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# ARNADA NEIGHBORHOOD

ARNADA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Est. 1976

## Notes for Arnada

We are your Arnada Neighborhood Association. As an organization we want to be welcoming, respectful, open-minded, fun, dependable, and trusted. We need to hear your compliments and concerns so we know what we are doing well and what you see as a need to be resolved.

Some neighbors have complained about traffic well above the speed limit on 22nd Street. The ANA (Arnada Neighborhood Association) has acquired the forms to submit to the City for traffic calming on that street. The opportunity to submit is annually in February so we will not know for a while if we can achieve our goal with the request. If you'd like to help, send us a statement about your experience with the traffic on 22nd or another street if you believe we should have there a concern as well. The more voices that are heard. . . well, as they say, the squeaky wheel gets the grease. Fingers crossed.

Complaints were received about the large amount of rubbish on the other side of the fence on Reserve Street. On May 9th we will make our first effort on that clean up. (See more details in the newsletter).

Someone requested something be done about the basketball court being in disrepair. Efforts are being made to get bids so we can understand how to tackle the situation.

There will soon be a community tool library for the Arnada residents.

We want to hear from you. There are a couple of ways you can let us know. In person, we meet on the second Thursday of the month. The date and address are featured prominently in the newsletter. Show up and let us know. You can also write to ANA@arnadaneighborhood.org.

Shifting gears, a bit but still in need of your response. . . we have heard from some people that they find it difficult to get around on the neighborhood sidewalks because of the disrepair in spots. As you walk around the neighborhood, imagine doing it with a walker. Would you be comfortable on the sidewalk you are on if your mobility was limited?  
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**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: May 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

In person: 2500 Main Street VHA  
Zoom: Meeting ID 898 9278 0400  
Passcode 000165  
[Meeting Link](#)



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### Agenda

- City & Port Updates
- Guest Rebecca Kennedy, Deputy Director of the Vancouver City Community Development Department  
Topic: Middle housing infill as noted in the '2045 Comprehensive Plan'  
Bring your questions!
- Neighborhood news

## **Arnada Neighborhood Association Resources**

Website: [arnadaneighborhood.org/](http://arnadaneighborhood.org/)

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### **Arnada Neighborhood Association**

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*Vice Chairperson:* Position Vacant

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**Send newsletter content submission to**  
**[ANA@arnadaneighborhood.org](mailto:ANA@arnadaneighborhood.org)**

## **Notes for Arnada** (continued)

The sidewalk is an easement through your property but it is the property owner's responsibility to keep the sidewalk in serviceable condition. It is not inexpensive to repair a broken sidewalk. However, the cost is far less than the liability a broken sidewalk poses. We have a list of cement contractors provided by the city and at least one has expressed an interest in creating a group discount if several properties are presented for bid.

Take a look at your sidewalk and if you want to check further into the group discount, please get a hold of ANA. We can do nothing without homeowners asking for the chance to meet with the contractor(s).

The newsletter is growing. Apartment buildings and condo buildings are being approached and we are putting posters in the buildings for residents to get digital copies of the newsletter. We look forward of being of service to every neighbor in Arnada.

Finally, we have heard suggestions for possible neighborhood events in addition to what we currently have. (The upcoming events are listed in the newsletter). What do you think of having a Labor Day Picnic, or participating in a National Night Out and a chance to meet the neighbors? How about a neighborhood garage sale event or Memorial Day events—parade, bike decorating, grill & chill, etc. or . . . (your idea here)? Let us know, please.

Keep Smilin'  
Doc

## **Turn Your Food Scraps into Climate Action**

When food waste goes to landfills, it produces methane—a powerful greenhouse gas that fuels climate change. Yours doesn't have to.

Curbside composting is a simple. If you have Waste Connections' Organics service, toss all your food scraps into your green curbside Organics cart. Not set up for composting at home? No problem. *We Compost Community Hub* locations are here for you, offering convenient access for anyone who lacks access to Organics service. The nearest Compost Community Hub location is in Arnada at Kindred (2213 Main St.).

