



Airport Green Neighborhood Association

CERT/Map Your Neighborhood

Our neighborhood has a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) comprised of a small number of fellow residents who have undergone training by the Vancouver Fire Department. They are prepared to respond to a neighborhood disaster when the professional first responders are overwhelmed by the magnitude of an event and cannot come to our aid.

You, the residents of the Airport Green Neighborhood, must do your part in case of a disaster to protect your family and minimize the damage to your neighbors and the neighborhood. You should have a Family Disaster Plan, along with food, water, and supplies to last five days if there is no electricity.

The foundation of the Airport Green Neighborhood Disaster Plan is the Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) program developed by the Washington State Emergency Management Department, and endorsed by the City of Vancouver. It establishes a step-by-step response by citizens when faced with a disaster – most likely an earthquake – that overwhelms the 9-1-1 system, and requires residents to take care of themselves and their immediate neighbors until services can be restored. The program explains the six steps to take immediately following an earthquake or other disaster.

To accomplish the MYN program, the neighborhood has been divided into 29 MYN Sections, with six to nine households per section. To date, only eight of these sections have had their gathering and viewed the MYN instructional DVD. AGNA CERT Coordinators Cindy Stewart and Shane Albright are heading up this effort and will be asking residents to host an MYN gathering. Scheduling the gathering on a Saturday morning has

proven effective in maximizing the number of neighbors who can attend, and takes about two hours. If you would like to host an MYN gathering, feel free to contact Cindy or Shane for more detailed information and to schedule a date.

This is also one of the best ways to maintain a neighborhood watch to look out for and protect each other. Each Section will set up a phone tree and have an understanding of each of their neighbors' needs, and also what they can provide in an emergency. The Sections that have been completed already keep an eye out when neighbors are gone, and check in on each other. In fact, some exchange gifts at holidays or have potlucks together. Contact Cindy or Shane to schedule your section of the neighborhood.

AGNA CERT/MYN Coordinators

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President's Message

I wish a prosperous 2024 to all of you, my neighbors of Airport Green Neighborhood Association. While there are numerous topics to write on, I have the need to be grateful to all those who have taken leadership roles in moving our neighborhood forward. This involvement of neighbors in leadership, working together to come up with solutions to problems that make our neighborhood an enjoyable and safe place for everyone. Make no bones about it, I am attempting to fill some very big shoes as your president. Ross Montgomery loved this neighborhood and community, as well as Hearthwood Park. In the early '90s the park had no defined structure; it was just a "green space."

The Executive Board was instrumental in providing input for the planned park. Ross became the force to move the Executive Board to planting 32 cherry trees along Hearthwood Boulevard, and then trees planted inside the park. The speed humps were going to be put in without AGNA participation. When Ross found out he made sure that those humps had a brick finish on top to improve the look for the school and neighborhood.



A Tree of Remembrance was planted in November to honor Ross Montgomery and all the work that he was part of throughout Vancouver as well as our neighborhood. It's planted at the northwest entrance to Hearthwood Park, closest to the school parking lot.

Speed of vehicles has been, and continues to be, a concern. Ross and the Executive Board were able to reduce the speed limit from 30 to 25 mph. Further effort was accomplished to add solar powered speed indicators to mitigate speed issues to protect children and adults.

Ross always seemed to be looking for people to serve on the Executive Board who would make use of their individual skill sets. I was told that Ross asked Tom Smith to be treasurer. Tom informed Ross, at the time, that he didn't know much about being a treasurer, to which Ross replied "that's okay, we will look for someone, but be the treasurer in the meantime." After more than 23+ years the Executive Board was able to let him retire from that position with a gift and certificate of thanks from the Board for all his service.

