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ARNADA NEIGHBORHOOD

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Newsletter October 2024

**Meeting is Thursday October 10th 7:00 PM
at Vancouver Housing Authority 2500 Main Street
Approve September Minutes, Treasury Balance
Reports from City, Port, Police as available
Vote on support for Kickball team shirts
Create Arnada NA input to Interstate Bridge Replacement DEIS**

Thanks, Jim Girard!

Jim Girard has retired from over forty years of service to our Arnada Neighborhood. Over the years he has volunteered for almost every project, event and activity undertaken by our community.

From the earliest years he was involved in the restoration of Arnada Park including the playground and play structures. His contributions include organizing Summer Picnics and Christmas parties, escorting Santa, Arnada Park gazebo construction, neighborhood clean-up, paper drives (remember those?), scrap metal drives, the tool lending library, painting the 22nd Street mural, yard sales, landscaping projects and delivering newsletters.

After Bryan Kenyon set up our ad sheet program that you see attached to this Arnada neighborhood newsletter Jim took over the contact work. He made a personal outreach to our neighboring businesses and he solicited sponsorship from the businesses. He spent many hours building these important relationships. This allowed the Arnada Neighborhood Association to become financially stable which enabled us to contribute to local charities and many neighborhood projects. Since Jim has finished that work we have struggled to maintain the level of sponsorship we had with Jim. It would be great if one or two people in Arnada would step up and rebuild our sponsorship to the levels Jim achieved. Contact any board member if you want to learn about that.

Jim's efforts helped to make Arnada one of the finest neighborhoods in the City of Vancouver. He is an Arnada "treasure" and we thank him for everything he has done for us. Friend, and neighbor, he lifted us up to be better.

Thank you, Jim!

Arnada Neighborhood Association-Sept. 7, 2024

Attendees: Ken Visser, Kathy Lovell, Anita Reyes, Todd Bachmann, Rena Benette, Sharon Morse, Dan Birnseth, Jill Bachmann, Brenda Hoge, Sandi Christenson, Holly Chamberlain, Koko Olslewski-City of Vancouver

May minutes approved.

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Treasurer Report: Our 9-month CD at 4.25% matured so it was moved back into checking. We earned \$116.91 over the 9 months. Current 12-month CD are 2.25% APR. At the end of August, we had \$5288.81 in checking and \$2114.06 in savings for a total of \$7402.87. We have an ad net income of \$2527.72 and after printing costs we have a net of \$1484.81. Thank you to Amy for sending renewal invoices to continuing sponsors. Treasure report approved.

City of Vancouver Report: IBR draft SIES is to be released this month. There was an info session on what was in the draft and how to comment. The City will also be a support for citizens who need help navigating it. Evergreen Blvd Bridge will be re-built. The project is called Community Connector. People were able to offer ideas on what they wanted. There will be more meetings about it.

We have a new City Manager-Lon Pluckhahn. He was the former Deputy City Manager. He will be at community meetings in the fall. Current City Manager-Eric Holmes, retires October 11th.

There is a community forum on Sept. 23rd at ESD112. Council Members and the Mayor will be there to have discussions about anything you would like to discuss.

Bridge shelter-150 beds with wraparound services. It will be in the VanMall neighborhood at the old gymnastics center. There will be opportunities to be involved in what it looks like, on the Be Heard Vancouver page.

Neighborhood Traffic Safety Alliance may be disbanded. There is a transportation and mobility commission now and all neighborhood traffic issues/safety need to go through the commission. Those meetings are public and on the City of Vancouver website. The neighborhood traffic calming group still exists.

Arnada News:

We thank Amy Carlson for the Day in the Park. Had a total of 38 people. Suggestions for doing it in the afternoon in the shade and more competitive friendly games, when we do it next year. She spent \$447 for the Day in the Park.

Concert in the Park and Mural painting happened in June and August. We will need to purchase more green paint for next year.

Kickball Team-It has been an opportunity for younger people in the neighborhood to be involved. We have a new group of players. In the past the ANA paid for the t-shirts, or they have been sponsored. Trapdoor did sponsor

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it but would prefer not to have a beer sponsor since we have kids playing. He is proposing that the ANA pays for the next round of t-shirts. It is \$293.83 for 31 t-shirts. Suggested that we offer for people to give a \$10 donation to cover the cost of the shirt to support the ANA, but it is not a requirement. A motion to publish the purchase was made, for approval at the October ANA meeting.

Fall events and holiday party-We will need to find another Santa Claus for this year. Motion to have the holiday party at Trapdoor again on December 12th. Todd will ask Trapdoor.

Yard Tree Giveaway Event

Vancouver Urban Forestry is distributing free yard trees through the Yard Tree Giveaway Program this fall. Free yard trees are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Who is Eligible for a Yard Tree?

