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ARNADA NEIGHBORHOOD

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Newsletter March 2025

Neighborhood Meeting March 13 at 7:00 PM VHA 2500 Main Street

Agenda:

- Approve 11/14/2024 ANA meeting minutes
- Approve Treasurer's 2024 Statement Posted in February Newsletter
- Civic reports; Mayor or rep, Police, Port Brent Waddle; schedule for 4th Plain & F St. Revision
- Identify and discuss dates for 2025 ANA events

Paddy Hough Parade - Main Street Vancouver

March 17
12:00 pm

**Between 24th Street and
McLoughlin Street**



A Celebration of Belonging and Community

The parade begins at Hough Elementary School. Participants will head north on Daniels Street to 24th Street, then proceed east to Main Street, followed by a southward march along Main to McLoughlin, returning to Hough Elementary. The best viewing spots are along Main Street between 24th Street and McLoughlin. Please note there may be road closures along the parade route.

Each year, the Hough Foundation sponsors and organizes the Paddy Hough Parade, an event that allows the students of Hough Elementary to celebrate the legacy of their school's namesake, Patrick Hough. This joyful celebration is also shared with community members, elected officials, educational groups, and municipal organizations.

Born on March 17, 1846, in Tipperary, Ireland, Patrick "Paddy" Hough led an adventurous life. In 1870, he volunteered as a medic in the Franco-Prussian War, where he tragically lost his left arm. Later, after emigrating from Ireland due to the hardships of the Irish Potato Famine, he found work as a teacher. He eventually settled in Vancouver, Washington, where he made a profound impact on the education system and his community.

Throughout his career, Hough became known not only for his deep commitment to education but also for his advocacy of equality. He integrated his classrooms and championed acceptance.. His leadership and belief in the power of education left an enduring legacy, both in the classroom and beyond.

In 1908, Hough retired, but after World War I, he returned to the classroom as deputy superintendent for Clark County Schools. When he passed away in 1925, his generosity surprised many, as he had quietly accumulated wealth. Hough bequeathed a significant portion of his fortune to establish an agricultural school, which now exists as the Center for Agriculture, Science, and Environmental Education in Brush Prairie.

In 1941, Hough Elementary was named in his honor, located in the historic Hough Neighborhood. Fifty years later, in 1991, Mina Milligan, a beloved fifth-grade teacher at Hough Elementary, envisioned a parade to honor Hough's legacy. She believed this would foster a deep sense of community pride. After entrusting the organization to the Hough Foundation, the parade grew into the beloved event it is today. Mina passed away in 2023, but her vision lives on in the students and community.

At Hough Elementary, there's a saying: "The sun always shines on the Paddy Hough Parade, no matter what the weather!" We look forward to another wonderful celebration that honors the spirit of community, education, and the students of Hough Elementary.

Newsletter Carriers Needed!

Do you want to take a walk in Arnada? We have two newsletter routes that each need a delivery person for the monthly Arnada Neighborhood Newsletter. One is a residential route on G and H Streets between 19th and 25th, and the other is a mix of residential and business on upper Broadway and Main.

The newsletters and business sponsor pages will be delivered to you each month. We ask that you deliver to your route before the next monthly association meeting. Time commitment is about one hour per month.

Please contact sandichristensen16@gmail.com or 360-772-4026 if you'd like more details. Thank you, neighbors!

Hough Elementary Needs YOU!

Volunteer as a Lunch Buddy! We have a lunch buddy program at Hough Elementary School, and I have so many kids asking for buddies and not enough adult volunteers. Lunch buddy is having lunch with a kid once a week who we identify as needing stable adult support. Usually we play board games or do crafts in the family community resource space and then have lunch. It makes a huge impact in the lives of kiddos who need safe adults. Please reach out if you are interested in this volunteer opportunity or if you own a local business and would be open to employees volunteering for 40 minutes a week to do this. Please contact me. I would love to share at your business.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Annette McCabe, Family and Community Resource Center Coordinator annette.mccabe@vansd.org or text her at 360-901-8193.