Ron van Bladeren was the long-standing vice president behind Ross, who stepped down due to being a "snow bird." We can't thank him enough for stepping in to fill Ross' shoes after his passing. There are numerous individuals I could name; some have passed, and others have moved from the neighborhood. Just know that none of this happens without everyone's input and involvement. I encourage each of you to schedule a "Map Your Neighborhood" for your section, and to look out for and support each other so we can continue to make Airport Green Neighborhood a great place to live.

Donald Weir

AGNA Executive Board President

Voluntary Dues Reminder

Membership Chair Tina Litsey requests that 2024 voluntary dues (\$12) be paid by March 1 to meet the budget approved by the Executive Board at the December 13 meeting.

Please use the Membership Application attached to this newsletter to submit your voluntary dues payment. This form is a good way to let us know if your contact information has changed. It is also the way to register your voting membership if you are new to the neighborhood.

Dues paying members may request their house number be painted (or repainted) on the curb. Thanks!



Neighborhood Watch Program

The Airport Green Neighborhood continues to have one of the lowest crime rates in the City of Vancouver. Much of the credit can be attributed to our Neighborhood Watch Program. If you're not familiar with Block Watch or Neighborhood Watch, it can be summed up as "neighbors watching out for neighbors." This is not a new concept, but it does require a new attitude when it comes to urban living. Success of the Neighborhood Watch program depends on neighbors knowing their neighbors and offering mutual aid to prevent crime. The mutual aid can take the form of calling neighbors late at night (even if it means waking them) to let them know that their garage door is still open. It can also mean calling 3-1-1 to report suspicious activity, or 9-1-1 in case of fire or other emergency.

Neighborhood Watch is not intended to promote spying or to invade privacy. But knowing who your neighbors are, and recognizing their normal habits, can be helpful in determining what constitutes suspicious activity. If you get the feeling that something is not quite right about seeing an unfamiliar person walking away from your neighbor's house carrying a power tool at a time when that neighbor is normally away at work, then that would be a suspicious situation and warrant a call. Watching out for your neighbors, and knowing that they are watching out for you, contributes to a feeling of security and instills pride in the neighborhood.

The Airport Green Neighborhood is organized into 29 Sections, which are also used for CERT/MYN emergency planning, with Section Leaders as the primary contacts for each section. The map on the next page shows the Watch Sections for AGNA. Section Leaders are responsible for maintaining a phone tree for that section. If a police action or a crime occurs, the phone tree can be activated to pass along relevant information regarding the emergency or event. Having your neighbors' phone numbers can also come in handy to notify a neighbor if a stranger is lurking in the yard. Since the Neighborhood Watch program is voluntary, some neighbors may choose not to participate – which is OK. Only participating neighbors, however, receive a copy of the section phone tree.



New neighbors are encouraged to contact their Section Leader in order to be added to the phone tree. The names and phone numbers of the Neighborhood Watch Coordinators are listed for your convenience. The coordinators will pass along relevant safety and security information via email, so call or email one of them to request setting up your phone tree.

Neighborhood Watch Coordinators

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Neighborly Information Sharing

- The City of Vancouver has a Homeless Assistance and Response Team (HART) should you see someone camping in the park and in need of help. Use the **MyVancouver** app to get help, email hartteam@cityofvancouver.us, or leave a voicemail at 360-487-8626.
- A company called "Porch It" works hand in hand with local school and church closets, non-profits, and small mom-and-pop thrift stores. Your usable items can help supply these locations and the unusable items are recycled and repurposed. Whether you have one bag or 100, they will pick up all your unwanted clothing, shoes, belts, hats, bags, towels, linens, and fabric to recycle them for free for others to use. No contact is needed.
- Visit our AGNA website, neighborhoodlink.com/Airport_Green, which has an updated history of the neighborhood, bylaws, and contact information, in addition to other valuable material.
- The annual garage sale will not take place this year.

