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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Looks like we may get a spring after all.

We just completed our 2nd quarter General Meeting. Many events to come in the next few months. Please save the dates and mark your calendar for all the excitement.



We still have **not** reached our goal in households paying their annual dues for 2024. Attached to this newsletter is a dues form. Please help us meet our goal and send in your \$30 if you have not paid for the year of 2024.

There is still plenty of time to update yourself on what is happening with the widening of 18th street. Look at the website and be sure and take the survey if you have not already done so. www.nestreet.info

Many thanks to all who work to make this community an outstanding neighborhood to live in. Over 23 new homeowners in First Place, let's make sure when we are out walking that we say hello to those new faces.

Read the newsletter to see what's going on in our community! Let's all get involved to make our community shine in the city of Vancouver!

Again, don't forget to support our FPNA Volunteer Association with your \$30.00 annual dues. Become a volunteer and support all the benefits we receive.

Sincerely, Dale Cisco, FPNA President

First Place

Neighborhood Association



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May 24th at 11:30AM Men's Luncheon:**
at Thai Orchid restaurant.
- Please RSVP to Wayne Sparks
- **May 25th at 5:00PM Neighborhood Social – Mardi Gras theme:**
at the home of Rick Moerloos and Tim Eannarino.
- Please RSVP to Rick or Tim
- Interested in hosting a future Neighborhood Social?
- contact Sharon Bevan
- **June 22nd, 8AM-1PM Neighborhood Clean-Up:**
East Park Church Parking Lot, 15815 NE 18th St
- contact Tom Harriman
- **June 22nd, 9AM-4PM Neighborhood Garage Sale:**
- contact Pat Tarnow
- **July 27th, 2024 at Noon. First Place Neighborhood Picnic in the Park:**
at First Place Park
- contact Doug Stalheim
- **August 6th, 2024: National Night Out:**
at First Place Park

Neighborhood Safety:

Keeping an eye out for unusual vehicles in our First Place Neighborhoods can have several **benefits** when it comes to safety and security. Here are some reasons why:

1. **Crime Prevention:** we can play a crucial role in preventing crime. By noticing unfamiliar or suspicious vehicles, you can help deter criminals. For example, if you see an **unusual car parked on your street for an extended period**, it's essential to take note of the **license plate number** and report it to the Vancouver police. This proactive approach can prevent crimes like thefts, burglaries, and vandalism.
2. **Early Detection:** Recognizing vehicles that don't belong to our neighborhoods or appears out of place can lead to early detection of criminal activity. Whether it's someone casing the area or other criminal activities, your vigilance can help us maintain the First Place Neighborhood as a great place to live.
3. **Community Bonding:** Keeping an eye out for unusual vehicles fosters a sense of community. By working together, we can create a safer neighborhood.
4. **Peace of Mind:** Knowing that our neighbors are vigilant and actively monitoring our neighborhood provides peace of mind. It's reassuring to have others looking out for your property and safety, especially if you're away from home.

Remember, reporting suspicious behavior or unfamiliar vehicles is essential for maintaining safety and security within our neighborhoods.

Case in point, this car just recently appeared one day on 152nd Avenue near the park. It has been there for two weeks now. On the surface, it appears to be either abandoned, disabled, or stolen. I don't think any of us wants our neighborhoods to be used as a dumping ground for these vehicles like we see in other areas.



This makes the second car to be stolen or abandoned by our First Place Park. The registration is long since expired, and it has front end damage as well as being parked on the wrong side of the street facing traffic in the blind corner. It has been reported to Vancouver Police.

So, keep those eyes peeled, and if something seems out of the ordinary, don't hesitate to call the authorities! Vancouver Police Department Traffic Complaint Hotline & Online Submission Form 360-487-7402 or

www.cityofvancouver.us/police/webform/traffic-complaint-form 📞 📧

FREE Smoke Alarm INSTALLATION

CALL
503-528-5783
to schedule an appointment.



