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# ARNADA NEIGHBORHOOD

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**Jazz Concert in the Park September 11<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM**

Agenda: Enjoy jazz, see your neighbors, eat!



## Arnada Park Jazz Concert Encore Performance!

The Vancouver Community Concert Band's jazz ensemble will bring their music to Arnada Park on Thursday September 11 at 6:00 PM. The Vancouver Community Jazz Band (VCJB) is a 21-piece big band consisting of saxophones, trumpets, trombones, and a rhythm section. Musical selections include traditional jazz, swing, bebop, cool jazz, jazz rock, and others dating back to the 1930's and 40's. The VCJB performs year-round at public and private events throughout the Clark County, WA areas. The concert last year was well attended by over 100 in the audience. We were treated to a string of jazz standards that filled the Park with their amplified music. Many of the numbers featured instrument solos; this band has real talent!

Arnada Neighborhood Association sponsors the event and plans to make a donation to the VCCB. This is a free event but we will pass a hat so the audience can fill it with cash to support the Band's future development in our community. Check here for future times to hear them:

<https://www.vccb.us/>

You are welcome to bring refreshments, snacks or dinner to the concert. We are trying to secure a food service vendor but unsure of status.



## Multi-Neighborhood Clean Up – September 27th

Event runs from 8 AM until Noon. We need volunteers for two hour shifts to make this happen so contact Anita Reyes if you can help. [anitaface@gmail.com](mailto:anitaface@gmail.com) It will be at the Peace Health Campus in Carter Park, enter at 33<sup>rd</sup> & Washington Streets. Follow the lead of the trash truck drivers and stay away from the “hot zone”: the compactor, back of trucks, and the scrap metal box. Scrap metal recycling should be handled by drivers. This cleanup event is intended for bulky items that are too large for a debris cart. Large loads of home garbage or home project/remodel debris are not accepted.

**Be prepared to make a donation before you unload.**

### What's Accepted?

**Bulky Items** Broken or worn out items that are too large to fit in your garbage cart at home, such as a rug, kiddie pool, small appliances, furniture, broom, etc.

**Scrap Metal** Metal BBQs, bicycles, lawn furniture, mowers, car parts or small engines (drained of fluids) metal appliances (no refrigerant containing items – no fridge or freezers or AC units)

**Yard Debris** Branches, grass, leaves, vines, bramble, arborvitae, juniper, bamboo, yard and garden trimmings

### What's NOT Accepted?

**NO Household trash or contractor waste**

**NO Large or heavy quantities of concrete, cement, rocks, sod or dirt ▪**

**NO Home project/remodel debris** (i.e. flooring tiles, drywall, fencing, etc.)

**NO Roofing shingles or roofing materials**

**NO Hazardous chemicals, cleaners, paints or stains, fluids like gasoline or oil ▪ NO TVs, computers or electronics** (recycle for free, visit [www.EcycleWashington.org](http://www.EcycleWashington.org) for locations)

**NO CFL or fluorescent tube lights** (recycle for free visit [www.LightRecycle.org](http://www.LightRecycle.org) for locations)

**LARGE** items like boats and hot tubs must be hauled directly to the transfer station at the owner's expense .

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**Prepare Your Load:**

Categorize your load – separate material for easy moving into the bulky item truck, yard debris box or truck, chipper or metals box

Use a tarp liner under the yard debris for faster and cleaner unloading ▪ Put the yard debris on the bottom, then the big stuff (furniture), then smaller items around the big stuff.

Don't forget to cover your load to prevent littering if you bring an open truck or trailer

Come prepared to unload what you bring to the cleanup (i.e. leather gloves and tools to unload)

To prevent injuries, please bring heavy materials, such as yard debris, in smaller containers or wheel barrows. Do not bring your curbside cart to the cleanup, as they are too heavy to dump.

**OK for the Wood chipper:**

• Branches, twigs, tree pruning (up to 4" in diameter) Tree limbs (up to 4" in diameter) No limit on the length

**Not Allowed:**

Juniper, arborvitaes, ivy, vines, bamboo or blackberry briar get tangled in machinery • Leaves or grass clippings, Pine needles, Rocks, dirt or large trunks or stumps

## Please Leash Your Beasts!

**Vancouver Code requires you to keep your dog leashed in public areas including Arnada Park:**

Law states: “Except as provided in VMC [8.24.110\(2\)](#), it is unlawful for the owner or custodian of any dog to allow the dog to roam, stray or be away from the premises of the owner or custodian, or to be in or on any public place or property unless such dog is controlled by the owner, custodian or other competent and authorized person by means of a leash; provided, that the leash requirement of this section shall not apply to dogs which are under control while engaged in the lawful herding of livestock, lawful competition sanctioned by a nationally recognized body or a local chapter thereof, or lawful training for such herding or competitive activities; and provided further, that the leash requirements of this section shall not apply to any dog while in the performance of duty as part of a law enforcement canine patrol. (Ord. M-2656 § 4, 1986; Ord. M-2397 § 13, 1983; Ord. M-3695, Amended, 03/21/2005, Sec 2)”

