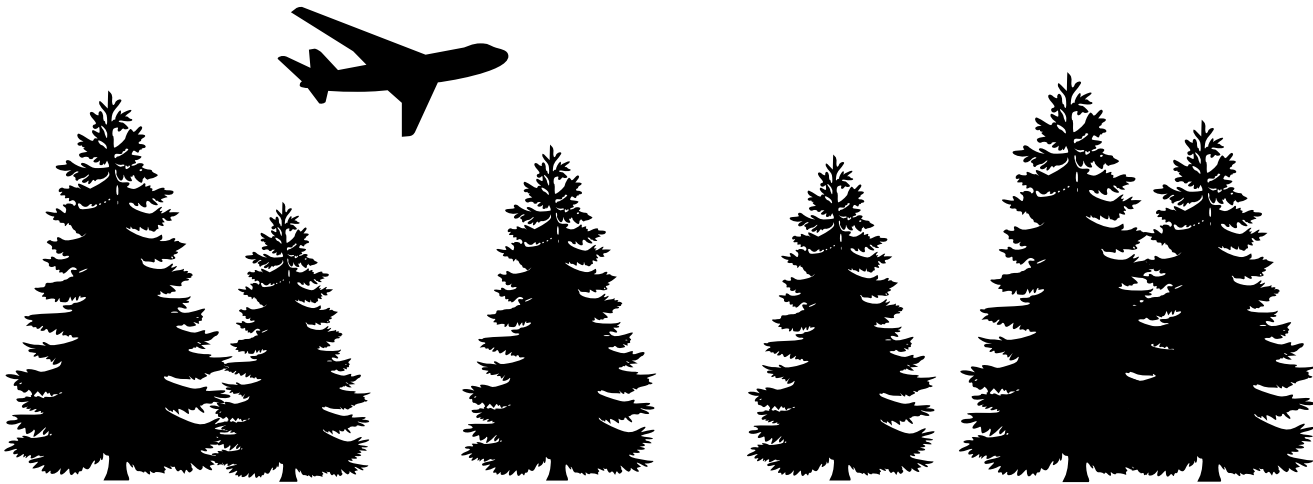


# Quarterly Newsletter

AIRPORT GREEN  
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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April 2025



## President's Message

Greetings to all my neighbors, and thank you all as we continue to build community in our neighborhood. That sense of community may be more important than we think or realize. As we hear and read about the loss of that community in the LA area, where not only homes have been lost, but businesses, churches, and schools have been wiped out. How would we respond to such a disaster? While the Airport Green Neighborhood Association does have an emergency action plan in place, it still needs improvement from people like you. We continue to re-establish the Map Your Neighborhood and CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) to help neighbors connect with each other. By building upon the resources that each of us bring to share and the working together in supporting everyone in our neighborhood is critical. Please make a plan to get involved with MYN in your section of the neighborhood to continue to build and maintain the community that is AGNA. Contact Michelle Min or Victor Le to get scheduled.

Your Executive Board has met to tackle the many concerns raised at the Annual Meeting, as well as the organizational needs of each of the activities planned this year. The Garage Sale is back on this year on the (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup>) first weekend of May. This will be publicized on Next Door, and the various local papers to help everyone who wishes to participate have a successful sale. By registering, AGNA can publicize your address so traffic is increased for maximum success. Contact Jeremy Romig to register for the Garage Sale now.

Not all things are done solely by the Executive Board members that you elect, but by neighbors who wish to help in some small way. Special thanks go to Tina Litsey - Membership Chair; Keri Schwarzott - Website Manager, and Britni Schatz - Newsletter Editor and Publisher. If you're interested in helping any of these amazing people, or other activity, please reach out to us.

