

First Place Neighborhood Association
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Much to report to all of our friends and neighbors:

Our last general meeting was held July 20th. Roughly 24 households joined us. Updates were given from each committee and details about our upcoming events. (Check out all those upcoming events in this newsletter.) Please note our next general meeting has been slotted for October 12th at 7:00 pm. Attendance information to be emailed in early October.

Our sensational summer has started off with a bang! The Neighborhood Socials have been an amazing time for our neighbors to gather and enjoy one another. Each of the last two socials saw 60-70 neighbors each! Great job inviting newcomers to our neighborhood events.

Our summer picnic saw a huge increase in attendance! Thank you to Doug Stalheim and his picnic committee, as well as Sharon Bevan & her Scholarship committee, and the many volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this a success! Over 250 neighbors attended this event and the FPNA scholarship fund raised over \$5000.00 for next year's scholarship presentation. We also had an additional six families pay their \$30.00 annual dues. Our goal this year is 150 households. Currently, 130 households have paid their \$30.00 annual dues. Help us close this gap by getting to our goal! There are many ways to pay - see page 11 for your options.

A big THANK YOU to our neighbor Manny Amador, owner of **Fiesta Bonita**, who has consistently provided his great Mexican Food these many years! Please support Fiesta Bonita near the Vancouver Mall. Also, a big thanks to the 14 individual auction donations and outside wineries that also made our picnic a big success!

I so enjoy this neighborhood! Thank you again to all the neighbors who make this FPNA community a hit! More to come!

Sincerely, Dale Cisco, FPNA President



First Place

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Neighborhood Social:**
August 19th at the home of Mark & Marta Halverson, 6PM. *(no RSVP needed)*
- contact Sharon Bevan
- **Men's Luncheon:** August 25th at The Cove restaurant, 11:30AM.
(please RSVP by 8/23)
- contact Wayne Sparks
- **18th Street Redesign and Widening:** Meetings are on-going.
- contact Grace Teigen
- **18th Street Entrance Circle:**
A volunteer clean-up event is being organized. TBA
- **First Place Association Meeting:** October 12th, 7PM.
(possibly via Zoom)



YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOUR HELP

Our neighborhood association needs to fill the position of secretary on the FPNA board. Our current secretary, Vicky Splinter, has held the position for almost three years and would like to retire. We thank Vicky for her excellent work and service to our neighborhood. We invite YOU to volunteer to fill the position of Association Secretary for the current year. The position entails taking minutes

at meetings and posting them. Orientation and support will be available to the interested individual.

Please volunteer by contacting Joe Ghaffari.

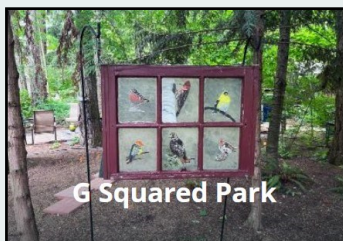
(Joe's in the neighborhood directory)

"We are going to need additional dollars from all the neighborhoods to be able to connect effectively with 2000 homes ..."



G-SQUARED PARK HONORED

Did you know Grace Teigen and Gene Wigglesworth's 151st Street G-Squared Park was recently honored by Clark County Green Neighbors and prominently highlighted on the Natural Garden Tour? Over 250 people visited the park at the event on July 16th. (Sharp-eyed visitors may have also recognized our neighbor John Holmes as one of the people staffing the check-in table.)



18TH STREET REDESIGN COALITION - UP-

We've expanded far beyond First Place and gathered representatives from 7 of the 18th street adjacent neighborhoods and Evergreen School District. With volunteers from among them we created a Leadership Team that assures our ability to be active for the years this project will take. Our Leadership Team is a great collection of skills including engineers, businesspeople, educators, folks schooled in communications and computers etc. Meeting regularly, we're getting organized, setting goals, and choosing roles.

Our fundraising efforts were successful and we have contracted Landscape Architect Jane Tesler Kleiner who is creating a quick survey for you and the almost 2000 homes our group now represents. You will see the opportunity to complete that survey soon.

Once we have everyone's choices recorded, Jane will create a Vision Plan for all to see and you will be invited to a large group meeting.

