



COUNTRYSIDE WOODS NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024 - Countryside Woods Neighborhood Association



2024 Neighborhood Events Calendar

April 25 6:00pm - 8:00pm	Neighborhood Meeting	You're invited to our next meeting at Firstenberg Community Center. Hear from the 18th St. Coalition and upcoming events and enter to win raffle prizes from local businesses!
June 1 9:00am - 1:00pm	Countryside Park Cleanup	Meet your neighbors and make an impact at the Countryside Park Cleanup, sponsored by the Adopt-A-Park Program.
June 22 9:00am - 1:00pm	Neighborhood Cleanup	Seeking volunteers! There will be dumpsters in the Eastpark Church parking lot, see more info on Page 4.
July 12-14 9:00am - 2:00pm	Garage Sale	Save the date for our annual neighborhood garage sale! Sign up to participate using the form on Page 3.
August 6 6:00pm - 8:00pm	National Night Out	Join us for games/activities at East Woods Presbyterian Church to promote police-community partnership and neighborhood camaraderie.
September 7 12:00pm - 2:00pm	Annual Picnic	Bring a dish to our annual picnic at Countryside Park. This is a great time to meet new neighbors and volunteer as a CWNA member!

What is the CWNA?

Countryside Woods Neighborhood Association (CWNA) is a Neighborhood Association recognized by the City of Vancouver in 2001, we are not a Homeowner Association. As a recognized neighborhood, the city supports us with certain services and privileges. Want to learn more? Scan the QR code to visit the [City of Vancouver's neighborhood website](#) or email any questions or suggestions to CountrysideWoodsNA@gmail.com. Thank you!



Join our “Countryside Woods Neighborhood Association” group on Nextdoor.

Search Nextdoor for “Countryside Woods Neighborhood Association” on the mobile or desktop app and join today! [Click here to go to the group](#)



Neighborhood Meetups

Join CWNA Chair, Kara Egan, for our neighborhood meetups. We’ve had five meetups so far and they’ve been a lot of fun. All meetups will be posted on the Countryside Woods Neighborhood Association group via the Nextdoor app a few days before. We will not have a meetup in the months where another CWNA sponsored event is already planned. If you would like email reminders about these meetups or have an idea for an event in the future, send a message to countrysidewoodsna@gmail.com with the subject line “Meetup.” See you there!

Below is a list of planned meetups for the rest of the year:

May 19	Meet at First Place Park by the covered area near the playground at 10am. Bring trash bags, gloves, trash grabbers, and lunch. We will pick up trash from the park to the BPA right of way area under the powerlines. We will meet back at the covered area around noon for a picnic lunch.
October 13	Bring your best chili or side such as cornbread or Fritos to share. Kara will bring cider as well. Bring your favorite board, dice, or card game. Venue and time TBA.
November 10	Holiday craft making. Kara will provide supplies for crafts. Venue and Time TBA.
December 8	Coloring party at Angel's Donuts at 10am. Bring your colored pencils, crayons, markers, and coloring books.

✔ Sign Up for the Garage Sale!

Our neighborhood Garage Sale is July 12-14.

Our garage sale attracts many customers from the Portland/Vancouver area. We advertise on social media and post signage at our neighborhood entrances. The more houses that participate, the more customers we attract. So, sign up today!



As a participant you will receive a mylar balloon to attract customers to your house. We also provide maps to shoppers with your address.

To participate in our popular sale, complete the Participation Form below. Be sure to include your address so we can mark your location on the map.

The participation fee is \$5.00 - CASH ONLY please. Form and payment must be received by June 15.

- ★ Drop off or mail your Participation Form and \$5 cash to: 15427 NE 14th St. Vancouver, WA 98684 or
- ★ Bring your Participation Form and \$5 cash to the Neighborhood Meeting on April 25 at Firstenburg Center

We will contact participants by email/phone with directions on picking up their balloon.

Garage Sale Participation Form

Your Name _____

Email _____

Phone Number _____

Street Address _____

Days you wish to participate: FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY

Please list the top three items you're selling:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



Neighborhood Cleanup information

Countryside Woods + First Place + Cimarron + Burton Evergreen cleanup

Date: Saturday, June 22 from 9am - 1pm

Location: Eastpark Church, 15815 NE 18th St., bring pre-packaged snacks to donate.

Volunteer at the cleanup: Contact Kara Egan at (509) 637-6509 or countrysidewoodsna@gmail.com

Please do not arrive before 9am, we will not be ready to receive your items, and this will cause traffic to back up.

