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Agenda:

Approve October Meeting Minutes & Treasurer's Report
Street parking rules and regulations - Neighborhood Police Officer Lee Gelsinger
HART - Vancouver's Homeless Assistance Resource Team (Tyler to present)
Holiday Party final planning



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ANA Meeting Minutes October 8, 2026

Called to order: Sandi Christensen (acting chair)

Adjourned: Jill Bachmann (elected chair)

Attendees: Charlene Abrams, Jill Bachmann, Amy Carlson, Sandi Christensen, Tim Gruscinski, Kathie Loveall, Mark Ray, Russ Pascoe, Hannah Visser, Ken Visser, Brent Waddle, Karen Wilson

Minutes and Treasurer's Report Approved

Current balance: $7,191. Down approximately $700 for 2026. All income has come from the ad sheet.

Board Elections

Jill Bachmann ran for Chairperson. Ali Boris ran for Vice Chairperson. Both were elected unanimously.

Jill's priorities as incoming chair: (1) fostering social opportunities for neighbors to gather, (2) supporting Main Arnada businesses, (3) increasing youth involvement in the association, including a potential Kids Corner in each newsletter where children can submit drawings, poems, etc.

Newsletter Distribution

Karen Wilson has volunteered to take over newsletter distribution. Jill Bachmann will orient her.

Presentation: Emergency Preparedness

Jordan Macfarlane, Emergency Management Coordinator, Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency (CRESA)

Jordan presented "Prepared Together: Building Resilient Communities in Vancouver." The core message: start small, start now. In most emergencies, first responders arrive within 7-8 minutes. In a large-scale disaster, it could take days to weeks. Emergency services will prioritize life safety over neighborhood recovery, so personal and household preparedness matters.

Local Hazards to Know

Urban wildfire: monitor emergency alerts.

Flooding: move to higher ground, stay off bridges.

Severe weather: never leave people or pets in a closed vehicle.

Earthquakes, hazardous spills, and power outages: plan ahead for refrigerating medications and powering medical devices.

Power outage reminder: do not call 911 when the power goes out. Call your utility company.

Personal Preparedness Priorities

Water: One gallon per person (and pet) per day.

Food: Nonperishable foods you already eat. Include a manual can opener, shelf-stable items, and a LifeStraw water filter.

First Aid: Basic first aid kit, prescriptions (refill as soon as you're eligible, not when you run out), scissors. A plain cotton sheet is surprisingly versatile and can be cut into slings or bandages.

Shelter: Seasonal clothing, tarp or tent, hat, gloves, sunscreen, walking shoes, and a change of clothes.

Sanitation: A two-bucket system (one for liquid waste, one for solid), a handwashing station, personal hygiene items, and hand sanitizer.

Important Documents: Thumb drive with scanned copies, plus physical originals or copies of birth certificates, wills, mortgage documents, insurance documents, and property deeds. Include a photo of you and your pet.

Emergency Kits & Recommended Items

Home kit: two weeks of supplies.

Go-bag: three to four days of supplies.

Vehicle kit: 24-36 hours of supplies.

Pet kit: food, medications, and a favorite toy.

Check kits esch 6 months item expirations and clothing fit.

Cash, a full tank of gas, a crank radio, utility gloves, towels, N95 masks, phone chargers and a charging bank, house and vehicle keys, a flashlight, a multi-tool, and a deck of cards.

Attendee Feedback

Street sweeping: Members noted that while the City of Vancouver posts a street sweeping schedule online, it lists a week-long window rather than a specific day or time. The schedule runs approximately every 9 weeks. See the resources section below for a link.

Parking enforcement: Several members expressed frustration over receiving parking citations in front of their own homes while long-term vehicle encampments near the park have gone unaddressed. The board discussed inviting a representative from the City's parking division to a future meeting to answer questions. Note: Arnada falls within the City's Downtown Parking Enforcement District. See the resources section below.

Resources

Emergency preparedness plan (printable): https://www.ready.gov/plan-form

Clark County emergency alerts: https://ClarkPublicAlerts.org

City of Vancouver street sweeping schedule: https://www.cityofvancouver.us/government/department/public-works/water-sewer-and-stormwater/street-sweeping/

Downtown Parking Enforcement District: https://www.cityofvancouver.us/economic-prosperity-and-housing/parking/downtown-enforcement/

Leaf Disposal Dumpsters

November 7 - 8th and Nov 28-29th at E 20th St and F St & E 25th St and F St.

LEAVES ONLY! NO OTHER YARD DEBRIS. Empty your bags and take them home to use again. Do not leave bags in he dumpster please. We won't be able to offer this in the future if bags or trash is left in the dumpsters.

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF PEARSON FIELD!

Hough & Arnada Neighborhood Residents: We Want Your Voice!

The City of Vancouver is looking for one community representative from the Hough neighborhood and one from the Arnada neighborhood to serve on the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) for the Pearson Field Airport Master Plan. This is an opportunity to help shape the future of one of Nation's oldest continuously operating airfields in the United States and ensure that neighborhood perspectives are part of the planning process.

WHAT IS THE PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)?

The PAC will work alongside City airport staff and the project consultant to provide community feedback as they evaluate Pearson Field's future needs, opportunities, and challenges.

You do not need to be a pilot or aviation expert to participate! We are looking for engaged community members who are willing to learn, listen, ask questions, and share thoughtful perspectives.

WHAT IS THE COMMITMENT?

Attend all three scheduled PAC meetings (dates to be announced).

