

WOODLAND MEADOWS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

July, 2025

Once a year, we will do a hardcopy of our newsletter and hand deliver it to all the residents of 5th Plain Creek Station and this is the one! The rest of the year it will only be available electronically.

Kestrel Apartment Residents, we will still email all our newsletters to you, if you've signed up to receive one. We are leaving a few copies in your lobby and it can also be found on our website.

We strongly encourage everyone to sign up to have all our newsletters sent directly to your email address. This way you'll be sure to receive the latest Woodland Meadows Neighborhood Association news with important happenings in the neighborhood.

All our newsletters are on our website. You can sign up for the newsletters by emailing us at: woodlandmeadowsvanna@gmail.com or at our website <https://www.woodlandmeadowсна.com/>

You can also find us on Facebook:
Woodland Meadows
Neighborhood Association



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sat. July 12: Clean Up Park—
Thurs. July 17: Meet & Green 6:30pm in the park
Fri. August 8: MOVIE IN THE PARK **
NEW EVENT***If there's enough interest
Sun. Sept. 7: Neighborhood Picnic
OCTOBER date tbd: Help the
CITY PLANT TREES IN PARK
Wed. Oct. 22: General Membership
Meeting 6:30pm Location TBD
Sat., Nov. 2: Clean up
Park/Neighborhood Event 1:00pm
Sat. Nov. 8: Neighborhood Food Drive
December: Gift Wrapping Fundraiser -
Possibly Breakfast with Santa

ATTENTION: GARDEN LOVERS

If you are interested in gardening we have just the thing for you.
Walk and Talk Your Neighborhood with a Master Gardener

This program focuses on some of the joys and challenges of creating and maintaining an appealing and functional yard. WSU Clark County Master Gardeners will "Walk and Talk" your neighborhood as we explore ten Home Landscaping Best Practices including how Pacific Northwest climate influences soil, water, light, space and how hard surfaces impact landscape viability. The conversation will highlight priority topics such as:

- clean water and water conservation
- increasing biodiversity in our landscape
- shared green space as community assets
- attracting pollinators
- soil health
- fire prevention tip
- If we can get 10-12 neighbors interested in this program, we will schedule the actual *Walk and Talk* which would last approximately 60-75 min. If interested, please send an email to woodlandmeadowsvanna@gmail.com



CLEAN UP THE PARK/NEIGHBORHOOD DAY

We have scheduled another pick up the park (and neighborhood) on
Sat., July 12
beginning at 9AM. Meet in the park. Give a little cleanup, bring gloves, and garbage bags and all we need is you. We will provide gloves, trash bags, and all we need is you. We will provide gloves, trash bags, and all we need is you.

CANCELLED

This is a good opportunity to show your pride for the neighborhood. On that day, maybe you could focus on an area in front of your home. We appreciate any and all help making our neighborhood a beautiful (and clean) place to live.

SAFETY CONCERNS IN OUR AREA

There have been a few concerns reported in our area with car break-ins, vandalism in the park, and suspicious people walking around the neighborhood, especially late at night. Not to mention cars that get dumped in our neighborhood.

We've contacted our Neighborhood Police Officer, Jordan Rasmussen, and we are arranging him to come and talk to interested or concerned neighbors about the trends he is seeing, and what we can do to better protect ourselves, and the help the City can provide.

Anyone in attendance to this meeting will receive a chance to win dawn to dusk light bulbs for their garage lights. We may even have some available to purchase.

We will advertise when this meeting will occur, and in the meantime, please keep your eyes out in the neighborhood and note anything suspicious you'd like Officer Rasmussen to address.



**Keep your family
safe from crime**



A Note of Concern From your Neighborhood Association's Board Members- NOT THE HOA!

Dear Neighbors,

The four of us who serve on the Neighborhood Association Board have some concerns that we'd like to share with you. Prior to forming the Association, we knew that there were many City services that our neighborhood could benefit from including grants, neighborhood police officers, traffic calming programs, and so much more, BUT in order to obtain these services, we needed to organize ourselves and become an official City of Vancouver Neighborhood Association. We were also aware of studies that have proven the benefits of fostering community connections, especially in today's world. Not only do we have a closer connection to our City Officials where we are kept informed of events, activities and issues pertinent to us, but we are also building a community where we can count on our neighbors, which improves the safety of our neighborhood. By working together we are a cleaner, safer, healthier neighborhood which improves the lives of us all. Thus, we began the journey of creating an official City of Vancouver Neighborhood Association in 2023 by meeting with City officials and a call out to meet with all our neighbors. Finally, in February 2024, we became the City's 70th official N.A.

Since then, we've been able to do some fun and great things for our community. We purchased and installed the Little Library, we held a picnic with FREE food, music, prizes and a bounce house in the park. We've held several Clean Up Events, sponsored two Neighborhood Garage Sales, held Meet and Greets with some goodies and more! We have more we'd like to do such as Movie in the Park Night, and purchase items and make improvements to our park and common areas. But, this all takes some people power and of course money.

Last year, we were fortunate that we received a \$3,000.00 grant that we applied for from the City to help with our initial expenses (which also includes the cost of our newsletters, and our insurance). Although we do not and cannot collect dues we've received a small amount of donations and not a lot of participation from our neighbors.

