

First Place Neighborhood Association
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4Q23 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thank you fellow FPNA participants who attended our October 12, 2023, general meeting. A lot of good things are coming up before the end of the year.

We have a new Secretary. Bonnie Mallory has graciously accepted this position. We want to thank, Vickie Splinter who did a fantastic job of keeping us all in line. Bonnie will take over January 01, 2024!

The new directory will be printed and will be available on Thanksgiving weekend. They can be picked-up at our home* - Dale and Kandi Cisco. They will not be emailed for security purposes. Along with this directory, we will be handing out the voluntary dues sheet for 2024. Now is the time to make that payment so we can start 2024 off with a bang.

Appreciation dinner for all volunteers will take place on November 4 at the La Bonita Mexican restaurant. Thank you all who have given their time to make First Place a great place to live in.

Ladies Holiday luncheon will be held at Royal Oaks Country Club. You should be receiving your invites and make sure you sign up for a great time.

18th street update for widening the roads was presented at this meeting. This is a lot of work and I thank Grace Wigglesworth and her team for their hard work.

PICNIC update. Mark your calendars for July 27, 2024! Bring your family, friends, grandkids and loved ones!

Sincerely, Dale Cisco, FPNA President

* Dale and Kandi's address is in the FPNA Directory. (the FPNA Newsletter does not publish personal contact information. Please see the note on page 6 for an explanation.)



First Place

Neighborhood Association



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **October 28th at 5:30PM Halloween Party:**
at the home of Karen Wilson.
(no RSVP needed)
- contact Sharon Bevan
- **November 4th at 5PM First Place Volunteer Appreciation Dinner:**
at La Bonita restaurant.
(please RSVP by 10/27)
- contact Kandi Cisco
- **November 17th at 11:30AM Men's Luncheon:**
at La Provence restaurant.
(please RSVP by 11/15)
- contact Wayne Sparks
- **December 2nd, All Day Walk 'n' Knock:**
(more info to follow)
- contact Patricia Hines
- **December 16th at 11:30AM Ladies' Holiday Luncheon:**
at Royal Oaks Country Club.
(please RSVP by 11/29)
- contact Kandi Cisco
- **1st Quarter 2024 at 7PM First Place Association Meeting:** Date TBD
(possibly via Zoom)
- **July 27th, 2024 at Noon First Place Neighborhood Picnic in the Park:**

18TH STREET REDESIGN COALITION

18th Street Fourth Quarter 2023 Update

Driving 18th Street you will notice people in safety vests using survey equipment. These workers are our first indication that the 18th Street widening project has launched! We have also gotten notice that the RFP (Request for Proposal) for a Road Design Consultant is now being created. Your N.E. 18th Street Coalition has been invited to participate in the creation of the R.F.P. giving us an opportunity to shape the qualifications we hope the consultant will have. We will also be included in the selection process for that Road Design Consultant which is expected to take place in early 2024



Imagine the possibilities with your involvement

“Our goal is to work with all concerned to create the safest, quietest, and most robustly landscaped road possible.”



FIRST PLACE NEIGHBORHOOD GARDEN

The garden, located in the southeast corner of First Place Park, is bedding-down for the winter, but it is still a productive farm. Every year the garden caretakers make a special effort to grow holiday herbs for use by the community. These herbs are available for harvest by you. Walk through the gate and see the community bed in the front right corner. Be sure to bring your clippers.

(Note: please be respectful of the other plots in the garden; they are private and not available for community harvest.)

It's very important that we have your input as to what you hope to see in a widened road. We have created a **SURVEY** to provide you with a quick and easy way to be heard. We will be distributing that survey on our newly created website, through the neighborhood email communications, on Facebook and in the First Place newsletter. For those who are not able to access it via computer, we will also have paper copies available. Please watch for the survey and complete it as soon as possible.

We currently have contacts in the eight affected neighborhoods, (Burton Evergreen, Cimarron, Countryside Woods, First Place, North Hearthwood, Richland Estates, Stonebriar, Sunrise Glen representing over 2000 homes) in addition to the Evergreen School District. We have retained the services of a Landscape Architect who has extensive experience in public projects including area schools, the new Waterfront, in our own First Place Park, etc. With her guidance, we are working harmoniously with not only the city but also B.P.A. (Bonneville Power Association) who owns the property that borders the road on the south side and with some 35 residents in both First Place and Stonebriar who hold agricultural leases on that same property. We will be personally contacting each of them because these will be among the homes on which the greatest impact of the road widening may fall.

Our goal is to work with all concerned to create the safest, quietest, and most robustly landscaped road possible. We represent you and want to hear from you with any questions or concerns.

