

Next Meeting:  
Thursday  
March 23rd  
7-8:30 p.m.  
Franklin School

## Remaining NANA Meeting 2006 Dates

Your Northwest Neighborhood Association has meeting dates for the rest of the year.

### Saturday, July 15.

Our annual summer picnic always draws a good crowd to Franklin park, even

when we have a few sprinkles! Jennifer Vail is organizing the event, promising fun, prizes and more than a few surprises!



**Thursday, October 12.** As we have done in other election years, our autumn meeting will facilitate a panel of candidates. We will hold the meeting a couple of weeks early this year because in 2004, we learned by a show of hands that many in the audience had already voted.

Additionally, we have scheduled the annual neighborhood cleanup and chipper day with the city for **Saturday, June 17, from 8-12 at Franklin Park.** Bring your bulky yard debris and household items like old carpets or furniture. No major appliances, please, and no chemicals or concrete.

Our thanks to Solid Waste Services for this service!

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## Vancouver Port to Present Plan for Columbia Gateway Expansion at Special Meeting Thursday

Economic development, environmental stability and the serenity of west Vancouver neighborhoods all come into play as plans take shape for the Columbia Gateway expansion. Just six months into its two-year planning cycle, the Port of Vancouver is working a pair of strategic processes at the same time. One is the highly technical and formal Environmental Impact Statement and the other, Public Involvement, will bring representatives of the Port -- to include Northwest Neighborhood resident and Port Commissioner Nancy Baker -- to a special meeting of our neighborhood association.

Both the meeting and this edition of the newsletter will focus on this massive undertaking, the scale of which will double the size of the port, bring an estimated 5,000 new jobs to the community, \$1 billion in business revenue and more than \$30 million in tax revenue. We hope the six articles in this newsletter, most of which were taken from a variety of publications and websites, will help to prepare you for an interesting and provocative meeting.

## 1 The Road to Uncertainty

### ■ Proposal for truck route has west Vancouver residents worried

(excerpt from *The Columbian*, Wednesday, February 1, 2006)

A major new west Vancouver roadway would connect the Port of Vancouver on the south to a route that could land anywhere between 39th and 78th streets on the north, stirring consternation from congestion-wary westside neighbors.

The 26th Avenue extension would provide a link to the port's proposed Columbia Gateway development.

"It's not just a simple project," said Dave Howard, an activist with the Lincoln Neighborhood Association. "It's possibly the future of the western part of the city. I'm not saying the port shouldn't develop anything, I just want to understand how we're going to assess all this."

That assessment is starting with an environmental impact statement, which the port has wrapped into a much larger study involving (see Road, page 3)