WE NEED YOU! We need your ideas and input. We need your time and your financial support. We did not get the larger City grant this year and while we're still applying for a smaller grant to help with this year's expenses, we still cannot do what we'd like to do to help our Neighborhood become a GREAT Community. We deeply appreciate the neighbors who have engaged with us, and would appreciate more involvement from our neighbors. You do not have to be on the board, your help can consist of just attending an event. We've got a lot of ideas we'd like to do for the community but we cannot do it without more consistent help. We don't want to dissolve the Neighborhood Association, but we feel that without increased participation and support we won't be able to keep it up, so PLEASE help us and join us at our next event!

THANK YOU!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA?

Last year at our Gift Wrapping Fundraiser Event in December at Buenos Dias Restaurant an idea arose between the owner and us. What if we did a Breakfast with Santa Fundraiser? We already have a Santa who is available for our tentative date of Saturday, Dec. 20, BUT is there interest in our community? We're currently in discussions to secure all the details with Buenos Dias but we thought for one fee per child they'd receive a breakfast and a visit with Santa (with your own photo opportunity). We're curious as to whether or not we should pursue this, which is another reason we need some input from our neighbors.



If you think this is something you or someone you know would be interested (friends, grandchildren??) please shoot us off an email at woodlandmeadowsvanna@gmail.com and let us know so we can get a sense if it would be successful. THANK YOU!



Picnic in the PARK

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Sept. 7 for our Annual Picnic. If you were one of the 68 in attendance last year, we're sure you'd agree that a fun time was had by all. This year will be a little different due to funding. The Association will supply the meat again (and Chris, the Neighborhood BBQ King, has agreed to man the coals). We'll supply the tables, chairs, plates, silverware, etc. but we will be doing a potluck. We'll also have the kids' guessing jars again and will hopefully have a few adult prizes to give away. We'll have music, and FREE Dip-n-Dots! We also hope we'll be able to afford a Bounce House again. We'd like to organize some games (maybe cornhole, volleyball, water balloon toss, and some kid games) but we sure could use a few people to help us organize these games. We will also have a 50/50 drawing where you can purchase tickets and the winner will receive half of the sale of the tickets and the Association will keep half.

PLEASE, if you are interested in helping us out, send us an email. The more we have helping and the more we have participating, the more fun we will ALL have. BTW: If you would like to donate an item for our prizes (hand crafted- or maybe a basket of goodies) please contact us. This is especially good if you have a business that you'd like to advertise.



BIG CLEAN UP EVENT UPDATE

We once again partnered up with Burnt Bridge Creek Neighborhood Association for a City of Vancouver Big Clean Up Event on Sat., June 14. at Burnt Creek Elementary School We'd first like to thank Rita, Eli & Erin for volunteering their time and working the event AND for the \$100.00 we received from the City for participating in the event!

This event ran sooo smoothly and if you didn't participate in it this year, plan on it next year. People came in with truck loads of stuff to either throw away, recycle, or even put in the "Too Good To Throw Away Pile" and it only was the cost of a donation. Most people gave \$5-\$10. We saw dishwashers, wash machines, microwaves, furniture, lawn mowers, electronics, old toys, and more being easily sorted and disposed of for all the neighbors who participated. We collected 20.5 tons of "bulky items" aka garbage and 3.2 tons of yard debris. We served 212 vehicles from three neighborhoods.

This is a terrific service provided by the City of Vancouver AND by Neighborhood Associations. THANKS to those who support us!



SUCCESSFUL NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE #2

Our Woodland Meadows N.A's sponsored Neighborhood Garage Sale was a huge success! Collectively, the 12 neighbors who participated made over \$4,300.00! The Association provided each household a balloon, and maps to pass out to customers. We made or purchased all 25 signs and put them up around the area, and we advertised on social media. The main thing we did was to obtain special permission from the HOA so we could hold such an event, as our HOA rules do not allow for garage sales. We appreciate all who participated and who supported our efforts. We were pleased with the results.

We'd also like to thank all the neighbors as we know the extra traffic and parking during this event impacted all of you. We thank you for any inconvenience you have caused you.

Maybe next year, you'd like to join in on the fun, getting rid of your excess stuff and making a few bucks. Hint: When cleaning out your items now, price them before you pack them in a box, so when you are getting ready for the sale, all you have to do is pull everything out. So Much Easier!

We are a positive and proactive group of concerned neighbors who wish to make our neighborhood the best it can be by working together and by securing services that the city has to offer neighborhood associations. We've made some good friends, too. PLEASE consider joining us by attending a meeting or an event. No time to help? Consider making a donation to the Association.

- *The Woodland Meadows Neighborhood Association is 100% volunteer run.*
- *We are NOT an HOA (homeowner's association).*
- *We don't make or enforce rules or collect dues.*
- *We work with the city to solve neighborhood problems and host events to help bring us closer together.*
- *We welcome your input!*
- *We welcome volunteers!*
- *Get in touch by email –*



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We are a non-profit and the only funds we receive are from donations, fundraisers and grants. Making an annual donation (suggested amount \$20) will help us to fund events, pay our insurance, and make improvements in our neighborhood. You can link directly (via [Zeffy.com](https://www.zeffy.com)) to our account by scanning the QR code or it can be accessed via our website. We appreciate and we thank you in advance for your future donations.



PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE DURING THE 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY. MANY PEOPLE SUFFER AND SO DO OUR FURRY FRIENDS FROM ALL THE NOISE FROM THE FIREWORKS.

Fireworks are not legal in the City of Vancouver.

In 2015, the Vancouver City Council approved a fireworks ordinance (M-4137) that went into effect in October 2016. This ordinance made the sale and use of consumer fireworks inside the city limits of Vancouver a crime. This is a complete ban that includes all types of fireworks. Civil fines start at \$500 for violating this law. (City of Vancouver Website)



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