

Upcoming Events

Summer Gathering

Thursday, July 11th
4616 NW Franklin Street
5-7 p.m.
(Bring a dish/drink to share)
Please RSVP details inside.

Kickball Games

7-8:30 p.m.

Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, October 24th
Franklin Elementary
7-8:30 p.m.

Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, January 23rd
Franklin Elementary
7-8:30 p.m.



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Clean Up Day – A Great Success

By Jim Mains



What a fun and successful clean-up day we had this year! Our totals for this year's clean up were 11.64 tons of bulky items collected, the same as 2023, and we collected 1.72 tons of yard debris, not including the chipper.

Our neighborhood successfully met the Resource conservation Challenge for this year by diverting yard debris, scrap metal and reusable items from the landfill and because of that we received a \$100 check for our neighborhood.

We would like to give a huge thank you to Peter Fels and his pick-up crew that helped collect and deliver garbage from our neighbors that didn't have a way of transporting their garbage. This year he had the support from volunteers David Mortensen, Mike Bartnik, Damon Webster and Ted Gathe.

A big thank you also goes to the crew and team at Waste Connections. They had four trucks on site and the guys work for four straight hours unloading vehicles. The Boy Scout crew that joined us this year were amazing as always as they collected tons and tons of scrap metal for recycling.

Thanks also to the team from our neighborhood that joined to help support the traffic and make sure everything ran smoothly: Ben McCarty, Lucy Sherman, Margaret Moses and Jim Mains.

NWNA President Report



Ben McCarty
NWNA Vice President

The Northwest Neighborhood is unique when it comes to westside neighborhoods in Vancouver. We're the only one that is entirely single-family residences and are one of the least dense and most sprawling geographically of any neighborhood in Vancouver.

This has some pros and cons: We have the lowest crime rate among Westside neighborhoods, but it also can be challenging to find a way to bring neighbors together. The good news is that we have been working hard to regain traction on things that slowed down or disappeared during the pandemic and are seeing more and more neighbors being able to engage with each other. This has been terrific to see happen!

Our neighborhood summer kickball team, the Northwest Fireballs, has seen its highest ever turnout this summer. Not just since Covid, but ever. It has been awesome to see such a large and diverse come out this summer and play every week.

Summer is Around the Corner

Kickball is a great way to meet your neighbors, get some exercise and have some fun. All the west side neighborhoods have a great time participating in the league, and on most Thursday (Wednesday after July 4) nights during the summer, a large group can be found gathering at Trap Door following the games. A big thank you to Bartnik Insurance and Financial Solutions for being our primary sponsor and to Firehouse Axes for sponsoring the team as well, which allowed us to get some awesome shirts from Artwear in uptown. Want to join in on the fun or want more info? Email me at benpmccarty@gmail.com to find out more. We just finished another hugely successful neighborhood clean-up day! Three trucks at 58th and Lincoln and the yard debris truck at Franklin Park were kept busy all morning. The Habitat for Humanity resale truck was filled up within two hours of arriving. The line moved pretty quickly the entire time, and everyone did a great job clearing out debris and bulky items and finishing on time, which the truck crews were incredibly appreciative of. Another summer tradition returning this year is a neighborhood gathering.

On Thursday July 11th Neighborhood President Jim Mains has graciously agreed to host it at his house. The gathering will be from 5-7pm on Franklin St. directly across from Our Lady of Lourdes school. Hot dogs will be provided, and everyone is invited to bring drinks and a side dish. RSVP to Jim at jim@jim mains.com by July 7 if you plan to attend. We hope to get more events started in the future, and that's where you come in. The City of Vancouver has begun issuing grants to neighborhood and community organizations to help provide funding for events and activities around the city. I recently attended a convening of West side neighborhoods to get updates on city projects and learned they are still looking for ways to give \$500 micro grants to organizations like the Northwest Neighborhood. If you have an idea for an event you would love to see happen in the neighborhood as a way to bring neighbors together, we'd love to hear it. Feel free to reach out to Jim or myself or attend our neighborhood meetings (the next one will be in October at Franklin Elementary), and we'll see if we can help make it happen.

Whatever your plans this summer, I hope you'll take some time to get out and meet your neighbors and enjoy this great place that we call home!

Until next time.

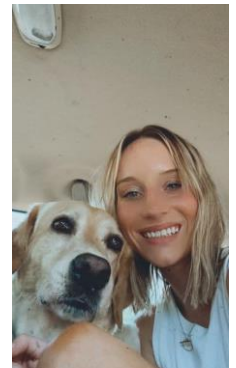
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Meet your team!

Jim Mains
NWNA President



Grace Sherman
Secretary



Margaret Moses
Treasurer



Upper Main Street Safety & Mobility Project



Project Description

The Upper Main Street Safety and Mobility Project is exploring ways to improve safety and mobility for all people using Main Street from Fourth Plain Boulevard to the northern city limits (just south of NE 63rd Street / Minnehaha Street).

