

*Open space,
a heritage
worth preserving*



**CPNA Newsletter
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August 8, 2024**

Next meeting: In lieu of a formal Central Park Neighborhood Association (CPNA) meeting, we will have an informal get-together of CPNA residents at our very own Quarnberg Park (corner of East Reserve & 13th Street) on **Wednesday**, August 29, at **7:00** PM. Bring dinner or snacks. Look for our CPNA yard signs that day. Let your neighbors know!!! Hope to see you there!

Message from CPNA Past-President Norma Watson:

******* We Only Grow Community by Sharing (your email):** Send to Norma Watson (contact info at end of this Newsletter).

[*Editor's Note:* Below are two articles Norma Watson wrote – one last year and one this month.]

Early 2023: It's been over two years since we met as a group to share news, camaraderie and food. Since the pandemic prevented in-person indoor meetings, we have only connected by fits and starts, with the most unsatisfactory results. Last spring (2022), we had an Easter Egg Hunt in Quarnberg Park and the annual spring clean-up. Our thanks to Mark Hircock for representing CPNA at the Recycling 101 class, which garnered our treasury \$150. We made a total of \$330 in donations for that event. We donated \$500 to the Marshall Center all-inclusive playground.

I think many neighbors are interested in meeting once again as CPNA. Knowing your neighbors and feeling comfortable in your neighborhood is critical to a feeling of safety and a culture of togetherness. The value of your space, the pride in ownership of your home and your sense of community is what we thrive upon. Wouldn't it be fun to have a dog/pet show in Quarnberg Park? Or meet in the basement of the School for the Blind to learn about the museum it houses? Or have a city forester give a tree walk in the Old City Cemetery? A revitalized Association will happen when someone steps up as a leader for a term.

We desperately need someone to step up as our president. Sylvia Bailey has been our treasurer for many years. Pepper Kim is our newsletter editor. I have been secretary for many years and will continue to keep our history until a willing neighbor steps in. All three of us will help anyone interested in performing the duties. We hold six meetings each year which can be held via Zoom or in a location in our neighborhood. You'll have back-up all the way.

2024: In thinking of these past 30 years living in Central Park Neighborhood, I've learned what loss of community means. Soon after we moved to the CPNA area, we met .Bob Scott (CPNA Founder and first President), who was delivering pink CPNA newsletters; he introduced us to the association. Our whole family became involved in CPNA. My husband, Bruce, served as President, our two kids delivered newsletters for years and helped with cleanup after the meetings, and I took on different positions as they came open. We met at Hudson's Bay High School then. Our neighborhood meetings began with a potluck and a half hour of informal visiting. We went home feeling the importance of neighborhood and strength in our connection to the city. Volunteering can seem overwhelming during your working years, but clear boundaries and abundance of neighbors can produce amazing results.

Some of our accomplishments include:

- Knowing your neighbors
- Solving difficult issues between neighbors
- Sidewalk installation
- Fencing around the cemetery
- Control over development within the neighborhood
- Street paving
- Connection with institutions in our neighborhood
- Quarnberg Park development
- Learning how to navigate city services
- Annual cleanup to easily dispose of worn-out items on your property
- Support of Chelsea Anderson All Inclusive Park at Marshall Center

Our spring cleanup 2024 allowed many items to be reused instead of being buried in the landfill by allowing Habitat for Humanity to take them. CPNA made a community connection with this organization and received a hand-written thank you note from them. Thank you for so many kind donations handed to Frank and Bruce during the event. And a huge thank you to Frank Fannick and Bruce Watson for helping to unload items.

Our cleanup also meant checks from Waste Management for metal recycling and for attendance at Recycle U 201 class. Recycle U is a super fun way to learn about recycling in the city and can be accomplished via Zoom or in person.

Following are two short articles about what we learned during our Recycle U 201 class:

Recycle U 201 Notes from Norma and Bruce Watson:

Curbside Organics Collection: Attention Vancouver and Ridgefield residents! Did you know you can put food scraps in your yard debris cart? That same teal/green cart you use for leaves and grass-clippings can now hold food scraps.

From chicken bones to coffee grounds and everything in between; if it was once food, it can go into your organics bin. For more details and to sign up if you don't subscribe to the organics service, visit Waste Connections' webpage at www.wcnorthwest.com/organics.

In your kitchen, use a small kitchen pail (or any other container) to collect your food scraps or plate scrapings, then empty into your organics cart. Organics collection is every other week (alternating with recycling. Roll your cart out the night before or before 6 a.m. on collection day and you're good to go!

