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2025

NWNA NEWS

YOUR QUARTERLY NORTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD NEWLETTER



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Clean Up Day

Saturday, June 7

58th and Lincoln/Franklin Park

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Summer Gathering

Thursday, July 17

4616 NW Franklin Street

5-7 p.m.

(Bring a dish/drink to share)

Please RSVP details inside.

Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, October. 23

Franklin Elementary

7-8:30 p.m.

Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, January. 22

Franklin Elementary

7-8:30 p.m.

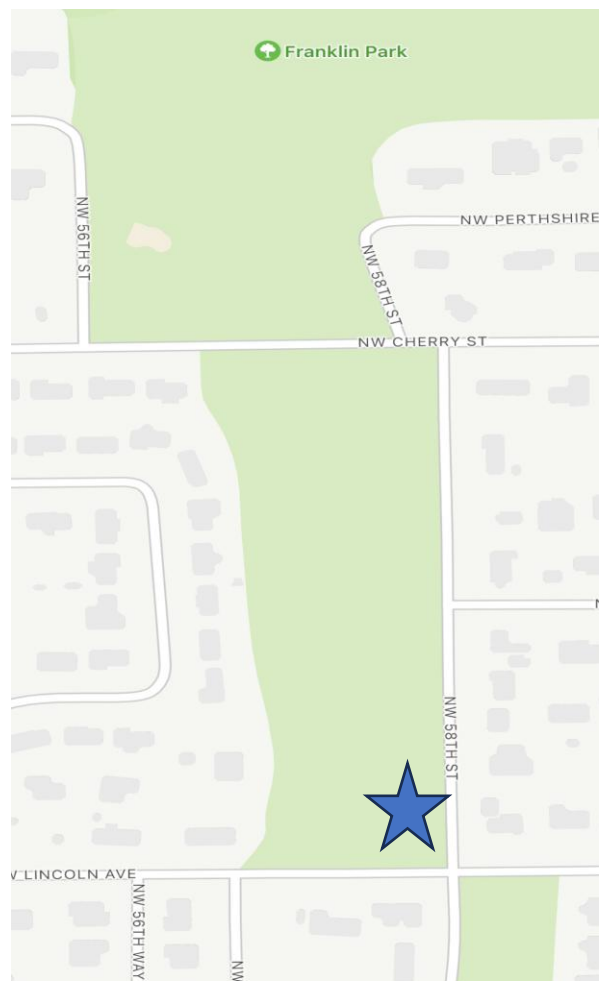
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Neighborhood Clean Up Day

June 7, 2025

8 AM – Noon

58th and Lincoln (enter from Cherry Street)



-Accepted-

Bulky Items
Scrap Metal
Yard Debris

-No Accepted-

No Household Trash
No Concrete
No Rocks, Sod, Dirt
No Home Remodel
No Roofing
No Chemicals
No TV's
No Computers
No Monitors
No CFL Bulbs
No Hot Tubs

NWNA President Report



Jim Mains
NWNA President

Summer is here, and as always, there's an abundance of exciting activities happening in our community! From concerts in the park to farmers markets and festivals at Esther Short Park, the options are endless.

The NW Neighborhood has plenty of summer activities lined up as well. We kick off the season in June with our annual neighborhood clean-up day. If you have bulky garbage you'd like to dispose of, this is the perfect opportunity! Join us on Saturday, June 1, from 8 AM to noon at the entrance on Cherry and 58th Street.

We will also provide yard debris disposal services at Franklin Park, though please note that we won't have chipper service this year. The City of Vancouver plans to offer chipper service in the fall.

Summer is Here!

Starting the summer with some spring cleaning and decluttering is always a rewarding way to prepare for the season ahead!

Additionally, we'll be hosting neighborhood Kickball games this summer, a fantastic activity for the whole family to enjoy—whether you're playing or cheering from the sidelines!

Get ready for some fun with our neighborhood kickball games, featuring exciting matchups between different neighborhoods! You can find more details about the Fireballs Kickball season in this newsletter.

This year, we do not have a coordinator for our garage sales. However, we've noticed that in the age of social media, hosting a neighborhood garage sale isn't as straightforward as it used to be. Many people prefer to hold their own sales and promote them through their social media channels. We encourage anyone that is planning to host a garage sale this summer and let us know— we'd be happy to share your events on our social media page!

We are excited to announce the return of our neighborhood picnic on Thursday, July 17, from 5 to 7 PM! Join us for a friendly gathering in the backyard of our home on Franklin Street.

Cecilia and I live directly across from Our Lady of Lourdes School, a place many of you may recognize from the holiday decorations. We'll be barbecuing hot dogs and invite everyone to bring a dish and drinks to share. Please RSVP by July 12th by emailing jim@jim mains.com (mailto:jim@jim mains.com), so we can prepare accordingly.