This map shows the NE 14th St area in Portland, Oregon. The map is oriented with NE 9th St at the top and NE 1st St at the bottom. The area is divided into several blocks, with lot numbers 1 through 29. The map includes a playground icon in the center, labeled "Hearthwood Park". The streets shown are NE 9th St, NE 8th St, NE 7th Way, NE 7th Cir, NE 6th St, NE 5th Cir, NE 4th Cir, NE 3rd Cir, NE 2nd Cir, NE 1st St, NE 14th Ave, NE 13th Ave, NE 12th Ave, NE 11th Ave, NE 10th Ave, NE 9th Ave, NE 8th Ave, NE 7th Ave, NE 6th Ave, NE 5th Ave, NE 4th Ave, NE 3rd Ave, NE 2nd Ave, NE 1st Ave, NE 14th St, NE 13th St, NE 12th St, NE 11th St, NE 10th St, NE 9th St, NE 8th St, NE 7th St, NE 6th St, NE 5th St, NE 4th St, NE 3rd St, NE 2nd St, NE 1st St. The map also shows a large area labeled "Hearthwood Park" in the center, with a playground icon. The map is a black and white line drawing of a street grid with lot numbers and street names.

Joint Neighborhood Cleanup

Saturday, May 4, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Evergreen Public School Administration Building
parking lot: 13413 NE LeRoy Haagen Memorial Drive**

This is the third year that Airport Green Neighborhood has been partnered with other neighborhood associations. This year we share this with Emerald Green and Fircrest Neighborhood Associations. Board members Pam McIlvena and Sue Sargent will lead this year's team of volunteers to make this cleanup a success.

The acceptable items are:

- Bulky items
- Scrap metal
- Bicycles for reuse
- Small appliances such as vacuums and lamps
- Lawn mowers
- Small engines and garden equipment drained of fluids
- Yard debris such as clippings, small logs, and tree branches



Prepare by categorizing your load to separate material for easy unloading. Using a tarp liner under the yard debris makes for faster and cleaner unloading. Put yard debris on the bottom, then the biggest items on top, followed by any other items tucked in and around the biggest items. Don't forget to cover your load to prevent littering if bringing a truck or trailer.

We need your help

Volunteers are greatly needed. Contact Pam or Sue to fill the roughly three-hour shift times available.

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Traffic Calming

There are traffic calming programs, but what is going on with vehicles flying through the neighborhood at 35–40 mph in a 25 mph zone? What happened to the traffic calming measures we put in place? While I don't know the reason why drivers feel it is necessary to speed on Hearthwood Boulevard and other neighborhood streets, speeding vehicles have definitely become an issue.



There are three numbers to use to report this activity:

- 311
- 360-693-3111 (parking issues)
- 360-487-7462 (moving violations)

You can also use the **MyVancouver** app to report issues related to speeding cars. If you're not familiar with the City of Vancouver's traffic ordinances, please go to their website. Cars may not be parked on streets for more than 24 hours. Fines and citations can be issued. Vehicles, including RVs and trailers, are under the same restrictions. RVs for loading and unloading seem to have a bit more leeway with neighbors. Just don't push the envelope please. Those moving through the neighborhood need to respect quiet hours and speed limit signage.

Identification is important when reporting someone driving dangerously, including delivery trucks and buses. Make note of the license plate, color and make, plus any other markings that will help the police track the vehicle down. Please help keep everyone safe by setting the example to drive responsibly and calmly.

The City of Vancouver supports the neighborhood associations in their efforts to share vital information with residents to create a more informed public. However, the information provided and the opinions and views expressed in neighborhood association newsletters or other documents do not necessarily represent the position of the City of Vancouver, nor does the City determine whether the information published is accurate or appropriate. Printed by the City of Vancouver - Office of Neighborhoods.

2024 AGNA Officers and Board Appointments

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Board Appointment(s)</i>	<i>Contact Information</i>
Don Weir	President Bylaws Review Committee Chair Hearthwood Park Committee Chair Walk & Knock Food Drive Coordinator	503-560-4930 donaldweir698@gmail.com
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Short-Term Rental Permit Requirements

The Vancouver City Council voted unanimously to adopt a short-term rental (STR) ordinance on December 18, 2023.

