



Neighborhood Meeting **CHANGED TO**  
**October 14 6:00 Riverview Elementary**  
riveridgechair@gmail.com



## We Want YOU!

Our goal is to grow our neighborhood organization and foster a community where YOU thrive. Can you help us?

Where might you fit? Could you:

- take the lead on a specific event?
- be a worker on an event?
- suggest opportunities for the association?
- actively seek community partners to engage in RNA?
- help recruit and coordinate volunteers?
- provide tech support for the website?

Regardless of where you jump in, you will always be supported by our welcoming and engaged team. Please join us!



## Halloween Parade

*Skeleton? Beetlejuice? Wednesday? A Minion?*



What character will you bring to the Halloween Parade? Dress up and/or cheer on those who do. Invite all the kids you know! *You might like to bring treats to share with the kids.*

- **Start time:** 3:00
- **The Route:** Stages at the corner of 15<sup>th</sup> St. and 119<sup>th</sup> Ave. We'll walk to Biddlewood Park. Our community partner will have surprises at the end of the parade.

### FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD LITTLES: FIRSTENBURG PLAYGROUP



Playgroup provides a safe place for young children to run, play, jump, and climb in the Firstenburg gymnasium, while parents socialize with each other. Playgroup meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays. It is open to children ages 9 months to 6 years old. The cost is \$6 (one child and adult) and \$8 for non members.



## October 2025

### Clip and SAVE!

**Tuesday, October 14**

**6:00 Riverview Elem**

Association Planning Meeting

Come plan for the 2026 year

**Sunday, October 26**

**Halloween Parade 3:00**

Corner of 15<sup>th</sup> St. and 119<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Bring lots of kids! (and treats!)

*Happy Thanksgiving  
Merry Christmas!*

## ***Did you attend RNA's Summer PARTY***

**Ice Cream, Pizza, Raffle, Inflated Slide, Rock Painting, and MORE**



We're rolling into the winter season, but think back for a minute to the warm July days and the social event at Biddlewood Park. We hosted a record number of neighbors to our annual neighborhood party. Kids lined up to take a turn down the inflatable slide. Pizza Hut served up free pizza slices. Baskin-Robbins ice cream was scooped by a host of volunteers. Art on the Rocks hosted SO MANY kids to create art on brightly painted rocks. Tammy Mitchell's tables were full of kids and parents creating masterpieces. Chess challenges were waged. IQ Credit Union had the BEST sunglasses for free! A MVHS jazz quartet impressed us all. Five neighbors took home a raffle prize donated by our sponsors: Baskin-Robbins, Crumb!, Pizza Hut, IQ Credit Union, and Joe and Laurie Arndt. Good luck in Chicago, MVHS Jazz Band! Mark your calendar for late July 2026 and join us again for the next neighborhood party. We'll be back!

*thank you*

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Kerry and Jim Rogers, Christina Perez, Johanna and Tim Annable, Abby Matz, Tammie and Andy Mitchel, Jane Clauson, Jeannette and Doug Goostree, MVHS Jazz Band Musicians: Harrison, Bella Shiloh, and Benton

### **NEIGHBORHOOD SPONSORS:**

Pizza Hut, Baskin-Robbins, IQ Credit Union

## ***Did you attend Neighbors Night Out?***

A well organized and well attended event was held in the grassy shaded area at Riverview Elementary joining Lewis and Clark, Wildwood, and Riveridge neighborhoods for the annual National Neighbors Night Out. Mayor Anne, CRESSA vounteers, and a host of neighborhood police officers joined us. This is an annual hosted/potluck event that happens the first Tuesday in August. It was a great night for kids, for families and for your Riveridge Neighborhood!

**Put it on your calendar! August 4 2026**

**SHOUT-OUT TO THE ALL-WEATHER VOLUNTEERS WHO DELIVER THIS NEWS LETTER TO YOUR DOORSTEP. THANK YOU, JANE CLAUSEN, FOR AMASSING THIS STELLAR TEAM.**

<i>Teresa Boyd</i>	<i>Barbara Bie</i>	<i>Mick Williams</i>	<i>Ken/Rhonda Turner</i>	<i>Adam Bramble</i>
<i>Joyce Evanyo</i>	<i>Janet Anderson</i>	<i>Troy Broderick</i>	<i>Ellen/Gary Zacny</i>	<i>Kate/Bruce Lyons</i>

## ***We have an idea!***

Are you looking for a way to connect with neighbors? One way to get to know people is to rally behind a cause. Drop a note on doorsteps inviting neighbors to join you this winter in:

- *a coat and glove drive*
- *a pet food collection for a pet shelter*
- *a canned food drive for a charity*

Finding a way to help others is a rewarding endeavor. It's even more so when you and your neighbors are on the same team.



