

Marrion Neighborhood Newsletter

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Attend Via ZOOM

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Marrion Zoom mtg information:

Meeting ID:

857 894 3729

Passcode:

947175

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***We want to hear Your ideas on how to make Your
neighborhood better!***

**Please Join Us at Our next Neighborhood meeting on
Wednesday, November 15th, 2023
@ 6:30pm**

at Marrion Elementary School – in the commons

The Marrion Neighborhood Association (MNA) was established 26 years ago by Charlie Stemper, who sadly passed last year, but his vision of a better community continues.

Marrion neighborhood boundary lies in the area north of NE Mill Plain BLVD to NE 18th St, and east of NE 97th Ave, to I-205.

We consist of approximately 1400 homes and 3k people!

We are not an HOA, there is **no fee** to be part of MNA, it is **FREE!**

If you live or have a business within the neighborhood boundary, you are automatically a member of the Marrion Neighborhood Assoc.'s general membership.

If you want to be added to our email contact list, please sign in at the meeting or email us at marrionneighborhoodassociation@gmail.com

What does a Neighborhood Association do?

*Neighborhood volunteers work with you and the City of Vancouver to provide **FREE** services, like the **Annual Neighborhood Cleanup!**

*Work with the City on projects that are important to our neighborhood.

*Traffic concerns, such as speeding issues, stop sign needs, etc.

*Marrion Neighborhood Assoc. started a Neighborhood Watch Program May 2022.

*Marrion Neighborhood Police officer, Nicole Vigil, often attends and shares safety tips and provides information on how best to report and respond to crime.

*Guest Speakers are invited. The Mayor, Anne McEnerny-Ogle, has even attended.

Agenda for November 15th meeting

- MNWatch update
- NPO, Nicole Vigil, will present our neighborhood's current crime statistics
- Tranquility Park - Need extra Volunteers to monitor the park
- NTSA update on the NE 97th Avenue and NE 9th Street intersection safety improvement project the MNA recently applied for.
- Voting to change the month's MNA has General Member meetings
- Marrion Neighborhood Community Garden Update – 2024 Wait list starting

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MNA Neighborhood Watch Program

Marrion Neighborhood Association started a Neighborhood Watch Program in May of 2022 call MNWatch. Residents wanted to do more to support their neighbors and help protect each other's property, and provide more safety.

Neighborhood Watch

Contacts:

**Email:*

mnwatch.vanc.wa@gmail.com

Or call 360-910-1081

"Having a neighborhood Watch Program in place has been shown to reduce crime according to the Crime Prevention Research Review." *Cops.usdoj.gov

And it is helping! At the May, 2023 General Member meeting, our Police Officer informed us that crime in the Marrion Neighborhood has decreased! Some crimes went down 50%! And some did increase, but overall, our crime decreases 14% when other neighborhoods were experiencing an increase in crime.

What we are doing is helping, even though we only have a fraction of Volunteers that we need. Imagine if we had more neighbors come together to support each other, we could really make a difference and improve the quality of life in the Marrion Neighborhood.

Neighborhood

Resources:

**My Vancouver app*

We want to give a Huge Thank You to the neighbors that have signed up as Mini Leads! Your hard work shows and you are making a difference!



A **Mini Lead** is someone that serves as a point of contact for about 25 of their closest neighbors. If you are interested, we will have brochures available at the meeting to help guide you, so you know exactly what is involved.

Neighbors have also signed up as foot patrol, dog walkers, car patrols and when they see something suspicious, they report it to the Police, their mini lead, and the MNA.

**Vancouver Non-Emergency number: 311*

We are also creating a list of neighbors with security cameras, or doorbell cams, so we can obtain footage of incidences in the neighborhood, so we can help the police.

**Police-East: 360-487-7500*

If you want to find out more and/or volunteer, please come to the meeting or email the MNWatch at mnwatch.vanc.wa@gmail.com

**Animal Control: 360-397-2488*

****Several neighbors have made donations for Neighborhood Watch Signs and we are taking donations to purchase more.**

If you are interested in supporting this effort, or would like a sign for your specific area, the signs cost \$44 for an 18"x24" metal reflective sign.

If 22 houses donated just \$2 each, a sign could be purchased and hung in the vicinity of those homes!

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***NTSA Update (Neighborhood Traffic Safety Alliance) -**

Our NTSA Chair, Mary Lou Martinek, Zoom Chair, Beija Brindley and Secretary, Kristine Harris worked very hard this year to submit a proposal for a safety improvement project for NE 97th Avenue and NE 9th Street. We passed the application phase, but unfortunately, out of the 8 finalists, we were not selected.

We can reapply next year, but with Mary Lou being 84 this year and having served on the MNA Board from the beginning over 26 years ago, she is overdue for retirement! So, we need another wonderful neighbor to take the lead as our NTSA Chair person.

In order for us to qualify for a project, at least 7 NTSA meetings a year need to be attended. The meetings are held via Zoom the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm, except for July and August. We also need volunteers who can be substitutes if the Chair cannot attend a meeting.

