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A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Future issues of the Amberglen Connections Newsletter will be available electronically only beginning August 1, 2022. For those who wish to continue receiving a hard copy of the newsletter, please email your address and request to amberglenconnections@gmail.com

AMBERGLEN HOA BOARD INSIGHTS

Happy July Amberglen Neighbors!

Welcome to the second issue of the Amberglen Connections newsletter. We would like to thank the Islam and the Natiola families for their contributions to this issue. We hope you enjoy their stories! To keep the newsletter interesting and helpful, we need to continue receiving your ideas, stories and contributions. So, please submit your creative stories and ideas to:

amberglenconnections@gmail.com

Kudos to the AGW Committee for getting the Amberglen Adopt a Road proposal approved! We hope for a great volunteer turn out at the next meeting on July 12th.

On a different note, we are still receiving notices from Blue Mountain that identify trash can and front/side yard maintenance violations. Several board members were contacted by residents needing assistance and we were able to help. If you need assistance with these or other issues, please do not hesitate to let the board members know.

AMBERGLEN GOOD WORKS COMMITTEE INSIGHTS

Hello Amberglen Neighbors!

It's Official! Clark County's Adopt a Road Program has approved the Amberglen Good Works proposal. We are looking for dedicated Amberglen residents to sign up to help keep Amberglen and our local community a safer and more beautiful place to live and enjoy! The kick-off meeting is on July 12th at 6pm at the Roundtable Pizza at 13009 NE Highway 99. **Round Table is offering a 10% discount** to all Amberglen residents who attend. We will discuss the steps needed to make this ongoing effort a success! Please click the link for more details about Clark County's Adopt a Road program, click the link to watch the video:

[Clark County Adopt A Road Program](#)

To see Amberglen's Assignment boundaries, click the link below.

[Amberglen's Adopt a Road Boundaries](#)

Warm regards,

Chuck Polacek, AGW Chair



IN, OUT & ABOUT GREATER WA / ORE

If you find yourself with free time to spend, here are a few suggestions for activities near our community.

Events provided by Shane LaBeck, City of Vancouver.

[NW's Largest Garage Sale & Vintage Sale](#) - 7/02

Clark County Fairgrounds Event Center

General Admission Shoppers: \$7.00 Adults. (Children 12 & under Free), Early Birds: \$20

[Vancouver Summer Fest](#) - 7/03 11am - 8pm

Ft Vancouver Historic Site, Parade Grounds & Officers Row Free and open to all. BBQ & favorite summer food, live bands on the main stage, games on the lawn, magicians, face painting and fun for the whole family.

Grand Funk Railroad - 7/03

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If you enjoy Classic Rock songs such as We're An American Band, I'm Your Captain (Closer to Home), and The Locomotion go see Grand Funk Railroad!

[Waterfront Blues Festival](#) - 7/ 1-4

[Tom McCall Park](#)

Four stages taking over 8 acres of the park with room to roam and enjoy the music.

[Waterfront Summer Concert Series](#) - 7/08

[Vancouver Waterfront Park](#)

Fridays from 6 to 8 p.m. at Vancouver Waterfront Park (695 Waterfront Way).

Friday Night Movies in the Park 7/08

[Various Vancouver Parks](#)

Movies begin at dusk, between 9-9:30 p.m. (exact time will vary due to weather conditions).

[Rib Cook-off and Car Show](#) - 7/9

[Heavy Metal Pizza & Beer](#) 5411 E Mill Plain Blvd.

8 of the best Pit Masters selling super delish Ribs and competing to be #1!

[Vancouver USA Pride](#) - 7/9

[Esther Short Park](#)

[4 Days of Aloha](#) - 7/22-24

[Esther Short Park](#)

Craft Beer and Wine Festival - 7/29-7/31 [Esther Short Park](#)

[thecraftwinefest.com](#) Experience Craft Nation. Visit Wine Country, Beer Village & Whiskey Town at the Craft Beer & Wine Fest.

If you want to share an Amberglen community event or other events/activities that you love or have heard about, send an email to: amberglenconnections@gmail.com.

OUR FEATURED AMBERGLEN FAMILY

MEET THE ISLAM FAMILY!

RIDWAN, NICOLE, GREY, FOREST, AUSTIN, AND FUR BABIES, WINTER & ZEUS

Ridwan graced the United States with his presence from Bangladesh when he was 12 years old. He made many friends but had not found the love of his life until the summer of 2014. He had decided to go floating down the Columbia River with some of his friends (one of which was Nicole with whom he wanted to get to know better). For various reasons, all of his friends bailed on the day they were all to meet except Nicole. The two really wanted to meet and the group float was just an excuse to do that. Instead of the group float, Ridwan and Nicole decided to hike Horsetail Falls along the Gorge. Little did they know that this hike was just the beginning of many more which led to 2 years of great adventures around the Pacific Northwest and a long life together!