We welcome your participation.

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



Imagine the possibilities without your involvement



Whine and Die
The Ghost of
Barney

First Place
Neighborhood Social

Wear a
Costume

Date & Time
Saturday
October 28th
5:30 pm
Location
(See FPNA Directory)
Karen Wilson's House

Bring your favorite 'Grub' and 'Brew'

CALL for VOLUNTEERS
Sign up NOW for 2024

Neighborhood Social
Contact: Sharon Bevan
(see the FPNA
Directory for
contact info)

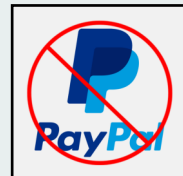




FPNA no-longer accepts PayPal

Due to new IRS regula-
tions,

Pay-
Pal
and
other
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vices must report com-
bined transactions over
\$600 to the IRS.

This creates a tax obliga-
tion for the First Place As-
sociation and therefore we
have decided to not allow
these types of payments.
Nevertheless, there is an
effort underway to open a
non-profit PayPal account
and to eventually allow
electronic payments again.
But for now, please pay
your annual dues and con-
tributions by check (or
cash).

18th Street Circle Landscaping

Did you know the 18th
Street entrance circle is
maintained almost entirely
by volunteer neighbors
and through donations
from neighbors and friend-
ly businesses?



A special thanks to Steve
Zapp, Marlin Binder, Bry-
an Fix, and many others
for your efforts

2024—LOOKING AHEAD AT THE FPNA NEWSLETTER: HAS FIRST PLACE BECOME AN ARTISTS' COLONY?

You may not know it, but the First Place neighborhood is home to dozens of artists, sculptors, craftspeople, actors, master gardeners, photographers, designers, writers, and creative minds. Whether or not this makes the First Place neighborhood an artists' colony is for others to decide. But in 2024, the FPNA Newsletter will begin highlighting these talented people each quarter. —Ed

As always, your input and contributions are welcome, at: First.Place.Newsletter@gmail.com



Overheard at the recent men's luncheon at Goldie's BBQ, *"Fried okra, baby back ribs, and hushpuppies covers 4 of the 5 basic food groups."*

QUESTION POSTED ON
THE FPNA FACEBOOK
PAGE

Hello neighbors,

Halloween is <this> month and this will be my first Halloween in the neighborhood. Do we get a lot of trick or treaters? How many pieces of candy do you buy to have enough?

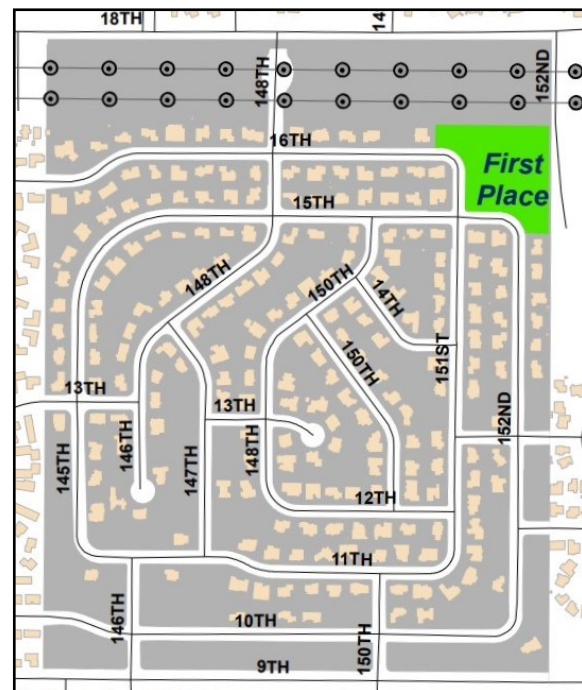
Answers ranged from a low of 70 to over 300+. It seems it's very dependent on where you live in the neighborhood. The perimeter homes get more, and less in the interior.



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Let's extend a warm welcome to our newest neighbors:

- ◆ **11th Street:**
 - Brian and Bonnie Mallory
 - Marie Spence
 - Fritz and Dee VonTagen
 - Bin Wang and Chin Yan Guan
- ◆ **12th Street:**
 - Dan Gibson and Rita Daniels
 - Jim and Pam Hornsby
 - Kevon and Karen Houghton
- ◆ **13th Street:**
 - Shiau Yen Chin-Dennis
 - Bak Hahn and Sheila Park
- ◆ **16th Street:**
 - Tim and Nancy Moushey
- ◆ **145th Avenue:**
 - Jay Heaney
 - Lee and Tina Kriebaum
 - Anthony and Michelle Westover
- ◆ **147th Avenue:**
 - Geleto Abu and Elsa Kumbi
 - Yohannes Sihel and Takhea Affa
- ◆ **148th Avenue:**
 - Steve and Denise Bates
- ◆ **150th Avenue:**
 - Steve George and David Lampert





