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ARNADA NEIGHBORHOOD

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Newsletter December 2023

Join the Arnada Holiday Party. See the flyer on page 6. Open to All Who Live in or Own Property in Arnada: December 14th 6:00PM at Trap Door Brewing; Bring a food item to share, utensils to serve it and your plates and silverware.



The Clark Neighbors Food Project will pick up your filled green bags starting at 9 am on Saturday, December 9. Bags filled with non-perishable food and toiletries will be donated to FISH of Vancouver Westside Food Pantry. This month, we are also collecting warm coats and hats. If you would like to sign up to make a regular, every other month donation that will be picked up from your front porch, please contact Sandi Christensen at 360-772-4026 or sign up online as a food donor at www.ClarkFoodProject.org.

Contact a board member to discuss any neighborhood concerns, give advice or get your issue on a meeting agenda. To post in this newsletter contact Russ Pascoe See Page 2 for contacts

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<http://eepurl.com/cLGhcb>**



Arnada Ads Supplement Managers

We are looking for someone to manage relationships with the businesses that post the ads you see appended to this newsletter. Shelly and Jim Calbreath will finish this month. We want to continue our relationships with the existing businesses that are mostly in Uptown adjacent to Arnada. We'd like to pull in ads from a greater distance such as Downtown and the Waterfront. We can coach you on what's been successful in the past if you're willing to reach out. The income from the ads is used to fund much of what do as an association; meetings, parties, neighborhood projects, playground and donations to local schools and Veteran's assistance groups. Our volunteers for this won't need to do the ad sheet graphics, Amy Carlson will continue in that role. Contact any Board member listed on page 2. Thanks!

Minutes Arnada NA Meeting Nov. 9th, 2023

Attendees: Ken Visser Amy Carlson Russ Pascoe Holly Chamberlin Rena Benette Sharon Morse Kevin Cote Kathy Loveall Brenda Hoge Anita Reyes Sandi Christensen Tom Sharples Ken Williams Abbie Spielman Dana Coffee Debby Watts Tracy Jensen Casey Liles-IBR Bryan Stebbins-IBR Brent Waddle-City of Vancouver Kaitlyn Olszewski-Vancouver Neighborhood Coord. Anne McEnerny-Ogle-Mayor Jay Hansgard-IBR Nanette-IBR Julie Rawls-Port of Vancouver Amy Wooten-Clark County Planning Commission Franklin Johnson-Clark County Commission on Aging Susan Ellinger-Clark County Planning Commission

September minutes approved

Treasurer Report: 2-month report. As of 10/31, we have \$6880 in checking. An 11-month \$5000 CD matured with a total of \$102.88 interest added to the

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Contact CoV if you want the job!

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Uptown Station #1 2607 Main St.
360 487-7212

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Clark County Animal Control
Weekdays 8:30-4:30 360 397-2488

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account. \$3000 from savings was moved into a CD at 4.25% interest for 11 months. Delivered \$5050 check to the City for the Toddler playground equipment and spent \$201.85 on the sponsor insert and flyer. Income generated \$1399 for ads sponsors, \$100 for the COV Resource Conservation Challenge, \$311.61 for the Clean-up day.

Toddler Playground-PO into the supplier. Late Feb early March for install. Color scheme is nature-green and khaki tone that will match current pieces.

Transportation update: Leaf bins delivered on F street today. Picked up Monday morning. 2nd drop 1st weekend of Dec.

Question: Re-stripping of Fourth Plain-why did the bike lane stop at F street? There were specific bicycle stop and go lights ordered and those are delayed. When it is in and when the rest of Fourth Plain is repaved next summer, it will be changed. Will be on Jan. meeting agenda about left turns.

EV charger on 20th and C street-should be going in soon. Material is procured, concrete is poured. It is not a rapid charger. It will cost 20 cents a Kilowatt/hr until enough people use it and then it goes down to 15 cents.

