

TRUMAN NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

February 2020

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Mark Your Calendar

Thursday, February 27, 2020, 6:30-8:00 pm
**TRUMAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING**

at the American Legion Hall, 4607 NE St. James Rd.

AGENDA:

- ◆ Check-in to receive your ballot
Bring ID with proof of Truman area address
- ◆ Treasurer's Report
- ◆ Introductions of council candidates
- ◆ Voting & collection of ballots
- ◆ Guest Speaker:
Stephanie Sobottke, Allie's House (NE 49th St) project coordinator
- ◆ Proposed Bylaw Amendments—discussion & voting
- ◆ Election Results
- ◆ CCSO Deputy Anderson (his schedule permitting)
- ◆ Open Neighbor Forum
- ◆ Social Time

2020 UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 11:** Green Bag Pick Up
- Jun 11:** Truman Neighborhood Association General Meeting
- Jun 13:** Green Bag Pick Up
- Jul 17-18:** Annual Truman Neighborhood Yard Sale
- Aug 4:** National Night Out Against Crime
- Aug 8:** Green Bag Pick Up
- Oct 10:** Green Bag Pick Up
- Oct 22:** Truman Neighborhood Association General Meeting
- Dec 12:** Green Bag Pick Up

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WELCOME
Whether you own or rent, all
neighbors within our bounda-
ries are welcome.
(See page 5.)



Proposed TNA Bylaw Changes – to be voted upon by TNA members at the February 27, 2020 general meeting. Underlined passages are proposed additions and strike through passages are to be deleted.

BYLAWS
of
Truman Neighborhood Association
PO Box 1386
Vancouver, WA 98666

Article 6 – Dues/Funding

Section 1: In compliance with Clark County rules no dues will be charged to members. Voluntary contributions, contracts, grants, subscriptions, or fund-raising activities may be used by the Truman Neighborhood Association as needed. In accordance with Article 9, Section 5, the TNA Council has authority to approve expenditure of funds by a majority vote. In accordance with Article 9, Section 4: 5, the TNA Council has authority to expenditure of funds by a majority vote approved expenditures shall be reported by the Treasurer to Association members at each Association meeting.

Section 2: Any recurring funds needed to maintain the operation of the TNA, such as but not limited to: fees to the Secretary of State; printing of election or meeting materials; maintenance of records; Truman PTA membership, shall be deemed approved.

Section 3: Funds for Neighborhood events shall require the majority approval of the Council for expenditures over \$50.00. Expenditures of \$50.00 or less would require the approval of 1 committee member and 2 Council members.

Article 8 – Officers/Council

Section 1. The Council shall consist of up to nine (9) members; Four officers: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, with an additional and up to five (5) as Council Members-at-Large. Once the nine Council members are elected, they shall elect the four officers listed above from their ranks at the first convened Council meeting following the Association election meeting. The Council may choose to appoint more members as needed to lead large or special volunteer projects.

Article 11 – Eligibility/Candidates

Section 1: Candidates must have attended at least two previous association meetings within the prior 18 months, not including the election meeting. Verification of attendance is per attendance sign-in sheets passed at each Association meeting.

Section 2: Candidate(s) are encouraged to have a level of commitment to the community by volunteering with/at neighborhood events and/or the Truman Elementary School.

Section 3: The Association Council actively volunteers and hosts neighborhood events at Truman Elementary School, thus all Council members are required to pass a Vancouver School District or Washington State Vulnerable Population background check and submit said verification to the Chairperson within 30 days of being elected. (Formerly Section 2)

Article 7 – Meetings

Section 5. The Quorum for an Association meeting shall be those members present, so long as notice has been duly given.

2020 Truman Neighborhood Association Council Candidates and Statements

Cherryl Burkey: Being on the TNA Council for 5 years has been a wonderful experience. I have enjoyed meeting many new neighbors through the various events we sponsor in our neighborhood. Having tutored math at Truman Elementary for 4 years I have met many of our neighborhood children – what a delight. I look forward to finding new opportunities to bring our community together and strengthen the bond we have with our neighbors.

Lajuana Burnside: Hello neighbors: I have been on the board for a year now and have been active in our Truman neighborhood for 4 years. I participated in the Helping Hands Project and with your support would like to continue serving our community for the year 2020.

