

TRUMAN NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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Mark Your Calendar

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March 9	Thursday	6:30-8:00pm Truman Assoc. Meeting
April 8	Saturday	Green Bag Pick Up
April 22	Saturday	10am-2pm Drive-Thru Drug Take-Back
April 30	Sunday	Property Taxes Due (1st half)
June 11	Saturday	Green Bag Pick Up
August 1	Tuesday	National Night Out (natw.org)
August 12	Saturday	Green Bag Pick Up
October ?		Truman Association Mtg (date to be determined)

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Your Truman Neighborhood Association Council Members

- Cheryl Burkey, Chairwoman
- Barry Tweed, Vice-Chairman
- Teresa Tweed, Treasurer

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 or live in an HOA, all neighbors within our boundaries are welcome.

Welcome to the first Truman Neighborhood Association Meeting of 2023

Thursday, March 9th 6:30pm - 8:00pm

American Legion Hall

4607 NE St. James Rd

Entrance to parking lot from St John's Rd

Our Speaker is from the Clark County Fire Marshal Office



This will be a hybrid meeting
so you can attend in person,
join the action via Zoom on your computer or smart phone.
The link and instructions are listed below.



To Join by Computer-Tablet-Smartphone, click [HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 846 5429 2433 and Passcode: 58676497

To Join by Phone:

- ⇒ Dial: 1-206-337-9723 (Seattle #) or 1-888-788-0099 (Toll-free #)
- ⇒ When prompted, enter the Meeting ID and Passcode
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ *9 (the star key followed by 9) allow you to *raise & lower* your hand to speak

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.

We will also be voting on a proposed Bylaw change (see page 3).

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.

We Look forward to seeing you at our Association meeting

Truman Neighborhood Association Council Elections

Council Candidates: Cheryl Burkey for Chair; David Benedictus for Treasurer

Article 10 of our bylaws state that Council election voting will be done by ballot voting. Due to the fact that there are only two candidates, no volunteers to verify addresses & hand out ballots and this is a hybrid meeting, a motion will be accepted from a resident “to set aside this provision of our bylaws for this meeting and voting to be done by a voice vote”. If the motion is seconded and passed by the membership, we will commence with the election. Should the motion fail, the TNA will be dissolved and become inactive.

Proposed change to the Truman Neighborhood Association Bylaws

To be voted upon at the March 9, 2023 TNA general meeting.

Article 6 – Dues/Funding

Proposed new section:

Section 4. In the event the Truman Neighborhood Association becomes inactive or dissolves, any funds in the treasury will be donated to the Family Community Resource Center at Harry S. Truman Elementary, located at 4505 NE 42nd Ave, Vancouver, WA 98661, through The Foundation for Vancouver Public Schools.

Reason for this new section: the TNA currently has Articles of Incorporation as a Non-Profit with the State of Washington. As we are not in compliance with state law as to the number of Council members, we will not be renewing our Articles of Incorporation in April 2023.

To ensure that our funds go to the Truman Elementary FCRC, as directed in our current Articles of Incorporation, this new section to the bylaws is being proposed. It will also save us \$20.00 a year.



Barry & Teresa Tweed have served on the TNA Council since 2019. As they will be doing a lot of traveling with the birth of their new grandchild, they are stepping down from the Council. Join me in *thanking* them for their efforts and service to the Truman Neighborhood and *congratulations* for the new addition to their family.

I would also like to thank **David Benedictus** for coming out of retirement to assist on the TNA Council. David served as the TNA Chair in 2018 & 2019.

And last but not least, a heartfelt thanks to **Fay Bosman** for her extensive time (especially when I make changes) and for the magic she works on making our Newsletters look so awesome.

LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



Our Neighborhood Sheriff Liaisons

Deputy Brendan Weed is into his third year as one of our liaisons who also patrols our neighborhood. Our other liaison, yes we have 2, this year is Deputy Donny Sullivan.

There has been a lot of concern about safety in our neighborhood due to the lack of law enforcement presence. But be assured that our Deputies are out there patrolling & watching our neighborhoods.

I want to share this news release posted on FlashAlert: (paraphrased)

On 12/04/2022 around 11:50pm, Deputy Weed located a stolen vehicle traveling in the area of NE Andresen Road and NE 40th Street.

He attempted a traffic stop. The vehicle eluded recklessly and failed to comply with the traffic stop.

The driver failed to negotiate a turn, went off the road and collided with a sign. The driver exited the car and ran. Deputy Weed gave chase on foot and successfully apprehended the driver.

The suspect was found to be in possession of several hundred Fentanyl pills and Methamphetamine.

THANK YOU DEPUTY WEED!

If you are out and about in your yard or the neighborhood and happen to see a sheriff's vehicle, be sure to give them a wave and a smile. Both go a long way.

“Thank you” to all the deputies who are out there protecting Clark County residents.

If you would like more information about **FlashAlert:**

<https://www.flashalert.net/home/>

To go directly the Sheriff's news release page: <https://www.flashalert.net/id/>

TNA Helping Hands Project - 2022

This annual event, to help provide new, warm clothing for some children in need at Truman Elementary, was another success thanks to the generosity of our Truman Neighbors.

We kick off this event every year at our October TNA meeting, collecting donations through the first of December. Then volunteers go shopping. We had \$820.40 to spend and we were able to outfit 8 kids with coats, shirts, pants, socks and shoes.

We also make an annual donation of \$50 to the Clark County chapter of Santa's Posse.

THANK YOU TRUMAN NEIGHBORS

Truman Elem. Garden Recess Time

Volunteer Opportunity

Spring 2018: TNA assisted Michelle Ames, Family Community Resource Center Coordinator, in setting up the school garden. The raised beds were transferred over to their new site after the new school was completed.

