



First Place Neighborhood Association
PO Box 872261, Vancouver, WA 98687

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Summer is here—and it's blooming with beautiful events and vibrant community spirit!



We had an incredible turnout at our recent General Meeting at First Place Park, with over 60 neighbors in attendance! What a fantastic show of support. These meetings are designed to bring us together, share ideas, and build a collective vision for our neighborhood. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Our FPNA Garden Tour was a huge success! The event was beautifully organized and the funds raised will support student programs at Evergreen High School. A big Thank You to our organizers

and to everyone who opened their gardens or took part.

Let's all do our part to keep sidewalks safe and accessible. If your trees or bushes are overgrown, now's the time to trim them back. Low-hanging branches and encroaching shrubs can be dangerous for walkers, strollers, and those with mobility needs. As a homeowner, you are responsible for maintaining your property to avoid injuries or obstructions.

Inside this newsletter you'll find a quick guide to sidewalk clearance requirements. Let's work together to keep our neighborhood walkable and safe!

If you haven't yet paid your 2025 annual dues (\$30.00), we'll be reaching out soon. These contributions help fund our events, maintenance, and community efforts all year long. Your support makes a difference!

We're excited to announce that plans are underway for our FPNA Holiday Gathering this December. The board has approved a \$2,500 event budget, and we're already working on making it a joyful and inclusive celebration. Stay tuned for more details in the coming months! If you would like to help with this event or need more information, please contact Sharon Bevan.

- Warmly, Dale Cisco, FPNA President

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **July 11th-July 12th**
FPNA Garage Sale
- contact Lana Loyko
- **July 19th**
FPNA Neighborhood Picnic in the Park
- contact Doug Stalheim
- **July 25th**
Men's Luncheon at 11:30AM
at The Hammond Kitchen
- Please RSVP to
Wayne Sparks by 7/23
- **July 25th**
Ladies' Luncheon at 12:00 Noon
at Gustav's
- Please RSVP to
Joan Lamy by 7/23
- **August 23rd**
Neighborhood Social at 6:00 PM
at Mark & Marta Halvorsen's
- **18th Street Redesign and Widening**
Meetings are on-going
- contact Grace Teigen
- **December 2025**
Holiday Gathering
Location and Date TBA:
- contact Sharon Bevan



**Less Than
TWO Weeks
Away**

FPNA NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC IN THE PARK **Saturday, July 19th – Noon till 3PM**

**FPNA Invites ALL First Place Neighbors to, “A Magical Afternoon in the Park.”
Our 2025 Summer Family Picnic.**

The excitement is brewing and finishing touches are coming together for our 2025 Summer Picnic. The picnic committee is working hard to create **A Magical Afternoon in the Park** for **All of Our** wonderful First Place neighbors. So, bring a chair, bring your body to put in the chair, and bring some cash to buy some raffle tickets. (All proceeds help cover costs of the picnic.)

Raffle prizes could be yours, like the movie night raffle basket. Bid on silent auction prizes like the wine lovers basket. Or, if you enjoy the picnic, consider making a donation to help offset the cost.

Here's the most important thing...
Just come and have fun!

There will be a roaming magician. (Oooooooo! Aahhh!) And come hungry. Burgers, hot dogs, salads, and desserts will be provided. Plenty of canopy and table space will be available, so you don't have to bring your own easy-up and table.

Be sure to RSVP with your food choice to Doug Stalheim or email to FPNA Communicate.

Here's the Schedule:

12:15-12:30:

- **Welcome and officially open the picnic**

12:30-1:45:

- **Food Served (Yum!)**

12:00-2:00:

- **Roaming Mystical Magic Entertainment**
- **Kids' Scavenger Hunt**

1:00-2:00:

- **Kids Games & Activities on the Grass**

2:00-2:45:

- **Magic Show on Center Stage**

2:45-3:00:

- **Raffle Prize Drawing.** (Must be present to win.)
- **Silent Auction Winners Announced**

3:00:

- **Picnic Close**

Want to help? We could use a couple extra volunteers to help serving food and cleaning up. Please contact Doug Stalheim if you'd like to help. We would appreciate it!

**We Look Forward to Seeing You There on Saturday
July 19th!**

Brought to you by the FPNA Summer Picnic Committee: Doug Stalheim, Lorene Stalheim, Joan Lamy, Steve George, Dan Gibson, Kennan Kuffel, Dana McKenzie, Michaela McKenzie, Marian McKone, and Linda Goetz!



NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC IN THE PARK

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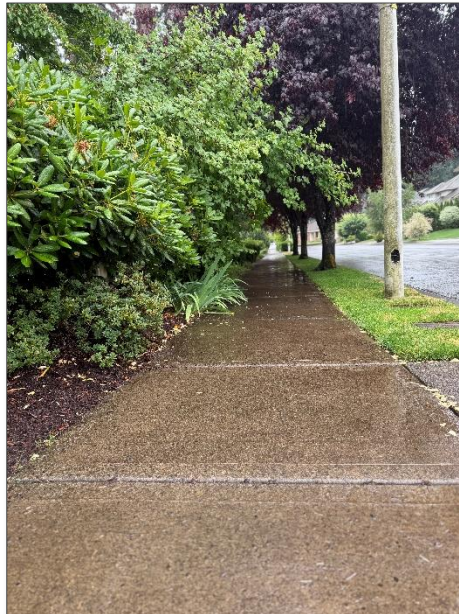
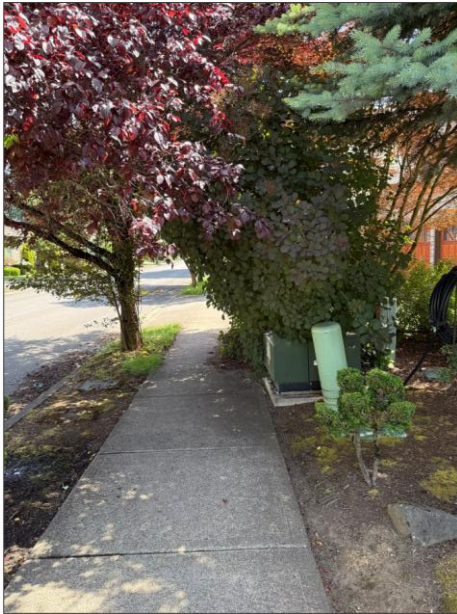
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NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

Bushes Encroaching Sidewalk Creating Safety Issues:

With summer well upon us, sagging tree branches and expanding underbrush are beginning to crowd the sidewalks. We are all responsible for our frontage and must provide a safe area to walk, especially if the sidewalk area is partially blocked and the sidewalk surface is uneven. Attached are a few pictures of our



neighborhood where trees and bushes have encroached our sidewalks causing unsafe conditions.

Uneven Sidewalks:

The City of Vancouver has been approached about the uneven sidewalk surfaces caused by trees planted in the parkway. Presently, the City is short-staffed and with budget shortfalls they have requested residents paint caution stripes to alert pedestrians to the uplifted areas.

Light Pole Topped on 152nd Avenue:

A light pole at the corner of 152nd Avenue and 12th Street was damaged after the snowfall in February. The city cut the pole but left the stub to be repaired later, within a year to year-and-a-half. This is unsafe, so be aware.



Curb Address Painting:

The curbside house number campaign is virtually over. Jake presently has a full time job but is accessible if requested. We had 102 households initially interested and roughly 72 actually participated. Thank you to those who felt the need to make our homes easier to find in an emergency, by EMT's, firefighters, and police.

Unsafe Traffic on Neighborhood Streets:

We received information that a loud motorcycle has been frequently speeding down 151st Avenue. If you observe this, please try to take a picture of the individual and send it to FPNA board so we can pursue it further. This is an unsafe situation.

Thank you all and enjoy the community which we take pride in.

- Sut Oishi and Rick Burke, FPNA Safety Committee

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

City of Vancouver Property Maintenance Ordinance:

Why did the City of Vancouver pass the Property Maintenance Ordinance?

To improve the public health, safety and welfare of Vancouver residents and improve the livability of our neighborhoods.

VMC 17.14.270 (q) addresses weeds, grass and vegetation overgrowth.

Premises shall be maintained free from uncontrolled or uncultivated noxious weeds, brush, berry vines, poison oak/ivy and grasses or plant growth in excess of 12 inches from ground level, including the area between the sidewalk and the curb.

**For information regarding noxious weeds, see the following website:
www.nwcb.wa.gov



Yard Debris is defined as a "recyclable material"



Yard Debris is considered solid waste. Accumulation and/or unlawful disposal of yard debris is a violation of the Vancouver Municipal Code and may result in a Notice of Civil Violation and Order which carries penalties of \$250 per day per violation.

