

# TRUMAN

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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## Mark Your Calendar

DATE	DAY	EVENT
<b>- 2023 -</b>		
Oct. 26	Thursday	6:30-8:00pm TNA General Meeting
Oct. 28	Saturday	Drug Take Back 10am to 2pm
Oct. 31	Tuesday	Property Taxes Due (2nd Half)
Oct. 31	Tuesday	Happy Halloween- Trick or Treaters
Nov. 23	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 4-5?	Mon/Tues	Helping Hands - Shopping
Dec. 9	Saturday	Green Bag Pick Up
<b>- 2024 -</b>		
Jan. 1	Monday	Happy New Year
Feb. 10	Saturday	Green Bag Pick Up
Feb. 14	Saturday	Valentine's Day
March or April ?		6:30-8:00pm TNA General Mtg (date to be determined)

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**Your Truman  
Neighborhood Association  
Council Members**

Cherryl Burkey,  
Chairwoman

David Benedictus,  
Treasurer

Jill Weber,  
Appointed Member



**Whether you own or rent  
or live in an HOA,  
ALL neighbors within our  
boundaries are welcome.**

# Truman Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting

Thursday, October 26th 6:30pm - 8:00pm  
American Legion Hall, 4607 NE St. James Rd  
(Enter parking lot from St John's Blvd)

Our Guest Speakers are **District 1 Councilor Glen Yung**  
and  
**Clark County Sheriff John Horch**



This will be a hybrid meeting, so you can attend in person, or join the action via Zoom on your computer or smart phone (instructions below).

Meeting ID: 813 5035 0225 and Passcode: 50608149

To Join by Computer / Tablet / Smartphone, click on the link:

<https://clark-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/81350350225?pwd=MXN2MGFSZDVZZExjZGFZcjQrOFdtQT09>



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 on 2 Bylaw amendments (see page 3) and voting to elect an appointed Council member to our Truman Neighborhood Council.

We still need a **secretary** and any other **volunteers** who are interested in working with and for their neighbors and community. If you are thinking about or interested in joining the Council, feel free to contact us to chat at [trumanneighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:trumanneighborhood@gmail.com).

*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.*

# Truman Neighborhood Association Council Member Election

## Council Candidate: Jill Weber

Jill contacted us after our April TNA membership meeting, about joining the TNA Council. We talked about what it meant to be on the Council, what we do and how we operate. I explained that the Council could appoint her as a member and she could serve on an interim basis to see if this was something she would be interested in continuing. I am glad to inform our neighbors that Jill has decided to serve on the TNA Council and is therefore presented to you for a formal vote.

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## Proposed changes to the Truman Neighborhood Association Bylaws

To be voted upon at the October 26, 2023 TNA general membership meeting.

Strike through indicates removal of wording

### Article 10 – Elections

*Current Section:*

**Section 3.** Voting Privileges: One vote shall be allowed for each member. Proxy votes are not allowed. Members shall be required to show proof of residency in the Truman Neighborhood to be eligible to vote in Association elections.

*Proposed Amendment:*

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*Proposed Amendment:*

**Section 4.** Voting: ~~To be by written ballot or comparable electronic alternative. An affirmative vote on ballots cast by a majority of those members in attendance at an Association meeting shall be required for election.~~ Will be by voice or by raised hand by members present, whether attending in person or via the use of communication technology.

*Reason for these Changes:*

Due to the fact that we are now having hybrid TNA membership meetings, checking & verifying addresses and using ballots is not a feasible process. Voting by voice or by raised hands was our practice in the past and will serve us well now.





## Kicking Off Our 8th Annual Truman Neighborhood Helping Hands Event

For this event, our neighborhood comes together to help purchase new, warm, and much needed clothing for children in need at Truman Elementary. We receive a list from Michelle Ames, the Family Community Resource Coordinator at Truman Elementary, with recommendations from teachers who see these children every day. This list only has the gender, age and sizes for those children, along with articles of clothing needed. We provide: shirts, pants, socks, shoes, underwear and coats. We do not purchase toys. Our goal is to cover the basic needs of these children. In the past, through the generosity of Truman Neighbors, we have been able to provide for 8 to 10 kids, with an average cost of \$82-\$85 per child.

From there we take this list and our **volunteers** go shopping!

Our Donation Ornament will be out at our TNA General Meeting on Thursday, Oct. 26th if you would like to contribute there. If you are unable to be at the general meeting and would like to donate, please contact us at [trumanneighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:trumanneighborhood@gmail.com). We will be accepting cash or check donations through Dec 2, 2023. No amount is too small, but the reward is huge.



