

Fourth Plain Village

March 2023

Neighborhood Meeting

Wednesday– March 15th, 2023

Time –6:30PM – 8:00PM

Location: - The Center: Clark County Adventist Center, 3114 E. 4th Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA, 98661 (where the Red Cross used to be located). Enter off of 4th Plain to the alleyway

Agenda Topics

- Introductions; Sign in
- Approval of last Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- Old Business:
- New Business
 - a. Update from our NPO – Neighborhood Police Officer
 - b. New Lucky's Market Owner
 - c. Fourth Plain Forward
 - d. Anna Quintrell - What going on in the city.
 - e. Open Discussions/Announcement
 - f. Meeting to be Adjourned by 8PM

FPVNA has an email address. To contact us please send an email to fourthplainvillageneighborhood@gmail.com

www.FACEBOOK.com/fourthplainvillage

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Don't Drip and Drive

<https://www.stormwaterpartners.com/dont-drip-and-drive>

Is your car leaking? We're here to help.

Stormwater Partners is helping Clark County drivers identify and fix vehicle leaks.

Download the MyVancouver App

What can I do with the MyVancouver app?

**** Report non-emergency issues, such as potholes, graffiti, sign damage or streetlight outages quickly and easily.
Include a photo and GPS location.

**** View and track the status of a request or view other reported issues in a particular area of the city.

**** Access other online City services, such as paying for parking ticket, permit payments.

**** Access other City information, including street sweeping schedules, a community event calendar and City job listings.

**** Easily locate local parks, hospitals, community centers and more.

**** Connect with the City's social media with an #IHeartVanWa widget.

Can customers still submit requests online through the web portal?

Yes. The mobile app doesn't replace any current methods (e.g. phone, web, etc.) that customers use to report issues, it just provides a new method. With the new app, you can also report issues using the web interface above.

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We appreciate your time and efforts and could not do it without you!

How to Report Crime in the City of Vancouver

<https://www.cityofvancouver.us/police/page/crime-reporting>

If you need to report a crime in progress, or you have an emergency, call 9-1-1. The outside local area 911 Dispatch Number is (360) 696-4461.

Reporting Crime in Person or By Telephone

To report a lower priority crime, or a crime without suspect information, citizens should call 3-1-1.

For emergencies, crimes with suspect information, or any time the presence of a police officer is needed please call 9-1-1.

In addition to 3-1-1, which is available 24 hours a day, you may also make telephone reports by calling the Vancouver Police Department at 360-487-7355, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (excluding holidays).

The Vancouver Police Department does not currently offer online reporting.

These crimes may be reported via 3-1-1 or through our precincts:

- Graffiti or Tagging (damage less than \$750.00)
- Harassing Phone Call
- Identity Theft or Fraud
- Lost Property
- Malicious Mischief (damage less than \$750.00)
- Theft (amount of theft less than \$750.00)
- Vehicle Prowl
- Vehicle Prowl – Motor Home

ADOPT ONE BLOCK

We want a clean block, neighborhood, and world.

We want to make an impact on our own terms and schedule, and enjoy making a difference quickly and efficiently.

<https://www.adoptoneblock.org/>

Spring is around the corner and sunny days to walk your favorite fur baby – Don't forget your doggie bags and keep our neighborhood dog poop free.

We know how much of a strain it can be on neighborhood relations to find surprises in your front yard - especially when they're not from your own dog! Likewise, it can be frustrating when you don't feel like your kids can go play outside without coming back with poo on their shoes. For these reasons, and others, Canines for Clean Water offers a toolkit of resources and information to help you talk to your neighbors about increasing the scoop-rate in your community and making it a safer and healthier place for your family, other pets, and the environment.

<https://www.stormwaterpartners.com/canines-clean-water>

Canines for Clean Water

Clark County is home to over 150,000 dogs, of all shapes and sizes. Their poop adds up to more than 18 tons every day! Pet waste left on the ground mixing with stormwater can be washed into storm drains that lead directly to our streams and lakes. This waste carries harmful bacteria which can affect the health of aquatic wildlife, ourselves and our children.



Twelve Ways to Improve Your Neighborhood *Right Now*

Adapted from training materials for:

Community Involvement Training: A course in community renewal

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The following list is intended to introduce the neighbor who has never participated in a crime prevention effort to simple steps that can be taken now to make a difference.

1. Report crime promptly. Neighbors sometimes don't report criminal activity because they don't want to bother the police, they assume police are too short-staffed to respond, or they believe that there isn't much an officer can (or will) do about a given problem anyway. Whether the issue is graffiti, petty vandalism, or something much more serious, police cannot act without first hearing about the problem from you. Calling won't guarantee that police can fix the problem, but failing to call can guarantee that they won't. Also, don't assume someone else has called. Make the call yourself.