 **American Red Cross**
Cascades Region

The American Red Cross Home Fire Preparedness Campaign aims to reduce the number of home fire-related death and injuries. Get your **FREE** smoke alarm(s), installed by trained Red Cross volunteers.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP _____
DAY PHONE _____
EMAIL _____

- I am interested in having FREE smoke alarm(s) installed in my home.
- I am interested in volunteering for upcoming smoke alarm installation events. Please contact me at the phone/email above.



First Place Neighborhood Social
Saturday, May 25th at 5:00pm

Please join Rick Moerloos and Tim Eannarino for a New Orleans/Mardi Gras-themed get-together in our backyard.

We'll provide the gumbo, rice and beans, King Cake, jazz music, and a festive environment.

Please bring a Creole/Southern-inspired dish or dessert to share and your favorite beverage.

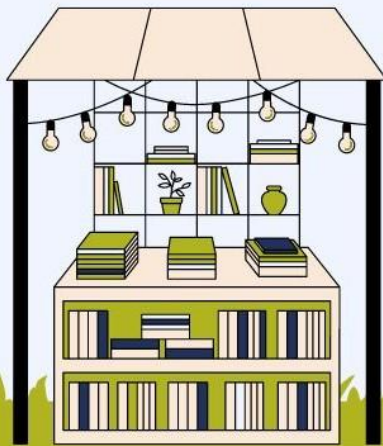
Add to the festive environment by wearing purple, gold, and/or green.



Let the good times roll!



FPNA NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE



FRIDAY JUNE 21ST

SATURDAY JUNE 22ND

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Come early for the best selection, and stay for the neighborly chats! Don't miss out on this opportunity to find something special. See you there!

For a number of years FPNA has held an annual garage sale. Many families participate in this event which helps us all move unwanted items from our home. This continually turns out to be a successful event within the neighborhood. This year FPNA's Annual Garage Sale will be held Friday June 21st and Saturday June 22nd from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Be prepared for car and pedestrian traffic galore and please plan your neighborhood activities accordingly. Please be security-minded and remember to keep your garage doors closed if you are not actively participating.

Garage Sale Participation:

First: If you choose to participate please reach out to Pat Tarnow. (*see the Neighborhood Directory*)

She will be making a map with all the participants to hand out. If you have any questions let her know.

Then:

Just open your doors Friday and Saturday morning at 9:00am. No need to advertise as there will be plenty of shoppers rolling through the neighborhood.

FPNA Board would like to thank Pat Tarnow for her continued efforts each year to make our Annual Garage Sale a success! Thanks for volunteering!

First Place Neighborhood Clean-Up

Saturday, June 22nd – 8AM-1PM

East Park Church Parking lot

15815 NE18th St

Be Prepared!

- If using a truck or trailer to transport items to the cleanup, you must cover your load to prevent littering.
- You will need to do the unloading yourself.
- Also Available: Free curbside pickup of bulky items.

Note: If your residence has an account with Waste Connections, you can schedule ONE free pickup of up to 5 bulky items for anytime during 2024. Requirements apply. View details at cityofvancouver.us/bulkyitempickup

What's Accepted at 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. *see following
- **NO** CFL or fluorescent tube lights
- **NO** very LARGE items such as boats and hot tubs

Need to Get Rid of Electronics?



HP is teaming up with Free Geek for a tech drive on their site in E Vancouver. It's on May 18th from 10am-2pm at HP Vancouver 1115 SE 164th Ave North Parking Lot (Behind Peet's Coffee).

If you've got old electronics lying around — laptops, monitors, phones, you name it — this is a perfect opportunity to clear out some space and help others at the same time. Free Geek does an amazing job refurbishing tech and making it available to those in the community who need it, and they responsibly recycle what can't be reused.

- **Event Details:**
- **Where:** HP Vancouver 1115 SE 164th Ave North Parking Lot (Behind Peet's Coffee).
- **When:** May 18th from 10am-2pm

The 2024 FPNA "AN AFTERNOON IN THE PARK—2024, Summer Family Picnic is Coming Soon
IS IT ON YOUR CALENDAR?

Saturday, July 27th Noon to whatever.. SAVE THE DATE!!!!