Kathy Robertson: I have enjoyed living in the Truman neighborhood since 1992. I always give to the green bag project, also I have participated in the Helping Hands Project and the annual yard sale event. I would be honored to be on the TNA board.

Ken Rose: I have been co-chair, with my wife Sally, for the annual Truman BBQ for the past 7 years. I have done graffiti removal for five years to improve the appearance of the neighborhood. I have served as a council member since 2014 and was a council member 1998- 2001 on the original TNA council.

Margaret Snitzler: I have lived in the Truman Neighborhood for 47 years and served on the TNA Council for 11 years. I have actively volunteered in our many events and am the current TNA Treasurer. I would like to continue being a part of the Council as we maintain and grow our relationships with the school and community.

Barry Tweed: As the current Vice-Chair of the Truman Neighborhood Association, I would be honored to be able to continue on the council in 2020. My priorities are continuing our support of Truman Elementary, maintaining our relationship with the deputies that patrol the neighborhood, and finding ways to positively impact the neighborhood.

Teresa Tweed: I have enjoyed living in the Truman Neighborhood since 1985. I have volunteered as a Truman Kindergarten classroom helper for the past three years, and have served on the Council for one year. I would like to continue serving on the Council in 2020, and hope to build on the strong relationship Truman Neighborhood Assn. has with the school and various Clark County departments.

CURRENT TNA COUNCIL MEMBERS

Cherryl Burkey, Chairwoman

Barry Tweed, Vice-Chairman

Margaret Snitzler, Treasurer

Teresa Tweed, Secretary

Barb Cabe

Kenneth Rose

Candy Plaster

Lajuana Burnside

Newsletter Editor: Fay Bosman

A huge Thank You to Barb Cabe and Candy Plaster, who are stepping down this year, for their many years of service on the TNA Council. Their commitment and efforts in shaping the Truman Neighborhood into the community we have today are an inspiration to us all.



Property Tax Exemption Programs for Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons

Overview:

The assessed property value of your primary residence in Washington is frozen exempting eligible homeowners from excess and special levies, resulting in reduced property taxes.

This program *does not* place a lien against your property. It is not a tax deferment program.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Be at least 61 years of age or older
-or-
Deemed permanently disabled by SSA
-or-
Have an 80% service-connected disability through the VA and unable to work in 2019 or earlier
- Own the residence by 12/31/2019
- Occupy the residence for at least 9 months during 2019
- Income (earned in 2019):
Annual household income of up to \$50,348 (this includes Social Security and other taxable and non-taxable sources) (RCW 84.36.383(5))
- Have a Washington state license or ID card

Do you have parents or other family members or friends in Washington who may benefit from this program? Let them know that the State has lowered the qualifying income threshold.

Each county has its own tiered income levels so have them check with their county assessor's office.

For complete information about this program and how to apply, visit:

<https://www.clark.wa.gov/assessor/property-tax-exemption-senior-citizensdisabled-persons>

or call the Clark County Assessor's office at: **1-564-397-2391**.



Dangerous Email – Do Not Open Link

Have you received an email from Truman Association that looks something like this?:

*On Wednesday, November 13, 2019 12:26PM,
Truman Association cho@the-ad.co.jp
Truman wrote: something nice for you to check
out: http://[link deleted for your protection]*

We have posted on Nextdoor.com and sent email notifications to those on our email distribution list about this type of email in the past, and we will continue to alert you when one is reported to the TNA Council.

If you should open the email, **DO NOT click on the link**. The link has a virus that will infect the computer or device you are using. Not everyone in the Truman Neighborhood gets this email at the same time but it seems to be sent out every 2 to 3 weeks by different senders. Please be watchful.

Reminder: Official Truman emails show as *trumanneighborhood@gmail.com* with our full name, “Truman Neighborhood Association” as the sender, NOT as Truman Association.

This email is not exclusive to our neighborhood. Apparently, it is making the rounds throughout the state. We received this email message from a business 2 hours north of us:

Mark Shanholtzer
Director of Sales / Branch Manager Fife
1222 46th Ave E, Fife, WA 98424
Have received a few of these lately. Looks like someone or entity is trying to impersonate your email to infect computers. Just wanted to give you a heads up.