Learn about Pearson Field and the Airport Master Plan.

Come prepared to participate and share constructive feedback.

Consider the perspectives and interests of the broader community.

Work collaboratively with other committee members.

HOW TO EXPRESS INTEREST

Subscribe to our digital newsletter!

Residents interested in serving should submit a brief statement explaining why they would be a good candidate to represent their neighborhood.
Deadline to submit interest: November 13, 2026, to PearsonField@cityofvancouver.us
Selections will be made by November 20, 2026.
Help ensure your neighborhood has a voice in planning the future of Pearson Field!
Find out more; Pearson Field Airport Master Plan

KIDS' CORNER

Jokes by: Winnie C. 2nd g. age: 7

What is a Sharks favorite sandwich?
What? Penut butter jellyfish!

What is a turkeys favorite dessert?
What? peach gobbler!

Thanks to Winnie C., age 7, for sharing!

Send your art by the 15th of each month to kids@arnadaneighborhood.org



We'll feature a junior neighborhood artist each month.

Paul's an Arnada History

Being part of thriving Uptown Vancouver is one of the things that makes Aranda a great place to live. As chair, I'm going out and sitting down with some of our business neighbors. Allow me to share highlights from my conversation with the new "Paul" of Paul's Restaurant. - Jill Bachmann

Welcome Paul and Monique, new owners of Paul's Restaurant. Paul's Restaurant has been a fixture in the neighborhood since 1968. Its booths, counter and dim lit bar certainly hold many stories and memories for our Arnada neighbors. New owners, Paul and Monique had been looking to move to this area for years, love what our region has to offer, and recognize it as a strong food scene. It was Monique's brother in Camas who clued them in to this opportunity. The fact that Paul bears the same name as the restaurant made it "feel like it was meant to be."
Original founder, Paul Bell, had a smaller restaurant limited to only the center section. He expanded into the corner ice cream parlor then eventually took over the shoe store and hair salon to create the Elbow Room. Legend goes that much of the woodwork in the Elbow Room was done by Paul Bell himself. The stained-glass accents perhaps inspired by their trip to cathedrals in Europe. Makes for a curious connection between church and bar. Paul retired and sold the place in 1992 to the Yu's who put in different lighting, booths, and carpeting. Current owners, Paul and Monique, both successful chefs, first met in the kitchen. Paul was her sous chef at Soul Kitchen in Chicago in the '90s. They married, relocated to L.A. where they are raising their kids and continue their craft. Taking on Paul's is a task not entirely new to them. One of their success stories is Cindy's on California's Route 66. Cindy's, a languishing 1940's diner was long forgotten and fell into disrepair. They "got their hands on it" and now Cindy's is on the must-see list. Paul, originally from Louisville, Kentucky wasn't expecting biscuits and gravy to be such a crowd favorite here. Some attribute this hearty breakfast tradition to the migration of workers from the south to Vancouver to build ships out in the cold rain. They sell a lot of pie, but their carrot cake seems to be the winner. They believe that places like Paul's should be known for good pie, cake and pastries and to do this you have to make it yourself. There may be some updates to the menu. We're in tough economic times. People are spending less these days. They need to make the menu more streamlined but still offer a variety of delicious food. Now in their second phase of refurbishing, look for new lighting, no more carpet, and cleaned up booths. "We just need to fix it up some more. But we don't want this to be a museum piece." It should be a place that feels familiar to adults from the 70's, but also a place that their kids love too."One thing we've learned from our experience with other places, like Cindy's in California, is that it just takes a while for things to take hold. This is year two and we're just getting started."

Editor's Note: Did you know that Paul's Restaurant was featured prominently in the movie"Wild" the story of the Pacific Crest Trail and Cheryl Strayed's hike? The film shows her leaving the PCT and going to Reno, Nevada. The cinematographers filmed the scenes in Arnada and then inserted them into the Reno section of the "Wild" movie. Yes, they fooled everyone except Arnada residents! Paul's Restaurant interior and Broadway in Arnada provided the perfect retro backdrop for her brief step off the PCT and back into civilization.



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Event Calendar

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November Events Calendar

Date/Time	Event	Details
Nov. 7 10am-3pm	**Holiday Book Fest** Fort Vancouver Visitor Center	Twelve local authors, book signings, historic demonstrations, and Native American crafts at the Fort Vancouver Visitor Center. Find unique gifts for the readers on your holiday list. FREE.
Nov. 11 11am	**Veteran's Day Parade** Officers' Row	Rain or shine. Route begins at E Reserve St. & Evergreen Blvd., winds through the Fort Vancouver National Site, and concludes on 5th St. near Pearson Air Museum.
Nov. 27	**Tree Lighting** Esther Short Park	One of the most festive tree lightings in southwest Washington! Santa boat arrival, lighted parade, tree lighting, music, food, and more! FREE. Schedule: https://bit.ly/4z8yrcd
Nov. 27 - 29 Fri.: 3-8pm Sat. & Sun.: 9am-4pm	**Vancouver Holiday Market** Hilton Vancouver 301 W 6th St.	Shop for unique arts, crafts, gifts, and treats while supporting local makers and celebrating the holidays. FREE.
Nov. 27 7pm	**Christmas Ships** Vancouver Waterfront	See the Columbia River shimmer with reflections of holiday lights as the Christmas Ships Parade sails past the Vancouver Waterfront. FREE. Schedule: https://bit.ly/4zY7Rm9

