

EAST MILL PLAIN

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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April 2025

Save the date:

Neighborhood Cleanup!

Saturday, May 3, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
13413 NE Leroy Haagen Memorial Dr.
(email or facebook for more details)

Meet and Greet:

If you have time on **Wednesday, April 16**, stop by Angel's Doughnuts between 10:30 – noon. Trish, Amanda, and LouAnn will be there and would enjoy getting to know you!

Your new officers are:

Chair, Trish Stinnett

Trish and her husband Don moved to Vancouver from Burlington WA in July of 2023 to “stalk” their grandchildren. They are delighted to have landed in such a great neighborhood close to so much!

Co-Chair, Amanda Sheppard

Amanda is a Midwest transplant to the PNW. Her desire to reconnect & engage with the community is the reason she took interest in becoming part of the EMPNA.

Secretary/Treasurer, LouAnn Blocker

LouAnn is a retired librarian who, along with her husband Carson, has lived in Vancouver for 12 years. Her interest in EMPNA is to meet her neighbors, be better informed about what's happening in the city, and serve the community.

3/8 General Meeting Highlights:

- 18 people attended
- LouAnn Blocker was elected Secretary/Treasurer and Amanda Sheppard was elected Co-Chair.
- The bylaws were amended
- Work has begun on the requirements for a \$120 Waste Connections mini-grant.
- The association will purchase liability insurance at a cost of \$100, with coverage to start June 1.
- Clean & Green Committee created
- Ideas for projects and ways to earn money were discussed.
- The Resource Conservation Challenge worth \$100 is available.
- A first project may be a clean-up of the alley leading to Mill Plain Elementary School.

...and since the meeting...

- The EMPNA has been included in a May 3rd Neighborhood Cleanup with three other neighborhoods.
 - OnPoint Credit Union reached out and offered no fee accounts for the association - which we most gratefully accepted!!
 - The bank accounts were seeded with donations totaling \$205 - thank you Mary Hurd and anonymous!
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Recycling Ins and Outs

Recycling doesn't have to be confusing, here are some helpful tips on what is/isn't recyclable in your blue cart.

Paper: Should be larger than a postcard and clean. Food soiled paper like paper plates and the bottoms of pizza boxes are not recyclable.

IN: Egg cartons, newspaper, cereal boxes and paper milk cartons are recyclable.

OUT: Frozen food packaging, boxes that held beverage cans/bottles, paper cups and shredded paper are not recyclable.

- These are treated with chemicals so that they don't disintegrate when they become wet. This "wet strength" prevents the material from pulping at the papermill with the rest of the paper.

Metal: Should be larger than your fist, clean, and dry. Loose lids and scrap metal are not recyclable curbside.

IN: Aluminum cans, clean food cans and empty aerosol cans are recyclable.

OUT: Lids and bottle caps, scrap metal and electronics are not recyclable curbside.

Plastic: Ignore the numbers! Recycle plastics based on size and shape. It should be clean, larger than your fist, and be in the shape of a bottle, jug, jar or tub.

IN: Don't crush your plastic, it should maintain its basic shape when it goes into your cart. For plastic lids or bottle caps: if it screws on, it stays on, if it pops off, it stays off.

OUT: Any plastic bags or film are not recyclable curbside and should be thrown away. The same applies for any plastic that is not bottle, jug, tub or jar.

Glass: Glass should always be kept in a separate bin from the rest of your recycling. Set it out next to your blue recycle cart for collection. No lids.

IN: Food grade glass bottles and jars only.

OUT: Baking dishes, ceramics, lightbulbs and other glass cookware and items are not recyclable curbside.

Common Contaminants are items found in the recycle cart that should be placed in the trash instead.



X Plastic Wrap and Film X Plastic Clamshells X To-Go Containers