

Upcoming
Events

Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 19
Franklin Elementary
7-8:30 p.m.

Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 25
Franklin Elementary
7-8:30 p.m.

Quarterly Meeting

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Franklin Elementary
7-8:30 p.m.

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Trick or Treat

By Grace Sherman



Halloween is just around the corner. As many of you know our street on Franklin enjoys getting into the decorating spirit.

Although a quick trip around our neighborhood from Cherry to 58th to Daniels, you can see so many homes already starting to get decked out for the spooky season. I was on a walk with my dog Bella in early September to Franklin Park and noticed many homes preparing for Halloween.

One thing I have also noticed is the young people in our neighborhood. So many kids out on bikes, skateboards and having a good time outdoors. The Northwest Neighborhood has always been the best place for outdoor activity in the entire city (in my humble opinion).

Here are a few reminders for families with children as they prepare for Trick or Treating on Halloween night.

1. Dress children in brightly colored or light-colored costumes.
2. Use reflective tape, flashlights, or glow sticks for added visibility.
3. Make sure their costumes and shoes fit properly to prevent trips or falls.
4. Apply non-toxic makeup as an alternative to masks, which can block their view.
5. Make sure their costumes and accessories are labeled "flame-resistant."





Jim Mains,
NWNA President

Can you believe that fall is here? Our family just got back from the pumpkin patch and it was 80 degrees outside. I never thought I would have shorts on in the middle of October.

I know we need cooler weather but I do enjoy these late summer-like days in autumn.

This past summer and autumn I've received a huge uptick of calls and emails related to property crime and public safety concerns in our neighborhood such as gas stolen from vehicles, people walking into backyards, suspicious persons late at night casing houses.

When something like this happens to you or you see it, please call 311. I will say this over and over. It is super important that we report everything we see as soon as we learn about it.

Safety First

Our local police and detectives keep a database of all the calls that come in and it will help them in determining where there is an uptick in crime in a local area.

I hear from many of you that you feel there is no reason to call it in because you feel nothing will get done. I assure you there is a lot that happens behind the scenes that we don't see. So, it's super important that we report everything to 311.

On Labor Day weekend our neighborhood had a major crime happen to the priest at Our Lady of Lourdes church. Not only did these two individuals scope out the home two days in advantage, they targeted the rectory (the priest's residence) when he was away on the holiday.

Over \$60,000 in valuables, family gifts and irreplaceable mementoes from his home were stolen.

Father Leonardo has the suspects on camera and Vancouver Police have been working this case. We are hopeful that Father Leonardo will be able to get his stolen items back. But every day that goes by is another day

where it will be more difficult find the lost items.

Here's a few tips on how we can stay safe in our neighborhood.

Meet Neighbors

It is so important for us to meet our neighbors. Build relationships so we can work together and look out for each other.

Keep Your Yard Clean

One of the biggest ways to protect your property is keep your yard clean. When someone sees an unkempt yard they may think no one lives there or they are away.

Security System

Install a security system. There are so many easy camera systems that work with phone apps to make it easy to monitor your home and property.

Close Up

Keep your windows and blinds closed at night. This is the time when someone might peek into your home to see what is going on inside.

See Something, Say Something

This is very important as I mentioned always report what you see. Call either 311 or 911 in a situation and report it.

Working together we can keep our neighborhood safe!

Be good in the hood!

Meet your team!

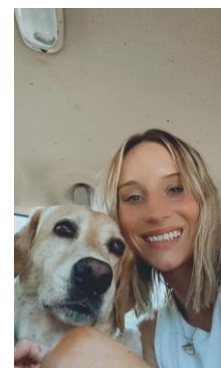
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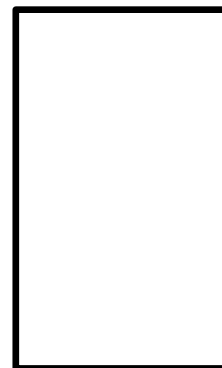
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Construction wrapped up in late September on the new speed tables along NW Bernie Drive, from NW Fruit Valley Road/NW Lakeshore Avenue to NW Lincoln Avenue.

The City contracted with Western United Civil Group. There were minor impacts to travel in the construction zone during the construction. Workers kept one lane open for travel during the project.

Residents within the Northwest Neighborhood Association submitted an application through the City of Vancouver's Neighborhood Traffic-Calming Program to slow traffic along NW Bernie Drive. As part of this competitive program, the project location was ranked and awarded funding to install a series of six speed tables. Community members living along the corridor also supported this project.

