

Northcrest News



January 2024

Let's Meet!

Thursday, January 18th, 2024 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Northcrest Community Church

5602 East Mill Plain

(use the back entrance)

Guest Speaker: Glen Yung, Councilor, District 1

Clark County Council

Glen is on a number of Council Assignments, has a vast knowledge of Clark County.

Come early to socialize!

Playground at Columbia Lancaster Park 6000 Idaho Street

Looks like construction is underway. Barkdust is being removed. Progress is being made.

The play area is currently closed through February 2024. It is anticipated the play area will reopen in March 2024. The rest of the park will remain open and accessible.

Vancouver Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services will host a playground reopening party in Spring 2024. No date has been set yet.

Tapani, Inc. of Battle Ground was awarded the construction contract. A new STEM-themed playground is being installed with play areas for ages 2-5 and 5-12.

A bench will be installed in the existing play area and a picnic table will be added along the existing path.

Construction activity is allowed Monday thru Saturday, 7 am – 5 pm.

If you SEE something, SAY something



Download the **MYVancouver** app. It's a convenient line of communication with City employees to solve nonemergency issues and stay in-the-know on City events and resources.

- Report non-emergency issues such as potholes, graffiti, sign damage or streetlight outages
- Include a photo and GPS location
- View and track the status of a request or view other reported issues in a particular area of the city.
- Access other City info, including street sweeping schedules, a community event calendar and City job listings
- Easily locate local parks, hospitals, community centers and more

Neighborhood Clean-up & Chipper Event Summer of 2024

The date – mark your calendar – is **Saturday, June 8th**.

The location for the 2nd year in a row will be Vancouver Heights United Methodist Church, 5701 MacArthur Blvd.

Waste Connections will collect bulky items, yard debris and scrap metal. We will be joining Southcliff, Dubois, Evergreen Shores and Evergreen Highlands Neighborhoods.



Neighborhood Association Meeting held on 10/19/2023

Glenn Miller, Chair opened the meeting welcoming 30 neighbors in attendance. He gave a brief Treasurer's report. Beginning Balance \$1,642.92, and ending balance \$2, 093.80. Incoming funds were from the Neighborhood Clean-up, City Recycling Program, Raffle at the Picnic (Thank you Lou Munez!) and generous donations from several residents. The only expense was for the Picnic \$82.00

Amy Zoltie, Real Estate Program Manager for the City of Vancouver updated us on the Heights Development. Infrastructure design and engineering is being finalized. Road improvements to the Mill Plain and MacArthur intersection will be the first project to start construction towards the end of 2024. Following this will be the North section of the Grand Loop.

There were questions about the existing businesses – Garside Florist purchased their building in 2020; the City is working with Attorney Gregg, as he winds down his practice and at some point the City will purchase his building/lot. The City does not own River Maiden or the Muchas Gracioso Restaurant, which are both leased, but they have expressed a desire to stay. Angelo's own both buildings/land. She pointed out that this is a 10-20 year build-out.

Building heights were discussed. Specifically, the Fire Station lot will be 4 stories along Mill Plain and part of Devine, and then taper to 2*story on Idaho.

1,800 Units are being planned, so potentially 7,500 – 10,000 residents. Very limited parking. 1 space per unit, and potentially less with C-tran transit. The City is investing \$90 million in infrastructure.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Love living in Northcrest? We sure do!

The Northcrest Neighborhood Association is 100% volunteer run.

- We are not a homeowner's association.
- We don't make or enforce rules or collect dues.
- We work with the city to solve neighborhood problems and host events to help bring us closer together.
- We welcome your input!
- We welcome volunteers!



Get in touch by email – northcrestneighborhood@gmail.com

New Neighborhood Police Officer for the Northcrest Neighborhood

Officer Sean Metevia, Northcrest's NPO (Neighborhood Police Officer) has moved to the HART Team (Homeless Assistance Resource Team) as of January 3, 2024. The Team provides outreach and referrals to appropriate services for individuals experiencing homelessness, conducts assessments of encampments for cleanup and sanitation needs and coordinates clean-up efforts. We appreciate his response to our concerns while acting as NPO for Northcrest, and wish him success in his new assignment.

His replacement, District 2 Officer Jeremy Vanroyce is assigned to the Northcrest Neighborhood, as well as Bagley Downs, Central Park, Columbia Way, Dubois Park, Green Meadows, Edgewood Park, Evergreen Highlands, Evergreen Shores, Fourth Plain Village, Harney Heights, Hudson's Bay, Maplewood, Meadow Homes, Riveview, Southcliff, and Vancouver Mall Neighborhoods.



The NPO's are the liaisons to the citizens within their district and are available to meet with neighbors to discuss crime issues, livability issues, attend community meetings and to answer questions about crime trends and prevention. These officers are the main contact person for a citizen within a district to go to when there are crime issues or other concerns that the police department can assist them with. These officers work cross departmentally as well to assist citizens with problem solving strategies as well.

Welcome!

Holiday Celebration for Northcrest Neighbors

For the first time in many years, the Neighborhood Association had a Holiday Party in early December at the Northcrest Community Church. It was – if by the great turnout, food and enjoyment – a great success. The Church auditorium was decorated by neighbor Daneene Cottle which really added to the festivities. Thank you to all who volunteered!

General consensus was that we will definitely plan for this again in 2024.



Of Interest – FREE Pipe Organ Concert

The First Presbyterian Church, 4300 Main Street will present a free pipe organ concert at 2 pm, January 14 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of its Van Zoeren pipe organ. Concert organist Douglas Cleveland will preform classical and contemporary. Admission is free, doors open at 1 pm. Please bring a non-perishable food donation for FISH (Friends in Service to Humanity).

Who lives in **OUR** community?

39 years old is the median age of Vancouver's **population**

47,679

Vancouver residents live within a quarter mile of the Mill Plain Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and the Vine BRT.

37,809* **new residents** were added to the city since 2010

10% of residents live with a **disability**

11% of adults in Vancouver identify as **LGBTQ**

20% Speak a language **other than English** at home

11,772 **veterans** live in the city of Vancouver

6% of residents are age **75 and older**

22% of residents are under **18 years old**

91% of residents age 25+ hold a **high school diploma**

31% of residents age 25+ hold a **bachelors degree or higher**

*net migration + births - deaths



Of Vancouver workers ages 16 and over:

75% drive alone to work

10% carpool to work

9% work from home

3% take public transit

2% walk to work

1.1% take other transport

0.5% bike to work



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