



* Forest Ridge *
Neighborhood
Newsletter



Next General Meeting: Thursday

April 25th, 6pm at Marrion Elementary

with Guest Speaker TBD, Elections, Neighborhood Events, Free babysitting, light refreshments, CFL bulb recycling collection



Neighborhood Clean Up Event: Sat June 8th

8am-12pm at HELA High/PeaceHealth Field

President's Report

Hello Forest Ridge Neighbors,

We often get asked what the difference is between a Homeowners Association (HOA) and a Neighborhood Association (NA).

A home within an HOA community is subject to dues (payments) and regulations based on documents. They have the power to set rules and regulations and enforce those rules.

A Neighborhood Association is formed according to the rules of the state level or city government. Neighborhood Associations are voluntary and free and open to everyone who lives and/or works in the neighborhood boundaries including renters, community organizations, and property and business owners. Neighborhood Associations focus on community events, social activities and general advocacy. Funding comes from City of Vancouver grants, donations and fundraising. The Forest Ridge Neighborhood Association works closely with The City of Vancouver.

We are pleased to announce our main annual community event available to us as a City of Vancouver Neighborhood Association: The Clean-Up! Please see below for details.

Last year, Alan, a member of your Association, moved away. If you are interested in joining the team, please attend the general meeting on April 25th. **We will be taking nominations and voting at this general meeting.** Also, if you are interested in heading up and holding a **community social event**, please bring your ideas to the meeting. The Forest Ridge Neighborhood Association and the City of Vancouver offer various resources and support for a variety of events.



We are excited to see you at the April 25th meeting. Light refreshments and onsite babysitting will be offered.

Chloe

HOA/NA information source: City of Vancouver website; <http://www.cityofvancouver.us>.

Meeting Agenda - Bring your used CFL's for a recycling collection!

- 6pm Open Meeting, Greetings
- Neighborhood Police Officer
- Guest Speaker, TBD
- Treasurer Report
- Elections, fill that vacancy!
- Neighborhood Clean-Up
- Open Call for Social Events, Ideas and Chair
- Questions/Discussion
- 7:30pm or sooner Close

Neighborhood Cleanup

Saturday, June 8th, HELA High School/PeaceHealth Fields off 92nd Ave 8am - 12pm sharp. Please try to arrive at the latest around 11:45 am to unload. Volunteers needed/welcomed for 2 hr shifts. This year we are partnered with Northwood Neighborhood.

Too GOOD to TOSS Pile: A neighborhood garage sale of sorts. Items will be set aside that still have useful life left and are in good shape. Be sure to check this out, there are many good finds that would otherwise go to the landfill. Items are free but small donations are welcomed.

NO SCRAPPERS: Proceeds from metal recycling go directly back to the neighborhoods and are not for individual gain.

NO Cost To Participate: Donations for the neighborhood association appreciated.

What's Accepted at a Neighborhood Cleanup?