VMC 17.14.270 (e) addresses composting.

Visit www.cityofvancouver.us/vmc to view the full code section regarding composting.

What Happens When a Complaint is Received?

Typically, a City inspector will visit the property to verify the complaint. If violations are confirmed, typically the City will then send a letter to the property owner or resident describing the complaint and requesting corrective action be taken.

Recipients of a code violation letter will:

- have an opportunity to discuss the situation with City staff, and
- will be given a specific and reasonable amount of time to correct the violation.

If no corrective action is taken, the City may issue a **Notice of Civil Violation and Order** to the property owner and/or resident. This may result in monetary fines and may be appealed to a City-appointed Hearings Examiner.

If the violation is not corrected within the time allowed, the City may charge the violator with a misdemeanor in District Court, and seek penalties and remedies upon conviction.

How to File a Complaint

Fill out an online complaint form:
www.cityofvancouver.us/codeenforcement

Call the Code Compliance Hotline:
(360) 487-7810

Other Helpful City of Vancouver Links:

There's one **Report a Concern** link that covers Public Works, Code Compliance, Parking and Traffic Concerns: <https://www.cityofvancouver.us/services/report-concern/>

Some of these can also be found separately at these links and then may direct you to the Report a Concern page:

<https://www.cityofvancouver.us/business/permits-licenses-and-inspections/code-compliance/>

<https://www.cityofvancouver.us/government/department/vancouver-police-department-vpd/report-a-traffic-concern/>

<https://www.cityofvancouver.us/government/department/public-works/public-works-service-request/>

This Friday & Saturday!



NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

An Annual First Place Event

For a number of years FPNA has held an annual garage sale. Many families participate in this event which helps us all move unwanted items from our home. Year-after-year this turns out to be a successful event within the neighborhood.

This year FPNA's Annual Garage Sale will be held:

- **Friday, July 11th from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm**
- **Saturday, July 12th from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm**

Be prepared for car and pedestrian traffic galore and please plan your neighborhood activities accordingly. Please be security-minded and remember to keep your garage doors closed if you are not actively participating.

Come earlier for the best selection and stay for the neighborly chat! Don't miss out for this opportunity to find something special! See you there!

Garage Sale Participation:

Step #1: If you choose to participate please reach out to Svetlana (Lana) Loyko. Lana is making a map with all the participants to hand out. If you have any questions please let her know.

Step #2: Just open your doors Friday and Saturday morning at 9:00am.



No need to advertise as there will be plenty of shoppers rolling through the neighborhood.

Let's extend a warm welcome to our newest neighbors:

12th Avenue:

- Sam & Megan Schwartz

14th Way:

- Vladimir & Liya Belonozhko

146th Ave:

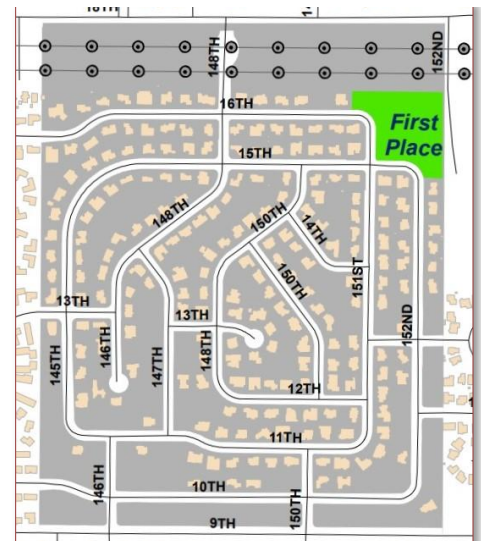
- Roman & Alona Rymlianska

151st Avenue:

- Daniel & Krista Briley

16th Street:

- Kathleen Bennett & Lisa Zacks





MONTHLY MEN'S LUNCHEON

July 25th at 11:30AM

The July Men's Lunch will be held on July 25th at 11:30 am at the Hammond Kitchen & Craft Bar.



If you plan to attend, please RSVP by Wednesday, July 23rd to Wayne Sparks. (*see your neighborhood directory.*) Wayne needs a final count of attendees for the restaurant by then.

<https://thehammondkitchenandcraftbar.com/>

MONTHLY LADIES' LUNCHEON

July 25th at 12:00 Noon

The July Ladies' Lunch will be held on July 25th at 12:00 Noon at Gustav's on 164th.



