

# NEIGHBORLY NOTES

Newsletter of the Vancouver Heights Neighborhood Association

## Letter From The Editor

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Hello Neighbors, and Happy New Year!

I hope this message finds you filled with hope and enthusiasm for a new year.

First and foremost, please mark your calendars! Our monthly neighborhood meeting is scheduled for Thursday, the 25th of January at Immanuel Lutheran Church. This meeting holds special significance as we will be electing board members for our neighborhood association. It's a great opportunity to actively participate in shaping the future of our neighborhood and get involved.

On the financial front, our treasury balance currently stands at \$864. This money comes from fundraisers like the Trash Bash and Chipper Day, as well as donations from you.

There is a lot of gratitude to share with so many different individuals and organizations that make up our neighborhood. First, thank you to everyone who graced our annual holiday party at Immanuel Lutheran Church with their presence. The evening was filled with warmth and the camaraderie that defines our neighborhood. A sincere thank you to Dr. Ike, whose generous donations significantly contributed to the success of the event.

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### January Meeting

January 25 @ 7:00 PM  
Immanuel Lutheran Church

### February Meeting

February 22 @ 7:00 PM  
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Furthermore, a special shout-out is in order for Immanuel Lutheran Church for their gracious hospitality in hosting our festive gathering (and all of our membership meetings as well). It was fantastic to see Park Llafet, our former chairperson attend as well, here all the way from sunny Sacramento. Happy New Year, Park!

I would also like to take a moment to acknowledge Don for his dedication in delivering our newsletters. Your commitment ensures that our community stays informed and connected. Additionally, a big thank you to Frank L'Amie for diligently keeping us updated on the latest neighborhood developments. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

And who could forget our dedicated newsletter deliverers, whose consistent efforts ensure that our community stays informed and connected each month. Rain or shine (and maybe a bit of snow this month...), your commitment to delivering these updates is appreciated.

Last, and certainly not least, thank you to all of the city employees that have attended our neighborhood meetings, presented key information, and answered questions from neighbors.

Thanks again to everyone who makes this place great. See you around the neighborhood!

Jeff Hogg  
Newsletter Editor

## A Message From Pr. Adrienne Strehlow

Thank you to our Vancouver Heights Neighborhood for the gift to Immanuel Lutheran Church and for hosting the Holiday Party and Neighborhood meetings.

We are thrilled to be a part of the neighborhood and to be able to offer the space for gathering. We especially want to thank the neighborhood for graciously including our Satellite Overflow Shelter (SOS) guests in the Holiday Party and Gift Exchange. The kindness and hospitality shown by both our neighbors and our guests to one another was an inspiration to behold.

Blessings to you all!

Pr. Adrienne & Immanuel Lutheran



## THANK YOU DR. IKE

*Dr. Ike -*

*Your generous donations have made our December holiday party and annual neighborhood picnic possible. Thank you for enriching our community with your support!*

# Events

## Ivy Removal at Behrens Woods

February 10 and 24

March 9 and 23

9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Volunteer at [cityofvancouver.us](http://cityofvancouver.us)

## Recycling 101

Saturday, Feb. 3 at 10:30 a.m. at Fourth Plain Forward

Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 5:30 p.m. at Bridgeview Resource Center

Volunteer at [cityofvancouver.us](http://cityofvancouver.us)

Share your upcoming neighborhood or church event by emailing Jeff at [jthogg@outlook.com](mailto:jthogg@outlook.com)

## Neighbors On Watch Academy

April 11 - May 9

6 - 9:15 p.m.

5 WEEKLY TRAINING SESSIONS & ONE CPR CLASS



## Volunteer with the Vancouver Police Department

Work alongside VPD patrol officers & specialty units.

Learn CPR, evidence gathering techniques and more!

Receive exclusive training only available to volunteers.

Do you want to work alongside the Vancouver Police Department's patrol officers and specialty units? Join the next Neighbors On Watch Academy to get trained to volunteer with VPD. To sign up, please fill out the form on the VPD's website.

Please join us for our next VHNA meeting!

Thursday, January 25 @ 7:00 PM

### Agenda to include:

1. Elections for VHNA board
2. Speaker to be announced

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Watch online w/ Zoom @ [tinyurl.com/vhnameeting](https://tinyurl.com/vhnameeting)

Passcode: 654772

Or use the Zoom App w/ meeting ID 222 187 1792

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# Be a Good Neighbor

## Consider the View from Your Neighbors' Yard

How does your compost pile, dog run, or son's car parts look from your neighbors' backyard or windows? Keep areas that are in others' view reasonably presentable

## Be Appreciative

If your neighbor does something you like, tell them! They will be pleased that you noticed the yard work or the new paint job. It will be easier to talk later when they do something that you don't like.

## Don't Assume That Discussing a Problem Will Aggravate Your Neighbor

Your neighbors can't help resolve a problem they don't know exists. If your focus is on learning rather than delivering a message, understanding rather than blame, and joint problem solving rather than who is at fault, your conversation will go better than you think.

Conflict can be an opportunity for increased understanding and improved communication and relationships when handled properly. For help in talking with a neighbor or for confidential assistance with a conflict, contact Community Mediation Services at [360-334-5862](tel:360-334-5862) or [info@mediationclarkcounty.org](mailto:info@mediationclarkcounty.org).

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## Neighborhood Traffic Safety Alliance

The NTSA has \$300,000 for neighborhood traffic calming and is funded by city tax-payer dollars. The new speed notification signs on St. Helens are a result of this program. Each neighborhood association is a member but VHNA does not have a representative right now. Could this be you? Email a board member to find out more.

## Can you create a new logo?



The VHNA logo, shown here, has been in use by the association for many years. Do you have relevant experience and the desire to help update our logo with a modern look? Email [jthogg@outlook.com](mailto:jthogg@outlook.com) with your submission.

## Report potholes and non-working streetlights



To report potholes and non-working streetlights inside Vancouver city limits, please email:

[opsdispatch@cityofvancouver.us](mailto:opsdispatch@cityofvancouver.us)

Or use the City of Vancouver app on your smartphone or other mobile device.

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