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

Many helping hands make for light work and we could really use your help. If you would like to volunteer to help with the shopping, email us at [trumanneighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:trumanneighborhood@gmail.com). It really is a lot of fun. Tentatively the shopping date will either be Monday, Dec. 4th or Tuesday, Dec. 5th. We meet at 10am at the Burlington Coat Factory (7809 NE Vancouver Plaza Dr, in the Target shopping center)

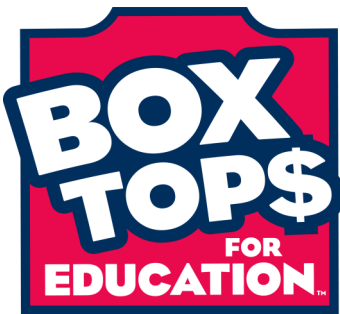
After shopping, the clothing is wrapped in tissue paper and placed in large gift bags then delivered to Michelle Ames at Truman Elementary. She then distributes the gift bags to the families the week before the school's winter break. Each bag has a gift receipt attached, so that if an item does not fit, it can be exchanged for the correct size.

## Supporting the Truman Elementary PTA Helps Support the Children, Parents and Teachers

Here's another easy way for you to support Truman PTA that doesn't cost you anything! Our application to the **Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program** has been accepted.

Do you have a **Fred Meyer Rewards Card**? Please consider directing your rewards card community rewards earnings to "Harry S. Truman PTA". This can be done by simply logging in to your Fred Meyer rewards account at <https://www.fredmeyer.com/> and searching for "Harry S. Truman PTA" (either by name or by our non-profit organization code **FP796**). Then either click Enroll (if you have not previously selected a non-profit beneficiary) or by changing your selected organization to "Harry S Truman PTA".

Funds received from the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program will help our PTA continue to provide family events, such as Movie Nights, without admission charges.



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 open 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!

Each qualifying product is worth 10cents and 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 and products.

**Bonus: Use referral code E54L2V4U to earn 25 Bonus Box Tops for you and 25 Box Tops for the Truman PTA**

Have questions or need help getting signed up?

Just email Truman PTA at [trumanpta3.7.75@gmail.com](mailto:trumanpta3.7.75@gmail.com)



**Thank you for supporting the PTA and Truman Students**

## What is Secure Firearm Storage?

by David Benedicktus

The last 10 years of my career I ran the Victim Impact program of the Clark County Juvenile Court supporting victims and families in their recovery from juvenile crime.

Some of the most tragic cases I dealt with were the accidental shooting of children due to unsecured weapons in the home. Children accidentally shot themselves, siblings or friends. These tragic injuries and deaths were preventable if the weapons had been properly secured in the home.

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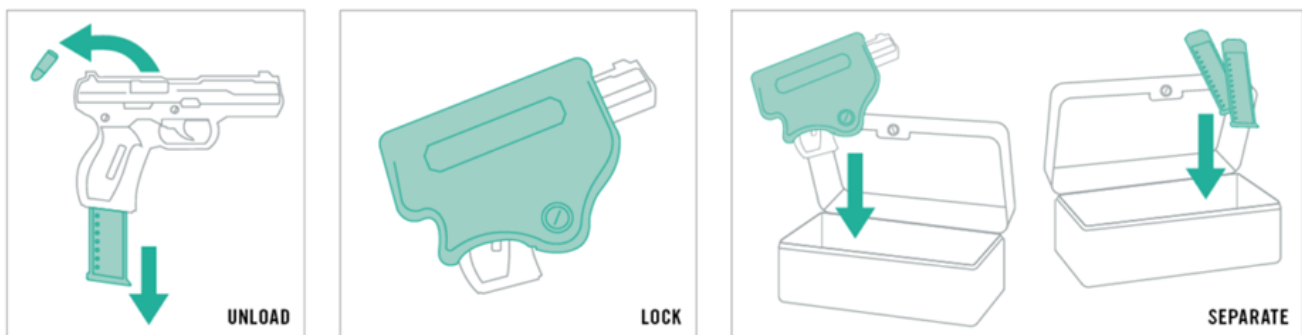
Among the findings from studies is that 85 percent of gun-owning parents did not practice safe gun storage and 72 percent believed their young children could differentiate a toy gun from a real gun.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) concludes that the absence of guns from homes is the most reliable and effective measure to prevent suicide, homicide, and unintentional firearm-related injuries to children and adolescents.