Let's have a great year,

*Donald Weir*

AGNA Executive Board President

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## Neighborly Reminders

- The City of Vancouver has Homeless Assistance and Response Team (HART) should you see someone camping in the park and in need of help. Use the **MyVancouver.App** to get help via your phone or Email:
  - [hartteam@cityofvancouver.us](mailto:hartteam@cityofvancouver.us)
  - Voicemail: 360-487-8626.They will send someone out to assist the individual(s).
- Please be very considerate of the animals and birds in the neighborhood when using either pesticides or herbicides as these can poison cats and dogs as well as birds.
- The final pavement sealing process will be finished in 2025, so be prepared for notifications when that process will begin at the end of the current school year.
- If you have not made out the Membership Application, which gives every resident, home owner, long term renter, or business – voice and vote in the Airport Green Neighborhood Association. Please make one out per household and send it to Tina Litsey. Yes, dues are a voluntary \$12 per year. This helps in funding our various activities for the neighborhood at large.
- Curb Painting Program will begin in June for those residents who want their house numbers painted on the curb. This assists first responders in locating your house quickly during an emergency. Whether in the dark or during inclement weather, finding the correct house number can be challenging. This removes that challenge when every second counts.
- Two free apps for you phone that are highly beneficial: **RecycleRight** and **MyVancouver**.
  - **RecycleRight** from Waste Connections provides a calendar of your pickup day and which cans are to be put out, bulk pickup, and answers to questions on trash and recycling.
  - The **MyVancouver** provides requests, resources of unhoused, events calendar and feedback on City projects, plans and initiatives, even crime reporting, and more.
- Please keep curbs and storm water drains cleared of debris, leaves, needles, and cones.
- Scan QR code with your mobile device to visit the City of Vancouver's website.



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# Responses to Neighborhood Concerns

## **Sidewalks in neighborhood with raised sections are tripping hazards. Property owners need to maintain for walkability.**

The Executive Board will be mapping the areas where sidewalks have buckled and may need repair. We will also look into how best to help those homeowners affected.

## **Burned out house on Airport Drive**

The Executive Board felt that the current owners are dealing with legal as well as bureaucratic obstacles. The owners want to tear down the house and rebuild.

## **Get cars off the street and parked in driveways. The occasional RVs occupied by homeless at SE 1st and Hearthwood block and abandoned vehicles left in the area.**

The occasional RVs and abandoned vehicles have been removed. As for cars parked by fire hydrants and stop signs need to be moved or reported to the City of Vancouver for police action. The owners of the RV on Airport Drive have been notified to move their trailer, but have refused to do so. Any RV or travel trailer parked on the street is a hazard to emergency responders and needs to be parked on the owner's property or a storage facility.

## **Amazon/UPS/FedEx delivery vehicles speeding through neighborhood.**

Drivers have been spoken to and seem to be complying so far.

## **Low visibility at night due to faulty street lights on Airport Drive.**

Use the **MyVancouver App** or [www.cityofvancouver.us/services/report-concerns/](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/services/report-concerns/)

## **People need to stop blowing their yard debris in the street. Clean the debris up and put it in the yard waste bin where it belongs.**

Those using a professional service for yard work, need to remind those workers to not blow debris into the street, but pick up and place in a yard debris bin.

## **Job description for committees; I would like to see the Board meet more than twice a year. Have a neighborhood community calendar to help with activity planning.**

The description for committees and neighborhood calendar were in the January/February Newsletter this year. A brief calendar reminder will be included in each Newsletter. The Executive Board meets about four times a year, and has already had two meetings.

## **Discuss electronic voting and/or Hybrid meetings?**

The Executive Board did talk about this at our last meeting and would require an amendment to our Bylaws going forward.

## **People rummaging through recycling bins.**

A recent email to AGNA residents was sent out regarding this issue and advised not to engage with the individual(s). Take photos, videos, get license plate, make and model of vehicle(s) and complete description of the individuals going through the bins. This is a violation of City Code.

## **Cats running loose, digging up flower beds.**

Please do not allow your cats or dogs to roam freely as this impacts the neighborhood and community.

