



Association Newsletter Spring 2024

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: NEXT GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 9 AT 7 PM

LOCATION: ELKS CLUB - 11605 SE MCGILLIVRAY BLVD, VANCOUVER

We cannot all do great things, but we can all do small things with great love. – Mother Teresa

Spring has arrived at last. Crocus and daffodils have had their day, and blossoms abound. It's time for neighbors to get outside, to wash windows, let in the sunlight, to mow the lawn and perform triage on the garage. Riveridge is budding with energy too. Don't miss the April general meeting to discuss gardening with a Master Gardener, to help plan our Garage/Yards Sale and discuss city grants to improve parks and facilities. See you out and about.

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- Attend the General Meeting and enter to win a \$100 gift card to one of our local businesses
 - Learn More about the upcoming Neighborhood Garage/Yard Sale
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A REALLY BIG SALE (REALLY!)

Riveridge is planning a neighborhood-wide Garage/Yard Sale for late spring/early summer. We are asking households to participate by offering good used clothing, sports gear, appliances, etc. for sale in their garage/yard. Our neighborhood association will provide publicity, signage, maps and expertise to ensure good attendance and a smooth flow of customers. Dust off those idle appliances and put out those extra dishes. Folks interested in participating or donating items to sell should contact our Chair of the Sales Committee, Laurie Bryson (see flyer at back of this newsletter).

CITY GRANTS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECTS

Vancouver has announced a grants program to help neighborhoods undertake parks improvement, street safety and other needs. We can apply for up to \$10,000 in support of Riveridge events and projects. Come to the General Meeting and offer your ideas for grant proposals.

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GARDENERS GALORE

Riveridge has invited a Master Gardener from Clark College to speak at the Spring Meeting. We will hear about best practices for tending our trees, lawns and flowers. We will discuss how native plants help to thrive our local pollinators and birds. Neighbors are encouraged to check out our Native Plant Habitat at the west end of 13th Street. The poppies, asters, stonecrop, snow drops, honeysuckle and monkey flowers delight the eye and astonish the nose.

DUES ARE DUE

The Riveridge Neighborhood Association provides many services for our community: landscaping and signage for the entrance, social events like the Halloween Parade, Ice Cream Social and Cleanup Day, upkeep for Biddlewood Park, local communications, Mutt Mitts for dog walkers, etc. In return we ask neighbors to contribute a modest amount of support (\$15/household annually). It's time to ask again. Please bring your dues payment the spring meeting 4/9/24, or send a check to our Treasurer (riveridgetreasurer@gmail.com). We make it easy – you can also contribute via Venmo.

MCGILLIVRAY CORRIDOR PROGRESS

Vancouver officials are in Phase 3 (Design Improvements) for the project to improve safety and traffic flow on McGillivray Blvd. Although some controversy still surrounds the city's plan to revamp McGillivray Blvd, construction appears to be on track to begin sometime in 2024. More details on the project can be found at <https://www.beheardvancouver.org/mcgillivray-safety>.

ELECTION OF RNA OFFICERS

Each year at the first general meeting our association holds an election for officers. In April we will choose Chair, Secretary and Treasurer to help shape events and projects for the coming year. We also are looking for volunteers to fill the vacancy for Co-Chair. If you, or a neighbor, have an interest in serving the community, please contact Gary (riveridgechair@gmail.com).



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Riveridge Neighborhood GARAGE/YARD SALE event and fundraiser coming soon!

A number of people have asked about a community garage/yard so we are going to have our first Riveridge Neighborhood community sale! These are very popular in the community and well promoted neighborhood sales draw lots of potential customers for relieving us of our excessive or unwanted 'stuff'.

- **WHEN:** Saturday, June 1st and Sunday, June, 2nd
- **TIME:** 9 am start time though you can sell whatever hours fit your schedule
- **COST:** Suggested Donation of \$10 for participating households
 - Free for neighbors who have paid 2024 dues to the association
 - Donation includes custom neighborhood signage, individual address listed on the community map with specific sale info, individual sign for each participating house, and social media marketing
- **HOW:** To sign up,
 - email Laurie: riveridgetreasurer@gmail.com
 - provide your name, address, and phone number
 - she will reply back with further information to get you added to the group map
- **DEADLINE:**
 - Sign up by May 10th to be included on the map & have signage for your location
- **QUESTIONS:**
 - Email: riveridgetreasurer@gmail.com
 - Call or text: 360-771-9648



Alternatively, if you don't want to host a sale at your home but have items you are willing to donate with all proceeds going to the Riveridge Neighborhood Association, please let Laurie know. We will coordinate pick-up or delivery of your items (no junk please) and donate any items remaining after the sale is over.

Will you help make this a great event for our neighborhood by either hosting a sale or donating items to the association to sell? Thanks!