*On Friday, December 20, 2019 10:19 AM,
I hope you are well. Just wanted to share what I found the other day: [link deleted] Truman Association wrote:*



New Car Seat Law Effective Jan. 1, 2020

Are you aware that a new child car seat law took effect this month? This new law decreases the chance that children will die or be seriously injured in a collision.



- * Children up to 2 years old must ride in a rear-facing car seat.
- * Children aged 2 - 4 years old must ride in a car seat with a harness.
- * Children shorter than four feet, nine inches (4'9") and who have outgrown the child harness seat must use a booster seat, regardless of age.
- * Children under 13 must ride in the back seat of the vehicle.



The U.S. has counted its population (including all children) every 10 years since 1790. Getting a complete and accurate census count is critically important. That's why your response is mandated by law in the U.S. Constitution in Article 1, Section 2. If you do not respond, the U.S. Census Bureau will follow up in person to collect your response.

The U.S. Census Bureau is bound by law to protect your answers and keep them strictly confidential. Your private information is never published and your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency, law enforcement, immigration agency or court.

Census results determine how many seats in Congress each state gets.

Results also help determine how billions of federal funding dollars are distributed between states and local communities each year for roads, schools, emergency services, hospitals, health care, jails, senior centers, shelters, and more.

In the 2010 census the Truman area had a 75% response rate, which translates to a 25% loss of federal funding for our residents. I know that we can do better.

Beginning in March postcards will be mailed to all residents with information on how to complete your response for the 2020 Census. There are 3 options available for responding: 1) by mail, 2) by phone and 3) on-line. Households that don't respond in one of these ways will be visited by a census taker to collect the information in person.



Another Successful Helping Hands Project

2019 marked out 7th year for this community-based project. Our goal is to help provide new warm clothing for children in need at Truman Elementary. We began collecting donations at our Oct. 24th general meeting and raised a whopping \$1,030 through Dec. 2nd.

Michelle Ames, the Community Resource Coordinator at Truman Elementary School, indicated 9 children could use our help. Each child received a coat, pants, shirt, socks and underwear and were delivered before the school's winter break.

We also purchased 18 pairs of shoes from Retail Thrift Store on Fourth Plain Blvd. Thank you to Lesa Oscilla, manager of the shoe department and a loyal Truman neighbor, for sorting and setting aside shoes for us to go through. We gifted these shoes to the Community Resource Office at Truman for use throughout the year for kids whose shoes are falling apart.

Again, we were able to send a donation of \$50 to the CCSO Santa's Posse, which delivers a holiday meal and some toys to families who have very little.

THANK YOU all for your very generous support.

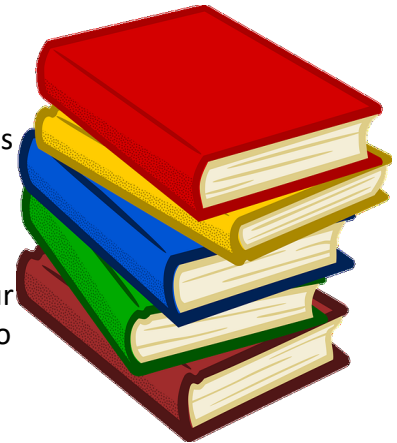


The 2020 Census

“The Book Club” **Started by Truman Neighbors for all neighborhoods.**

When: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11 am
Where: Pepper Tree Village Condo at NE 45th St & St. John’s Rd, in the Community Room
Contact: Pat Warwick 360-313-6869, or on Nextdoor – just look for the Book Club post
Book Selection: *Olive, Again* by Elizabeth Strout

The first meeting of our area book club on January 15th went well and the book chosen to read for the month is *Olive, Again* by Elizabeth Strout. A number of suggestions were made and are now in a jar for random pick for next month, along with a listing I am going to get from our Regional Library. They have Book Club Discussion Kits, so if we choose one of their books, we can get many copies of the book in the kit to check out. I am told Costco carries the above selection if you are interested in being a part of this group. It started snowing just as we gathered today, but that did not deter some of our participants from walking to the gathering!! This is wide open, we are feeling our way and even though our first meeting was small, it was dynamic. Hope to see more of you February 19th.