Summer is off to a hot start, and we can't wait to celebrate with you!

-Jim Mains

Meet your team!

Ben McCarty
Vice President



Grace Sherman
Secretary



Margaret Moses
Treasurer



PORT OF VANCOUVER USA PLANS TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF MAIN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ALTERNATE LOCATION FOR PORT COMMISSION MEETINGS

Planned renovations begin May 30; starting in June, commission meetings temporarily held at CTRAN's Board Room

The Port of Vancouver USA today provided public notice that it will temporarily close its north administration building, including its public commission meeting room. The closure will begin May 30 and will allow for planned renovations to its aging building. Work is scheduled to last through the end of 2025.

Throughout the building renovation, the port will maintain its full slate of operations and the commission will hold publicly accessible meetings on its normal schedule.

Commission meetings: same schedule, temporary location

Starting with its June 10 meeting, the port commission will temporarily relocate its public meetings to CTRAN's Board Room (10600 NE 51st Circle, Vancouver 98682).

Commission meetings will take place on their normal dates and times: the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Any changes to the meeting schedule will follow normal protocol and the port will provide public notification in advance.

Meetings will continue to be broadcast and streamed live via CVTV and will offer opportunities for the public to comment in-person or virtually.

The commission meeting room will be closed for the duration of the renovation work.

Public resource availability

Starting May 30, port administrative staff, commission comment forms, tide books and other public resources will be temporarily located at 2801 NW Lower River Road, within the Plastics Northwest building, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The north administration building parking lot and EV charging stations immediately adjacent to Lower River Road will remain closed to the public throughout the renovation.

Information on port commission meetings, port services, closure updates, and more is available on the [port's](#)

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NWNA Updates

Volunteers needed for Clean-Up Day

Peter Fels is once again coordinating volunteer helpers with trucks or trailers to assist neighbors to get their materials to the dump sites on Neighborhood Clean-Up Day (June 7 from 8 AM – Noon). All you need is a truck or trailer, a strong back and a few hours on Saturday morning.

If you can help, please contact Peter at 360-609-1655 or 360-737-3154.



Neighborhood Picnic

Jim and Cecilia Mains invite you to a summer BBQ on July 17 from 5-7 PM in their yard at 4616 NW Franklin Street. Bring a chair, and a dish/drinks to share. They will provide hot dogs!

RSVP before July 12 to jim@jimmain.com.



Garbage Pick Up on Clean Up Day

Do you need help with garbage pickup on June 7 for Clean Up Day? Peter Fels is coordinating this year's crew to collect items directly from your home. If you'd like to be added to the pickup list, please contact Peter at either 360-609-1655 or 360-737-3154.



If you have neighborhood updates, special announcements or events please send them to jim@jimmain.com

We need you!

Newsletter Delivery

We are always in need of help deliver the neighborhood newsletter. If you would like to join the delivery team, please contact Jim Mains at jim@jim mains.com.

Delivering the newsletter usually takes a few hours. It's a great way to get outdoors and meet your neighbors.

A special thanks to Jim and Brenda Walker for coordinating our deliveries and making sure you get your newsletter.

Newsletter Writers

If you love to write we would love to hear from you. We are always in need of stories for our newsletters. If you have a great story you would like to share, a poem you are proud of or even an opinion that can help the neighborhood, please share. Contact Jim Mains at Jim@JimMains.com.

Kickball Team

We would love more players for our 2025 Kickball season. Check out the story in this newsletter. Email VP Ben McCarty for more details on how to join. Ben.p.mccarty@gmail.com.

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Summer Tips for Staying Cool and Fire Prevention

Here are five effective ways to beat the heat during summer:

1. **Stay Hydrated:** Drink plenty of water throughout the day to keep your body cool and prevent dehydration. You can also enjoy refreshing beverages like iced tea or infused water.
2. **Wear Lightweight Clothing:** Choose loose-fitting, light-colored clothing made from breathable fabrics like cotton or linen. This helps keep your body cool and allows for better air circulation.
3. **Use Fans and Air Conditioning:** Keep your living space cool by using fans or air conditioning. If you don't have AC, consider visiting public places like shopping malls or libraries that offer a cool environment.
4. **Limit Outdoor Activities:** Plan your outdoor activities for the cooler parts of the day, such as early morning or late evening. Avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest hours.
5. **Create Shade:** If you spend time outdoors, seek shade under trees, umbrellas, or canopies. You can also use sun-blocking shades or curtains indoors to maintain a cooler environment.

By following these tips, you can enjoy a more comfortable summer!

