

October 2026



Arnada Armada Team, Winning Season But No Championship

The 2026 SW Vancouver Neighborhood Kickball season, which was christened by Miss Greater Vancouver with a ceremonial first pitch, saw your neighborhood's Arnada Armada dominate the regular season, clinching the #1 title. However, the final championship game in late August eluded the Armada yet again, keeping the 2026 championship title from their grasp.

The Armada team finished the season with 8 wins, 1 loss, and 1 tie. They beat the NW Fireballs in Round 2 of the playoffs, advancing to the final championship game for the kickball title. They were matched against the Lincoln/Shumway Misfits, who finished the regular season in third place but fought their way through the multi-round playoffs to reach the final bout against the Armada. It was a deja-vu match-up of last year's championship game.

The Misfits jumped out to a 6-run lead in the first inning. The Armada answered with some runs, but Lincoln matched them with even more, increasing the gap. Late in the game, the Armada found a rally drive spurred by a stellar catch by the first baseman, who stretched impossibly far while keeping his foot on the bag to nail the out. Then, when up to kick, another Armadian booted a powerhouse home run; Both plays created a boisterous burst of momentum.

However, your team couldn't outscore the Misfits by Armada's final at-kick in the 7th inning. The Misfits took the championship title for the third year in a row.

The Arnada Armada may not have clinched the championship this year, but they clinched the spirit of the Arnada neighborhood. We graciously had our neighborhood turn out for our games, whether to play or to be there for support.

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ANA Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2026

Sandi Christensen presiding

Attendees: Charlene Abrams, Ali Boris, Sandi Christensen, Tim Gruscinski, Kathie Loveall, Russ Pascoe, Ken Visser, Brent Waddle (City of Vancouver liaison)

Treasurer’s Report Approved

- Current balance: \$6,762. Down approximately \$1,100 on the year. Income has been generated through the sponsorship page.

City of Vancouver Update — Brent Waddle

- Construction on Main Street is nearing completion and is expected to wrap up within one to two months.

Board Elections

- Jill Bachmann has been nominated for Chairperson. Ali Boris has been nominated for Vice Chairperson. A formal vote will take place at the October meeting.
- If Jill Bachmann is elected, her current role as newsletter distributor will need to be filled by another volunteer.

Newsletter Volunteer Needed

- A volunteer is needed to take over newsletter distribution duties. The time commitment is approximately 2–3 hours per month. The city delivers newsletters to the volunteer’s front porch for distribution. A description of the duties of the newsletter distribution coordinator will be in the next newsletter.

Upcoming Presentations

- October meeting: A representative from the “Be Ready Vancouver” emergency preparedness program will present.
- Michelle McHugh has offered to present information on the Recycle U class and sidewalk

repair coordination. She has also been in contact with a representative from the Homeless Assistance and Resources Team (HART) and would like to invite them to present at the November meeting.

Neighborhood Cleanup

- Outreach to neighboring associations Hough and Carter Park has not received a response. The cleanup as previously announced will not proceed in its original form.
- Editor's note: Subsequent to this meeting the NA Board decided we will attempt to run a Spring 2027 cleanup.

Holiday Party: Thursday, December 10

- Trap Door, the planned venue for the ANA holiday party, is closing. Vice Beer will be taking over the location October 7th. Kathie Loveall confirmed with Vice Beer that the ANA holiday

HELP WANTED
Newsletter Delivery Coordinator
Position Description

Background: Arnada publishes this newsletter monthly. The newsletter editor transmits them to the City. City prints them for delivery to neighborhood businesses and residents. Newsletters, along with sponsorship sheets, are delivered together by volunteers organized by the newsletter delivery coordinator.

Position: The tasks of the coordinator take about 2-3 hours a month. The City delivers the newsletters to the coordinator’s door. The coordinator picks up the ANA sponsorship sheets from our printer near Ft. Vancouver High School. The coordinator divides the newsletters and sponsorship sheets into quantities for each carrier matching the number of residences/business on their route. After dividing them up into packets, the coordinator delivers them to each carrier’s residence. The carriers deliver them at least a week before the monthly meeting. The ANA would provide the incumbent the information needed to do the coordinator’s task (carrier contact info and a map of the carrier zones). Our two former coordinators will mentor you too.

Currently there are 15 volunteer neighborhood carriers and four substitutes. If a carrier cannot complete their route the coordinator enlists a substitute or otherwise ensures that they are delivered. If a carrier resigns the coordinator recruits a new person to take over their route.



