

NEIGHBORLY NOTES: JUNE 2025

Newsletter of the Vancouver Heights Neighborhood Association

June Neighborhood Association Meeting Summary

June Notes: Picnic Prep, Redevelopment Updates & Neighborhood Shoutouts

Attendance: 11 residents

Our June meeting was short and informal, but packed with updates and great conversation! We discussed upcoming events, neighborhood developments, and community improvements. There will be no meeting in July because of our neighborhood potluck, and there will be no newsletter in August.

Neighborhood Events:

- **Summer Picnic:**
 - Saturday, July 26 | [Lieser Crest Park](#) | 12 - 3 PM
 - A fun neighborhood gathering. Bring a chair, and a dish to share. Hot dogs and burgers provided! Firefighters and police officers may make a special appearance!
- **National Night Out:**
 - Tuesday, August 5 | [Immanuel Lutheran Parking Lot](#) | 6:00 - 8:00 PM
 - Stop by and get some ice cream and meet your neighbors!
- **Annual Trash Bash:**
 - Saturday, September 6 | [Grace Point Christian Church](#) | 8 AM–Noon
 - A great opportunity for neighborhood cleanup
- **Emergency Preparedness Fair:**
 - Thursday, October 23 | Immanuel Lutheran Church | 7:00 PM
 - See below for more details

Tower Mall Redevelopment Update:

At the June meeting, redevelopment of the Tower Mall area and surrounding parcels was a central topic. While some neighbors have expressed concerns about rapid change, the city has emphasized that redevelopment will be phased gradually over many years.

Key takeaways include:

- Construction will happen parcel by parcel, not all at once.

- The master plan includes affordable and senior-accessible housing, retail space, and green areas.
- The grand loop walkway and central civic plaza are still in design, with potential for small events and public art.
- Construction updates are posted regularly on the city's website, which remains the best source for accurate information.

Many concerns stem from those outside our neighborhood boundary—especially along Devine Street—who may not receive updates. We encourage all residents to attend meetings, read the newsletter, and visit the city's project pages.

Community Support:

- A big thank you to Dr. Ike of [Square Care Pharmacy](#) for another generous donation supporting neighborhood events. Thanks to his donations, often \$500 or more each year, our community gatherings, including our post-COVID celebrations, have been possible. His support has provided everything from party supplies, to seasonal flu and COVID vaccinations for those in need. From everyone at VHNA, thank you, Dr. Ike, for your commitment to our community!
- We agreed to use a new newsletter creation format that will help streamline future editions by being easier to share digitally, and for future editors to use.

Safety & Infrastructure:

- Residents are encouraged to report issues (potholes, crosswalks, etc.) via the city's "Fix-It" app called [MyVancouver](#), or public works phone line.
- Positive feedback shared about city responsiveness and tree maintenance in the Garrison Triangle

Library Resources:

- The Vancouver Public Library offers [tech help](#) for those needing assistance accessing city info online.

Neighborhood Trash Bash and Cleanup Event

Event Information

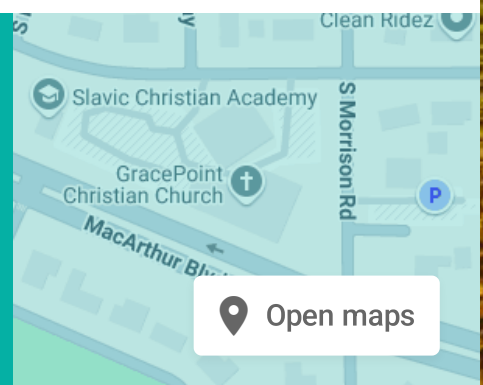
Neighborhood Trash Bash

When?

Saturday, Sep 6, 2025, 08:00 AM

Where?

GracePoint Christian Church, Vancouver



Presented Jointly by Father Blanchet Neighborhood Association and Vancouver Heights Neighborhood

Cleanup events are intended for bulky items that are too large for a cart.

Large loads of home garbage or home project/remodel debris are **not accepted**. See below for more information.

✓ What's Accepted?

- **Bulky Items**

Broken or worn-out items too large for home garbage carts—e.g., rugs, kiddie pools, small appliances, furniture, and broom handles.

- **Scrap Metal**

Metal BBQs, bicycles, lawn furniture, mowers, car parts or small engines (fluids drained).

- **Metal Appliances**

(No Freon-containing appliances like fridges, freezers, or AC units)

- **Yard Debris**

Branches, grass, leaves, vines, bramble, arborvitae, juniper, bamboo, and garden trimmings.

✗ What's NOT Accepted?

- Household trash or contractor waste
- Large/heavy quantities of concrete, cement, rocks, sod, or dirt
- Home project/remodel debris (flooring, drywall, fencing, etc.)
- Roofing shingles or roofing materials
- Hazardous chemicals, paints, stains, gasoline, or oil
- TVs, computers, electronics (recycle at ecyclewashington.org)
- CFL/fluorescent tube lights (recycle at lightrecycle.org)
- Large items like boats or hot tubs (take to transfer station)

🚗 Prepare Your Load

- Separate materials for easy unloading (bulky items, scrap metal, yard debris)
- Unload your own items—bring gloves and tools
- Smaller containers for heavy materials to avoid injury

⚠ Reminders

- Follow the direction of drivers—stay away from trucks, compactors, and scrap metal bins
- Scrap metal should only be handled by event staff
- Events are **free**, intended for **bulky items only**

Let's work together to keep our neighborhood clean and safe!

Emergency Preparedness: Invest 90 Minutes for Peace of Mind

Thursday, October 23 • 7:00 PM • Immanuel Lutheran Church

Emergencies and disasters can happen at any time—sometimes with warning, sometimes without. Whether it's winter weather, an earthquake, or wildfire, being prepared can reduce fear, minimize loss, and help you respond with confidence.



In collaboration with VHNA, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, and Immanuel Lutheran Church, we're hosting a focused 90-minute Emergency Preparedness session.

◆ 60-minute presentation by Jodi Blackwood of CRESA (Columbia Regional Emergency Services Agency)

◆ 30-minute Q&A to follow

Topics will include:

- What to include in your emergency plan
- The top five priorities of an emergency kit
- The three types of emergency kits every household should have
- How to build a kit on a budget
- Storing supplies and medical prescriptions
- Must-have documents
- Why connecting with neighbors matters
- How to stay informed during an emergency

Attendees will receive free brochures, handouts, and give-away items to jump-start or supplement their own emergency kits.

This is a practical, accessible way to get prepared. Don't miss it—bring a neighbor and build your resilience together!



Upcoming Speakers

August VHNA Meeting: Julie Rawls from Port of Vancouver

Share feedback, ask questions, and participate virtually using the link below

Where? Immanuel Lutheran Church

When? Thursday, August 28 at 7:00 PM

How? In person or watch online w/ Zoom @ tiny [url.com/vhnameeting](https://tinyurl.com/vhnameeting)

Passcode: 654772 Or use the Zoom App w/ meeting ID 222 187 1792

September VHNA Meeting: Alsaya Corbray with Related Northwest

Join us to learn more about Related Northwest's project for the Tower Mall Redevelopment. Alsaya Corbray will be present to share information.

Where? Immanuel Lutheran Church

When? Thursday, September 25 at 7:00 PM

October VHNA Meeting: Emergency Preparedness with CRESA

Where? Immanuel Lutheran Church

When? Thursday, October 23 at 7:00 PM

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Current Information about The Heights District Redevelopment

Ask questions and learn more <https://www.beheardvancouver.org/heights-district-plan>



Report potholes, graffiti, sign damage, and non-working streetlights

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