

# TRUMAN

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

October 2019



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### Mark Your Calendar

#### TRUMAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2019, 6:30-8:00 PM**

at the American Legion Hall, Smith Reynolds Post #14,  
4607 NE St. James Rd. (Enter from either St. James Rd or St. Johns Blvd.)

#### AGENDA:

- ◆ Welcome
- ◆ Treasurer's Report
- ◆ Guest Speakers:
  - Peter Van Nortwick, Clark County Assessor Clark  
Topic: *"Changes to the Senior Citizen & Disabled Persons Property Tax Exemption Program"*\*
  - Matt Griswold, Clark County Traffic Engineering/Ops Supervisor  
Topic: *"Updates on traffic volume, plans for 40th & 44th Aves, timeline for school sidewalks, and 'Safe Routes to Schools'"*\*
- ◆ Committee Updates
- ◆ CCSO Deputy Anderson (his schedule permitting)\*
- ◆ Social Time

(\* Questions are always welcome, but speakers' time is limited. They may be able available during Social Time, after the meeting, or can be contacted by email for further questions or comments.)

#### 2019 UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 12, 9am:** Green Bag Pickup
- Oct 24:** Truman Neighborhood Association General Meeting
- Oct 24–Dec 2:** Helping Hands Donations Accepted
- Dec 3:** Helping Hands Shopping @ Burlington
- Dec 15:** Deadline for TNA Council Candidate Statements
- Feb 27, 2020:** TNA General Meeting

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**Whether you own  
or rent, all  
neighbors within  
our boundaries  
are welcome.  
(See page 5.)**

## 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 various Truman events, as well as to address neighbor/neighborhood issues. We work as a team to bring the community together and build strong bonds. We are a fun group who socialize together, as well as work together.

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 15, 2019.

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



## Look for SafeWatch

As kids head back to school, make sure to tell them about the SafeWatch program. SafeWatch logos are placed on hundreds of utility, county and C-Tran vehicles to indicate the driver is a safe person to stop for help. If a person is in need of emergency assistance, flag down a vehicle with the SafeWatch logo by waving arms overhead. Drivers of SafeWatch vehicles often have radios or cell phones they can use to call for help, and some are trained in CPR and first aid. Be sure the whole family knows about this valuable community resource!



## Truman Neighborhood Helping Hands Project

This is the 6th year for Truman's Helping Hands project where we raise money to purchase warm coats, clothing and footwear for children in need at Truman Elementary. We receive a list of children from Michelle Ames, the Community Resource Coordinator at Truman Elementary School, with recommendations from the teachers who see these children every day. This list only has the gender, age and sizes of the child along with articles of clothing needed.



Last year we were able to provide not only a small part of life's necessities for 10 children, but also a smile and a feeling that someone cares. One of those kids was homeless and living out of their family car, and 3 boys were from the same family.

We begin collecting donations at our October 24th meeting, and will be accepting donations through December 2nd. No amount is too small. Then we go shopping at Burlington on December 3rd.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the shopping or to donate, email us at: [trumanneighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:trumanneighborhood@gmail.com).

It really is a lot of fun!



## The Little Library at Truman Elementary

This library was the vision of VSAA student, Kate Bias. For her junior year school project, she wanted to promote literacy and a passion for reading. She created the library box, had Truman students help paint it, and stocked it with books. She has also been maintaining it since it opened.

*"The purpose of a lending library is to encourage readers to 'take a book, leave a book' so that everyone has access to read books and a chance to increase their reading skill level.*

*"A large part of my preparation for the project was writing a research paper on a topic connected to creating a lending library. I chose to research the lifelong benefits of reading. In the process of learning more about that I decided I wanted to focus on encouraging parents to read to their children." - Kate Bias*

The Lending Library was installed last spring, and is open to all. We encourage you to visit the lending library located outside of Truman Elementary, to the left of the main entrance, in the alcove. Truman is proud to support it.