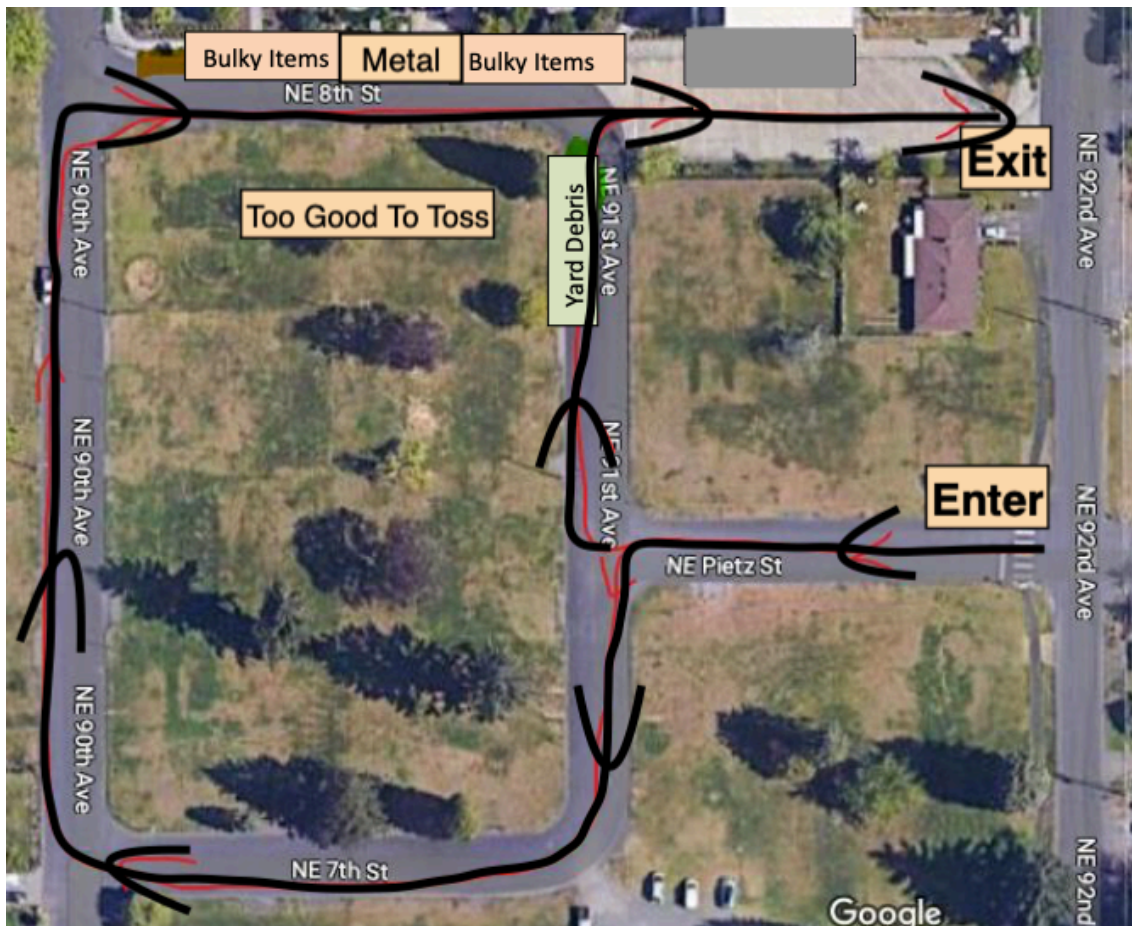
- **Bulky Items:** Items too big for your garbage cart such as rug, kiddie pool, furniture, small appliances
- **Scrap Metal:** Metal grills, lawn chairs, mowers, etc. **MUST** be drained of gas, oil, etc. **NO** refrigerators, freezers or AC units. (No freon.)
- **Yard Debris:** Branches, leaves, vines, bramble, etc.

What's NOT Accepted?

- **NO** Household trash or contractor waste
- **NO** Concrete, rocks, sod or dirt
- **NO** Home remodel debris, tiles, drywall, etc.
- **NO** Roofing shingles or roofing materials
- **NO** Hazardous chemicals, cleaners, paint, stains or fluids such as gasoline, oil or antifreeze
- **NO** TVs, computers or electronics.
- **NO** CFL or fluorescent tube lights
- **NO** very **LARGE** items such as boats and hot tubs



ALSO AVAILABLE: FREE CURBSIDE PICKUP OF BULKY ITEMS If your residence has an active Waste Connections account, you can schedule ONE FREE curbside pickup of up to 5 bulky items for anytime during 2024. Requirements apply. Get more details at <http://www.cityofvancouver.us/BulkyItemPickup> Waste Connections customers are also eligible for ONE FREE appliance pickup each year.



Got the Apps?

Do you have the MyVancouver and RecycleRight Apps on your phone yet? If not, you're missing out on convenient resources at your fingertips. The **MyVancouver app** offers easy reporting for issues like potholes, streetlight outages, and graffiti. As well as city services and accessing city info like street sweeping schedules, parks, and community events, and more. The **RecycleRight app** can help you to figure out what to do with those hard to recycle items, review your waste connections schedule, receive pick up reminders, and schedule your annual bulky item pick up benefit.



Smoke Alarms

For those in need who cannot afford new smoke alarms, Vancouver Fire has a limited supply of single-station battery-powered smoke alarms that can be installed by emergency responders between calls at no charge.

To request an installation please send Vancouver Fire an email or call us at vanfmo@cityofvancouver.us 360-487-7260.

The Vancouver Fire Department cannot assist in changing or installing hard-wired smoke alarms.

Source: <https://www.cityofvancouver.us>

To find community events, scan the QR codes and check out these calendars.



City of Vancouver (city meetings and events)



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