

Parkway East Neighborhood Association

Spring 2024

Parkway East Annual Neighborhood Cleanup!

Saturday, May 11, 8 am to 1:30 pm

Location:

**Burnt Bridge Creek Elementary
14619 NE 49th Street, Vancouver**

We're partnering with Burnt Bridge Creek Neighborhood

- * **Skip the trip to the transfer station!**
- * This is your opportunity to get rid of unwanted household and yard waste items.
- * No Cost to Participate: Donation of \$5-\$10 for our neighborhood association is appreciated.

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Guest Speaker Event

April 25, 2024, 7 pm

**What are native bees?
Do they sting? How can we
make our yards bee-friendly?**



Come to our meeting at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on **Thursday, April 25**, from 7 to 8 pm, and learn all about native bees and how we can help them in our yards.

Steven Clark has been a professor of biology at Clark College since 2002 and became program manager for their Bee Campus in 2022.

In addition to working with bees, Steven is involved in research for the American pika in the Columbia Gorge, rare plants of Washington for the University of Washington and sage grouse surveys for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

We're excited to have Steven come and share some simple ways we can make bee-friendly habitats.

Upcoming Neighborhood Meeting

Thursday, April 25, 2024 7pm

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
16001 NE 34th St.
Vancouver, WA 98682

Parkway East is a nonreligious organization developed in partnership with the City of Vancouver to help promote positive neighborhood connections.

Guest Speaker Event Steven Clark

**Program Manager, Clark College Bee Campus
"Native Bees and Bee-Friendly Habitats"**

Neighborhood Cleanup, May 11
Update on Newsletter Mailing
Our Donation for Summer Block Party
Liability Insurance

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Neighborhood Traffic Update

Did you notice the traffic speed counters that were placed by the City on 157th Avenue between 34th street and 36th Streets? That was good progress from our traffic committee, who reports that we are now in a holding pattern while the City decides if speed and volume counts meet their minimum thresholds for a traffic improvement project. Any proposed location must be approved by Police, Fire and Public Works Departments.

In May, we'll be notified following the speed and volume counts if our location is eligible for the next step, and if so, our project will further evaluated and ranked. The top five scoring projects will be forwarded to the Neighborhood Traffic Safety Alliance (NTSA) for their evaluation.

For Your Calendar:

Saturday, August 17, 2024

Neighborhood Block Party

Good Shepherd Lutheran

5pm - 7pm (time is tentative; details coming)

A nonreligious neighborhood event put on by Good Shepherd Lutheran and Parkway East Neighborhood Association.

Thursday, October 24, 2024, 7 pm

Parkway East Neighborhood Association Fall Meeting

Good Shepherd Lutheran

We're hoping to have a Master Gardener come and talk about how to prepare sustainable gardens!

Neighborhood Cleanup, cont'd.

What's Accepted at the Neighborhood Clean-up?

- They **WILL accept Yard Debris** including branches, leaves, vines, bramble
- Bulky Items: Items too big for your garbage cart such as rugs, 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)

What's NOT Accepted?

- NO Concrete, rocks, sod or dirt
- NO Refrigerators, freezers or AC units. (No freon)
- NO Household trash or contractor waste
- 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

Springtime Area Events

In April and May, we celebrate Earth Day, spring planting season, Cinco de Mayo, and Mother's Day, and there are plenty of events happening in our area. Here are just a few.

Underlined events in blue ink are links—Control-Click for more info.

Friday, April 19 - Earth Day Tree Planting

Steigerwald Commerce Center Wetland Mitigation Site
2 pm - 4pm; call 360.835.2196 for more information.

Saturday, April 20 for Earth Day

Events by three indigenous Communities:

10am to 12pm- The Nez Perce Tribe invites you to the [Chief Redheart Memorial Ceremony](#), honoring Chief Redheart and his band, who were imprisoned at Fort Vancouver in 1877-78.

1pm to 4pm- [Mother Camas Unveiled Earth Day Celebration](#), presenting a new welcoming figure carved by Yakama Nation artist Toma Villa. The event includes free food, vendors and family activities.

12pm to 10pm- [Rising Generations Powwow](#), presented by the Native American Parent Association of Southwest Washington.

Monday, April 22 - Earth Day:

Natural Demonstration Garden At Pacific Park

1515 NE 164th Ave. Vancouver

10am - 12pm

Join WSU Extension Clark County Master Gardeners for a brief tour of the recent design updates and then weeding & spring clean-up. Tools and gloves will be available. Enter the park from NE 172nd Avenue.

Sat - Sun, May 4 -5 [Cinco de Mayo Youth Baseball Border Battles](#) Vancouver, WA vs. Wilsonville, OR

Sunday, May 5 - Cinco de Mayo

[Cinco de Mayo](#) celebrates Mexico's victory over the Second French Empire at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. It is not Independence Day, as is commonly thought.

As of this printing, no other Cinco de Mayo family events in Vancouver are listed online. However, a number of restaurants offer specials!

Saturday, May 11 - [Mother's Day Spring Tea at the Marshall House](#) Reserve for 11 am or 2 pm

Enjoy an afternoon of sweet and savory food bites and a delectable selection of teas, all while relaxing in the elegant Marshall House located on Officers Row.

Sunday, May 12 - [Mother's Day Weekend Plant Sale](#), open to the public from 10am to 1pm.

78th Street Heritage Farm 1919 NE 78th St. Vancouver. An event by the Master Gardener Foundation of Clark County. Bring your own cart or wagon. ADA parking available.