



# Lewis and Clark Woods

## Neighborhood Association

### National Night Out

*August 1 at Riverview Elem. from 6 to 8pm.*

National Night Out is an event where neighborhoods all across the country get together to socialize and have fun together. Our neighborhood partners with the Wildwood Neighborhood. It will be held at Riverview Elementary School. There will be hamburgers, hotdogs (with all the condiments) and bottled water. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on. There will be playground equipment for the kids! You are welcome to bring a lawn game to play. Come out and meet your neighbors! Food assignments:

A-H—Sides I-P Salads Q-Z Desserts

### Neighborhood Cleanup Day

If you weren't able to get rid of your treasures during the Neighborhood Garage Sale, do not despair. There is another opportunity on September 23 (just one week later--How convenient!). We will be holding our annual Neighborhood Cleanup day at Riverview Elementary School from 8 am until 1 pm. A donation of \$5 will be appreciated so we can fund other neighborhood events and purchase sandwich boards to advertise these events. The city's metal collection truck will also be there as well as a truck for yard debris and bulk items

If you are not on nextdoor.com yet, we invite you to join us by following this link:

<https://nextdoor.com/invite/6jnuemfd7q0z1r4t98k3>

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### Neighborhood Garage Sale

If you were planning on having a garage sale this summer, consider having it on the weekend of **September 16**. We are joining Wildwood Neighborhood in a huge Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale. We will be advertising on Craig's List and in the Columbian. There is no need to pre-register, just plan to start at 8 am. We will advertise that the sale will last until 4 pm. This is an opportunity to get the most traffic into our neighborhood so you can make money on items you no longer need.



### Neighborhood Meetings

Please join us at our bi-monthly neighborhood meetings. They are the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Riverview Elem. We will meet the months of September, November, January, March, May and July. We announce our meetings on Nextdoor.com.

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## Neighborhood By-Law Changes

Our current By-laws can be found at: <https://www.cityofvancouver.us/cmo/neighborhood/lewis-and-clark-woods>

During our September meeting, we will be voting on the proposed changes to the By-laws (The additions are in **Bold print** and the deletions are *underlined and italicized*):

- 1) Article VI: Vice-Chair: The Vice-Chair shall assist the Chair in all duties and perform the functions of the Chair in his/her absence. *The Vice-Chair will serve for a term of two years, the first year as the Vice-Chair and the second year as the Chair.*
- 2) Article VIII: Officers shall be elected annually **during one of the regularly scheduled general meetings of the neighborhood. Nominations for Officers shall be solicited either at a previous general meeting or via social media at least 2 weeks in advance of the meeting in which the elections will be held,** *with the exception of the Chair. The Chair position will be filled by the Vice-Chair from the previous year. Officers are limited to two terms consecutively.* The Executive Board may fill vacancies by appointment; such appointments must be ratified at the next membership meeting.
- 3) Article IX: The Executive Board of the Lewis and Clark Woods Neighborhood Association *shall meet not less than once per month* **may meet more frequently** to discuss general business. An agenda shall be published in the newsletter **or on social media** any time a general meeting is announced. Additional or special meetings may be called as needed. A quorum at a general membership meeting *shall consist of at least three Executive Board members and five members not part of the Executive Board.*
- 4) Article XI The Chair *may* **shall** maintain and make available an operational guidelines document for the Association.
- 5) Article XIV These bylaws may be amended at any general meeting by a 2/3 majority of members present, the proposed amendments having been read to the membership at the previous general meeting and published in the previous newsletter **or on social media at least 2 weeks prior to** *before* being voted upon.

## Plastic Recycling

Did you know you can recycle the plastic bag that you use for produce as well as bread plastic and the plastic around a case of water bottles? Well, you can! Just return them to a **store collection bin** just like the plastic grocery sacks (But don't put them in the blue recycling cart! That messes up the recycling machines). I learned all this when I attended the recycling class sponsored by the city and Waste Management. Here is some more information about plastic recycling:

In an effort to recycle as much as possible, many people mistakenly put their plastic bags in their recycling carts. Unfortunately, plastic bags and other types of film plastics do more harm than good when disposed of in this way. Plastic bags, shrink wrap, bubble wrap and other types of "stretchy" film plastic easily tangle in the machinery that is meant to sort recyclables into separate categories. This slows efficiency of the facility, as the machines have to be shut down to allow workmen to climb in and cut out the bags with box cutters. This material accounts for at least a 25% reduction in efficiency.

### So what should I do with them?

1) **Reduce:** First and foremost, try to eliminate plastic film from your life as much as possible. Use reusable bags, reuse bubble wrap, and try to reduce the amount of plastic film you buy in general. 2) **Reuse:** Plastic bags can be reused in your home (e.g. as waste basket liners or doggy poo scooper bags. 3) **Recycle:** Any bags you don't reuse can be properly recycled by placing them in the receptacles found near the front of most grocery stores. This ensures they will be recycled with other materials of the same kind and not have a chance to choke recycling sorting machinery.

For more information, go to [wcnorthwest.com](http://wcnorthwest.com)

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