## **Reduction in street lanes outside of our neighborhood (but areas I have to drive). In favor of dedicated bike lanes. This has already had a detrimental impact on my commute times.**

## **Shrubs blocking right turn onto Mill Plain.**

## **Dutch Bros Exit, view blocked by bus and two inside lanes of traffic try to get in front of bus while traffic is exiting Dutch Bros and 7/11.**

All three are beyond our neighborhood and are out of the responsibility the Executive Board has authority to address. However, you can still submit your feelings and feedback to the City of Vancouver through the **MyVancouver App** or [www.cityofvancouver.us/services/report-concern/](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/services/report-concern/)



## Neighborhood Alliance

Each of the board members selects a couple of areas of responsibility. As part of my assignment, I represent Airport Green in the Vancouver Neighborhood Alliance. In that position, I receive invitations to represent neighborhood concerns to the mayor and other city officials. I have accepted a one-year commitment to be the VNA Vice Chair.

The VNA provides liability insurance to Neighborhood associations for \$100 per year. (AGNA has long purchased its own liability policy.) Through the VNA, we have the opportunity to work with other Neighborhood associations cooperatively. Most neighborhoods struggle with the same issues we do, speeding in residential areas, street surfaces, law enforcement, etc.

Recently, I was invited to spend an hour with our mayor, discussing area concerns. The city streets manager was present, and I mentioned to him that AGNA is due for cape sealing this year.

Since re-surfacing projects begin in July, I noted that we have an AGNA Parade on July 4 – and it would be good if that did not conflict with the cape seal project. He made a note of that. Further, we discussed the visibility of the speed limit sign at Hearthwood School. Other neighbors were in attendance, and we had a profitable discussion about a number of issues.

We learned that the “My Vancouver” app is going away in November, since it is operated by an outside organization – and the city is reducing costs. It will be replaced – but it is unknown at this time what that will look like. In the meantime, continue to use the My Vancouver app – or use the city website to report issues such as parking, campers on the street, etc.

**Doug Wood**

# Neighborhood Cleanup

Saturday, May 3 | 8 AM - 2 PM

This is the third year that Airport Green Neighborhood has been partnered with other neighborhood associations. This year we share this with Emerald Green NA and Fircrest NA held at the Evergreen Public School Administration Building parking lot. Neighbors may access the clean-up site from 8:00 until 2:00 pm for metal, yard debris, and bulky items.



## The acceptable items are:

- Scrap metal (be prepared to help unload your scrap metal items),
- Bicycles for reuse,
- Small appliances (such as vacuums or lamps),
- Lawn mowers, small engines and garden equipment drained of fluids,
- Yard debris such as clippings, small logs and tree branches. Note: You can bring yard debris in bags but they will be dumped out of the bags.

## Prepare by categorizing your load to separate material for easy unloading.

- Using a tarp liner under the yard debris makes for faster and cleaner unloading.
- Putting yard debris on the bottom, then the biggest items on top, followed by any other items tucked in and around the biggest items.
- Don't forget to cover your load to prevent littering if bringing a truck or trailer.

We need your help! Volunteers are greatly needed to sign up with Pam or Sue to fill the roughly three-hour shift times available are 8:00 to 11:00 am and 11:00 to 2:00 pm.

You can reach Doug Wood at 208-669-0672 or [layspeaking@gmail.com](mailto:layspeaking@gmail.com)