- Trees are available for planting on residential (private) property in the front, side, or back yards.
- Trees must be planted within the City of Vancouver.
- Limit of one tree per household.
- Tree recipients must commit to watering mulching, and caring for their trees.

Pick Up Details

Trees will be available for pick up on Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 10 a.m. to noon. City staff and volunteers will load your free tree and mulch into your vehicle for you.

Please Note: Trees *may not* be planted in containers, as street trees, or to fulfill planting requirements. Street trees are trees located in the right-of-way; reference your lot boundaries on MapsOnline (<http://gis.clark.wa.gov/mapsonline/index.cfm>).

Sign up or get more information here: <https://www.cityofvancouver.us/government/department/public-works/urban-forestry/yard-tree-giveaway-program/>

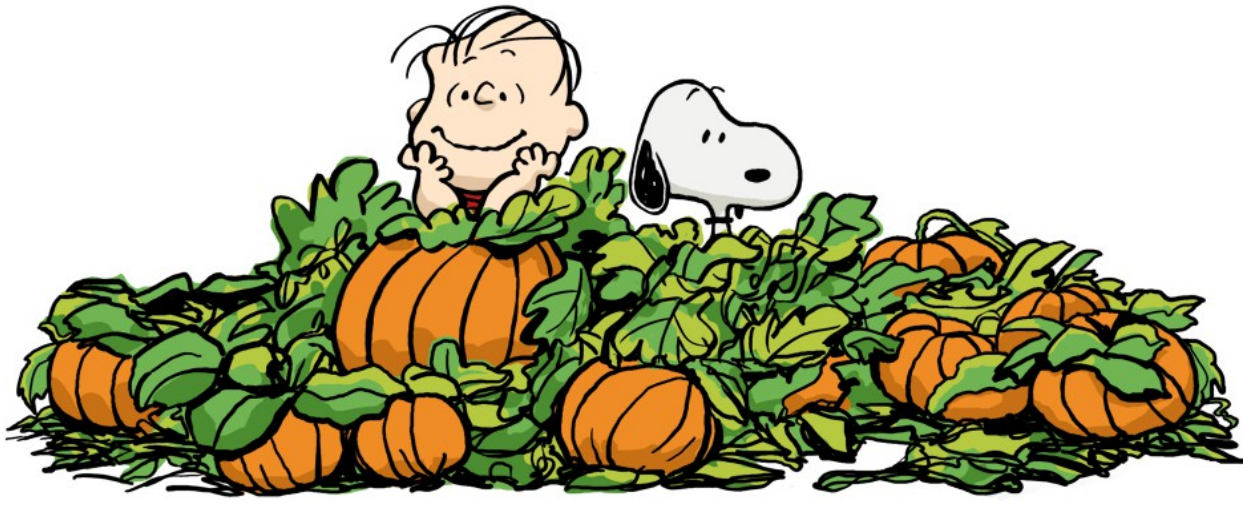


2024 Dine the 'Couve

Vancouver WA's official dining month brings unbeatable dinner specials and the chance to try out the area's hottest restaurants. Find traditional meals consisting of an appetizer, entrée, and dessert, or creative combos with craft drink pairings, menus for two, and more.

Sign up for a mobile-friendly Dine the Couve pass and receive a link to access and download your pass. The pass will include all participating restaurants, their special Dine the Couve menus, and the ability to participate in this year's check-in challenge to win a prize! Visit: visitvancouverwa.com/dinethecouve/

Prize info: Check-in at five participating locations and order from their Dine the Couve menu throughout the month of October to be entered to win a \$100 gift card to the participating restaurant of your choice!



IT'S PUMPKIN TIME!

It's Pumpkin Patch Round Up Time!

By Amy Carlson

Happy October Arnada! I love pumpkin patches. Nothing gets me ready for fall than visiting a local pumpkin patch on a nice crisp afternoon. Last year I made it to five of the pumpkin patches below and one of the five we went to twice. That's a lot of pumpkin patch fun! And I plan to do it all again this year. So here you go, the 2024 Clark county pumpkin patch/farm roundup...

Bi-Zi Farms Pumpkin Patch

Address: 9504 NE 119th Street, Vancouver, WA 98662

Hours: September 23 – October 27: Thurs./Fri. 1–6 pm and Sat./Sun. 10 am–6 pm; entrance ends 1 hour prior to closing; last day Oct. 27th

Cost: \$16.95 ages 3+; \$14.95 ages 62+ (and those with a valid military ID); tickets must be purchased online in advance: www.bi-zifarms.com/pumpkin-patch-2020

Details: Admission includes a wagon ride to/from the patch, one free pumpkin (any size you can carry), entrance to the giant corn bin play area (do not miss this!), two shots at the pumpkin launchers, admission to the corn maze, hippity hop races, the corn bin (DO NOT MISS THIS! It's my daughter's favorite), hay bale maze and pyramid, one free hot drink, and more. Nighttime corn maze Fri. & Sat. 6-10 pm; entrance ends 30 min. prior to closing. Go on a weekday to avoid the larger crowds.