Fall 2022: Clark County Master Gardeners begin a new educational program for K-5, *Garden Recess Time!* They were introduced to different bugs (yes, live ones) and their role in the garden, and what different seeds look like. They cleaned & prepared the planting beds for the winter.

Spring 2023: We begin this March with the program, getting ready to plant vegetable and flowers. If you would like to volunteer to help the kids learn about gardening, contact Michelle Ames, FCRC, at: 360-313-2904 or michelle.ames@vansd.org

Dates: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of March, April and May.

Times: 11am -1pm, 1 or 2 hour shifts.

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.

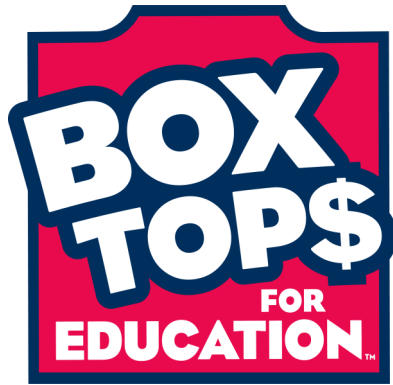
However, if you have never grown zucchini you may find that the 2 or 3 plants you grew for only 2 people are starting to over run your refrigerator or kitchen counters.

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. Even though last year was a strange growing year, I and a few other neighbors still were able to donate tomatoes, zucchini and yellow summer squash and green beans to the food pantry.

If you would like to drop off your extra produce to me, I will gladly take it to the FISH food pantry downtown. 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 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 the 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.



Clark Neighbor Food Project Update

www.clarkfoodproject.org

Our sustainable food donor program has been growing and gaining attention throughout the county. We started here in Truman Neighborhood in 2017, with our 1st collection of 350 pounds. Now look at us!



The Clark Neighbors Food Project GREEN BAG REPORT

DECEMBER 2022

You wrapped up 2022 by tying a bow on the December Green Bag Collection, donating the **most** food and monetary donations since our inception!

*As you are aware, the need in our community has never been greater.
Your spirit of generosity is simply extraordinary! Many thanks!*

Dec. 10 th Pick-Up	21,187 lbs of food collected	17,585 meals delivered	\$3,778 donated
2022 Year-to-Date	116,663 lbs of food collected	96,830 meals delivered	\$15,803 donated
Since 2017 Inception	341,466 lbs of food collected	283,417 meals delivered	

HEADS UP: Our next pick-up is Saturday, Feb. 11th

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

ClarkFoodProject@gmail.com
RidgefieldFoodProject@gmail.com

www.clarkfoodproject.org



In 2022 the Truman Elementary FCRC received 1,280 pounds of food from Truman Neighborhood Donors

Community News -- Tips -- Reminders

Recycling & Trash



During the past year or so, there has been a sharp reduction in recycling exports markets because of the low quality of the materials. Much of what was being sent was contaminated with food waste, broken glass, or other materials that could not be readily recycled.

So, please: **Recycle right from the start!** (www.cityofvancouver.us/recycleright)

♦ Tips for Shredded Paper

We know that there will be a need to shred paper as long as there are bills and credit card offers in the mail. However, **shredded paper is NOT accepted in curbside recycling carts.**

Some options for shredded paper:

- Drop your pre-shredded paper off at a transfer station for secure recycling at no cost. Shredded paper from a truck or service provider gets baled and does not have to be sorted before it heads to a paper mill.
- Add shredded paper to a worm bin or compost bin at home.
- Check the RecycleRight app to get the names of private services that will take your paper for shredding for a fee.

Remember that if you have doubts as to whether something can be properly recycled, please put it in the trash. So, if these options for shredded paper don't work for you, it's OK to put it in the garbage cart. No guilt.

- ♦ **Perhaps you would like to recognize the effort and hard work of your waste truck drivers with a [note of appreciation](#).**

Youth can ride C-Tran for Free

WSDOT announced on 10/14/22 that Transit agencies across Washington have delivered policies that make riding transit **FREE for ALL people 18 and under**. Funding was secured from the state's Transit Support.



For more information about this program and other discount ride programs offered by C-Tran, visit:

<https://mail.c-tran.com/fares/fares-and-id-cards>

SR 500 - NE 42nd and 54th Pedestrian/Bike Overpass

Construction is planned to begin in the Spring of 2023 and be completed by the Summer of 2023.

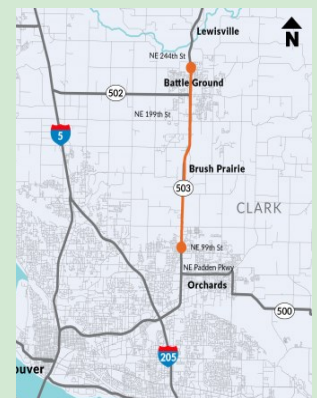
To read the full article from WSDOT, use the link below: <https://wsdot.wa.gov/construction-planning/search-projects/sr-500-ne-42nd-and-54th-intersection->



SR 503 Corridor Planning between the cities of Vancouver and Battle Ground

For more information about this project, use the link below:

<https://wsdot.wa.gov/construction-planning/search-studies/sr-503-corridor-plan-vancouver-battle-ground>



Online Open House: Tuesday, Feb. 21 to Friday, March 17

[WSDOT Online Open House webpage*](#)

*Content available in Russian, Spanish and Ukrainian

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

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

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
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.

Reflection

How about Seven NEW Wonders of the World?

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

CONTACT US

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