## Items Not Accepted

- Household trash or contractor waste
- Concrete, cement, rocks, sod or dirt
- Home project/remodel debris (i.e. flooring tiles, drywall, large amounts of fencing, roofing, etc.)
- Hazardous chemicals, cleaners, paints or stains, fluids like gasoline or oil
- Hazardous products (paint, aerosol cans, automotive fluids, oil filters, cleaners, polishes, fluorescent light bulbs, fuel-propane tanks, household batteries, lawn or garden chemicals, mercury thermometers, sharps, or any container with the words poison, corrosive, combustible, caustic, volatile, flammable, danger, caution, or warning written on it).
- Electronics - TVs, computers, and printers. (recycle for free, visit [www.EcycleWashington.org](http://www.EcycleWashington.org))
- CFL or fluorescent tube lights (recycle for free visit [www.LightRecycle.org](http://www.LightRecycle.org))
- Refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners or HVAC equipment
- Home and Yard/Garden pesticides, cleaners, poisons, unused paint or stains
- Propane Tanks, or Un-drained auto parts or small engines
- Tires – use your Spring Coupon to dispose of up to four passenger tires for free
- Liquids of any kind
- Really large items like boats and hot tubs. These should be hauled directly to the transfer station at the owner's expense.



Habitat for Humanity will be on-site to accept donations from 9 am - 12 pm.



Open House Ministries will be at the clean-up from 12 pm - 2 pm.



## 30<sup>th</sup> Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Kids Parade & Picnic

Friday, July 4

Kids, little & big, are encouraged to walk, ride a bike, scooter, skateboards, etc, have their adult push their stroller, or pull their wagon.

Flags & lots of decorations are highly encouraged on your chosen form of transportation through the parade!

Neighbors, parents, grandparents, etc are encouraged to sit along the route & cheer on the kids as they progress through the route.

### **The meeting point**

The intersection of NE 6<sup>th</sup> St and NE 139<sup>th</sup> Ave and we will end at the Hearthwood Park this year in order to transition straight into the Annual AGNA Picnic BBQ – updated route, exact start time & more details to come in the next newsletter!

The planning committee is looking into this years lead car or truck options for our little group. If you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer your vehicle and services for the parade please call or text Teresa at 360-909-1422 or [c.t.felton@comcast.net](mailto:c.t.felton@comcast.net).

### **Picnic information**

The picnic will start shortly after everyone from the parade has arrived.

