

NEIGHBORLY NOTES

Newsletter of the Vancouver Heights Neighborhood Association

Letter from the Editor

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Hello neighbors!

As the days grow shorter, and the leaves begin to change, I hope you're embracing the coming cooler weather. It's a wonderful time of the year to connect with our community and enjoy the outdoors.

We're thrilled to report that our recent Trash Bash was a success, with our association earning a total of \$703, which will be split with Father Blanchet neighborhood. It was heartening to see the cooperation among our friendly and helpful neighbors. Many of you generously offered assistance at the end of the event, helping transport household items to donation centers, and ensuring they didn't end up needlessly crushed in the compactor.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming meetings in September and October, which will feature guests from the Backyard Habitat program, and information about homelessness in our community. Please note that there won't be a meeting in November, but we have something special planned for December—a festive holiday party scheduled for December 7th at 6 pm. Save the date!

In December, we'll also be conducting elections to fill four essential positions within our association: Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer. Rest assured, new board members will receive ample support from those with prior experience. If you'd like to get involved in our neighborhood and city, attending one of our meetings is an excellent way to start.

We look forward to seeing you there!

-Jeff

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Announcements

September meeting agenda

Our next membership meeting, held on September 28, will feature a presentation from the Backyard Habitat Certification Program. You may have seen a sign in a neighbor's yard announcing that they are working on this certification. Have you ever been curious about what it means?

People in the Portland/Vancouver area are transforming their gardens to create healthier communities for people and wildlife. The program guides participants in six areas of certification: controlling noxious weeds, inclusion of native plants, reducing pesticide use, managing stormwater, wildlife stewardship, and further education. Learn more by going to backyardhabitats.org.

Join us at our next membership meeting in September to learn more.



YOU'RE INVITED TO
BACKYARD HABITAT
CERTIFICATION
PRESENTATION

Plant Roots, Create a Habitat, Transform the World...
One Yard at a Time

Immanuel Lutheran Church
8310 MacArthur Blvd
September 28 at 7:00 PM

Heights Redevelopment Plan Update By Frank L'Amie

The project team is currently finalizing the design and engineering of the infrastructure of the new district. The road improvements to the Mill Plain Blvd. and MacArthur Blvd. intersection will be the first project to start construction at the end of 2024. This will be followed by the northern section of the Grand Loop to support the first phase of development in the District.

Amy Zoltie, Real Estate Project Manager for the City of Vancouver will be at the October VHNA meeting with an update for the project. Current information is posted on the City of Vancouver web site.

<https://www.beheardvancouver.org/heights-district-plan>

Lieser School Redevelopment Update By Frank L'Amie

Demolition has been completed and all partners are working on project development plans. Applications to subdivide the property for the different intended uses is under way.

The Fire Department is currently directing their primary attention to another project. They will likely be moving forward with planning and design some time after January 2024.

Events

First Fridays thru December 1, 2023

Clark County Historical Museum
After Hours 5-8pm

Vancouver Heights Holiday Party

December 7th at 7:00 PM
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Share your upcoming neighborhood or church event
by emailing Jeff at jthogg@outlook.com

Please join us for our next VHNA meeting!

September 28 @ 7:00 PM

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Watch online w/ Zoom @ tinyurl.com/vhnameeting

Passcode: 654772

Or use the Zoom App w/ meeting ID 222 187 1792

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Update Continued...

The Vancouver Housing Authority has applied for a federal grant for signal and street improvement for the project. They hope to have an answer in December of 2023. If the grant is awarded, they will have one year to complete the improvement.

Design of the housing will resume after the first of the year. Applications for funding will occur during 2024. It is anticipated that construction would begin some time in 2025.

Be a Good Neighbor

Last year, an area of our neighborhood faced a rat problem due to chicken feed, fruit trees, compost piles, and overgrown yards. Thanks to the efforts of several neighbors, the issue was able to be managed. You can help prevent future rodent problems in the neighborhood by doing the following:

- Keep your property, including alleys and yards, clean and trash-free
- Pile wood and other stored items at least 18 inches above the ground and away from walls and fences.
- Remove outside shelters like appliances, junk piles, old fences and walls
- Remove uneaten pet foods.
- Place trash in covered metal or heavy duty plastic trash containers.
- Don't leave out peanuts or other food for squirrels
- Clean up pet waste in your yard.

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Neighborhood Traffic Safety Alliance

The NTSA has \$300,000 for neighborhood traffic calming and is funded by city tax-payer dollars. The new speed notification signs on St. Helens are a result of this program. Each neighborhood association is a member but VHNA does not have a representative right now. Could this be you? Email a board member to find out more.

Find us on 

VANCOUVER HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
facebook.com/groups/1948876272009365

Report potholes and non-working streetlights



To report potholes and non-working streetlights inside Vancouver city limits, please email:

opsdispatch@cityofvancouver.us. Or use the City of Vancouver app on your smartphone or other mobile device.

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