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ARNADA NEIGHBORHOOD

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JUNE 2026

Notes for Arnada

Did ya see it? Have you heard it? The weather is changing and so too is this grand neighborhood of ours. As the days get warmer and drier and the night lingers just a little longer... you see neighbors, sometimes strangers, stopping to chat on the sidewalks. The conversations are polite and warm and and you can see they are enjoying each other's company, if only for a moment.

Living in Arnada is a comfortable experience. As one long-term resident said at the last Arnada Neighborhood Association meeting, "We moved here because we didn't want to be in the suburbs. We wanted a neighborhood with character and community."

I have learned in the short time onboard the board of this association that the members we have work diligently to help keep our neighborhood comfortable by creating events that help us keep in touch with each other. It may be the Arnada Armada kickball team, or the Jazz Concert in the Park. The Christmas potluck with Santa is another. This year, we will be having a neighborhood garage sale event. Neighbor Rae Masters has volunteered to head the event and details will be forthcoming. Thank you, Rae.

We have other positions that need a volunteer to step in. The opportunities range from one-time events to ongoing efforts. We are blessed to have the board members who volunteer their time and wisdom. We have Members at Large who share no specific role but that of concerned and generous neighbors who want to make this neighborhood vibrant and fun.

A promotional poster for a jazz event. The top half has a yellow background with a large sun and musical notes. The text reads "Jazz In The Park" in green, "SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH" and "2PM ARNADA PARK" in black. The bottom half shows a photograph of a jazz band performing outdoors with a picnic basket in the foreground.

Jazz
In The Park

SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH
2PM ARNADA PARK

Bring a picnic and enjoy a performance by
Vancouver Community Jazz Band.

ARNADA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

Next meeting: June 13th 2pm

Join us for Jazz in the Park on Saturday, June 13th at 2pm. Bring a picnic, blanket, or chairs and get lost in the music of the Vancouver Community Jazz Band.

See you at the park!

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Notes for Arnada (continued)

What about you? Have you taken the time to walk the streets of Arnada and seen the homes with their beautiful architecture and creative landscaping? You really ought to. There are some magnificent homes of all sizes and proud homeowners who adorn their properties with singular expressions.

I have a couple challenges for you. The first is pretty simple to do. Go take a walk. Some night, after dinner, as the sun is getting ready to go off duty, go take a stroll. It is good for the heart as exercise and you will find it invigorating to realize how wonderful it really is to be living in such a nice place. The second challenge is a bit harder. Make a commitment to give back just a little bit more to your neighbors. It may be something as simple as a smile and a cheery hello. Or it may be a commitment to volunteer along with other neighbors and help keep this neighborhood as comfortable for all concerned. Please make a choice to be involved as you can.

Doc
Chairman, Arnada Neighborhood Association



The poster features a central illustration of a bee, a butterfly, and a hummingbird surrounded by various flowers and plants, all enclosed within a white arch. Below the illustration, the text reads "3RD ANNUAL POLLINATOR FESTIVAL" in a stylized font, with "VANCOUVER, WA | VANCOUVER BEE PROJECT" underneath. At the bottom, there is a section titled "Event Details" with a yellow star icon, listing the date as "Saturday - June 20th, 2026" and the location as "Marshall Park, 1069 E McLoughlin Blvd., Vancouver, WA 98663". A QR code is provided with the instruction "Scan to visit our website!" and the website URL "www.pollinatorfestival.org" is listed at the bottom right.

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Volunteer Efforts Result in Big Changes for Reserve Street

Saturday morning found ten of the Arnada neighbors gathered at McLoughlin and Reserve streets facing years of trash and blackberries behind the fence on Washington Department of Transportation's property that runs adjacent to the freeway.



Within two hours there was a pickup truck bed stuffed full of heavy-duty trash bags and a large

tire heading to join other cleanup projects and unload the haul.

The blackberry bushes had climbed up tree limbs and across the fence. With rakes and loppers the bushes were cut down and the thorny branches trampled onto the ground. As one volunteer put it, "We can't fix the hole in the fence, but no one wants to be sitting or sleeping on top of thorns."