Ridwan knew Nicole was the woman he wanted to spend his life with and in 2016, on a cliff side in the Gorge, Ridwan proposed to Nicole. They were married on a little island on the Columbia River. They have known each other for 8 years and been married for 6 years.

Over the past 6 years, Ridwan and Nicole traveled and lived in 5 different countries. They have lived in 4 different homes here in Washington and brought 3 beautiful children into this world, their daughter, Grey, who is turning 6, and two boys, Forest, who is 3 and Austin who is 18 months. They also have two fur babies, Winter, a 1-year old female Husky mix and Zeus, a 3 year old male Husky that they have been fostering for the last 6 months and hope to make him a permanent member of their family.



Ridwan, Austin & Nicole



Grey



Forest



Austin



Winter



Zeus

Ridwan is an Electrical Construction Design for High Tech Construction Projects. He also has a background in Project Management and recently accepted a position as a Senior Project Manager for a local company that will allow him to work more from home instead of fighting the commute to and from Oregon.

Nicole is self-employed and has her own business, Simply Nicole, LLC. She is a birth and postpartum Doula . A Doula is a trained "companion" who provides guidance and support to a pregnant woman during labor and to a mother of a newborn baby. Nicole loves to support families in their journey through childbirth and early parenthood. Visit Simply Nicole on Instagram at [simplynicole.me](https://www.instagram.com/simplynicole.me)

In December of 2021, after viewing a dozen homes and being outbid by cash buyers, Ridwan and Nicole were about to give up the search for a home. They decided to look at 2 more homes. If they did not find the house that they could call home, they were going to throw in the towel and call it quits! They decided to look at Amberglen. As they surveyed the neighborhood, they felt that everything was right! This must be home! They felt this way even before meeting any of the incredible people in the neighborhood.



Looking back, Ridwan says he is grateful for all the disappointing house showings and outbid offers. If not for them he feels they would not be in the place that truly feels like home... Amberglen!

KEEP AMBERGLEN BEAUTIFUL!

GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR AMBERGLEN WILD SIDE

The Pacific Northwest is home to diverse wildlife, spectacular waterways, and magnificent wild spaces, which our state agencies hold in trust for all current and future Washingtonians. Get in touch with your wild side — just don't touch or approach the wildlife as you explore our community's diverse wild life areas.

We'd like to thank Carolyn McDonald for sharing some of her beautiful photographs of plants and wildlife around our neighborhood and in her own backyard! She reminds us that these beautiful creatures and plants also share our community.



Wild Lupine in the woods next to Carolyn's house



Clover in bloom in the woods between Carolyn's house & duck pond



Cooper's Hawk perched on Carolyn's fence



Stellar Blue Jay on Carolyn's fence



Coyote between Carolyn's house and the duck pond.

Makes you want to ensure your cats and smaller dogs are indoors and protected!

Carolyn has shared other photos that we will feature in future issues of our newsletter. Carolyn please keep these beautiful pictures coming! If other neighbors in our community have wildlife pictures they would like to share, please bring them on! Send your pictures to amberglenconnections@gmail.com

GARDENING TIDBITS

If ever you are glad to be gardening in the Pacific Northwest, it is during the month of July. The average high is 76 degrees and the average low 57 degrees. These temperatures make the Pacific Northwest one of the most moderate climates in the United States.

1. Continue to remove spent annual flowers ([deadheading](#)) to promote more blooming.
2. Be vigilant about removing weeds or the weeds will soon overtake your garden beds. Weeds flourish in the July heat.
3. Continue to remove suckers from indeterminate tomato plants and support plants either with stakes or tomato cages.
4. Be on guard for Infestations of insects including but not limited to thrips (tiny winged insects about one-sixteenth of an inch), tomato fruit worm, squash vine borer, tomato hornworm, spider mites, chinch bugs, scale, snails, and slugs.
5. Monitor plants for diseases such as septoria leaf spot (fungal disease), powdery mildew, and rust. This fungus can destroy your plants.
6. (Mid-July) Pinch chrysanthemums one last time. Pinching too late in the summer reduces the blooms that you are counting on for fall displays.

SHARE YOUR CREATIVE BACKYARD IDEAS

Have a yard you are proud of that you would be willing to share with your neighbors? Many of our neighbors have voiced that they would love to tour other yards in order to get ideas that would help them make decisions about their yards. If you are willing to share your beautiful yard and creative ideas or contacts, please let us know when you are available by sending an email to amberglenconnections@gmail.com with your contact information, address, and dates/times you would be available.