LOCATION - FIRST PLACE PARK, Bring a chair or blanket to sit on

The FPNA 2024 Summer Picnic Committee is excited as plans are coming together for YOUR FPNA "FAMILY SUMMER PICNIC"! Come join us and help us make this year's picnic even better with your family's presence! Bring yourself, your spouse, significant other, your kids, grandkids, great-grandkids and make it a truly FIRST PLACE FAMILY AFFAIR!!!

2024 Fun, Music, and Food that is in the works include:

NEW THIS YEAR!! COLUMBIA PLAY PROJECT— Games and Projects for the kids to enjoy! Bring your kids, bring your grandkids, bring your great-grandkids for a fun afternoon with the COLUMBIA PLAY PROJECT! www.columbiaplayproject.org/mobile-museum

NEW THIS YEAR!! MUSIC by DAN DINGMAN—Dan Dingman has been playing acoustic folk and classic rock from the 60s and 70s for nearly 50 years. He is true to the original artists, but adds his own style. Come and enjoy the music of Dan Dingman!

NEW THIS YEAR!! - 4 larger 20x20 Canopies will be added to the mix of smaller canopies for additional shade to get to know your FP neighbors!

Raffle Contests— Fun Contests to get to know your FPNA Board and FP Neighbors with opportunities to win great raffle prizes!

YARD GAMES—Ladder/Swing Golf, Corn Hole, Ring Toss, Bean Bag Bucket Toss

WINGS COOKOFF CONTEST — Come and enjoy the various tasty flavors created from your talented and very competitive First Place backyard BBQ wing chefs! Help in awarding prizes for the various degrees of flavor these great FP chefs will create for you. There will be plenty for all to enjoy. We have 4 competitors so far and would welcome 4 more to join the party, please email Doug Stalheim—dlstalheim@comcast.net if you want to join the fun!

Of course we will have the picnic staples of hot dogs, chicken/cheese wraps, chips, salad, soda, water, cookies, etc.

2022 Picnic - 79 FP families representing 176 people came.

2023 Picnic - 100 FP families representing 250 people came.

2024 Picnic – 130???. Families, representing, 300+ people???

SAVE THE DATE AND COME JOIN US TO HELP BUILD A FP LEGENDARY SUMMER EVENT!! WATCH FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION TO COME!!

Please help us with a headcount by sending an RSVP with # of People >Age 15 and # of People ≤ Age15 for food and Columbia Play Project considerations to Doug Stalheim (check the directory)

Doug Stalheim – FPNA 2024 Summer Picnic Committee Lead

FPNA 2024 Summer Picnic Committee – Lorene Stalheim, Joan Lamy, Patti Hines, Kenan Kuffel, Penny McElvain, Laura Dubois, Dan Gibson, Steve George, Poni/Chelsey Tupuola



The FPNA Newsletter is published quarterly after the general association meeting.

Are you interested in writing an article for the FPNA newsletter?

- Want to remind your neighbors about an upcoming date or event?
- Do you have FYI-type information about the neighborhood or the FPNA Association?
- Don't be shy. Send it in an e-mail to First.Place.Newsletter@gmail.com

(Note: To protect our neighbors, personal contact information is intentionally omitted from the FPNA Newsletter. Please remember, the FPNA Newsletter is public information through the City of Vancouver.)

Note: The City of Vancouver supports the Neighborhood Associations in their effort to share vital information with residents to create a more informed public. However, the information provided and the opinions and views expressed in the Neighborhood Association newsletter or other documents do not necessarily represent the position of the City of Vancouver, nor does the City determine whether the information published is accurate or appropriate. This newsletter has been shared with the City of Vancouver Office of Neighborhoods and therefore, is available to the Internet community.



**Find Us On
Facebook!**

**156 First Place
neighbors
participate on
Facebook**

First Place Neighborhood
Association

*This is a private Facebook page for First Place neighborhood residents only.

