



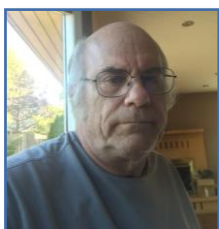
The Village at Fisher's Landing

Neighborhood Association Newsletter

Includes a special recycling supplement

President's Message

Greg Maffei



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**Annual VFLNA Meeting!
Monday November 6th,
2023**

Agenda:

- Welcome new neighbors
- Financial summary
- J's Landscaping review
- Newsletter
- Social activities for 2024
 - Dump day
 - Yard/Garage sale
- Proposed updates to Bylaws and CCRs
- Open board opportunities
- Any other topics

Good news about our neighborhood because collectively, we make it special!

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Hello,

It's been a great summer and fall here at the Village. Now the leaves are changing color, and soon we will get the first snow.

I invite everyone to attend and participate in this year's annual meeting. I want to wish everyone Happy Holidays and stay tuned for next year.

Greg Maffei

President



Annual meeting

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

Sidewalk cleanup

164th Avenue and 34th Street cleanup is making a visible difference!

Boundary wall repairs

Thanks to all the board members who stepped up to help get the walls repaired. The eyesores are gone and its looking nice again!

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



Annual Meeting and Board Elections



Annual Meeting

Each year the VFLNA has an Annual Meeting for the neighborhood. It typically happens in September. Like last year, this year's meeting also is in November at the Firstenberg Community center. The meeting will be on **November 6th 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 Positions: President, Vice-president and Secretary

During November 2023 meeting, we will elect a new slate of officers. 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>

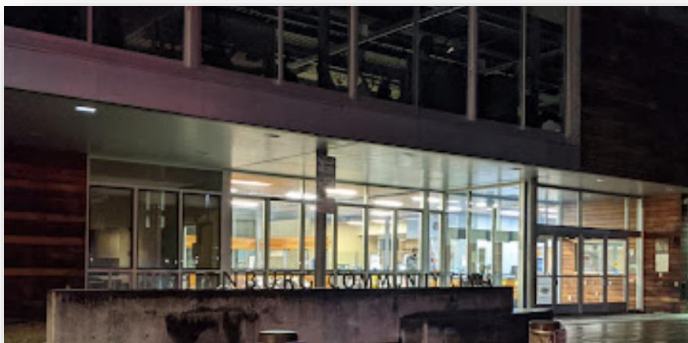
Agenda

VFLNA Annual Meeting 2023

Monday November 6th , 6:30 - 8:00

- Welcome new neighbors - Introductions.
- Financial summary, J's Landscaping review - Laura
- Newsletter Updates – Atul
- 34th Street project updated
- Social Activities Planned for Next Year
 - Dump Day - No date yet
 - Yard / Garage Sale - July?
- Suggested Updates to Bylaws and CCRs
 - Bylaws:
 - Reduce the required frequency of meetings.
 - Indicate meeting notices can be sent online.
 - Indicate board meetings can be held online.
 - CCRs:
 - Add phase for the Hamlet and add it to the map
 - Add requirements for ADUs (section 13?)
 - Update section 9 - roofing materials
 - Requirements for lawns?
- Open Board Opportunities
- Open Discussion
- Adjourn 8:00

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



What is 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>

Is VFLNA an HOA?

The Village at Fisher's Landing is one of sixty-nine recognized neighborhood associations within the City of Vancouver. Some may refer to us as an HOA (Home Owner's Association) and that we are **not**.

As a neighborhood association (NA) we are a group of residents or property owners who advocate for, and organize activities within the neighborhood. We are volunteers some of whom are elected to the board of directors who organize our activities along with members at large. Along the way since 1986 we have asked for voluntary contributions to assist with landscape management along the 164th Street and 34th Way plus various activities that are of benefit to our residents.

Though we have CC&Rs to maintain property value, our association relies on civic spirit, unlike many HOAs with mandatory dues, strict rules, and sometimes paid management. Learn the difference between NA and HOA online or at the City of Vancouver website.

- Carl Trinacty, Member at Large VFLNA

<https://www.cityofvancouver.us/community/neighborhoods/>

Neighborhood news

8th Annual 38th Circle block party



The block party was a blast as the neighbors on the east side of 172nd Ave joined in as well. Thanks to Kanchan Mathur and Jennifer Thomson for organizing the party each year. Photo by Todd Yuzuriha.