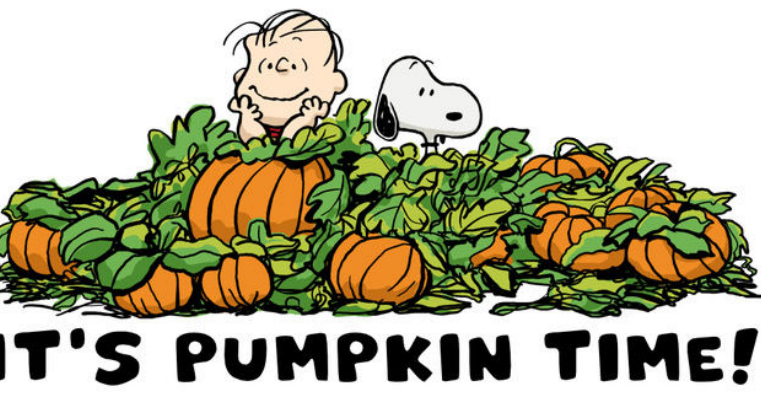
2026 Dine the ‘Couve

Celebrate 11 years of Dine the Couve this October! Vancouver WA's official dining month brings unbeatable 3 for \$35 *and/or* 3 for \$50 dining specials, and the chance to try out the area's hottest restaurants all month long. There are 24 participating restaurants including Loyal Legion, Provecho, Uptown Barrel Room, Silverball Social Club, Coral Club, and Willamette Valley Vineyards.

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Happy Pumpkin Patch Season
By Amy Carlson

It’s time once again for the mostly-annual Clark county pumpkin patch round up. Every year my daughter and I visit at least four pumpkin patches. This may sound ridiculous but each one has different things to offer; train rides, mazes, crafts, animals, cider, heirloom pumpkins, hay rides, pumpkin people on Pumpkin Lane, and of course pumpkins for carving. You’ve got to visit more than one to cover everything. Build your own pumpkin patch bingo card and go for a blackout. It’s become a beloved fall tradition we look forward to every October.

2026 Clark County pumpkin patch roundup...

Bi-Zi Farms Pumpkin Patch
Bi-Zi farms is a good choice if you only have time for one pumpkin patch and you want to do a lot. It gets very crowded on weekends and many schools visit for field trips on weekdays so plan accordingly. Warning: do not visit the ‘corn bin’ unless you want to hear about it monthly until next October. Not sure what a corn bin is? Think massive sandbox filled with dried corn instead of sand; it is in a fully enclosed greenhouse so a good pick on a drizzly day. Grab a coffee and let them go wild. The last time we did the maze here it took FOREVER so wear comfy shoes and bring a water (seriously) and snacks if you’ve got kids with you.

Details: Admission includes a wagon ride to/from the patch, one free pumpkin (any size you can carry), entrance to the giant corn bin play area, two shots at the pumpkin

launchers, admission to the corn maze and same-day admission to the Nighttime corn maze on Friday and Saturday nights, hippity hop races, hay bale maze and pyramid, one free hot drink (coffee/cider/cocoa), petting zoo, and more. Dogs must be leashed at all times.

Address: 9504 NE 119th Street, Vancouver, WA 98662
Hours: October 1 – October 31: Tuesday-Sunday 10am – 6pm (closed Mondays); entrance closes at 5pm (1 hour prior to closing). Nighttime corn maze Fri. & Sat. 6-10 pm; entrance ends 30 min. prior to closing.
Cost: \$17.25 ages 3+; \$15 ages 62+ (and those with a valid military ID); tickets must be purchased online in advance
Website: <https://www.bi-zifarms.com>

Waltons Farms
If you are looking for a more relaxed and crowd-free experience, you’ll find it here. Every visit we’ve made has been calm and peaceful. The corn maze here is on the smaller side but hands-down it’s our favorite. You have to find and solve a number of riddles hidden throughout the maze and finding them isn’t always easy. You get a treat if you manage to solve them all.

Details: Admission includes one pumpkin any size (ages 3+), corn maze, and train ride (grown-ups can ride too!). Dogs must be leashed at all times.

Address: 1617 NE 267th Avenue, Camas, WA
Hours: October 4 – 26; Thurs./Fri. 3 – 5pm, Sat./Sun. 10am – 5pm, closed Mon. – Wed.
Cost: \$13 per person, 2 and under are free, Seniors 55+ \$11
Website: <http://www.waltonsfarms.com>

Pumpkin Lane at Pomeroy Living History Farm
Pomery Farms is a gem. It’s a bit of a drive but the farm and adjoining Pomeroy Cellars winery are worth the trip. The farm is a living museum of life in the 1920s with a farmhouse, barn, blacksmith shop, gardens, grounds, and more. The real treat is the hayride down Pumpkin Lane where you'll see dozens of "pumpkin people" scenes; anything from pumpkin Harry Potter to pumpkin Great British Baking Show. It’s amazing.

Details: Enjoy photo-ops, kid activities like rolling trucks through dried corn or rubber duck gutter races, visit the farm animals and blacksmith shop, or grab a coffee, snack or lunch from the food vendors. Pumpkins are not

included in admission. No ATM on site. Free parking. Service animals only.

