



Fircrest Neighborhood Newsletter

April 2025

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ANNUAL CLEAN UP Saturday, May 3, 2025 8 am to 2 pm

Evergreen Public Schools Headquarters - 13413 NE Leroy Haagen Memorial Drive

Free event, but donations are gratefully accepted!

Accepted Items

<p>Bulky Trash Household items that do not fit in your trash can - such as furniture, small appliances (none with freon or refrigerants). Only small quantities of home improvement projects, such as roofing tear-off, are allowed.</p>	<p>Metal for recycling & redemption</p> <hr/> <p>Yard debris and tree cuttings with max size of 5" diameter and 5' length</p>
<p>Small engine items (e.g. working and non-working lawnmowers, weed eaters) - please drain gas/oil if possible!</p>	<p>Items to donate to Habitat for Humanity (from 9 am to noon only)</p>

Please NO

Debris from remodeling projects	Hazardous household waste like pesticides and cleaning supplies	
Tires	Electronics	Styrofoam

Follow this link for more details about what bulky trash, scrap metal, and yard debris are accepted: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Jeq4DBhI73zBBvYV8sCOzh2zRE7cr4b5/view?usp=sharing>

Follow this link for more details about what Habitat for Humanity will accept (9am to noon only): <https://www.ehfh.org/store/#donation-guidelines>

Pack your items so that the scrap metal is accessible first, then bulky trash, and then yard debris.

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Disposing Of Bulky Items (through Waste Connections)

If you are unable to make the Annual Clean Up on May 3rd, remember that you can have a one-time, free curbside pickup for up to five bulky items (e.g., worn-out furniture, old mattresses, broken lawn chairs, bulky rugs). Schedule the pickup by going to <https://wcnorthwest.com/> and then clicking on **Free Bulk** in the Recycle Right section.

Save The Date!

Eastside Community Picnic and National Night Out
August 5, 2025 5 pm to 8 pm Haagen Park



Come on out to LeRoy Haagen Memorial Community Park for our Annual Eastside Community Picnic and National Night Out. There will be food, music, games, bounce house, obstacle course, and lots of booths/vendors! Attendance is free, although some vendors will charge for their products/services.

As usual, the bounce house and obstacle course will cost 25 cents per turn or \$5 for unlimited turns.

Thank you to our sponsors (so far)!





Coming Soon: Enhanced Communications

The Fircrest Neighborhood Association will soon unveil a new look for both our printed and email communications. To expand engagement, we applied for a grant through the City of Vancouver Office of Neighborhoods to fund a one-year subscription to Constant Contact. This should enable us to communicate more seamlessly with Fircrest residents and provide the most current updates with greater ease, timeliness, and accuracy.

Fircrest residents will remain informed about a variety of topics, including:

- Upcoming events, including monthly ZOOM meeting links and agendas;
- Post-meeting materials, as available;
- Development activity within Fircrest and adjacent neighborhoods;
- Opportunities to participate or volunteer with FNA;
- City of Vancouver updates of general interest with highlights on those that directly impact Fircrest;
- Topics relating to the enjoyment of our beautiful neighborhood and all it offers.

We are counting on YOU to help us grow awareness!

It will be easier than ever to share all the Fircrest Neighborhood Association news with your Fircrest neighbors and friends. Simply forward any email with the header shown in the image above and suggest they sign up by clicking the *Subscribe Here* link at the top of the page. If you are already receiving FNA emails, there will be no need for you to re-subscribe, but you will be able to unsubscribe easily at any time by clicking the *Unsubscribe* link at the end of any communication.

There's no need to wait for that first newsletter to subscribe!

Why wait when you can subscribe today and be among the first to receive communication in our new format? Simply email fircrestna@gmail.com with a request to be added to our mailing list.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Please email us at fircrestna@gmail.com or call/text Margaret at 360-836-6736 if you are available to help with any of these volunteer opportunities. Thank you!

Help with traffic flow at Clean Up (May 3)

The Fircrest Neighborhood Association is looking for volunteers to help guide traffic flow during our May 3 Clean Up. You decide how much time you are available between 8 am and 2 pm.



Help with NNO (August 5)

We are also looking for volunteers to help with our Community Picnic and National Night Out on August 5:

- monitor and replace trash/recycling bags anytime between 5 pm and 8 pm
- help with set up at 2 pm
- help with clean up at 8 pm
- pick up trash/recycling stands on August 4th (about 1.5 hours including driving time)
- return trash/recycling stands on August 6th (about 1.5 hours including driving time)



Development Chair

Thank you to Bev T for years of service in this position!

