Newsletter September 2024

Next Meeting is <u>SATURDAY</u> September 7th 7:00 PM
We hope those who cannot meet week nights will attend
at Vancouver Housing Authority 2500 Main Street
Reports from City, Port, Police as available
September Yard Sale and Neighborhood Cleanup Events
It's time to start planning our Fall Events & Holiday Party!
Brief introduction to Community Connector Project (IBR)

Vancouver's First Street Mural Refreshed

Over two days in August we cleaned, pressure washed and repainted the Arnada mural at 22nd and D Streets, it's looking sharp again.



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We were lucky to get a grant this year from The Watershed Alliance of Southwest Washington. Their funding covered most of the cost which was a good boost to our Arnada treasury, especially now that our street paint has hit \$60 a gallon. The Alliance was originally incorporated as the Vancouver Watershed Alliance in 2008, with funding from the City of Vancouver to help with the cleanup and restoration of Burnt Bridge Creek. Since then, the organization has expanded its role such that it now works with local governments throughout the county, with other nonprofit organizations, and with businesses, schools, and other partners. In 2017, the organization changed its name to the Watershed Alliance of Southwest Washington to reflect its broader impact and mission. The Alliance's focus areas are:

The <u>Backyard Habitat Certification Program</u>, a regional program that provides support and incentives for residents who seek to restore native habitat to their backyards. It helps people create yards that are healthy for people, wildlife, and the planet.

Stewardship - The Watershed Alliance is dedicated to protecting and improving our green spaces. Tree plantings, invasive plant removals and litter clean-ups are a few ways we give back to the environment.

Project Restore is a creekside restoration program currently in the City of Vancouver. Property owners with creekside property along Burnt Bridge Creek are eligible to participate. Participants receive guidance and technicians to repair, restore, and regenerate their waterfront ecosystem.

The Watershed Alliance offers a city-funded Neighborhood Grants program to support environmental and community focused projects implemented by Vancouver's neighborhood associations. Annually, \$22,500 in micro-grants are offered to help inspire and support sustainable community efforts to improve shared areas of the City. Do you have an idea for environmental improvements in Arnada? If so contact any Board member or just bring your proposal to our next meeting. Maybe we can get it funded in 2025!

Do take a look at the Alliance's website to see all the beneficial things they do and THANKS TO THEM FOR HELPING US THIS YEAR!



https://thewatershedalliance.org/

After the City street cleaning machines scrubbed it our crew of Fred Fulton, Ken Visser, Ken Willaims, Julius Robinson and Russ Pascoe pressure washed the intersection with the help of the falling rain.

Later in the afternoon we took advantage or 22^{nd} and D streets being closed to have a pot luck and BYOB party on the pavement than Mark Ray organized. He plans the same for next year.



Neighborhood Cleanup is Contingent on Volunteer Signup!

To Volunteer for our Annual Cleanup contact Anita Reyes 360-921-2856 or AnitaFace@gmail.com

Who: Arnada, Carter Park, Hough, and Shumway together

Where: Hopefully, the old PeaceHealth parking lot. Between 33rd and 34th. Coming into and exiting the lot off of Washington.

When: September 28th

Time: Setup 7:00 - 9:00 Accept loads and donations: 9:00 - 1:30 Cleanup area: 1:30 - 2:00

Tables: At entrance: Welcome and accept donations.

Too Good to Toss: Accept items that are free to reuse and free to take. These items go to the dumpsters at 1:30 Dumspters: Yard Debris & Metal All other volunteers help the drivers unload their yard debris, metal, and garbage Everything else

Shifts: 8:30 -10:00 10:00 - 11:30 11:30 - 1:00 1:00 - 2:30

Volunteers: At least 1-2 people from each neighborhood for each shift.

Too Good to Toss accepts possibly usable items

Donations and Metal recycling funds are equally divided among the participating neighborhoods associations. What's Accepted?

Bulky Items - Broken or worn out items that are too large to fit in your garbage cart at home, such as a rug, kiddie pool, small appliances, furniture, broom, etc.

Scrap Metal - Metal BBQs, bicycles, lawn furniture, mowers, car parts or small engines (drained of fluids) metal appliances (no Freon containing items – no fridge or freezers, AC units)

Yard Debris – Tree Branches, grass, leaves, vines, brush, bamboo, yard and garden trimmings What's NOT Accepted!

