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ARNADA NEIGHBORHOOD

ARNADA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



Newsletter April 2025

Neighborhood Meeting April 10 at 7:00 PM
VHA 2500 Main Street

Agenda:

Approve 3/13/2025 ANA meeting minutes; Treasurer's Report
Civic Reports Mayor or rep, Police, Port of Vancouver
Guest speaker: Colleen Smith - Public Services Librarian;
Resources at the Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries
Progress and input for ANA 2025 Event Planning
Easter Egg Hunt
Arnada Park Ivy Pull
History Walk
Park Concert
Mural Repainting

the
clark neighbors food project

*Building Community.
Sharing Food.
One Green Bag at a Time*



GREEN BAG PICKUP

APRIL 12

ClarkFoodProject.org

The Clark Neighbors Food Project

Will be collecting non-perishable food and toiletries starting at 9 am on Saturday, April 12. If you would like to sign up to be a regular (six times per year) donor, you can email sandichristensen16@gmail.com or sign up online at ClarkFoodProject.org. We will continue to donate to FISH of Vancouver, but will be also collecting toiletries for the Family and Community Resource Center, FCRC, at Hough Elementary. Soap, laundry soap, toilet paper, diapers, body wash, dish soap, feminine hygiene products, cleaning spray, etc are all welcome and needed donations. Other needs are new socks and underwear, children's sweatpants and leggings and gas cards. Note that the FCRC is unable to use hotel-sized toiletries, open toiletries, or used clotting.

Thanks for being a part of our giving community here in Arnada!

Do You Want Arnada Park to Look Like This?

If not, join in the 2025 Arnada Park Ivy Pull!

Saturday May 31st 2025 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Rain, shine, or in between



Wear: Sturdy, closed-toed shoes, long pants, long sleeves, and work gloves. Hats recommended.

Bring: Can-do attitude, loppers, hand pruners, tarps, small hand saws, and wheelbarrows, if you have them. Any participants **under 18** must bring a signed [Adopt-a-Park Youth consent form \(PDF\)](#).

Water and snacks to be provided. All participants will be asked to sign an Adopt-a-Park sign-in sheet with liability waiver and do a short safety training.

RSVPs encouraged but not required - fill out [this form](#) or email Ali Boris at aboris08@gmail.com or 541-961-4899.

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Silent Auction Fundraiser



APRIL 27TH

6 - 9 PM

Benefitting Hough Elementary

The Infirmary is hosting a fundraiser to benefit Hough Elementary School on Sunday, April 27th. 100% of proceeds will be donated to Hough Elementary to fund programs and events such as classroom enrichment grants, community engagement events, movie nights, fitness clubs, staff appreciation events, and so much more.

The evening's silent auction features rare whiskeys, signed Seattle Seahawk merchandise, local restaurant gift packages, and more. Must be 21+ to attend. No advanced registration is required.

The Infirmary 1708 Washington Street

bit.ly/hough-infirmary



Sakura Festival

The annual Sakura Festival on the Clark College main campus celebrates the anniversary of the gift of 100 Shirofugen cherry trees to the City of Vancouver from John Kageyama, President of America Kotobuki Electronics, Inc. to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Washington's statehood. On April 11, 1990, as a celebration of Arbor Day and Earth Day, the trees were planted on Clark College's main campus in Vancouver's Central Park. The first tree was dedicated by Kageyama, who was joined by Vancouver Mayor Bruce Hagensen and Washington Governor Booth Gardner.



2025 festivities will take place on Thursday, April 17th.

1:00 p.m.: Opening remarks are to take place in the Royce Pollard Japanese Friendship Garden; Koto and flute performance, dignitary speeches, and Clark College Treble Ensemble performance.

2:00 p.m.: Butterfly release by Student Life at the Andersen Fountain

2:00 p.m.: Activities and Displays in Gaiser Student Center; display tables include: a tea ceremony, Ikebana, Japanese Club, and kendo club. Tea and cookies by MCI Bakery.

2:45 p.m.: Performances in Gaiser Student Center; Japanese Club, traditional Japanese dance

“Fuji Musume” (Wisteria Maiden), Clark College Child and Family children art share, and Takohachi drum group

Hosted by Clark College with Vancouver Rotarians, and the City of Vancouver. The event is free and open to the public.