If you plan to attend, please RSVP by Wednesday, July 23rd to Joan Lamy. (*see your neighborhood directory.*) Joan needs a final count of attendees for the restaurant by then.

<https://www.gustavsvancouver.com/>

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AWARDS

Two outstanding Evergreen High School seniors, **Claire Rogge** and **Tobias Flores**, have been awarded the **FPNA Scholarship for Community Service**. This distinguished honor is presented by the local neighborhood association to students who have made meaningful contributions to their community through dedicated volunteer work.

Tobias Flores has been actively involved in a variety of service projects, including food bank distribution, Clark County's Walk & Knock food drive, neighborhood trash pickup. Through his volunteer efforts, Tobias has seen the tangible impacts of his work and has developed valuable skills along the way. His experiences have taught him the importance of leadership, teamwork, and dedication—qualities that he now carries with pride. Looking ahead, Tobias plans to attend Clark College in the fall to pursue his studies in engineering.



Claire Rogge is a dedicated athlete who excels both on and off the field and maintains an impressive 4.4 GPA. Alongside her academic and athletic commitments, Claire has a deep passion for architecture. She has collaborated with a team to identify potential renovation and reconstruction needs within the community, applying her skills to real-world projects. Claire plans to attend the University of Washington in the fall to pursue her studies in architecture.

Both Claire and Tobias exemplify the spirit of community service and are shining examples of the positive change young people can bring to their communities. We proudly celebrate their achievements and look forward to the continued difference they will make in the future.

GARDEN TOUR FUNDRAISER



The FPNA Garden Tour Fundraiser was a HUGE success! On behalf of the FPNA Scholarship Committee, thank you to all who participated. This event's success could not have been as spectacular without the garden hosts and the community members who attended!



A big thank you to the tour hosts, including Sue Taylor, Sharryn McCann, Catherine Hoernlein, Joyce Tobias, Mark & Carol Schaefer, and Mark & Marta Halvorsen, for the wonderful opportunity to view their beautiful gardens and brainstorm ideas to bring home to our own. Each garden was unique and special and reflects the passion and dedication of each host.



A special thank you to our gracious hosts, Mark and Marta Halvorsen, who opened their home and garden at the end of the day to hold the raffle prize drawings and provided snacks and beverages to the community.

Enormous appreciation goes out to our raffle prize donors including Kandi Cisco, Bryan and Suzanne Fix, Sharen Graven, Penny McElvain and Jackie Zapp.

Also, a big load of gratitude goes to the FPNA Scholarship Committee for their work on organizing this event. The event was chaired by Sharen Graven with assistance from committee members Kandi Cisco and Jackie Zapp. And to Spencer Killian for his wonderful idea to hold a garden tour

last year, which evolved into this year's fundraiser.

And finally, thank you to the community for attending this fundraiser. At the end of the day, we collected \$2,600 towards next year's scholarship fund.

- With gratitude, Sharon Bevan, FPNA Scholarship Committee Chair



FPNA COMMUNICATION



Find Us On Facebook!

175 First Place
neighbors
participate on
Facebook

First Place Neighborhood
Association

*This is a private Facebook page for First Place neighborhood residents only.

Email Addresses and Info:

FPNAcommunicate@gmail.com

Changes to group participation, email, or contact information changes

First.Place.Newsletter@gmail.com

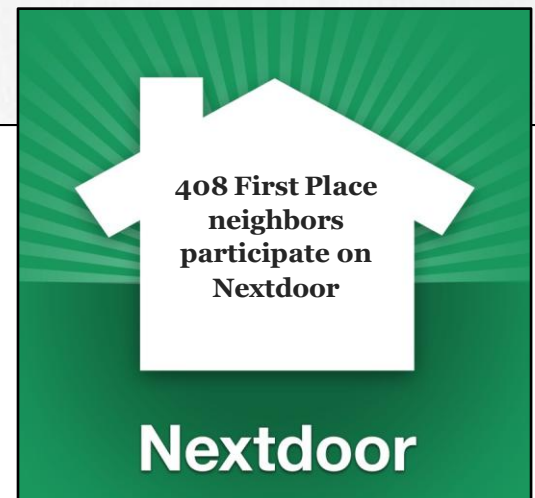
For submissions and questions

[NextDoor App](#)

Information shared by neighbor members

[Facebook Website](#)

Information shared by neighbor members



From the Editor: The FPNA Newsletter is published quarterly after the general association meeting. Are you interested in writing an article for the FPNA newsletter?

