

# VACNCA Newsletter

Village at Cordata Northside Condo Association  
July/August 2024

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## *A Message from the President*

Summer is here! I hope you all are staying cool, staying hydrated, and enjoying opportunities to get out and socialize with neighbors.

One of the things I deal with every day is phone calls or in-person visits from residents who question the activities of other residents -- everything from signs, to flags, to visiting dogs. Perhaps this is a good time to look at our Rules & Regulations as well as the Washington Administrative Codes and federal laws that we all live under. You all have copies of our Rules and Regulations, so this shouldn't be anything new.

Stephanie addresses the issue of election signs later in this newsletter. One thing you may not know is that election workers are allowed by law to enter VACNCA to campaign. "No Soliciting" signs do not pertain to election workers!

Some residents are also concerned by **flags**. Again, referring to VACNCA Rules & Regulations Section A

Subsection 2: American flags may be displayed as per RCW 64.38.033.

The main concern on the part of some of our residents is that some flags have been blown around and are resting in/on plants, are wrapped around the flagpole, and are left out at night without lighting.

When I checked State and Federal rules around HOA/COA control of flags, I found so many rules. (I remember my elementary school janitor being charged with training students in about the fourth grade how to treat the American flag properly. So many rules!) Can we just take care that the flags at our individual residences are hanging respectfully, not windblown to the extent that they are draped around the flagpole nor hanging off plants. Lighting shouldn't be a problem because we leave our front lights on at night. (Thanks Ron!)

**Dogs!** I love my dog. I also realize that not everyone who lives at VACNCA thinks he is the most adorable creature ever to walk on four legs! So, instead of going back to the VACNCA Rules & Regulations (which are pretty specific!) let's just use common sense. If you have a dog, keep it on a leash! If your dog poops (and I haven't found a breed yet that doesn't!), clean it up immediately. Guests must follow the same rules. Enough said?

Happy summer, everyone! Stay cool!

*Cherie*

#### *Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming 2024 Social Events*

- July 11, 5PM: Potluck dinner (sign up in the clubhouse)
- July 30, 2PM: Ice cream sundaes
- August 13 5PM: Board-sponsored BBQ
- August 27, 2PM: Root beer floats
- September 24, 2PM: Coffee/tea and sweets

For the following events –hosts needed:

- September potluck dinner (date to be determined)

All events occur in the Clubhouse. A full list of planned events is available there.

#### *Board Officers: Who They Are and What They Do*

VACNCA has a seven member Board of Directors elected by owners. Leading the Board are four officers who fill roles defined within our bylaws.

**President, Cherie Thomas**, presides over monthly Board meetings and the annual meeting of owners, and serves as a signer for Reserve Fund expenses. She acts as the “face” of the Board and frequently is the Board point of contact for owners. Cherie can refer owners to other directors, committee chairs, or the property managers at Access, to address owner problems.

**Vice President, Jody McBee**, fills in for the President when she is unable to lead meetings or fulfill duties. Jody also serves on the IT Committee and has chaired the Rules and Regulations Committee.

**Treasurer, Rupert Ayton**, works with the Board and Access to track VACNCA income and expenses, review financial statements, approve expenditures, oversee investments, and act as a signer on Reserve Fund expenses. With the help of the Budget Committee, he leads the annual budgeting process. He also serves as Chair of the Landscape Committee.

The **Secretary, Vale Hartley**, manages the agendas and minutes for VACNCA monthly Board and Annual meetings. When new owners join the Association, she participates in the welcome visit, and orients them to our Bylaws and Rules and Regulations. She also acts as a signer on Reserve Fund expenses.

*Contact the VACNCA Board directly with your questions. The e-mail addresses and phone numbers of Board members are posted in the resident directory. You can find it in the Clubhouse and on the VACNCA web site.*

### *Political Signs – See the Rules and Regulations*

As we advance into the 2024 political season, owners may be thinking about posting signs in support of their favorite candidates or causes. Under the State (RWC 64.38.034) and VACNCA Rules and Regulations, political signs are allowed with these following limits:

- Election signs are allowed if posted within the unit. (No lawn or outdoor signs.)
- Signs may be displayed 45 days prior to a primary or general election and must be removed within 3 days after the election.
- Residents are limited to one sign per election.

This year in Washington State, we have a primary election on August 6.

### *IT Committee Expands*

The IT Committee, led by Pete Asprey, has recently expanded to include Jerry Boles. Jody McBee acts as the Board liaison. Among its responsibilities, the IT Committee maintains the VACNCA web site, updates residence lists, and provides technical assistance on the monthly Board of Directors Zoom calls.

### *Be a Mindful Driver (a reminder)*

Pedestrians and dog-walkers continue to observe speeding drivers on Northwind Circle. As a reminder, the speed limit is 15mph. Our circle has several blind curves. Please drive slowly. Remind your guests and visitors to watch for pedestrians.



## *Landscape Committee Digs Dirt*

Members of the Landscape Committee recently donated their time and energy to VACNCA, when they convened a tree-planting event. Six members of the committee came together to plant an Oregon pine in the central greenbelt common area. The pine replaces a tree removed several years ago. Their work involved more than simply planting a tree. First they faced the effort of selecting and then procuring the right tree. Then came the physical labor – digging out roots, adding planting medium, and finally, actually planting the new pine. Thanks to the team!



From left to right: Rupert Ayton, Sheila Johansen, Jim Tragesser, Bob Carson, and Kris Carson/

## *Volunteers Are Welcome*

Would you like to be more involved with the VACNCA community? Do you have skills that VACNCA needs?

Consider joining a Board committee. Right now the Landscape Committee and the Social Committee welcomes more volunteers.

If you have a flair for writing or experience with creating newsletters and would like to volunteer to help with this newsletter, contact Stephanie Sarver.

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