

Esther Short Neighborhood Association

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Collecting Neighborhood Concerns

The March Esther Short Neighborhood meeting was all about gathering resident concerns to create a work list for this year. Residents expressed a wide range of concerns, ranging from perennial parking frustrations, to air quality matters. The Board will report back as needed.

Residents are encouraged to reach out with additional concerns via the contact information to the right.

Lead Airplane Fuel and Overall Air Quality

President Marcus followed up with the pertinent organization, the SW Washington Clean Air Agency, regarding air quality concerns from lead fuel used in smaller planes at Pearson Airport.

In substance, the SW Washington Clean Air Agency stated the volume of planes from Pearson airport using lead fuel is too small to exceed threshold for monitoring. In addition, there's a FAA movement to phase out all lead airplane fuel. There may be an opportunity for the neighborhood to draft a letter of support for the new policy. At this time, it seems lead from lead airplane fuel does not appear to be measurable health hazard for the neighborhood.

Residents can report air quality concerns, including odors, pollution, etc, to the SW Washington Clean Air Agency for review. Website: www.swcleanair.gov

PDX Airplane Noise

President Marcus attended the March meeting of the Port of Portland's Citizen Noise Advisory Committee to relay the neighborhood's concerns about plane noises over the neighborhood. Follow-up discussions are ongoing.

Resident can report noise concerns for PDX flight traffic via the website: www.portofportland.com/Committees/CNAC, or the by calling: 800.938.6647

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Next Meeting Time
* All Membership * May 12, 6:00 to 8:00 pm Hudson Community Room 101 E. 6 th Street

Two Downtown Cleanup Events Coming Up

HP is conducting a day of service on April 25. Hundreds of employees will volunteer at dozens of locations, including a litter patrol around Couve Collective in the Sharehouse district of the neighborhood. This event is closed to HP employees and Couve Collective staff and volunteers.

The annual downtown cleanup is May 10 this year. Come join a hundred volunteers in planting flowers and giving the core downtown a nice little spring cleanup. Registration is required. Visit the below website for registration and more information:
www.cityofvancouver.us/events/spruce-the-couve-2

Popular Downtown Business Moved to Uptown

The ongoing demolition of the old Scofield building at 6th and Main forced the popular downtown business Kindred Homestead Supply to relocate to the Uptown Village. The popular small vendor flea market hosted by Kindred will continue in May in the Uptown Alleyway. Also, Kindred is now hosting a monthly litter patrol for the Uptown Village area on the second Saturday of every month. Kindred's new address: 2213 Main. Website: kindredvancouver.com.

Parking is on the Agenda for the May 12 Neighborhood Meeting

Gabriel Montez, City of Vancouver Parking District Manager, will present an update on the ongoing parking study and parking plan, including updates on City recommendations. This is a rescheduled presentation that was initially set for October. There will be time for residents to comment and submit concerns about residential parking needs.

A post-card announcing the May ESNA meeting is scheduled to be mailed to all residential addresses in the neighborhood in the next few weeks.

An Important Note About ADA Accommodations

Any person requiring special accommodation to fully participate in a neighborhood association meeting is encouraged to reach out to request reasonable accommodation. This includes, but is not limited to, hearing impairments, mobility impairments, and language assistance.

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