At this time, the Fircrest Neighborhood Association is looking for a new Development Chair. Responsibilities would include working with our communications coordinator who manages our email list and sends out emails to Fircrest residents subscribed to updates about development projects in and around Fircrest. Content for these communications would be sent to the Development Chair directly from the City of Vancouver.

In addition, this person (if they choose) would also attend PreApplication Meetings with developers and the City to share Fircrest neighborhood questions and concerns and also bring back information to share at monthly Fircrest meetings (first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm).



Newsletter Delivery Volunteers

If you are getting this newsletter, please share the information with your neighbors and Fircrest friends! It is possible that some in the Fircrest neighborhood will not get this issue of the newsletter. We need delivery volunteers to distribute the newsletters. Volunteers decide how many homes they would like to deliver to. We also need a volunteer to deliver stacks of newsletters to the distribution volunteers.



The “Green Bag” Program

Did you know that there is a super easy way to donate food to local food pantries? With the Clark Neighbors Food Project, every time you go to the grocery store, you just pick up a couple of extra items. When you get home, put those extras into your Green Bag. Every two months a Neighborhood Coordinator will come pick up the Green Bag and leave you with a new one. You can find more information by going here → <https://clarkfoodproject.org/>, including how to sign up as a Food Donor AND/OR as a Neighborhood Coordinator.

CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE FIRCREST NEIGHBORHOOD

Maple Valley Site Plan and Short Plat

Project Site: 520 NE 117th Ave

Project Description: 34 dwelling units. A combination of single-family detached homes and single-family attached townhouse units.

Fircrest Site Plan and Short Plat

Project Site: 420 NE 117th Avenue

Project Description: 8 single-family homes attached and 20 apartment townhomes on lot 9.

117th Avenue Apartments

Project Site: 404 NE 117th Avenue

Project Description: 17 apartment units (existing home will be torn down)

Crestwood Corner

Project Site: 300 NE 117th Ave

Project Description: 4 new low-income housing apartments and 5 tiny home units.

Fircrest Meadows

Project Site: 12301 NE 18th St

Project Description: A 57-lot planned development subdivision (single-family homes - detached). Zone changes from R-6 to R-9 completed.

Fircrest Landing

Project Site: 12101 NE 18th St

Project Description: 14 lots (single family homes)

The Finch MFH (Vancouver Housing Authority)

Project Site: NW corner of NE 4th St and NE 136th Ave

Project Description: 5-story, 161-unit affordable multi-family housing development featuring parking, landscaping, children's play area, amenities, dog run, and open space

Important Contact Information

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Public Works (streets, traffic signals, street lights, signs, sidewalks)

www.cityofvancouver.us/publicworks/webform/service-requests-public-works

360-487-8177

Concerned about speeding vehicles or other traffic safety issues?

Report your observations, so they can be entered into a database that is monitored by the Vancouver Police Department's Traffic Safety Unit:

<https://www.cityofvancouver.us/services/report-concern/#traffic>

You can also call the Traffic Complaint Hotline at 360-487-7402. Remember, the more data they have about our area, the better they can deploy their resources!

Concerned about people struggling with homelessness?

Initiate outreach by leaving a voicemail at 360-450-0802, by sending an email to outreach@councilforthehomeless.org, or by letting the City's Homeless Response and Assistance Team (HART) know by calling 360-487-8626 or emailing

hartteam@cityofvancouver.us.

Also, please let Margaret (Chair of the Fircrest Neighborhood Association) know by calling/texting 360-836-6736 or emailing fircrestna@gmail.com, and she will pass the information on to our neighborhood police officer.

Non-emergency law enforcement situations

311

Important Contact Information (continued)

Code Compliance questions or concerns:

Call 360-487-7810 or <https://www.cityofvancouver.us/cdd/page/code-compliance>

What are the rules for Recreational Vehicle parking?

<https://www.cityofvancouver.us/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Recreational-Vehicle-ROW-Permit.pdf> (Scroll down for the rules.)

“One Stop Shop” for concerns (parking, traffic, code compliance, public works like potholes and lights):

Go to → <https://www.cityofvancouver.us/services/report-concern/> and scroll down.

How do I contact City Council members?

Go here → <https://www.cityofvancouver.us/departments/mayor-city-council/#form> and click on “Requests and Contact Form” to get to “Contact City Council.”

Go here →

<https://www.cityofvancouver.us/government/mayor-and-city-council/meetings-agendas-minutes/> for information about city council meetings, agendas, and minutes.

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