declutter your closet and support the community in one fell swoop. Neighborhood President Lucius and his wife Stephanie will drop them off at The Giving Closet on Monday, November 13th. If you can't make the meeting and still want to donate, email [duboispark@gmail.com](mailto:duboispark@gmail.com) and Steph and Lu can arrange a pick up or drop off.

Here's some info about the Vancouver nonprofit these donations will help: The Giving Closet serves individuals and families from a variety of different backgrounds and strives to see that every person in crisis is given resources to meet their basic needs. Building upon its heritage of ministry and outreach, The Giving Closet desires to touch the lives of the hurting, homeless and hungry.

The Giving Closet started as a 500 square foot space. Now at more than 9,000 square feet, The Giving Closet established itself as an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit in 2011. Along with the help of volunteers and a giving community, The Giving Closet has touched the lives of more than 30,800 people since opening its community "store" for those in need. Learn more:

[www.givingcloset.org](http://www.givingcloset.org).

### How to Reach Us

Email: [duboispark@gmail.com](mailto:duboispark@gmail.com)

Facebook: DuBois Park Neighborhood

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1688383734552024>



## July 4th, 2023

Thank you to all the volunteers for making July 4th so special!

Please see note from Janice Ritter, coordinator extraordinaire, further in the newsletter with specific thanks to everyone who helped make memories for our neighborhood this year.

It takes a lot of people to make the Neighborhood BBQ on the 4th of July a success, so please consider volunteering your time in 2024!



Jill and Phil McClellan

Coffee in the Park

## A Time to Cleanup

On July 9th, Southcliff, Evergreen Shores, Evergreen Highlands and DuBois Park all shared in a neighborhood cleanup at the Vancouver Heights United Methodist Church. There were dumpsters for bulky items, scrap metal, yard debris and a chipper.

It was a huge success! There were people with wheelbarrows and occasional long lines of vehicles, but we had guidance from Dix Dixon and volunteers to help keep it moving smoothly.

Of note, Dix has graciously led this event for 25 years for his neighborhood and two years with the neighborhoods combined.

If you would like to be part of the great cleanup event, please consider volunteering next year. It is such a good cause to declutter and clean up our houses and yards.

Also, we need people to keep it moving, and I think Dix would not mind handing over the reins to someone else to organize next year.

Janice Ritter, VP



Dix Dixon

Evergreen Highlands Neighborhood Association

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## End of Term - Thank You President Lucius!

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Weeks after moving to the neighborhood with his wife Steph and golden retriever Benny, Lucius Shields stepped forward to volunteer as DuBois Park Neighborhood President. His first year saw a transition from the preventative measures that arose from the pandemic - Zoom neighborhood meetings, emails and socially distanced conversations with neighbors, officers from other neighborhoods and city leaders.

This year's 4th of July celebration was a step forward - bringing back what was and adapting for the present and future. A contentious neighborhood construction project that would prove to be disruptive and damaging to the feel of the neighborhood led Lucius to partner with key neighbors and Southcliff leaders to push for the city and state to reevaluate and ultimately propose a far less invasive (and equally as effective) stormwater drainage solution.

Lucius' second year, 2023, saw the return of in-person neighborhood meetings, walking the neighborhood with the neighborhood police officers, staying up to date with the Heights Plan, celebrating a much more dynamic 4th of July day (watch the video here: <https://youtu.be/vovmzn3UUBI>) - huge special thanks to Janice for her 4th of July leadership! - and, on a personal note, being nominated for and accepted into the Leadership Clark County program.

As this year draws to a close, Lucius is very grateful to have had the opportunity to serve the community and get to know his neighbors. DuBois Park is unlike any neighborhood and Lucius is proud to have served alongside Kate, Janice and Barbara during his two-year term. As you see Lucius walking Benny around the neighborhood, don't hesitate to stop and say hello and thank him for his service!

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## 2024-2026 Neighborhood Officer Nominations and Voting

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Nominations are open to anyone interested (email [duboispark@gmail.com](mailto:duboispark@gmail.com) or speak with the current officers) to learn more about the President role or any of the other positions on the team.

Interest must be expressed by November 7th.

An email with the list of candidates will be sent to the neighborhood on November 8th. Please reach out if you are not on the neighborhood email list serve or our Facebook group.

Candidates must be present at the November 9th neighborhood meeting. Voting will be held at the November 9th in-person meeting and will include any vote-by-email responses that arrive prior to 6pm that same day.

You've Been



BOOOED!



You've just been booed  
Now it's your turn!  
Put together a surprise that's  
fun and Halloween-y,  
add these tags and leave  
it on someone's doorstep  
Hang the We've Been Booed sign  
on your door so others know  
you've already been booed!

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## You've Been Boo'd!

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A Halloween boo is a little gift or treat left anonymously by a friend or neighbor. Once you've been boo'd, you hang a ghost picture on your front door, to let everyone know you've gotten your Halloween surprise. But there's more! Booing is a pay-it-forward game: Once you are boo'd, it's your turn to choose two neighbors and deliver treats to their house. Anonymously. Of course.

### Boo Basics

Now it's your turn to boo two other people in the neighborhood. Here's what you do:

1. Fill two bags with candy and treats. Make two copies of the letter and the ghost picture. Choose two neighbors who have not already been boo'd and make a boo bag for them. Include treats, the letter, and the ghost picture in their bag of goodies.
2. At a time when you're sure your neighbors aren't around, leave your treats near their front door. You can ring the doorbell if you like — but be sure to run so they don't see you!
3. Hang the picture of the ghost on your front door so everyone can see that you have already been boo'd. And look for the ghost when you're deciding who to boo next — one boo per house, please!

Keep your eyes peeled to see how many ghosts will appear in our neighborhood by Halloween!

Also its recommended delivering the treats within two days, to make sure everyone in the neighborhood has a chance to be boo'd.

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## Successful July 4th

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Thanks to everyone that made this July 4th very special for the DuBois Park neighborhood.

Jill and Phil McClellan helped to start it off right by setting up the Coffee Meet and Greet. Jennifer and Jerry Lang supplied Voodoo doughnuts for everyone. Besides the tasty treats from volunteers, we had coffee from River Maiden. Melissa Becker, Amanda Brown, Mary Beth Patton, and Ashley Feeley helped decorate the vehicles for the Kiddies parade the day before. We even had a patriotic tank! Liz Luce and Linda Cole (longtime residents of the neighborhood) were the grand marshals and some parade participants passed out candy to spectators that watched the parade. We had a great introduction to the parade with Lucius Shields and a wonderful rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner from Rohan Benda. The acoustics were outstanding due to Rohan's family and energy supplied by Don and Julie Carlson.

Barb Bersani was great job at supplying the barbeque, picnic tables, and toilets from the City of Vancouver, while Scott Werner and John Lipple supplied and prepared the hotdogs for the barbeque. Liz Kuzma did a great setting up and coordinating the cake walk.

Amy Boal did an awesome job setting up and coordinating the games for the children after the barbeque (to burn off some of the energy from the hot dogs and cupcakes).

Ric and Pat Freeman, Sandy Gates, Melissa Becker, Janice and Greg Ritter, John Lipple and Scott Werner helped with the cleanup.

It was very hot that day, but the park had lots of shade for the picnic tables, so it was not too bad.

It takes a village to pull off a successful event, and that was what we had. There were many other people that contributed, and we want to thank you all. Immanuel Gates did a video of the parade that was posted to Facebook after the event. We are always looking for more volunteers, so keep that in mind next year.

Janice Ritter, VP

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