

# TRUMAN NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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## Mark Your Calendar

Date	Day	Event
April 9	Saturday	Green Bag Pick Up
April 16	Saturday	10am-1pm FREE Shred Event
April 16	Saturday	11am-12pm Mason Bees Workshop
April 25	Monday	6:30-8:00pm Truman Assoc Mtg
April 30	Friday	10am-2pm Drive-Thru Drug Take-Back
April 30	Friday	Property Taxes Due (1st half)
May 20-21	Fri/Sat	Truman Neighborhood Yard Sale
June 11	Saturday	Green Bag Pick Up
August 2	Wednesday	National Night Out (natw.org)
August 13	Saturday	Green Bag Pick Up
October ?		Truman Association Mtg (date to be determined)

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#### Your Truman Neighborhood Association Council Members

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#### Did you know there are physical benefits to being kind?



*Kindness releases endorphins in the brain, which help to improve mood, ease anxiety and feel happier.*

*There are many ways to be more generous, whether through small acts of giving, community volunteering or lending a helping hand to your neighbor.*

**Whether you own or rent,  
all neighbors within our  
boundaries are welcome.**

**(see page 12)**

# Welcome to the first Truman Neighborhood Association Meeting of 2022

Monday, April 25th at 6:30pm via Zoom conferencing

Our topic for this meeting will be:

***The Truman Neighborhood & the Truman Neighborhood Association:  
Past-Present-Future***

Come Zoom with Us



If you are new to Zoom, learn how to download the *FREE* Zoom app, log on, use the chat & raised hand features, and more, from this excellent [guide](#) or [getting started](#), or watch some helpful "[How To](#)" or "Zoom Tutorial" videos. It really is pretty straight forward, so please don't be intimidated. *Or you can do what I did and call your kids or grandkids!*

To Join by Computer-Tablet-Smartphone, click the link below:

<https://clark-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/83130502910?pwd=MEdQWmZrUTd2M2U1Z1FhR0I4MW1wQT09>

To Join by Phone:

- ⇒ Dial: 1-206-337-9723 (Seattle #) or 1-888-788-0099 (Toll-free #)
- ⇒ When prompted, enter the meeting ID 831 3050 2910
- ⇒ When prompted for your unique participant ID, simply press # to skip
- ⇒ You will then hear: "You are in the meeting now"
- ⇒ Please use \*6 (the star key followed by 6) this will mute & unmute your phone

We will be voting and electing members to the Truman Neighborhood Council. We are in need of a **secretary** and any other **volunteers** who are interested in working with and for their neighbors.

If you are interested in joining the Council, feel free to contact us at [trumanneighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:trumanneighborhood@gmail.com). We will also be voting on a few Bylaw changes (see page 3).

**Voting:** Article 10, Section 3 of our TNA Bylaws state: Members shall be required to show proof of residency in the Truman Neighborhood to be eligible to vote in Association elections.

As this is a video meeting you will not be able to show proof of residency, but we have come up with a solution: **\*\*Please go into the CHAT session and type in your name and street address.** If there is more than 1 member on the same video, please type in the name and street address of each person who wishes to vote. We will check names and address from our previous master list as well as the County's property information database (GIS). If you are a renter, please type "renter" after your address.

***To all our new neighbors - Welcome!***

***Our meetings are a great way to get to know your neighbors & neighborhood, to get community information, and learn about our events.***

# Proposed changes to the Truman Neighborhood Association (TNA) Bylaws

To be voted upon at the April 25, 2022 TNA general meeting.

Key: **Green text** indicates additions. **Red text** indicates deletions.

## Article 9 - Officers/Council Duties

**Section 1.** Chairperson: The Chairperson shall generally supervise the business and affairs of the Association. He/She shall preside over all Association and Council meetings. Should the Council consist of an even number of members the Chairperson shall be a non-voting Council member. He/She may represent the Association at other meetings in the community as needed. He/She shall act as the contact person for members via mail, email at trumanneighborhood@gmail.com, phone or direct personal contact. The Chairperson shall maintain all original and copies of official paperwork/documents pertaining to the business and affairs of the Association with copies provided to the Secretary for Association records. The Chairperson shall assign the duty and oversee the publication of the association's newsletter and maintain copies of them. The Chairperson shall be a signer on the Truman Neighborhood Association's checking account. **The Chairperson along with the Council-at-Large shall safeguard the privacy of membership and crime watch rosters.**

