

Woodland Meadows Neighborhood Assoc.

July, 2024

NEWSLETTER

Once a year, we will do a hardcopy of our newsletter and hand deliver it to all the residents of 5th Plain Creek Station and this is the one! The rest of the year it will only be available electronically.

Kestrel Apartment Residents, we will still email all our newsletters to your management team and we hope it is forwarded to you. We strongly encourage everyone to sign up and have all our newsletters sent directly to your email address. This way you'll be sure to receive the latest Woodland Meadows Neighborhood Association news with important happenings in the neighborhood.

Additionally, for 5th Plain Creek Station HOA members, their separate newsletter is sent out with ours as we felt that sending them together would make it easier for everyone. You can have all the information for both organizations in one place.

We also post our newsletters on our website. You can sign up for the newsletters by emailing us at: woodlandmeadowsvanna@gmail.com or at our website <https://www.woodlandmeadowsna.com/>

Giving and receiving kindness are easy ways to feel good and to help others feel good too. People, organizations, and societies thrive when they are grounded in a culture of kindness. **Vivek Murthy**



FREE LITTLE LIBRARY

It's been purchased, assembled, painted and installed!. Hopefully you've seen it up in the park near the playground. We wanted it to be ADA accessible so we made sure it was on a paved area and wasn't too high off the ground. We hope that our neighbors will benefit from this little library and will donate to it throughout the year.

We're sure you've seen these around, but if you haven't it's a FREE library for our community. You are welcome to take a book or put a book in for others. We will accept not only children and teen books, but ones for adults too. So, please take advantage of this free library! READ ON!

IF you go to put books in there and it's already too full, please hold onto your books until there is room. We want to be sure it stays shut due to weather. We received a grant from the city which covered most of the cost of the library but if you'd like to donate to the cause we would sure appreciate it. Please see instructions below on how to donate to our Non-Profit Neighborhood Association. THANK YOU!

TEAM PICNIC

We are still looking for a few individuals to help with the planning of our Neighborhood Picnic which is scheduled for **Saturday, Sept. 7th**. The board has already begun to get the ball rolling and we promise this will be a big event. We received a grant from the city for this event, and all we need is a little help with the planning of it.

Please don't be shy! We need help with organizing the following events: Food, BBQers, Decorations, Kids' Games, Music, Adult Games, Raffle Items, Set Up, Clean Up and more! If you can lend a hand in any area, please let us know who you are by emailing us and we'll be sure to include you on our organizational meeting.

This is a great way to give back to our community. This is really going to be a fun event BUT we sure could use some help! Just send us an email and let us know where you'd like to help and we'll contact you. THANK YOU for considering to help.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 13: Pick Up Park/Neighborhood Event
9-10:30 AM

July 20: BBQ Cook OFF

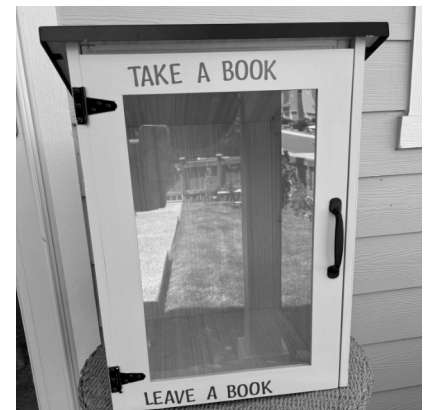
Aug. 17: Meet and Greet in Park 10-AM-12 PM

Sept 7: Picnic

Oct: 17: General Membership Meeting 7:00 PM
place TBD

Nov. 9: Food Drive

Dec. 21: Gift Wrapping Fundraiser



NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC

Calling All BBQ Enthusiasts!



Woodland Meadows will be hosting our first BBQ cookout on Saturday July 20th. Participants will choose between the two categories: chicken thighs or ribs.

Participants will cook in their homes and bring their final products at 5:00pm to the park where it will be judged. We are requiring a \$10 registration fee to cover the purchase of your choice of thighs or ribs. The two first place winners will receive a trophy and bragging rights!

Please scan the QR code to the left to register! Good luck to everyone!