If you have a child or a grandchild, please come by and let them experience this great community connection piece. It's a great way to encourage children to read, and also to share their past favorites that they have outgrown. If you don't have a book to leave when you borrow one, drop one by another time.

## The Clark Neighbors Food Project GREEN BAG REPORT

UPDATE: AUGUST 2019

*Thank you!* YOU kind, generous neighbors gave 1,816 pounds MORE than our June totals! Why the big increase? Fresh fruit and veggies from your gardens, an increase to 800 food donors, and a birthday surprise! Read all about it on [facebook.com/clarkfoodproject](https://facebook.com/clarkfoodproject).

### OUR NEIGHBORS FOOD PROJECT TOTALS

Here's what we've accomplished together:

<b>August 10th</b>	<b>7,113 lbs</b>	<b>5,904*</b>
Pick-Up	Food Collected	Meals Delivered
Since 2017	<b>44,350 lbs</b>	<b>36,811*</b>
Inception	Food Collected	Meals Delivered

\*100 pounds donated/collected = 83 meals (Food Bank Standards)

**Note: Next pick-up is October 12th.** Please let your Neighborhood Coordinator know if you'll be out of town, and if you need an early (or late) pickup.

**Clark Neighbors Food Project: [clarkfoodproject@gmail.com](mailto:clarkfoodproject@gmail.com), (360)699-5441**

**Ridgefield Neighbors Food Project: [ridgefieldfoodproject@gmail.com](mailto:ridgefieldfoodproject@gmail.com), (360) 887-4444**

Our Neighbors Food Project started August 2017 and is growing because of folks exactly like you. Thank you for your food and cash donations! 100% of your food donations go to local food pantries & School Family Resource Centers to help feed local neighbors.

[www.clarkfoodproject.org](http://www.clarkfoodproject.org)  
Like and Share our Power of One Green Bag  
[www.facebook.com/clarkfoodproject](https://www.facebook.com/clarkfoodproject)



501c3 Non-Profit—donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law  
Clark Neighbors Food Project, PO Box 817, Ridgefield, WA 98642  
Tax ID#45-3683583

## Confidential Document Shredding Event

Saturday, October 05, 2019,  
10 am - 1 pm

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church  
12513 SE Mill Plain Blvd,  
Vancouver, WA 98684

Bring your sensitive documents and papers to be securely shredded and recycled!

### What Can You Shred:

Up to 2 banker's boxes per person of bank/ financial statements, invoices, pay stubs, tax records, employment records, medical records, leases, contracts and letters, documents containing passwords, PINs or SSNs.

### NO:

Junk mail, magazines and catalogs, office paper, flyers and brochures, coupons, receipts, please,



\$5.00 suggested donation goes to the Mexico Mission Project.

## What To Do With Burned Out Fluorescent Bulbs

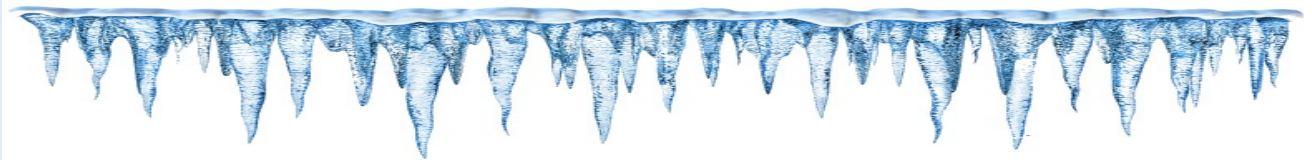
CFLs contain small amounts of mercury so recycling them properly is important for safety!

There are multiple sites for proper disposal of fluorescent bulbs in Clark County.

Visit [LightRecycle.org](http://LightRecycle.org) to search for a drop-off location close to you.



Clark Public Utilities has long provided free recycling and exchange of up to ten unwanted or burned out CFL bulbs, and exchanges them for two new LED bulbs at their local utility locations.



