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Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, April. 25
Franklin Elementary
7-8:30 p.m.

Clean Up Day

Saturday, June 1
58h and Lincoln/Franklin Park
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Summer Gathering

Thursday, July 10
4616 NW Franklin Street
5-7 p.m.
(Bring a dish/drink to share)
Please RSVP details inside

Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, October. 24
Franklin Elementary
7-8:30 p.m.

Follow NW Neighborhood on Facebook for any changes or updates

Neighborhood Calming Update

By Ben McCarty

At the January neighborhood meeting, neighbors were presented with several proposals for neighborhood traffic calming projects. Every winter the city allows residents and Neighborhood Associations to submit proposals for traffic calming projects. After an application and review process, the city selects several every year to fund and implement. One recent example of a project completed under this process are the speed tables installed on Bernie drive last fall.

At the meeting neighbors voted between two high traffic areas in the neighborhood. The first, Franklin St. from 46th -57th, was an omnibus project that combined elements of several previously proposed projects. The second, Lincoln Avenue from 46th -Bernie Dr, called for additional speed reduction measures to enhance the crosswalks and speed monitor signs that have previously been installed by the city.

Neighbors voted overwhelmingly in favor of having the Neighborhood Association endorse the Lincoln Ave project this year. A proposal to install speed slowing and traffic calming measures for Lincoln Ave was submitted to the city during early February. While the Neighborhood officially endorsed this proposal, it does not mean that residents were not able to submit proposals for other areas, or that the project will be funded this year. As the process moves forward, we'll provide updates as the city decides which project to forward with this year.



NWNA President Report



Jim Mains
NWNA President

Summer is around the corner and as always, we have so much fun stuff happening in our community. Concerts in the park, farmers markets, festivals at Esther Short Park, the list is endless.

The NW Neighborhood has its share of summer activities as well. We kick things off in June when we have our neighborhood clean-up day.

If you have bulky garbage that you would like to clean out, this is the morning to do it.

Saturday, June 1 between 8-noon, enter at Cherry and 58th street. We will also provide our yard debris and chipper service from the City of Vancouver at Franklin Park.

This is always a great way to start the summer by doing some spring cleaning and spring dumping.

Also, this summer we have neighborhood Kickball, this is such a fun activity for the entire family to come out and watch or take part in.

Summer is Around the Corner

The neighborhood kickball are fun games competing between west side neighborhoods. There are more details on the Fireballs Kickball season in this newsletter.

Also, in June we are happy to announce the return of our neighborhood garage sale day. I've had a few people approach me to help coordinate this day and I'd like to thank Kiki

Huntington for stepping up to take this on. Our neighborhood garage sale day is set for the weekend of June 22nd. The way it works is you have a garage sale on the weekend of June 22nd, because we will be prompting on social media and in the community that is the day NW neighbors will be selling!

If you need more details or would like to help Kiki on this returned endeavor, check out the announcement inside this newsletter.

We look forward to the community coming together.

Speaking of coming together. In July we are going to have a return of our neighborhood picnic. On Thursday, July 10 from 5-7 P.M. we will have a little gathering in the backyard at our home in Franklin Street.

Cecilia and I live directly across the street of Our Lady of Lourdes school and many of you might know the place from the holiday decorations. We will BBQ some hamburgers and hotdogs and invite everyone to bring a dish and drinks to share. Please RSVP by July 7th to jim@jimmains.com, so we know how many people to prepare to serve.

So, let's do a quick recap: Kickball returns this summer! Contact Ben McCarty at benpmccarty@gmail.com for more details.

Clean Up Day is June 1st. We need volunteers. Contact me at jim@jimmains.com if you can help us.

NWNA Garage Sale Weekend is the weekend of June 22nd, contact Kiki at kiki.huntington@gmail.com and let her know you will be participating.

Neighborhood BBQ is July 11 at 4616 NW Franklin Street from 5-7 PM, please RSVP by emailing me at jim@jimmains.com.

