

# NEIGHBORLY NOTES

Newsletter of the Vancouver Heights Neighborhood Association

## Redevelopment Project Updates

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Hello neighbors, I hope you stayed safe and warm during our extreme winter weather in January. When the roads double as an ice rink, it offers a chance to slow down from the busy pace of life. The front page letter this month will be from Frank L'Amie, the neighborhood's liaison to the city projects, both the Heights Redevelopment, and the Lieser School Redevelopment. See Frank's update below:

The Heights Community Investment Committee (HCIC) has been established, made up of diverse members residing in Vancouver. Collectively, they bring over 50 years of experience in real estate development and financing, representing the interests of local business owners.

The main responsibility of the HCIC is to lead the Heights District redevelopment process on behalf of the City. This involves overseeing the selection of development partners and negotiating development agreements to ensure that the objectives outlined in the Heights Equitable Development Plan are reached.

Currently, the committee is actively engaged in crafting a Request For Proposals (RFP) set to be released to the development community at the end of February or the beginning of March.

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### February Meeting

February 22 @ 7:00 PM  
Immanuel Lutheran Church

### March Meeting

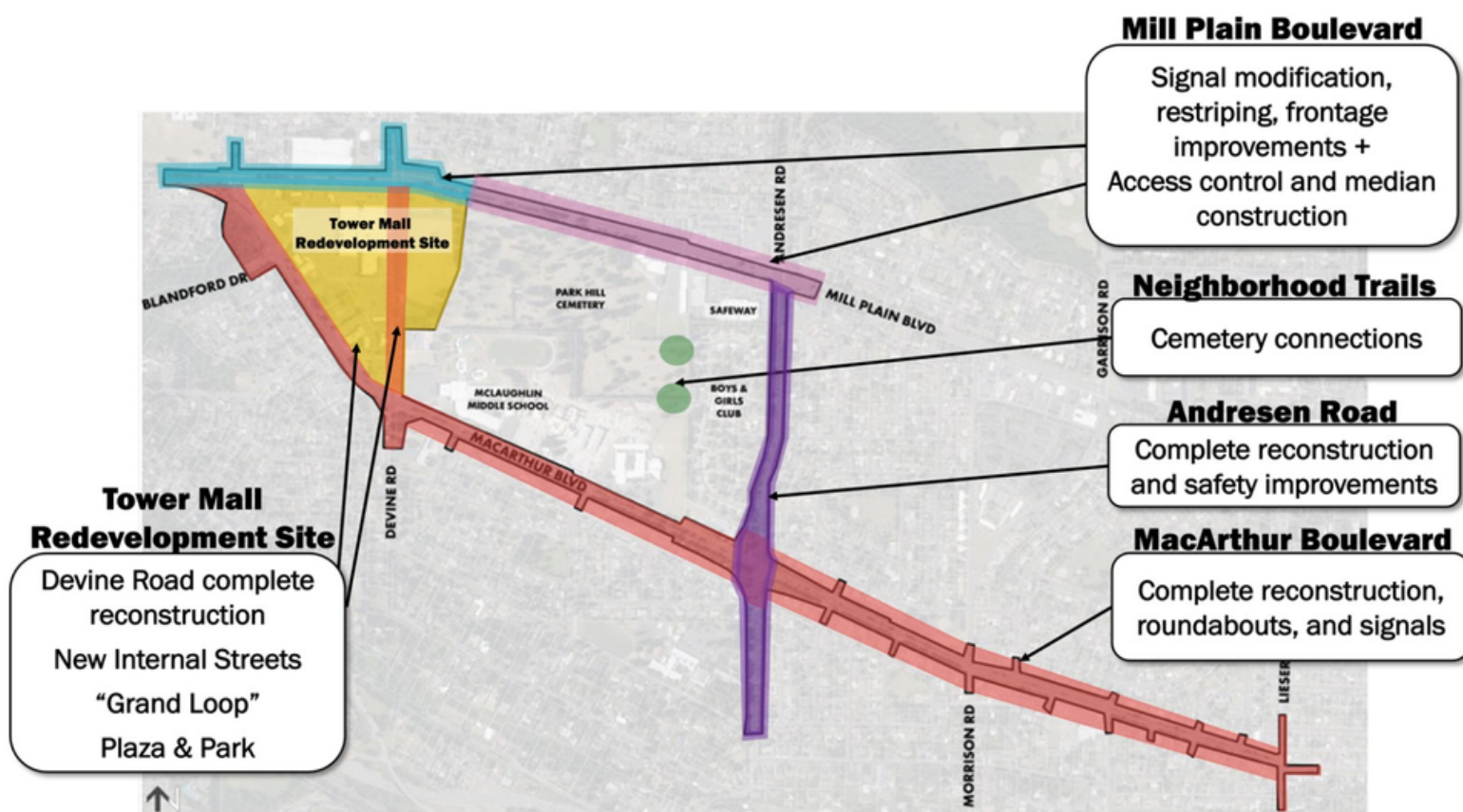
March 28 @ 7:00 PM  
Immanuel Lutheran Church

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This RFP pertains to the first three parcels of city-owned property situated along Mill Plain Blvd and Devine Road.

Subsequently, the HCIC will diligently review and evaluate responses from developers, ultimately making a formal recommendation to the City Council regarding the selected development proposals. The RFP meticulously outlines the requirements and priorities for the initial phase of development, aligning with the goals of the Heights District Plan and the strategies outlined in the Equitable Development Plan.

The City is aiming to have developers selected by early summer and development agreements in place by the end of the year. Construction of the sites is projected to take place in 2026/2027. Updates are posted to the city web site <https://www.beheardvancouver.org/heights-district-plan>.



### LIESER SCHOOL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The Vancouver Housing Authority (VHA) is starting the process to subdivide the Lieser School Property. Separate lots will be sold to the City of Vancouver for a new fire station and redevelopment of a park. Another lot will be sold to Educational Opportunities for Children and Families (EOCF) for construction of business offices and classrooms. The remaining property will be reserved for new workforce housing.

The VHA is looking at a Federal grant to fund a partial street improvement and traffic signals that will service all the parcels. A representative of the VHA is scheduled to attend the March 28 Neighborhood Meeting to discuss the project.

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# CHIPPER DAY 2024

**OK for the chipper**

- Branches, twigs, tree pruning (up to 4" in diameter)
- Tree limbs (up to 4" in diameter)
- Trunks
- Woody debris does not need to be dried prior to chipping

**Please NO**

- Juniper, arborvitae, ivy, vines, bamboo and blackberry briars get tangled in machinery
- Leaves or grass clippings
- Pine needles
- Rocks and dirt, or large stumps
- Painted or treated wood

**SATURDAY MARCH 23, 2024**

**8 A.M. TO 12 P.M.**

**COLUMBIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**805 COLUMBIA RIDGE DR.**

City staff will operate the chipper, no limit to the number of loads you may bring.  
Donations are encouraged.





# Events

Event Title	Date	Location
February VHNA Meeting	Thursday, February 22 @ 7:00 PM	Immanuel Lutheran Church
Chipper Day	Saturday, March 23 from 8:00AM to 12:00 PM	Columbia Presbyterian Church
VHNA Meeting: Speaker: Victor Caesar from Vancouver Housing Authority	Thursday, March 28 @ 7:00 PM	Immanuel Lutheran Church
VHNA Meeting: Speaker: Tammy Bryan to share opportunities at Firstenburg and Marshall Recreation Centers	Thursday, April 25 @ 7:00 PM	Immanuel Lutheran Church

Please join us for our next VHNA meeting!  
Thursday, February 22 @ 7:00 PM

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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