

# NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2025



## Fisher's Landing East Neighborhood Association



### Dear Neighbors,

**Summer is officially here**, and with it comes longer days, warmer weather, and the perfect excuse to get outside and enjoy everything our beautiful neighborhood has to offer. Whether you're taking a stroll through the parks, chatting with neighbors on your evening walk, or supporting local vendors at the East Vancouver Farmers Market, we hope you're finding ways to connect with the community and soak up the season.



**Curious about the cows?** We've heard your questions and recently got an update. There are **currently 14 calves**, and **more cattle will arrive this fall**. Some of the previous herd has relocated to Goldendale for the drier winters, but with no construction planned anytime soon, the cows will be sticking around for a while!

#### **We also want to keep you updated on a few important FLENA events coming up:**

- 📅 October 18 – Neighborhood Cleanup, starting at 8:00 a.m. at the Vancouver Innovation Center
- 📅 October 28 – Annual Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Location TBA (This will be in person with a zoom option)

Mark your calendars! We encourage everyone to get involved—whether it's attending a meeting, helping out during the cleanup, or simply saying hello to a new neighbor.

Thank you for being part of what makes our community strong, welcoming, and vibrant. We look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood this summer!

Warmly,  
Michelle Howell, Chair, FLENA Board

### Your 2025 Board

Here is your currently serving board! We will be hosting our **annual board election on October 28**, if you are interested in serving please email us.

- Michelle Howell, Chair
- Cassidy Hines, Vice Chair
- Melanie Bollinger, Treasurer
- Maria Ryan, Secretary
- Robin Bauman, Member-at-Large
- Kathy Heinemann, Member-at-Large
- David Hentz, Member-at-Large
- Jordan Thomas, Member-at-Large

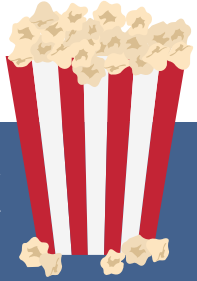




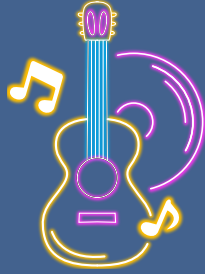
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# SUMMER EVENTS



## SUNDAY SOUNDS



**Location:** Columbia Tech Center Park,  
17701 S.E. Mill Plain Blvd.

**Dates:** Sundays, July 13 – August 17

**Time:** 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Bring a blanket, a picnic, or grab a bite from local food vendors and enjoy live music under the summer sky! This free concert series features some of the region's top bands and is perfect for the whole family.

### Concert Lineup:

- **July 13** – Curtis Salgado (Rockin' Blues)
- **July 20** – Johnny Limbo & the Lugnuts (Rock n' Roll Golden Era)
- **July 27** – Dancehall Days (Current Hits & Classic Oldies)
- **August 3** – Ants in the Kitchen (Rock/Soul/Blues/Funk)
- **August 10** – Brewer's Grade (Northwest Country)
- **August 17** – Hit Machine (Favorites from the 60s to Today)

## MOVIES IN THE PARK

**Dates:** Fridays, August 1 – August 22

**Time:** Pre-show entertainment starts at 6:30 p.m. |

Movies begin at dusk

All movies are shown with closed captioning.

Join the city for free, family-friendly movies under the stars at Vancouver parks this August! Arrive early to enjoy fun activities and performances with local partner organizations.

### Movie Schedule:

- **August 1 – Moana 2** (PG) | Location: Bagley Community Park, 4607 Plomondon Street
- **August 8 – Coco** (PG) | Location: Esther Short Park, 605 Esther Street
- **August 15 – E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial** (PG) | Location: Fort Vancouver Parade Grounds, 1501 E Evergreen Boulevard
- **August 22 – Barbie** (PG-13) | Location: Columbia Tech Center Park, 17701 SE Mill Plain Boulevard

## EAST VANCOUVER FARMERS MARKET

Looking for fresh, local produce and handmade goods? The East Vancouver Farmers Market is open **Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., running June through September**. Enjoy a wide selection of local farm products, delicious food, and artisan crafts—all while supporting small businesses in our community.

**It's a great way to spend a summer afternoon and stock up on fresh finds!**

**Learn more at:** <https://vancouverfarmersmarket.org/east-vancouver-market/>



## VANCOUVER ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL



**Location:** Esther Short Park

**Dates:** July 31 – August 3

Celebrate art, culture, and community during this FREE vibrant four-day festival in downtown Vancouver. Enjoy performances on three outdoor stages featuring GRAMMY-winning musicians, live art demonstrations, hands-on workshops, and a marketplace filled with local food and craft vendors.



## TRANSPORTATION & ROAD UPDATES

Ryan Lopossa, Transportation Manager with the City of Vancouver, provided the following updates on key roadway projects affecting our neighborhood at our last general meeting:



### SE 34th Street Improvements

Work on SE 34th Street is **currently on pause due** to material delivery delays. Once construction is complete, the project will enter a **one-year evaluation period**. During this time, the City will collect traffic data, observe changes in traffic patterns, and assess usage by bicyclists, pedestrians, and C-TRAN riders. Staff will also monitor traffic flow at the 164th signal and has taken our feedback on issues neighbors have encountered getting through that light efficiently.

