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ARNADA NEIGHBORHOOD

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From the Arnada Neighborhood Association Board:

There's no formal neighborhood association meeting in August, just a party! We hope you will join neighbors for the mural painting on 22nd and D Street on Saturday, August 8 at 9:00AM. But even if you can't help with that, we hope you will join us for the Annual Arnada Street Party at 4:00PM! Hot dogs - with vegetarian option, lemonade, and tableware will be provided. We ask that you provide a potluck dish to share. Bring appetizer, dessert, salad or a main dish. And bring your chair if you want to sit. Please join us!

We apologize for the tardy July newsletter! There was miscommunication on submission and a delay from the City printer due to holidays. Therefore, we'll delay the Neighborhood officers elections until October. The chair and vice chair positions are open. If you are interested in either position and are unable to attend the September ANA meeting, you may indicate your intention to run for office by emailing any member of the ANA Board of Directors no later than 5 pm on Thursday, September 10. Candidates will be announced at the September 10 ANA meeting and named in the October newsletter. Elections will be held during the ANA meeting on October 8th. We are retaining two past Chairpersons on the Board so you'd have their help in your new position as well as full support and assistance from the other Board members.



***D & 22 Streets will be barricaded
Friday morning, August 7th.
No vehicle traffic allowed August
7th through the morning of
Monday the 9th.***

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The Hough Foundation

Serving Arnada's Elementary School

Most of Arnada's kindergarden through fifth grade students attend the Hough Elementary School on Daniels Street in the Hough neighborhood. Arnada and Hough Neighborhoods share Main Street and Hough runs west from there.

We are lucky to have a foundation dedicated to enriching programs at our school and filling holes in services where our state and local taxes sometimes fall short. The Hough Foundation was established in 1992 to provide support to programs and projects that enhance the Hough Neighborhood and Hough Elementary School.

At Hough School a part-time assistant helps the School District FCRC Coordinator manage the Family Service Center.

Mental Health is an area of focus for the Hough Foundation. It connects and pays for many students and families to receive mental health resources in the community.

Foundation Administrative Assistants coordinate five after school enrichment programs, Choir, Music Exploration, Piano Lab, Community Garden and Horticulture/Garden Club. Music education prepares the brain for math and literacy. Children involved in these programs tend to have improved grades and school attendance. Being a part of Music Exploration or Choir enables students to perform on stage in front of their school community, their families and in the community. Many students that participate in Hough Foundation music programs continue to be involved in the arts as they go forward to middle and high school.

[Hough Foundation](#) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization

One of their biggest fundraisers is happening this month. For more information see our business sponsorship page.

Arnada Street Mural Painting

We'll pressure wash at 22nd & D Streets Friday August 7th. We can use a few volunteers and a second gas powered pressure washer. ***If you can supply a washer please contact Russ Pascoe at becruss@hotmail.com***

On Saturday the 8th we will start painting at 9:00 am. We need lots of volunteers for that. Children 8 and over are welcome to paint if supervised by a parent who is not painting themselves. If you have them bring brushes and rollers. Pole rollers too. Knee or sitting pads for comfort and old clothes.

Plan to join the party at 4:00PM.



ANA Meeting Minutes July 9, 2026

Attendees: Charlene Abrams, Jill Bachmann, Ali Boris, Tim Gruscinski, Joan Keenen, Kathie Loveall, Anne McEnerny-Ogle (City of Vancouver) Sharon Morse, Koko Olszewski (City of Vancouver), Russ Pascoe, Sandi Christensen, Ken Visser, Glen Yung (Clark County)

Leadership & Elections Update

- Doc Reiss has resigned as Chairman. The Chairman and Vice Chairman positions are both currently vacant. Sandi Christensen is chairing meetings through at least October.
- The board discussed that the current leadership structure (Chairman, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) is flexible. The bylaws can be amended by a member vote if the association wishes to adopt a different model. Mayor McEnerny-Ogle encouraged member engagement: "The city needs your voice."
- Nominations are open for Chairman and Vice Chairman. through the September meeting.
- Candidates will be announced at the September



meeting, published in the newsletter, and voted on at the October meeting.