(Posted by Pat Warwick on Nextdoor)

Allie’s House Article by Barbara Cabe

The lot at NE 49th Street and 42nd Avenue, where an abandoned home has been sitting for many years, has now been demolished. Our Truman Neighborhood has been dealing with this eyesore for many years. It had attracted squatters who almost completely burned down the home. The result was a dangerous situation, where the structure had been compromised and the property was not secured by any kind of fence, to prevent people from trespassing and being seriously injured.

Over the past several years we have been working with Clark County Community Development to try to find a way to remove this derelict home from the neighborhood. Our thanks to Kevin Pridemore, Lead Code Enforcement Coordinator, for working with us and never giving up. This house is now a distant memory after all these years, but it's been so worth the effort.

The good news is the house is gone and permits have been issued to build a new home. It is being built by Common Ground, a local nonprofit, and will be called Allie’s House. Their goal is to provide safe housing for very young mothers and their little ones, who are sometimes leaving a domestic violence situation or needing help to get back on their feet. There will be a 24/7 on-site supervisor. The nonprofit will work with these young mothers to help them become independent and able to provide for themselves and their children while in a safe environment.

There have been some problems with illegal trash dumping at this property, causing safety concerns as well as being an eyesore. Common Ground is sensitive to our concerns and invite you to contact them via email at: allieshousenw@gmail.com. If you witness illegal dumping, please call the 3-1-1 to report the incident (do not call 911).

To hear more about this endeavor please come to our February 27th Truman general meeting where the project supervisor will speak and answer questions for you.



Spring 2020 Drug Take Back Event Saturday, April 25th, 10:00am - 02:00pm

Twice yearly, free medication take-back events are held in Clark County. Citizens can help keep these substances out of the hands of children and away from our waterways, by dropping off unwanted medications free of charge, no questions asked. Events are a partnership between multiple Clark County agencies and the US DEA.

Please keep in mind:

- While you absolutely may combine all pills into one container, if you get pulled over, it might be easier to explain if they are in the original container with the medication name visible.
- Ensure the container is sealed and does not leak.
- Remove or obscure all patient information.

Drop off Locations:

No Sharps:

- Battle Ground Police Department
507 SW 1st Street, Battle Ground

Sharps Accepted:

- Kaiser Permanente Cascade Park
12607 SE Mill Plain Blvd, Vancouver
- PeaceHealth Southwest Urgent Care
33rd & Main (South Back Lot), Vancouver



Cookie Giveaway – Compliments of our TNA Bakers



At our TNA October 2019 meeting, we had a drawing for a dozen decorated homemade Halloween cookies.

Congratulations to **Lesla Osilla**, who happily walked away with her treats – Hope she shared them with her husband, Mike!

We thought we would do this again, so at our February meeting we will have a drawing for **Meyer Lemon Bars**. Join us to put your name in the jar, and to vote in your TNA Council members.

Block Foam Recycling

Block foam is now being accepted at Central Transfer and Recycling Center (CTR) for recycling. We recommend visiting the facility during weekdays to avoid site traffic.

CTR's open hours: Monday - Friday 6 am– 6 pm; Saturday - Sunday 8 am - 4 pm

- Only rigid, white, clean block foam will be accepted -- "It breaks with a snap, does not bend!"
- Foam food trays, such as take-out cups and egg cartons are accepted if clean; no food residue can be present
- No peanuts or popcorn (these can be taken to some shipping stores).
- Stickers, tape, plastic coating or wrap, cardboard, or any other material must be removed from the foam or it will be refused.



**A wonderful resource
about the People, Places,
and current & upcoming
Events that make our
community great!**

Check out
www.clarkcountylive.com

Vancouver Public Schools Volunteer Opportunity



The Student Welfare and Attendance department of Vancouver Public Schools needs volunteers for our Community Based Truancy/Attendance Boards, to assist students and families with attendance issues.

Students/families are invited to a Community Truancy Board when they have 10+ absences. They hear a presentation from a District representative about the importance of attendance, effects of poor attendance, and help available for families to remove barriers to attendance. After the presentation, the students and families have a meeting with 2-3 community volunteers to identify their barriers to attendance, discuss alternative educational options, and create a plan on how to address their barriers moving forward

The volunteers are provided training and are paired with a school or district employee. A summary of the student's attendance, grades and prior interventions is provided, to help volunteers develop specialized plans specific for the student and family.