✓ Items Accepted:

- Bulky Items: Broken or worn-out items that are too large to fit in your garbage cart at home, such as a rug, kiddie pool, small appliances, furniture, broom, etc.
- Scrap Metal: Metal BBQs, bicycles, lawn furniture, mowers, car parts or small engines (drained of fluids) metal appliances (no freon containing items - no fridges/freezers, AC units)
- Yard Debris: Branches, grass, leaves, vines, bramble, arborvitae, juniper, bamboo, yard, and garden trimmings

✗ Items NOT Accepted:

- NO Tires
- NO Household trash or contractor waste
- NO concrete, cement, rocks, sod, or dirt
- NO Home project/remodel debris (i.e. flooring tiles, drywall, large amounts of fencing)
- NO Roofing shingles or roofing materials
- NO Hazardous chemicals, cleaners, paints or stains, fluids like gasoline or oil
- NO TVs, computers, or electronics (recycle for free, visit www.EcycleWashington.org for locations)
- NO CFL or fluorescent tube lights (recycle for free visit www.LightRecycle.org for locations)
- REALLY LARGE items like boats and hot tubs should be hauled directly to the transfer station at the owner's expense

Prepare Your Load:

- Categorize your load - separate material for easy unloading into the bulky item truck, yard debris box or truck, chipper, or metals box.
- Use a tarp liner under the yard debris for faster and cleaner unloading.
- Put the yard debris on the bottom, then the big stuff (furniture), then the other stuff tucked in around the big stuff.
- Don't forget to cover your load to prevent littering if you bring a truck or trailer. Come prepared to unload what you bring to the cleanup (i.e. leather gloves and tools to unload)
- To prevent injuries, please bring heavy materials, such as yard debris, in smaller containers or wheel barrels. Do not bring your curbside cart to the cleanup, as they are too heavy to dump.

18th Street Widening Update

As residents along N.E. 18th Street experience ever-increasing traffic, those who live closest to the road are being impacted more than others. As the road is widened this will only get worse as the probable loss of the Douglas Fir barrier will mean increased noise and pollution. If the East Powerline Trail (a regional bike and pedestrian trail that was approved by the city in 2006) is completed under the BPA towers, our neighbors on 16th will experience an increased loss of privacy and a decreased sense of security.

In anticipation of this, we are encouraging residents to take advantage of the agricultural leases that BPA granted to these residents when they purchased their homes on 16th Street. Some residents currently grow vegetables, flowers and other plantings in these leaseholds and that will not likely change. In addition to these plantings however, we have initiated what we call “The Hedgerow Project” to enable these residents to grow a dense protective barrier of native plants that might look like the picture included.



Such a group of native plants will provide a visual and sound dampening barrier and increase a sense of privacy and safety in residents' homes and backyards. It will also afford a similar sense of separation of the entire neighborhood from the road that will be an asset to all of us. Because we will be starting with plants in one-gallon pots, these bushes will take some time to grow. Each resident is taking responsibility for their watering and other care until they become self-sufficient. Many of the bushes will be flowering and fragrant like Mock Orange and Nootka Roses and most will be green year-round.

The cost of these plantings will largely be covered by a grant we have been awarded by the Watershed Alliance for \$5,000. That organization has befriended our neighborhood before when they granted First Place Neighborhood Association (FPNA) \$2,000 to renovate the Front Circle with drought tolerant plants several years ago.

The two neighborhoods to the east, Stonebriar and Countryside Woods have neighbors who have the same problem and the same BPA leases and those neighborhoods are also providing this opportunity to affected, interested residents. They will share in the grant funds. This project is voluntary, just as the trees that now border 9th Avenue were voluntary. In that case, again it was the result of a cooperating organization, Friends of Trees and further subsidized by FPNA. I think we can all agree, even if we are not directly affected, an attractive Front and Back door increases the livability and value of all of our homes.

As we progress through this project, we will be calling for neighborhood volunteers. We welcome your comments and your help. Learn more at: www.ne18thstreet.info.

-Written by Grace Teigen, N.E. 18th St. Coalition

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Waste Free Lunches

Chip bags, pudding cups, plastic utensils, juice pouches, wrappers and more are filling up garbage cans in schools and workplaces all over Clark County, but what can we do about it? For starters, most of these items can be replaced with reusable or recyclable materials. How we pack our lunches can make a big impact on what we throw away; something as simple as replacing a juice pouch with a refillable drink container is a step in the right direction. Reusable, washable containers can be used for all sorts of things and will produce no extra plastic waste. It can even save you money! Buying a pack of disposable applesauce cups can cost you \$1.83 per serving, buying a jar and using your own container only costs \$0.36 per serving, packing your own every day can save you \$265 every school year. Going for more reusable and less disposable options for your snacks is the right option for the environment and your wallet. Below are some more tips on how you can take some small steps toward making your lunches waste free. For more information on everything from waste reduction help to school waste audits, go to www.clarkgreenschools.org.

✗ NO, THANK YOU.

- Disposable plastic bags
- Paper napkins
- Disposable forks and spoons
- Juice pouches and disposable single-serve packages

✓ YES, PLEASE!

- Reusing bags over and over!
- Washable cloth napkins
- Reusable stainless steel or plastic forks and spoons
- Reusable containers

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