



## NORTHCREST

### *Neighborhood Association Newsletter*

October-November-December 2023

### NEXT MEETING

***Thursday, October 19, 2023***

***7:00 pm to 8:30 pm***

Northcrest Community  
5602 E. Mill Plain Boulevard  
(back entrance)

We have invited **Amy Zoltie**, Real Estate Project Manager for the City of Vancouver for an update on the status of the Heights Project.



### THE SHOW MUST GO ON

We are always looking for volunteers –

Annual Picnic, Christmas  
Get-Together, Annual Garage  
Sale, Board members etc.  
Let us know if you are interested  
in helping out in any capacity.



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## Progress on the Heights District Development

The project covers 205 acres, including the 63-acre Tower Mall Development, which city [plans to turn into a 20-minute community](#). The project will bring hundreds of residential units and commercial spaces to the area. The city is making sure it will create housing for low-income families.

Patrick Quinton the city's development director of economic prosperity and housing highlighted the city's recent efforts to ensure the Heights District project will provide affordable housing and opportunities to small businesses.

"City staff are weighing several options, including homeownership options, business development programs, rental assistance and enhanced tenant protections," Quinton said.

The city will also request proposals from community organizations that could help the city promote housing equity or community programs within the development.

"We want to see who's out there. We want to get ideas," Quinton said. "We want organizations to step forward and say, 'this is something we want to pursue.'"

The Heights Community Investment Committee — a group of community members that the city will form later this year — will create the criteria for the proposals and vet them early next year.

The city estimates that the development will create roughly 1,800 multifamily housing units, about half of which will be affordable housing. The city owns about half of the parcels in the Tower Mall Development area, which it plans to use for the creation of deeply affordable housing.

For the privately owned development, the city will offer the [multi-family tax exemption](#) to create moderately affordable housing. We're talking at least 900 affordable units in this small geography," Quinton said. "It's a tall order. It's never been done anywhere else in the city. "The affordability levels will likely vary significantly when the plan is finalized. Some of the privately owned developments will offer market rate units, while some of the city-owned developments will have high restrictions — such as restricting 100 percent of a building's units for families earning at or below 30 percent of the area median income.

Article condensed from *The Columbian*  
August 23, 2023  
Carlos Fuentes, Reporter

## Our Kids Are Back In School

### WATCH OUT FOR THEM!



## Pearson Air Museum

Pearson Air Museum, a part of Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, tells the story of Pearson Field, one of the country's oldest continuously operating airfields in the United States. Documented use of the area dates to the early 1800's when it was farmed to feed residents of adjacent Fort Vancouver. The museum is a hidden gem dedicated to preserving the history of aviation in the Pacific Northwest.

This historic airfield began in 1905 when a pioneering aviator named Lincoln Beachey piloted a Baldwin airship to a historic landing on the grounds of the Vancouver Barracks. It marked the first aerial crossing of the Columbia River.

In 1912, a homebuilt aircraft, constructed right on the premises of the field, became the first to take off from Pearson.

Commander Lt. Oakley G. Kelly captured the world's attention when he made the first non-stop transcontinental flight, which underscored the rapid advancements in aviation technology (1923).



**Captain Carlton Bond, commander of the Pearson Field Squadron from 1929 to 1933 and 1938 - 1940.**

During World War I, a spruce mill was established for the mass production of wood components for military aircraft. From 1923 to 1941, Pearson was home to the U.S. Army Air Service.

On June 20, 1937, Pearson grabbed the world's attention when a Russian ANT-25 aircraft landed after making the first non-stop flight over the North Pole. Taking off from Moscow on June 17, and bound for Oakland, California, the aircraft flew for almost 65 hours through sub-zero temperatures and thickening ice on its wings, before a sudden drop in oil pressure forced them to land at Pearson Field. Soviet aviator, Valeri Chkalov and crew had traveled more than 5,000 miles and landed with 11 gallons of fuel left. This was the first non-stop, trans-polar flight.

Over the years the field was visited by such notables as Charles Lindbergh, Jimmy Doolittle, Eddie Rickenbacker and squadrons of barnstormers.

Pearson was named after Lt. Alexander Pearson, "one of the best known and finest pilots in the Air Service." Pearson attended high school in Vancouver and won the first cross-country air race in 1919 and made the first aerial survey of the Grand Canyon who was the first Army aviator to fly in the Pacific Northwest.

Visitors can explore the museum's collection of vintage aircraft. Many other aviator names you may recognize – Tex Rankin, Leah Hing, and Danny Grecco to name a few.

It is well worth a visit to this little gem of a museum. And it's Free!

