



# COUNTRYSIDE WOODS NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2024 - Countryside Woods Neighborhood Association

## Join the CWNA Board!

Want to make a positive impact on our neighborhood? We're looking for neighbors to join the Countryside Woods Neighborhood Association (CWNA) Board.

### Open positions include:

- **SECRETARY:** Record and share board meeting minutes
- **NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Create CWNA's ongoing neighborhood newsletter
- **MEMBER AT LARGE:** Support neighborhood events and serve as neighborhood champions
- **SECOND VICE CHAIR:** Assist the Chair and the First Vice Chair in planning and carrying out business of the Neighborhood Association
- **PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Assist in facilitating meetings, time keeping, and ensuring procedures for proposals and voting are followed

## A look back at our 2024 events...

### National Night Out

Thanks to everyone who came out to East Woods Presbyterian Church to promote police-community partnership and neighborhood camaraderie. We had a great NNO! Free hotdogs, chips, snow cones, popcorn, and cotton candy were had by all! There was a dj with a great music list, basketball, volleyball, cornhole, and a big hit- free line dancing lessons! Much bonding occurred over learning new steps to the dances!

We gave away over 40 raffle prizes promoting local businesses. We had a bouncy house for the kids and an art table. Overall a great family event, there were people of all ages and backgrounds in attendance. We had at least 200 visitors to the event. There were 30 volunteers at the event. Ten planning members representing all four partners engaged in multiple meetings to plan the event. We had 12 CWNA volunteers who handed out flyers to advertise the event.

We had an information booth for CRESA and CERT, we also had a booth for the City of Vancouver Travel Options Program. Everyone appreciated the opportunity to engage in conversations with our NPO Cole Larson and other law enforcement. It was great to learn about the NOW volunteers as well.

<b>Neighborhood Garage Sale</b>	We had 25+ houses participate! Special thanks to Miranda Sulley & Amber Schroeder for organizing, and everyone who supported the garage sales.
<b>Countryside Park Cleanup</b>	Huge thank you to Steve Wille for organizing and all of the ongoing volunteers who keep our park clean. The Saturday 1 June 2024 cleanup day in Countryside Park turned out to be a perfect weather day! Twelve neighbors took time out of their busy schedules to volunteer their morning to benefit the park. The natural area of the park is filling in with a growing vegetative understory, creating more diverse habitat for small critters and fun places for kids to seek out nature. A fresh layer of wood chips were spread over sections of the perimeter trail, some folks dug out the root crown of Himalayan blackberries, and other folks swept through the park identifying and removing undesirable and invasive plants like common burdock, woody nightshade and English Ivy. An estimated four cubic yards of invasive material (thorny blackberry vines, burdock, and ivy) was removed from the park.
<b>Neighborhood Cleanup</b>	The multi-neighborhood cleanup was very successful, thanks to everyone who contributed. We had 30 volunteers representing all four neighborhoods, 14 of them from CWNA. We received donations for Habitat for Humanity, Free Geek, 5 bicycles were donated, and collected snacks for East Park Church children's program as a thank you for using their lot! Much junk, scrap metal, and yard debris was removed from the neighborhood. We raised a bit of money from the scrap metal and donations given.

## Fall 2024 Meetups!

Consider attending one of these events to get to know your neighbors and learn more about the CWNA  
 \*Please note some of the following dates have been changed from previous newsletters.

<b>October 12</b>	Bring your best chili or side such as cornbread or Fritos to share. Kara will bring cider as well. Bring your favorite board, dice, or card game. We will gather in the Community Room at the Cascade Park Community Library from 11 am - 1pm.
<b>November 9</b>	Holiday craft making. Kara will provide supplies for crafts. We will gather in the Community Room at the Cascade Park Community Library from 11 am - 1pm.
<b>December 8</b>	Coloring party at Angel's Donuts at 10am. Bring your colored pencils, crayons, markers, and coloring books.

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