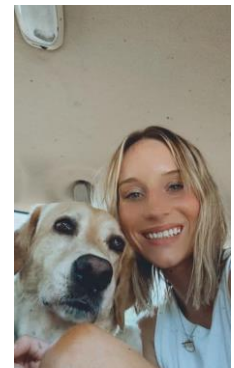
Summer is around the corner and we have a packed agenda ☺

Meet your team!

Ben McCarty
Vice President



Grace Sherman
Secretary



Margaret Moses
Treasurer



-Jim

Upper Main Street Safety & Mobility Project



Project Description

The Upper Main Street Safety and Mobility Project is exploring ways to improve safety and mobility for all people using Main Street from Fourth Plain Boulevard to the northern city limits (just south of NE 63rd Street / Minnehaha Street).

The City is also coordinating with other projects along the corridor, including planned pavement work in 2025 and the C-TRAN Highway 99 Bus Rapid Transit Project.

Sign up for email updates and learn more at:
beheardvancouver.org/uppermain



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Upper Main Street Safety & Mobility Project

Project Goals



Improve pedestrian safety by adding/upgrading crossings and filling sidewalk gaps that improve connections to transit.

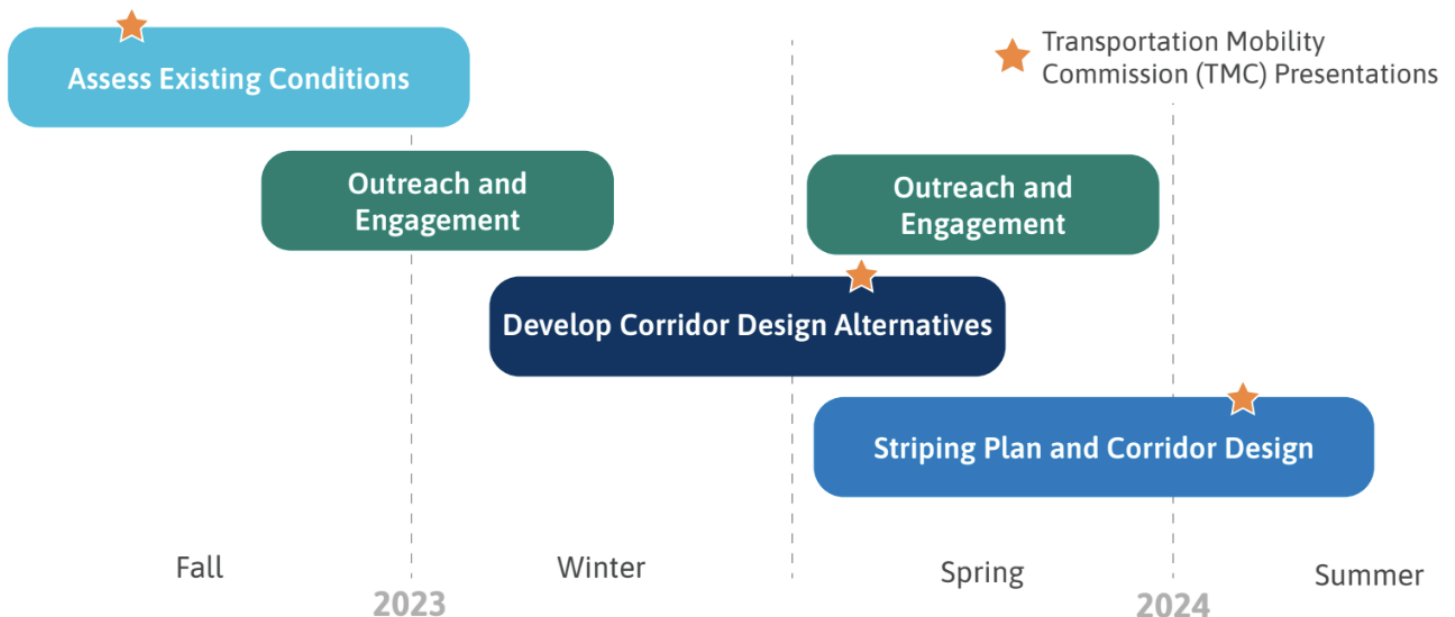


Improve bike and small mobility connectivity by addressing network gaps and connecting to regional trails.



