

Father Blanchet Park

Neighborhood Association

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A big thank you to Kathy Lamb, our Secretary/Treasurer for the past seven years. In addition to her official role, she and her husband Don have spent many hours working the clean up, helping with our social events, attending training sessions, and endless other things to help the neighborhood. Kathy and Don decided to downsize and have moved out of the neighborhood. I know you'll join me in appreciation for all that they have done. I wish them well, but will sure miss them!

*Thanks to our dedicated newsletter delivery people: Terry and Cynthia, Marian, Tim and Chelyncia, Bert, Steve and Vickie, Rick, Barbara, Ozzie, Nancy, and Eileen.

*We need additional people to help distribute newsletters. If you are willing, please email.

*For ease of communication, provide your email for important neighborhood information and alerts. To be added to the distribution list, send an email to frblanchetpark@gmail.com.

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Neighborhood Meeting

Monday, Sept. 19, 7:00 pm

Trinity Baptist Church

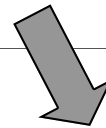
Fellowship Hall

6700 MacArthur

Agenda:

- Erik Jennings from VPD will update us on crime in the neighborhood
- Officer elections - voting for chair, vice-chair, and secretary/treasurer. See the descriptions of these positions on page 2. New ideas welcome, come and get involved in the neighborhood.
- Fill out Clean Up volunteer schedule

Come visit with neighbors, enjoy cookies and coffee, and bring your questions or concerns.



Upcoming Events:

Clean Up - Sept. 24, 8am-2pm

We need volunteers to direct traffic in one hour shifts. Email frblanchetpark@gmail.com, call 503-593-4116 or, new this year, click the link for SignUp.com and choose your shift

<http://signup.com/go/FJGxXv>

Christmas Party and Potluck

Monday, December 5, 6:30pm

Trinity Baptist Church

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Overview of Neighborhood Officer positions:

Chair: Act as liaison between neighbors and city departments, communicate with neighbors via email and newsletters regarding issues, alerts, and city information; prepare newsletters and arrange distribution; conduct meetings in compliance of by-laws and as issues dictate; schedule and organize volunteers for neighborhood clean up; enlist volunteers to attend city trainings, (i.e. recycling training); organize annual social events.

Vice-chair: assist Chair in above duties. Take over various organizational or representative duties depending on interests.

Secretary/Treasurer: take meeting minutes for inclusion in newsletter; keep ledger of finances, make deposits and withdrawals for Association business; assist Chair/vice-chair with functions. Call or email Eileen if you have any questions.

The Vancouver Police Department is partnering with local businesses to get out an important message: REMOVE VALUABLES FROM VEHICLES!

- Thieves are often drug users who steal to pay for their habit.
- For an experienced thief it only takes a few seconds to shatter a car window and steal valuables.
- Thieves use the buddy system. One is the lookout and the other breaks into the car and steals.

Thieves watch for people to “hide” a purse, laptop, briefcase or electronic device under a seat or in the trunk. They wait until the person is away from the car and then smash and grab, pop the trunk if needed to get the good stuff, and they and your valuables are gone. Often, thieves break into cars parked in driveways. Install good outdoor lighting, remove valuables, and lock your vehicles. Protect your property, your identity, and yourself. Don’t store valuables in your vehicle!

Your free Leaf Disposal Coupon is below. The coupons are good from October 1 – December 31 and are good for up to 5 cubic yards of LEAVES ONLY. (Yard debris or mixed loads will be charged at the regular price). Note that leaves can now be taken to nearby City Bark, 2419 NE Andresen Rd.

Thanks to Dave and Eileen Sherrill who attended Waste Connection’s Recycling 101 training this month. By sending a representative from the neighborhood, we earn \$120 for our treasury. Watch for articles in our November/December newsletter to learn what’s new and important in recycling.

Leaf coupon will be in printed flyer
delivered to your home

Clean Up Info:

Clean Up and Chipper Location:

MacArthur Center parking lot
7635 MacArthur Blvd. (behind Blairco)

****One Way Traffic: Please enter the Clean Up site from Alabama Drive on the west side of parking lot. Exit only to the east. Our volunteers will direct you.**

To participate in the clean up, you **MUST** have the coupons that are attached to this newsletter. Because we have people taking advantage of our clean up, volunteers will turn away those who don't have coupons. Please don't put our volunteers on the spot by asking to dump without a coupon!

What NOT to Bring: Household garbage, hazardous waste materials, paint, oil, car batteries, refrigerators, roofing tear off, concrete. **No computers, monitors, TVs, or laptops are allowed.**

What to Bring: Bulky household items, miscellaneous junk, **dry** paint cans, yard debris. Wood without metal attached may be disposed of as yard debris.

Bring your recyclable metal items, we'll have a separate metal recycling container again this year. Proceeds go to our neighborhood treasury.

****You may also dispose of four tires without rims****

Re-use or Re-purpose: If you have items that you no longer want but that are still usable, set them off to the side at our Clean-Up. We always have a "re-use" corner which can give new life to items.

Yard Debris Disposal:

Do not bring yard debris carts full of dirt and rocks, brush is ok.

For ease of unloading, bag up loose leaves, pine needles, and other loose items.

Empty yard debris bags, do not leave them for someone else to empty.

Please be prepared to unload your yard debris.

Be sure to wear gloves and bring any tools needed to unload.

New coupons this year: Each coupon is good for two loads. Volunteers will mark the coupon after your first load and you'll take it with you; when you return with your second load, volunteers will keep the coupon.

Clean-up Coupons will be included in the printed newsletter delivered to your home.

