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ARNADA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



Newsletter November 2025

Meeting November 13th 7:00PM VHA 2500 Main St.

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Agenda: City, Police & Port Updates

Holiday Party planning

2026 Arnada Board Members

Representative for Clark County Historical Museum

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR ANA BOARD MEMBERS

Are you ready to turn your skills, abilities and energy for the Arnada Neighborhood into representation and action? It is time for Arnada to elect new officers to lead the Neighborhood Association for the next few years, including a Chairperson, a Vice-Chair and a new Secretary. Our current Chairperson, Ken, has served in the position for over 5 years and is ready to step aside. The Vice-Chair position has been vacant. Our current Secretary Brenda will be moving from the neighborhood within the next few months and once she does, will resign. We also need board members who are not one of the officers but are voting members of the Board and take on projects and events.

You may be nominated by another, or you may nominate yourself.

These are volunteer, non-partisan positions. The ANA board collectively acts as a liaison to represent the neighborhood to the City of Vancouver. As needed, they organize neighborhood comments on City, State or Federal proposals that affect the neighborhood. They organize and direct NA activities such as park cleanups, history walks, the street mural painting, Christmas party, park concerts, and neighborhood clean-ups. They may participate in wider city-oriented groups such as the Vancouver Neighborhood Alliance or functions organized by the Uptown or Downtown Business Associations.

The ANA Bylaws sketch out the duties of the officers as follows:

The officers shall preside over the meetings, planning sessions and activities of the neighborhood association. The duties of each officer shall be, but are not limited to, the following:

Chairperson acts as the primary executive officer and presides over deliberations and activities of the neighborhood association. serves as the official spokesperson for the association.

Vice-Chair assists the Chairperson in all of the duties and performs the functions of the Chairperson in his/her absence.

Secretary acts in conjunction with the officers, keeps the minutes of all of the association's public and executive meetings and also serves as spokesperson for the association when appointed to do so.

Treasurer shall maintain the financial records of the ANA.

The Bylaws also provide that:

- All Officers must continuously reside within the boundaries of Arnada Neighborhood.
- All Officers are expected to attend scheduled Board Meetings and General Meetings
- Each Officer shall maintain a current copy of the By-Laws and Neighborhood Action Plan.

- Resident voting members over the age of eighteen years whom have attended three meetings in the previous eighteen months, are eligible to run for office.

We plan to hold ANA officer elections at our February 2026 neighborhood association meeting. We need candidates for the ballot by early December so that we can publish it in the January newsletter. Please consider stepping up to serve, guide and represent your neighborhood. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact any current officer listed under "Elected ANA Board" in this newsletter.

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Minutes Arnada Neighborhood Association-October 9th

Attendees: Ken Visser, Sandi Christensen, Brenda Hoge, Rena Benett, Kathy Loveall, Russ Pascoe, Anita Reyes, Charlene Abrams, Sharon Morse, Brent Waddle-City of Vancouver, Anne McEnerny-Ogle-City of Vancouver

June minutes approved.

Announcement: ANA Boards needs a new Secretary.

Treasurer Report- We have \$5403.17 in checking and \$2,114 in savings. Have \$100 from the clean-up day and if we have someone who wants to do the Recycle U course we get \$120 on 10/15. Sharon Morse will attend it.

City of Vancouver: Mayor Ann- Board recruitment is going on. Prop 5 Tax Levy Lid is a revision of Prop 4-Pays for 13 officers. .15 cents per \$1000 of assessed value on your home. Took off cameras from the intersections from Prop 5. Using drones as first responders so Prop 5 will make it part of the equipment.

Six flag designs are posted on the City of Vancouver website.

Cultural access program grants-you can work with your school or neighborhood or non-profit and do an art, culture, heritage or science activity. Maybe do something together with Shumway and VSAA around art and music. Arnada needs a volunteer to coordinate this.

Comprehensive Plan-Need to add 2000 housing units per year to meet the

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40,000 housing units needed. Heights District-Developer selected. 74 homes there will help people buy a condo or townhome to help them build equity in a mortgage. The City will own the land so it will be permanently affordable through a land trust.