Address: 1115 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm

## Bless Your Heart



Thank you, **Marcia Mackie** for your generous donation to the neighborhood!





## Recycling Hints



### Keep it out of your blue recycle cart:

- Plastic bags or wrappers do NOT belong in the blue recycle roll carts. Neither do veggie trays or lids, plastic bubble packaging, or just about anything plastic-thing, (other than plastic bottles with a neck and cottage cheese/yogurt tubs, and 5-gal buckets). Plastic bags get caught in the sorting machine forcing it to be stopped and the plastic bags removed. This costs YOU money! Please don't put your plastic bags in the blue roll cart.
- Frozen food packaging does NOT belong in the blue recycle roll carts either. Boxes for frozen or refrigerated food are treated and made to have 'wet strength' to keep the paperboard from disintegrating when it gets wet. The wet strength prevents paper from pulping at the paper mill. Put cold-food packaging (beer bottle holders, TV dinner boxes, ice cream boxes) in your grey garbage roll cart.
- Additionally Styrofoam (™) aka block foam packaging and food containers do NOT belong in the blue recycle roll carts. Kleenex and paper towels do NOT belong there either.



### What DOES belong in recycling?

- Paper: Cardboard, clean pizza boxes, paper egg cartons, newspapers, junk mail, catalogues and magazines, phone books, paper bags, cereal boxes, and aseptic aka paper drink cartons like soy milk
- Metal: Aluminum cans, empty aerosol cans (please remove the plastic nozzle), scrap metal, rinsed food cans
- Plastic Bottles, Jugs and Tubs: plastic bottles and containers with a neck, plastic milk cartons, plastic buckets 5-gal or smaller
- Glass goes in a separate bin, set out on the side of your blue recycling roll cart. You do not HAVE to set out your cart every recycling pickup day - you may prefer to set it out only when it is full or mostly full.

**Need to know where to apply, sign up, report, pay, appeal, build, schedule, or who to contact?**

**Check out the City of Vancouver**

**"I Want to" page: [www.cityofvancouver.us/community/page/i-want](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/community/page/i-want)**

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# Fall Leaf Coupons & Tips to Help You Recycle Right

## Free RecycleU Classes [cityofvancouver.us/RecycleU](http://cityofvancouver.us/RecycleU)

### Recycling 101: Recycling Done Right

- Thursday, Sept. 7, 5 to 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 8, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Learn the basics and get all the latest tips about our regional garbage and recycling system.

### Prevent Food Waste: Use Food Well

- Tuesday, Sept. 27, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 29, 7 to 8 p.m.

Discover strategies and tools to combat food waste and minimize food spoilage.

### Recycling 201: Beyond the Curb

- Tuesday, Oct. 3, 5 to 6 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 14, 5 to 6 p.m.

Learn to identify and safely dispose of household hazardous waste. Discover a wide variety of recycling and reuse options available locally for plastic bags, appliances, bulky items and more.

### BONUS: Organics 101

- Offered after most RecycleU classes. Learn what's accepted in the curbside organics service.

Come grow your knowledge and sharpen your recycling skills!

**Pre-registration required:**  
[cityofvancouver.us/RecycleUClasses](http://cityofvancouver.us/RecycleUClasses)

Free classes offered through a partnership with Vancouver Solid Waste, Clark County Green Neighbors & Waste Connections.  
Email for more details: [solidwaste@cityofvancouver.us](mailto:solidwaste@cityofvancouver.us)



## Free Composter Recycler Program Workshops [clarkcountycomposts.org](http://clarkcountycomposts.org)

### Backyard Composting

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 7 to 8 p.m.

Learn how to compost! Optional field-training to construct a compost pile with experts and view demonstration bins.

### Red Worm Composting

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 7 to 8 p.m.

Learn to construct and maintain a worm bin. Qualify for your own worm bin and worms.



### Lasagna Garden Composting

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 7 to 8 p.m.

Learn how to build and plant a raised bed garden. No tilling or turning required. Optional field-training.

### Advanced Composting Techniques

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 7 to 8 p.m.

Learn how to compost using the Bokashi method, trench composting and new technology systems like Lomi.

### Green Cleaning

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 7 to 8 p.m.

Learn how to make three versatile household green cleaners, and qualify for your own green clean kit.

### Low Waste Living

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 7 to 8 p.m.

Learn how to live a low waste lifestyle. Tips and resources to refuse, repair, refurbish, reuse and donate.