We are going to need additional dollars from all the neighborhoods to be able to connect effectively with 2000 homes, so we will be asking you to vote "yes" to some Neighborhood Association funds in next years' budget. It will cover our fair share of the costs to hire experts like Jane and communicate with every resident.

We'll need walkers who enjoy delivering news door to door to their neighbors! We'd love to add you to our currently short, wonderful list of volunteers.

The road will be widened and we cannot change that, but with our gathering strength in numbers, we hope to have a positive impact on all of our hopes for a road that is safer for drivers and pedestrians alike, less noisy, more attractive, supportive of privacy and property values, and environmentally sound.

We welcome your participation.

Grace Teigen
First Place Liaison
N.E 18th Street Corridor Design Coalition



Evergreen High School Scholarship Winners and committee chair Sharon Bevan

FPNA SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, First Place honors one or more Evergreen High School students with a scholarship recognizing their academic achievements and particularly their community service activities.

This Year, scholarships were awarded to three amazing young individuals:

- ◆ Sarah Savochka's desire is to pursue a degree in business
- ◆ Hayden Marcella's desire is to pursue a degree in engineering
- ◆ Naomi Ball's desire is to pursue a teaching degree.

Thank you to so many generous neighbors. Over \$5,000 has been collected for the FPNA Community Involvement Scholarship for the next school year.

A special thank you goes out to the picnic committee. Not only was the picnic an opportunity to meet new neighbors, but it was fun and the chili cook off was a huge success. A exceptional thank you to our neighbors Manny and Elizabeth Amador, owners of Fiesta Bonita, who generously supplied the delicious Mexican food. Be sure and show them our appreciation by supporting their restaurant for your next meal out.

A big appreciation, to the many neighbors, businesses, and friends who donated auction and raffle items and their endless efforts to make this a very successful picnic/scholarship fund raiser.

And of course, the FPNA Scholarship Committee: Kandi Cisco, Sharen Graven, Jackie Zapp, and Tim Eannarino, along with Sam Bevan were fantastic and made it fun and very successful.

*Sharon Bevan, chair
FPNA Scholarship Committee*

18th Street Entrance Circle

Did you know the 18th street entrance circle is maintained by volunteers from within our neighborhood? It's a big job! If you'd like to lend a hand, a clean-up event is being organized soon. Please consider volunteering. Details soon!

Keeping Sidewalks and Travel Areas Safe and Hazard Free

A reminder that we need to ensure all trees and shrubs that overhang our sidewalks are properly trimmed as to not be a hindrance to the many neighbors that walk the sidewalks daily, We need to make sure our neighbors are safe as we all walk in this beautiful community.

A Note to My Neighbors Who Live on 10th Street

Some of you may not be aware, but those of us who live in the homes that border 9th street are responsible for the maintenance of the easement beyond our fencing. We all want to make sure our entrance from 9th looks presentable by removing debris and overgrown weeds and properly maintaining these areas. Thank you for participating in this.

- 10th Street Neighbor



OUR PICNIC IN THE PARK

Were you wondering what was going on in the First Place Park on Saturday, July 22nd under the park gazebo and surrounding 17+ canopies? If you were not there you missed out enjoying a great afternoon of games, contests, live music, meeting VPD Police Liaison Cpl Jeremy Free and his family, enjoying a hearty Mexican buffet and old fashion hotdogs, meeting the FPNA 2023 Scholarship recipients from Evergreen HS, opportunities to go home with some fantastic Silent Auction/Raffle gifts and participation in the first FP Chili Cook-off with all proceeds going to the FPNA Scholarship Fund and just some splendid time to have some good old fashion neighborly comradery. The turnout and support for this year's picnic was fantastic with almost 1/3rd of our First Place households (92 of them) representing approximately 250 people enjoying the afternoon and fun!

Many, many thanks to all that came to the picnic, those that participated in the contests and games, the 8 great FP neighbors who participated in the Chili Cook-off, those that helped set up and tear down, assist during the picnic, and the great work, dedication and time from both the FPNA 2023 Summer Picnic and Scholarship Committees in putting this special event all together.