The results of the volunteer efforts were dramatic. Now there is a clear visibility of that formerly overgrown area and the neighborhood is cleaner and safer. Many thanks to our caring neighbors who volunteered their time and efforts.



Recycling Made Easy

Recycling can seem confusing, but it doesn't have to be. Look up an item to see if it goes in recycling with the A - Z Directory in the RecycleRight app or webtool.

Helpful Curbside Reminders

Plastic Bags

Plastic bags or any kind of stretchy film plastic should never go in your recycling cart. It will clog the sorting equipment at the processing center. Instead, take plastic bags to a local grocery store. Many stores participate in plastic bag and film wrap collection in Clark County, find them using the RecycleRight app.



Batteries

Batteries should never go in either your recycle or garbage carts. Instead, tape both ends of the batteries and put them in a clear, sealed, plastic bag and place them on top of your recycle cart. Larger batteries, like car batteries, should be taken to a facility for proper disposal, find drop-off sites using the RecycleRight app.



Motor Oil and Antifreeze

Did you know motor oil and antifreeze can be recycled curbside? Pour them separately into a clear, one-gallon jug and label them either 'Motor Oil' or 'Antifreeze'. Do not dilute them or mix any other liquids in. Place them next to your cart so your driver can see them for pick-up.



ARNADA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES: May 14, 2026

Called to order at 7:02 PM by Doc Reiss.

Adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Attendees: Charlene Abrams, Ali Boris, Sandi Christensen, Alex Davis, Tim Gruscinski, Chim Chune Ko, Kathie Loveall, Rae Master, Erin Masterson, Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Doc Reiss, Ashton Ruiz, Amanda Shaver, Bryan Snodgrass, Ken Visser, Brent Waddle

Minutes & Treasurer's Report

The previous meeting minutes were moved and seconded; passed unanimously.

Treasury balance as of April 30, 2026: **\$6,873.75.**

Insurance is paid. Some of the paint for the summer street mural has been purchased.

Mayor's Update — Anne McEnerny-Ogle

City & Public Safety

- The Chief of Police is retiring effective January 4, 2027.
- A new law enforcement tool has been adopted to prevent pedestrians from entering center medians and traffic islands.
- Several paving projects are currently underway around the city.

Infrastructure & Planning

- A new Public Works Operations Campus is in progress. Bidding is upcoming; final engineering, building permits, and groundbreaking are expected this fall.
- Interstate Bridge Replacement (IBR): Washington and Oregon are collaborating on the IBR project. The city is advocating for the light rail to terminate at Library Square rather than the Vancouver Waterfront as proposed. A contractor will be hired in November 2026 under a "progressive design-build" model—meaning the contractor will both design and build the bridge and light rail.

Housing & Community

- A 120-bed shelter is under construction near Vancouver Mall. Completion is expected November 2026; the facility will include two pre-engineered steel buildings with a separate kitchen.
- The Kaufmann Center, formerly condemned private property, has been demolished at the owner's expense. City taxpayers bore no cost.
- Community and Neighborhood Grants are currently available. Residents and associations are encouraged to apply.
- Three City Council members are running for other offices. Should any win, the City would need to fill those vacancies the day after the November election. Interested community members should

begin considering whether to put their names forward.

Water Quality — PFAS Mitigation

- Approximately 17% of local PFAS exposure originates from the city's water supply. The city's focus is on remediating the water supply.

Port of Vancouver Update — Erin Masterson

- An aluminum smelting facility in the UAE—the port's aluminum source—was damaged due to regional conflicts. The final shipment of aluminum from that supplier is expected later this year.
- Public tours of the Port of Vancouver remain available and are encouraged.

Neighborhood Association Business

Grants

- The Holiday Party is the ANA's largest annual expense; members discussed applying for city grant funding to offset this cost.
- Doc Reiss proposed directing grant funds toward replacing the basketball court in the neighborhood park. Doc will obtain the grant application forms. Per Brent Waddle, any basketball court project would require coordination with Parks & Recreation; Parks may have pricing from recent projects to help establish an estimate.

Neighborhood Cleanup

- The recent neighborhood cleanup was a success. Trash was bagged and transported to Esther Short Park. Approximately three dozen sharps were collected among the debris.
- A permanent dumpster at the site was explored, but is not possible as the location is not city property.