The City is also coordinating with other projects along the corridor, including planned pavement work in 2025 and the C-TRAN Highway 99 Bus Rapid Transit Project.

Sign up for email updates and learn more at:
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Upper Main Street Safety & Mobility Project

Project Goals



Improve pedestrian safety by adding/upgrading crossings and filling sidewalk gaps that improve connections to transit.

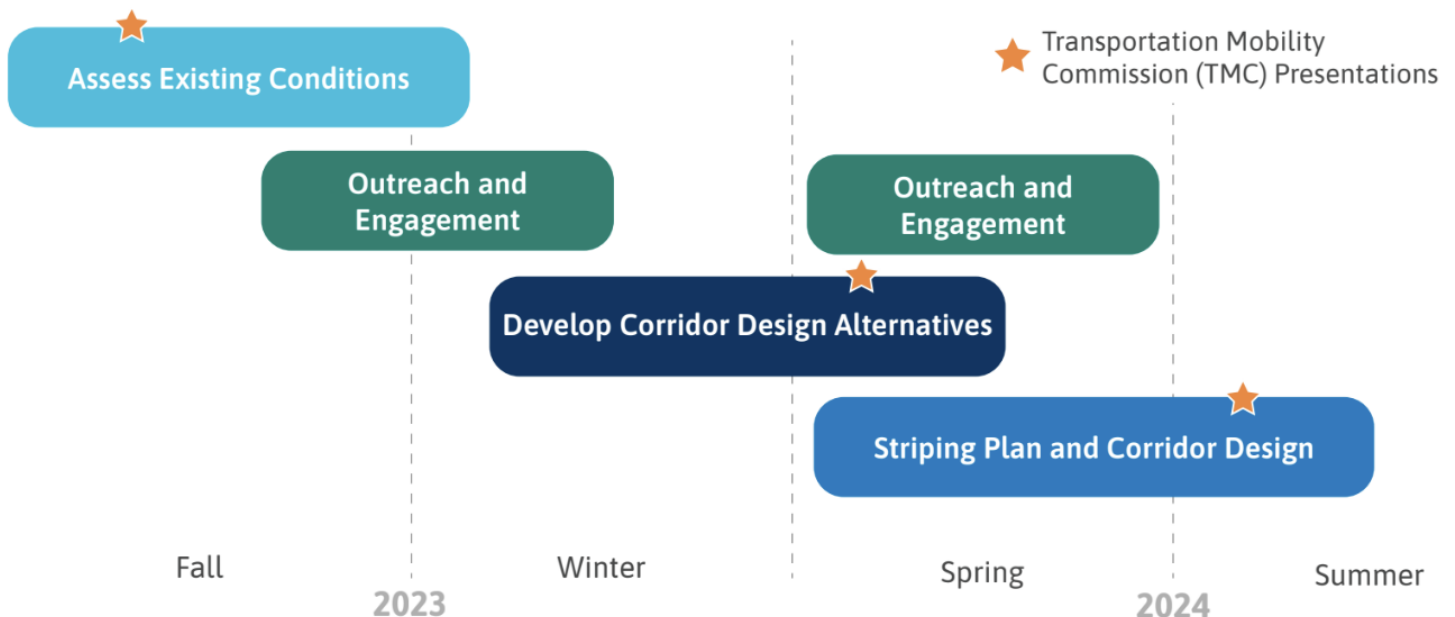


Improve bike and small mobility connectivity by addressing network gaps and connecting to regional trails.



Explore transit speed and reliability treatments and improve transit stop access in anticipation for C-TRAN's Hwy 99 Bus Rapid Transit Project.

Project Timeline



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Port Announces 2024 Public Tour Dates

Community invited behind the scenes with Washington's third-oldest port

The Port of Vancouver USA's popular public tours are back again in 2024 with 10 tours offered between May and September. Each tour features a briefing about the Columbia Snake River System and how cargo moves on the river, an overview of the port's commercial and industrial operations, the port's budget and governance and a look at current projects.

The free public tours start and end at the port's administration office and feature light snacks and refreshments. After the briefing, participants board a bus for a behind-the-scenes look at the port's marine terminals, rail infrastructure and industrial facilities.

TOUR DATES AND TIMES

Wednesday, July 10, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Saturday, July 27, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Thursday, Aug. 8, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Saturday, Aug. 24, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Wednesday, Sep. 4, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Saturday, Sep. 21, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

Government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's license or passport, is required to access secured areas at the port. Please leave cameras at home; they are not allowed on marine terminals.

New this year: register for tours online! To reserve a spot on one of these FREE tours, participants must register online at the port website.