## BEE CITY USA!



Vancouver City Council voted unanimously to become a Bee City! As a part of the growing movement of communities dedicated to protecting pollinators, Vancouver will prioritize pollinator-friendly practices in city decisions and policies, creating a thriving habitat for bees, butterflies, and other vital species that support our local ecosystems and food systems. Learn more at <https://vancouverbeeproject.org/bee-city>



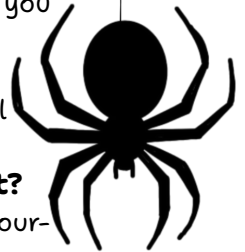
### What about those spiders and their pesky webs?

The presence of spiders comes with several benefits, making them welcome guests rather than pests to be eliminated.

- Spiders are natural pest controllers, helping to regulate the insect population. They feed on a wide variety of insects, many of which are considered pests, potentially saving you from using chemical pesticides.
- Spiders contribute to the biodiversity. They are an integral part of the food chain, serving as both predators and prey for other animals. Birds, lizards, and other small predators feed on spiders, making them an essential link in the ecosystem.

**Can you leave a few webs here and there to keep the food chain intact?**

<https://plantisima.com/surprising-reasons-you-should-never-remove-spiderwebs-from-your-garden/>



### And then the leaves:



- Fallen leaves provide critical shelter for wildlife, including beneficial insects, small animals, and even certain bird species.
- Leaf litter serves as an overwintering habitat for pollinators like butterflies and bees and decomposers like beetles and earthworms. These insects play vital roles in breaking down organic matter, aerating the soil, and contributing to nutrient cycling.
- Additionally, birds may forage in the leaves for insects, contributing to natural pest control—a win-win for gardeners.

**Can you leave a few leaves here and there for the sake of pollinator habitat?**

<https://www.marthastewart.com/should-you-rake-leaves-8716647>

## HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT A WALKING/BIKING SCHOOL BUS

A walking or bike bus is a group of students with one or more adult leaders who travel to or from school together along an established route, picking up additional children along the way. How to start?

- Reach out to neighbors, school or parent teacher association to see if other families are interested in starting a walking or biking school bus.
- Define the route, schedule, and role for adult leaders. Test the route to ensure it's safe for students.
- Start walking, rolling and biking to school.
- Make adjustments to the route, schedule or roles as needed.
- Promote the success of the program and work with your school to recruit more participants, if desired.



## ***The Tiered Water System***

### ***How did summer usage impact your water bill?***

As a reminder, we are now being charged for our water usage on a tiered usage system. Amy Sorenson from the City of Vancouver is your contact for questions. Find rate details at:



<https://www.cityofvancouver.us/government/department/public-works/tiered-water-rates/>

## **RE M I N D E R**

### **Economic Development Strategy – Your input is encouraged**

The City is currently reviewing feedback on its draft **Five-Year Economic Development Strategy** which sets an economic vision or "north star" for Vancouver. This plan:

- Outlines actions that the City will take over the next five years to achieve its goals
- Identifies key measures of success for each goal
- Defines roles and responsibilities for the City and partner organizations

Learn more and sign up to provide input at <https://www.beheardvancouver.org/ecdev>

## **Website Update**

RNA is working to create a more robust neighborhood website. The process of building this site has been discussed and we can't wait to make it happen. A one stop shop for neighborhood news. **Do you have experience to help build this? Email [riveridgechair@gmail.com](mailto:riveridgechair@gmail.com)**

## **Your dues matter!**

Thank you for investing in the livability of the Riveridge neighborhood. Please help keep us going by paying your annual RNA dues. The ask is \$15. You can use the Venmo QR code here or deliver to Treasurer Laurie Bryson. Make contact via [riveridgetreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:riveridgetreasurer@gmail.com).



**A BIG THANK YOU!**

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# Fall Leaf Coupon and tips to help you recycle right

Free classes offer something for everyone

## RecycleU Classes

**Registration required:** [cityofvancouver.us/recycleu](http://cityofvancouver.us/recycleu)

### Recycling 101: Curbside Recycling Basics

Thursday, Sept. 25, 5 to 6 p.m., hybrid at Marshall Community Center (1009 E. McLoughlin Boulevard) or MS Teams.

Whether you live in an apartment or house, own or rent, everyone is invited to join this informative class. Learn the basics and get all the latest tips about our regional garbage and recycling system.

### Recycling 201: Beyond Curbside

Thursday, Dec. 4, 5 to 6 p.m., hybrid at Fourth Plain Community Commons (3101 E. Fourth Plain Boulevard) or MS Teams.

Take the next step, and go beyond the basics of curbside recycling. Learn to identify and safely dispose of household hazardous waste. Discover a wide variety of recycling and reuse options available locally for plastic bags, appliances, bulky items and more.

### Organics 101: Curbside Composting

Offered 30 minutes after class on Sept. 25 and Dec. 4.

Learn what's accepted in the curbside organics service and the benefit of keeping food scraps out of the garbage.

Free classes offered through a partnership with Vancouver Solid Waste, Clark County Green Neighbors and Waste Connections.  
Contact: [solidwaste@cityofvancouver.us](mailto:solidwaste@cityofvancouver.us)

## Composter Recycler Workshops

**Registration required:** [clarkcountycomposts.org](http://clarkcountycomposts.org)

In-person workshops hosted by the Composter Recycler Program at Waste Connections of Washington (9411 N.E. 94th Avenue).