- Want to remind your neighbors about an upcoming date or event?
- Do you have FYI-type information about the neighborhood or the FPNA Association?
- Don't be shy. Send it in an e-mail to First.Place.Newsletter@gmail.com

(Note: To protect our neighbors, personal contact information is intentionally omitted from the FPNA Newsletter. Please remember, the FPNA Newsletter is public information through the City of Vancouver.)

Note: The City of Vancouver supports the Neighborhood Associations in their effort to share vital information with residents to create a more informed public. However, the information provided and the opinions and views expressed in the Neighborhood Association newsletter or other documents do not necessarily represent the position of the City of Vancouver, nor does the City determine whether the information published is accurate or appropriate. This newsletter has been shared with the City of Vancouver Office of Neighborhoods and therefore, is available to the Internet community.



FPNA Executive Board: 2025

Chair – Dale Cisco

Vice Chair – Steve Zapp

Treasurer – Evan Meessen

Secretary – Bonnie Mallory

Neighborhood Committees:

Annual Picnic – Doug Stalheim, Lorene Stalheim, Joan Lamy, Steve George, Dan Gibson, Kennan Kuffel, Dana McKenzie, Michaela McKenzie, Marian McKone, and Linda Goetz.

Annual Spring Cleanup – Tom Harriman

Communications Coordinator – Patti Hines

18th Street Widening Project – Gene Wigglesworth, Grace Teigen, Ellen Sward, Bill Savoie, Margie Schnack, Wayne Sparks, Sherry Bala, and other interested neighbors.

Facebook – Penny McElvain

First Place Directory – Kandi Cisco

Garage Sale – Svitlana (Lana) Loyko

Holiday Celebration – Sharon Bevan

Ladies' Luncheon – Candace Africa

Landscape Advisory (*including 18th St entrance circle*) – Steve Zapp, Dan Gibson

Men's Luncheon – Wayne Sparks

Neighborhood Ambassador Program – Doug Stalheim, Pat Sparks, Sheree Belanger, Julia Karnes, Joan Lamy, Joe Serroels, Brenda Valentine, and Kay Scott

- **Welcome Basket Production Team** – Penny McElvain, Kay Scott

- **New Neighbor Spotters** – Joan Lamy, Joe Serroels, Bryan Fix (local realtor)

Neighborhood Socials – Sharon Bevan

Newsletter – Darren Belanger

Next Door Website – Joan Lamy

9th Street Garden Gang - coordinate/maintain FPNA properties backing to 9th street – **Open**

Safety Committee – Rick Burke, Sut Oishi

Scholarship Committee - Sharon Bevan, Kandi Cisco, Sharon Graven, Tim Eannarino

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – Kandi Cisco

Walk & Knock – Patti Hines

Women's Happy Hour – **Open** (*contact Patti Hines if you'd like to host*)



What do committee volunteers and board members do?

FPNA Chairperson - The Chairperson sets the meeting date and time for the board meetings and the quarterly general meetings. The Chairperson also helps develop the agenda with input from the elected board members and committee chairs. Other duties of the Chairperson include conducting the business meetings, coordinating with committee chairs or other neighborhood groups implementing projects, and resolving issues that may arise

FPNA Vice Chairperson - The Vice Chairperson acts as a support person, covering meetings when the Chair- person is unavailable and coordinates with the Treasurer to audit our funds yearly. Also, the Vice Chairperson manages special projects as requested by the Chair

Safety Chairperson - The Safety Chairperson checks and notifies the City when streetlights are out and has managed the curb address painting. Additionally, the Safety Chair has been on the lookout for hazard issues in First Place, such as low tree limbs obscuring stop and street signs

FPNA Communication Coordinator - The FPNA Communications Coordinator maintains the master list of residents and sends out announcements of neighborhood activities

First Place Neighborhood Ambassadors - The Ambassadors welcome new neighbors and deliver welcome baskets

Picnic Committee - organizes our Annual Neighborhood Picnic in First Place Park

Scholarship Committee - gathers funds and chooses worthy recipient(s) from local schools

Ladies' Luncheon Coordinator - Coordinator sets the time and location for their meetings

Men's Luncheon Coordinator - Coordinator sets the time and location for their meetings

FPNA Newsletter Editor – Reviews newsletter submissions, builds and edits the quarterly newsletter, and then sends the newsletter to the FPNA Chairperson for review and approval. Works with the City of Vancouver and the Office of Neighborhoods to promote the quality livability of the First Place Neighborhood

This is just a sampling of the FPNA positions that benefit our neighborhood. If you are interested in volunteering to help First Place remain a strong Neighborhood Association, please contact any board member



First Place Neighborhood Association-Resident Information

Print, complete and return only when your information has changed.