Minutes & Treasurer's Report

May meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

- Treasury balance: approximately \$7,000 in the bank; outstanding uncashed checks bring the effective balance to approximately \$6,700. \$200 was donated to the Vancouver Jazz Band following the Concert in the Park: \$140 raised by attendees, \$60 contributed by the board.

Mayor's Update — Anne McEnerny-Ogle

- The I-5 Bridge project has received its Record of



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Decision, clearing the way to solicit contractors and begin permitting.

- I-5 south will close for approximately 5 weeks beginning September 11. Residents and businesses should plan accordingly. The city is advising staff to work from home during this period. For more information: <https://www.i5rosequarter.org/current-construction-travel-impacts/#Signbridge>

- SR-14 will be closed in stages to power wash, paint (light gray), and seal the Confluence Land Bridge. WSDOT is covering the cost of paint; the city is covering road closure and cleaning costs.

Timeline: September 2026.

- Hewlett Packard has purchased 98 acres at the old quarry site and is relocating its Boise engineering campus to Vancouver. A master plan includes 5 additional buildings. HP has had a small presence in Vancouver for years; this represents a major expansion into a high-tech campus on 192nd.

- Fruit Valley Subarea Plan: The city is conducting a comprehensive review of the Fruit Valley area to guide future growth in coordination with major stakeholders including the Port of Vancouver, Vancouver Housing Authority, and Frito-Lay.

- Vancouver Arts Hub (Old Library): Architects are presenting plans to convert the old library into an arts hub with studios, a black box theater, and other spaces. A report is expected in fall 2026. The transition will be phased to keep the building in use throughout.

- The Comprehensive Plan has been completed and approved. The county can now proceed with its portion.

- The Bridge Shelter near Vancouver Mall remains on track and is expected to open November 2026. The facility includes two pre-engineered steel buildings with a separate kitchen. Two mural opportunities (interior and exterior) are available. Interested artists should contact the city for details.

- Inspire Vancouver grants are funded through a sales tax and support arts, culture, heritage, science, and nonprofit work. Categories include major capital projects, student cultural access, and community/neighborhood grants (block parties, mural paintings, community-building events). 65 grants have been awarded so far; more will be approved in September. Grant funds can be used for liability insurance. Visit the Inspire Vancouver

website to check eligibility:

<https://www.inspirevancouver.org/>

- City boards and commissions: A position is currently open on the Parking Advisory Committee.

Clark County Update — Glen Yung

- November ballot will include a bond measure and a levy lid lift to fund a major remodel and expansion of the county jail, which has not been updated since the 1980s. Currently, the jail does not accept most non-felony bookings due to capacity and condition.

- The vision is to create a facility focused on wellness and recovery, not just incarceration. The full project is estimated at \$500 million; a partial build-out is estimated at \$340 million. Expected to serve the community for 20-40 years.

- The bond would fund construction (dropping off after 30 years); the levy lid lift would fund ongoing staffing. Cost to median homeowners is estimated at approximately \$300/year.

- Residents are encouraged to tour the jail to understand current conditions. Tours are available and are described as eye-opening.

Upcoming Events

- Street Mural Painting – August 8. Ken Visser is coordinating the city permit and barrier logistics. Russ Pascoe will handle supplies and paint. Barricades are arranged. MOTION: To approve up to \$200 for street mural paint and supplies. Approved unanimously.

- Street Party – August 8 Estimated 30-40 attendees based on last year. Russ Pascoe will do a Costco run for meat, buns, and condiments. Sandi Christensen will bring a cooler with ice. Ali Boris will bring cups, plates, and bamboo silverware. Mark Ray will be the event coordinator. Attendees should bring a potluck dish and chairs. MOTION: To approve up to \$250 for food and party supplies. Approved

- Presenter ideas: Members are encouraged to submit ideas for future meeting presentations to any board member. Topics can include organizations, city departments, or community issues.

Sandi will look into code enforcement as a potential presenter (property rules, setbacks, what is and isn't permitted on residential lots).

- A casual park gathering is being discussed for September. Details to come.

Neighborhood Cleanup October 3rd. **ANITA REYES NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE IT HAPPEN!**

Don't make her look for you! anitaface@gmail.com



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