Preparing your home for fire season is essential for ensuring the safety of your property and loved ones. Here are some key steps to take:

1. **Clear the Vegetation:** Remove dead leaves, branches, and other debris from around your home. Trim trees and shrubs, keeping them at least 30 feet away from the structure. This helps reduce fuel sources for potential fires.
2. **Maintain Gutters and Roofs:** Regularly clean gutters, roofs, and eaves of debris and leaves to reduce the risk of fire spreading to your home. Ensure downspouts lead away from the house.
3. **Prepare an Emergency Kit:** Assemble an emergency kit with essential items such as water, food, medications, flashlights, and important documents. Keep it in an easily accessible location.
4. **Create an Evacuation Plan:** Develop and communicate an evacuation plan with your family. Know multiple escape routes and where to go if you need to evacuate.
5. **Install Smoke Alarms:** Ensure that smoke alarms are installed in key areas of your home and that they are regularly tested and maintained.
6. **Stay Informed:** Follow local fire safety regulations and be aware of fire warnings or alerts in your area. Sign up for alerts from local emergency services.

Taking these steps can greatly enhance your home's safety during fire season.

Fireballs kickball ready for another summer of fun!

By Ben McCarty

Looking for a fun way to get outside and meet your neighbors?

The westside neighborhood kickball league is ready to kick off for another season of summer fun! The Northwest Fireballs have been a part of the league for over 10 years and have a blast every season.

Teams play weekly games against other neighborhoods at parks around west Vancouver throughout the summer, with the season culminating in a championship game in late August.

Last year the Fireballs routinely had nearly two dozen players out on a weekly basis and are always looking for more. Players of all ages and abilities 12 and over are welcome to join in the fun. Those who don't want to play are always invited to come watch and cheer on the team!

Anyone who has a passing familiarity with baseball or softball can pick up the rules quickly, and the team is always willing to help newcomers with no experience at all get the hang of things. Players are all always welcome, no matter how many games they can make it to over the course of the summer. The No. 1 rule is have fun!

Following games most teams gather at Trap Door Brewing in Uptown to mingle and chat over a beverage or grab a bite from the nearby food carts. Trap Door holds raffles for prizes each week, with everyone who shows up invited to participate. Kids are also welcome to attend.

The Fireballs are sponsored once again this season by Firehouse Axes and by Bartnik Insurance and Financial Solutions and the team is grateful for their support which allowed for the purchase of new jersey's last year.

Games this season are on Thursdays at 7pm before July 4th and swap to Wednesdays at 7pm after July 4 th. With seven neighborhoods participating, this season promises to be the most exciting season yet, so stretch your legs and join the Fireballs for some fun this summer!



Fireballs Kickball Schedule 2025

Fireballs kickball schedule home games in bold

5/22 7pm @ Arnada - Arnada Park

5/29 7pm @ Rose Village – Washington Elementary

6/5 Bye

6/12 7pm Carter Park – Franklin Park

6/19 7pm Hough Shasamroxx – Franklin Park

6/26 7pm. vs East 18th St. Edentulators – Franklin Park

7/2 7 pm @ Lincoln Shumway – John Ball Park

7/9 7 pm Carter Park – Franklin Park

7/16 7pm @ East 18th St – Marshall Park

7/23 7pm Rose Village – Franklin Park

7/30 7pm Lincoln Shumway-Franklin Park

8/6 7pm @ Hough Shazamroxx – John Ball Park

8/13 Bye

8/18 Playoffs week



City Manager Update: June 2025

Vancouver is in the midst of a continuing transformation into an economic driver of the bi-state greater Portland region and is experiencing sustained population and job growth. And while the economic activity is positive, the recent population boom has also increased the cost of living. This places more pressure on historically underserved communities and can worsen economic disparity.



Knowing that we need to make proactive investments in economic security and opportunity for all current and future residents, the City Council adopted the City's first-ever [Five-Year Economic Development Strategy](#) in April. This inclusive strategy is set up to help accelerate economic growth and address growing disparities within the community. It is organized around four primary goals:

