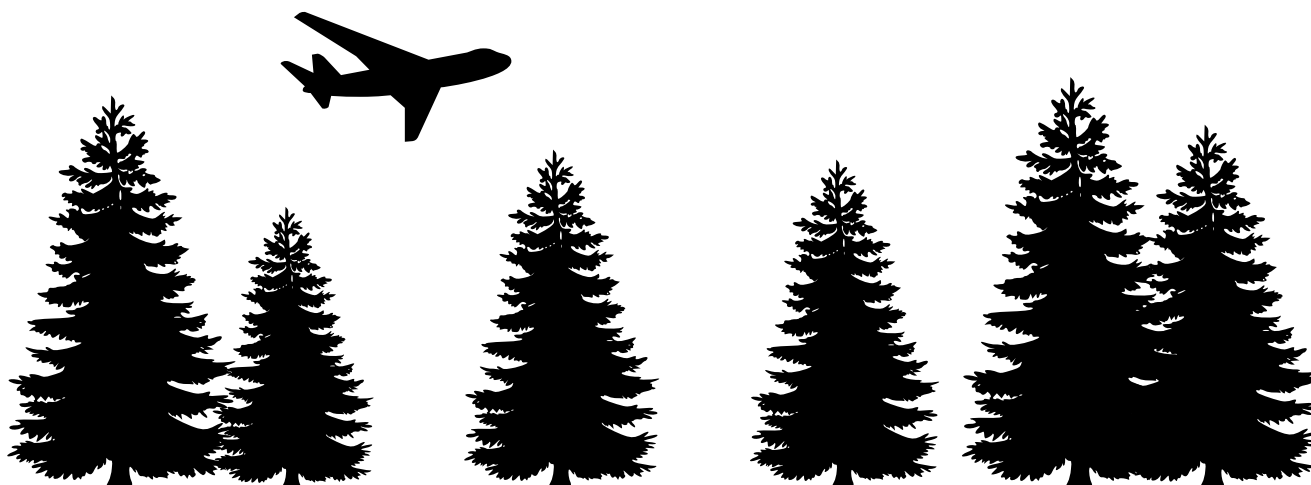


# Quarterly Newsletter

AIRPORT GREEN  
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

July 2025



## Vancouver City Events

July 27

### **Sunday Sounds Concert Series: Dancehall Days**

Columbia Tech Center

July 30

### **Reading in the Wild**

Water Resources Education Center

August 1

### **Friday Night Movies: "Coco"**

Esther Short Park

July 31 -  
August 3

### **Vancouver Arts & Music Festival**

Esther Short Park/ Downtown Vancouver

August 3

### **Sunday Sounds Concert Series: Ants in the Kitchen**

Columbia Tech Center

August 8

### **Friday Night Movies: "Moana 2"**

Bagley Park

August 10

### **Sunday Sounds Concert Series: Brewer's Grade**

Columbia Tech Center

August 15

### **Friday Night Movies: "E.T."**

Fort Vancouver Parade Grounds

August 15

### **Friday Night Movies: "Barbie"**

Columbia Tech Center Park

August 17

### **Sunday Sounds Concert Series: Hit Machine**

Columbia Tech Center

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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).
- 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.
- Please keep curbs and storm water drains cleared of debris, leaves, needles, and cones.
- 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.
- Scan QR code with your mobile device to visit the City of Vancouver's website.



## National Night Out

**August 6**

On Wednesday, August 6th, our neighborhood will be participating in the National Night Out with an Ice Cream Social in Hearthwood Park at 6:00 p.m.

We hope to have our Neighborhood Police Officer join us, but that is always conditional on how busy he is with emergency calls.

Regardless, we will discuss any neighborhood crime and tips on how we can do our part on preventing such crimes.

It will be a good idea to bring a chair, if you are able. Seating at the picnic tables is limited.

**We will have plenty of ice cream, so please join us!**

# Recycling Tips



## Properly Dispose of Plastic Bags

Many people looking to recycle as much possible will put plastic bags or film into their recycling carts. In reality this does a lot more harm than good. While you can't recycle plastic bags and film curbside, you do have options.

First, the biggest change you can make is to reduce the amount of plastic you use. **Bring reusable bags to the grocery store, or reuse any plastic bags and bubble wrap you have.** Any bags or film that you can't reuse, bring back to most grocery stores for recycling. Find the collection bin usually near an entrance. Plastic bags placed there will be recycled along with any other film plastic the store produces. This how to make sure that film plastic is recycled without choking up any sortation machinery.

**Plastic bags, shrink wrap, bubble wrap and any other types of "stretchy" plastic aren't recyclable curbside.** These "film plastics" will get tangled in the machinery that is used to sort our recyclables. Sortation machines are often shut down multiple times a day so that workers can climb in and cut out the plastic film by hand. This slows the recycling process down and puts the workers at risk. It's estimated that film plastics are responsible for a 25% reduction in efficiency.

Use the Recycling A-Z directory to find locations where you can bring plastic bags to be recycled [www.RecyclingA-Z.com](http://www.RecyclingA-Z.com) or use the **RecycleRight app**.

## Recycling Ins and Outs

### Paper

Should be larger than a postcard and clean. Food soiled paper like paper plates and the bottoms of pizza boxes are not recyclable.

- **IN:** Egg cartons, newspaper, cereal boxes and paper milk cartons are recyclable.
- **OUT:** Frozen food packaging, boxes that held beverage cans/bottles, paper cups and shredded paper are not recyclable.
  - These are treated with chemicals so that they don't disintegrate when they become wet. This "wet strength" prevents the material from pulping at the papermill with the rest of the paper.

### Metal

Should be larger than your fist, clean, and dry. Loose lids and scrap metal are not recyclable curbside.