We frequently get pleas for compliance like this one received recently. “I'm a new member of the Arnada neighborhood and loving it! My son and I enjoy easy access to the park and the nice grass there. However, most times we go to the park there are people with dogs off leash. I am very uncomfortable with this and can't imagine I'm the only parent to feel this way. I understand people wanting to give their dogs room to run, but it's not a dog park and has a

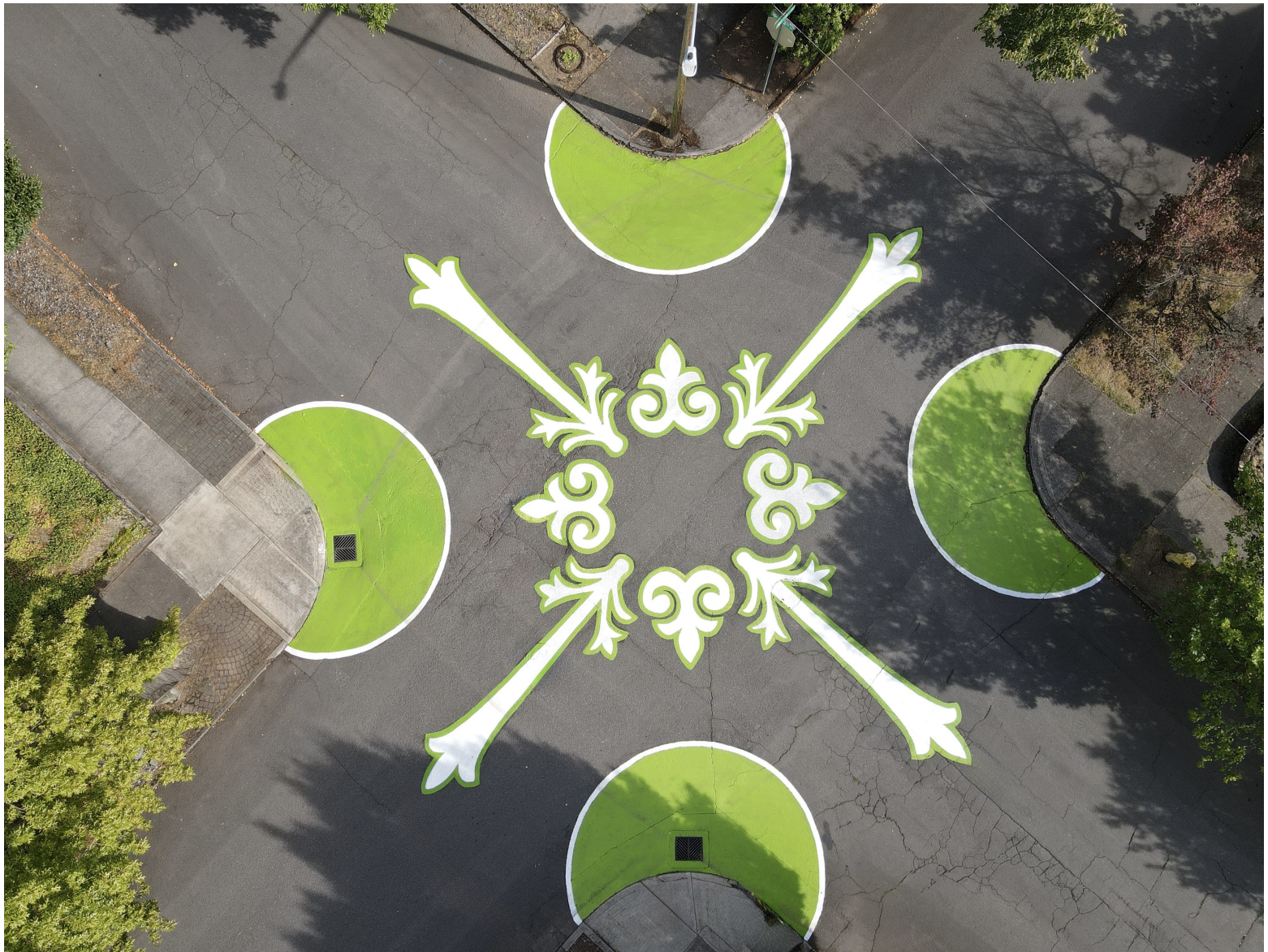


leash law. I have asked people to use leashes and they seem willing, but often tell me how 'well behaved' or 'gentle' their dogs are. I'd like to see people take this more seriously as it's not fair for the kids and parents of the neighborhood to have to be on guard in what is meant to be a child safe space.”

By the way, your newsletter editor is a big fan of lashes after having his beagle ripped up by a pair of off leash pit bulls.



