



## Association Newsletter Winter 2025

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR: NEXT GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025 AT 7 PM

LOCATION: ELKS CLUB - 11605 SE MCGILLIVRAY BLVD, VANCOUVER

*Neighbors are like suspenders – when you need them, you really need them.*

### SIGNAGE FOR RIVERIDGE COMING SOON

The Signage Committee has made great progress in revamping the signs at the entrance to the neighborhood. Committee Chair N'cole Merritt will report on the project status and timetable at the RNA general meeting Tuesday 1/14/25. Check it out.

### CHIPPER AHOY!

Now is the time to consider the City's proposed change to the wood chipper policy. In 2025 the City will no longer provide a chipper for debris wood at Cleanup Day. Instead, we can request a chipper and truck for one Saturday morning earlier in the year, the date to be determined at the upcoming General Meeting. The annual Cleanup Day will not occur until September 2025

### HOMELESSNESS FOLLOWUP

At our last general meeting, we heard about the homelessness emergency in Vancouver. Action to address the problem continues, and this month Vancouver's Homeless Assistance Resource Team (HART) released a report on the issue. The numbers tell a story:

- 470 people in Vancouver living without shelter (45% Vancouver; 40% Clark County; 15% out of region)
- 48 Unhoused died here last year
- 4630 calls to VPD July-Oct
- Since 2021 Vancouver has opened 4 Stay Safe Communities
- 150-bed Bridge Shelter was recently approved (details at <https://www.beheardvancouver.org/bridgeshelter>)

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### **HALLOWEEN PARADE A HIT**

The Riveridge Annual Halloween Parade was a pumpkin smashing success, with 30-40 residents dressed as witches, spacemen, and cosplay characters happily marching around the block at 119<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 15th. We even welcomed a friendly kraken! Treats and prizes were awarded, and neighbors in lawn chairs cheered the parade. Come join us; it's a hoot!

### **YOUR OWN BEESWAX**

Many in our community are concerned about our changing climate. Many wish there was some way to do something about it. Now's your chance. Join us at the general meeting 1/14/25 to hear a speaker from the Vancouver Bee Project, to learn more about native pollinators and efforts to make Vancouver a certified Bee City USA.

### **CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL**

Many options exist for recycling. In all cases, please remove tinsel, lights, ornaments, wire, stands and other materials that are not part of the tree.

- Curbside organics subscribers can cut their Christmas tree into sections of 5 feet or less and place sections in the cart. If the organics cart is already full, subscribers can place their Christmas tree alongside their cart and have it collected as extra for an additional fee of \$4.35.
- Garbage collectors will pick up flocked or artificial trees, up to 5 feet tall, for a fee of \$9.94.
- Unflocked Christmas trees can also be recycled for a fee at the transfer stations, H & H Wood Recyclers, City Bark, McFarlane's Bark and Triangle Resources. Prices vary, but they are generally in the \$1 to \$5 range.

### **RECREATIONAL VEHICLES**

Recreational trailers and motor homes (without a temporary RV parking permit), boats/boat trailers, cars for sale, and abandoned/unauthorized vehicles cannot legally park on public streets, except temporarily for active loading and unloading purposes.

To park a recreational vehicle or motor home on the street a permit is required. This also includes visitors staying temporarily at your home or at your property, or on the street near your property, in a recreational camping trailer or motor home. Each permit is good for seven days with a maximum of 14 days total per year, per household. Permits are available at City Hall in the Building Permit Center or you can fill out the [Recreational Vehicle Permit Form](#) and return it to Code Compliance c/o City of Vancouver P.O. Box 1995, Vancouver, WA 98668.

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