



The Village at Fisher's Landing

Neighborhood Association Newsletter

President's Message

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Since our last newsletter much has changed in our community with the impact of COVID-19. We hope you have managed well and continue to safeguard yourselves as we move forward this summer. Due to COVID-19 the City of Vancouver **cancelled** the balance of 2020 sponsored "clean up days" therefore our "Dump Day" will not be held. Furthermore VFLNA "yard sale day" will be a 2021 event.



Coinciding with this summer publication the **new VFLNA website** is now available to all residents at:

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

This site now shifts us to paperless communications. It will be the place holding for events, board activities, contact information, suggestions and direct Pay PAL option for contributions plus more. Please visit us and explore, feedback is welcomed!

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



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New VFLNA Website!

www.vflna.com

We are now **paperless**. Please check it for:

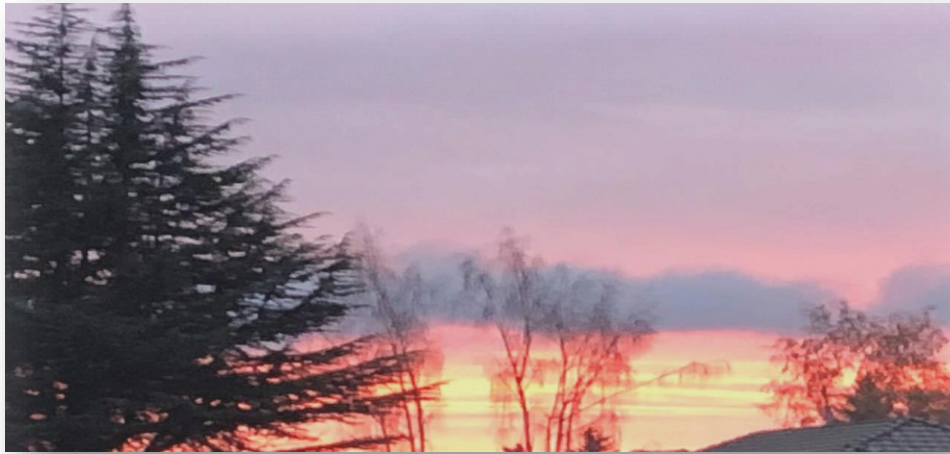
- Up to date Information, events & VFLNA Board activities supporting you.
- New contribution options through PayPal for your privacy and security.
- Calendar of events so you know what's going on.
- Suggestion and contact form for easy communications.
- Emergency and non-emergency contact numbers.
- 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>

Annual Meeting and Board Elections POSTPONED



Sunset over the Village - photo by Dan Hyland

Annual Meeting

Each year the VFLNA has an Annual Meeting for the neighborhood. It typically happens in September. Due to the pandemic, the Annual Meeting has been postponed for now. We will notify you by email when it will happen.

Election of Board Officers

Every two years new VFLNA board officers are elected at the Annual Meeting. Because the Annual Meeting has been postponed, we will hold officer elections at a later date when we reschedule the next 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. Serving on the board is a great opportunity to meet neighbors and work to make a difference in the neighborhood. If you are interested in serving on the board, please email us at <https://www.vflna.com/contact-us.html>

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/information.html>

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>





Street Tree Preservation in the Village

One of the attributes adding to the beauty of our neighborhood are the street trees. Unfortunately, some are now approaching their projected life span. As we walk the neighborhood, we can see the effects of aging trees, in particular the flowering plums. The flowering plums were planted as the development was being built 35 years ago and are now starting to die and disappear.

So the question is, “Who is responsible for the street trees?”. In the event of a tree’s death, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to safely remove the tree. The removal of a tree requires a permit from the City. All the City of Vancouver rules for trees can be found at this website.

<https://www.cityofvancouver.us/publicworks/page/tree-permits-and-regulation-information>

In addition, the covenants, conditions and restrictions (CC&Rs) for our neighborhood require that for aesthetic reasons, all homes should have two flowering or deciduous trees in the front yard of any home not having native tree cover. For tree planting services visit Friends of Trees <https://friendsoftrees.org>

So please, look at your sidewalk trees and see if they need some loving care. It not only improves the look and feel of the Village, but may also save your home. With the storms that we get here, a weakened or dead tree may pose a danger to your home and vehicle. The property owner may be liable if someone is hurt in front of their home due to overgrown vegetation, falling branches and sidewalk imperfections. The last thing we want to see is a home with a downed tree on the roof. Be Safe and beautify!