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**Drone shot of the repainted Street Mural courtesy on Sky Reed [hipnautica333@gmail.com](mailto:hipnautica333@gmail.com)**



# 2025 Arnada Neighborhood Kickball

## Where community grew and the Arnada Armada almost ruled

While priceless moments were shared across the league, none were bigger than with Arnada Armada's unforgettable run to the Championship game. The team finished the season in 2nd place with a roaring victory against the Carter Park Kickers. The Armada then advanced to the playoffs by beating the Carter Park Kickers a second week in a row, securing a spot in the Championship game.

There, they faced off against the #1-ranked team for the season, the Lincoln/Shumway Misfits, last year's defending league champs. The game was described as the best championship game since this informal neighborhood league started 12 years ago. The Armada gained the lead out of the gates. The Misfits tied the score in the 3rd inning, but the Armada pulled ahead again by two runs. It wasn't until the bottom of the 7th inning, the final "at kick" for the Misfits, that they scored two runs to tie the Armada 6 to 6, forcing the game into extra innings. The Armada surged forward, scoring an additional run at the top of the 9th, only to have the Misfits break through in the bottom of the 9th inning as the dwindling summer daylight quickly faded to win the Championship title.

Congrats to the 2025 Season neighborhood kickball champs, the Lincoln/Shumway Misfits. And a big congratulations to the Arnada Armada, your neighbors ranging from ages 12 – 55; they played with skill, heart, fun and camaraderie, the essence of a neighborhood team.

This season the league expanded with the addition of the Rose Village Thorns. Ryan, the Thorns' Co-Captain, recapped his team's inaugural season, "Being a part of kickball this year was an absolute blast...and also a game changer for the Rose Village Neighborhood Association! This past year, we have been looking for more creative ways to "Create the Neighborhood we want to live in" and this kickball league definitely took our camaraderie as a neighborhood to the next level! Not only that, but to get to know awesome people from other nearby neighborhoods on a deeper level...it was priceless!



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# September Events Calendar

Date/Time	Event	Details
Fri., Sept. 5 5 - 8 p.m.	<b>First Friday at the Arts Hub</b> Vancouver arts hub 1007 E. Mill Plain Blvd.	Celebrate the art of watercolor with the Southwest Washington Watercolor Society Fall Members Exhibit. Part of the VDA First Friday Art Walk, this includes a gallery show and live painting demonstrations from local artists. FREE.
Fri., Sept. 5 4 - 8 p.m.	<b>First Friday Downtown Art Walk</b>	Visit downtown Vancouver's wide array of gallery spaces and art-centric businesses. FREE. Map: <a href="http://vdausa.org/first-friday/">vdausa.org/first-friday/</a>
Fri., Sept 12 9 - 10:30 a.m.	<b>Summer Concert Series: Exit 52</b> O.O. Howard House 750 Anderson Street	Close out the season with the electrifying sounds of Exit 52 (mix of rock, funk, pop, blues, and disco). Food from Razo's Tacos and Smashed Cheese, treats from Kona Ice and Cafecito Coffee Co., plus a 21+ beer garden. Bring a picnic blanket or low-backed chair. FREE.
Sat., Sept. 20 10 - 11 a.m.	<b>Archaeology Walking Tour of the Spruce Mill</b> Fort Vancouver National Historic Site 1001 E. 5th Street	Take a walking tour of the Spruce Mill at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site to learn about how World War I changed the aviation and timber industries in the Pacific Northwest. This Pearson Field Centennial event will explore how archaeology has revealed the remains of the largest spruce mill in history and how spruce was an essential ingredient for making aircraft to support the war effort. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a bottle of water. FREE.
Sat., Sept 27 9 - 10:30 a.m.	<b>FEE FREE DAY: National Public Lands Day</b> Fort Vancouver Nat'l Historic Site 1501 E. Evergreen Blvd.	Celebrate the beauty of our public lands and engage in activities that promote conservation and stewardship. Bring your family and friends to enjoy the great outdoors!
Sat., Sept. 27 1 - 4 p.m.	<b>Cornbread Day</b> Cedar Creek Grist Mill 43907 NE Grist Mill Road Woodland, Wash. 98674	You think you know cornbread? Come to see cornbread made with fruit jam, hot peppers, bacon, cheese, herbs, and you choose the best. The Cedar Creek Grist Mill is a historical, water-powered, grain-grinding mill. Watch the millers mill grain the way it was done in 1876! FREE.
Sat., Oct. 4 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	<b>Old Apple Tree Festival</b> Old Apple Tree Park 112 Columbia Way	The annual Old Apple Tree Festival is a celebration centered on the oldest living apple tree in the Northwest, planted at Fort Vancouver in 1826. Activities for children, food for sale, apple tastings and sales, live music, and walking tours of Fort Vancouver Village, the Fort Vancouver Historic Orchard and the Land Bridge. Bring your own apples and a clean container to press and bring home your own cider (apples and containers available for purchase). Approx. 15 lbs. of apples = one quart of cider. FREE.