### Low Waste Chef

Wednesday, Oct. 8, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

### Curbside & Beyond: Recycling Done Right

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

### Worm Bin Composting

Wednesday, Oct. 22, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

### Backyard Composting

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

### Green Cleaning

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

### Low Waste Holiday

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

### Gardening with Compost

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Email for more details:

[info@clarkcountycomposts.org](mailto:info@clarkcountycomposts.org)



## Free Leaf Disposal Coupon

Prevent street flooding—**never** blow or place leaves in the street.



CITY OF  
**Vancouver**  
WASHINGTON



**Vancouver and Clark County residents only**

**Valid October 1–December 31, 2025**

Present this coupon at a participating drop-off location for up to 5 cubic yards of **leaves only**. No bags, trimmings, yard debris or mixed loads accepted.

### Complete the following information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

City of Vancouver residents: Funding for this program is provided through your garbage rates.

Clark County residents: Funding for this program is provided through Clark County Public Works.

### Drop-off locations:

*Loads must be covered and secured. Call ahead to verify operating hours.*

#### City Bark

2419 N.E. Andresen Rd.,  
Vancouver, WA | 360-253-8461

#### McFarlane's Bark

8806 N.E. 117<sup>th</sup> Ave.,  
Vancouver, WA | 360-892-6125

#### H&H Wood Recyclers

8401 N.E. 117<sup>th</sup> Ave., Vancouver, WA  
360-892-2805

#### Triangle Resources

612 S.E. Union Street, Camas, WA  
360-834-7253

#### West Van Materials Recovery Center

6601 N.W. Old Lower River Road, Vancouver, WA  
360-737-1727





## Keep food scraps out of the garbage

[cityofvancouver.us/organics](http://cityofvancouver.us/organics)

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle works for food, too! Reducing food waste and keeping it out of the garbage has many benefits. Plan and shop smart for meals. Store and use leftovers.

Put food scraps in your curbside organics service or backyard compost. Find a community hub near you to drop food scraps off for free at [clarkgreenneighbors.org/we-compost](http://clarkgreenneighbors.org/we-compost).



## Convenient curbside pickup for bulky items

[cityofvancouver.us/bulkyitempickup](http://cityofvancouver.us/bulkyitempickup)

Waste Connections customers are eligible for free curbside pickups each year:

- One pickup of an appliance, such as a freezer.
- One pickup of up to five bulky items, such as mattresses or broken furniture.

Additional pickups are available for a fee. For items in good condition, consider finding donation options at [recyclinga-z.com](http://recyclinga-z.com).

## Safe battery disposal: Curbside collection and drop-off locations

[recyclinga-z.com](http://recyclinga-z.com)

Never put batteries in the garbage or recycling. Keep our community safe by properly disposing of them. Your garbage and recycling service includes collection of used batteries. Follow the guidelines below for proper collection at the curb.

**Batteries:** alkaline and rechargeable AA, AAA, C, D, button cell, 9-volt and other similar-sized batteries. No lithium-ion!

1. Tape the ends. This prevents ends from touching, which can create sparks.
2. Place in a sealed, clear plastic bag.
3. Place on top of the recycle cart lid.



Lithium-ion, vehicle or other lead-acid batteries can be recycled at no cost at drop-off sites across the county. Drop-offs are limited to 10 batteries per person per day. Find locations near you at [recyclinga-z.com](http://recyclinga-z.com).

Quantities larger than 10 must be dropped off at the household hazardous waste locations at transfer stations.

### Central Transfer and Recycling

11034 N.E. 117<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver | 360-256-8482  
6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday | **Household Hazardous Waste Hours:** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday

### West Van Materials Recovery Center

6601 N.W. Old Lower River Road, Vancouver  
360-737-1727 | 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Closed Sunday  
**Household Hazardous Waste Hours:** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday

### Washougal Transfer Station

4020 S. Grant Street, Washougal | 360-835-2500  
7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Closed Sunday | **Household Hazardous Waste Hours:** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. first and third Saturday of each month

## There are many options for disposing of leaves and other yard debris.

Consider taking advantage of these local resources:

### Curbside yard debris or organics

Depending on where you live, subscribe to have leaves and more collected at the curb, [wcnorthwest.com/yard-debris](http://wcnorthwest.com/yard-debris) or [wcnorthwest.com/organics](http://wcnorthwest.com/organics)

### Organics 101 classes

Sign up for a free RecycleU class, [cityofvancouver.us/recycleu](http://cityofvancouver.us/recycleu)

Learn more: [cityofvancouver.us/leafcoupon](http://cityofvancouver.us/leafcoupon)

### Backyard composting

Join Clark County's free Composter Recycler workshops, [clarkcountycomposts.org](http://clarkcountycomposts.org)

### Leave the leaves

Leaving your leaves creates a natural mulch to suppress weeds and support various pollinators with winter cover.



Coupon valid **October 1 – December 31, 2025**