Return to: P.O. Box 872261, Vancouver, WA. 98687

Or: By Email to

[Send Email to FPNA Communicate](#)

(FPNAcommunicate@gmail.com)

Please type in the highlighted boxes below.

First Name. 1.		Last Name. 1.	
First Name. 2.		Last Name. 2.	
Property Address.			
Phone. Cell	Cell	Home	Work
Email 1.		Email 2.	

Please check those you would like.

I would like my information to be included in future directories.	Yes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	No.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Invite me to:

Neighborhood Social.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ladies' Luncheon.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Men's Luncheon.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ladies' Happy Hour.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Neighborhood Social: Held monthly in the home of a resident volunteer in First Place. Attendees are asked to bring a bottle of wine or other beverage and an appetizer to share. Open to all First Place neighbors.

Ladies' Luncheon: Arranged at a local restaurant by a volunteer and open to all First Place women.

Men's Luncheon: Arranged at a local restaurant by a volunteer and open to all First Place men.

Ladies' Happy Hour: Held the second Monday of the month from 4-7pm in the home of a volunteer neighbor. Bring your favorite beverage and appetizer to share. Open to all First Place women.



FPNA Annual Dues Notice

\$30 per household

First Place Neighborhood Association (FPNA) voluntary dues are \$30 and renewed annually in January. Donations support neighborhood maintenance & social functions.

Check: Make payable to First Place Neighborhood Association (FPNA)

Mail to FPNA Treasurer, P.O. Box 872261, Vancouver, WA 98687

**** FPNA no longer accepts PayPal until further notice ****

Please include your household information and any designation for additional donations, as listed in the form below, with your donation.

Name(s) _____

First Place Address _____

In addition to the annual dues, if you wish to include an additional voluntary contribution please enter an amount here:

- FPNA Summer Neighborhood Picnic \$ _____
- FPNA Scholarship Fund \$ _____
- Any other FPNA activity \$ _____
- 18th Street Coalition (Widening Project) Support \$ _____

Thank you for your continued support!

-Your FPNA Board and FP Neighbors

Your donation may be tax-deductible. FPNA's EIN is: 76-0733017

NOTE: FPNA no-longer accepts PayPal

Due to new IRS regulations, PayPal and other services must report combined transactions over \$600 to the IRS. This creates a tax obligation for the First Place Association and therefore we have decided to not allow these types of payments. Nevertheless, there is an effort underway to open a *non-profit* PayPal account and to eventually allow electronic payments again. But for now, please pay your annual dues and contributions by check (or cash).



First Place Neighborhood Association

Minutes from the June 26, 2025 First Place Association meeting in the park.