Explore transit speed and reliability treatments and improve transit stop access in anticipation for C-TRAN's Hwy 99 Bus Rapid Transit Project.

Project Timeline



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Port Announces 2024 Public Tour Dates

Community invited behind the scenes with Washington's third-oldest port

The Port of Vancouver USA's popular public tours are back again in 2024 with 10 tours offered between May and September. Each tour features a briefing about the Columbia Snake River System and how cargo moves on the river, an overview of the port's commercial and industrial operations, the port's budget and governance and a look at current projects.

The free public tours start and end at the port's administration office and feature light snacks and refreshments. After the briefing, participants board a bus for a behind-the-scenes look at the port's marine terminals, rail infrastructure and industrial facilities.

TOUR DATES AND TIMES

- Thursday, May 9, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
- Wednesday, May 22, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- Tuesday, June 4, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- Saturday, June 22, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Wednesday, July 10, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- Saturday, July 27, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Thursday, Aug. 8, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
- Saturday, Aug. 24, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Wednesday, Sep. 4, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
- Saturday, Sep. 21, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

Government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's license or passport, is required to access secured areas at the port. Please leave cameras at home; they are not allowed on marine terminals.

New this year: register for tours online! To reserve a spot on one of these FREE tours, participants must register online [here](#).

Reservations are required and tours fill up quickly. Maximum group size: 6.

For more information about public tours at the Port of Vancouver USA, visit: <https://www.portvanusa.com/community/know-your-port/>

For tour questions, please email Julie Rawls at jrawls@portvanusa.com or call 360-823-5297.



NWNA Updates

Volunteers needed for Clean-Up Day

Peter Fels is once again coordinating volunteer helpers with trucks or trailers to assist neighbors to get their materials to the dump sites on Neighborhood Clean-Up Day (June 1 from 8 AM – Noon). All you need is a truck or trailer, a strong back and a few hours on Saturday morning.

If you can help, please contact Peter at 360-609-1655 or 360-737-3154.



Neighborhood Picnic

Jim and Cecilia Mains invite you to a summer BBQ on July 11 from 5-7 PM in their yard at 4616 NW Franklin Street.

Bring a chair, and a dish/drinks to share. They will provide hot dogs!

RSVP before July 7 to jim@jim mains.com.



NWNA Garage Sale Weekend

A huge thank you to Kiki Huntington for agreeing to coordinate our neighborhood garage sale for the weekend of June 22nd. If you would like to participate by having a sale at your house, please contact Kiki at kiki.huntington@gmail.com, or (360)953-4956.



If you have neighborhood updates, special announcements or events please send them to jim@jim mains.com

We need you!

Newsletter Delivery

We are always in need of help deliver the neighborhood newsletter. If you would like to join the delivery team, please contact Jim Mains at jim@jim mains.com.

Delivering the newsletter usually takes a few hours. It's a great way to get outdoors and meet your neighbors.

A special thanks to Jim and Brenda Walker for coordinating our deliveries and making sure you get your newsletter.

Newsletter Writers

If you love to write we would love to hear from you. We are always in need of stories for our newsletters. If you have a great story you would like to share, a poem you are proud of or even an opinion that can help the neighborhood, please share. Contact Jim Mains at Jim@JimMains.com.

Garage Sale

We are looking for a coordinator for our neighborhood garage sale. If you are motivated and would like to take the reins, please contact Jim at jim@jim mains.com.

Kickball Team

We would love more players for our 2024 Kickball season. Check out the recap story in this newsletter. Email VP Ben McCarty for more details on how to join. Ben.p.mccarty@gmail.com .

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Neighborhood associations join to ask BPA to use native plants.