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 GRAFFITI CLEAN UP PROGRAM



Graffiti is an eyesore and a problem for all neighborhoods, but here in Truman graffiti is no match for Ken Rose and his mean machines. Ken goes out several times a year to power wash fences & sidewalks, when neighbors report problem areas. He puts two 50-gallon containers on his truck, fills them up with water (at his own expense), loads up the power washer & gas and off he goes. He does several areas at a time, as setting up the equipment in his truck is time consuming. Ken has been doing this for over 5 years and is a true asset to our community. He works under the good Samaritan rule, and that is what he is.

*Thank you, Ken, for what you do for our neighbors and neighborhood!*

### HOW DO I REPORT GRAFFITI OR OTHER VANDALISM?

- \* If you spot vandalism in progress, please report it to law enforcement immediately by calling 911.
- \* If you see graffiti in our neighborhood please email us at: [trumanneighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:trumanneighborhood@gmail.com) with the location.
- \* If you have graffiti on your fence or home, you should file a report with the Clark County Sheriff's Office at [www.clark.wa.gov/sheriff/file-crime-report](http://www.clark.wa.gov/sheriff/file-crime-report). Also, take a photo of the graffiti prior to having the area cleaned or painted.
- \* If you see graffiti or other vandalism on street signs, you can report it by calling the Public Works customer service line at (360) 397-2446 or by submitting an online maintenance request at [www.clark.wa.gov/public-works/report-park-road](http://www.clark.wa.gov/public-works/report-park-road).

### **TRUMAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOUNDARIES**

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

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

**South:** SR-500

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

**See a map here:** [https://gis.clark.wa.gov/ccimages/MapGallery/PDFidea/Truman\\_Landscape\\_36x48.pdf](https://gis.clark.wa.gov/ccimages/MapGallery/PDFidea/Truman_Landscape_36x48.pdf)

# Kid's Stuff

Hey kids! Friendly Neighborhood is home to more than just people. We share this space with animals and insects. Here's a fun drawing of Friendly Neighborhood that you can fill with color and post on your refrigerator.

Can you find all the animals in this picture? Here's a list: butterfly, Robin, dragonfly, dog, wild Turkeys, bumblebee.



By Andrew Fisher

## YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD . . . YOUR IDEAS



Perhaps you would like to start a Truman book club or quilting club; maybe you like being outdoors and want to get a group together to help our older neighbors with light yard work . . . We can help by getting the word out in our newsletter or maybe with information on who to contact to implement a project you would like to start. Your TNA Council would like to hear about your ideas and any suggestions you have. We look forward to hearing from you.

Contact us at [trumanneighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:trumanneighborhood@gmail.com), or call 360-696-8562.

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**OCTOBER 26<sup>th</sup>** 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Luepke Community Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd.

- **FREE, family-focused community event**
- **Indoor trick-or-treating, recreations & sports**
- **Games, crafts & face painting**
- **Costume parade**
- **Story times**
- **Scarecrow Walk**



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### About the TNA Newsletter

We publish 3-4 newsletters a year. Depending on logistics, they are either printed and mailed, or they are posted digitally. When not mailed, neighbors receive a reminder postcard announcing our General Meeting date and guest speaker(s).

Online newsletters are available at:

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

Online newsletters will coincide with postcard mailings. A bonus is that the digital newsletter is in full color.

To open a digital newsletter, simply click on your selection, and it will open in your web browser.

Once open, you can view the document, scroll up or down to read, zoom in or out, or you could even choose to print it, if you prefer a paper copy.

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

Another great way to stay informed is by joining Nextdoor...



## 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: QRNLFJ

**TRUMAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

13215 SE Mill Plain Blvd, Suite C8, #557  
Vancouver, WA 98684

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4607 NE St. James Rd., Vancouver WA

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**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

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

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 HOA (homeowner's association).