**Section 5.** Council as a whole: shall: 1) execute a duty of loyalty to safeguard the privacy of the membership **and Crime Watch rosters**; 2) appoint members and establish committees to perform necessary functions and represent the Truman Neighborhood Association; 3) make appointments to fill any vacancy on the Council until the next Association meeting where members will vote on the appointee; 4) shall make informed decisions regarding Association issues and/or events for the good of the Association when impractical to present such information to the membership in a timely manner. All such actions shall be reported to members at the next Association meeting; 5) all Council meetings shall have a quorum of half the Council members plus one; **6) has the authority to correct any scrivener's errors that do not change the intent of the bylaws.**



**2022**  
**Annual Truman Neighborhood**  
**Yard Sale**  
**May 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Friday & Saturday**

**YES, this popular Truman event is back!**

**How to Sign Up:** Simply contact the Truman Council at: [trumanneighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:trumanneighborhood@gmail.com) with the following information:

1. Your name
2. Address
3. Email
4. Phone number
5. The days you will be participating: Friday only, Saturday only, Both Friday & Saturday

(contact info will not be given out, only for TNA Council use, should we need to contact you for any reason)

**\*\*You must sign up by **May 11th**, to be included on the Truman Neighborhood Yard Sale Map\*\***

We have signs which are placed on the major streets in the Truman Neighborhood directing people to areas where there are yard sales. We place some directional signs out on the side streets, but you would be responsible for additional signs to make sure people find YOUR sale!

Volunteers are needed to place yard sale signs around the neighborhood Thursday evening 5/19, on the major streets.

Volunteers are also needed to retrieve the yard sale signs on Saturday evening 5/20 after 5pm.

If we do not get volunteers, participants will need to place all of their own signs out.

A map of all participating yard sellers will be emailed to you showing the location of other sellers. Please post this map at your yard sale. This will aid shoppers in getting around our neighborhood.

Also, please make copies of the map to give out to people. We found in the past that this really helps everyone.

We advertise our Neighborhood Yard Sale on Nextdoor, our Truman Facebook page and on Craigslist, including the map of our neighborhood showing where the yard sales are located.



## Pets poop. A lot!

You already know you need to pick up Fido's poop on the trail, but did you know that you also need to at home? Even in our rural areas, water quality testing shows high levels of poop from man's best friend.

While it's tempting to have your pets go poop in the woods by the creek, pet waste doesn't just decompose. It adds harmful bacteria and nutrients to local waters when it's not disposed of properly.

There are over 110,000 dogs in Clark County.

All those dogs mean a LOT of poop, 18 tons of it a day!

Depending on conditions, viruses, worm eggs and bacteria can live up to a year.

Be a good neighbor while you and Fido are out enjoying your walks around the neighborhood.

- \* Help keep your neighbors, their children and other pets safe by picking up after your dog.
- \* Keep your dog on a leash to maintain control as there are plenty of other neighbors walking their dogs.
- \* Respect your neighbor's property by not allowing your dog to relieve themselves in yards and flower beds. This not only is detrimental to lawns, bushes and flowers, but also attract other dogs to the area as well as coyotes.

## To All You Industrious Vegetable Gardeners

Many of us grow our own vegetables and many more are starting to grow small gardens. Good for you! You are getting fresh air & exercise while eating healthier.

However, if you have never grown zucchini you may find that the 2 or 3 plants you grew for only 2 people are starting to over run your refrigerator or kitchen counters.

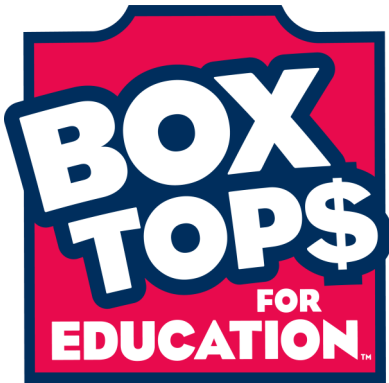
If anyone finds that they have too much produce from their gardens, please consider donating your extra bounty to a food pantry. I have a rather large garden and always plant extra to help those less fortunate. Last year I and a few other neighbors donated 22 pounds of tomatoes and over 80 pounds of zucchini and yellow summer squash.