***General Member Meeting changes -**

We are trying to make the meeting months more convenient for you, our general members, so we want your input and need your vote to change the months.

The new proposed months are February, June and October instead of February, May, August and November. Please let us know your thoughts regarding this change.

Voting will take place at the General Member meeting on Wednesday, November 15th, 2023.

If you can't attend, you may vote via email at marrionneighborhoodassociation@gmail.com

***Marrion Neighborhood Community Garden Update -**

We are finishing up our 13th year at the MNA Garden located off NE 97th Avenue on NE 2nd Street. It has been a lot of hard work, but the garden is better than ever!

If you are interested in a garden plot for the 2024, sign up for our wait list at the meeting on Wed. November 15th, 2023 or email your request to marriongarden.vancouverwa@gmail.com

We want to give a huge thanks to **Dennis' 7 Dee's Nursery** (previously Shorty's) for letting us use their land and providing the water for **FREE!**

***Tranquility Park -**

There have been reports of possible drug activity in Tranquility Park in addition to homeless camps under the BPA Power line. We are asking that neighbors be extra attentive and please report any suspicious behavior, homeless camp, graffiti and the like to the police and to the MNWatch at mnwatch.vanc.wa@gmail.com.

FOR YOUR SAFETY, **DO NOT** APPROACH THESE INDIVIDUALS!

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Be aware! There have been reports of suspicious animal deaths in our neighborhood and many other neighborhoods. These animals have included birds, squirrels, opossums, raccoons and cats. Some appear to have no wounds, so poisoning may be the culprit. With the rise in fentanyl use, these drugs can easily wind up where domestic and wild animals live. There have also been animal mutilations that didn't appear to have been caused by another animal.

If you are aware of a suspicious animal death, please report it to the **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife** (WDFW) by emailing them at enforcement-web@dfw.wa.gov or calling them at 360-902-2936.

For more information their webpage is wdfw.wa.gov/get-involved/report-observations

We want to Give a Huge Thank You to these neighborhood Volunteers!

We couldn't do this without you!!

Newsletter Delivery May 2023: Sue Buchholz, Rick & Deloris Benjamin, Beija & Nathan, Carol, Andrea Curry, Patti Dela Cadena, John & Kristine Harris, Dana Harvey, Mary Lou Martinek, Sarah Nelson, Candace, Sonia Roll, Terry Small

Neighborhood Cleanup July 15th 2023: Sofia Archer-Roll, Rick Benjamin, Sue Buchholz, Beija & Nathan, John & Kristine Harris and Friends, Dana Harvey, Pat Mantifel & Chuck, Mary Lou Martinek, Sean Meehan, Sonia Roll, Ruben Valderrania

Marrion Neighborhood Association ZOOM!

If you can't attend in person,
PLEASE join us via ZOOM!

You can conduct your life AND
participate in your Neighborhood
meeting and have your concerns
HEARD!

It is best to do this on your phone;
it is SO convenient.

Zoom meeting ID: 857 894 3729

Passcode: 947175

The zoom meeting numbers will not
change and will be the same for all
meetings for this year

It is FREE to use this app!

Downloading Zoom App for ANDROID and iPhone

- Android - Open Play Store App
- iPhone – Open the Apple app store
- Type "Zoom" in the search bar
- Tap "Zoom" or "Zoom Cloud meeting" at the top of the results
- Android - Tap "install"
- iPhone Tap "Get"

To join a meeting:

Open the app

Tap "join a meeting"

Type in the meeting ID and then tap
"join".

It should connect you to the meeting. If
it asks for a passcode, type in the one
provided.

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Support Numbers and Websites (Keep this page)

For a full list of the City of Vancouver services go to www.cityofvancouver.us

Vancouver City Hall: 360-487-8600

Police - East Precinct: 360-487-7500

Non-Emergency Number: 311

Report Crime online:
www.vanccpolice.com

Neighborhood Police Office:
Nicole Vigil
Nicole.vigil@cityofvancouver.us

Traffic Complaint Line: 360-487-7402

Code Enforcement Hot line: 360-487-7810

Animal Control: 360-397-2488

Pothole Repair:

www.cityofvancouver.us/servicerequest

Report Graffiti:

www.cityofvancouver.us/servicerequest

Recycle Websites:

www.recyclinga-z.com

www.ecyclewashington.org

www.cityofvancouver.us/recycling

Solid Waste Garbage/Recycling Services:

Waste Connections: 360-892-5370

Online: wasteconnections.com

Neighborhood liaison: Brian Potter

Brian.potter@cityofvancouver.us

Mediation: 360-334-5862

Marrion Neighborhood Assoc. Officers

President: Sonia Roll

Secretary: Kristine Harris

Treasurer: Sue Buchholz

Traffic Chair: Mary Lou Martinek
(Substitute) Beija Brindley

Zoom Chair: Beija Brindley

Contact MNA Board Members at

marrionneighborhoodassociation@gmail.com

And Follow us on Facebook

Contact MNWatch at

mnwatch.vanc.wa@gmail.com

Contact Marrion Neighborhood Community Garden

marriongarden.vancouverwa@gmail.com

You can also call 360-910-1081

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