2. Report nuisances and other non-criminal problems promptly. Examples: Junked cars on front lawns, abandoned autos in the streets, old mattresses left to rot in a backyard, garbage dumped illegally in a vacant lot. When you find yourself thinking, "someone ought to *do* something," *do something*. Call code enforcement, non-emergency numbers, landlords, residents, local business owners, or any other person or agency that may have influence on the issue. Then call your neighbors and ask those who are also concerned about the issue to call and report as well. Then keep calling until the issue is resolved.

3. Take away the opportunity for crime. Think about your home, your car, and even your lifestyle and ask what you could change to take away the opportunity for crime. Lock your car and never leave valuables, even for a few minutes, in the car where would-be thieves might see them. Trim bushes or trees on your property that offer too-convenient hiding places. Also trim where trees and

bushes block a clear view of your front door and address from the street or make it difficult for a person to see out of windows in your home. In short, make your front porch visible and make sure your home looks like it has its "eyes" (windows) open.

4. Make a list of the names and phone numbers of every neighbor on your block. Not just two neighbors — set a goal of at least 10 and preferably 20 or 30. Find almost any citizen who has turned around a problem block and you will find a citizen who knows the people who live there and greets them by name. Did you grow up in a neighborhood where "everyone knew each other" and find that today your neighborhood isn't like that? That's true for many people. That's not "society's" fault. Instead, think of it as your own fault and you can fix it. Unless you know neighbors' names and numbers, you can't call them about a concern or let them know about a neighborhood problem. Learn the names and phone numbers of your neighbors this weekend.

5. Meet the youth who live on your block and greet them by name. This is one of the simplest steps an adult can take, yet it can make a profound difference should there be a future need for adults and young people to speak to each other in the midst of a neighborhood crisis. It is difficult to form a safe and supportive community without the adults and youth knowing each other's names. Even those without children should know to whom the various children in the neighborhood belong. In this way, each adult is better able to help in an emergency and is better prepared to discuss problems immediately as they arise.

6. Make a list of landlords in your area as well. As owners of property in the community, landlords are responsible to the neighborhood

and most are rightly concerned about the health of the community in which they have rental property. You can find out the name and address of the person or organization that owns a property, including the rental house next door, by contacting your county tax assessor's office — some post the information online, others provide it by phone. Do it today.

7. Turn on your porch light. Do this every night at dusk and keep it on till dawn. Crime tends to decline in neighborhoods that are well lit. Turning on porch lights is a simple way to start this process. It also makes the street feel more “welcome” to good residents who are out for a walk in the evening. It communicates a higher level of caring for the neighborhood by residents. This can become a daily routine or it can be accomplished by installing a timer. It is also immediate — while you wait for local government to install that new street light that everyone is asking for, go ahead and add a little more light yourself. Then encourage other neighbors to do the same.

8. Walk around the block. It sounds simple enough, but neighbors benefit over time when more responsible citizens walk about more, particularly for those who are comfortable walking at night, every night, around their block. At minimum walk around the block, once every day, preferably at night *if* you feel comfortable doing so. Take a moment to chat with neighbors, including youth, when the opportunity arises.

9. Drive *slowly* on neighborhood streets. As we call for new stop signs, lights, and speed bumps, we often forget that we can organize a means to slow down neighborhood traffic sooner. Remember that it is legal to drive a few miles per hour *below* the speed limit in your neighborhood. For example, if the speed limit is 25, try 20 instead. Regular, slower driving on neighborhood side streets

by multiple neighbors reduces some of the faster driving by itself and will also dampen the desire of others to use your street to speed — it isn't as fun to cut through a neighborhood if the likelihood of being stuck behind a car traveling at a more respectful pace has increased. Also, do it on every side street in the neighborhood, not just the one near your home.

10. Pick up the litter near your home, even if you didn't put it there. Generally, people litter less where they don't see litter already. You can help stop the growth of trash in your neighborhood by taking away the existing litter that encourages it.

11. Stay where you are. Stable neighborhoods are built on the commitment of long term residents who would rather live in a healthy community than move to a bigger house. Communities reach stability when conscientious citizens allow their roots to grow deep and help transform a geographic area that exists as a “neighborhood” in name only into a real community of involved people. Please, stay and help.

12. Help your neighborhood association or similar groups. If you are willing, decide what greater contribution you would like to make — then take the lead and do it. If leadership isn't your desire, at least make sure someone in your household attends local neighborhood association meetings. You'll be kept better informed of the issues facing the neighborhood and how you can help and, perhaps more importantly, you'll have the chance to shape, guide, and participate in the future of your neighborhood.

Finally, *don't stop at 12 tasks*: Do whatever else you can to make your neighborhood a safe and enjoyable place to live, work, go to school, and raise a family. Remember: Living in a good neighborhood isn't a right; it's a responsibility.