A special thanks to our First Place neighbors Manny & Elizabeth Amador and family of Fiesta Bonita for their generosity in supplying the wonderful Mexican buffet. Now the canopies are put away, games picked up, tables returned, and the

park is back to normal leaving those of us who were there that wonderful Saturday afternoon with great memories of laughter, fun, and the wonderful fellowship with our First Place neighbors!

While this year's picnic is over, some of us on the FPNA Picnic Committee have already started brainstorming ideas on how we can make the FPNA 2024 Summer Picnic even better than this year.

Who knows what we might come up with, but what we do know is that we hope that all of you that attended in 2023 will be back in 2024 and will encourage as many as you can the remaining 200+



First Place neighbors to join us in July 2024!

We will be announcing the July 2024 date soon, so you can mark your calendars far enough in advance to "Save The Date" to join us in the park!

See you next July if not sooner

- Doug Stalheim
FPNA Picnic Chair





"92 households representing approximately 250 people"



The FPNA Newsletter is published quarterly after the general association meeting. Are you interested in writing an article for the FPNA newsletter?



From the Editor

- Want to remind your neighbors about an upcoming date or event?
 - Do you have FYI-type information about the neighborhood or the FPNA Association?
 - Want to buy the editor a beer?
- Don't be shy. Send it in an e-mail to FPNAnewsletter@hotmail.com

(Note: To protect our neighbors, personal contact information is intentionally omitted from the FPNA Newsletter. Please remember, the FPNA Newsletter is public information through the City of Vancouver.)

Note: The City of Vancouver supports the Neighborhood Associations in their effort to share vital information with residents to create a more informed public. However, the information provided and the opinions and views expressed in the Neighborhood Association newsletter or other documents do not necessarily represent the position of the City of Vancouver, nor does the City determine whether the information published is accurate or appropriate. This newsletter has been shared with the City of Vancouver Office of Neighborhoods and therefore, is

available to the Internet community.



Find Us On Facebook!

**135 First Place
neighbors
participate on
Facebook**

First Place Neighborhood
Association

*This is a private Facebook page for First Place neighborhood residents only.

Email Addresses and Info:

FPNAcommunicate@gmail.com

Changes to group participation, email, or contact information changes

FPNAnewsletter@hotmail.com

For submissions and questions

[NextDoor App](#)

Information shared by neighbor members

[Facebook Website](#)

Information shared by neighbor members

**175 First Place
neighbors
participate on
Nextdoor**

Nextdoor

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

KEEP 911 LINES OPEN FOR EMERGENCIES.

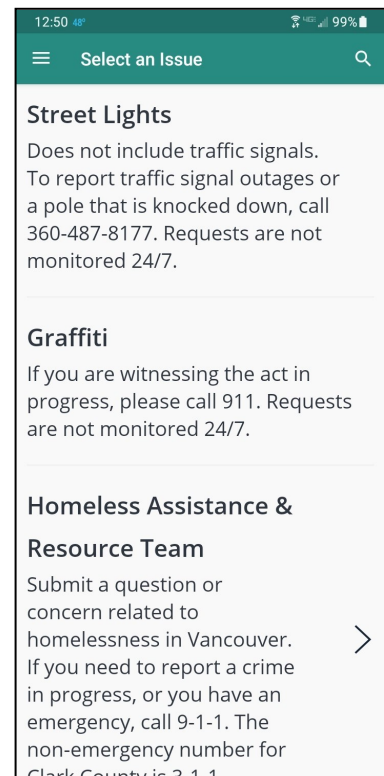
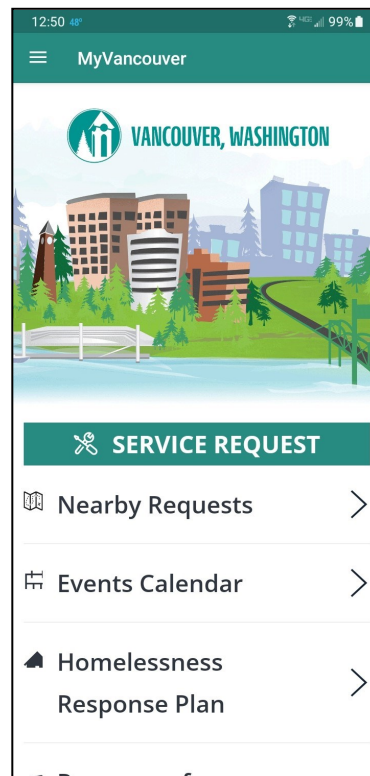
Here are alternate numbers
for our community to use:



MyVancouver Website and App:

The City of Vancouver provides a location to report graffiti, street light problems, potholes, sign damage, and a variety of other issues. Several FPNA neighbors use this service and the city's response and remediation is quite fast. You can also check on reports already submitted. It's easy to use on your computer, mobile device, or tablet.