LADIES HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

JOIN US FOR AN ENCHANTING
AFTERNOON OF FESTIVE WONDER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH 11:30 AM

INDULGE IN THE BEAUTY OF THE SEASON AND LET
THE SPARKLE OF LIGHTS AND ELEGANT DECOR
FILL YOUR HEART WITH JOY

DRESS CODE: FESTIVE ATTIRE

RSVP PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 30TH

To Kandi Cisco (see FPNA Directory for contact info)

Royal Oaks County Club
8917 Fourth Plain Blvd.
Vancouver, Washington 98662

DETAILS:

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

RSVP & PAYMENT PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 30TH
CHECK (PLEASE LABEL LADIES LUNCHEON) OR
PAYPAL PAYMENT TO: FPNAINFO@GMAIL.COM

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PREFERRED
MEAL OPTION:

PAN ROASTED CHICKEN BREAST \$43.00

SEARED SALMON \$43.00

SQUASH & APPLE RISOTTO \$35.00

PLEASE LET US KNOW ABOUT ANY OTHER DIETARY
REQUIREMENTS

"CASH BAR AVAILABLE"

PLEASE BRING A WRAPPED CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT
TO TAKE PART IN A FUN HOLIDAY GAME

**FPNA is a
"Neighborhood
Association," not
a homeowners'
association:**

The City of Vancouver has lots of information that defines "Neighborhood Associations" and also includes information about each of the 71 neighborhood association's by-laws, neighborhood profile, planning maps, and even vision statements. You can find it all at:

[https://
www.cityofvancouver
.us/neighborhoods](https://www.cityofvancouver.us/neighborhoods)



Sign-up for the
Clark Regional
Emergency Services Agency
Shelter-in-Place
and Active Threat
alerts at:

<https://cresa911.org/>



From the Editor

The FPNA Newsletter is published quarterly after the general association meeting.

Are you interested in writing an article for the FPNA newsletter?

- Want to remind your neighbors about an upcoming date or event?
- Do you have FYI-type information about the neighborhood or the FPNA Association?
- Don't be shy. Send it in an e-mail to First.Place.Newsletter@gmail.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

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Find Us On Facebook!

146 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

First.Place.Newsletter@gmail.com <-- NEW
For submissions and questions

[NextDoor App](#)

Information shared by neighbor members

[Facebook Website](#)

Information shared by neighbor members

240 First Place neighbors participate on Nextdoor

Nextdoor

NATION'S LARGEST **WALK & KNOCK** LOCAL FOOD DRIVE

38
YEARS

WE ACCEPT DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD IN JARS AND CANS.
WE RECOMMEND SAUCES, SOUPS, BEANS, HONEY, PEANUT BUTTER,
COCONUT CREAM AND FISH IN OIL.

Saturday December 2nd



Details to follow from Patricia Hines via FPNA Communicate

Ladies Happy Hour

Contact: Bonnie McCampbell

(See FPNA Directory)



CALL for **VOLUNTEERS**
Sign up **NOW** for 2024

FPNA Executive Board: 2023/2024

Chair – Dale Cisco

Vice Chair – Steve Zapp

Treasurer – Evan Meessen

Secretary – Bonnie Mallory starting 2024 <--- **NEW, thanks for volunteering!**

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, Sharon Bevan, Laura Dubois, Patricia Hines, Kennan Kuffel, Joan Lamy, Bonnie McCampbell, Penny McElvain

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** (thanks to Kandi Cisco and others for organizing this year!)

Ladies' Luncheon – **Open**

Landscape – Steve Zapp

Men's Luncheon – Wayne Sparks

Neighborhood Ambassador Program – Doug Stalheim, Pat Sparks, Sheree Belanger, Julia Karnes, Helena Lee, 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 – Rick Burke, Sut Oishi <--- **NEW, thanks for volunteering!**

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.

2024

FPNA Annual Dues Notice

\$30 per household
(unchanged from 2023)

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

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 your 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 First Place Neighbors

NOTE: FPNA no-longer accepts PayPal

Due to new IRS regulations, PayPal and other services must report combined transactions over \$600 to the IRS. This creates a tax obligation for the First Place Association and therefore we have decided to not allow these types of payments. Nevertheless, there is an effort underway to open a *non-profit* PayPal account and to eventually allow electronic payments again. But for now, please pay your annual dues and contributions by check (or cash).