

TRUMAN

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

March 2024



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Mark Your Calendar

DATE	DAY	EVENT
- 2024 -		
March 28	Thursday	6:30-8:00pm TNA General Meeting
April 13	Saturday	Green Bag Pick Up Collection
April 27	Saturday	10am-2pm Drive-Thru Drug Take-Back Day
April 30	Tuesday	Property Taxes Due (1st Half)
June 11	Saturday	Green Bag Pick Up Collection
June 16	Sunday	Father's Day

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**Your Truman
Neighborhood Association
Council Members**

Cherryl Burkey,
Chairwoman

David Benedicktus,
Treasurer

Jill Weber,
Member-At-Large



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

Truman Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting

Thursday, March 28th 6:30pm - 8:00pm

American Legion Hall, 4607 NE St. James Rd

(Enter parking lot from St John's Blvd)

Our Guest Speaker: Brian Salsig, Sr Management Analyst, CCSO
Topic: Crime Statistics & Analysis for our Neighborhood



This will be a hybrid meeting, so you can attend in person, or join the action via Zoom



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

<https://clark-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/85810653636>

(you may need to press the control key and click on the link)

To Join by Phone:

- ♥ Dial: 1-888-788-0099 (Toll-free #)
- ♥ When prompted, enter the Meeting ID: 858 1065 3636
- ♥ When prompted for your unique participant ID, simply press # to skip
- ♥ You will then hear: "You are in the meeting now"

Election of Truman Neighborhood Council. ???

If you are thinking about or interested in joining the Council, feel free to contact us to chat about the positions and serving our community. 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.

We Look forward to seeing you at our Association meeting

**Truman Neighborhood Association
General Meeting Agenda
March 28, 2024**

- * **6:30pm Call meeting to order** – Welcome neighbors attending in person and on Zoom
 - Pass Attendance Sheet
 - Flag Salute
 - Treasurer’s Report: David Benedicttus

- * **6:40pm** Guest Speaker: **Brian Salsig**, Senior Management Analyst, CCSO
Topic: Crime Statistics & Analysis for our Neighborhood

- * **7:05pm Neighborhood Issues – Review & Update:**
 - Sept-Nov/23: Illegal parking in front of hydrant on NE 35th Ave -- Resolved
 - Oct-Nov/23: Falling Fence on 3700 NE 50th Ave -- Not Resolved
 - Oct-Nov/23: Homeless camp & trash at 3708 NE 54th Ave -- Resolved
 - Oct/23-Jan/24: 3600 NE 50th Ave (County Property-Wetland area) – Resolved
 - Feb/24 3600 NE 50th Ave: Trash is back, new case opened
 - Nov/23-Jan/24: Illegal parking at NE 49th St & NE 50th Ave --Not Resolved
 - Dec/23-Feb/24: Food Dumping & Dead Rats on NE 48th St – Resolved
 - Jan/24: Excessive parking & Oregon Plates NE 52nd St – Partial Resolution

Benefits to having an active Neighborhood Association

WSDoT building pedestrian/bike overpass over SR 500 connection NE 54th St & Stapleton Rd

- * **7:20pm Neighborhood Project Updates:**
 - 2023 Helping Hands Project
 - 2023 Green Bag food donations to Truman Elementary FCRC

- * **7:25pm TNA Council Election: ??? Will this be our last meeting???**

The Association is in dire need of volunteers to serve on the Council. Last October I announced that I wished to step down as Chair, but I would stay on the Council to help mentor. 2 Council members is not enough to maintain the level of activity neighbors depend on.

If you are interested in keeping the TNA active, please consider running for the Council.

Contact us at trumanneighborhood@gmail.com **Without YOU there is no US**

* **7:30pm** Neighbor Forum Time

* *Door Prize Treat Drawing*

* **8:00pm** Motion to Adjourn

***Social Time**

Truman Neighborhood Association Helping Hands Project



Thank you to all who donated to our Helping Hands Project. We had some very generous donations which made a huge impact on the lives of the children and families in our community. We were able to outfit 10 children with coats, shirts, pants, underwear, socks and shoes.

We were also able to purchase 15 pairs of new shoes for Michelle Ames, coordinator for the Family Community Resource Center at Truman Elementary, as well as donating \$50 to Clark County Sheriff's Office chapter of Santa's Posse which provides food & gifts to families in our community

Bless you all.

Thank You note from a parent:

To the people that made it possible!

I just wanted to thank you all for all the gifts my children and I received from your generous donations. It has been a rough year for us and I am so thankful and have no words for how lucky my kids were to have things to open for Christmas Day. I can definitely say that we are beyond blessed and only wish we could someday return the favor to someone in need as well. Thanks again to everyone.

Happy New Year!!

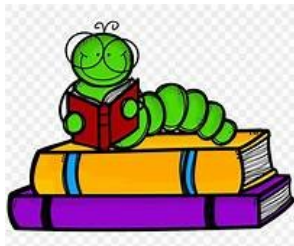
Truman Elementary

Spring



Sponsored by the
Truman PTA

When: March 18th -- 22nd
Times: 18th from 8am - 1:30pm
19th from 8am - 2:30pm
20th from 8am - 2:30pm
21st from 8am - 3:30pm
22nd from 8am - 5:00pm
Where: School Library
4505 NE 42nd Ave



Volunteers Needed for Spring Book Fair!

Profits generated by the Book Fair are used by the PTA to offer events to Truman families and to provide grants to teachers and specialists to purchase items that can be used and enjoyed by all students. In addition, Scholastic Dollars earned by hosting book fairs are used to provide grants for students who need financial help, and are also distributed to teachers to help bolster their classroom libraries.