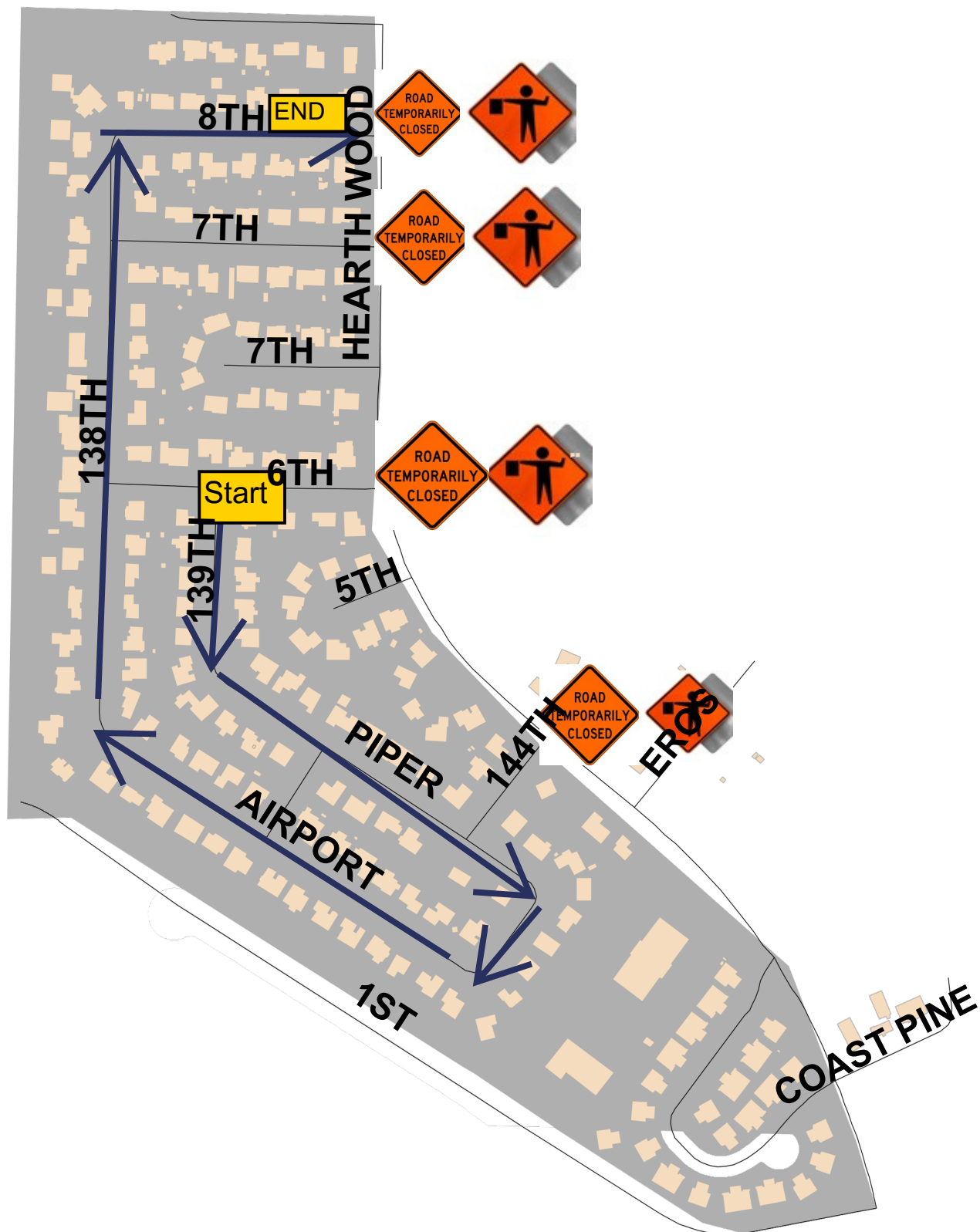
We have arranged for a port-a-potty, there are a few picnic tables in the park & attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs or blankets for the Picnic. More details to come in next newsletter.

### **Volunteers & Sponsors are needed for the following:**

- Direct traffic at several intersections along the parade route.
- Procure the food, serving items, etc.
- Help set up the tables, BBQ's, etc.
- Cook & serve at the picnic
- Set up, run, or assist with group games & give out prizes
- Clean up crew

Please contact Jackie at [bcooper603@aol.com](mailto:bcooper603@aol.com) & Teresa at [c.t.felton@comcast.net](mailto:c.t.felton@comcast.net) if you can volunteer a small amount of your time for our annual event or if you know of a company or group that would like to sponsor any portion of our events, we can reach out if you provide us with more information. We appreciate all service and time you can commit to our neighborhood events.

# 30<sup>th</sup> Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Kids Parade Route



# Airport Green Neighborhood Association

## Permanent Membership Application

Application information is for AGNA purposes only!

☐ Check box if you do NOT want your name(s) published as a voting or dues-paying member.

Check the box(es) that apply:

☐ Current resident(s)

☐ Property owner(s)

**Important Notice: Members who elect to pay the voluntary dues may have their house number painted on their curb free of charge!**

☐ Check box for free curb painting

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Street/property address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail(1) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Submission \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail(2) \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Voting rights are established by registering a signed membership application, provided it is received at least seven (7) days prior to the next membership vote. All residents or property owners 18 years or older are eligible to register for voting membership. Payment of dues is *not* required to register.

Please submit your signed application with a \$12 check to AGNA (voluntary dues) to:

Tina Litsey, AGNA Membership Chair  
13811 NE Airport Drive  
Vancouver WA 98684

Application for non-profit organization or business licensee can be obtained by contacting the AGNA Membership Chairperson.

**Current members: Detach & submit with check for voluntary dues payment if there is no change in personal information, such as phone number or e-mail address.**

☐ By checking box, I request that my house number be painted on the curb.