The Patch

Address: 636 Whalen Rd., Woodland, WA 98674

Hours: October 1 – 31: Tues.–Fri. 11am–6 pm, Sat. 10 am–6 pm, Sun. 12–6 pm

Cost: General admission is free. Individual costs for pumpkins (a medium-sized carving pumpkin is around \$6), hay rides, large corn maze, pony rides, and pumpkin bowling.

New offer! Autumn Wristbands: \$15 (adult), \$12 (age 3-12) includes 1 medium pumpkin, 1 pumpkin bowl (kids only), 1 hay ride, 1 5-acre corn maze walk, and fast pass for purchasing items.

Details: A 40+ acre farm offering a small and large corn maze, hay maze, pumpkin bowling, food on weekends (burgers, BBQ, coffee, shave ice), free photo-op areas (there are a lot of great spots for photos!), and more. Choose from picking in the large u-pick field or find the perfect pumpkin or special variety item in the pre-picked bins. BYO wheelbarrow for hauling from the field or sales stand area (only a scant few are available on site).

Website: <https://www.whalenoaksfarm.com/the-patch>

Pumpkin Lane at Pomeroy Living History Farm

Address: 20902 NE Lucia Falls Road, Yacolt, WA 98675

Hours: weekends in October; Sat. – Sun. 10 am – 5 pm

Cost: \$7 for adults & \$5 for children ages 3–11 (2 and under are free)

Details: Take a hayride down Pumpkin Lane where you'll see dozens of "pumpkin people" scenes (these are so fun!), pick out the perfect pumpkin (cost is separate), enjoy photo-ops, visit the farm animals and blacksmith shop, grab a snack, and have a fabulous time at one of Clark County's favorite pumpkin patches. No ATM on site.

New this year! Pumpkin Lane After Dark: Take a ride down our scarecrow - adorned "Pumpkin Lane", take a romp around the pumpkin patch, then settle in for a glass of wine and a freshly-roasted s'more while listening to some live music. Tickets include an evening hayride around Pumpkin Lane, a beverage token, and a s'mores kit for roasting. Pumpkins, additional drinks, and food options available for purchase.

Cost: \$38 per person, this is a 21+ event.

Friday, October 11 5:30-7:30 pm (live music by The Vantucky Ramblers)

Friday October 25 5:30-7:30 pm (live music by The Big North Duo)

<https://pomeroyfarm.org/pumpkin-lane/>

Vancouver Pumpkin Patch at Velvet Acres Garden

Address: 18905 NE 83rd Street, Vancouver, WA 98682

Hours: Tues. – Sun. 11 am–6 pm

Cost: \$10 weekdays, \$12 weekends; children 2 and under free.

Details: Admission includes entry to the pumpkin patch, covered hayride, corn maze, covered petting zoo, covered hay pyramid (this is enormous and covered so a rainy day won't stop the fun), and one pumpkin from the patch. Additional pumpkins, gourds, and other fall décor, including corn stalks, are available for purchase as well as a variety of squashes grown on the farm.

New this year!: Apple cannon!

Website: <https://vancouverpumpkinpatch.com>

Waltons Farms

Address: 1617 NE 267th Avenue, Camas, WA

Hours: October 5 – 27; Thurs./Fri. 3–5 pm, Sat./Sun. 10 am–5 pm

Cost: \$13 per person, <2 free, Seniors 55+ \$11

Details: Admission includes one free pumpkin any size (ages 3+), corn maze (you have to find and solve all the riddles hidden in the maze and it is HARD but fun), and train ride (grown-ups can ride too!). This is a darling little farm and the perfect place for a quiet, crowd-free pumpkin patch afternoon.

Website: <http://www.waltonsfarms.com>

Calling all volunteers: Hough students need your help!

By Amy Carlson

Hough Elementary was established in 1941 and has been the school for generations of Arnada children. Did you know that today, 50% of Hough students belong to families that are below the poverty line? Did you know that currently 30% of Hough students are unhoused members of our community? While we can't change those numbers we can help to make sure those students have an amazing time learning and growing while at Hough Elementary School.

Budget cuts have hit the school across the board and we are leaning more and more on community volunteers to help fill the gaps. If you have even one or two hours a month to spare, the Hough students can greatly benefit from your time. Volunteers can be a student's family members or community members with an open heart and an open calendar.

