



# The Village at Fisher's Landing

## Neighborhood Association Newsletter

### President's Message

Greg Maffei



Hello,

It's been a great summer here at the Village, and I want to thank everyone for their participation in a very successful yard sale. Now we head into fall and the leaves are changing color, and soon we will get the first snow. I want to wish everyone Happy Holidays, and stay tuned for next year.

Greg Maffei

President pro tempore



#### Annual meeting

This year's meeting is on *November 15th from 6:30 to 8 p.m at **Firstenberg Community Center** ([map](#))*. *You are invited to attend and make it a success.*

#### Yard Sale

VFLNA NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE was a success!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped support our events over the year!



*important*

### Updated VFLNA Website!

[www.vflna.com](http://www.vflna.com)

Please check it for:

- Up to date Information, events & VFLNA Board activities supporting you.
- New contribution options through PayPal for your privacy and security.
- Calendar of events so you know what's going on.
- Suggestion and contact form for easy communications.
- Emergency and non-emergency contact numbers.
- Good news about our neighborhood because collectively, we make it special!

Sign up to have the newsletter sent directly to your inbox.

Simply click:

<https://www.vflna.com/newsletter.html>

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# Annual Meeting and Board Elections



## Annual Meeting

Each year the VFLNA has an Annual Meeting for the neighborhood. It typically happens in September. Due to the pandemic, last year the Annual Meeting was conducted over Zoom. This year's meeting is on **November 15th from 6:30 to 8 p.m.**

**Location: Firstenberg Community Center, 700 NE 136th Ave. Vancouver WA ([map](#))**

## Election of Board Officers

Every two years new VFLNA board officers are elected at the Annual Meeting. Because the Annual Meeting had been postponed in 2020. We held officer elections in the 2021 Annual Meeting.

Board officers are volunteers elected by the Association and include the president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. The board also has several members at large. Together they represent and serve the VFLNA on issues impacting the neighborhood. Each member accepts certain responsibilities per the position taken. They are accountable to the neighborhood and represent the neighborhood association to the City of Vancouver

## Open Position: Vice President

During November 2022 meeting, we will elect a new Vice President. Serving on the board as an officer is a great opportunity to meet neighbors and work to make a difference in the neighborhood. If you are interested in serving, please email us at <https://www.vflna.com/contact-us.html>

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# Agenda

## VFLNA Annual Meeting 2022

### Tuesday November 15, 6:30 - 8:00

- Welcome new neighbors - Introductions
- Website - [vflna.com](http://vflna.com) for newsletter - Jolene
- Financial summary, ideas for expenditures - Laura
- Social Activities
  - Dump Day - No date yet
  - Yard / Garage Sale - July
  - Block Parties
- City of Vancouver Alliances
  - VNA - Vancouver Neighborhood Alliance - Bob
  - NTSA - Neighborhood Traffic Safety - Kathyellen
- East Vancouver Projects
  - 34th Street mobility project - Kathyellen
  - Vancouver Innovation Center plans - Carl
- Open Board Opportunities
  - Vice President
  - Landscaping company liaison
- Adjourn 8:00

**Location: Firstenberg Community Center,  
700 NE 136th Ave. Vancouver WA**  
[\(map\)](#)



## SE 34th Street proposal - an update



From the project webpage:

### Project goals

- Improve comfort and mobility for all users
- Prioritize safety for all users
- Facilitate near-term implementation

The [proposed design option](#) includes:

- Improving access to transit for people walking, biking, or using a mobility device
- Not substantially adding to driver delays over the next 10 years
- Slowing down vehicles to improve safety for all users
- Including design features that can be completed with the paving project
- Not requiring large capital investments over the next 10 years
- Including safety improvements that would be eligible for grant funding

For details and status please see the project page on the city's website:

<https://www.cityofvancouver.us/cdd/page/se-34th-street-safety-and-mobility-project>

Many residents have expressed various opinions about the project. During the upcoming annual meeting, we will further discuss the project's status.