Speed tables are like speed bumps or cushions, but are flat-topped and raise the entire wheelbase of a vehicle to reduce its speed. These traffic calming devices are designed to slow vehicles traveling along the street without slowing down emergency responders. Learn more about Vancouver's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program here, www.cityofvancouver.us/TrafficCalmingProgram.



Holidays On Franklin Street – Detour

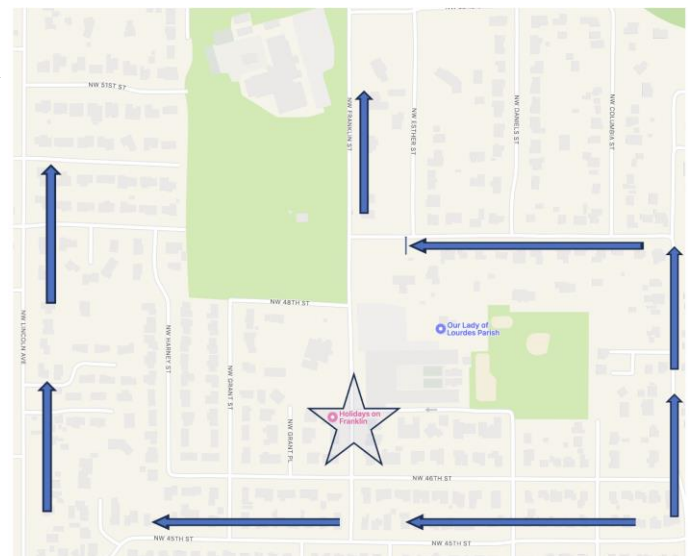
By Lucy Sherman

The holidays are here and the neighbors on Franklin Street love to get into the festivities. Several homes deck out for Halloween and Christmas and as it gets closer to each holiday weekend traffic can pick up. The homes do a good job keeping the traffic moving and have installed cameras to count cars and make sure things are safe. Last year, not including Halloween, the longest wait was under 3 minutes, which is much better than twice a day when school at both Ben Franklin Elementary School or Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School go in and out.

Signs are installed to remind slower-moving vehicles to pull over, and cones are placed along the road to remind both guests and neighbors to slow down and be cautious.

I look forward to the displays on Franklin Street each year and I am thankful for all our Northwest neighbors who get into the holiday spirit decorating their homes.

The map here shows an easy detour to take if you live near Ben Franklin school and would like to bypass traffic, especially on Halloween night or Christmas Eve.



Fireballs - Neighborhood Kickball Season Update



Dozens of Northwest Neighborhood residents turned out this summer to participate in the annual westside neighborhood kickball league.

The Northwest Fireballs had their biggest turnout in years, routinely attracting around 15 players each game, and finished the season third in the league standings.

From May through August, the Arnada, Hough, Carter Park, Northwest and Lincoln/Shumway Neighborhoods square off in friendly kickball games every week at local neighborhood parks. Win, lose or draw everyone had a fun time each and every game, followed by community camaraderie at the Trap Door in Uptown Village.

Bartnik Insurance and Financial Solutions sponsored the team this year. Appropriately enough, Mike Bartnik scored the final run of the season (driven in by his wife Debra) to earn the Fireballs a walk off win against Carter Park in the final game of the summer.

Summer kickball is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors, get involved, get some fresh air and exercise and socialize with the wider westside community.

It was a great summer and it was awesome to see so many friendly faces every week, no matter whether folks made it to one game or every game. The Fireballs will be back again next summer and hope to be better, bigger and more fun than ever! Want to play (or play again) next summer? Look for more information in the spring! Contact Neighborhood Vice President Ben McCarty at benpmccarty@gmail.com to get on the email list to get more info about game times and locations when the season rolls around.

Until next summer, Go Fireballs!

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Upcoming Events:
9/10 Junk in the Trunk
12/9 Holiday Event

FB: Buy Nothing Lincoln/Northwest/Fruit Valley

We need you!

Newsletter Delivery

We are always in need of help deliver the neighborhood newsletter. If you would like to join the delivery team please contact Jim Mains at jim@jim mains.com.

Delivering the newsletter usually takes a few hours. It's a great way to get outdoors and meet your neighbors.

A special thanks to Jim and Brenda Walker for coordinating our deliveries and making sure you get your newsletter.