**Pre-registration required: [clarkcountycomposts.org](http://clarkcountycomposts.org)**

Free, virtual workshops hosted by the Composter Recycler Program.  
Email for more details: [info@clarkcountycomposts.org](mailto:info@clarkcountycomposts.org)

## FREE Leaf Disposal Coupon

Vancouver & Clark County Residents Only

Prevent street flooding — NEVER blow or place leaves in the street.

Valid: October 1 - December 31, 2023



SEE DROP-OFF LOCATIONS AND HOURS ON BACK



NOTE: Present this coupon at a participating drop-off location for up to 5 cubic yards of LEAVES ONLY - no bags. No trimmings, yard debris or mixed loads.

Complete the following information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

City of Vancouver residents: Funding for this program is provided through your garbage rates.  
Clark County residents: Funding for this program is provided through Clark County Public Works.

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## Organics = Yard Debris + Food Scraps

[cityofvancouver.us/organics](http://cityofvancouver.us/organics)

You can put your yard debris and food scraps to good use! By using the curbside Organics service, help keep these items out of the garbage and combine them in your cart to eventually become nutrient-rich compost. This compost can be used later locally to enrich soil and grow food, trees or flowers.



Learn more today:

[cityofvancouver.us/organics](http://cityofvancouver.us/organics)

## Got some extra stuff? Make a plan for your bulky items!

[cityofvancouver.us/bulkyitempickup](http://cityofvancouver.us/bulkyitempickup)

Mattresses, broken appliances, worn-out furniture and other items too large for your garbage cart are considered bulky items. Here are some resources to manage these items for safe, convenient and cost-effective disposal.

- Single-family customers are eligible for **one free appliance pickup each year**, plus **one free pickup of up to five bulky items each year**: [cityofvancouver.us/bulky](http://cityofvancouver.us/bulky)
- Schedule additional curbside pickups any time of the year. Check the rates and request service here: [wcnorthwest.com/residential-rates](http://wcnorthwest.com/residential-rates)
- Find donation options at: [recyclinga-z.com](http://recyclinga-z.com)



## Free, Convenient and Safe Disposal: Batteries and Medications

[recyclinga-z.com](http://recyclinga-z.com)

**Household Batteries:** Recycle at the curb! Tape ends of batteries, place in a sealed, clear plastic bag and set on top of your recycle cart lid. These include alkaline and rechargeable AA, AAA, C, D, button cell, 9 volt, and other similar sized batteries.

For lithium-ion and other batteries, drop these off for free at many convenient locations, including during special HHW disposal hours. Check [recyclinga-z.com](http://recyclinga-z.com) for more details.

**Medication Disposal:** Many pharmacies have kiosks for free disposal of expired or unwanted medications. For details on locations, mail-back services and list of acceptable medications, visit [doh.wa.gov/safemedicationreturn](http://doh.wa.gov/safemedicationreturn).



### CENTRAL TRANSFER AND RECYCLING

11034 NE 117th Avenue, Vancouver, 98686, 360-256-8482

6 am to 6 pm Mon – Fri, 8 am to 4 pm Sat & Sun

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Hrs: 8 am to 4 pm Fri, Sat & Sun

### WEST VAN MATERIALS RECOVERY CENTER

6601 NW Old Lower River Road, Vancouver, 98660, 360-737-1727

6 am to 6 pm Mon – Fri, 8 am to 4 pm Sat, Closed Sun

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Hrs: 8 am to 4 pm Fri & Sat

### WASHOUGAL TRANSFER STATION

4020 S Grant Street, Washougal, 98671, 360-835-2500

7 am to 5 pm Mon – Fri, 8 am to 4 pm Sat, Closed Sun

HHW Drop Off Hrs: 8 am to 4 pm first & third Sat of each month

### H&H Wood Recyclers, Inc.

8401 NE 117th Avenue, 360-892-2805

Hours: 8 am to 5 pm Monday-Friday

8 am to 4 pm Saturday

9 am to 4 pm Sunday

### McFarlane's Bark

8806 NE 117th Avenue, 360-892-6125

Hours: 8 am to 5 pm Monday-Saturday

9 am to 4 pm Sunday (Oct/Nov)

Closed Sunday (Dec)

### West Van Materials Recovery Center

6601 NW Old Lower River Road, 360-737-1727

Hours: 6 am to 6 pm Monday-Friday

8 am to 4 pm Saturday

Closed Sunday

### Triangle Resources

612 SE Union Street, Camas, 360-834-7253

Hours: 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday-Friday

Closed Saturday & Sunday

## Drop-off Locations

Addresses and Hours for Leaf Coupon Use

**Free Coupon  
for Leaf Disposal**

