

Charlais Neighborhood Spring Newsletter 2025



Promoting a spirit of cooperative fellowship dedicated to furthering the beauty, safety, enjoyment and welfare of our neighborhood community.

What is CCN?

The Charlais Community Network (CCN) is a group of neighborhood volunteers and elected board members that support our local community through a variety of activities and events:

- **★** 4th of July Parade and Festival (see reverse)
- ★ John Marty Park events (Earth Day, Music in the Park, Game night)
- ★ Landscape maintenance service & gardening group
- **★** Support of WHS Cat Cave

Any resident from the Charlais, Somerset and Arbor Ridge areas are welcome to join. Check out our updated webpage at https://sites.google.com/view/charlais-community/ for more information or scan QR code for Facebook page. Questions? Email us at: **charlaiscommunity@gmail.com**

Charlais Gardening Updates

New West Union Frontage Maintenance:

As of fall 2024, we hired a full time landscape service to maintain the West Union frontage area. Acosta Landscape is our new landscaper and we are pleased with their services so far. We did not have the volunteer support to keep maintaining this area on our own. The current garden fund balance shows we will run out in about 3 months. Due to the new landscape service, we will not plan for spring bark blow in unless we have additional funds above the landscaping fees.

We are reaching out to the community to help support the garden fund so we can continue to provide Acosta Landscaping services. We will re-evaluate with the frontage area homes at the end of the year to see if this is a service our neighborhood can continue to fund. Email Barb at barbandvaughn@gmail.com with any questions.

Neighborhood Donations:

Thank you for your donations last year! We were able to accomplish our frontage spring bark blow in and pay for the initial Acosta Landscaping fall fees for leaf pick up. We appreciate the frontage area neighbors helping us kick start the donations last fall to make this happen.

Each year we reach out to our neighborhood community and request donations to help maintain the landscape fund. We are requesting a minimum \$30 contribution per household for 2025.

We are thankful for our wonderful neighbors that make this a great community to live in. We want to say thank you to the neighbors that continue to help pick up the litter along West Union. We also want to thank Jennifer Garred for sprucing up the entrance beds to the neighborhood, they look great!

Thank you for investing in your neighborhood!







Charlais Community 4th of July Parade and Festival



Mark your calendars for another fun event this summer, Friday, July 4th. Our July 4th celebration has been a Charlais neighborhood tradition for over 25 years!

We rely on neighbors like you to make it a reality. Planning for this event starts early, and we can use your help. See volunteer info below. The suggested donation for 2025 is \$20.

Join the fun as a volunteer!

Whether you've got a little time or a lot, there are many ways to help:

- Join the planning committee to help organize the event (Parade Director opening 2026)
- Distribute flyers, post signs, help with set-up or clean-up
- Supervise inflatables, games, activities, hand out treats
- Contact sponsors, donors, and community contributors

How to volunteer:

Text Karen at 503-400-9527 or email at: charlaiscommunity@gmail.com. If you are interested in being co-chair of Parade Director for 2026 contact Barb: barbandvaughn@gmail.com.

Looking for high school community service hours? We'd love your help!

We can certify service hours you contribute. Help with July 4th, delivering flyers, gardening, etc.

Details of the July 4th event will be distributed in a flyer once the event gets closer. Check our webpage for updates and upcoming event information. We look forward to celebrating with you!

https://sites.google.com/view/charlais-community/

CCN Neighborhood Fun @ the Park

EARTH DAY IN THE PARK

Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 Time: 11:00-1:00 pm Plant some seedlings and learn how we can help our planet.



GAMES IN THE PARK

Date: Wednesday, June 18th Time: 6:00–8:00 pm Enjoy various games in the park. Meet new neighbors!



MUSIC IN THE PARK

Date: Thursday August 14, 2025 Time: 6:00-9:00 pm Bring a chair and/or blanket & enjoy live music in the park.



How to donate:

If you would like to make an early contribution to the 4th of July Festival (suggested \$20) along with a landscape donation (suggested \$30), please make one check payable to Charlais Community Network (CCN) and note how much you are contributing to each fund. These funds are kept separate. Please mail your check in the envelope provided. **Online payments are also accepted on Venmo at @Charlais-Community.** Any donation amount is appreciated. **Thank you for your support!**

We would like to thank the owner Utkarsh Khetan at The Bethany UPS Store for donating this flyer.

