

# DUBOIS PARK

## Neighborhood Association Newsletter

### NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 11, 2024

6:30 - 7:30pm

Vancouver Heights United  
Methodist Church, 5701  
MacArthur Blvd

### OFFICERS

President, Jennifer Lang

Vice President, Open Position

Secretary, Janice Ritter

Treasurer, Barbara Paulsen

City Liaison, Steve Kaspan,  
[steve.kaspan@cityofvancouver.us](mailto:steve.kaspan@cityofvancouver.us)

Neighborhood Police Officer,  
Jeremy Vanroyce  
360-487-7448  
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### FINANCIALS

#### 2024

Current Balance: \$2,901.22

Withdrawals: \$160.00 Church

### Meet Our New NPO, Jeremy Vanroyce

Welcome to our new District 2 Neighborhood Police Officer



Jeremy Vanroyce. You can contact him at:

[jeremy.vanroyce@cityofvancouver.us](mailto:jeremy.vanroyce@cityofvancouver.us) or 360-487-7448.

We hope to have him join us at our April meeting. If you have any questions for him, please email Jennifer at [duboispark@gmail.com](mailto:duboispark@gmail.com) so she can let him know ahead of time.

### HOW TO REACH US

Email: [duboispark@gmail.com](mailto:duboispark@gmail.com)

Facebook: DuBois Park Neighborhood



## July 4th, 2024

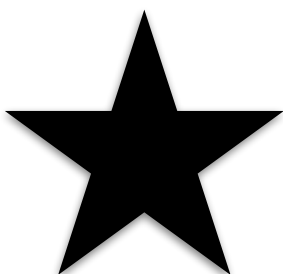
Just me again reminding you that July will be here before you know it!

Janice will be reaching out to those who helped last year at the picnic to see if they would like to help again in the same or different roles.

If you didn't get a chance to lend a hand, please contact us at [duboispark@gmail.com](mailto:duboispark@gmail.com) with your name and any position you would like to help with.

A few of the events that happen annually at the picnic are: Coffee in the Park, Bike Decorating, Bike Parade, BBQ set-up/take down, kids games, and cake walk.

Many hands make light work, as the saying goes!



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1688383734552024>

## Meet Our New President, Jennifer Lang

Hello dear neighbors, My name is Jennifer Lang and I volunteered to be the next President of the Dubois Park Neighborhood Association. My husband Jerry and I bought our home on New Mexico Street (the house with the little library) in early 2020 just as the pandemic hit. Despite those strange, early pandemic days, we were made to feel very welcome. We have grown to love this neighborhood and consider many of our neighbors good friends!

I have extensive volunteer and leadership experience within in a neighborhood association and in the community. I lived for most of my adult life in SE Portland (where I raised my fabulous daughter) but I worked at Columbia River Mental Health in Vancouver for over 25 years -so I am very familiar with Vancouver. I am a Licensed Mental Health Therapist currently working in private practice. I held various positions at CRMHS including; Case Manager, Intellectual Disabilities Specialist, Therapist, Team Lead and Program Director. I love to learn, problem solve, think creatively, and enjoy engaging with people.

I was a Girl Scout Leader for my daughter's troop for over 10 years and consider that one of my best life experiences. I was the Chair of the Livability Committee for the Lents Neighborhood Association. I led the Lents Town Hall with Mayor Ted Wheeler in 2017. I created The Green River Project to advocate for resources and ensure protection of the Springwater Trail in Lents. I also was the founder of Nathaly's Community Garden and 84th Avenue Street Mural Project. I was awarded the Spirit of Portland award in 2017 for my work on these projects and the LNA.

My husband Jerry is a musician and writer. We both enjoy learning about the history of Vancouver-we had our wedding reception at the Fort- and love vintage shopping around town. We are also passionate travelers and spend a lot of time in Mexico. I love flowers and try to attend every seasonal flower exhibition in the area annually.

I look forward to this opportunity and meeting more of my neighbors. Thank you to Lucius for his mentorship and

tenure on the board and all of the other volunteers who make this such a wonderful place to live.

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## 2024-2026 Neighborhood Officers

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At our November 2023 meeting we voted in the following individuals to the DuBois Park Neighborhood Association Board for a two year term: Jennifer Lang, President; Janice Ritter, Secretary; and Barbara Paulsen, Treasurer. The Vice President's position is still open and if you are interested in joining us to help shape the experience you hope to have in the neighborhood, please email us!

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## Crime Prevention Tips

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Crime prevention tips can be found on the City of Vancouver's website, but here are a few tips taken from the Auto Crimes Tab:

### **Who Commits Auto Prowls?**

Thieves are often looking to steal valuables including wallets, computers and other personal property. Help prevent this crime by removing valuables from your vehicle before you leave your vehicle unattended.

### **Where Does Auto Prowl Occur?**

Common theft location includes parking lots at health clubs, restaurants, trail heads, sports complexes, shopping centers and churches. Thieves will watch wait for people to leave their cars unattended, look through the window for valuables, and if they see something they want, they simply smash the window out, grab the valuables and go. In addition, when you park your vehicle on a neighborhood street or in the driveway thieves will look for opportunities to smash and grab.

### **What Items Do Thieves Look For?**

Cell phones, laptops, backpacks, purses, wallets, garage door remotes and guns are the top targets. A trunk is not a safe place to store valuables. Thieves will often watch someone place their valuable in there, and then smash the window, pop the trunk latch and make a quick getaway with the valuables. There are no places to truly hide valuables inside your vehicle.