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I am Ms. Green Bags

Hi Neighbors! I am also known as your Neighborhood Coordinator for the Clark Neighbors Food Project. Every two months, I collect non-perishable food and toiletries from 28 Arnada neighbors and donate to FISH of Vancouver Westside Food Pantry.

I would like to expand to also donate to the Family and Community Resource Center (FCRC) at Hough Elementary School. Hough is the neighborhood elementary school for Arnada. Hough currently has 257 students enrolled. 47 of those students are considered homeless and 56% of students live in homes with income below the federal poverty line. The role of the FCRC is to connect families in need with community resources, but they always have emergency basics on hand to help with household supplies or food when needed. Toiletries are always welcome because families cannot buy these with food stamps. Soap, laundry soap, toilet paper, diapers, body wash, dish soap, feminine hygiene products, cleaning spray, etc are all welcome and needed donations. Other items they can use are new socks and underwear, children's sweatpants and leggings. Gas cards are also welcome. The FCRC is unable to use hotel-sized toiletries, open toiletries, or used socks or underwear.

To keep things manageable, I will continue food deliveries to FISH and toiletries to Hough. If Hough has specific food needs, I will send that info to donors ahead of time.

Our next Green Bag pickup day is Saturday, April 12.

If you are already a part of the food project, thank you! If you would like to join us in donating to help support kids and families in our community, you can sign up at clarkfoodproject.org or email me at sandichristensen16@gmail.com.

March Events Calendar

Date/Time	Event	Details
Thurs., Mar. 6: 6 - 8 p.m.	And It Has Pockets! The Battle for Women's Clothing Equality General O.O. Howard House 750 Anderson Street	Join costume designer Diane Johnston to dig into the pockets of the past, tracing the history of the humble pocket to determine if the battle for equality may still be decided by a few inches of extremely influential fabric. FREE. Reserve your spot: https://tinyurl.com/yxk3pfzy
Thurs., Mar. 6: 6:30 - 8 p.m. Doors at 5:30 p.m.	The Port of Vancouver Lecture Series 1011 Main Street	In this lecture Columbia River Maritime Museum dives into it's collection and exciting expansion plans. FREE. RSVP encouraged but not required. www.portvanusa.com/community/events
Fri., Mar. 7: 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/
Sat., Mar. 8: 6 - 8 p.m.	Empowered Women Empower Women Persnickety Vintage Ratany Bloom D Side Studio	Join Persnickety, Ratany Bloom, and D Side Studio for International Women's Day! Enjoy small bites, raffle prizes, exclusive discounts, vendors, good company, and more! This is a FREE event open to all!
Sat., Mar. 8: 9 - 10:30 a.m.	Uptown Neighborhood Cleanup Kindred Vancouver 2213 Main Street	Meet at Kindred neighborhood clean-up in Uptown. Gloves, picker-uppers, buckets, etc. provided. Trash will be brought back to Kindred to be properly disposed of.
Mon., Mar. 17: 12 p.m.	Paddy Hough Parade Main Street between 24 th Street and McLoughlin Blvd.	Hough Elementary celebrates the legacy of their school's namesake, Patrick Hough with a fun-filled parade. This joyful celebration is filled with Hough students, community members, elected officials, educational groups, and municipal organizations.
Thurs., Mar. 6: 6:30 - 8 p.m. Doors at 5:30 p.m.	The Port of Vancouver Lecture Series 1011 Main Street	In this lecture Port of Vancouver USA leadership shares updates from across port operations. FREE. RSVP encouraged but not required. www.portvanusa.com/community/events
Sat., Mar. 22: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Creative Futures: A Community Visioning Collage & Zine Workshop Kindred Vancouver 2213 Main Street	A hands-on collage, zine, and vision board workshop where we'll creatively respond to the City's vision statements using repurposed materials, provided by the City from past engagement efforts. This is an opportunity to reflect on what kind of community you want to live in. FREE.