# Living in a Neighborhood Association



Springtime in the Village - photo by Cindy Finch

## What is VFLNA?

The Village at Fisher's Landing Neighborhood Association (VFLNA) is a voluntary organization of residents who work together to improve and maintain the quality of life in its' neighborhood. Being a recognized entity by the City of Vancouver gives us a voice and advocate regarding issues within the city that impact our neighborhood. Membership is open to all property owners, and renters in the neighborhood. Click <https://www.vflna.com/about.html> to learn about all the ways the Board has supported the neighborhood.

## The Benefits of VFLNA

- Residents are made aware of planning, transportation or other city issues that may affect the neighborhood.
- Having a voice with city officials.
- Assistance with our neighborhood cleanup (we've called Dump Day.)
- Neighborhood Communications among residents both electronic & paper mailings for our Annual Meeting.

## The Benefits of the CC&Rs to the Village

Covenants, conditions and restrictions were formed when the Village was established back in 1993. Through observance of our CC&Rs the beauty of our neighborhood has been maintained helping us keep the property values of our homes high. It is the Village's expectation that all residents understand and follow the CC&Rs. View the CC&Rs at:

<https://www.vflna.com/ccrs>

## VFLNA Contributions 2022

Each year we ask residents to fiscally support our neighborhood association. This helps to beautify and clean up along 164th Ave and 34th Street plus cover expenses to operate the website, advertising for our community garage sale and mailings.

The board of VFLNA appreciate your continued support.

## Reminder - No Fireworks

A reminder that fireworks are illegal in the City of Vancouver. The minimum fine is \$500. For more information go to:

<https://www.cityofvancouver.us/fire/page/are-fireworks-legal-vancouver-washington>



# Thinking about a heat pump?

**New Analysis: Heat Pumps Slow Climate Change in Every Corner of the Country**

Getting a heat pump is one of the easiest ways for homeowners to fight climate change.

**Are 'Heat Pumps' the Answer to Heat Waves? Some Cities Think So.**

Electric heat pumps are a way to cool and heat homes at a much lower carbon cost than traditional air-conditioners and furnaces.

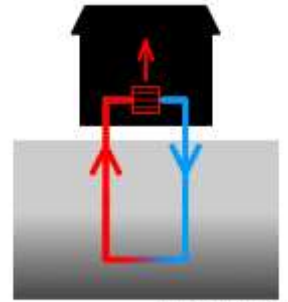
## Getting a heat pump installed – an update

- Atul Mathur, Secretary, VFLNA

Frustrated by our sky-high natural gas bill, and by the concern for our greenhouse gas emissions, we decided to make some changes to our house's heating situation. As I earlier reported in VFLNA Spring/Summer newsletter, we finally got a single-stage heat pump installed.

Overall, still the system looks the same in the garage and outside; however now heat pump heats the house, and the new furnace usually just runs the fan. The furnace takes over the heating only when it is freezing outside. The system seems to run less frequently and is quieter. During summer, the heat pump functioned fine as an air conditioner.

**Bottom line:** Though our electricity bill has gone up, our gas bill has plummeted. For the last few months, looking at our bills, we seem to be saving a bit of money (and burning much less of fossil fuels) every month. Though this upgrade to heat pump cost us some money upfront, these changes are doing some good and saving us some money too.



www.explainsstuff.com

## What is a heat pump?

A heat pump is part of a heating and cooling system and is installed outside your home. Like an air conditioner, it can cool your home, but it's also capable of providing heat. In cooler months, a heat pump pulls heat from the cold outdoor air and transfers it indoors, and in warmer months, it pulls heat out of indoor air to cool your home. They are powered by electricity and transfer heat using refrigerant to provide comfort all year round. Heat pumps do not burn fossil fuel like furnaces do, making them more environmentally friendly.

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## Neighborhood news

### Yard sale

Thanks to Caren Condon-Weber for organizing a successful yard sale on July 15th and 16th. Caren designed the flyers and distributed these (with Cindy's help) within the neighborhood. To attract shoppers, Caren posted announcements on many social media sites as well as on The Columbian. On the day of sale, Caren also placed helpful signs within the neighborhood to lead people toward homes that were participating. We had a non-stop stream of shoppers both the days. Thanks everyone for participating!

### Street maintenance



Besides applying slurry (shown in orange) on most streets of the neighborhood, this year's project included rehabilitation/resurfacing of 172nd Ave (shown in green). At the last minute, the city changed its plans and postponed East side of 38th circle and 39th street for another year.