- **IN:** Aluminum cans, clean food cans and empty aerosol cans are recyclable.
- **OUT:** Lids and bottle caps, scrap metal and electronics are not recyclable curbside.

### Plastic

Ignore the numbers! Recycle plastics based on size and shape. It should be clean, larger than your fist, and be in the shape of a bottle, jug, jar or tub.

- **IN:** Don't crush your plastic, it should maintain its basic shape when it goes into your cart. For plastic lids or bottle caps: if it screws on, it stays on, if it pops off, it stays off.
- **OUT:** Any plastic bags or film are not recyclable curbside and should be thrown away. The same applies for any plastic that is not bottle, jug, tub or jar.

### Glass

Should always be kept in a separate bin from the rest of your recycling. Set it out next to your blue recycle cart for collection.

- **IN:** Food grade glass bottles and jars only.
- **OUT:** Baking dishes, ceramics, lightbulbs and other glass cookware and items are not recyclable curbside.

# Neighborhood Cleanup Recap



The 2025 Joint Neighborhood Clean-up involved four Neighborhood Associations: Airport Green, Emerald Landing, Fircrest, and East Mill Plain. While it appeared that not many vehicles were coming through the numbers spoke volumes of what was accomplished in this joint effort.

- **9.3 tons** of bulky items collected
- **3.5 tons** of yard debris collected
- **2.07 tons** of scrap metal collected

We were honored with two other non-profits that shared in this process: Evergreen Habitat for Humanity and Open House Ministries.

Instead of competing for space, Habitat had a truck in the morning from about 9 to 11:15 am and Open House Ministries truck came from 12 to 1:30 pm. Both worked with Waste Connections at picking out items they could each use. Habitat driver stated that they had enough for a full living room. Both organizations left with full truck loads which are not reflected in the numbers above from Waste Connections.

Airport Green and Fircrest supplied the bulk of volunteers for the day. John Sargent manned the scrap metal bin collection site. **Thanks to Doug Wood of being our volunteer coordinator.** With eight stations, shifts were broken up into one hour time slots, but most everyone covered three hours before leaving, and yes a few stayed all day. I think the doughnuts and coffee assisted.

Fircrest provided food gift cards for the Waste Connection employees. Donations were also made as vehicles came into the parking lot at the Evergreen Public Schools Administration Building.

## Mark your calendars!

Next year's JNC Event could be the same first Saturday of May.



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

The Annual 4th of July Children's parade was well attended and enjoyed by all. The pace car was driven Sandy Conroy & we again had the pleasure of The Vanderpool's providing us with a tail or caboose car for the parade. **We are so grateful that we have such giving neighbors.**

Thank you to Don for being our Grand Marshall. The children were the best part though, they dressed up & decorated their various forms of transportation in festive 4th of July styles! The change in our parade route was successful & I can't thank the street barricade volunteers enough for keeping us safe.

The AGNA Annual 4th of July neighborhood picnic followed after the parade and there was fun for all. Jackie Cooper & Katya Williams put in a lot of behind the scenes work! **The board is very grateful for your time & resources.**

We, of course, had the AGNA traditional seed spitting competition, we had a water balloon toss, and a wonderful volunteer group from Artisan Martial Arts ([www.artisanmartialarts.com](http://www.artisanmartialarts.com)) that brought a pool noodle game which the kids were enjoying & Artisan gifted several 1 week passes. Jeremy Romig also acquired some gift cards and coupons from the wonderful Kazoodles Toy Store (<https://kazoodlestoy.com>) on Mill Plain, thank you!

We had several volunteers to set up, cook, & help clean up for all of us. The picnic is truly a team effort and just would not happen without many volunteers. The day was beautiful and the camaraderie was excellent. The picnic is always a good way to connect with others and enjoy our beautiful park.

As always the AGNA board is hoping that even more families participate in the Children's parade and the picnic in 2026. More details to come in the spring and as always if there are any suggestions, ideas, or if you wish to volunteer, please let the AGNA board know.

In Service,

Teresa Felton & Jackie Cooper

*Special thank you to Airport Green's own Michael Amador for sharing photos for the newsletter.*







## It's Your Turn

I love our neighborhood – and I'm sad to leave it behind next year as we retire and move to another place. I liked the neighborhood when we moved in 10 years ago – and I appreciate the number of activities we have.

A couple of years ago, my next door neighbor, Don Weir, took over as president of the Airport Green Neighborhood Association, following the death of founding member Ross Montgomery. The first few events we had after Ross died, I commented "we're like sheep without a shepherd."

Don has been a great leader. And I told him at that time that I was willing to "take my turn" on the Executive Board. Amazingly, you elected me! Taking your turn on the Board is important. We have 11 members, and share the duties, by each person teeing up a project or two. Board members – and neighborhood residents – are always willing to help out.

**And now it's your turn.** I won't be available for the Board in 2026, since we plan to move that summer. And Don has increasing responsibility in the community, so he is stepping down after a two-year stint. And who knows what life will do to the rest of us?

So this is an encouragement to take your turn. Think – now – about being on the board for 2026. Terms are one year. You can make yourself available for repeat terms – if you wish. Or serve a year and take a year off. Then come back. We meet for an hour or so about 4 times a year – at mutually convenient times.

The point is – the Airport Green Neighborhood is what you make of it. Maybe you can stand at a barricade to control traffic for the July 4 kids' parade. Or maybe cook hot dogs for the picnic. Perhaps you could hand out ice cream bars at the NNO in August, or work with the neighborhood cleanup, or the neighborhood garage sale. Or maybe you have a great new idea of something we should try.

**Living together means being a neighbor. And being a neighbor means serving all of us.**

If you want to talk more about what it means to be on the board, I'm sure any of the Board members would be happy to talk.

**Doug Wood**  
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