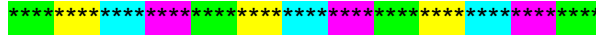
Concerned about smell? Remember to keep your organics cart out of direct sunlight so

things don't start breaking down prematurely. Also try sprinkling some baking soda into your cart or keeping your food scraps in your fridge or freezer until you're ready to put them in the cart for collection. Set your cart out each time, even if it's not full.

E-Cycle Washington – Recycle Your Electronics *Free Electronics Recycling in Washington:* E-Cycle Washington is a program that provides FREE recycling of TVs, computers, laptops, tablets, computer monitors, portable DVD players and e-readers. Households, small businesses, schools & school districts, small governments, special purpose districts and charities can recycle electronic products free of charge in this program. For recycling locations in your area, please call 1-800-recycle or visit www.ecyclewashington.org.

Before you Recycle, Consider Reuse: If your computer or TV is working and in good condition, someone else may be able to use it. Search the Recycling A-Z Directory at www.cityofvancouver.us/RecycleRight to find local donation options.

Don't Throw it in the Trash: Since Jan. 1, 2010, Waste Connections has been prohibited from accepting computers, monitors, TVs and laptops as garbage. The restrictions are the result of an Oregon law banning electronic equipment from the landfill. Because the landfill that serves Clark County is located in Oregon, the law applies here, too. However, you can still get rid of old televisions, computers and monitors for free, thanks to the E-cycle Washington law requiring manufacturers to provide a statewide electronics recycling program. (Rev. 3/13/24)



In Memoriam: In the past few years, our neighborhood lost several neighbors who positively contributed to CPNA. Our condolences to family members and friends of these notable CPNA residents..

In Memoriam

Joyce Lorene Malin

November 5, 1943 – December 30, 2021



It could be claimed that Joyce Malin formed the infrastructure for all CPNA events for many years. She and her husband, Dick, were very involved in CPNA leadership and activities. Joyce succeeded in a variety of occupations: insurance company secretary, high tech executive secretary, physician recruiter. Finally, in Vancouver she found her calling: grant writing for non-profits. The class she taught as a consultant used the manual she wrote, "I Didn't Grow Up to Be a Grant Writer". She secured funding for many non-profits, including the Vancouver National Historic Reserve, the Clark County Food Bank, and the NW Assn for Blind Athletes. She also served on several boards.

CPNA neighbors who knew her will miss her cheery presence at meetings. Please share a memory @ www.columbian.com/obits.



In Memoriam

Charlotte Cooney

July 4, 1935 – February 21, 2022

Charlotte Cooney made the most of her birthday which was on Independence Day. For many years, she took pleasure in providing and serving ice cream to all the participants in the CPNA parade on the 4th of July. She worked for the Washington State School for the Blind in Food Service until retiring in 1995. She and her husband, John (Bud), were happily married from 1957 till his passing in 2014. Please share a memory at www.columbian.com/obits.

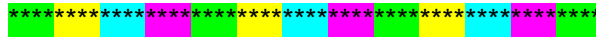


In Memoriam

Keith Swenson

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Keith Swenson was our metal recycling neighbor for so many years. He was a friendly and generous person and businessman. He contributed every year to the treasury of CPNA. He was the embodiment of the hard work ethic. A guest book can be signed at www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/keith-swenson-obituary?id=53969111.



Calendar – check out Vancouver Connects website for upcoming City events:
<https://t.e2ma.net/message/crgbi/s7rr8e>

Special CPNA Meeting: Wednesday, August 28, CPNA potluck, 7:00 meeting at Quarnberg Park.

Central Park Neighborhood Association

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Vice President: Vacancy – volunteer needed

Secretary: Norma Watson 699-7219 watson.bn at gmail.com

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Neighbors On Watch: -- volunteer needed

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Spanish Español Queremos informar a todos sobre lo que está sucediendo en nuestra asociación de vecinos, incluyendo a nuestros vecinos que no hablan inglés. Nos gustaría proporcionar artículos en nuestro boletín en el idioma español. Si usted o alguien que usted conoce está dispuesto a ofrecer su ayuda voluntaria para traducir nuestros boletines o interpretar en las reuniones del vecindario, comuníquese al (360) 901-0176.

Vietnamese Tiếng Việt Chúng tôi hiện đang muốn thông báo cho mọi người biết về những việc đang diễn ra tại cộng đồng xung quanh chúng ta, bao gồm những người không nói tiếng Anh. Vì vậy, chúng tôi mong muốn truyền đạt những tin tức trong bản tin thông báo này bằng tiếng Việt. Nếu quý vị hoặc quý vị biết người nào muốn tự nguyện giúp chúng tôi biên dịch những bản tin thông báo hoặc thông dịch trong cuộc họp cộng đồng, vui lòng gọi số (360) 901-0176.