

# Father Blanchet Park

## Neighborhood Association

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**Clean Up Recap:** Our Clean Up was successful again this year, although our numbers were lower than in the past. Are we finally running out of trash? We had one drop box of yard debris totaling 2.31 tons and one truckload of bulky items totaling 4.21 tons, that's half the amount collected last year! The City chipper was also on site. We earned \$100 for offering a re-use area and separate metal recycling; we earned \$86.55 for the recycled metal collected. Thanks to those who volunteered their time to help out: Don and Kathy Lamb, Marion Conca, Eddie Fisher, Rick Quintinella, Ozzie Coats, Nancy Bacon, Andy and Juleigh Cozzetto, Mike and Julie Scheel, Jim and Jacquie Bally, Dick Dobrow, Mike Osheroff, and Dave and Eileen Sherrill. A special thank you to Kathy Lamb for the delicious cinnamon rolls she made for our volunteers and to Starbucks for the hot coffee!

### **Neighborhood e-mail Distribution:**

We are up to about 148 emails on our neighborhood distribution list. We are continuing to build that list for ease of communication. Emails are only sent to notify you of alerts and neighborhood events. If you aren't yet on the distribution list, please email [frblanchetpark@gmail.com](mailto:frblanchetpark@gmail.com).

## Neighborhood Christmas Party



Monday, December 9, 6-8pm  
Trinity Baptist Church  
Fellowship Hall  
6700 MacArthur Blvd.

*Ham will be served for our gathering.  
Please bring a side dish (potato or vegetable dish, rolls, bread), salad, finger food, or dessert to share.*

*Coffee and Punch will also be provided.*

*Please bring canned foods  
or other non-perishable food  
items to donate to the  
Trinity Baptist Food Drive*

**\*\*Thanks to Eileen Sherrill and Kathy Lamb for agreeing to serve as Chair and Secretary/Treasurer of the neighborhood for another year. At the meeting, we encouraged someone to fill the role of Vice-chair, but that position is still vacant. If you are interested in assisting Eileen and Kathy with neighborhood operations, please email.**

**\*\*A big thank you to Barbara Boyer for donating coffee for our neighborhood meetings and parties.**

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### September Meeting follow-up:

To view complete minutes from our September meeting, view them on our website.

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I have been in contact with Brian Carlson, Public Works Director and City Manager Eric Holmes. As follow-up to our Friedel striping concerns, traffic counts were conducted on MacArthur, Maple, Friedel, and Middle Way the latter part of October. As more detailed information comes in, I will pass it along. If people are interested in hearing directly from Brian Carlson, we will invite him to a meeting after the first of the year. He can address any further questions and decipher the traffic count data. Please let me know if you have questions or continuing concerns about the MacArthur Striping project. In response to a concern about semi-truck traffic on Middle Way, the likely reason for that is an occasional truck taking a wrong turn from Andresen. If they are east-bound on Evergreen Blvd east of Andresen, they are committed to taking Middle Way to get back to Hwy. 14. We will watch for more truck traffic, but this seems the likely answer and one that should keep truck traffic to a minimum.

### Crime Update:

Happily, our neighborhood has not had crime incidents lately. Adjacent neighborhoods have had several occurrences of people ringing doorbells and asking for an unknown person at the home. It is not known if this is to “case” a home or for some other purpose, but, as always, be aware and jot down descriptions of people and cars that you don’t recognize. If there is anything unusual, call 9-1-1.

### Holiday Safety Tips:

The Vancouver Police Department wishes you a safe and happy holiday season. Here are some helpful crime prevention tips to consider: Never leave valuables in plain sight in your vehicle, better yet never leave valuables in your vehicle at all! If you must store valuables in a vehicle, place them in the trunk or hidden storage area prior to arriving at your destination. Thieves often watch drivers in parking lots to see where they store a valuable, wait for the vehicle to be unattended and break the window and steal the valuables. “Hiding” items under the seat does not work, it’s the first place a thief will look. [For more tips and a flyer click here.](#)

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