



*Fall 2025*

*Our neighborhood association is made up of many multi-family housing complexes, including Columbia View Apartments (320 units), Evergreen Pointe Apartments (40 units), Shorewood East Condos (115 Units) and Shorewood West Condos (72 units), Shorewood Manor Apartments (126 units) and The Trees Mobile Home Park (60 spaces). The neighborhood also includes a motel, three businesses and two single family residences. Although we may have a small geographic footprint, we are not small in population, as this area represents over 760 households. The Neighborhood Association hopes to create an environment of security and resiliency through the Evergreen Shores Neighborhood Association.*  
—Evergreen Shores NA Board

**Neighborhood Meeting! Wed, Oct 29 – 6:30 pm Banquet Room Shorewood Apartments, 5555 E Evergreen Blvd South Drive - opposite the pond and west of the Café. All are welcome!**

**Featured Speakers:**

- “Crime in our Neighborhood & Tips for Staying Safe in our Neighborhood” with Officer Jeremy Vanroyce, District 2 Neighborhood Police Officer
- “City of Vancouver Update: Water Staton 4/Blandford Dog Park, Heights Project, Homelessness Response Team, Proposition 5” with Becky Rude, Assistant City Attorney, Neighborhood Liaison, City of Vancouver
- Neighborhood Updates from Columbia View Apartments, Shorewood Apartments, Shorewood East and Shorewood West Condos, Evergreen Pointe Apartments and The Trees Mobile Home Park
- Evergreen Shores NB Update, with Peggy Anderson, Chair

**NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORIES**

**The Trees Mobile Home Park**

In 1918, Dr. Robert Mercer, a dentist (and grandfather of Mike Mercer, the current owner), bought 10 acres in 1918. Dr. Mercer moved here to a cabin-style home with his wife Dora and son Morgan (Mike Mercer’s father). Dr. Mercer was interested in the breeding and hunting of foxes. The foxes were then popular for the fur fashion industry. Dr Mercer sold interests in his fox breeding and hunting practice. However, in the early 1920s canine distemper killed off many of the foxes and Dr. Mercer refunded money to his investors. In 1924 Dr. Mercer suffered a stroke and died. Dora and 13-year-old Morgan moved to St Petersburg, FL. They returned to Vancouver in 1939. Prior to World War II, there was a housing shortage in Vancouver. Morgan and his wife, Gertrude, with Dora’s agreement, decided to build a trailer park to address the appetite for housing. Trees Mobile Home Park was started in 1939. It originally had 200 spaces for trailers 16 to 24 feet long. Plumbing was limited. They established laundry facilities in the middle of the park. Dora sorted the mail daily for their 200 residents. Later, the size of the park

was reduced when the City of Vancouver built Blandford Drive and used the fill for shipyard construction. Today Trees Mobile Home Park has around 60-plus spaces.

### **Columbia View Apartments**

Henry and Edgar Kaiser purchased the property and built the Northern Permanente Hospital on the Columbia View property in 1942. The hospital served the shipyard workers during World War II. Later the name was changed to Kaiser Foundation Hospital. The hospital closed in 1959 and was sold to Columbia View Manor as a nursing home, later renamed Rose Vista. The hospital had one main building and a three-story dormitory for nurses. Prior to becoming a hospital, the land was, of all things, a prune orchard. During the 1920s, Vancouver was the largest producer of prunes in the region. The city hosted a "Prune Princess Festival." Eventually, after the nursing home closed, the property was sold to Mountain View Investments. They opened the 320-unit Columbia View Apartments in June 2015.

### **Shorewood Manor, Evergreen Pointe Apartments, Shorewood East and Shorewood West Condos**

This area was part of the Donation Land Law of 640 acres granted to John Wirt Nye, a friend of General Ulysses S Grant, and his wife, Cynthia Switzler Nye. They had six daughters, who inherited the property. Henry and Edgar Kaiser purchased part of the property to build their hospital in 1942. The area for Shorewood Manor Apartments, Shorewood East Condo and Shorewood West Condos was a high-end horse ranch -- Bonny Bell Farms -- owned by Barney Royce. Road access was from Evergreen Blvd; there was no "Shorewood Drive." A small dirt lane led to the farms. In the late 1960s developer David Christiansen purchased the property now known as Shorewood Apartments and Condominiums. Christiansen finished the two Shorewood Apartment Buildings in 1972. The apartment buildings were then sold to Lewis Cook. Early investors lived in the apartments. REALVEST Management Company, founded by Paul Christiansen, developer, philanthropist and David's brother, has managed the property for the last 40 years. Shorewood East Condominiums were built in 1973 by the Christiansen brothers, who later built the 80-unit Evergreen Point Apartments in 1978 and Shorewood West Condos in two phases in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Paul Christiansen and his wife first lived in the Shorewood East Condos and then moved into the Shorewood West Condos.

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