Newsletter Writers

If you love to write we would love to hear from you. We are always in need of stories for our newsletters. If you have a great story you would like to share, a poem you are proud of or even an opinion that can help the neighborhood, please share. Contact Jim Mains at Jim@JimMains.com.

Garage Sale

We are looking for a coordinator for our neighborhood garage sale. If you are motivated and would like to take the reins please contact Jim at jim@jim mains.com.

Kickball Team

We would love more players for our 2024 Kickball season. Check out the recap story in this newsletter. Email VP Ben McCarty for more details on how to join. Ben.p.mccarty@gmail.com.

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Get your entry ready for guests

Unfortunately, a door's weather seals, if it has any at all, can rip, compress, bend, or wear out over time, leaving chilly winter air free to enter (or expensive air-conditioned air to leave). Lucky for you, making your door draft-free is a straightforward exercise, far cheaper and faster than installing a new door.

Once that's done, enhance curb appeal with aesthetic entry upgrades like adding exterior trim, flanking the door with sconces, throwing down a doormat, and swapping entry locksets.

Install and maintain paths and walkways

When crossing your muddy yard to fetch the daily paper turns into an obstacle course of slips and slides, perhaps it's time to think about an alternative path—literally. Holiday guests to come would also appreciate safe passage to your door. So, take a weekend to lay a brick walkway.

Make sure you check sidewalks and driveways for cracks. If you don't fill them now, water can seep in and freeze, making them even larger. Take the time to resurface worn concrete now and save you a whole lot of time and money later.

Light the way

Less daylight calls for illumination. You can also enhance the nighttime curb appeal of your home, while adding a measure of safety and security, by installing low-voltage landscape lighting. These exterior-grade fixtures are typically placed along walkways and driveways, but they're also ideal for illuminating steps, trees, stone walls, fences, and other prominent garden features.

Alternatively, you can also add a charming lamppost to mark the start of your driveway.

Prep your landscape and start composting

"Grassroots keep growing until the ground gets down to around 40 degrees," says landscape contractor Roger Cook, "so this is a good time to feed them." Apply a high-phosphorus (12-25-12) mix to lawns in fall to encourage roots, so turf greens up earlier in spring. It's also a good time to seed a new lawn, start a compost pile, and trim shrubs and trees.

Build a trash shed to hide unsightly containers

Nothing mucks up the holiday season curb appeal of your house more than a bunch of beat-up trash cans and overflowing recycling bins scattered next to the side door.

Build a sturdy storage house that hides two 32-gallon trash cans and several stacked recycling bins. Flip-open lids give it easy access so that you can quickly toss something away in the right place. Bifold front doors make it easy to move heavy cans in and out.

Freeze-proof exterior faucets

Even the most intrepid do-it-yourselfer shudders at the thought of a burst water pipe. If not immediately noticed, a ruptured pipe can be both expensive and time-consuming to clean up.

Fortunately, the pipe that's most susceptible to extremely cold weather—the outdoor hose faucet—is also one of the easiest to protect from freezing. Replace an existing hose faucet with a freeze-proof faucet. You can do it yourself in just a few hours.

Maintain your washer and dryer

Left unattended, a burst washing machine hose can spill hundreds of gallons of water an hour. Likewise, a dryer can erupt in flame if lint is allowed to build up inside the machine or its ducts.

Preventing such mishaps is as easy as replacing a washer's old rubber hoses, ideally with steel-jacketed ones that can't split open. Or discarding the dryer's flimsy—and flammable—vinyl duct and putting a metal one in its place.

Drape away drafts

Even after you've weather-stripped and caulked them, windows in older homes can still be drafty. Here's another line of defense against the chills: window treatments.

The right shades, curtains, and even blinds will help retain some portion of the estimated 10 to 30 percent of heat lost through windows in wintertime. Install window shades and you'll also gain control of natural light.

Free Leaf Disposal Coupons

Wondering what to do with all those leaves this year? To help residents take care of fallen leaves, City of Vancouver Solid Waste Services is again offering fall leaf coupons for free disposal at designated drop-off sites. Vancouver and Clark County residents can redeem the free leaf disposal coupons anytime from October 1 through December 31. This coupon is for leaves only.

Proper removal and disposal of leaves from our yards and street gutters will help prevent pools of standing water and localized street flooding. Residents and businesses should not rake or blow leaves into the street where they can block storm drain catch basins. Here's a link to a coupon you can print out, fill out, and bring to the disposal site when you drop off your leaves.

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