If you would like to drop off your extra produce to me, I will gladly take it to the Westside FISH food pantry on Harney Street. I usually go down on Mondays. I do this in conjunction with the Clark Neighbors Food Project and I am a Neighborhood Coordinator for my area as well as your TNA Chairwoman. You can reach me, Cheryl Burkey via email at [trumanneighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:trumanneighborhood@gmail.com) or by phone at 360-696-8562

(this is a landline - please leave a message).



The **Box Tops for Education** program wants you to put down your scissors, because they have gone DIGITAL and it couldn't be easier!



1. Download the "Box Tops for Education" app from your smartphone or tablet's app store (See "[How To Earn](#)")
2. Register and designate **Harry S Truman Elementary School** to receive your rewards.
3. Purchase everyday items that have the Box Tops logo (and be sure to check the [full list of participating products](#), as some are not labeled).
4. To get credit for your purchases, just go into the app, take a picture of your receipt and press submit.

(If you don't have a device to use an app, simply register on the [website](#) and upload your receipts there.)

Remember, you don't have to be a parent to contribute: grandparents, other family members, friends and neighbors can submit Box Tops to benefit Truman Elementary through the app! All funds go towards programs and events that directly benefit Truman Trailblazers.

If you shop for groceries online or have digital receipts, you can submit your email receipts to earn Box Tops for our school! Visit the app/website for details, and to see a full list of participating retailers.

If you have any questions, contact Brooke with the Truman PTA at [trumanpta3.7.75@gmail.com](mailto:trumanpta3.7.75@gmail.com).

The Clark Neighbors Food Project  
**GREEN BAG REPORT**  
 DECEMBER 2021

You wrapped up this *most* challenging year by tying a bow on the December 2021 Green Bag Collection, donating the *most* food and monetary contributions EVER.

*Your generosity of spirit is extraordinary!*

Dec 11 <sup>th</sup> Pick-Up	<b>21,444</b> lbs of food collected	<b>17,799</b> meals delivered	<b>\$3,209</b> donated
2021 Year-to-Date	<b>110,698</b> lbs of food collected	<b>91,888</b> meals delivered	<b>\$14,500</b> donated
Since 2017 Inception	<b>234,803</b> lbs of food collected	<b>194,866</b> meals delivered	

**HEADS UP:** Our next pick-up is Saturday, April 9th

All-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit in Clark County WA

ClarkFoodProject@gmail.com  
 RidgefieldFoodProject@gmail.com

[www.clarkfoodproject.org](http://www.clarkfoodproject.org)



## Humor

- 1) You can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish
- 2) To write with a broken pencil is pointless.
- 3) No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
- 4) If you don't pay your exorcist, you can get repossessed.
- 5) I'm reading a book about antigravity. I just can't put it down.
- 6) I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- 7) Did you hear about the crossed-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
- 8) When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.
- 9) When chemists die, they barium.
- 10) I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.
- 11) I changed my iPod name to Titanic.  
It's syncing now.
- 12) England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- 13) Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.
- 14) This girl today said she recognized me from the Vegetarians Club, but I'd swear I've never met herbivore.
- 15) I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop at any time.
- 16) A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

## Reflection

A group of students were asked to list what they thought were the present "Seven Wonders of the World."

Though there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes:

- 1 - Egypt's Great Pyramids
- 2 - Taj Mahal
- 3 - Grand Canyon
- 4 - Panama Canal
- 5 - Empire State Building
- 6 - St Peter's Basilica
- 7 - China's Great Wall

While gathering the vote, the teacher noted that one student had not finished her paper yet. So, she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list.

"Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many." The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have and maybe we can help."

The girl hesitated, then read: "I think the Seven Wonder of the World are":

- 1 - To See ...
- 2 - To Hear ...
- 3 - To Touch ...
- 4 - To Taste ...
- 5 - To Feel ...
- 6 - To Laugh ...
- 7 - And to Love ...

The room was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop. The things we overlook as simple and ordinary and that we take for granted are truly wonderful!



