



COUNTRYSIDE WOODS NEWSLETTER

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Greetings From the Chair

Hello fellow Countryside Woods residents! I am Kara Egan, your Neighborhood Association Chair. We have some exciting events planned this year and hope you all can attend. Please hold on to this newsletter as it will have all neighborhood event information listed from April to September.

It takes a lot of effort from several volunteers to plan these events, and I appreciate every one of them for helping to make the neighborhood a better place to live. We can always use more help and fresh ideas. If there is something you are passionate about related to the neighborhood or city, participating as a neighborhood association board member is a great way to be in the loop and advocate for topics that are important to you.

We currently have two vacant board positions, editor and secretary. Please reach out if you are interested in one of these positions. The help is much needed as without an editor or secretary we were unable to commit to producing more than one newsletter this year and are unable to expand our social media presence. You can send an email to CountrysideWoodsNA@gmail.com to express interest. A great way to see what we do and speak to current board members is to attend the April general meeting at Firstenberg. There will be great speakers and raffle prizes!

😊 Join our “Countryside Woods Neighborhood Association” group on Nextdoor.

Search Nextdoor for “Countryside Woods Neighborhood Association” on the mobile or desktop app and join today! [Click here to go to the group](#)



🏠 What is the CWNA?

Countryside Woods Neighborhood Association (CWNA) is a Neighborhood Association recognized by the City of Vancouver in 2001, we are not a Homeowner Association. As a recognized neighborhood, the city supports us with certain services and privileges. Want to learn more? Scan the QR code to visit the City of Vancouver’s neighborhood website or email any questions or suggestions to CountrysideWoodsNA@gmail.com .



July 17 2025 Neighborhood Events Calendar

<p>April 17 5:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Neighborhood Meeting</p>	<p>You are invited to our next meeting at Firstenburg Community Center. We will have two presentations, the first by Kyle Roslund from the Vancouver Bee Project and the second by Joann Derie from Home Share Clark County. For more information on these nonprofits go to https://vancouverbeeproject.org and https://www.faithpartners4housing.org. There will be raffle prizes! Seed swap after meeting for those who have excess seeds to trade.</p>
<p>June 7 10:00am - 2:00pm</p>	<p>Countryside Park Cleanup</p>	<p>Meet your neighbors and make an impact at the Countryside Park Cleanup, sponsored by the Adopt-A-Park Program. See article on page 5.</p>
<p>June 28 8:00am - 1:00pm</p>	<p>Neighborhood Cleanup</p>	<p>Seeking volunteers! There will be dumpsters in the East Park Church parking lot, see more info on Page 4.</p>
<p>July 12-13</p>	<p>Garage Sale</p>	<p>Save the date for our annual Neighborhood garage sale! Sign up to participate using the form on Page 3.</p>
<p>August 5 5:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>National Night Out</p>	<p>Join us for games, music, free food, raffle prizes, other activities, and community information at East Woods Presbyterian Church to promote police-community partnership and neighborhood camaraderie.</p>
<p>September 6 12:00pm - 2:00pm</p>	<p>Annual Picnic</p>	<p>This is a fun time to meet new neighbors and volunteer as a CWNA member! Hamburgers and hotdogs provided, games, and prizes! Free snow cones and live entertainment! Look for the postcard reminder in the mail in August! This is the event where we vote for officers for the next year.</p>
<p>November TBA</p>	<p>Leave the Leaves</p>	<p>A leaf collection bin is placed by Countryside Park, where you can deposit your leaves. These Leaves will then be spread around the park by volunteers. The date will be announced on our nextdoor group page in the Fall. See page 5.</p>

Sign Up for the Garage Sale!



Our neighborhood Garage Sale is July 12-13.

Our garage sale attracts many customers from the Portland and Vancouver area. We advertise on social media and post signage at our neighborhood entrances. The more houses that participate, the more customers we attract. So, sign up today!

As a participant you will receive a mylar balloon to attract customers to your house. We also provide maps to shoppers with your address. To participate in our popular sale, complete the Participation form below. Be sure to include your address so we can mark your location on the map.

The participation fee is \$10.00 - CASH ONLY please.

Form and payment must be received by June 15.

★ Mail your Participation Form and \$10 cash to:
CWNA Garage Sale C/O Susanne Heyman
PO Box 872396, Vancouver, WA 98687 or

★ Bring your Participation Form and \$10 cash to the
Neighborhood Meeting on April 17 at Firstenburg Community Center

We will contact participants by email or phone with directions on picking up their balloon.

Garage Sale Participation Form

Your Name _____

Email _____

Phone Number _____

Street Address _____

Days you wish to participate: SATURDAY SUNDAY

Please list the top three items you are selling:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Neighborhood Cleanup information

Countryside Woods + First Place + Cimarron + Burton Evergreen cleanup

Date: Saturday, June 28 from 8am - 1pm

Location: East Park Church, 15815 NE 18th St., bring pre-packaged healthy snacks to donate to the Church's Children's program.