Caring for our Young Trees in the Village

This is a reminder that it is time to start watering your young trees. This means trees that have been in the ground for less than four years. Once our trees start breaking bud, they need water, and our Spring/Summer rains are not enough.

The key to watering young trees is to water deep and infrequently. It is recommended that you give your tree 10-15 gallons of water once a week. This saturates the soil down to the roots and allows the soils to gently dry between watering’s. If the temperatures reach into the 90s this summer, it is important to observe your trees and be ready to give a second watering of about 10 gallons mid-week to prevent drought stress. **Friends of Trees** sells ooze tube watering bags for \$18. They also have videos on tree care.

For more information on street trees, go to:

<https://www.cityofvancouver.us/publicworks/page/urban-forestry-frequently-asked-questions> and <https://friendsoftrees.org/news-resources/tree-care-guide/>



Help Your Recycle Truck Driver Help You



Recycling can take a little effort, but following the few steps below will help ensure your recycle truck driver collects the most recyclables in the best possible condition. The following handy tips may help shed light on how to *Recycle Right* in Clark County.

- **Mixed recycling and glass** ~ In 2009 Clark County and its cities switched from a 3-bin recycling system to one bin for glass plus a blue recycling roll cart for mixed recyclables collected at the curb. Waste connections recycle trucks have two sections; one for glass and one mixed recycling. When trucks return to the Transfer Station ~ where the actual sorting is done ~ they deposit each section in a different location.
- **Place your roll cart at least three feet from other carts or obstacles** ~ providing adequate space allows the automated arm on a recycle truck to reach out and pick up your recycling cart without knocking down other nearby carts or other objects like a basketball hoop.
- **Plastic bags are recyclable, but NOT in your cart** ~ Plastic bags tangle in the recycling sorting machinery and prohibit other more valuable commodities from being recycled. Many local retailers have a special collection bin for film plastics near the entrances or customer service areas.
- **Set your glass bin and mixed recycling cart at the curb by 6:30 am on your pick up day** ~ Waste Connections recycle truck drivers are out on routes and start picking up recyclables by 6:30 a.m. You cannot always count on the fact that your driver usually comes by at a certain time; for any number of reasons, the schedule and drivers can change. If scavenging is not a problem you may want to set your recycling cart out the night before your pick up is scheduled. Please be aware City ordinance VMC 6.12 requires trash/recycle carts be removed from the street 12 hours after pickup.
- **Cut cardboard down to fit inside your recycling roll cart** ~ Cardboard is much more marketable if it is dry. If it is inside the cart, it saves time for the recycling driver and allows them to service more carts in a day, keeping costs down.
- **Place used motor oil or antifreeze in a clear one gallon plastic jug with a screw top lid and place near cart** ~ Motor Oil and antifreeze will be picked up at the curb, when space is available in the truck. Please use clear, one-gallon plastic jugs with screw-on lids; they fit snugly in a special space on the side of recycle trucks so they won't spill. Also, please NEVER mix oil or antifreeze; don't add water, brake fluid, or other liquids either. Contaminated oil and antifreeze are not recyclable; they should be disposed at Hazardous Waste Facilities located at the three county transfer stations.
- **Place household batteries in a clear bag on top of your blue recycle cart** ~ Please tape the ends of batteries and place batteries, including batteries from flashlights, re-chargeable appliances, hearing aids, etc. in a clear, sealed plastic bag on top of your recycle cart.



REMINDER

Dump Day and Neighborhood Garage Sale
are cancelled this year.



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.

Update on Pavement of our **STREETS**

This summer, Fisher Drive east of 172nd, SE 173rd Ct and SE 36th St. will be given a thin layer of asphalt that helps seal and extend pavement life. Crosswalk striping at the intersection will get refreshed. SE 172nd was also slated for paving. However, because of the virus outbreak and significant decrease of funds, 172nd will not be paved this summer.

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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