VFLNA gets a new landscaping contractor.

Thanks to relentless efforts by Laura Mason and Greg Maffei, we now have a new contractor for cleanup and landscape management along the 164th Street and 34th Way. The difference is already striking!

Boundary wall repairs

Back in January we had a report that a tree on the property at 16520 SE 34th Way fell through the privacy wall separating the house from 34th St. The tree had split in half, with one part crashing into the house. The residents moved out, and the board had to work with realtors and contractors to get the wall repaired.

In May, an accident occurred on the corner of 34th St. and 168th Ave. One car drove into the wall of the east side corner house. There were no injuries, but a section of wall next to the VFL sign was severely damaged. Again, the board had to work with contractors and the owner of the house to get the wall repaired and follow up with the police report.

Many thanks to the board members for their commitment in following up on these projects, which took several months to complete.

34th Street Plan approved by the city.

For details, see <https://www.columbian.com/news/2023/oct/13/vancouver-approves-34th-street-plan-that-will-reduce-section-from-4-to-2-lanes-add-mobility-lane/>

In case you missed it...

2022 Spring and Fall VFLNA newsletters



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.

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 , 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.



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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Cindy Finch
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Carl Trinacty
Ronny Plushnick
Ryan Smith

VFLNA Contributions 2023

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. Thanks to all who have donated.

The board of VFLNA appreciate your continued support.

Special Recycling Supplement

Get the RecycleRight App.

Cindy Finch attended the Recycle U classes at the public library on June 10th, and was offered about ten articles, that have been approved and are available to use for our newsletter (all provided by Elizabeth Erikson from the City of Vancouver. Thanks!) At the first opportunity, we are publishing couple of these articles as a special supplement. Thanks to Cindy's efforts, VFLNA will be earning a \$120 stipend, and all our members will benefit by getting a bit better at recycling.



Get the RecycleRight App. The City of Vancouver, Clark County and Waste Connections of Washington have teamed up to provide residential customers with an on-the-go resource for recycling, reusing and disposing the right way.

Download the free RecycleRight app for your smart phone or tablet, or use the Recycling A-Directory at <http://www.cityofvancouver.us/RecycleRight>. It's free and easy to use.

Use this helpful tool to get the garbage, recycling and optional organics schedule **for your residence**. Enter your address and hit search. You can also:

- View, download and print your garbage, recycling and organics collection **calendar**
- Sign up for regular **reminders** by email, phone or push notification
- Upload your schedule to your iCal, Google or Microsoft Outlook calendar
- Search the Recycling A-Z Directory for **locations** to donate, recycle or dispose of items
- Sign up for **Service Alerts** to be notified when service is affected by inclement weather

Available at the Apple App Store, for iPhones or iPads, or Google Play for Android devices. Look for RecycleRight and the familiar Blue Recycling Cart icon.

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or

[Google Play \(works with android devices\).](#)



Special Recycling Supplement

Recycling Tips

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.

- Things like egg cartons, newspaper, cereal boxes, and paper milk cartons are recyclable.
- Frozen food packaging, paper cups, and shredded paper are **not** recyclable.

o Frozen food packaging and paper cups are treated with "wet strength" so that they don't disintegrate when wet. This wet strength prevents the material from pulping at the papermill with the rest of the paper. (Editor's note: mystery solved!!)

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

- Aluminum cans, clean food cans, and empty aerosol cans are recyclable.
- Lids and bottle caps, scrap metal, and electronics are **not** recyclable curbside.

*o Lids and bottle caps can be placed **inside** a larger metal can and recycled that way. Crimp the can closed so that the lids can't slide out and you're good to go.*

Plastic: Ignore the numbers! Recycle plastic 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.

- 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 - keep the lid on when recycling, if it clicks on – take the lid off and throw it away.
- Any plastic bags or film are **not** recyclable curbside and can be thrown away (Editor's note: *you can instead take them to our friendly grocery store for recycling*). The same applies for any plastic that does not fall into the category of a bottle, jug, jar or tub.

Glass: Glass should always be kept in a separate bin from the rest of your recycling. Set it out next to your blue recycling cart for collection.

- Glass bottles and jars only. Baking dishes and other glass cookware are **not** recyclable curbside.
- Only glass; porcelain and ceramic should **not** go into your glass bin.