JULY FUN FACTS

For many Americans, July 4th is a day off work, a time to celebrate with family and friends, and cook up some classic American dishes. Let's take a few minutes to learn some fun July facts you definitely weren't taught in school.

DID YOU KNOW?

- July is UFO season! July is likely when you will start seeing crop circles appearing! This has been happening for a very long time, no matter what UFO enthusiasts might tell you! It's thought that crop circles have been emerging in July since at least the 1970s
- The phones started ringing in July! It was in July when the first-ever telephone call was made. It took place between Canada and the US in 1881. It really did mark the start of those long summer phone calls.
- The month is named after an emperor. July's name comes from Julius Caesar, who was actually born towards the start of the month. It was originally known as Quintillis based on the ancient Roman calendar but was renamed in honor of the emperor.
- It's a month of many odd holidays. For example, Americans are likely to take part in Pickle month, as well as Ice Cream month. Ever tried both at the same time? You're missing out!
- Americans consume an estimated 150 million hot dogs each year on the Fourth.
- George Washington supposedly celebrated America's independence by giving double rations of rum to his soldiers in 1778.

QUOTES AND SAYINGS

- **Hal Borland** - July is hot afternoons and sultry nights and mornings when its joy just to be alive. July is a picnic and a red canoe and a sunburned neck and a softball game and ice tinkling in a tall glass. July is a blind date with summer.
- **Neil Armstrong** - Here men from the planet Earth first set foot upon the Moon. July 1969 AD. We came in peace for all mankind.
- **Gene Simmons** - Kiss is a Fourth of July fireworks show with a backbeat.
- **Russel Baker** - Ah, summer, what power you have to make us suffer and like it.
- **Nelson Mandela** - For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others.
- **Harry S. Truman** - America was not built on fear. American was built on courage, on imagination, and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand.
- **Oscar Wilde** - With freedom, books, flowers, and the moon, who could not be happy?
- **Francis Thompson** - The summer looks out from her brazen tower, through the flashing bars of July.
- **Bob Dylan** - I think of a hero as someone who understands the degree of responsibility that comes with his freedom.
- **James Bryce** - Patriotism consists not in waving the flag, but striving that our country shall be righteous as well as strong.

JULY TRIVIA

Question	Answer
1. New York achieved its statehood on what date?	July 26, 1788.
2. There are two zodiac signs that claim July as its host month – if you were born in July, you're a Cancer or a?	Leo
3. When was the birthday of Julius Caesar?	July 12, 100 BC
4. What is the flower for the month of July?	Water lily, or Larkspur
5. Which Chinese Zodiac symbol is associated with the month of July?	Goat (Greatest Of All Time!)
6. The trademark for Silly Putty was officially registered on what day in 1952?	July 1
7. Which US Presidents died on the 4th of July?	John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, & James Monroe

MONTHLY TASTY TIDBIT

AMERICAN FLAG CAPRESE SALAD

(WITH BLUEBERRY-BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE)



INGREDIENTS

1 pound Cherry Tomatoes
3 8 oz packages Mini Mozzarella balls
1 pint fresh Blueberries
4 oz Fresh Mozzarella Cheese
½ cup Extra-Virgin Olive Oil
2 tablespoons White Balsamic Vinegar
1 tablespoon Honey
1 tablespoon Fresh Shallot (minced)
¼ teaspoon Kosher Salt
¼ teaspoon Ground Pepper
add Fresh Basil Leaves (for garnish)

DIRECTIONS

1. Trim the stem end off each tomato, so they sit flat on their cut sides. Discard the ends or save for another use.
2. Begin assembling an American flag by arranging one row of 10 tomatoes, cut-side down, on a large platter or cutting board.
3. Arrange a row of 10 mozzarella balls directly below the tomatoes, and repeat with another row of tomatoes, another row of mozzarella balls, and another row of tomatoes.
4. On the third row of mozzarella balls, add 5 more to extend the row to the left. Repeat with tomatoes and mozzarella balls two more times, ending with tomatoes.
5. Set aside 1/4 cup blueberries. Arrange the remaining blueberries in a square to the right of the shorter rows of tomatoes and mozzarella balls.
6. Slice mozzarella into 4 pieces then cut each piece into quarters.
7. Using a paring knife, cut a star from each quarter, creating 16 stars total. (Alternatively, use a small star cookie cutter.)
8. Gently arrange the mozzarella stars on top of the blueberries.
9. Combine the reserved 1/4 cup blueberries, oil, vinegar, honey, shallot, salt and pepper in a blender; blend until smooth.
10. Scatter basil leaves around the flag, if desired, and serve with the dressing on the side.