City Updates: From Mayor's update: Comprehensive Plan 2045. Over the next 1.5 years, community members and the City will work together to develop a plan that will guide growth and development in Vancouver through 2045. There is a new affordable housing fund of about 3.9 million. The best guess is that it will mean there will be 850 "affordable" units each year for Vancouver. Right now we are only able to produce about 255/yr now. Safe Stay #3 has been established downtown on 11th st. Safe Stay #4 at 4611 Main St is next. By 2024, we expect to have 5 Safe Stay Communities and a second Safe Stay park. Main Street Promise Project between 5th St and 15th Street is coming. Main street will be safer, more accessible and connected for residents, businesses and visitors.

Port Update: Julie Rawls-New mineral Soda Ash coming in. It is used in glass and solar panels. Trains will be coming in with it. Wind towers leaving the city today. Going to Alberta Canada. 450 people went to the Port Tours this summer. It's the only way for the public to see what goes on in the Port.

Neighborhood Coordinator: Kaitlyn Olszewski. She moved here in 2013 from Baltimore. She is very happy to be joining the City and working with us. Thurs, Nov 16th Westside Neighborhood Meeting at Luepke Center. The traffic team will be there.

Clark County Aging Readiness-Susan Ellinger, Franklin Johnson and Amy Wooten. Aging Readiness Update. By 2025 1 in 4 residents will be 60 or older. There have been major changes in the County since 2013-New transportation, increasing housing costs and increase in technology. To come up with the plan, public engagement through surveys, focus groups, and workshops were done. There are goals for Healthy Communities (e.g., improve access to healthy foods, safe and accessible parks, resources for caregivers, etc.) Housing Chapter goals (e.g., range of housing, housing that enables to age in place, etc.), Mobility goals (e.g., transit options, safe walking and rolling, etc.), Civic Involvement goals (e.g., support NA's and volunteer groups to engage older adults, cross-cultural and intergenerational community events, etc) and Emergency Preparedness goals (e.g., mitigate the impacts of hazards before they occur, prepare for natural hazards through education, etc). This report will serve as a tool for the county and towns within Clark County as they individually prepare to support the aging population. Plan approved so now will start implementation.

Question who funds Aging Commission-They don't have a budget other than staff time. Working with other agencies who help fund those projects.

Emergency Preparedness-will be focusing on that in 2024 that will apply to older adults. Will be sending out info on that to Neighborhood Associations.

IBR-Nanette, Casey, Bryan and Jay. Moving towards draft Environmental Impact Statement report to be released early 2024. Map plan on what they are studying is on their website. You can zoom in on it. Tonight's presentation had an Urban Design Focus for the area of the Lower downtown- There is station area planning, local street connectivity, and main street connection to consider.

The Waterfront transit station will be up at bridge level (about 6 stories high)-elevator and stairs to get up to the station. East side will have a pedestrian/bike path. It has to be elevated because railroad is below. Need to consider what the area below will look like-could be more active with sport areas, could be more of a green space, could be a park, etc. and how will this area interact with the plans for the Waterfront development.

Question: Who will maintain this design once it is done? Need to figure out who the owner and operator is and make sure there is an abundance of money for maintenance.

Question: Sound-proofing for this area: Environmental Impact report will have a section on this.

The team will go out to neighborhoods to speak to the public on what they want to see on Urban Design.

Presentation slides are posted on the ANA Facebook page.

