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# ARNADA NEIGHBORHOOD

ARNADA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



## Newsletter February 2026

### **No Meeting in February Next is March 12<sup>th</sup> 7PM 2500 Main Street VHA**

Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 898 9278 0400 Passcode: 000165

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89892780400?pwd=5e5Xympkyn36YniakcbgsRvlZ9BgkD.1>

Agenda: City, Police & Port Updates  
Vote for 2026 Arnada Board

### **Arnada Neighborhood Launches Website**

Recently, the Arnada Neighborhood launched its own website. Check it out here:

<https://arnadaneighborhood.org/>

Thank you, Tim Gruscinski, for building the website and agreeing to maintain it!

### **Filling the New Board - We're close but NOT quite there**

Our Association Chairperson, Ken Visser, stepped down the end of January. Fortunately he's willing to remain on the Board so that will leave his successor with continuity and an invaluable mentorship and advice. Contact any Board member to discuss your interest in this. We need a successor Chairperson.

The ANA board collectively acts as a liaison 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 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 person we need: *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.

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

### **Minutes of January 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

Attendees: Ken Visser, Doc Reiss, Dan Birseth, Edward Plumb, Micheal McHugh, Sandi Christensen, Anita Reyes, Scott Buscemi, Michelle McHugh, Amy Carlson, Tim Gruscinski, Russ Pascoe, Ken Williams, Brenda Hoge, Kathie Loveall, Sharon Morse, Holly Chamberlain, Sean Johnson-Development Director of Parks Foundation, Brent Waddle-City of Vancouver

November Minutes approved

Treasury Report approved: End of 2025, we had a \$735 profit over our ANA income in 2024. We currently have \$7894 in our checking and savings accounts. Expenses this year: Liability insurances, snacks for the ivy pull, tour of Arnada, street painting, holiday party, and the concert in the park for a total of \$1263 in expenses. Thank you to: Amy Carlson for help with ads and the holiday party, Ali Boris for the ivy pull and holiday party, Sharon Morse for attending RecycleU, Russ Pascoe for the concert and street painting, Sandi Christensen for the tour, Green Bags and holiday party, Anita Reyes for the cleanup day and snacks for many events, and Ken Visser for coordinating the holiday party foo and helping with the street mural.

City Report: No report this month. Ken-Vancouver Neighborhood Alliance doesn't meet again until March. Ken has been a part of that group, and we get our neighborhood insurance through VNA.

Sean-Development Director of the Parks Foundation: Mission is to improve the quality of life in Clark County. First project is the Renaissance Point Park. The trail along the waterfront just stops and they want to see if they can do improve it. The widow of Officer Jeremy Brown raised \$120,000 of the \$180,000 needed to put in a small park. The Foundation has raised \$182,000. Construction costs went up and they are still about \$20,000 short, but it will be built. They are trying to get as much commitment and support from the community. They left fliers on the project and park memberships. They also left a flier for Esther Short Bricks and Spruce the Couve flowers.

Ken Williams- He is on the Vancouver Transportation Commission. The State of WA passed a law that any municipality can institute a 20 MPH speed limit in a neighborhood without any engineering or planning studies needed. Cities still need a process to implement it. Ken asked the City if there is a process here and there isn't. Ken is wanting to craft a letter form the neighborhood to encourage City Council to start a process. Ken read the letter to us to see if we approve it. The speed would not impact McLoughlin or Broadway. Recommended to send a letter and bring it up with the Mayor when she comes to a meeting next. Also, recommended to share it with other neighborhoods. Letter was approved as amended.

Kathy-Clark County Historical museum gave Kathy Loveall some books if people are interested in Clark County history. We also have 4 tickets to the museum and other participating museums that changes monthly. Each ticket will get 4 people into the museum. If you want to use the tickets, contact Kathy.

Ken Williams mentioned you can check out the Discover Pass from the library.

Advertising on the website: Doc and Amy feel like 3 months would be enough. Need to create the graphic and the size we want. Do an ad package that combines print and website. Suggested to put a page on the website that has a Sponsors Tab.

Tim-Suggested we send people in the apartment a postcard with our events and links to the website/QR code. Doc will check and see if we can get the addresses for just the apartments. See if we can get one poster posted with a QR code for our website to put in the apartments. Also, suggested to give it as part of the info given to new renters moving in.

Newsletter Carriers: We lost two carriers this week. Also, Sandi would like to give up the distribution job. Newsletters are delivered and you just pick up the ad sheets at 9 Cent Copies. About 1-1.5 hours per month. She'll ask current carriers.

Candidates for the Arnada Board-Ken is stepping down as President end of this January. Tim Gruscinski is interested in the Secretary position. Doc Reiss for Vice President, and Amy has someone in mind for President, but not sure if they are interested. Amount of time for President-depends on the month. 5 hours for the painting the mural month, but otherwise, 1-2 hours. Could have co-chairs as an option.

## Website

<https://arnadaneighborhood.org/>

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Vice Chairperson Position Vacant

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## Clark Neighbors Food Project aka Green Bags

Visit [ClarkFoodProject.org](http://ClarkFoodProject.org) if you want to sign up to make food or toiletry donations to benefit hungry neighbors. We pick up donations six times per year and donate to FISH of Vancouver downtown. It's not too late to sign up for February 14!



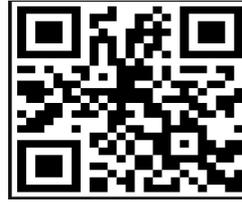
## Arnada Newsletter Carriers Needed!

Take a 45 minute walk once per month and help deliver this newsletter to your neighbors! There are 15 routes in Arnada and we deliver ~700 newsletters each month. A bundle of newsletters will be delivered to your porch around the first of each month, and we ask that you deliver them in time for residents to read before the monthly neighborhood meeting. We need at least one regular carrier and it would be great to have a substitute list. Let me know if you're interested! contact Sandi at 360-772-4026 or [sandichristensen16@gmail.com](mailto:sandichristensen16@gmail.com)

**Shout out to the anonymous Arnada Elves who spread cheer with their yard signs recognizing neighbors who decorated for the winter holidays! Your signs brought us joy!**

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Your continued support has enabled the Arnada Neighborhood Association to fund or support projects and programs such as repainting the Arnada mural at 22<sup>nd</sup> and D St., park clean ups, local school programs, tree plantings, playground equipment, and charitable donations.

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