1. Welcome – Dale Cisco – How we use the \$30 fee for HOA and if you can pay.
2. 2025 Budget and Dues Collection update and 1st quarter report – Evan Meessen -- Went over budget that is attached along with written report. Matt Driggers wanted clarification on \$100. Evan said not included in income total as not for general fund and is for picnic and will be spent.
3. Approval of the minutes from Q1 meeting – Approve treasurer's report, Gary Montgomery and 2nd and approved. Also approved first quarter minutes Steve Zapp 1st and Vicki Splinter 2nd.
4. Community Communications – Patti Hines – 6 months ago accepted to help with communications for Kandi. Let me know if you have any feedback or need anything from me.
5. Directory – Kandi Cisco – 2025 directory. Do full directory on even years so end of 2025/26 will get a new directory. Anyone who moved in 24 and 25 will be in directory. Patti will be sending out an email and ready for pickup around Thanksgiving to end of year. You do need to sign you received and one copy. We don't email because we protect your information. We don't want those businesses in houses to get your information. If not getting notifications on, let Patti know to update your information.
6. Ladies Happy Hour – Anyone want to take this over? – Don't have anyone for that as of now. Dale said if anyone interested to let us know. About 25 show up to these events.
7. Ladies Luncheon -- Candace Africa – Organizing ladies' luncheon was just restarted over a year ago and haven't been back to same restaurant twice. We have over 30 ladies on Christmas lunch and help support Manny and Elizabeth (Amador) will be having at their restaurant and they live in neighborhood. We have ladies signed up thru October this year with 12-16 ladies come to lunch every time. July will be Joan Lamy and still has not picked a location. Thank you for coming and everyone as always is invited!
8. CC&R update -- Dale Cisco – Still working with code enforcement on cars for people with cars on streets and no tags; yards not doing so well; and big motorhomes or 5th wheels. FPNA cannot jump in and take care of that situation as we are not HOA and talked to some people and that has worked for resolving these issues. We refer to CC&R but to enforce would have to sue. Working with key people to go through old CC&R and update but will need 80% of homeowners to approve. Common sense updates need to be made.
9. 18th Street update -- Grace (Teigen) Wigglesworth – Coalition and neighbors impacted by widening of 18th street about 3 years into project. Last month given opportunity by city to look at all the designs from consultant propositions if they get the contract. I had to sign NDA so can't pass on any information. It was very good though and they listened to our concerns. Participate in Q&A with four top contactors presenting their proposals to all employees in the city. We asked our questions which is unprecedented and they are listening. Will know July 1 for design consultant. When I have permission, will let you know any further information. Projected to be done in five years. Steve George? If you drive down road and it's chipped off at side on 18th Street should we get temporary fixes in the interim 2-3 years, don't know answer. Grace reported number of accidents and number of concerns and someone on 18th who has had 6 accidents in front of their house. In area, houses are coming in faster than roads. Grace said hopefully done on schedule.
10. Newsletter – Darren Belanger – 6th of July next issue. Any contributions send to me. Get to me by the 3rd of July.
11. Garage Sale – Lana Loyko – Only 2nd year here. 30 houses signed up. July 11-12 will be in newsletter. On Facebook information for me to contact.



12. Landscape – Steve Zapp – Gave update on repairs for broken pipes in circle and weeding and how Ken loves to take care of area; but if anyone wants to pull weeds to “have at it!” Dave Lampert said amazingly generous of Ken and feel guilty he’s working so hard. Dale says he loves it and keeps him young.
13. Men’s Luncheon – Wayne Sparks – Gene and Grace got me at a the picnic and since then been doing the luncheon. Once a month and 12-15 guys show up. Try to make it fun and have door prizes. He usually gives away cookies and they become our dessert as and then they have to share. Next one 24th of July.
14. Neighborhood Social – Sharon Bevan – So successful it’s outgrown itself as could be 50 people. So hard time finding people to host. July, August and September are good as people have nice backyards for hosting event. Dale mentioned everyone brings a dish and whatever they want to drink. If anyone wants to offer let Sharon know.
15. Next-door Website – Joan Lamy – It’s a little different than Penny who does Facebook. Nextdoor people try to sign up even if not in First Place; so look at post and if can’t match to our area and no response before deadline, then close their account as they don’t live in neighborhood. We have 415 residents signed up.
16. Facebook -- Penny McElvain – Year to date, 2025 we’ve added nine people to Facebook and one removed as they moved out of first place. Declined 76 requests as they didn’t live in our neighborhood and banned 3.
17. Safety Committee – Rick Burke, Sut Oishi – Dale said he’s safety as others on vacation. Notes were sent about trees and/or overgrown bushes so everyone can walk on sidewalks. Dale said the he and Darren aid to a neighbor to help trim trees. Want to have nice community and need trimmed. Tom Harriman said that trees should be 8-foot height, nothing overhanging sidewalk at all. High enough to walk under. Code won’t enforce. City did come out and trim a tree. Darren will put info about trees in newsletter. Sharon said last year forestry came out to trim trees they planted. Also, if someone falls on your sidewalk you are liable. Don’t paint caution signs as means you are aware of issue. Penny said on Facebook under files tab is information on sidewalk repair and other repair information. Dale also mentioned that a light pole damaged in winter storm was just cut off and it will take over a year to get repaired. Curbside painting is virtually over with 72 homes. Also mentioned about motorcycle speeding down street. If you can get a picture, give to police.
18. Scholarship Committee – Sharon Bevan -- One in our neighborhood, Tobias Flores, received scholarship. Garden tour monies will go to scholarships. Also baskets raffled at around 4:15 and have to be there to win. All of them this year are going to University of Washington. Some go to trade schools who win. Try to help our area as not as much opportunity to go on to higher education in our area without assistance. Lana did a lot of advertisement so a lot of people can donate from garage sales for scholarships also. Sharon’s garage sale will be going to scholarship.
19. Spring Cleanup – Tom Harriman – Saturday is also cleanup day at Eastside church from 8 am to 1 pm. Last year, storage bin almost full of bicycles but this year bicycles this go to repair shop and donated from there. Metal goes to recycle and divided between 3 subdivisions Countryside Woods and Cimarron. This is when you will have cleanup day so city gave us no choice of dates. No styrofoam or bug sprays or paint. Some place you can take garbage is Earthwise recycling. You pay \$10 will take all your Styrofoam or e-waste. No shredder.
20. Picnic at the Park – Doug Stalheim – Dale said will be coming back from China so the update from Doug is Lorraine and other volunteers will have specific shirts on (Lorene modeled shirt). There will be two serving lines, magic show, bring chair to sit in, bring small bills for raffle prizes, have announcement roaming entertainment, center stage for show, scavenger hunt for kids, and must be present for raffle prizes. At 3 pm will close the picnic. If you need help, look for tee shirt helpers and still need volunteers for the July 19 picnic. So far have 65 households signed up and had about 150 last year. Picnic grants from city were declined for this year. If you want to come, rsvp to know how much food to buy. Also donating to picnic and/or buy raffle tickets for the picnic funds.



