

Bella Vista Neighborhood Association (BVNA)

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Newsletter

March 18, 2024

It's time to mark your 2024 calendar for upcoming events.

A BVNA General Meeting will be held on April 9, 2024. Take a night off from making dinner and let **Gustav's** do the cooking. The meeting is scheduled from 6 to 8pm. But come early at 5:30 and have a meal and some libation. We will have guest speakers to talk about the McGillivray Mobility Project that will affect transportation on McGillivray Boulevard, the NatureSpaces Project and neighborhood crime. Gustav's is located at 1705 SE 164th Ave. 360-883-0222.

NatureSpaces at Behren's Woods

Did you know that Behren's Woods is one of three City Parks in the NatureSpaces one-year pilot program? NatureSpaces focuses on preserving and expanding native habitat and the transformation of Behren's Woods is well underway. Take a stroll down to the end of Bella Vista and check out the progress.

Sign up with NatureSpaces on the City's Volunteer Page to receive email reminders and notices of upcoming events. (<https://www.cityofvanvouver.us/government/department/parks-recreation-and-cultural-services/volunteer-programs/>) Note: You do not have to sign up in order to join a work party. Just show up at 9:00am on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month ready to work!

It's Garden Time at Bella Vista Park!!!

Spring is almost here and it's time to sign up for a community garden plot at Bella Vista Park. The cost is only \$20 for a 4'x12' raised bed. Join a fun community of new and experienced gardeners to grow your own organic vegies. Gardeners help each other out with watering and gardening tips. Exciting new improvements are coming this year, thanks to a grant just awarded to BVNA!

To sign up for a raised bed or to find out more information, Click on the "Community Garden" link at www.BVNA.info. Ruth Wilmoth is the community garden coordinator and will respond to inquiries submitted through the web page.

Annual Neighborhood Clean-Up

Our annual clean-up this year will take place on **September 7th**. We will again partner with four other neighborhoods at Riverview Elementary School, 12601 SE Riveridge Drive. It is 0.8 miles and a three-minute drive from Bella Vista Park. As a reminder, this clean-up is for yard debris, trash items too large for curbside pickup, scrap metal and donation items termed “too good to toss”. There will be a chipper there for branches.

BVNA Communications Update:

BVNA will be transitioning to an electronic, email format for newsletters. To insure you receive the latest news in important happenings in the neighborhood, please sign up for email distribution through one of the following:

1. Send an email to bellavistana@gmail.com requesting to be added to BVNA email distribution if you know you are not already on it.
2. Provide your email when you send in an annual donation.
3. Provide your email on the sign-in sheet at the annual meeting

Past newsletters and other neighborhood association documents can be found under the “Neighborhoods List” tab at <https://www.cityofvancouver.us/community/neighborhoods/> and soon at our neighborhood website www.bvna.info.

Annual Picnic

Yes, we will have a picnic this summer at Bella Vista Park. We will partner again with our friends from Cascade Southeast. We will barbeque burgers and dogs with fixings. Neighbors can assist with side dishes and desserts. The picnic will be from Noon to 2pm at the park on Sunday, August 25th. The theme will be **FOUR MONTHS UNTIL CHRISTMAS!** So, wear your Christmas colors and bring an ornament too, as we will decorate an artificial tree.

Here’s how you can help BVNA:

1. Make an annual donation (suggested amount \$20) Donations help to fund the picnic and insurance, improvement at the Rose Garden, pay for our mailbox, newsletter and Association supplies and continued improvements at the Community Garden.
 - a. Option 1: Mail your donation to Bella Vista Neighborhood Association or BVNA, PO Box 871145 Vancouver, WA 98687-1145.
 - b. Option 2: Pay with Zelle if offered by your financial institution using bellavistana@gmail.com as the payee.
2. Attend a Behrens’ Woods Work party the second and fourth Saturday of each month, 9-11:30am.

3. Become a Behren's Woods NatureSpaces work party leader. This is a fun way to connect with your neighbors and other volunteers while restoring Behrens Woods. Leaders check in volunteers, organize work parties and report back to the City. Two additional leaders are needed. The commitment is only one Saturday morning every 2-3 months. POC is Karen Garmire at garmire@comcast.net. It's easy and fun to be a NatureSpaces Work Party Leader and this is a critical need for BVNA!
4. Apply to become a BVNA Board Member (a position is currently open). Board members provide oversight of the various Association activities and coordinate with the City on issues affecting the neighborhood. POC is Nance Roth.
5. Report suspicious activities in the neighborhood to the Police (emergency 911 or non-emergency 311)
6. Report maintenance needs to the City (street light outages, potholes, trash piles, etc.) by submitting a public Works Maintenance Request to <https://www.cityofvancouver.us/government/departement/public-works/public-works-service-request/>

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Donations are voluntary and optional but appreciated ;)

Donation: \$20 _____

Other Amount: \$ _____

I am interested in becoming a Board Member: _____

My email address for future correspondence is: _____

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