Do you have an hour to spare?

If you would like to volunteer to help out, we have a link for that! Just click (or Ctrl & click) on: [SignUpGenius](#)

(you can also copy & paste this link in your browser)
www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0548AAA92FAAF58-47625743-volunteers#/

No need to create any account or sign in, just scroll down and you will see the time slots. These are 2 hour slots, but any amount of time you can spare is very much appreciated. Select the time slot, and click on the “save & continue” that pops. You will then be on the Sign Me Up page where you can leave a comment about your time. **i.e.**

Book Fair Staff Tue, 03/19/2024 8:00am - 10:00am

I will need to leave @ 9:40am

After you sign up, you will receive a reminder notice via email. It is that easy.

BEFORE YOU SIGN UP:

Please note that all volunteers need to be cleared through the Raptor background clearance system before they are allowed to volunteer in the school. This is done online and takes less than 5 minutes to complete.

The link is <https://vansd.org/volunteer/>

You will receive verification of approval within a day or two. This clearance is good for 2 years, so if you did one last year you are good to go.

Feel Free to contact the Truman PTA if you have questions or need help trumanpta3.7.75@gmail.com

How to Report Illegal Parking to the Sheriff's Office

1. Go to the Clark County Sheriff's Office web page: <https://clark.wa.gov/sheriff>

Sheriff

- Meet Sheriff John Horch & Executive Management Team +
- Enforcement Branch +
- Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Program
- Support/Civil Branch +
- Report a crime

A Message from Sheriff Horch

Established in 1849 we are the oldest law enforcement organization in the state of Washington.

As sheriff, I serve all the citizens of Clark County and will continue to dedicate my life to providing law and order throughout our community. Protecting and safeguarding our community is our mission. —Sheriff Horch

File an Online Crime Report

CCSO News/Press Releases

Concealed Pistol License Information

Fingerprinting

2. Click on the “File an Online Crime Report” bar (see red arrow above)
3. Scroll down the list until you come to “Traffic Complaint” (second from the bottom)

Incident Type	Definition	Examples
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Traffic Complaint	You have a non-emergent complaint regarding vehicular traffic within the CCSO's jurisdiction. The traffic must occur on a public roadway (not private property) which will be forwarded to the CCSO Traffic Unit. This report type must not be associated with any parking complaints.	You would like to report speeding vehicles on a specific roadway or area.

4. Click the circle to select. Then click the continue button at the bottom lower right
5. Complete the online report starting with information about yourself.

→ Yourself

Please enter your information as completely as possible. You may be contacted regarding this incident. An email address is required if you would like to be notified when this report is received and approved.

Click the continue button at the bottom to continue the online report.

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Incident Details

Narrative

Review

Drive-Thru Drug Take-Back

Saturday

April 27, 2024 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.**

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

Does Shredded Paper Go Into the Blue Recycling Bins???

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 or watch for notices of free shredding events.

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.

Would you like to recognize the effort and hard work of your waste truck drivers? You can do so with a: [note of appreciation.](#)



Join us April 27 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and April 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the Clark Public Utilities Home & Garden Idea Fair—Southwest Washington’s premiere home and garden show!

No matter if you’re looking for budget-friendly solutions for your starter house, ideas to take your dream home to the next level, searching for the perfect plants to make your garden really pop, or craving a treat from the local farmer’s market, the show has solutions for every person, every budget and every home.

Families can spend an entire day talking and shopping with vendors, getting tips from DIY demonstrations, shopping one of the largest plant sales in the region and kids can play and learn in our Power Zone area.

Held at the Clark County Event Center, the Home & Garden Idea Fair has become a much-anticipated community institution in Clark County. Every year, upwards of 15,000 people attend the show over two days. If you’ve never been, come down and discover what the fun’s all about.

Free COVID Test Kits -- Here’s how to get yours

As of November 20, 2023 every U.S. household can again place an order to receive four more free COVID-19 rapid tests delivered directly to their home. If you didn’t order tests since the program reopened in September 2023, the site will let you place two orders for a total of eight tests.

Order your test kits through www.covid.gov/tools-and-resources/resources/tests

The kits will include instructions on how to verify extended expiration dates. Many kits have had their expiration dates extended beyond what may be printed on the packaging.

You don’t have to pay for shipping, and you’ll never be asked for a credit card or bank account number. You only need to give a name and shipping address.

If you’d like an email confirmation and delivery updates from the U.S. Postal Service, you can submit your email address.

How Many Dogs Do You See?



Wie viele Hunde siehst du? ©Optometry Today© Provided by Wamiz

How young is your Brain

4 Dogs: Your mental age is between 20 and 25. You are the artistic-literary type and like to look at things from a new perspective.

5 Dogs: Your mental age is between 25 and 30. You like things simple and don't see the point in complicating things, whether in love or in everyday life.

6 Dogs: Your mental age is between 30 and 40. You like traditions and are a rather cautious type, but also someone that is reliable.

7 Dogs: You are still very young in your head. You are a rather naive type, always content and friendly.

It was a sad and disappointing day
when I discovered my Universal
Remote Control did not, in fact,
control the Universe.
Not even remotely!

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

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 our upcoming Association meetings and our 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, 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 Dec. 15th. Nominations will also be taken at the election meeting.

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

CONTACT US

Email: 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 our boundaries
5. To organize social and community events to bring the neighbors 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

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.