Email Addresses and Info:

FPNAcommunicate@gmail.com

Changes to group participation, email, or contact information changes

First.Place.Newsletter@gmail.com

For submissions and questions

[NextDoor App](#)

Information shared by neighbor members

[Facebook Website](#)

Information shared by neighbor members



FPNA Executive Board: 2024

Chair – Dale Cisco

Vice Chair – Steve Zapp

Treasurer – Evan Meessen

Secretary – Bonnie Mallory

Neighborhood Committees:

Annual Picnic – Doug Stalheim, Lorene Stalheim, Laura Dubois, Patti Hines, Kennan Kuffel, Joan Lamy, Penny McElvain, Dan Gibson, Steve George, Poni/Chelsey Tupuola

Annual Spring Cleanup – Tom Harriman

Communications Central – Kandi Cisco

18th Street Widening Project – Gene Wigglesworth, Grace Teigen, Ellen Sward, Bill Savoie, Margie Schnack, Wayne Sparks, Sherry Bala, and other interested neighbors.

Facebook – Penny McElvain

First Place Directory – Kandi Cisco

Garage Sale – Pat Tarnow

Holiday Ladies' Luncheon – **Open**

Ladies' Luncheon – Candace Africa

Landscape – Steve Zapp

Men's Luncheon – Wayne Sparks

Neighborhood Ambassador Program – Doug Stalheim, Pat Sparks, Sheree Belanger, Julia Karnes, Helena Lee, Joan Lamy, and Kandi Cisco

- **Welcome Basket Production Team** – Penny McElvain, Kay Scott

- **New Neighbor Spotters** – Joan Lamy, Joe Serroels, Bryan Fix (local realtor)

Neighborhood Social – Sharon Bevan

Newsletter – Darren Belanger

Next Door Website – Joan Lamy

9th Street Garden Gang - coordinate/maintain FPNA properties backing to 9th street – **Open**

Safety Committee – Rick Burke, Sut Oishi

Scholarship Committee - Sharon Bevan, Kandi Cisco, Sharon Graven, Tim Eannarino

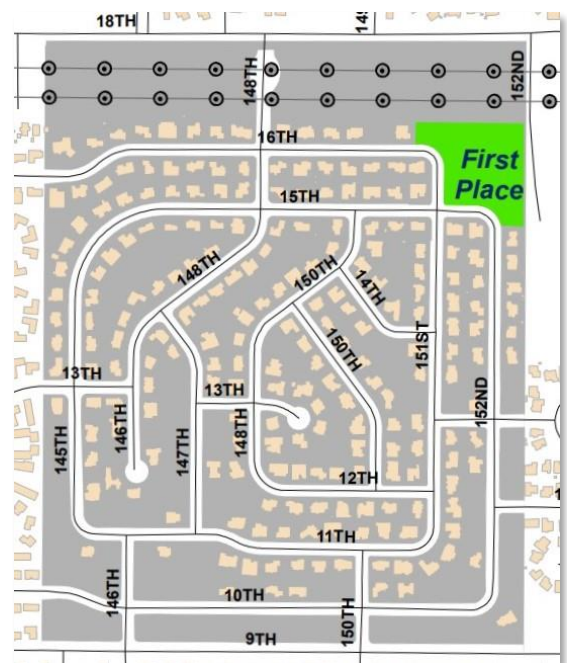
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – Kandi Cisco

Walk-n-Knock – Patricia Hines

Women's Happy Hour – Bonnie McCampbell

Let's extend a warm welcome to our newest neighbors:

- **10th Street:**
 - William Levitch and Linda Goetz
- **11th Street:**
 - Scott and Vivian Angerman
- **12th Street:**
 - Paul and Nancy Herr
- **14⁷th Avenue:**
 - Gelato Abu and Elsa Kumbi
 - Mike and Andrew Cavanaugh, Li Gong





What do committee volunteers and board members do?