CLEAN UP THE PARK/NEIGHBORHOOD DAY

We have scheduled another pick up the park (and neighborhood) event on

Sat., July 13

beginning at 9AM. Meet in the park. Give a little or a lot of your time! We have gloves, pickers, and garbage bags and all we need is you! Last time we did this we picked up over 40 lbs of trash!

This is a good opportunity to show your pride for where you live. If you can't help out that day, maybe you could focus on an area in front of your home. We appreciate any and all help making our neighborhood a beautiful (and clean) place to live.



BIG CLEAN UP EVENT

Well....it wasn't a huge amount, but we'll take whatever we can get! We received \$28.23 by participating in the Big Clean Up Event. We only had a few people take their items over to Burnt Creek Elementary School, which is how our portion was calculated. We'd like to thank Carrie, Eli & Sydney for volunteering their time and working the event. Without them, and the few people who took items over there, we wouldn't have made anything. Hopefully more of you will participate in the event next year. Some neighborhoods made over \$1,000.00 at their Clean Up Events. It's a win win.... You can get rid of your bulky junk and we make a little money for the neighborhood.

UPDATES

We had a beautiful couple of days for our first annual garage sale. Thank you so much to those who participated in the event and to the whole neighborhood as well. We appreciate your patience for the added traffic and parking during the sale. It really was fun seeing people (and neighbors) walking around the neighborhood and checking out the sales and meeting neighbors! It really felt like a community event and we received many positive comments from attendees telling us how they appreciated it being a neighborhood sale. Overall, the total sales made by your neighbors collectively was over \$2,000.00! Hopefully, this will become an annual event. Maybe you'll like to join us and make a few bucks of your own next year!



Donations
Accepted



We are a non-profit and the only funds we receive are from donations, fundraisers and from grants. Making an annual donation (suggested amount \$20) will help us to fund events, pay our insurance, and make neighborhood improvements. You can link directly (via [Zeffy.com](https://www.zeffy.com)) to our account by scanning the QR code or it can be accessed via our website. We appreciate the few individuals who have already donated to the Neighborhood Association and we thank you in advance for your future donations.



"Do you know your neighbors? Like really know them? Their first names, the types of cars they drive, what

holidays they celebrate? If you ever get locked out of your house, could you go to your neighbor's to grab a spare key?

According to a [2018 Pew Research study](#), roughly a quarter of adults under 30 report that they don't know any of their neighbors.

But there's a sense of comfort and safety that can come with knowing them — and building a safe and caring community is a valuable way to stay connected to the place you live."

Credit to NPR Life Kit Article: 5 tips on being a kinder neighbor and fostering a sense of community.
By: Diana Opong, Janet W. Lee December 3, 2019.

Our mail carrier mentioned that it appears that there have been some attempts made at trying to break into our mailboxes. Please help and keep an eye out on our boxes. Obviously, this could be happening at night, but there are street lamps near all the mailboxes and if you happen to see anything suspicious, please report it to the police immediately.

Additionally, as some of you may have seen on 5th Plain Creek Station's FB page, a porch pirate has recently been seen stealing a package off of one of our neighbor's porch. Please keep an eye open and let's take care of each other. If you see something that doesn't look right, please let your neighbors know. You can view our neighbor's video on the FB page.



We Need You

We are a positive and proactive group of concerned neighbors who wish to make our neighborhood the best it can be by working together and by securing services that the city has to offer neighborhood associations. We've made some good friends, too. PLEASE consider joining us by attending a meeting or an event. No time to help? Consider making a donation to the Association.

- *The Woodland Meadows Neighborhood Association is 100% volunteer run.*
- *We are not a homeowner's association.*
- *We don't make or enforce rules or collect dues.*
- *We work with the city to solve neighborhood problems and host events to help bring us closer together.*
- *We welcome your input!*
- *We welcome volunteers!*
- *Get in touch by email –*

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PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE DURING THE 4TH OF JULY. MANY PEOPLE SUFFER AND SO DO OUR FURRY FRIENDS FROM ALL THE NOISE FROM THE FIREWORKS.

Fireworks are not legal in the City of Vancouver.

In 2015, the Vancouver City Council approved a fireworks ordinance (M-4137) that went into effect in October 2016. This ordinance made the sale and use of consumer fireworks inside the city limits of Vancouver a crime. This is a complete ban that includes all types of fireworks. Civil fines start at \$500 for violating this law. (City of Vancouver Website)



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