Volunteer at the cleanup: Contact Kara Egan at countrysidewoodsna@gmail.com

Items Accepted:

- Bulky Items: Broken or worn-out items that are too large to fit in your garbage cart at home, such as a rug, kiddie pool, small appliances, furniture, broom, etc.
- Scrap Metal: Metal BBQs, bicycles, lawn furniture, mowers, car parts or small engines (drained of fluids) metal appliances (no freon containing items - no fridges/freezers, AC units)
- Yard Debris: Branches, grass, leaves, vines, bramble, arborvitae, juniper, bamboo, yard, and garden trimmings

Items NOT Accepted:

- NO Tires
- NO Household trash or contractor waste
- NO concrete, cement, rocks, sod, or dirt
- NO Home project/remodel debris (i.e., flooring tiles, drywall, large amounts of fencing)
- NO Roofing shingles or roofing materials
- NO Hazardous chemicals, cleaners, paints or stains, fluids like gasoline or oil
- NO TVs, computers, or electronics (recycle for free, visit www.EcycleWashington.org for locations)
- NO CFL or fluorescent tube lights (visit www.LightRecycle.org for locations)
- REALLY LARGE items like boats and hot tubs should be hauled directly to the transfer station at the owner's expense

Prepare Your Load:

- Categorize your load - separate material for easy unloading into the bulky item truck, yard debris box or truck, or metals box.
- Use a tarp liner under the yard debris for faster and cleaner unloading.
- Put the yard debris on the bottom, then the big stuff (furniture), then the other stuff tucked in around the big stuff.
- Do not forget to cover your load to prevent littering if you bring a truck or trailer. Come prepared to unload what you bring to the cleanup (i.e., leather gloves and tools to unload). To prevent injuries please bring heavy materials, such as yard debris, in smaller containers or wheel barrels. Do not bring your curbside cart to the cleanup, as they are too heavy to dump.



Upcoming Activities in Countryside Park

It is time to pencil in the Annual Countryside Park Spring Cleanup Day on your calendar. Volunteers will meet in the park from 10am - 2pm on June 7, 2025. This is our annual event for neighbors to get together and clean up our local park for summer use. Native plant identification will be included to clarify the different species we are trying to encourage, and to point out which are invasive, noxious, or non-native. Tasks will include the never-ending invasive plant removal (ivy, blackberry, tansy, burdock), scrubbing down the picnic tables, graffiti removal, leveling out the wood chips under the playground equipment, and just general cleanup and maintenance in the park.

We are making this an open event and will welcome citywide volunteer assistance under the Nature Spaces banner.



2024 Summary of Fall Countryside Park Activities

Last Fall was a busy time in Countryside Park. The city Nature Spaces Program sponsored a 'Flora & Fauna Friday' to remove blackberry and ivy vines in the park. On the same day about one hundred native plants were planted in the park.

The '10th Annual Leave the Leaves' event took place later in November. Approximately six cubic yards of leaves were spread throughout the park to provide beneficial insect cover, maintain soil moisture, and provide for the release of nutrients for plant growth.

You may have noticed several logs have been placed in the park as part of an ongoing effort to increase habitat diversity and provide organic structure. They also act as a reminder of the boundary between the natural and landscaped portion of the park.

More splinter free wood chips were also spread under the playground structures. These are added periodically to ensure a "soft landing" area under the swings and slides.

Written by Steve Wille.



Why a mobile app? In today's increasingly mobile world (65% of U.S. citizens use a smart device), cities must adapt to meet citizens where they are or get left behind. The City of Vancouver has launched the free MyVancouver app to provide residents with a direct, convenient line of communication with City employees to solve issues affecting our community.

What can you do with it?

- **REPORT** non-emergency issues, including potholes, graffiti, sign damage or street light outages quickly and easily by uploading a photo and GPS location
- **COMMUNICATE** directly with the right City employee on reported issue
- **STAY IN-THE-KNOW** on the status of your request
- **DISCOVER** local places using the places widget as a visual guide, including transportation hubs, municipal buildings, parks and hospitals
- **ACCESS** City services, such as parking ticket or permit payments and street sweeping schedules
- **JOIN** the social media conversation with the #IHeartVanWa widget

How to download:

The free MyVancouver app is now available in the iTunes App Store and the Android Google Play store when you search MyVancouver. For more information visit: cityofvancouver.us/myvancouver

A 60-second animated video showcases the app's key features at <http://bit.ly/myvancouver>



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Highlights from the October and January Board Meetings

- The Neighborhood Transportation Safety Board was disbanded by a vote of the members. The process for submitting Neighborhood Traffic Calming projects has changed, projects will now be submitted to City staff and the Transportation and Mobility Commission for review. Navigate to www.cityofvancouver.us and search for “traffic calming” for information on submitting a project.
- The City of Vancouver is recruiting a project manager for the expansion of 18th street from two lanes to four lanes. No other recent updates on this project by the city. A subgroup of the 18th Street Project, entitled the “Hedgerow project”, planted approved shrubs along the south side of the BPA lands with the assistance of a grant covering some of the costs has been completed. The shrubs are intended to serve as a sound and privacy barrier for homeowners who reside on the north side of 17th street.
- The Community garage sale is July 12th and 13th. New signs will be purchased and placed in the community for alerting citizens. Participation from residents will be raised to \$10 to cover the costs of signs and advertisement.
- The CWNA received grants from the city last year to help support the National Night Out Event and the Annual Pic Nic. We will again apply for grants from the city to assist in covering costs for events and replacement of outdated signs.
- There was a comment period that ended March 20th pertaining to the Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) for Environmental Impacts of the proposed Hidden Springs Development project located within Countryside Woods Neighborhood. CWNA submitted a letter during the comment period.
- Monthly meetups in the fall of 2024 took place. CWNA had three separate meetups, a Chili Feed in Oct. with eight people attending, Craft making in Nov. with four people, and a Coffee chat in Dec. with three people attending. The Chair will continue to solicit feedback on types of events individuals would be interested in attending and will announce any future events on nextdoor.
- Countryside Woods has been assigned a new Neighborhood Police Officer: Jordan Rasmussen, 360-772-2115, jordan.rasmussen@cityofvancouver.us
- Treasurer Report: Current Balance of \$4,371.52, and a \$100 donated Visa gift card.

Countryside Woods Neighborhood Association Questions or Comments? Email us CountrysideWoodsNA@gmail.com	
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1st Chair	Judy George
Treasurer	Tina Henry
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