Current Volunteer Opportunities:

- Reading buddies (reading to/listening to students read)
- Lunch buddy mentor program

- URGENT NEED: Crossing guards: morning (7:40-8:10am) and/or afternoon (2:25-2:40pm)
- PTSA programs and events; e.g. birthday table, book fair, Donuts with Grownups, Monster Mash Bash, and Winter Wonderland

Get Involved:

1. Become a district-approved volunteer (required for all volunteers): <https://vansd.org/volunteer/>
2. Learn about the Lunch Buddy Program: <https://hough.vansd.org/get-involved/>
3. Send a note to jessica.graham@vansd.org for information about Crossing Guard duty.
4. Visit the PTSA website for volunteer opportunities (you do not need to be a PTSA member to volunteer): <https://www.houghptsa.org/volunteer>



Green Bags pick up starts at 9 am on Saturday, October 12

We'll pick up non-perishable food and toiletries and deliver it to FISH of Vancouver, our local food pantry. Find out more about the Clark Neighbors Food Project and sign up to donate at www.ClarkFoodProject.org

October Events Calendar

Date/Time	Event	Details
Oct. 1 - 31: 6 - 9 p.m.	Holidays on Franklin 4616 NW Franklin Street	Halloween has arrived at Holidays on Franklin! Located in west Vancouver, displays are held through October nightly, with trick-or-treating on Halloween night. Enjoy lights, music, special effects, and the spooky season! FREE.
Fri., Oct. 4: 4 - 8 p.m.	First Friday Downtown Art Walk	Visit downtown Vancouver's wide array of gallery spaces and art-centric businesses. FREE. Map: vdausa.org/first-friday/
Fri./Sat., Oct. 4/5: 7 p.m. Sun., Oct. 6: 12 p.m. Fri./Sat., Oct. 11/12: 7 p.m. Sun., Oct. 13: 2 p.m. Fri./Sat., Oct. 18/19: 7 p.m. Sun., Oct. 20: 12 p.m. Fri./Sat., Oct. 25/26: 7 p.m. Sun., Oct. 27: 12 p.m.	Spirit Tales of the Vancouver Barracks 1101 Officers Row Across from the Grant House	Explore the darker side of Officers Row and hear stories of loneliness, fear, and tragedy that have left their mark on the historic grounds. Whether you believe in ghosts or not, these tales of past inhabitants will captivate you. This tour is designed by local historian and author Jefferson Davis Tickets: \$20, Senior (60+) \$15, Veteran \$15, and Youth (15 and younger) \$15. Learn more: https://jeffdavisghostguy.com/shop/
Fri./Sat., Oct. 4/5: 7 p.m. Fri./Sat., Oct. 11/12: 7 p.m. Fri./Sat., Oct. 18/19: 7 p.m. Fri./Sat., Oct. 25/26: 7 p.m.	Haunted Walking Tours Clark County Historical Museum 1511 Main Street	Curious to hear tales of what haunts downtown Vancouver? Bring your flashlight because the haunted tours are back! Tickets: \$20; https://cchmuseum.org/programs-events/haunted-walking-tours/
Sat., Oct. 5: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Old Apple Tree Festival 112 Southeast Columbia Way	The annual Old Apple Tree Festival is a celebration centered on the oldest living apple tree in the Northwest, planted at Fort Vancouver in 1826. Food, apple tastings and sales, live music, cider pressing and walking tours of Fort Vancouver Village, the Fort Vancouver Historic Orchard and the Land Bridge. FREE.
Sat., Oct. 19: 2 - 8 p.m.	Día de Muertos Esther Short Park 605 Esther Street	Experience beautiful luminarias, traditional Mexican dancing, live music, guest artists, catrinas and activities for all ages at Día de Muertos. Community members are invited to honor the memories of loved ones who have passed away by visiting the mock cemetery or by placing one of our beautiful candle-lit luminarias in the park. FREE.
Sat., Oct. 26: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Cider Pressing Day Cedar Creek Grist Mill 43907 NE Grist Mill Road Woodland, Wa	Step back in history while we press around 10,000 pounds of apples into the best drink on planet Earth. We'll put your kiddos to work on hand cranked presses. Play an instrument? Come join the Bluegrass Jam on the back deck. FREE.



Visit Us



Salmon Creek Lions

Free Paper Shred Event

● **Saturday, October 12, 2024**

10:00AM - 1:00PM

Umpqua Bank - Hazel Dell

(8015 NE Hwy 99, Vancouver, WA 98665)

● **Benefiting:**
Clark Neighbors Food Project

Collects food from people's porches six times each year and deliver to local food pantries across Clark County

● Paper Shred is an environmentally friendly event to protect yourself or your business by safely destroying sensitive documents that are no longer needed, and will free up space in your home or office