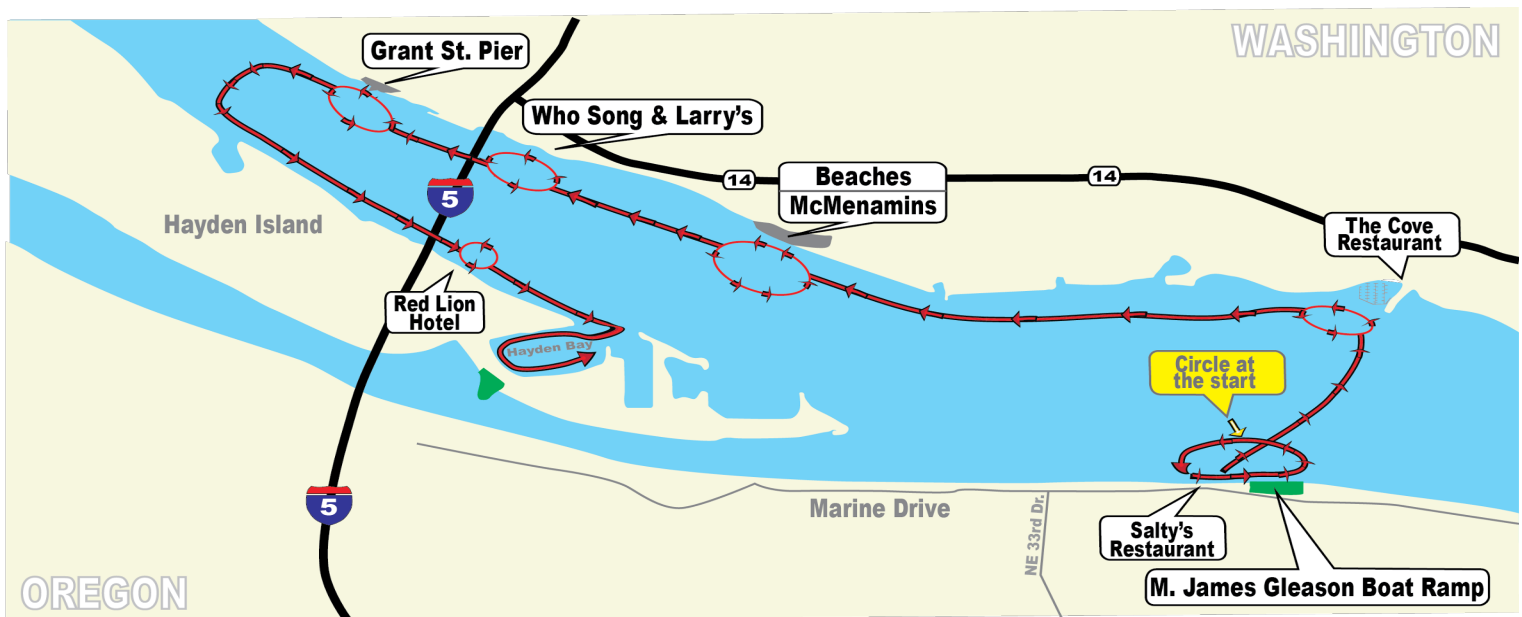
Christmas Ships at the Waterfront

View the annual Christmas Ships Parade from the Vancouver Waterfront this December! Take a stroll along the Waterfront Renaissance Trail or make reservations at a waterfront restaurant or winery patio.

Dates: December 4, 6, and 15. The boats leave the marina at 7:00 p.m. and can be seen best at these viewing spots:

Beaches and nearby restaurants: 7:40 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.- Grant Street Pier: 8:10 – 8:30 p.m.

Schedules subject to change so see <http://www.christmasships.org/schedule/columbia-river>