Address: 20902 NE Lucia Falls Road, Yacolt, WA 98675
Hours: weekends only October; Sat. – Sun. 10am – 5pm (last admission at 4pm)
Cost: \$8 for adults & \$6 for children ages 3–11 (2 and under are free)
<https://pomeroyfarm.org/pumpkin-lane/>

After Dark: There is also an after dark event on October 9th and 23rd from 5:30 – 7:30pm; cost is \$40 per person (21+ only). Tickets include an evening hayride around Pumpkin Lane, a beverage token, and two s'mores kits for roasting. Pumpkins, additional drinks, and food options including Mosscrowe BBQ are available for purchase.

The Patch at Whalen Oaks Farm
The Patch is very picturesque, so much so that professional photographers must reserve time in advance. Their marketplace is a great spot to grab heirloom pumpkins, floral items, fall goods, and produce. Weekends usually have crowds but they also have food so you can make a day of it. The maze here is 5-acres, start it when you’ve got plenty of daylight. BYO wagon for hauling from the field or sales stand area if you can; there only a scant few are available on site and on a busy day your car will be far from the checkout.

Details: A 40+ acre farm offering a small and large corn maze, hay maze, pumpkin bowling, food on weekends (burgers, BBQ, coffee, shave ice), lots of free photo-op areas, and more. Choose from picking in the large u-pick field or find the perfect pumpkin or special variety item in the pre-picked bins. Dogs must be leashed at all times.

Address: 636 Whalen Rd., Woodland, WA 98674
Hours: October 1 – 31: Tues.–Fri. 11am–6 pm, Sat. 10 am–6 pm, Sun. 12–6 pm
Cost: General admission is free. Individual costs for pumpkins; a medium-sized carving pumpkin is around \$6 but giant pumpkins can be up to \$50. Activities like the large corn maze, hay rides (weekends only), and pumpkin bowling (weekends only) require tickets. Tickets are \$6 age 13+, \$4 age 12 and under, age 2 and under are free. Grab a wristband! Wristbands are \$10 each and include one 5-acre corn maze entry, one hayride, and one pumpkin bowl (3-12 only).
Website: <https://www.whalenoaksfarm.com/the-patch>

Vancouver Pumpkin Patch at Velvet Acres Garden
This spot has the largest hay pyramid I have ever seen. And its covered so don’t let the rain keep you away. Give yourself some extra time to send a few apples flying with the apple cannon and be sure to check out the duck races and play area for the kids. You can also pick your own produce at \$1.50/pound; they have tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, cucumbers, and beans. Bring your own containers.

Details: Admission includes entry to the pumpkin patch, covered hayride, corn maze, covered petting zoo, covered hay pyramid, and one pumpkin from the patch (3+ only). Additional pumpkins, gourds, and other fall décor, including corn stalks, are available for purchase as well as a variety of squashes grown on the farm. Snacks and food are available for purchase.

Address: 18905 NE 83rd Street, Vancouver, WA 98682
Hours: Opens Sept. 25th, Tues. – Sun. 11 am–6 pm
Cost: \$10 weekdays, \$12 weekends; children 2 and under free.
Website: <https://vancouverpumpkinpatch.com>

Agenda for Thursday, October 8
7:00 pm at VHA
zoom link: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/86381828190?pwd=TtbUKhgTeCkGVH1T35oV08DA3tbL1A.1>

- Approve September Meeting Minutes
- Election of new officers
- City info, if representatives are present
- Be Prepared Vancouver--presentation by Jordan MacFarlane, CRESA
- New business

Be Prepared, Arnada!
Come to hear from Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency. Jordan will present a community preparedness presentation on practical, manageable steps we can take to be prepared for emergencies such as staying informed, making a household emergency plan, building emergency supplies over time and knowing what to do when you need to evacuate or shelter in place. There will be time for Q&A.

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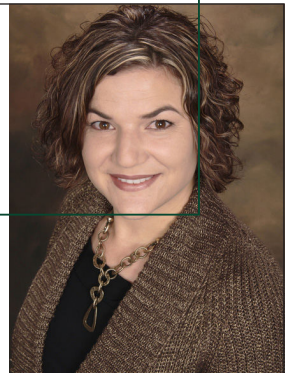
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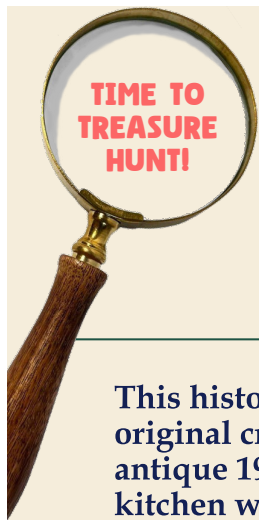
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2222 F Street ESTATE SALE



This historic Arnada home is currently undergoing a full restoration to bring it back to its original craftsman style. As the house was cleared, some treasures were found... a working antique 1940s stove made in Portland, a console stereo, antique furniture, glass works, kitchen wares, crockery, tools, collectible die-cast toys, outdoor items, holiday decor, and so much more. Come grab some treasures for a good cause.



PICKER'S
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October 9-11, 2026

9am - 3pm — NO early entry



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