By Peter Fels

Several neighborhood associations in east Vancouver joined together as the NE 18th Street Project to improve the City's plans for extending NE 18th Street, which would have included moving a large number of fir trees. Because BPA power lines parallel NE 18th, they are also working with BPA to encourage planting native plants along the BPA right of way (ROW). The NE 18th Street Project is asking the city for improved landscaping rather than block walls. <https://www.ne18thstreet.info/>

One piece of information they have used as a model is a study done by the Xerces Society in Forest Park in Portland, which compared BPA ROW that was planted with native plants to PP&L ROW that was not planted. The Xerces study showed an increase in pollinators along the native planted BPA lines.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/16ppVojGAEUCBsowQ-xg8TpHvto6fgPTc/view>

BPA and Clark PUD both have environmental coordinators who are interested in and knowledgeable about native plants that can be used in their corridors.

Some neighbors in the NWN may have property under BPA lines or are using or leasing BPA ROW for gardens and other uses. Others use informal trails for walking and running. There was talk in the past about asking BPA to improve the trail from Cherry Street to the top of the hill going down to Burnt Bridge Creek near Franklin.

Are there people in the NWNA who would like to pursue changes to the BPA ROW?



Kickball Season is on the way!

By Ben McCarty

Spring is in the air which means summer kickball is just around the corner!

Every summer the Northwest Neighborhood participates in a friendly kickball league with other westside Vancouver Neighborhoods.

The games are a great way to get out, get some exercise and meet your neighbors. The Northwest Neighborhood Fireballs are always looking for new players to join the team. Players of all ages over 12 of all backgrounds and abilities are welcome. This year's season will get underway in mid-May and runs until the end of August. The team will have a brief meet and greet practice the week of May 13 at Franklin Park. The following week Franklin Park will host a Jamboree to start the season, where all teams will mingle and play short scrimmage games, before the season gets underway following Memorial Day. Teams play one game each week, and there may be bye weeks during the season depending on how many teams participate this year. If you would like to get on the email list to be notified when the season starts, email Ben McCarty and benpmccarty@gmail.com

This year all participating teams will qualify for the end of the season playoff tournament, with the winning neighborhood taking home a championship trophy that they get to keep until the following year.

In addition to players, the Fireballs are always looking for potential new sponsors to add to our ranks. Sponsors have their logo placed the team jerseys, are featured in social media posts throughout the summer. Sponsorship funds go toward purchasing team jerseys and help fund neighborhood events. Sponsorship levels from \$150-\$500 are available, so if you are a local business wanting to gain some publicity by helping to do good in the neighborhood, reach out to team captain/neighborhood vice president Ben McCarty at benpmccarty@gmail.com for more information.



NW Neighborhood Quarterly Meeting
Franklin Elementary
Thursday, April 25 from 7-8:15 p.m.



NW Natural Bill Changes

[REDACTED]

I see new charges and credits on my bill for the WA Climate Act. What is that?

[REDACTED]

How are WA Climate Act Fees calculated?

[REDACTED] Climate Act Fee, [REDACTED]

What is the credit for?

[REDACTED] Climate Act Credit, [REDACTED]

I'm concerned about paying my bill. Is assistance available?

[REDACTED]

Where can I learn more?

[REDACTED]

January 2024 customer bill example:

NW NATURAL ACCOUNT SUMMARY		
Previous Balance		\$267.99
Payment(s) Received		267.99CR
Subtotal Balance Forward	\$.00	
Current Charges		
Minimum Charge Rate R02		8.00
Gas Usage	222.6 @ 1.20795	268.89
1 WA Climate Act Fee	222.6 @ .49726	110.69
WA Climate Act Credit Jan-Mar		32.62CR 2
Subtotal Current Charges	\$354.96	
New Balance		<u>\$354.96</u>

City Manager Update: April 2024

The City of Vancouver began accepting applications for its newly reinstated [Community and Neighborhood Grants Program](#) in early January. I'm happy to share that we received 41 applications during our first review cycle and are preparing to award more than \$163,000 in grant funds to support [30 local community groups](#). This program's goal is to build and strengthen community connections, encourage partnerships between groups and empower residents to take meaningful action in their community.