December Events Calendar

| Date/Time | Event | Details |
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| Daily: 5 - 10 p.m. | Christmas on Franklin Street 4616 NW Franklin Street | A magical winter experience with a stunning display of 200,000 twinkling lights on 10 beautifully decorated properties located at 46th and Franklin. There are live events, Santa visits, and even snowfall. Free. Schedule: www.holidaysonfranklin.com |
| Fri., Dec. 1 and 8: 5 - 9 p.m. Sat., Dec. 2 and 9: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Slocum House Holiday Pop Ups 605 Esther Street | The first annual Slocum House Holiday Pop-Up hosted by the Vancouver Farmers Market. Take a peek inside the Historic Slocum House and meet local artisans while shopping for holiday treasures. Free. |
| Sun., Dec.: 3: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Recycling 101 Pop-up Kindred Homestead Supply 606 Main Street | A representative from Waste Connections will be hanging out at Kindred all day to answer all of your recycling questions! |
| Thurs., Dec. 5: 5:30 p.m. | Grand Chanukah Celebration Esther Short Park | Watch the Grand Menorah lighting, catch chocolate coins during the Gelt Drop, see an LED dance presentation, and help build a Canorah! Bring canned food to donate to the Clark County Food Bank and build a menorah out of cans. Free. |
| Fri., Dec. 8: 10 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Puzzle Swap Kindred Homestead Supply 606 Main Street | Bring your puzzle on the day of the event and take home a new one! This is a free event, you do not need to bring a puzzle to participate. We ask that your puzzle be complete with no missing pieces and in good condition! |
| Sat., Dec. 9: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Santa at the Marshall House 1301 Officers Row | The Marshall House will be beautifully decorated and ready for your holiday photos. Hand deliver letters to Santa, holiday crafts, story time, and goodie bags for all kids. Free. Reserve your spot: https://www.thehistorictrust.org/calendar/santa-at-the-marshall-house-2/ |
| Sat., Dec. 9: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Reindeer Magic Dennis' 7 Dees Vancouver Garden Center 10006 SE Mill Plain Blvd. | Bring the whole family to the Garden Center to see live reindeer, sit on Santa's lap and get professional photos, grab a bite to eat from local vendors, and enjoy face painting and live music! Cost: \$9 |
| Sat., Dec. 16: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Santa at the Slocum House and Kids Holiday Market! 605 Esther Street | Find one of a kind creations at the Kids Holiday Market, cuddle alpacas at the petting zoo, then visit Santa in the Historic Slocum House. Kids craft, warm cocoa, and more. Free. |
| Sun., Dec. 17: 10 - 11:30 a.m. | A Vintage Christmas Experience Harry S Truman Elementary School 4505 Northeast 42nd Ave. | Experience a truly 'Vintage Christmas Experience!' Christmas carols, free breakfast and coffee, ugly sweater contest, a fun kids program, and meet Santa! Free. Reserve a spot: www.eventbrite.com/e/a-vintage-christmas-experience-tickets-757302882307 |

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THE ARNADA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

ARNADA FAMILY HOLIDAY PARTY



SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY
Santa & Mrs. Claus

**TRaP DOOR
Brewing**
2315 Main ST.

THURS.
Dec. 14

PARTY
6 PM - 8 PM
MR. & MRS. CLAUS
6:30 - 7:30 PM

FOOD CRAFTS MUSIC

**ALL-AGES WELCOME! TURKEY WILL BE PROVIDED, BRING A SIDE OR
DESSERT TO SHARE. MEET IN THE OUTDOOR COVERED PATIO.**

Sing it with me,
♪“Arnada are the champions, my friends.”♪



As we close out 2023, it's good to look back at this championship year for Arnada. Your Arnada Armada's SW Vancouver Neighborhood Kickball team took the summer 2023 title of Neighborhood Kickball Champions.

The informal neighborhood kickball league began from this very neighborhood over ten years ago. It's become a successful tradition for new and established Arnada neighbors to get to know each other. It's even helped us get to know neighbors from our adjacent neighborhoods. However, as fantastically wonderful as that's been, Arnada has had something missing over the past 10 seasons of neighborhood kickball – The Arnada Armada never clinched the neighborhood kickball champion title.

Until 2023



The Armada finished the regular season with the best record of the league - 6 wins, 1 tie, and 1 loss. Your Armada played the Carter Park Kickers for the championship title, a rematch from last year's losing championship game. This year, however, Arnada usurped the Kickers, winning 4 to 3. The bout stayed neck and neck until the final inning when one of our youngest players, who grew up watching his adult neighbors play kickball, scored the winning run off his teammate's mighty outfield kick. We finally brought the title (and its trophy) home.

♪“We are the champions”♪

♪“No time for losers”♪

♪“Cause we are the champions of the World”

♪“SW VANCOUVER, WA NEIGHBORHOODS”♪