**We encourage community feedback, so please don't hesitate to share your thoughts on either project by emailing us [flena.board@gmail.com](mailto:flena.board@gmail.com).**



### 176th Avenue & SE 29th Street Roundabout

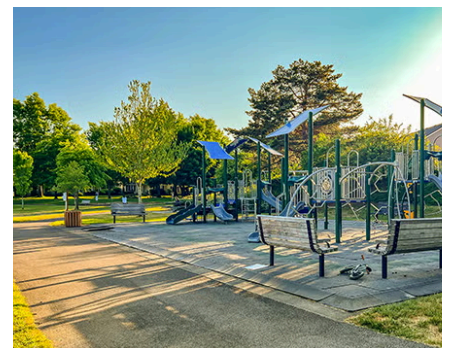
Designs are underway for a future roundabout at the intersection of 176th and SE 29th. The project requires the sale of small portions of land from two neighboring HOAs. While the South HOA has approved the sale, the **North HOA (The Firs) did not receive enough signatures for approval - if you live there please vote!** The City is continuing to work through next steps, as the roundabout will be one of the first major projects in the Vancouver Innovation Center (VIC) build-out.

## PARK IMPROVEMENT UPDATES

This fall, volunteers will lead a native planting project at the **SE entrance of Clearmeadows**, aiming to **support pollinators and contribute** to the City's Climate Action Plan through neighborhood partnership. Sign up to volunteer!

**At Heritage Park**, the City has already removed several trees due to disease and is currently evaluating the potential removal of four additional cedar trees affected by a canker disease. A replanting plan will follow, and the City is assessing both the types of trees to plant and the best locations for them.

Also at Heritage Park, the **playground and rubber surfacing**, installed in 2017, are also being monitored. Although the tiles are showing signs of wear, they still provide adequate fall protection. The rubber tiles have an expected lifespan of 10–15 years, now in their eighth year, there are no immediate plans for replacement, but the City is tracking their condition along with similar surfacing in other parks.



It takes a team to keep our parks looking great! **Thank you to City Staff**—including Urban Forestry, Parks Maintenance, and Grounds crews—for all their hard work. And of course, thanks to the neighbors who pick up after pets and use trash bins and HOAs who play a key role by maintaining smaller parks and landscaped areas.

## ZIPLY FIBER UPDATE

**Zipty began work to expand high-speed fiber-optic internet in our neighborhood.** While the mainline installation along SE 34th Street hasn't started yet, Zipty is working with the City of Vancouver to finalize the route. Service is expected by September 1, pending any delays. **If issues arise during construction (e.g., sprinklers, gas lines, or property damage), please contact the appropriate party**—Zipty or its contractors for landscaping/property issues, NW Natural for gas concerns, and the City of Vancouver for general project or permitting questions.





## CONVENIENT COMPOSTING FOR EVERY HOUSEHOLD

Did you know that food waste in landfills produces LOTS of methane—a greenhouse gas up to 84x more potent than carbon dioxide over 20 years? Thankfully, there are easy composting options for everyone in Vancouver!

### **If you live in a single-family home:**

You already have access to curbside Organics service through Waste Connections of WA. Toss all your food scraps—yes, all food!—into your green cart and help reduce harmful emissions.

### **If you live in an apartment, condo, or townhome:**

Try the We Compost program! With free Community Hub drop-off locations across Clark County, composting has never been easier. Bonus: request a free kitchen scrap pail to collect food waste at home. We Compost carts accept food only (no yard waste).

Find a list of hubs at: [clarkgreenneighbors.org/we-compost](http://clarkgreenneighbors.org/we-compost)

**Whether you roll it to the curb or drop it at a hub, you're making a difference!**



## STAY SAFE & COOL!

Summer is in full swing, and while we love the sunshine and longer days, it's important to stay safe and prepared—especially during heatwaves. Here are a few helpful tips to keep you and your family cool, comfortable, and protected this season:



### **Beat the Heat**

**Stay Hydrated:** Drink plenty of water throughout the day—don't wait until you're thirsty!

**Avoid Peak Sun Hours:** Try to limit outdoor activity between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., when the sun is strongest.

**Check on Neighbors:** Take a moment to check in on elderly neighbors or those without air conditioning during extreme heat.

### **Don't Forget Pets!**

Keep fresh water available at all times, especially for pets that are outdoors during hot days.



### **Protect Your Skin**

**Wear Sunscreen:** Use broad-spectrum SPF 30+ and reapply every 2 hours, especially if swimming or sweating.

**Dress Smart:** Light-colored, loose-fitting clothes and wide-brimmed hats can make a big difference!

**Shade Up:** Seek out shade whenever possible—umbrellas, trees, and even a cool porch can help you stay safe.



### **Stay Cool at Home**

**Close Curtains and Blinds** during the hottest part of the day to keep indoor spaces cooler.

**Use Fans and AC efficiently** point box fans out the window to push hot air out, and make sure ceiling fans rotate counter-clockwise in summer.

**Cool Zones:** If you don't have air conditioning, visit public spaces like libraries, shopping centers, or cooling centers during heatwaves.