If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity and would like to stay close to home, there is a board that meets at Roosevelt Elementary, on Falk Rd, on the 4th Thursday of each month from 4 - 5pm.

Want to learning more about serving as a Community Truancy/Attendance Board volunteer? Please contact **Trish Piliado** at **360-313-1334** or trish.piliado@vansd.org.

Repair Cafe: Vancouver

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 5-7 pm
Vancouver Community Library; 901 C St

Repair Cafés are free community events where skilled volunteer ‘fixers’ lend their skills to residents who bring in their broken items for repair. The goal of these events is to keep stuff out of the landfill, conserve resources, save money and share skills throughout the community.

Bring your clothing, small home appliances, electronics, jewelry, or tools/knives that need sharpening, and fixers will try to repair them or help you fix them!

Attendees may bring one item each and must be present during the repair. If multiple items are brought, the attendee will need to re-enter the line for their additional item after one repair is completed. Attendees are encouraged to bring replacement parts (i.e. cords, zippers) specific to their broken item for fixers to use in the repair.

Experienced fixers will try to repair or mend your items and can sometimes teach you how to fix them. Please only bring items small enough to be easily carried by one person, and do not bring any items that are leaking, dangerous, dirty or have a strong odor. There are no guarantees an item can be fixed, or that attempting to fix it won't break it even more, but fixers will be available to diagnose problems and offer their best, unbiased advice

Volunteers will provide free diagnosis and repair skills, and replacement parts may be available for sale at a low cost.

Visit www.repairclarkcounty.org for more information.

TRUMAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOUNDARIES

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

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)

See a map here: https://gis.clark.wa.gov/ccimages/MapGallery/PDFidea/Truman_Landscape_36x48.pdf



Kids' Coloring Page

(To learn how to download, print or save a .pdf (like this newsletter), or to print selected pages, see:

[wikihow.com/Download-PDFs](http://www.wikihow.com/Download-PDFs) .)

Free Bereavement Support Groups in Clark County

"It's important the grief group is here. It helps to understand grief, and know I'm not the only one who has experienced this." - grief group attendee Cynthia

Community Home Health & Hospice* offers ongoing grief support groups, for all ages, throughout Clark County. Join friendly, caring people who support each other through one of life's most difficult experiences. Support groups are free of charge and open to anyone who has lost a loved one through death. Groups are facilitated by staff and volunteers with specialized grief training. Participants have the freedom to discuss difficult topics in a safe, supportive environment.

Drop in to see if a grief support group is right for you. Please register at **360.703.0300** or griefsupport@chhh.org.

Meetings are held at the **Seasons of Hope Grief Center, 3102 NE 134th St., Vancouver, WA 98686**

Adult (Ages 18+)

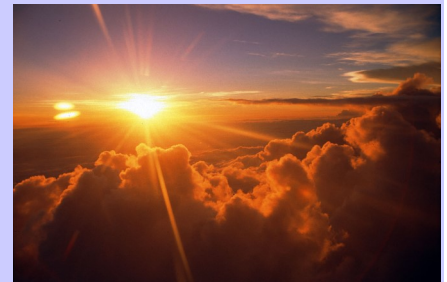
- *Daytime:* 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month, 1-2:30 pm
- *Evening:* 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 6-7:30 pm

Children (Ages 5-10), Pre-Teen (Ages 11-13), Teen (Ages 14-17)

- 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month, 6-7:30 pm, October - August (follows Vancouver School District schedule.)

Parents Group Meets at the Same Time

(*Community Home Health & Hospice is an independent, community-based nonprofit healthcare agency serving the healthcare needs of Washington and Oregon families since 1977.)



We publish 3-4 online newsletters a year at www.clark.wa.gov/county-manager/Truman

Please bookmark the link.

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
Code: BCKTLD

TRUMAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASS'N 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

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Vancouver, WA 98684

Facebook: Truman Neighborhood Association

Website: www.clark.wa.gov/county-manager/truman