

Minutes of Victory Heights Community Council

May 15, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Ann Forrest. Twenty attendees in person.

Ann has asked the city for more benches in the park. Currently there are 11 benches and 3 picnic tables.

Food Truck Fridays returns for a third year on June 2nd at the usual location on 19th Avenue NE across from the park. There will be 3 trucks per week typically, with a rotating selection of 15 trucks to avoid repeats during a month. Eighty people responded to the survey we conducted at the conclusion of last year's season. The hours this year will be 5 PM to 8 PM. On June 9th the third truck will be substituted by a bake sale by a local school. We need volunteers to sign up to help set up and tear down. Click here <https://signup.com/go/iwZYXjS> to sign up. The tables, chairs, water station, street pylons, etc for set-up can be found in the new sheds on the south side of Ann's house.

The 10th annual Potluck and Ice Cream Social will be on Monday, July 17th from 5:30 to 7:30 on NE 106th Street on the west side of Victory Heights Park.

You and you neighbors should begin planning for Neighborhood Night Out on August 1st.

In early July, Buy Nothing is sponsoring a Yard Sale Giveaway where everything is free.

The city-wide emergency preparation activity, The Power Down Drill, will be June 11th between 1:30 and 4 PM in select locations. The nearest to us will be in Ravenna near their emergency hub. The simulation this year will be an extended power outage.

Local activity for Saturday's Seattle Day of Service on May 20th is cancelled. Later this summer we'll try to schedule a work party to finish Northgate Way down to Lake City Way.

The Lake City Neighborhood Alliance is still meeting. They heard this month from Sarah Lawson, one of our local Crime Prevention Coordinators with Seattle Police. Her advice was "Call 9-1-1, even if a non-emergency." All calls are routed to the same place anyway and they are equipped to decide if immediately action is needed or if you just need to report something. Remember to report ALL crimes, regardless of size, the city relies almost exclusively on DATA and if they don't know crimes are occurring they won't allocate resources. Sarah is also available to do a free security assessment of your house, you can email her at sarah.lawson@seattle.gov to set up an appointment.

The Northeast Tool Library is having a Tool Sale on Sunday, May 21st from 9 AM to 2 PM. It's "pay what you want" for all the items they are trying to get rid of. Such deals!

The street art at the north end of the park already could use a repaint. Ann is going to contact the artist and we'll try to do it at the beginning of summer rather than just before autumn.

We might look into getting a grant to replace the fence along the east side of the park with something people could actually sit on (like during Food Truck Friday) but it will be costly.

Attempts to get the city to do something about the very large puddle that forms at the north side intersection of 19th Avenue NE and NE 105th Street, forcing pedestrians far into the dangerous three-way intersection, have bogged down. They can only survey it when it's dry but of course they can't see how big it is when it rains. And after all that SDOT says it's Seattle Public Utilities problem because it's to do with drainage.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM. Submitted by Ryan Johnson
Secretary, Victory Heights Community Council