Annual housing rentals-if you have them you will need to start registering them with inspections starting in 2027.

Bridge Shelter-Goal is to get rid of tents. By next summer will have space for 120 people to stay at the shelter with wrap-around services. The plan for those that are interested in going back to their families will have help to get back to them.

Public Works Operations is moving to Padden Parkway. The City owns the currently location on Fourth Plain and the City will redevelop it similarly to the Heights District.

Mural painting and neighborhood party afterwards went well. Spent \$400 for all of the paint, supplies, etc. We didn't get the grant to cover that. Brent will help facilitate it if we apply again.

Concert in the park was nice. About \$350 through donations was raised for the band. Arnada donated all that was collected.

Historic walk this summer was well-attended. We collected \$250 that we evenly shared with the Museum

Neighborhood clean-up-Had it with the 4 surrounding neighborhoods. 28 attendees from Arnada came. It was busiest from 9-1:30. Didn't have as many volunteers as they normally do but want to thank those that did volunteer-Rena and Brian. We also want to thank Anita Reyes for coordinating it on behalf of Arnada.

Website-A neighbor is working on the website design for our neighborhood page. He will also host it for initially. It should be done by the end of the year. We will need someone to maintain it and post new content.

Suggestion to have elections for new ANA Board Members since everyone is beyond their term limits. It would be nice to have new voices. Time commitment is pretty minimal.

Also planning for the Christmas Party. Sandi will make a Save the Date flyer. We need to find a Santa.

September Four-Neighborhood Clean Up

It was another successful event making a significant impact on keeping our area beautiful.

Participating drive drops were: Hough @ 25, Arnada @28, Carter Pk @29, Shumway @33, Lincoln @5

Donations \$777. Each neighborhood earned \$179. Other funds, still to come from scrap metal and city participation.

Kathie Loveall volunteered to handle the disbursement of funds. Dan Lincoln from Shumway headed up this event.

We met at 7AM for set up and after the last load went through at 1:30pm, we were able to close down by 2PM. Sincere appreciation to every volunteer for extending their energy and time. Grateful to our return volunteers, Rene and Bryan and our newcomers from the Zen Bhuddist society, Claire and Lulu and the many others for your selfless participation year after year. Mayor Anne and Liz Ericson were also on site to cheer us on. Again thank you ALL!

Anita Reyes, Arnada volunteer coordinator.





The holidays are fast approaching! Get this event on your calendar! We will be having an all-ages potluck on the porch at the Trap Door on Main Street. Look for details in the December newsletter.

If you would like to help with decorations or kids activities, please contact sandichristensen16@gmail.com or 360-772-4026.

Leaf Drop Boxes in Arnada for Two Weekends

To help keep leaves from blocking storm drains, Vancouver Public Works Operations crews will be placing leaf boxes at **E 20th St and F St and E 25th St and F St on November 8/9 and 27-30th**

Leaf boxes are placed by late Friday the 7th and Wednesday the 26th afternoon and picked up early morning Monday. This is a City of Vancouver Solid Waste program that helps make leaf recycling easier for those in leafy neighborhoods who may not be able to haul leaves to free coupon drop-off sites.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

LEAVES ONLY: No other yard debris, nor any garbage, is allowed in the leaf box.

NO PLASTIC BAGS: If you use plastic bags empty leaves into the box. Then take plastic bags home for reuse or toss into your garbage cart if reuse is not possible.

DON'T PUT LEAVES IN STREETS: Help prevent localized flooding of streets. Never blow or rake leaves into the street where they clog storm drains.

CHECK BACK: If you don't see the leaf box at its designated location, crews have most likely removed the box to be emptied. Please check back in an hour or so, as it should be returned. Thank you for your patience.

Avoid parking in the leaf box location during the weekend listed above.

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Tuesday: Jam Night 6:30pm

Wednesday: Wine Down All Day!

Thursday: Comedy 8:00pm

Friday: Live Music 7:30pm

Saturday: Karaoke 8:00pm

Sunday: Table Top Games

And Brunch!

Weekend Mimosa and Cajun Brunch: Saturday - Sunday 10am - 2pm



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