Link to App: [MyVancouver](#) | [City of Vancouver, Washington, USA](#)



FPNA Executive Board: 2023

Chair – Dale Cisco

Vice Chair – Steve Zapp

Treasurer - Evan Meessen

Secretary – Vicki Splinter

Neighborhood Committees - Contact the Committee Chair if you're interested in more information on getting involved. Contact info is available in the FPNA Directory.

Annual Picnic – Doug Stalheim (Team TBD)

Annual Spring Cleanup - Tom Harriman

Communications Central – Kandi Cisco

18th Street Widening Project – Gene Wigglesworth, Grace Teigen, Ellen Sward, Bill Savoie, Margie Schnack, Wayne Sparks, Sherry Bala, and other interested neighbors.

Facebook - Penny McElvain

First Place Directory – Kandi Cisco

Garage Sale – Pat Tarnow

Holiday Ladies' Luncheon – **Open**

Ladies' Luncheon – **Open**

Landscape – Steve Zapp

Men's Luncheon, - Wayne Sparks

Neighborhood Ambassador Program - Doug Stalheim, Pat Sparks, Sheree Belanger, Julia Karnes, Joan Lamy, and Kandi Cisco

- **Welcome Basket Production Team** – Penny McElvain, Kay Scott

- **New Neighbor Spotters** – Joan Lamy, Joe Serroels, Bryan Fix (local realtor)

Neighborhood Social - Sharon Bevan

Newsletter – Darren Belanger

Next Door Website - Joan Lamy

9th Street Garden Gang - **coordinate/maintain FPNA properties backing to 9th street** – Open

Safety Committee – **Open**

Scholarship - Sharon Bevan, Kandi Cisco, Sharon Graven, Tim Eannarino

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – Kandi Cisco

Walk-n-Knock – Patricia Hines

Women's Happy Hour - Bonnie McCampbell

Please join the fun as you are willing and able. Working together we accomplish so much more. Everyone's help is welcome and appreciated!



What do committee volunteers and board members do?

Picnic Committee - organizes our Annual Picnic in First Place Park

Holiday Luncheon Committee - arranges a holiday celebration for the women in the neighborhood

Scholarship Committee - gathers funds and chooses worthy recipient(s) from Evergreen High School

First Place Neighborhood Ambassadors - The Ambassadors welcome new neighbors, deliver welcome baskets, and periodically host Newcomer Gatherings

FPNA Chairperson - The Chairperson sets the meeting date and time for the board meetings and the quarterly general meetings. The Chairperson also helps develop the agenda with input from the elected board members and committee chairs. Other duties of the Chairperson include conducting the business meetings, coordinating with committee chairs or other neighborhood groups implementing projects, and resolving issues that may arise

FPNA Vice Chairperson - The Vice Chairperson acts as a support person, covering meetings when the Chairperson is unavailable and coordinates with the Treasurer to audit our funds yearly. Also the Vice Chairperson manages special projects as requested by the Chair

Safety Chairperson - The Safety Chairperson checks and notifies the City when street lights are out and has managed the curb address painting. Further the Safety Chair has been on the lookout for hazard issues in First Place, such as low tree limbs obscuring stop and street signs

FPNA Communication Coordinator - The FPNA Communicate Coordinator maintains the master list of residents and sends out announcements of neighborhood activities

Ladies' Luncheon Coordinator - Coordinator sets the time and location for their meetings

Men's Luncheon Coordinator - Coordinator sets the time and location for their meetings

FPNA Newsletter Editor - Reviews newsletter submissions, builds and edits the quarterly newsletter and sends it to the FPNA Chairperson for review and approval.