Newsletter & Outreach

- Newsletter display stands and stickers have arrived. One local merchant has agreed to display materials; Doc Reiss will continue visiting additional merchants to find more participants.
- One neighbor has expressed interest in a group bid to address sidewalk repairs. Additional neighbors interested in participating are encouraged to reach out. [Editor's note: Please contact the ANA if interested.]
- A volunteer has offered to organize a neighborhood garage sale this summer. Details to follow.

Presentation: Infill & Future Development

Presented by **Bryan Snodgrass** (Principal Planner, Community Development) and **Chim Chune Ko** (Real Estate Development Manager, Economic Prosperity & Housing).

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MEETING MINUTES (continued)

Growth Projections (Next 20 Years)

- Population growth projection: 81,000 additional residents citywide.
- Approximately 38,000 new housing units needed to meet that growth.
- 43,200 new jobs planned to ensure residents can live and work in Vancouver.

What Is Infill Development?

Infill development is the process of developing vacant or underutilized parcels within already-developed areas. It helps increase housing supply and can improve affordability. It is driven by private-property owners and shaped by market forces, regulations, and personal choice.

Zoning Updates

The Comprehensive Plan update will revise land use laws, making housing types more flexible. Changes are expected to occur gradually over the next 20 years. The three main zoning districts affecting our neighborhood:

- **Medium-Scale Neighborhood:** Broad range of housing types plus retail, civic, and office uses. Minimum density of 16–17 units/acre; maximum height 75 feet (~5–6 stories).
- **Mixed-Use Neighborhood:** Housing, commercial, and civic uses. Minimum density of 32 units/acre; maximum height 110 feet (~8 stories). Potential housing types include townhomes, plex housing, courtyard apartments, cottage clusters, and multifamily.
- **Regional Activity Center:** Commercial, employment, civic, and entertainment uses with dense housing. Minimum density of 64 units/acre; no maximum building height.

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

- ADUs under 1,000 sq ft qualify for reduced permit fees. Apartments above garages count as ADUs. Larger ADUs are permitted but do not receive the fee reduction.

Additional Policy Changes Supporting Housing

- Impact fee and System Development Charge (SDC) payment deferrals.
- Multifamily Tax Exemption (MFTE) program incentives.
- Elimination of minimum parking requirements for affordable housing.
- Flexibility to waive ground-floor commercial requirements for new multifamily buildings.
- Shorter development review timelines.
- ADUs and duplexes now permitted in single-family zones.

View zoning map: beheardvancouver.org/plan2045
 Questions: OurVancouver2045@cityofvancouver.us

Arnada Summer Kickball

Kickball season is finally here! This summer marks the 14th season of Vancouver's Southwest Washington Neighborhood Kickball League, created by Arnada resident Todd Bachmann. Every summer teams representing our neighboring neighborhoods meet for friendly competition and a guaranteed good time.

Kickball games are a great way to get out and meet your neighbors. Come to play or come to watch!

If you are interested in playing for Arnada Armada come to any game wearing a red shirt and appropriate shoes. All Arnada residents are invited to play, ages 12+.

All teams gather at Trap Door after games to continue the fun and to grab a bite and a pint. Families are welcome and encouraged to come!



ARNADA ARMADA KICKBALL SCHEDULE

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| Game 1: Thursday, May 28 7:00pm at Arnada Park | Carter Park Kickers | VS | Arnada Armada |
| Game 2: Thursday, June 4 7:00pm at Arnada Park | NW Fireballs | VS | Arnada Armada |
| Game 3: Thursday, June 11 7:00pm at Arnada Park | Rose Village Thorns | VS | Arnada Armada |
| Game 4: Thursday, June 18 7:00pm at Arnada Park | Lincoln/Shumway Misfits | VS | Arnada Armada |
| Game 5: Thursday, June 25 7:00pm at Arnada Park | Hough Shazamroxx | VS | Arnada Armada |
| Game 6: Wednesday, July 8 7:00pm at Arnada Park | Arnada Armada | VS | Carter Park Kickers |
| Game 7: Wednesday, July 15 7:00pm at Franklin Park | Arnada Armada | VS | NW Fireballs |
| Game 8: Wednesday, July 22 7:00pm at Washington Elementary | Arnada Armada | VS | Rose Village Thorns |
| Game 9: Wednesday, July 29 7:00pm at Arnada Park | Arnada Armada | VS | Lincoln/Shumway Misfits |
| Game 10: Wednesday, August 5 7:00pm at John Ball Park | Arnada Armada | VS | Hough Shazamroxx |

Semifinals will take place the week of August 10th with the championship game taking place the following week.