Keep your vehicle and your property protected, remove valuables from your vehicle.

Stow It, Don't Show It.

### **Auto Theft Prevention**

Auto theft is one of the most reported property crimes in our community. Let's get our numbers down through prevention!

### **Auto Theft Prevention Tips**

Take your key or fob. Never leave a spare inside your vehicle.

Lock Your Car.

Don't 'Hide' A Second Set of Keys In Your Car.

Don't Leave Your Car Running Unattended.

Don't Leave Valuables In Your Car.

Use A Theft Deterrent. Steering wheel locking devices and alarms provide deterrents against thefts.

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## Neighborhood Clean-Up, June 29

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The ever popular event to clean out your garage and yard will happen this year on Saturday, June 29 at Vancouver Heights United Methodist Church, 5701 MacArthur Blvd. Just like last year, you will enter the parking lot on Devine and follow directions from the volunteer at the entrance. The event will happen between 8 am and 2 pm. Neighborhood Associations participating are Southcliff + DuBois + Evergreen Shores + Evergreen Highlands + Northcrest. See our Facebook page for the map of the flow of traffic.

### **Neighborhood Cleanup Event Reminders**

- For safety at the event, please remind all volunteers and participants to follow the lead of the drivers and stay away from the "hot zone": the compactor, back of trucks, and the scrap metal box. Scrap metal recycling should be handled by drivers.
- Please help us in reminding neighbors that cleanup events are intended for bulky items that are too large for a cart. *Large loads of home garbage or home project/remodel debris are not accepted.*

### **What's 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 fridge or freezers, AC units*)

- Yard Debris

Branches, grass, leaves, vines, bramble, arborvitae, juniper, bamboo, yard and garden trimmings.

### **What's NOT Accepted?**

- NO Household trash or contractor waste
- NO Large or heavy quantities of concrete, cement, rocks, sod or dirt
- NO Home project/remodel debris (i.e. flooring tiles, drywall, large amounts of fencing, etc.)
- 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](http://www.EcycleWashington.org) for locations)
- NO CFL or fluorescent tube lights (recycle for free visit [www.LightRecycle.org](http://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.
- Reference flyers in clipboard to find depots for items not accepted at the cleanup.

### **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.*

### **City Chipper**

OK for the chipper:

- Branches, twigs, tree pruning (up to 4" in diameter)
- Tree limbs (up to 4" in diameter)
- Trunks
- No limit on the length

### **Please NO:**

- Juniper, arborvitaes, ivy, vines, bamboo or blackberry briar get tangled in machinery
- Leaves or grass clippings
- Pine needles
- Rocks and dirt or large stumps

**LASTLY: We need volunteers to make this event run smoothly. Please email us at [duboispark@gmail.com](mailto:duboispark@gmail.com) and sign-up for a two hour shift.**



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## Heights District Project Update

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<https://www.columbian.com/news/2024/feb/28/vancouver-soon-to-issue-request-for-proposals-for-heights-district-project-building-could-start-in-2026/>

You may have seen in The Columbian the following article (link above):

“Construction on apartment buildings that will rise where Tower Mall once stood in Vancouver’s Heights neighborhood could start as soon as 2026, city councilors learned at a workshop Monday night.

The Heights District Development project covers 205 acres in central Vancouver, including the 63-acre Tower Mall Development, which the city plans to turn into a 20-minute community. The project will bring hundreds of residential units — including for low-income families — as well as commercial spaces to the area.

Perhaps more than any project in city limits, the Tower Mall Development is a symbol of Vancouver urbanizing out of suburbia.

The city will issue a request for proposals next month for the first three parcels pegged for development. They are on the northern side of the district near East Mill Plain Boulevard and North Devine Road.

A seven-member committee that includes two city planning commissioners and the owner of nearby Garside Florist will evaluate the proposals.

City officials plan to have development agreements in place by the end of the year, said Amy Zoltie, real estate project manager for the city.

“We do recognize that this is an aggressive schedule but (that’s) necessary to start redevelopment occurring and dirt moving,” Zoltie said.

The three developments include mixed-income and affordable housing, with space on the ground floor for businesses, for a total of 340 units.”

Groundbreaking on the three parcels could occur as early as 2026, Zoltie said.

A city staff presentation said proposals should maximize density, provide subsurface parking, use alternative financing and ownership models, and demonstrate a commitment to equity.

“Many times this council is underwhelmed by what we’re able to accomplish on privately owned property, despite our best efforts to work with developers to get certain things our community needs or must have,” Mayor Pro Tem Erik Paulsen said. “This is an opportunity for us to dictate what will actually be here.”

City officials plan on adding art installations this spring to attract people to the area and create a sense that the Tower Mall is a destination, not just a shortcut to bypass traffic lights.

River Maiden coffee shop will stay on the property but will likely have to move to a new building, Zoltie said. River Maiden did not return a phone call from The Columbian.

The city will not renew its lease with Vanco Golf Range. The Vancouver institution that opened in the 1970s will shut its doors in October, owner Chuck Milne said. He had previously announced a plan to close the range at the end of 2020 before the lease was extended.

“I have real mixed emotions about it,” Milne said. “I’ll miss it. I’ll miss the people.”

By William Seekamp, Columbian staff writer. Published: February 28, 2024, 6:02am.



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