The City is continuing to address the homelessness crisis with urgency. Since I declared a homeless emergency in Vancouver last November, we've made it a priority to inform the community about the progress we're making with monthly emergency declaration situation reports.

We have been working with the Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency, and the Vancouver Police and Fire Departments on data collection to develop metrics that are helping us track and develop a baseline for the work we're doing under the emergency. This data collection and tracking will help inform us where we're improving and where we need to do more work.

In the fourth situation report shared at City Council's March 25 meeting, we saw even more encouraging data about what has been accomplished to date. A clear example is the fact that since February, more than 10 people have moved into permanent housing from our Safe Stay and Safe Park community programs; more remain on deck for housing and are just waiting on unit availability.



The City, in partnership with our community, continues the important work of developing Vancouver's next comprehensive plan. The comprehensive plan, "Our Vancouver", will shape how our city looks and feels over the next 20 years, guiding investments in future parks, needed housing and transportation. This month, we're hosting several community mapping activities that will help create a plan for future growth in Vancouver, and advance our shared vision for a safe, equitable and sustainable city. I encourage you to get involved and invite you to join us at one of the following free and family-friendly events where you can meet the project team, win gift cards and enjoy some food and refreshments:

Community Mapping Activity: 2 to 4 p.m., Saturday, April 20, Hudson's Bay High School

Youth (ages 13-25) Community Mapping Activity: 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, April 23, Evergreen Public Schools District Office

Community Mapping Activity: 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, April 25, Firstenburg Community Center

Making a Difference

YWCA Clark County has been a powerful source for social justice, advocacy, and support in SW Washington for more than 100 years. We have a long history of identifying inequities in our community and creating collaborative and empowering solutions to these challenges. Guided by our values of empowerment, diversity, teamwork, commitment, and respect, YWCA's six core programs serve nearly 13,000 community members annually regardless of socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, gender, age, or identity.

ENDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The SafeChoice Domestic Violence Program commits to advocate for, educate, and support those affected by domestic violence. We operate the only Emergency Domestic Violence Shelter in Clark County. In addition to providing advocacy and a gender-inclusive shelter, the SafeChoice Program offers specialized advocacy for lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) people.

EMPOWERING SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

The Sexual Assault Program provides 24-hour legal, medical, and emotional support to victims of sexual assault and their families at no charge. We also offer advocacy, support groups, counseling, community outreach, and education. Sexual assault is any form of sexual contact without consent or permission—it is not an accident. People do not ask for, cause, invite, or deserve to be sexually assaulted.

CONNECTING COMMUNITY TO RESOURCES

Care Coordination Services (CCS) Program supports individuals and families in achieving stability and self-sufficiency by providing case management and access to resources and services. CCS connects community members to resources related to employment, affordable housing, applying for insurance benefits, access to food and other basic needs. We provide wraparound care through a holistic approach that fosters the well-being of those we serve. Services available in English and Spanish.



YWCA Clark County's mission is to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.



BUILDING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP SKILLS

Our Prevention Program emphasizes working with youth because we know that this is the most effective way to stop violence before it starts. Young people are susceptible to experiencing dating violence because they are still developing their sense of self and creating norms for their future relationships. We empower youth as leaders in changing norms around violence in our relationships and communities through schools and other workshops.

SUPPORTING FOSTER YOUTH INDEPENDENCE

The Independent Living Skills (ILS) Program assists youth in transitioning from foster care to independent living. Education, resources, and advocacy allow participants to define and achieve goals. Foster care youth between 15 and 23 years old are eligible to participate in the ILS Program.

READYING PRESCHOOLERS FOR KINDERGARTEN

The Y's Care Children's Program offers high-quality preschool education to children and families on a sliding scale. Inspired by world-renowned schools in Reggio Emilia, Italy, our goal is to help children learn the skills they need to thrive. Staff provide resources and referrals for childcare funding, health care, housing, emergency funding, and family support.

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