Reservations are required and tours fill up quickly. Maximum group size: 6.

For more information about public tours at the Port of Vancouver USA, visit: <https://www.portvanusa.com/community/know-your-port/>

For tour questions, please email Julie Rawls at jrawls@portvanusa.com or call 360-823-5297.



NWNA Updates

NW Neighborhood Picnic

Our NWNA President Jim Mains and his family invite you to a summer BBQ on Thursday, July 11th from 5-7 PM in their yard at 4616 NW Franklin Street. They will provide the hotdogs and fixings. Bring a chair, a dish/drinks to share.

Please RSVP before July 7th to Jim@JimMains.com.



Garage Sale Thank You!

One of the events we are hoping to regain traction on post-COVID is our neighborhood garage sale. This years sale happened on June 21 and 22. Houses all over the neighborhood participated, if you would like to join in for our next one, email garage sale coordinator Nikki Huntington at nikki.huntington@gmail.com. A huge thank you to Nikki for stepping up to get the garage sale up and running. We hope to again make it an annual summer tradition.



Pictures from Clean Up Day



If you have neighborhood updates, special announcements or events please send them to jim@jimains.com

We need you!

Newsletter Delivery

We are always in need of help deliver the neighborhood newsletter. If you would like to join the delivery team, please contact Jim Mains at jim@jim mains.com.

Delivering the newsletter usually takes a few hours. It's a great way to get outdoors and meet your neighbors.

A special thanks to Jim and Brenda Walker for coordinating our deliveries and making sure you get your newsletter.

Newsletter Writers

If you love to write we would love to hear from you. We are always in need of stories for our newsletters. If you have a great story you would like to share, a poem you are proud of or even an opinion that can help the neighborhood, please share. Contact Jim Mains at Jim@JimMains.com.

Kickball Supporters

We would love more spectators to come out and support our 2024 Kickball season. Email VP Ben McCarty for more details on how to attend and watch the games. Ben.p.mccarty@gmail.com.

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HOST FAMILIES WANTED

Clark College Nepalese Student



ACES is looking for a host for a female Clark College international student from Nepal who is studying Physocology and Social Work. She likes to socialize with others, have new experiences, learn new skills, and is adaptable to new situations. She is excited to meet you! She can commute on public transit and is excited to spend time with her host.

Estimated dates: 7/5/24 - 9/1/24

Contact ACES at
aces.or@exploretheworld.org,
503-673-6898

[Apply Now](#)



Why Host?

Explore New Cultures

Ignite a curiosity for other languages, cultures, customs, cuisine, and more. Sharing stories, trying recipes, and getting to know someone from another background makes the learning experience much more personal.

Gain and Share Perspectives

Learn about another point of view. Reflect on your own. Learn and grow together through sharing traditions, explaining habits and customs to your student, and discussing opinions.

Hosting Basics

In addition to providing a safe, warm, welcoming environment, hosts provide:

- 3 meals per day (breakfast and lunch can be self-serve),
- a private bedroom and quiet place to study
- include their student in daily household conversations and activities,
- are in walking distance of a bus/MAX stop with a commute under 60 minutes (including walking)

ACES staff provides ongoing support to you and your student.

We also offer a small stipend to help cover some of the costs of hosting. Stipends vary by program - feel free to ask.

Can't commit to a long-term program?

ACES also offers short-term hosting programs year-round. Visit us at <https://www.acescollegehomestay.org/for-hosts/> for more information.

SUMMER EVENTS

The Columbia Tech Center Sunday Sounds Concerts presented by Riverview Bank, hit the stage in east Vancouver on Sundays from 6 to 8 p.m. Enjoy an exciting lineup of genre-defying crowd favorites. Food and refreshments are available to purchase from local vendors or bring a picnic to enjoy. Alcohol is not permitted in parks.

- July 7: [5 Guys Named Moe](#)
- July 14: [Dancehall Days](#)
- July 21: [Britnee Kellogg](#)
- July 28: [Andy Stokes](#)
- Aug. 4: [Precious Byrd](#)
- Aug. 11: [Prom Date Mixtape](#)
- Aug. 18: [Hit Machine](#)

Parking is available off S.E. Cardinal Ct., in the gravel lot south of the amphitheater. Leave your car at home and take C-TRAN, Columbia Tech Center is served by the [Vine on Mill Plain \(Red\)](#) and [Route 74](#).

The north shore of the Columbia River is the place to be on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for the Vancouver Waterfront Concert Series. Enjoy an eclectic mix of music from around the world. Bring a picnic or get something to eat at a delicious local restaurant on the waterfront. Alcohol is not permitted in parks.

