

DUBOIS PARK

Neighborhood Association Newsletter

NEXT MEETING

Wed, April 9, 2025

6:30-7:30pm

Vancouver Heights United
Methodist Church, 5701
MacArthur Blvd

OFFICERS

President, Jennifer Lang

Vice President, Open Position

Secretary, Janice Ritter

Treasurer, Barbara Paulsen

Neighborhood Police Officer,
Jeremy Vanroyce,
360-487-7448,
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vancouver.us

FINANCIALS

2025

Current Balance: \$2,566.53

Deposits: none in 2025

Withdrawals: \$160.00 (room
rental)

Neighborhood Clean-Up

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 12, 2025 for the much anticipated event of the year. A chance to clean out the basement, garage, yard or any room in your house of broken items or items that are past their prime for donation.

We hope to use the West parking lot of McLoughlin Middle School once again this year for the multi-neighborhood clean-up event, but watch the Facebook page for updates if this location changes.

Waste Connections will collect:

- Bulky Items
- Yard Debris
- Scrap Metal

More details will be provided as we get closer to the date. Also, at the April meeting, we will be asking for volunteers to direct traffic to the correct truck in two-hour segments.

How to Reach Us

Email: duboispark@gmail.com

Facebook: DuBois Park Neighborhood

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1688383734552024>



July 4th, 2025

The July 4th BBQ and Parade will be here before we know it!

At the April meeting we will be asking for volunteers, but if you have volunteered before and want to do it again, please reach out to Janice at our neighborhood email:

duboispark@gmail.com

Or if you have never volunteered during the amazing neighborhood picnic and can't make the April meeting, please reach out to Janice and she'll find the perfect opportunity for you!

We can't make the magic happen without you!



Neighbors On Watch Academy

The next session of Neighbors on Watch (NOW) Academy is April 17 - May 22, 6 - 9:15pm, 6 weekly training sessions.

Community members in the City of Vancouver that are interested in making their neighborhoods safer are encouraged to apply for the Vancouver Police Department's volunteer program called "Neighbors On Watch". All volunteer applicants must successfully pass a screening process which includes criminal background investigation, fingerprints, interviews and reference check.

Positive relationships between the police, the community and individual community members are extremely important and are vital to the success of Community Oriented Policing. Consequently, community member volunteer programs are an integral part of the community policing efforts of the Vancouver Police Department. An especially important aspect of such efforts is the positive impact individual citizens can have on our community's crime problems and quality life issues.

How do you become a NOW volunteer? Some of the criteria are:

Be over 21-years of age, live in the city limits of Vancouver, have a valid driver's license and insurance, successfully pass a background investigation, attend a 28 hour training academy, commit to volunteer at least four hours per month, and be willing to coordinate with other volunteers to patrol city neighborhoods.

If you are interested in this exciting way to make our neighborhood a safer place to live and play, please go to the city website and search for VPD Volunteer Programs.

www.cityofvancouver.us/government/department/vancouver-police-department-vpd/vpd-volunteer/

A Little Gift Makes a Big Difference

Your gifts to the Neighborhood Association make it possible for us to cover the cost of our July 4th Picnic and Parade, offer a “Welcome to the Hood” gift to new neighbors, give our volunteers a thank you gift card to a local coffee shop, mailing of newsletters, pay for the room rental fees and insurance for our bi-annual meetings.

If you wish to contribute to the neighborhood fund, please make checks payable to: **DuBois Park Neighborhood Association** and drop or mail your check to our Treasurer:

Barbara Paulsen, 5004 Eureka Way, Vancouver WA 98661

Thank you to all who have made a gift of time or money for your generosity!

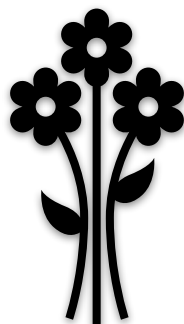
New to the Hood?

Welcome to all our new neighbors! We can't wait to meet you at our July 4th Coffee Meet & Greet (mark your calendar). It's a great way to say hello to the people who work and live right next to you.

We wanted to let you know that the Board communicates several ways with you and we try not to bombard you with information. We occasionally send out a group email, so if that is your preferred way to communicate and you aren't on that list, please email us at duboispark@gmail.com and Jennifer will add you to the email list.

We also have a Facebook group for neighbors where the Board can communicate information that we think is important or interesting to the neighborhood. You can search for DuBois Park Neighborhood Association, answer a few questions and one of us will approve your request. We don't allow posting in this group, so if you have a garage sale or are looking for a new handyman, we recommend you sign up for Nextdoor.

The last way we get information to you is through these bi-annual newsletters that will come out a few weeks before the next neighborhood meeting. These are mailed to all neighbors by the City of Vancouver and there is nothing you need to do, but read it (we hope)!



New(ish) Bike Garden

In October, we had a representative from the City come give us an update on the Heights District Development Plan and talk about the new Bike Garden. If you want to learn more about the HDD Plan, please go to the city website:

<https://www.behheardvancouver.org/heights-district-plan>

While the Heights District Plan is still away off, the City has instigated a temporary space activation by adding a Bike Garden! The bike garden was designed by an urban design firm, First Forty Feet, with consultation from Discover Traffic Gardens. This is a fun and educational way to activate the almost two-block asphalt area before construction commences in 2025/2026.

Bike gardens, known to most as traffic gardens, are safe and engaging spaces where children and people of all ages can learn to ride bikes, learn the rules of the road, and pedestrian safety while being free from motor vehicles. The Heights Bike Garden is a scaled-down, model streetscape that is complete with roadways, intersections, roundabouts, stop and yield signs, and pedestrian crosswalks.

The art depicted on the mural structures and colors for the design come from the theme of the Grand Loop - Vancouver's natural elements which include volcanology, hydrology, ecology, and geology. The planning effort to provide a safe, comfortable, and inviting space with seating, portable toilets, trash cans, and dedicated parking was a joint effort between the redevelopment team, Parks department, and Public Works. Over a 3-day event in June of 2024, volunteers from the City of Vancouver, Bike Clark County, and community members picked up paint rollers and brushes to bring the vision alive

The Bike Garden Grand Opening was on June 8, 2024.

Survey Work Ahead

In December 2024, all neighbors would have received a postcard from the City detailing the upcoming survey work (you can see a picture of the postcard in our Facebook page).

The City is planning a water main replacement project in our neighborhood. Construction is anticipated in late 2025 or early 2026.

As they develop the water utility improvements, we might notice City employees in our neighborhood. These crews are surveying the area and gathering information to help with design plans. Workers will

wear personal protective equipment, such as reflective vests, so they can be easily identified as survey work gets underway. General work hours will be 7 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday.

For more information please contact Reed Crosson, Water Engineering, 360-487-7129, reed.crosson@cityofvancouver.us. Please refer to “DuBois Park Water Main Replacement” in the subject line of your email.

Board Treasurer Position Opening

After serving for eight years as the DuBois Park Neighborhood Board Treasurer Barbara Paulsen will be stepping down at the end of the year. We are looking for someone to take over this position and will vote on it in at our November meeting.

The treasurer position maintains the Neighborhood Association checking account which includes making deposits, issuing reimbursements, and paying for services on behalf of the neighborhood. Other duties may be assigned to the Treasurer by the President.

If you are interested, or have questions, please contact us at duboispark@gmail.com

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