But if there are guns in the home, AAP notes that storing guns unloaded and locked, with ammunition kept in a separate place, can mitigate the risk of child firearm injury. 1/3 of youth suicides and unintentional deaths are prevented by securing guns.

Washington is one of 26 states that have child-access and/or secure storage laws. In WA State the current law HB 1143 requires a 10-day waiting period and proof of completed safety training for all firearm purchases.

### Unload - Lock - Separate



#### References:

[https://www.rutgers.edu/news/gun-safety-programs-do-not-prevent-children-handling-firearms-rutgers-study-finds;](https://www.rutgers.edu/news/gun-safety-programs-do-not-prevent-children-handling-firearms-rutgers-study-finds)  
<https://everytownresearch.org/rankings/law/secure-storage-or-child-access-prevention-required/>



**The Clark County Sheriff's Office is working hard to make your neighborhoods safer, and invites you and your pet to join us!**

Participants learn about personal safety, how to observe and report suspicious activity, tips on being a better witness, neighborhood resources and more. Anyone who routinely walks their neighborhoods or parks can join, even if you don't have a pet. It's a great way to connect with your community and help make our neighborhoods safer while doing what you already do.

For more information and to sign up go to: [clark.wa.gov/sheriff/paws-on-patrol](http://clark.wa.gov/sheriff/paws-on-patrol)

There is a short 2 minute video along with a PowerPoint Training Presentation that takes about 5 minutes. If you are unable to view PowerPoint once downloaded, contact Kasey at the Sheriff's office: [kasey.frazier@clark.wa.gov](mailto:kasey.frazier@clark.wa.gov) to receive a PDF Training Presentation.






Clark County Sheriff's Office

# PAWS ON PATROL

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

Paws on Patrol is a crime awareness program for walkers and their pets to assist as extra eyes, ears and paws while out on their routine walk.

-  Help improve neighborhood safety
-  Be an observant walker
-  Positive community engagement

To sign-up, visit: [clark.wa.gov/sheriff/paws-on-patrol](http://clark.wa.gov/sheriff/paws-on-patrol)

**FREE pet tag when you register!**



CONTACT US!  
[cntysheriff.communityoutreach@clark.wa.gov](mailto:cntysheriff.communityoutreach@clark.wa.gov)  
564-397-3380

# Drive-Thru Drug Take-Back

October 28, 2023 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.**

## 2 Locations:

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

**Walgreens** – Cascade Park - New Site  
12607 SE Mill Plain Blvd, Vancouver

## Law Enforcement Warn of Increased Kia and Hyundai Thefts

The Vancouver Police Department and the Clark County Sheriff's Office have seen recent spikes in the thefts of Kias and Hyundais over the past several weeks. Most of the suspects are juveniles and several witnesses to the car thefts have been threatened with violence by the suspects. Several firearms that were inside vehicles at the time of the thefts were also stolen.

This national trend affects multiple models of both Kias and Hyundais built between 2011-2021. Law enforcement is encouraging anyone with one of the make/ models above to check with their local Kia or Hyundai dealer to see if their vehicle is eligible for a manufacturer security software update; consider using a steering wheel lock device; park in well-lit areas, preferably with visible security cameras; consider putting a tracking device in the vehicle; consider installing an alarm system. Also, please do not leave firearms or other valuables inside your vehicle .





## Free Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

HHW drop-off is only available to Clark County residents. All HHW drop-offs require the visitor to fill out a short form (name, address, and signature verifying the waste is not generated by a business).

**There is no cost.** HHW drop-offs are limited to 25 gallons or 200 pounds.

**Central Transfer & Recycling Center**  
11034 NE 117th Avenue, Vancouver, WA  
360-256-8482

**Friday, Saturday & Sunday 8 am - 4 pm**



### Waste Accepted at HHW Facilities:

- Aerosols
- Antifreeze\*
- Chemical fertilizers
- Fire extinguishers\*
- Lead-acid vehicle batteries\*
- Motor oil\*
- Non-controlled medications
- Paints, inks, stains, primers
- Solvents, thinners, paint strippers
- Adhesives, glues, caulk, epoxy resins, sealants
- Batteries (single-use/alkaline/rechargeable/lithium ion)
- Cleaners, bleach, degreasers, polishes, waxes
- E-cigarette/vaping devices and nicotine liquids
- Fuel, gasoline, propane, white gas, lighter fluid, diesel oil
- Medical sharps\* (in a puncture-proof container)
- Mercury-containing: lights\*, thermostats, thermometers
- Pesticides, insecticides, fungicides, herbicides

\* This item can be accepted during ALL hours of operation of the transfer stations, not just HHW Facility hours.