Picnic Committee - organizes our Annual Picnic in First Place Park

Holiday Luncheon Committee - arranges a holiday celebration for the women in the neighborhood

Scholarship Committee - gathers funds and chooses worthy recipient(s) from Evergreen High School

First Place Neighborhood Ambassadors - The Ambassadors welcome new neighbors, deliver welcome baskets, and periodically host Newcomer Gatherings

FPNA Chairperson - The Chairperson sets the meeting date and time for the board meetings and the quarterly general meetings. The Chairperson also helps develop the agenda with input from the elected board members and committee chairs. Other duties of the Chairperson include conducting the business meetings, coordinating with committee chairs or other neighborhood groups implementing projects, and resolving issues that may arise

FPNA Vice Chairperson - The Vice Chairperson acts as a support person, covering meetings when the Chairperson is unavailable and coordinates with the Treasurer to audit our funds yearly. Also the Vice Chairperson manages special projects as requested by the Chair

Safety Chairperson - The Safety Chairperson checks and notifies the City when street lights are out and has managed the curb address painting. Further the Safety Chair has been on the lookout for hazard issues in First Place, such as low tree limbs obscuring stop and street signs

FPNA Communication Coordinator - The FPNA Communicate Coordinator maintains the master list of residents and sends out announcements of neighborhood activities

Ladies' Luncheon Coordinator - Coordinator sets the time and location for their meetings

Men's Luncheon Coordinator - Coordinator sets the time and location for their meetings

FPNA Newsletter Editor – Reviews newsletter submissions, builds and edits the quarterly newsletter and sends it to the FPNA Chairperson for review and approval.

This is just a sampling of the FPNA positions that benefit our neighborhood. If you are interested in volunteering to help First Place remain a strong Neighborhood Association, please contact any board member.

**WE DON'T NEED SOME PEOPLE TO DO EVERYTHING,
WE NEED EVERYBODY TO DO SOMETHING
VOLUNTEER IF YOU CAN**

First Place Neighborhood Association-Resident Information

Print, complete and return only when your information has changed.

Return to: P.O. Box 872261, Vancouver, WA. 98687

Or: By Email to

[Send Email to FPNA Communicate](#)

(FPNAcommunicate@gmail.com)

Please type in the highlighted boxes below.

First Name. 1.		Last Name. 1.	
First Name. 2.		Last Name. 2.	
Property Address.			
Phone. Cell	Cell	Home	Work
Email 1.		Email 2.	

Please check those you would like.

I would like my information to be included in future directories.	Yes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	No.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Invite me to:

Neighborhood Social.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ladies' Luncheon.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Men's Luncheon.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ladies' Happy Hour.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Neighborhood Social: Held monthly in the home of a resident volunteer in First Place. Attendees are asked to bring a bottle of wine or other beverage and an appetizer to share. Open to all First Place neighbors.

Ladies' Luncheon: Arranged at a local restaurant by a volunteer and open to all First Place women.

Men's Luncheon: Arranged at a local restaurant by a volunteer and open to all First Place men.

Ladies' Happy Hour: Held the second Monday of the month from 4-7pm in the home of a volunteer neighbor. Bring your favorite beverage and appetizer to share. Open to all First Place women.

FPNA Annual Dues Notice

\$30 per household

First Place Neighborhood Association (FPNA) voluntary dues are \$30 and renewed annually in January. Donations support neighborhood maintenance & social functions.

Check: Make payable to First Place Neighborhood Association (FPNA)

Mail to FPNA Treasurer, P.O. Box 872261, Vancouver, WA 98687

** FPNA no longer accepts Paypal until further notice **

Please include your household information and any designation for additional donations, as listed in the form below, with your donation.

Name(s) _____

FP Address _____

In addition to the annual dues, if you wish to include an additional voluntary contribution please enter an amount here:

FPNA Scholarship Fund \$ _____ Any other FPNA activity \$ _____

18th Street Coalition (Widening Project) Support \$ _____

Thank you for your continued support!

-Your FPNA Board and FP Neighbors

Your donation may be tax-deductible. FPNA's EIN is: 76-0733017

NOTE: FPNA no-longer accepts PayPal

Due to new IRS regulations, PayPal and other services must report combined transactions over \$600 to the IRS. This creates a tax obligation for the First Place Association and therefore we have decided to not allow these types of payments. Nevertheless, there is an effort underway to open a *non-profit* PayPal account and to eventually allow electronic payments again. But for now, please pay your annual dues and contributions by check (or cash).