### (Lack of) Striping on 172<sup>nd</sup> Ave

Kathyellen Blovits reached out to city and found that striping is scheduled for early-mid November. For now, the contractor has placed temporary striping on 172nd Ave for the bumps. Oh well 😞

### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual 38<sup>th</sup> Circle block party



The block party, postponed twice due to pandemic, was a blast as the neighbors on the east side of 172<sup>nd</sup> Ave joined in as well. Thanks to Kanchan Mathur and Jennifer Thomson for organizing the party each year. Photo by Doug Stutesman.

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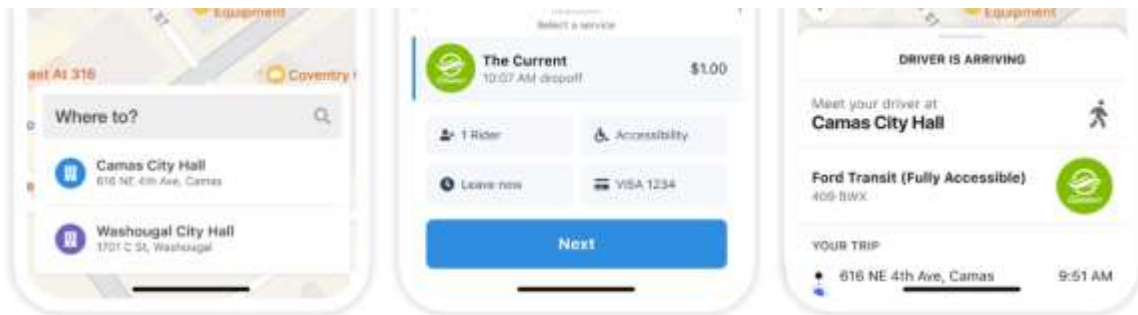
# The Current – on-demand rideshare service by C-Tran



## Introducing The Current by C-TRAN

Now Available for Booking

The Current is C-TRAN's new, on-demand rideshare service that provides point-to-point **service for just the cost of a bus ride**. Schedule your ride online or through our mobile app, then track your driver's arrival, just like other rideshare services. You can also schedule by calling 360-695-0123.



Schedule a ride with the tap of a button

Get picked up where you want

Ride with C-TRAN at a low fixed price

### Hours:

5:30 AM–7:00 PM, Weekdays

8 AM–6 PM, Saturday & Sunday

**NOTE: This service is still not available within the Village at Fisher's Landing. The nearest service point is Fisher's Landing Transit center, which is about a ten minutes' walk.**

For details and service area, please see <https://mail.c-tran.com/thecurrent>

To use the service, you first need to download the App using the C-Tran website.



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## In case you missed it...*spring/summer VFLNA newsletter*



### **Past President's message:**

Carl Trinacty had an encouraging message for residents and best wishes for past and new board members.

### **Looking for neighborly advice on a house repair project?**

How to reach out to the vflna board members and tap into their experience using an inquiry form on [vflna.com](http://vflna.com).

### **Thinking about a heat pump?**

Atul Mathur shared his experience of upgrading to heat pump. In nutshell, though it may cost some money upfront, it is doing some good while saving some money each month.

### **Street Tree Preservation in the Village**

Tips on how to care for your sidewalk trees, especially for young trees

### **Street Tree replacement**

Bill Hruby's advice on replacing blighted Thunder Cloud ornamental plum trees. Hint: Dec-Feb is the season to do so.

### **Help Your Recycle Truck Driver Help You**

Find handy tips on how to **Recycle Right** in Clark County (Page 9)

### **Remodeling tips**

Based on his recent experience, Greg Maffei shared tips for a remodeling project.