The City is mailing letters to known STR operators throughout Vancouver. If you operate a short-term rental and do not receive a letter, please follow the steps below or visit cityofvancouver.us/str to learn more about how to apply for a permit. Permits are required by February 15, 2024.

If you plan to rent your home, or a room within your home, to a guest for less than 30 consecutive days, you will need a \$250 short-term rental permit. If you do not have a permit your rental will be subject to code compliance citations. You can apply for a permit starting at cityofvancouver.us/str.

Before You Apply for a Permit

Get a Washington State Business License and City of Vancouver Business License. Both are available through the state Department of Revenue.

Visit dor.wa.gov/open-business and click "Get licensing requirements" to access the state's Business Licensing Wizard. Enter the keyword "Real Estate Rental – Short Term Residential" and follow the prompts to apply for a license.

Contact the state's Business Licensing Service at 360-705-6741 with questions, or visit cityofvancouver.us/businesslicense to learn more.

Get at least \$1 million in liability insurance for the short-term rental property. You will need to provide a copy of your policy when applying for an STR permit.

Notify your neighbors. Mail notification letters to property owners abutting or adjacent to the short-term rental location. This includes next-door neighbors, people living across the street and those directly behind a property with a backyard or alleyway.

The notification letter must include a description of the operation, number of bedrooms to be rented to overnight guests, and a phone number for the owner or operator. Make sure to prepare an affidavit of mailing to prove that you have notified your neighbors.

To Apply for a Permit

Applications are available starting on January 17 at cityofvancouver.us/str. Permits will be valid until January 17, 2026 (the 24-month pilot program end date), at which time program requirements will be revisited. While inspections are not required, the city reserves the right to inspect any property that is being used for a short-term rental.



About the STR Pilot Program

To gauge the effectiveness of the STR program during the 24-month pilot period, the city has established a set of goals including:

- Limit the total number of STRs to no more than 870 units – equivalent to one percent of the city's current total housing stock at the time of the ordinance adoption
- Exclude STRs from any development receiving the Multifamily Tax Exemption incentive
- Monitor ongoing compliance to ensure all STRs meet required regulations
- Monitor ongoing impacts to the long-term rental market, including housing affordability
- Minimize public safety risks and possible noise and trash problems without creating additional work for the police department and code enforcement personnel
- Monitor the responsiveness of code compliance cases
- Conduct ongoing stakeholder outreach to determine program effectiveness and inform future refinements

If you have any questions about the STR ordinance, email Jason Nortz at jason.nortz@cityofvancouver.us.

AGNA Permanent Membership Application

Application information is for AGNA purposes only!

Check the box(es) that apply:

- ☐ Current resident(s)
- ☐ Property owner(s)
- ☐ Check box if you do NOT want your name(s) published as a voting or dues-paying member

Name _____ Signature _____

Name _____ Signature _____

Name _____ Signature _____

Name _____ Signature _____

Street/property address _____

Mailing address _____

Phone _____ E-mail(1) _____

Date of Submission _____ E-mail(2) _____

NOTE: Voting rights are established by registering a signed membership application, provided it is received at least seven (7) days prior to the next membership vote. All residents or property owners 18 years or older are eligible to register for voting membership. Payment of dues is *not* required to register.

Please submit your signed application with a \$12 check to AGNA (voluntary dues) to:

Tina Litsey
AGNA Membership Chair
13811 NE Airport Drive
Vancouver, WA 98684

Current members: Detach & submit with check for voluntary dues payment if there is no change in personal information, such as phone number or e-mail address.

☐ By checking this box, I request my house number be painted on the curb.

Application for non-profit organization or business licensee can be obtained by contacting the AGNA Membership Chairperson.

Permanent Membership Application approved as to form by Executive Board on March 13, 2008