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April Events Calendar

Date/Time	Event	Details
Fri., Apr. 4: 3 p.m.	"Revealed" Sculpture Dedication Clark County Historical Museum 1511 Main Street	Watch the dedication of "Revealed," a new sculpture by artist Randy Walker. Commissioned by the City of Vancouver to honor the legacy of the Hidden Brick Company. Reception at Brickhouse (109 W 15th St.) after the ceremony.
Fri., Apr. 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/
Wed., Apr. 9: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Arbor Day Celebration Jane Weber Evergreen Arboretum 9215 SE Evergreen Hwy.	Vancouver has been recognized as a Tree City USA for the 36th consecutive year. Join the Urban Forestry Commission to celebrate Arbor Day and plant trees. Gloves, tools and guidance will be provided. This opportunity is family-friendly. People of all ages and abilities are welcome. FREE.
Saturdays, Apr. 12 - June 7: 3 - 5:45 p.m.	The Era of Expression theARTScentered 1007 E Mill Plain Blvd.	Explore and create art inspired by early 20th-century movements like Cubism, Fauvism, and Constructivism. Enhance your painting skills through historical influences and modern techniques. Led by art educator Tom Relth Sign up at: www.above-below-art.com
Sat., Apr. 12: 9 - 10:30 a.m.	Uptown Neighborhood Cleanup Kindred Vancouver 2213 Main Street	Meet at Kindred neighborhood clean-up in Uptown. Gloves, picker-uppers, buckets, etc. provided. Trash will be brought back to Kindred to be properly disposed of.
Thurs., Apr. 17: 1 p.m.	Sakura Festival Royce Pollard Japanese Friendship Garden 1933 Fort Vancouver Way	The annual Sakura Festival features a Koto and flute performance, dignitary speeches, Clark College Treble Ensemble performance, butterfly release, and more. The event is FREE and open to the public.
Fri., Apr. 19: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Chief Redheart Memorial Ceremony Fort Vancouver National Historic Site 1001 E 5th Street	Join the Nez Perce Tribe in their annual memorial to remember Chief Redheart's band with singing, a drum circle and recognition of veterans. This event honors Chief Redheart's band, who were imprisoned for eight months without cause at Fort Vancouver in 1877-78. This event is FREE and open to the public.
Sun., Apr. 27: 6 - 9 p.m.	The Infirmary's Fundraiser for Hough 1708 Washington Street	The evening's silent auction features rare whiskeys, signed Seattle Seahawk merchandise, local restaurant gift packages, and more. 100% of proceeds will be donated to Hough Elementary. Must be 21+ to attend. FREE. Learn more: bit.ly/hough-infirmary

Arnada Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes-March 13, 2024

Attendees: Ken Visser, Kathie Loveall, Sandi Christensen, Rena Benett, Holly Chamberlain, Brenda Hoge, Amy Carlson, Sharon Morse, Doc Reiss, Jill Bachmann, Ali Boris, Julie Rawls-Port of Vancouver Brent Waddle-City of Vancouver Lee Gelsing-Neighborhood Police Officer

November 2024. minutes approved.

Police Report-Lee Gelsing Mill Plain sound wall camp is decommissioned. They were down there last week and not a single person was there anymore. For those that didn't have a place to go, they moved to the Share House. That's where they get most of their services. Bridge shelter won't open until probably 2026. The shelter will be located near the mall. Outreach will be on-site. Vehicles has been a focus and RV's are showing up again.

Prius's on south side of McLoughlin-most of them are registered and okay to be on the street. Some were tagged and they disappeared. They are valid cars and not stolen. They can't be doing major repairs. Gelsing is staying on top of it and periodically checking on it.

Treasurer Report- Dec. 2024 ending balance was 6,690.17 between checking, savings and our CD. So far in 2025 we have printed 2 ad sheets and one sponsored payment.

City of Vancouver: Brent Waddle Fourth Plain and F street update: Weather dependent for the striping. Could be done in mid to late April or if bad weather, May. Question about the traffic backing up now that there is one lane and it's a left turn (heading east) onto F St. Brent will look into it. Also is it allowed to turn onto E St now that the no turn sign is gone?

Main Street Promise-It's a big overhaul. Doing 2 blocks at a time. Check CoV website if you want an update.

Port Of Vancouver: Julie Rawls Lecture series kicked off. The first one was about the Maritime Museum which is undergoing a huge expansion. The next one is the 19th-Heads of the Port talking about how the Port works. All lectures are free. The next one after that is April 3rd, talking about all the Ports in Washington State. We have the most Ports in the U.S. All the Ports are very different from each other.

Today a school bus of kids from White Pass, WA. came to visit the Port. We tried to show them the types of careers outside of their community.

Question: Who collects the Tariffs from exports? Not sure. Soybean orders have been canceled.

We have been preparing to lose aluminum business but are going to start handling soda ash. It is mined in the U.S.

Arnada News:

Doc Reiss-Going to talk about the ad program and improvements to it. It's a nice sales sheet but he feels it's a little misdirected. There are a lot of young professionals with families who have money who desire to be social. Gave us a sample Sponsorship Sales sheet with a little about the neighborhood and the neighborhood statistics included. It also gives a reason to purchase an ad and what it supports.

Recommended to change the Rent vs Own column for the numbers to add up. Talked about how we are having a problem getting the newsletter into the apartments-he is willing to look into it. Possible solution is to get the businesses to distribute the newsletter so those residents can get the newsletter. Could do a brochure holder with the newsletter and then a QR code on it for those who want it digitally. A question is can we increase our order with the City on the number of newsletters that are printed? We all agree to pursue this.

Jill Bachmann-Easter Egg Hunt in the Arnada Park. It was very successful last year with 17 kids + their families. We would like to do it again-April 19th 11:00 a.m. Rain or Shine. Last year they spent \$149.16 for the eggs, candy, stickers, toys, and lawn decorations. It could be around \$85 this year if we don't do the stickers. They also had golden eggs -\$2 bills and Ice Cream Renaissance \$5 gift cards. See if Ice Cream Renaissance can donate this year. We are saying that it may be more so ask for up to \$200. They don't think they will need that much. Friday night before the event 7 p.m.-reserved the big table at Trap Door and adults stuffed the eggs. The Board approves up to \$200.

Ken Visser-Vancouver Neighborhood Alliance meeting last night. As far as neighborhood association insurance, they are going to charge \$100 per neighborhood.

Ivy pull is needed at the park. Recommend that it happens May 31st @ 10 a.m. We will need the dumpster for it.

We will discuss at the meeting next month-Summer events and a speaker from the Library. Ideas are street mural, concert-same group or the Ne Pluss Jazz? Food? Clark County Historical Museum tour-Sandi will check on that.