

Hough Monthly Newsletter= November 2024

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Recent poll uncovers top 5 areas of IMPORTANCE for the residents of Hough!

1. The growing homeless encampments along the sound wall:



On 11/18/24, 15 of our Hough Residents went to the City Council Meeting to express their growing concerns and try to engage in a conversation for a collaborative and compassionate solution to mitigate this issue that is plaguing our neighborhood with health and safety issues. Copy/paste the link below to see what they presented firsthand:

https://www.cvtv.org/vid_link/36915?startStreamAt=0&stopStreamAt=10303

A special Thank You to our local resident Matthew Trevino for helping lead our advocacy in this area. For additional details of how you can get involved here are 2 links that he provided:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61568583185081>
https://nextdoor.com/inbox/team/sharedLocalCommunityChat_dd2k-C2Jx5CT

"ALONE, WE CAN DO SO LITTLE; TOGETHER, WE CAN DO SO MUCH."
- HELEN KELLER

2. Togetherness!



Our community thrives when we come together to support one another, and we're excited to highlight two incredible programs that bring us closer. The Winter Wonderland Gift Shop at Hough Elementary allows students to experience the joy of giving, with your donations making affordable gifts for their families possible. Meanwhile, the Reading Buddy Program from Read NW is fostering 1-on-1 mentorships, helping young readers build confidence and skills. These initiatives remind us of the impact we can make when we unite for a common purpose. Let's continue to grow our neighborhood's spirit of togetherness!

Speaking of Togetherness— Neighborhood spotlight on Stumpy McStumperson:



If you live in the Hough neighborhood, chances are you've come across the decorated stump on the corner of 19th and Grant and thought to yourself: What is that?!

When the Hammers moved here nearly seven years ago, they were sprucing up their landscaping. To make removing an awkwardly overgrown tree easier, they trimmed off all its branches. What remained was a swirly, Dr. Seuss-like tree stump that quickly captured the attention of neighborhood kids, who nicknamed it “The Worm.”

That first year, with the holidays just around the corner and the stump slated for removal in the spring, the Hammers decided to have some fun. They painted it like a candy cane... and, without realizing it, created a neighborhood icon. Now, almost seven years later, the stump still stands, getting a festive facelift every season to spread a little joy in the Hough community. Currently Stumpy is getting involved to help spread the word for the Hough Elementary Winter Wonderland Shop by being transformed into a “Giving Tree”. Be sure to swing by this corner throughout the year to see what Stumpy McStumperson has transformed into next!

Check out Stumpy's most recent Instagram Post:

🎄🌟 Well, well, well, look who's stepping up this holiday season—ME, Stumpy McStumperson! That's right, your favorite neighborhood tree stump is now a Giving Tree, and I couldn't be more excited!

This year, I'm not just getting dressed up to look fabulous (although, let's face it, I do)—I'm helping spread holiday cheer to the amazing students at Hough Elementary! I'm covered in donation tags for their Winter Wonderland Gift Shop, where kids can find affordable gifts for their families. 🎁

📍 Find Me at My Corner: 19th & Grant (you know the spot!)

📦 How You Can Help:

1. Swing by and grab a tag.
2. Find the perfect gift from the tag.
3. Drop it off at the school.

Let's work together to make this season magical for Hough's students and families. I'm counting on you, neighbors—don't leave me hanging (except with more tags)!

Tag your friends, share the love, and let's make this the best holiday ever! ❤️🧑🏻‍🎄



Back to our Top 5 list.....



3 Doggy Potty Pick Up Stations: we have so many fur babies in the neighborhood. Your feedback is that it would be great to see extra bag stations to ensure we are keeping our sidewalks and neighbor's lawns clean!



#4 Fixing the Sidewalks: We've heard the community's concerns about the old, uneven sidewalks in our neighborhood and the safety challenges they pose. While sidewalk repairs in Vancouver are typically the responsibility of homeowners—even when the damage stems from city-planted trees that predate current ownership—we understand how frustrating and costly this can be. As a neighborhood association, we'll explore potential resources, such as grants or programs, to help mitigate these repairs. We'll also look into adding this issue as a topic for a future meeting, potentially with a guest speaker to provide guidance on navigating solutions.



and finally **#5 Creating a Neighborhood Mural**- Like Arnada does

If you have ideas for where and what you'd like to see for a mural, send your ideas to houghemail@gmail.com!



Here are some exciting activities and events taking place in Vancouver, Washington, throughout December 2024, along with their dates and locations:

1. **Holiday Tree Lighting**: Friday November 29th from 4:00pm-7:30 pm, at Esther Short Park. Celebrate the start of the holiday season with a joyful tree lighting ceremony, often featuring music, food vendors, and fun activities for families.
2. **Christmas Market**: December 7th, at the Sons of Norway. Explore local markets showcasing handmade crafts, and seasonal gifts—perfect for holiday shopping and supporting local artisans.
3. **First Friday Art Walk**: December 6th, in downtown Vancouver. Participate in the monthly art walk where galleries and shops display local artwork, often featuring special holiday-themed exhibits and performances.
4. December 7 @ 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Santa at the Marshall House presented by Columbia Credit Union The Marshall House 1301 Officers Row, Vancouver, WA, United States We are excited to have Santa return to the Marshall House for the holidays on Saturday, December 7! Reservations are FREE and will be available starting Monday, November 18. The Marshall House will be beautifully decorated and ready for your holiday photos. Santa will be here receiving hand-delivered letters and wish lists from 9:00 am
5. December 13 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ne Plus Ultra Jazz Orchestra Ne Plus Ultra Jazz Orchestra Providence Academy 400 E. Evergreen Blvd., Vancouver, WA, United States. Come to dance or just to listen at the historic Academy Ballroom! Since 2016, The Ne Plus Ultra Jazz Orchestra has been delighting audiences with the music of the roaring 20s and Depression era 30s. Under the leadership of master showman Samuel Murry-Hawkins, the ensemble transports audiences to the golden age of Hot Jazz and [...]
6. December 14 @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm Holiday Tea at the Marshall House The holiday tea will take place on Saturday, December 14th! Two seatings, 11:00 am and 2:00 pm.
7. **New Year's Eve Celebrations**: December 31, New Year's Eve Soiree 11605 SE McGillivray Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98683. Step back in time and have a night of glitz and glamour of the Roaring Twenties at the Vancouver Elks Lodge #823 New Year's Eve Soiree. Enjoy last-century vibes where you will immerse yourself in the prohibition-era atmosphere of a hidden speakeasy. The evening kicks off with an Italian Extravaganza dinner and afterward, you can show off your dance moves in the dance contest or join the Crooners singing contest. For an added experience, attend the Sazerac Class to learn the secret to crafting the legendary Sazerac cocktail. Countdown to midnight and welcome the New Year with sparkling champagne toast. Don't forget to capture memories in style with the event's vintage-themed photo booth. General admission costs \$35

These events offer a variety of ways to embrace the holiday spirit in Vancouver, Washington, making December 2024 a joyful and vibrant month.

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