



COUNTRYSIDE WOODS NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025 - Countryside Woods Neighborhood Association

Join the CWNA Board!

Want to make a positive impact on our neighborhood? We're looking for neighbors to join the Countryside Woods Neighborhood Association (CWNA) Board.

Open positions include:

- **SECRETARY:** Record and share board meeting minutes
- **NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Create CWNA's ongoing neighborhood newsletter.
- **MEMBER AT LARGE:** Support neighborhood events and serve as neighborhood champions
- **SECOND VICE CHAIR:** Assist the Chair and the First Vice Chair in planning and carrying out business of the Neighborhood Association.



A look back at our 2025 events...

National Night Out

Thanks to everyone who came out to East Woods Presbyterian Church to promote police-community partnership and neighborhood camaraderie. We had a great NNO, thanks to our hosts East Woods Presbyterian and Unity Family Church! Free hotdogs, chips, snow cones, popcorn, and cotton candy were had by all! There was a dj with a great music list, basketball, volleyball, cornhole, and a big hit- free line dancing lessons!

Over 40 raffle prizes promoting local businesses were given away. Twinstar bank, Seven-eleven, CWNA, were among the sponsors/partners. We had a bouncy house for the kids and an art table. Overall a great family event, there were people of all ages and backgrounds in attendance. We had at least 250 visitors to the event. There were 30 volunteers at the event. Ten planning members representing all four partners engaged in multiple meetings to plan the event. We had 12 CWNA volunteers who handed out flyers to advertise the event.

We had an information booth for CRESA, CERT, and new this year the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Smokey Bear!

Everyone appreciated the opportunity to engage in conversations with law enforcement and first responders. It was great to learn about the NOW volunteers as well.

Neighborhood Garage Sale	We had 17+ houses participate! Special thanks to Suzanne Heyman for organizing, and everyone who supported the garage sales.
Countryside Park Cleanup	Huge thank you to Steve Wille for organizing and all of the ongoing volunteers who keep our park clean. The Spring park cleanup took place on June 7 this year. It is a part of the Adopt-A-Park program. Invasive plants were removed and other activities occurred to beautify the park.
Neighborhood Cleanup	The multi-neighborhood cleanup was very successful, thanks to everyone who contributed. We had 19 volunteers representing all four neighborhoods, 7 of them from CWNA. We received donations for Habitat for Humanity, 4 bicycles were donated to open house ministries, and we collected snacks for East Park Church children's program as a thank you for using their lot! Much junk, scrap metal, and yard debris was removed from the neighborhood. We raised a bit of money from the scrap metal and donations.
Spring General Meeting	We had our general meeting in April at Firstenburg Community Center. We received a visit from the Mayor who updated us on several projects occurring in the city. We had the opportunity to meet our new neighborhood police officer and he updated us on statistics for Countryside Woods. had a couple of wonderful guest speakers. One from the Vancouver Bee Project and another from Home Share Vancouver, both very informative talks. We gave away 4 raffle prizes for free!
Other activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tracking of Hidden Springs Subdivision ● Bought new signs for the garage sale and picnic ● Attended VNA meetings to stay informed and keep our events insurance ● Created a newsletter and delivered to all 927 houses, maintained Nextdoor posts and monitored inbox. Created NNO flier delivered to neighborhood, along with yearly postcard. ● Held 3 social meetup events last fall ● Applied for and received neighborhood grant for \$500 to help fund the National Night Out Event.

Upcoming Events

Neighborhood Leaf Recycling and Leave the Leaves

To help keep leaves from blocking storm drains, Vancouver Public Works Operations crews will be placing a leaf box in your neighborhood the weekend of November 15 and 16 for the convenience of residents there.

Look for a leaf box near: directly in front of Countryside Park. Volunteers will spread the leaves throughout the park to benefit the soil and pollinators on the 15th. Contact Steve Wille to volunteer.

Leaf boxes are typically placed by late Friday afternoon and picked up early morning Monday of the weekend noted above (unless it is a holiday weekend). This is a City of Vancouver Solid Waste program that helps make leaf recycling easier for those in leafy neighborhoods who may not be able to haul leaves to free coupon drop-off sites.

Please remember:

LEAVES ONLY: No other yard debris, nor any garbage, is allowed in the leaf box.

NO PLASTIC BAGS: If you use plastic bags for transporting, empty leaves into the box. Then take plastic bags home for reuse or toss into your garbage cart if reuse is not possible.

DON'T PUT LEAVES IN STREETS: Help prevent localized flooding of streets. Never blow or rake leaves into the street where they clog storm drains. The City does not pick up leaves.

CHECK BACK: If you don't see the leaf box at its designated location, crews have most likely removed the box to be emptied. Please check back in an hour or so, as it should be returned by that time. Thank you for your patience.

Avoid parking in the leaf box location during the weekend listed above.



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