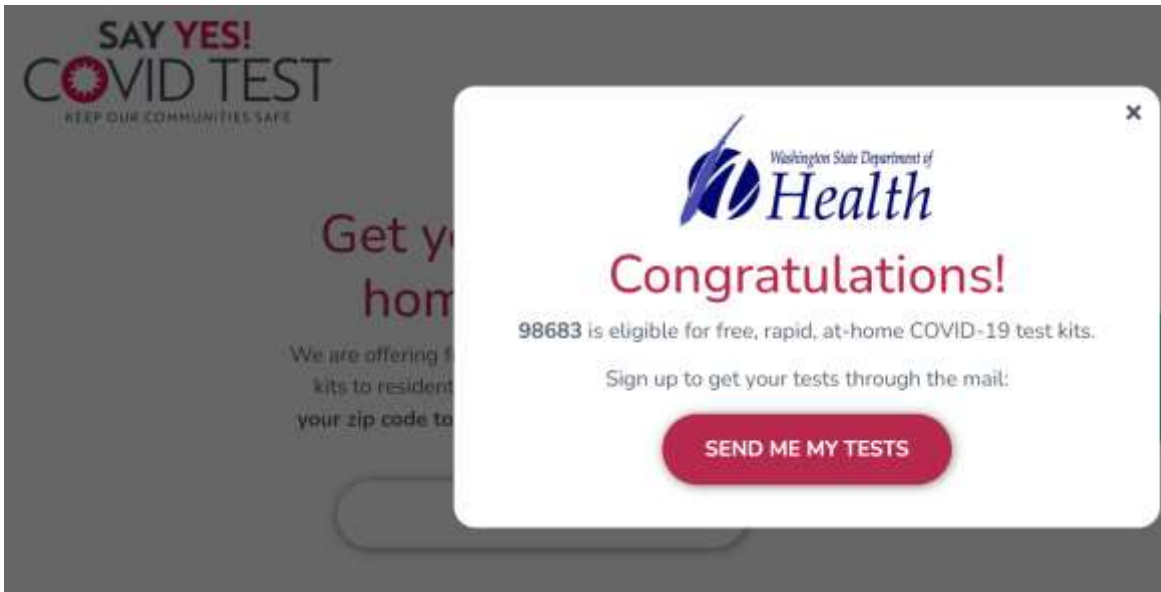
### **Using vflna website**

To quickly and efficiently find the information we need about with our city and neighborhood, Jolene shared her insights on how to use vflna website.

Your website [www.vflna.com](http://www.vflna.com) , and this newsletter, is designed to be a service for you. Join your neighbors who are currently accessing the information they want to know. It's there for you anytime, any day with just a click.

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**Free, rapid, at-home COVID-19 test kits are available online.**



**Say Yes! COVID Test** offers free, rapid, at-home COVID-19 test kits. Along with vaccination, wearing a mask, hand washing, and physical distancing, frequent, at-home testing protects those most precious to us: our loved ones and families. Combined, these measures offer our best defense against COVID-19.

Visit <https://sayescovidhometest.org/> to get your free test kits. You can get up to 10 tests every month. The kits are provided by Washington state department of health and are delivered by mail.

### **Why use at-home Covid-19 rapid tests?**

- Help reduce COVID-19 spread by testing at home and getting results in just minutes.
- People who don't have symptoms can still spread COVID-19, so testing is critical to knowing if you're infected.
- To stop the spread of COVID-19, many of us need to get tested regularly - even if we don't have symptoms. Along with vaccination, wearing a mask, hand washing, and physical distancing, frequent at-home testing protects families and friends, and it's a great way to help in the fight against COVID-19.
- Know more, live safer, and get back to the people and things you love sooner.



# Good Neighbors

## Reminder Tips for Good Relations

To be a good neighbor, consider the effects your actions may have on your neighbors. Here are three tips to keep good relations:

**Keep your neighbors informed.** Contact your neighbor before undertaking something that might affect them. These things might include adding floodlights or shared fencing. If you are having work done that might impact your neighbor let them know ahead of time.

**Be aware of differences.** Difference in age, ethnic backgrounds, years in the neighborhood, etc. can lead to conflicting expectations and misunderstandings unless you talk with each other.

**Noise Disturbances.** Consider how your neighbors might be impacted by things like continuous or repetitive barking or howling of pets; or amplified music or loud parties; each especially late at night. There is a noise law within our city. Becoming familiar with the code is both helpful and respectful of your neighbor.

### Call For Content!

The neighborhood newsletter is always looking for interesting and informative articles for publication. If you have any information that you think that your neighbors might find helpful and time or money saving, please submit it to <https://www.vflna.com/contact-us.html>

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