21. Ambassadors – Doug Stalheim – Evan talked about ambassadors and said overall housing activity this year is moderate. New residents welcomed with basket; but due to remodeling, new residents haven't arrived yet. We have 4 delivered with 3 pending, and 3 homes pending sale with another 2 for sale. Total potential turnover is 12 homes. Always need ambassadors willing to work to deliver welcome baskets and work as a backup to make up baskets. Kay Scott keeps inventory of items. Look on FPNA newsletter or Facebook or contact Doug directly.

New Business –

1. Community Holiday Party – Sharon Bevans -- Dale talking about Christmas gathering has gotten really big and want to add to budget. Sharon Bevan presentation what we want to do is all event community holiday party. Looked for places and decided on historic reserve Fort Vancouver, red cross building, which is a big long room. Fireplace will be decorated for holidays. Area enclosed porch on one end bar and other end is kitchen will be set up appetizers. Hold about 200 people.

We will be supplying appetizers and hors d'oeuvres and will get trays and Manny helping for serving liquor as Manny has liquor license and will handle being legally able to serve and insurance. Bring own beverage. Want to set up carpooling so we will have rides for people who don't like to drive at night. The cost will be \$2500. No children or dogs! Sharon says since people like sweets, going to ask if someone likes Christmas cookies and baking, bring a dozen cookies. Ina how many people does it hold for fire marshal. Sharon said will find out capacity. If too large, will look for another room. Kandi said never have we had any event over 60 people so doesn't think we will outgrow. Will also provide water. Steve Zapp was 1st to say approve budget with Kandi 2nd. Passed overwhelmingly.

Steve George – Had some ideas for spending extra money: maintaining entrance circle; cameras at entrance for crime prevention; architecture committee retainer for CC&R; big items disposal every year hire a truck to take to church; social maybe coffee and donuts in park; put in exercise stations in park; put in walkway in power grid area. Dale said get back to him next meeting to discuss.

Kandi Cisco – One of the problems is collecting dues is we don't know where to send our check. Used to hand out with newsletters but that email now. Do you want us to start handing out envelopes again which will have the address and PO boxes, which was declined.

Jordan Rasmussen, our neighborhood services officer, spoke at beginning of meeting so he could return to patrol. He said no stats for this area other than malicious mischief, road rage on 18th, where burglars were breaking into garages and cars. Recommended writing down credit card numbers and phone numbers and put somewhere you can call if items stolen along with serial numbers of firearms you may have or anything else. Matt Driggers asked how to information was saved, about one year for 311 calls. Remember we are short dispatchers and officers so you can be on hold awhile. Call emergency 911 if in danger. Tim Moushey will be working with fire marshal this year on fireworks as none are allowed in city. Steve George asked about street sweeping and people never moving cars. He was advised can only park on street 24 hours, if longer and especially if look abandoned, call 311 and monitor situation. Can go on line to Vancouver and enter parking complaint. John Bosshardt asked about no license plates on street, that is a violation of code. Will tow car if come by. Also about car dealerships using homes to run business and that is illegal. Call 311. Other businesses may be legal.