# Drive-Thru Drug Take-Back

April 30, 2022 10 am - 2 pm

Bring any unused medication for safe, free disposal at these drive-thru Drug Take Back Event sites in Clark County:

- Any prescription and over-the-counter medication including pills, liquids & inhalers will be accepted for safe, FREE disposal.
- Medications may remain in original containers and labels do not need to be removed. Medications not in original containers will be accepted too.
- Vaping devices & e-Cigarettes **WITHOUT** Batteries will also be accepted for free disposal at all event sites **EXCEPT** Cowlitz Indian Tribal Public Safety Department.
- Sharps and syringes will be accepted from noncommercial sources **ONLY** at the PeaceHealth SW Urgent Care event site. Use an approved Sharps container when transporting; if one is not available, use a rigid plastic container with a lid (ex: plastic milk jug) & label the container: **WARNING-SHARPS DO NOT RECYCLE**
- **NO** prefilled syringes will be accepted for disposal at any event site.
- **For everyone's safety, participants will remain in vehicles & use a drive-thru process to dispose of unwanted & expired medications.**
- For more information about this event call Prevent Coalition at (360) 952-3461.

## 2 Locations:

Peace Health SW Urgent Care  
33rd & Main Streets, Vancouver  
(South Back Lot, Accepts Sharps)

Kaiser Permanente – Cascade Park  
12607 SE Mill Plain Blvd, Vancouver

## FREE Shred Event

Saturday, April 16, 2022, 10 am - 1 pm

Junk mail puts us at increased risk for identity theft, since these pieces often include our full name, address, purchasing habits and even information about our credit history.

There is a confidential, convenient and free shred event this month at two locations to help you shred sensitive documents and papers.

Please no magazines, flyers, coupons, etc.

Limit 2 banker boxes per person.

1. Salmon Creek Lions Club  
2302 NE 117th St., Vancouver, WA 98665
2. Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church  
12513 SE Mill Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98684

\$5.00 suggested donation

## Mason Bees Workshop (via Zoom)

April 16 11:00am - 12:00pm

The mason bee — our gentle friend and incredible pollinator. Most likely you have these busy native bees in your own yard; you just may not have met them yet.

Learn about the role of mason bees in pollination, their life cycle and habitats and how we can protect these valuable creatures.

Join WSU Extension Clark County Master Gardener, Vione Graham, via Zoom on April 16 from 11am to noon.

Offered in partnership with the Fort Vancouver Regional Library. Register at <https://fvrl.librarymarket.com/master-gardener-mason-bees-0>.

You'll need a (free) Zoom account to participate.



## TRUMAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOUNDARIES

**North:** NE 52nd St through to NE 51st St, ending at NE 56th Av

**East:** NE 54th Ave (between SR-500 & NE 47th St), NE 47th St (between NE 54th Ave & NE 56th Ave), NE 56th Ave north to NE 51st St

**South:** SR-500

**West:** St. Johns Rd (following Vancouver city boundary)

**Map link:** [www.clark.wa.gov/county-manager/truman](http://www.clark.wa.gov/county-manager/truman)

We hope that you find the TNA newsletter a valuable resource to help you stay up to date with neighborhood news.

We publish our newsletters on our webpage at:

[www.clark.wa.gov/county-manager/Truman](http://www.clark.wa.gov/county-manager/Truman)

Please bookmark this link

**Facebook:** Truman Neighborhood Association

### Please join us on Nextdoor Truman

Babysitter needed

Free kids bike!

Garage sale this Saturday

Car break-in!  
See anything?

Anyone missing  
a dog?



Nextdoor is the free and private social network just for Truman neighbors. On Nextdoor, neighbors share crime and safety concerns, local events, recommendations, items for sale/free, ideas about how to make our neighborhood better, and more.

*Our neighborhood is using a private online network called Nextdoor. Please join us to build a better neighborhood!*

Please join us!

[www.nextdoor.com/join](http://www.nextdoor.com/join)  
Code: BCKTLD

## TRUMAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PURPOSE

1. To address community issues within our boundaries
2. To form a greater sense of community between residents
3. To generate a unified voice in local government.
4. To create a sense of neighborhood ownership for all persons residing within the boundaries
5. To organize social and community enhancement events to bring the neighborhood together

All persons 18 years of age or older and businesses residing within the boundaries will be considered members of the association. This applies equally to homeowners and renters, as this is a neighborhood association not a homeowner's association.

## CONTACT US

**Email:** [trumanneighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:trumanneighborhood@gmail.com).

(To address an individual Council member, include his/her name in the subject line.)

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