This is just a sampling of the FPNA positions that benefit our neighborhood. If you are interested in volunteering to help First Place remain a strong Neighborhood Association, please contact any board member.

First Place Neighborhood Association-Resident Information

Print, complete and return only when your information has changed.

Return to: P.O. Box 872261, Vancouver, WA. 98687

Or: By Email to

[Send Email to FPNA Communicate](#)

(FPNAcommunicate@gmail.com)

Please type in the highlighted boxes below.

First Name. 1.		Last Name. 1.	
First Name. 2.		Last Name. 2.	
Property Address.			
Phone. Cell	Cell	Home	Work
Email 1.		Email 2.	

Please check those you would like.

I would like my information to be included in future directories.	Yes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	No.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Invite me to:

Neighborhood Social.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ladies' Luncheon.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Men's Luncheon.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ladies' Happy Hour.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Neighborhood Social: Held monthly in the home of a resident volunteer in First Place. Attendees are asked to bring a bottle of wine or other beverage and an appetizer to share. Open to all First Place neighbors.

Ladies' Luncheon: Arranged at a local restaurant by a volunteer and open to all First Place women.

Men's Luncheon: Arranged at a local restaurant by a volunteer and open to all First Place men.

Ladies' Happy Hour: Held the second Monday of the month from 4-7pm in the home of a volunteer neighbor. Bring your favorite beverage and appetizer to share. Open to all First Place women.

2023

FPNA Annual Dues Notice

\$30 per household
(unchanged from 2022)

First Place Neighborhood Association (FPNA) voluntary dues are \$30 and renewed annually in January. Donations support neighborhood maintenance & social functions.

PayPal FPNAInfo@gmail.com at www.paypal.me/firstplaceNA

<<Choose payment type "For friends and family">>

or

Make checks payable to First Place Neighborhood Association (FPNA)

Mail to FPNA Treasurer, P.O. Box 872261, Vancouver, WA 98687

Please include your household information and any designation for additional donations, as listed in the form below, with your donation.

Thank you for you continued support!

Name _____

FP Address _____

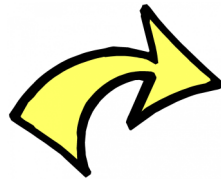
Besides the annual dues, if you wish to include an additional voluntary contribution please enter an amount here:

FPNA Scholarship Fund: \$ _____.

Any other FPNA activity: \$ _____.

Thank You!!

-Your FPNA Board and FP Neighbors



Want to pay
with your
phone?
Point your
phone's
camera here



First Place Neighborhood 2023 Picnic Trivia: (in case you missed it)

- 1) How many acres of land does First Place make up?
- 2) How many miles away from City Center of Vancouver is First Place?
- 3) What Social Media sites can you find First Place Neighborhood info and updates?
- 4) The New Chairman of FPNA as of January 2023, Dale Cisco, has a giant Doodle named?
- 5) Since 2020 FPN Ambassadors have distributed over how many welcome baskets to new neighbors?
- 6) FPNA has how many different committees that organize events for the neighborhood?
- 7) Which of these is NOT one of the committees of FPNA (Circle one):
 - Holiday Ladies' Luncheon
 - Safety Committee
 - Garage Sale
 - Dog Poo Pick up team
- 8) Approximately how many homes make up the First Place Neighborhood?
- 9) Which one of these individuals is NOT part of the FPNA Executive Board (Circle one):
 - Vicki Splinter
 - Evan Meessen
 - Doug Stalheim
 - Dale Cisco
 - Steve Zapp
- 10) Who is FPNA's current neighborhood Police Officer?
- 11) In 2022, FPNA gave away 2 Scholarships to local students. What were their names?
- 12) In what year did the Garden In The Park get started in cooperation with City of Vancouver?
- 13) The first family to live in First Place was the Driggers Family. What year was that?



ANSWER KEY

1. 100
2. 8 miles
3. Facebook and Nextdoor
4. Tucker
5. 50
6. 21 committees
7. :)
8. 300
9. Doug Stalheim
10. Corporal Jeremy Free
11. Nathan Pham, Daniel Bejar
12. 2010
13. 1991