### **CURBSIDE RECYCLE BIN REMINDERS**

**Paper:** Should be larger than a postcard and clean. Food soiled paper like paper plates and the bottoms of pizza boxes are *not* recyclable.

- Things like egg cartons, newspaper, cereal boxes, and paper milk cartons are recyclable.
- Frozen food packaging, paper cups, and shredded paper are not recyclable.

**Metal:** Should be larger than your fist and clean. Loose lids and scrap metal are not recyclable curbside.

- Aluminum cans, clean food cans, and empty aerosol cans are recyclable.
- Lids and bottle caps, scrap metal, and electronics are not recyclable curbside. (Lids and bottle caps can be placed inside a larger metal can and recycled that way, just crimp the can closed so that the lids can't slide out and you're good to go.)

**Plastic:** *Ignore the numbers!* Recycle plastic based on size and shape. It should be clean, larger than your fist and be in the shape of a bottle, jug, jar or tub.

- Don't crush your plastic, it should maintain its basic shape when it goes into your cart.
- *For plastic lids or bottle caps: if it screws on - keep the lid on when recycling, if it clicks on - take the lid off and throw it away.*
- Any plastic bags or film are not recyclable curbside and can be thrown away. The same applies for any plastic that does not fall into the category of a bottle, jug, jar or tub.

# CLARK COUNTY TURKEY TROT

Since 2002, families in Clark County have met for an early morning run before gathering around their Thanksgiving table. As popularity and numbers grew, these families realized that their traditional morning Turkey Trot could become a meaningful way to serve the hungry in their communities, especially on a day like Thanksgiving. They therefore organized a run in which community members could participate, with 100% of the proceeds going to provide food to neighbors in need.

All age groups are welcome and encouraged to participate. Food (bagels, donuts, bananas, etc.) and coffee will be provided the morning of the race. Special prizes will also be handed out to racers that come dressed in crazy, fun, or Thanksgiving themed costumes!

To get involved in the fun, and to help Clark County Food Bank alleviate hunger in Clark County, sign up for the Thanksgiving Day festivities!

## 2023 Clark County Turkey Trot Race

**Details:** 5k/10k Run/Walk

**When:** Thanksgiving Morning- 11/24/22 at 9:00am

**Where:** Salmon Creek Trail, starting at Kline Pond

Information and registration soon to be available at: [turkey-trot.org/race-details](https://turkey-trot.org/race-details)

Questions? [Email: info@turkey-trot.org](mailto:info@turkey-trot.org)

## DEFROST YOUR WINDSHIELD IN SECONDS

It's hard to believe, but winter will be here soon. This is a nifty & economical solution to standing in the freezing cold scraping the frost off your car windshield and windows:

All you need to do is combine: 1 part water and 2 parts rubbing/isopropyl alcohol in a spray bottle

That's it! Mix the two together, and you have instant, easy, DIY frost-fighting spray. When you need to defrost your windows, simply spray it on your iced-over and/or frosty windshield, and watch how much easier it becomes – in seconds!

It works because of the incredibly low freezing point of isopropyl alcohol – about 128 degrees below water's freezing point! So you can even leave this magic spray in your car to have on hand for any unexpected frost.



## 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)

### Your TNA Council is

#### Looking for a Few Good People . . .

Have you thought about becoming a bit more involved in your community, but did not know where to start, or did not want to go it alone?

#### *Why not join Truman Neighborhood Council?*

We need neighbors with fresh eyes and ideas. We meet several times a year to prepare for upcoming Association meetings and Truman events, as well as to address neighbor/neighborhood issues. We work as a team to bring the community together and build strong bonds.

Per TNA Bylaws, Articles 10 & 11, which can be found at [www.clark.wa.gov/county-manager/truman](http://www.clark.wa.gov/county-manager/truman), you must have attended 2 Association meetings in the last 18 months prior to election, be able to pass a background check, and submit a written candidate statement to the TNA Chairperson via email by December 15th.

Please consider joining us to keep our neighborhood active. Contact any Council member in person or by email at [trumanneighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:trumanneighborhood@gmail.com).

## CONTACT US

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

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

**Phone:** 360-696-8562

## 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.

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)

You can bookmark this link for easy access

Also check out our **Facebook** page: **Truman Neighborhood Association**

**Nextdoor.com:** a good way to communicate with neighbors and activity around the neighborhood.