More information: <https://clark.wa.gov/public-works/clark-county-we-compost-community-hubs>

# ARNADA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES: April 9, 2026

**Attendees:** Charlene Abrams, Jill Bachmann, Todd Bachmann, Rena Benette, Ali Boris, Austin Evans, Cedar Evans, Miles Fitzwater, Bart Hansen, Colin Hildebrandt, Britney Judd, Sharon Morse, Brent Waddle, Sandi Christensen, Tim Gruscinski, Kathie Loveall, Russ Pascoe, Doc Reiss, Ken Visser

**Approved:** The March meeting minutes, published in the April newsletter

**Treasurer's Report:** The association currently has \$7,391 in combined savings and checking accounts.

**Neighborhood Police Officer Update:** Crime in Arnada is down 40% year-to-date. Residents were reminded to call 311 for non-emergency concerns rather than calling 911, including livability issues such as abandoned vehicles, graffiti, or individuals living in cars. "Cruise the Couve" is expected to continue growing in popularity each year. The can redemption/recycling facility near Delta Park is expected to close at the end of June, with uncertain impacts on the community.

**Chairman Update:** Flyers for the Neighborhood Association have been posted in several apartment building bulletin boards. The association is exploring audio and translated versions of the newsletter and website for better accessibility. Additional outreach ideas include creating newsletter stands and stickers for placement in local businesses.

**Easter Egg Hunt Recap:** The event was well attended, with 27 children and 40 adults participating. All eggs were found within approximately three and a half minutes.

**Neighborhood Updates:** An upcoming neighborhood cleanup is planned for May 9 near Reserve Street and McLoughlin.

Concerns were raised about sidewalk conditions, particularly impacting a visually impaired resident.

The Vancouver Symphony has expressed interest in collaborating with the neighborhood by providing up to two musicians for community events at little/no cost.

Grant opportunities are available for the neighborhood, particularly for projects supporting youth, renters, immigrants, LGBTQ+ individuals, and minority communities.

**Kickball Team Sponsorship:** Discussion was held regarding sponsorship of the neighborhood kickball team. Members expressed both support and questions regarding funding use. Motion: Approve ANA sponsorship for production of kickball team t-shirts.

**City Updates:** Bart Hansen from the City of Vancouver provided an overview of annexation considerations and urban growth planning. The city is planning for approximately 36,000 new housing units by 2045 (about 2,000 units per year), with requirements tied to zoning and development goals. Affordable housing targets include approximately 536 units annually, with an estimated cost of \$500,000 per unit and roughly \$10 million allocated per year. The current vacancy rate is around 5%, prompting continued apartment development. Efforts are focused on equitable distribution of growth across neighborhoods. Current housing challenges were noted as partly stemming from underdevelopment following 2008.

## Thanks Easter Bunny



Neighbors gathered at our park Easter weekend to cheer on the kids as they cleaned up all the eggs. Eggs were gone in a flash!!



Thank you Compass Coffee for the coffee and cocoa donation. It was so nice to get together with the help of our Arnada Neighborhood Association.

## We Need Your Help

The bad news is . . . Washington State will see over 37 million pounds of litter this year and about half of that will be on the land adjacent to roadways. The good news is. . . we are not dealing with the majority of it. However, there is an area adjacent to Reserve Street and McLoughlin Boulevard that needs cleaning up. And we are looking for volunteers to help with that on May 9th.

Spruce the Couve is being held on May 9th along with the regular Second Saturday cleanup for Main Street and volunteers are needed for both the Downtown and Arnada streets as well as the roadside on Reserve Street. Please help.

The downtown area will include beautification projects. The Main Street and adjacent streets in Arnada are primarily litter pick up. The area of McLoughlin and Reserve Street is in dire need of



Photo: Reserve Street

help. It has been used as a campsite by some individuals. Some of the rubbish has also come from cars on the adjacent highway. The Reserve area is not a one-day event but we need to get started. If you would like to join in this effort and have a 5-gallon bucket or a wheelbarrow, please join us there.

### How to get involved:

Contact Alex at Kindred

2213 Main Street, [www.kindredvancouver.com](http://www.kindredvancouver.com)

—or—

Register to volunteer at: <https://www.volgistics.com/appform/690176340>

The Downtown coordinator can be reached at [ambassador@vdausa.org](mailto:ambassador@vdausa.org).

If you can spare only an hour or two, you could be an immense help in beautifying our neighborhood and our community. Tools and techniques are limited but will be provided for the most part.

No one will miss the litter but it would be a shame to miss you. Please volunteer today. Thanks.

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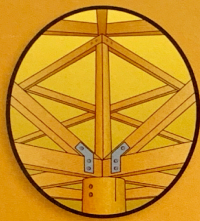
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