Junior Market is Coming

Get ready for a day of young entrepreneurship at its finest! Over 300 kids aged 6-16 are gearing up to take over Esther Short Park as they become proud business owners for a day at the Junior Market with an array of high-quality products, ranging from artwork, decoupage oysters, jewelry, hand creams, and birdhouses to organically grown produce and more.

Thanks to the incredible support of program investors like OnPoint Community Credit Union, this educational initiative is offered completely free of charge, giving kids the opportunity to learn vital life skills such as business operations, responsibility, financial literacy, goal setting, and teamwork.

Come and support our young kidpreneurs by shopping local at the Junior Market!



Saturday, June 6th
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Esther Short Park

Ribbon cutting/market opening: 9:00 am

Learn more:
<https://www.vancouverusa.com/lemonade-day>

Source: Vancouver's Downtown Association

A Green Bag Summer

Summer will be here soon and the weather will be heating up! Think of kids home from school and easy summer recipes. What will you donate for others this month?



The Clark Neighbors Food Project collects non-perishable food and toiletries six times per year. We collect from your front porch and items from Arnada are delivered to FISH of Vancouver.

Most needed items at FISH right now:
crackers, syrup, cereal, laundry soap and spaghetti sauce.

Find out more at clarkfoodproject.org. Sign up online or contact our Neighborhood Coordinator: Sandi Christensen (sandichristensen16@gmail.com) or (360) 772-4026. If you are a business, contact Sandi if you are interested in coordinating as a drop-off site.

Building Community. Sharing Food. One Green Bag at a Time.



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| <i>June Events Calendar</i> | | |
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| Date/Time | Event | Details |
| June 13: 9 - 10 a.m. | Uptown Neighborhood Cleanup Kindred Vancouver 2213 Main Street | Help take care of our little corner of the world at our monthly neighborhood clean-up in Uptown! Meet at Kindred, to get gloves, picker-uppers, buckets, etc. We'll deploy and pick up what trash we can in the radius and then bring it back to Kindred for disposal. |
| June 14: 12 - 4 p.m. | America 250 Series: Flag Day O. O. Howard House 750 Anderson Street | An afternoon of music, poetry readings, display of the American flags that have flown over the Vancouver Barracks, living history character meet-and-greets, and a flag-related make-and-take craft activity. Food trucks will be available for tasty bites! FREE. Full schedule: thehistorictrust.org |
| June 20: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Nature Day Columbia Springs 12208 SE Evergreen Hwy | A day of hands-on science and nature experiences exploring cultural ecosystems for all ages! Bring your curiosity and be prepared for some nature fun! Drop by when it works for you. FREE. No RSVP required. |
| June 27: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Family and Cultural Connections Series: Craft Day Artillery Barracks 600 E Hathaway | Family-friendly community craft event, with hands-on creative activities for all ages; basketry with the Columbia Basin Basketry Guild, origami with Holly Williams, puppet making with Dragon Theater, and more. Bring your imagination and take home something you've created! FREE. |
| June 27: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Northwest Book Fair & Media Fest Gaiser Hall at Clark College 1933 Fort Vancouver Way | Celebrating stories, creativity, and community across the Pacific Northwest, this event brings together over 90 exhibitors for a full day of workshops, author signings, and live storytelling at Clark College's Student Center. FREE. Learn more at: northwestbookfair.com |
| July 4: 12 - 5 p.m. | America turns 250! Fort Vancouver Parade Grounds 1101 Officers Row | America is turning 250 years old and it's time to party! A festive day of fun, family activities you won't want to miss. FREE. |