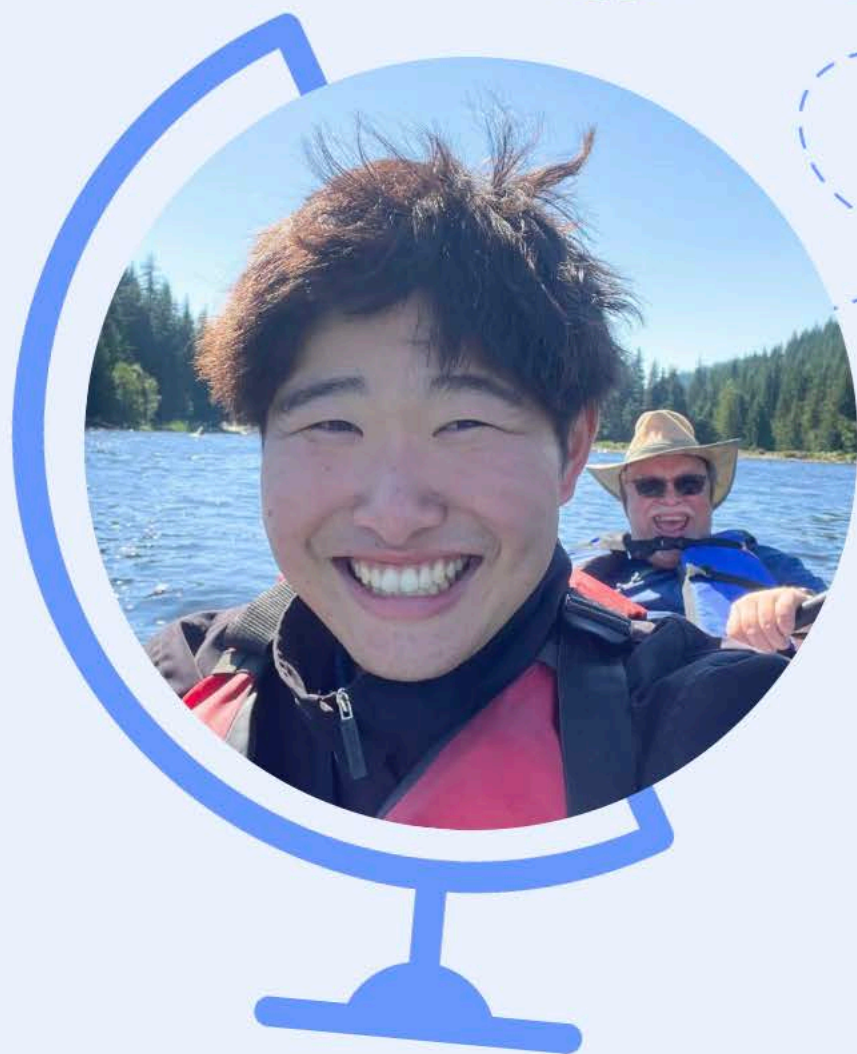
- Establish pathways to accessible, quality jobs
- Create opportunities for intergenerational wealth
- Position Vancouver as an inclusive center of innovation and entrepreneurship
- Invest in neighborhood commercial districts
- Vancouver must be strategic in its approach to economic development so we can maintain competitiveness in the face of recent economic instability and current challenges.

Our strategy was developed using both data analysis and broad community engagement. The strategy will also be aligned with and complements the region's economic development roadmap led by the [Columbia River Economic Development Council](#) and [Workforce Southwest Washington's](#) 2025-2029 Strategic Plan. This ensures that Vancouver's actions fit with existing initiatives and that they leverage available tools and resources for maximum impact.

We welcome this new chapter in Vancouver's economic development. This strategy will guide our efforts over the next five years as we work towards creating a more prosperous, innovative and inclusive city.



HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT



Grow your global family!
International students are coming to practice English, make friends, and experience an American household.

Programs include weekday classes or activities at PSU. Students can commute on public transit. They are excited to spend time with their hosts!

SAVE THE DATES!

- **7/10 - 7/24:** Japanese high school students at PSU
- **8/17 - 9/6:** University students from various countries at PSU
- **10/17 - 11/6:** Japanese high school students at PSU

ACES is also seeking families who can host university students for 11 weeks this fall. **Approx. dates: 9/27-12/13.**



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LEARN MORE!





**MEET SOME OF
THE STUDENTS!**

WHY HOST?

EXPLORE NEW CULTURES

Ignite a curiosity for other languages, cultures, customs, cuisine, and more. Sharing stories, trying recipes, and getting to know someone from another background makes the learning experience more personal.



**READY TO
APPLY?**

CREATE A GLOBAL FAMILY

Hosting can be the beginning of a life-long connection spanning countries.

SHARE PERSPECTIVES

Learn about another point of view— and reflect on your own!

HOSTING BASICS

In addition to a warm, safe, and welcoming environment, hosts also provide:

- **3 meals per day** (breakfast + lunch can be self-serve)
- **A private bedroom** for college students
 - Teens may share a room with someone of the same gender and similar age.
- **Daily household conversations** and activities with their international student
- **A commute under 60 minutes** (incl. walking and waiting times). For programs 4-weeks or shorter, hosts can also help drive part or all of the way to school.

ACES provides ongoing support to you and your student. We also offer a small stipend to help cover some of the costs of hosting. Stipends vary by program— feel free to ask!

QUESTIONS?

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