MONTHLY NEIGHBORHOOD FUR BABY



*I'M APPLE MAY BETH
NATIOLA!*

*I'M SURE YOU HAVE SEEN ME AROUND THE
NEIGHBORHOOD!*

Written by Emilee Natiola

Hi, I'm Apple and everyone should know I'm the boss around these parts! I'm seven pounds full of toughness and pack quite the bark. I was born on January 28, 2018. If you see me around the neighborhood, it's best to say hello from afar because I'm very protective of my mom, Song.

When I'm not outside on a walk, you can find me in the house begging for any piece of food I can get from my family's plate. I love all human food ranging from broccoli to watermelon to Cheetos! Luckily, I can always count on my dad, David, to drop me a piece of delicious barbecued meat.

My favorite game to play with my sisters is fetch and chase. I also really like tug-of-war with my pink rope toy. I can get very excited and when I do, I start to have the "zoomies" where I run crazily around the house until I tire myself out.



Although I may look small to the eye, my love for my family is huge. Playing is fun, but taking naps and cuddling with my sisters, Ashlee, Emilee, and Hailee, is the best. They have taught me many lessons like how to use a pee pad and how to do various tricks. Ever since my family bought me from the pet store on May 18, 2018, I live the happiest life as the "Apple of their eyes."



IT'S CLASSIFIED

Have something to sell or give away? It might be just what your neighbor wants! Post it here by sending us a request to amberglenconnections@gmail.com

The request must be submitted no later than the 7th day of the month to be included in the next month's newsletter.

DISCLAIMER: The Publication Team has the right to decline any request it deems not appropriate for posting.

HOMES PENDING & SOLD NEAR US

Address	Price \$	Bed	Bath	Sq Ft	Sold
4702 NE 118th St.	749,900	3	2.5	2,679	Pending
9114 NE 52nd Ave.	600,000	4	2.5	2,510	Pending
8401 NE 108th Ave.	465,000	3	2	1,040	
7208 NE 83rd Ave.	879,900	3	3	3,583	Pending
9501 NE 88th Ave.	499,000	3	1.5	1,088	Pending
11613 NE 65th Ave.	727,000	4	2.5	2,210	Pending
4620 NE 118th St.	739,900	3	3	2,585	
12303 NE 57th Ave.	768,665	4	2.5	3,031	Pending
6616 NE 107th St.	585,000	4	2.5	2,086	Pending
11613 NE 65th Ave.	727,000	4	2.5	2,210	
10700 NE 68th Ave.	565,000	4	2.5	2,078	Pending
4704 NE 118th St.	739,900	4	2.5	2,793	Pending

NEED A PET SITTER THAT LIVES IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD?



**EMILEE'S
PETCARE**

Going on a road trip, vacation, or family outing where your furry critters aren't allowed?

Never fret for Emilee can watch your pet!

CONTACT DETAILS

Call or text: (619) 804-1765
Email: eminatiola@yahoo.com



AMBERGLEN CONNECTIONS

*HERE IS A LOCAL VANCOUVER BUSINESS OWNER WHO IS LOYAL, HONEST,
REASONABLE AND RELIABLE*

Farm Store Summer Hours:

Monday - Saturday 9am - 6pm
Sunday 10am - 4pm *(May - Sept.)*
Sunday - Closed *(April & Nov.)*

October Pumpkin Patch Hours:

Friday 2pm - 6pm
Saturday & Sunday 10am - 6pm

Farm Store Winter Hours:

Monday - Saturday 9am - 5pm
Sunday 9am - 5pm *(Dec.)*



Bi-Zi Farms was established in 1872, but the Bi-Zi Farms market that is currently operating actually began in 1990 by a very industrious 12-year old boy named Doug. He wanted to earn some money and grew 3/4 of an acre of sweet corn. Doug would sell the corn off the front porch of the mobile home that sat close to where Bi-Zi Farms sales building sits today. After a successful beginning, Doug enlarged the second year to 1-1/2 acres of sweet corn and did very well! His father then approached him with the idea of forming a partnership to grow other vegetables besides sweet corn and possibly some berries. They also toyed with the idea of a pumpkin patch to have fun at the end of a long summer. From such humble beginnings, the Bi-Zi Farms adventure began!

Bi-Zi Farms features a full list of what they harvest and sell year round. They are located right up the street from Amberglen, on 119th Street. They harvest and sell a great assortment of fruits and vegetables. Please drop in to their farm to pick up a brochure and take advantage of the fruitful delights they have in store! They are local business owners and appreciate our support!

APPENDIX
AMBERGLEN'S ADOPT A ROAD BOUNDARIES