NO Household trash or contractor waste, NO Large or heavy quantities of concrete, cement, rocks, sod or dirt NO Home project/remodel debris (i.e. flooring tiles, drywall, large amounts of fencing, etc.), NO Roofing shingles or roofing materials, NO Hazardous chemicals, cleaners, paints or stains, fluids like gasoline or oil NO TVs, computers or electronics (recycle for free, visit www.EcycleWashington.org for locations) NO CFL or fluorescent tube lights (recycle for free visit www.LightRecycle.org for locations)

Arnada Neighborhood-Wide Yard Sale

This year we will host the third annual Arnada neighborhood-wide yard sale on Saturday September 21st, 2022 from 8am-2pm. All neighbors are encouraged to participate. Promotion signs will be placed around the boundaries of the neighborhood to promote the event and direct people to visit the kiosk at 22nd and D Street to find the map of sale locations. If you want your sale to be on the map, head over to the kiosk and put a sticker on the map to mark your location. Amy Carlson

Help Wanted!

Join the Team to Help Your Neighborhood Association

We are looking for volunteers to expand our new sponsors to our monthly ad sheets. That's what you see appended to this newsletter and I'm sure you remember them running four pages or more in the recent past. We'd like to see that happen again because that was our major source of funds for Arnada projects and donations. Our treasury is bleeding to death and we need to reestablish income so we can continue to operate. If you have any interest in helping or want more information please contact Russ Pascoe or Ken Visser using the contacts list on the following page of this newsletter. This does not have a defined time commitment, it's what you are willing to do and you'll have options to make the connections you want in the manner you choose.

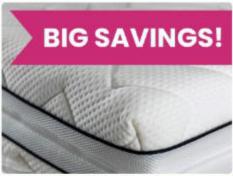
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September Events Calendar

Date/Time	Event	Details
Fri., Sept. 6: 4 - 8 p.m.	First Friday Downtown Art Walk	Visit downtown Vancouver's wide array of gallery spaces and art-centric businesses. FREE. Map: vdausa.org/first-friday/
Fri., Sept. 13: 7 p.m. Sat., Sept. 14: 7 p.m. Fri., Sept. 20: 7 p.m. Sat., Sept. 21: 7 p.m.	Haunted Walking Tours Clark County Historical Museum 1511 Main Street	Curious to hear tales of what haunts downtown Vancouver? Bring your flashlight because the haunted tours are back! Tickets: \$20; https://cchmuseum.org/programs- events/haunted-walking-tours/
Wed., Sept. 18: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Walking Tour Columbia Springs 12208 SE Evergreen Hwy.	Have you ever wondered how old the fish are out in our round ponds, or what wildlife can be found around our site? Learn about all that Columbia Springs has to offer during one of our guided tours! FREE.
Sat., Sept. 14: 9 a.m 4 p.m	Downtown Alley Flea Market 606 Main Street	The Downtown Alley Flea Market is a vibrant gathering that celebrates community, local talent, and the love of all things vintage. FREE.
Sun., Sept. 15: 10 a.m 3 p.m.	Grandparents Play Day Marshall Park 1609 E McLoughlin Blvd.	Second Annual Grandparents Play Day – it doesn't matter if you are the grandparent, parent, kid, caregiver or anyone else. Join Columbia Play Project for a fun, free, day of play at Marshall Park! FREE.
Sat., Sept. 21: 3 - 8 p.m.	Brewing Bridges Collaboration Festival Pearson Air Museum 1115 E. 5th Street	The annual Brewing Bridges Brewfest is coming back to the hangar at Pearson Airfield. Learn more: northbankbrewers.com
Sat., Sept. 28: 1 - 4 p.m.	Cornbread Day Cedar Creek Grist Mill 43907 NE Grist Mill Road Woodland, Wa	You think you know cornbread? At the Grist Mill you'll see cornbread made with fruit jam, hot peppers, bacon, cheese, herbs, and you choose the best. FREE.



Your ARNADA ARMADA got the Goose Egg But not the Championship title

Your Arnada Armada SW Vancouver Neighborhood Co-ed Kickball team finished the 2024 summer season with a perfect regular season record – 10 wins and zero (goose egg) loses. It's the best season record for a neighborhood kickball team since this neighborhood pickup league began over 10 years ago. The Armada have finished two seasons with undefeated regular season records. However, winning this summer's Championship title was elusive for your Armada kickballers.

In an order to get in more kickball games and to give those third through sixth placed teams from the regular season a fighting chance for the championship title, the kickball teams agreed to do something new – post season elimination playoffs.

The Armada played to earn their spot to defend the championship title. However, they lost against the Lincoln/ Shumway Misfits six to five in round two. The Misfits went on to play the Hough Shazamroxx in the final round. They continued their playoff winning streak beating the Shazamroxx eight to zero.