July 11: [Curtis Salgado](#)

July 18: [Aaron Meyer – Concert Rock](#)

July 25: [Pa'lante](#)

Aug. 1: [LaRhonda Steele](#)

Aug. 8: [Jujuba](#)

Aug. 15: [Sabroso](#)

Parks Foundation of Clark County is hosting parking by donation in the lot across from Vancouver City Hall, paid street parking and commercial lots are also available. Leave your car at home and take [C-TRAN Route 71](#) to get to the Waterfront Concerts.

Start your weekend off right with the Free Friday Night Movies presented by HAPO Community Credit Union. Arrive at 7 p.m. to enjoy fun activities from our community partners before the movie begins. All movies are close captioned. Food and refreshments are available to purchase from local vendors or bring a picnic to enjoy. Alcohol is not permitted in parks.

- July 12: Shrek (PG) at [Bagley Community Park](#)
- July 19: Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) at [Nikkei Neighborhood Park](#)
- July 26: School of Rock (PG-13) at [Marshall Community Park](#)
- Aug. 2: West Side Story – 1961 (PG) at [Esther Short Community Park](#)
- Aug. 9: Wish (PG) at [Fruit Valley Neighborhood Park](#)
- Aug. 16: Migration (PG) at [David Douglas Community Park](#)
- Aug. 23: Barbie (PG-13) at [Columbia Tech Center Park](#)

NW Natural Bill Changes (Reprint)

This story did not get printed in the last newsletter due to an issue at the print shop.

As president of the NW Neighborhood, I've received more questions regarding the changes to the NW Natural bill than any other single issue since being elected to the neighborhood association. With that in mind, I reached out to NW Natural to provide an explanation for the changes. This is the information they provided:

I see new charges and credits on my bill for the WA Climate Act. What is that?

The WA Climate Act charges and credits on your bill are related to the new, state-mandated climate program called the Washington Cap and Invest Program. The Washington Cap and Invest Program stems from the 2021 Climate Commitment Act passed by the Washington Legislature. It requires natural gas distributors like NW Natural to purchase allowances equal to covered greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions under the Act. CCA fees on customer monthly bills started January 1, 2024.

How are WA Climate Act Fees calculated?

The fees are determined by two components that follow the state's rules. The first is the **Climate Act Fee**, which is NW Natural's costs to comply with the state-mandated Cap and Invest Program. The recovery of these costs through our rates was approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC). The charges per them will remain the same through 2024, although a customer's usage can change month to month.

What is the credit for?

The other component of the rate adjustment for some customers is the **Climate Act Credit**, which is the revenue from GHG emissions sold at auction. This credit is reserved for customers connected to NW Natural's system prior to July 26, 2021, and Identified Low Income Customers.

I'm concerned about paying my bill. Is assistance available?

NW Natural offers several payments plans and assistance options. A new bill discount program for income-qualified customers in Washington is also now available. The NW Natural bill discount program can save between 15% to 80% on monthly gas bills for customers with household income at or below 80% of area median income or federal poverty level. More information can be found at nwnatural.com/BillDiscount

Where can I learn more?

NW Natural has more information about customer impacts available on our website at nwnatural.com/CCA

January 2024 customer bill example:

NW NATURAL ACCOUNT SUMMARY		
Previous Balance		\$267.99
Payment(s) Received		267.99CR
Subtotal Balance Forward	\$.00	
Current Charges		
Minimum Charge Rate R02		8.00
Gas Usage	222.6 @ 1.20795	268.89
1 WA Climate Act Fee	222.6 @ .49726	110.69
WA Climate Act Credit Jan-Mar		32.62CR 2
Subtotal Current Charges	\$354.96	
New Balance		\$354.96

City Manager Update: Summer 2024

The City is launching its biannual community survey on June 12. We're asking community members who may receive a call or text from a 564 area code to please take the call and tell the City what they think about livability, City services, and community priorities. Input collected through the survey will assist staff and City Council in developing the City's [2025-26 biennial budget](#).

This budget cycle will be more challenging than the last due to the compounding impacts of significant inflation across all the City's spending categories, a softening of our revenues due to slowing growth, and the incremental costs of added programs in recent years.

These factors contribute to a deficit between what it costs to provide services and what we have to provide them. As a result, there is a gap of \$43 million that needs to be closed over the biennium.

The City Council has asked that we explore a combination of potential revenue increases, service reprioritizations, and expenditure reductions to close the gap. The council will discuss revenue options during their Monday, June 10 Workshop. These options include cable utility tax, video streaming excise tax, commercial parking, admissions taxes, and tapping into the banked property tax capacity to cover the projects included in Proposition 2. Optimizing fee-for-service revenue will also be part of the solution. The Council will also consider asking the Transportation Benefit District Board to adopt an additional \$10 per vehicle license fee and potentially consider realigning the revenue from the business license surcharge increases. You can watch the workshop live or later at your convenience at [CVTV](#).

