

TRUMAN NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Thursday, March 28, 2019, 6:30-8:00 pm

Truman Neighborhood Association General Meeting at the American Legion Hall, Smith Reynolds Post #14, 4607 NE St. James Road.
(Enter parking lot from St. James Rd. if St. Johns Rd. entrance is closed)

It is that time of year for our Truman Neighborhood Association Council elections. Please join your neighbors at the March 28, 2019 meeting to cast your vote for our Council members.

Your voice and support are vital to our community.

March 28th Meeting Agenda

- ◆ Check-in to receive a ballot.
 Bring ID with proof of address to show you are Truman resident
- ◆ Treasurer Report
- ◆ Introductions of council candidates
- ◆ Voting & ballots collected
- ◆ Guest Speakers: Ed Barnes re: Korean War Memorial;
- ◆ Marilee McCall, Clark County Neighborhood Program Coordinator re: Association County Web Pages
- ◆ Update on projects
- ◆ Vancouver Schools—Update on Truman Elementary project status
- ◆ Election Results
- ◆ Social time

2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 23rd:** Truman Neighborhood Association General Meeting
- June 7th:** TNA Bicycle Safety & Fun Fair at Truman Elementary School
- July 19-20th:** Annual Truman Neighborhood Yard Sale
- August:** National Night Out Against Crime
- September:** Our Annual TNA Community BBQ at Truman Elementary School *may* be cancelled this year due to construction & safety concerns. Will update you in the May newsletter.
- October 24th:** Truman Neighborhood Association General Meeting



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2019 TNA COUNCIL CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Cherryl Burkey: I have enjoyed working with my fellow Council members for the past 5 years in our many events to grow our wonderful Neighborhood. Our goal has been to bring neighbors together and strengthening our neighborhood bond. I would be honored to continue serving.

Lajuana Burnside: My husband and I have lived in Truman for almost four years and have come to care very much about our community. Our neighbors have always made us feel welcomed. I have volunteered for several events and would like to offer more to the board and my neighborhood.

Barb Cabe: I have lived and raised my family in Truman for over 30 years. I have served on the TNA Council for 11 years after reactivating our neighborhood, Chaired our annual Bicycle & Safety Fun Fair, am a liaison to the Truman PTA and Truman Elementary, and represent TNA at the Neighborhood Association Council of Clark County serving as their Secretary. I am committed to helping make our neighborhood a great place to raise our families and encourage neighbors to become involved in the process.

Candy Plaster: I would be honored to serve on Council for another year. The Truman neighborhood has traditionally been a family friendly, welcoming influence in our community and I would like to work with other council members to see that continue to grow. TNA is a strong presence in Clark County through our neighbors' efforts in the Green Bag and other programs in addition to our relationships with organizations and officials.

Kenneth Rose: I have been co-chair, with my wife Sally, of the annual Truman BBQ for the past 6 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 from 1998- 2001 on the original TNA council.

Margaret Snitzler: I have lived in the Truman Neighborhood for 46 years and served on the council for 10 years. I have actively volunteered in our many events and am the Council Treasurer. Our neighborhood is growing into a closer community and I would like to continue to serve to help continue that growth.

Barry Tweed: I was born and raised in this neighborhood. I am a volunteer, working with Kindergarteners, at Truman Elementary. My highest priorities for the Truman Neighborhood Association are the continuation of support for the school and maintaining our relationship with the Sheriff's Office.

Teresa Tweed: I have enjoyed living in the Truman Neighborhood since 1985, and was involved with the PTA when our son was a student at Truman in the late '90's. After retiring from a career as a paralegal/legal assistant, I welcomed the opportunity to reconnect with Truman by volunteering to help the kindergarteners adjust to their new routine the first few days of the school year. That was such a rewarding experience that I have continued as a kindergarten classroom volunteer one full day a week since Sept, 2017. I admire and respect the accomplishments TNA Council has brought to our neighborhood and look forward to building on the solid relationships established between TNA, Truman Elementary School and various Clark County departments.

Council information from our Bylaws (Article 8, Section 1): The Council shall consist of nine (9) members; Four officers: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, with an additional five (5) as Council members-at-large. Once the nine council members are elected, they shall elect 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.

Elections (Article 10, Section 1): Elections for Council members shall take place at the first Association meeting of the calendar year. Announcement of the slate of candidates to appear on the ballot for election to the Council shall be published in the Truman Neighborhood Association newsletter, mailed prior to the first calendar year Association meeting.

Veterans group raises funds for a Korean War Memorial

Wall of Remembrance would display names of thousands in D.C. (By Calley Hair, Columbian staff writer; 12-23-18)



(photo by Nathan Howard/The Columbian)

Ed Barnes stands in front of the Clark County Korean War Memorial on the Vancouver Veterans Affairs campus on Thursday. A Korean veteran, Barnes is part of a fundraising effort for a national Wall of Remembrance in Washington, D.C.

A local group of Korean War veterans is determined to ensure that their fallen brothers in arms are honored in a permanent way.

The Clark County chapter of the National Korean War Veterans Association Inc., the Richard L. Quatier Chapter, has been aggressive in its fundraising efforts for a national Wall of Remembrance. The wall would display the names of the thousands of Americans who died during the oft-overlooked conflict in a glass monument, etching their sacrifice into history.

“These people all died on behalf of the freedom of this country, freedom of South Korea and freedom all over the world,” said Ed Barnes, a Korean veteran and leader of the local chapter’s effort to build a memorial.

Nine allies of the U.S. in the Korean War have already erected memorials for those soldiers, Barnes argued in a speech to around three dozen fellow Korean veterans who gathered for their monthly chapter meeting on Dec. 19.

“Every country of those nine countries all have monuments to their soldiers that were killed in Korea, and they all have their names on it. Here we’ve got a United States of America where we have 36,574 Americans who got killed in Korea, and there’s still no Wall of Remembrance like the Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C. It’s really a shame that we can’t do better in the United States.”

In 2016, then-President Barack Obama signed Senate Bill 1982, a bill to authorize private contributions toward the memorial wall. The bill was cosponsored by Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash.

As proposed, the wall would be incorporated into the Korean War Veterans Memorial that currently resides on the National Mall. Current designs indicate the wall would be made of laminated glass and circle half of the memorial’s Pool of Remembrance.

The Korean War earned its moniker of “The Forgotten War” in part because of its placement in U.S. history.

The 1950s conflict took place in the shadow of WWII, and was promptly followed by the lengthy and contentious Vietnam War. Sandwiched between two bigger wars, the three-year Korean War faded into the background.

But for the soldiers who fought, the war is far from forgotten. And as the generation defined by the conflict ages, they’ve spurred an effort to keep the memory of their sacrifice alive.

Commander James Mead said that so far, the chapter has raised \$23,456 since it started its funding push in August. “Butcher Boys gave us \$200,” he reported to the room. Labor Roundtable of Southwest Washington gave us \$250. IBEW Local No. 48 gave us a check for \$10,000,” he continued, drawing an excited murmur from the crowd. The local chapter received a quiet visit from Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., earlier this year, though Barnes said they didn’t publicize the meet-up to avoid being used for political points in an election season.

“We keep politics out,” Barnes shrugged.

He’s hoping that the effort will pick up more steam, especially from businesses and corporations. “I don’t understand why a lot of these big corporations have not jumped into this thing. It should already be paid for,” Barnes said, adding that anyone who knows of a business or an individual who wants to contribute money should reach out to him.

The National Korean War Veterans Association meets at 10 a.m. on the third Wednesday of the month, at 40 et 8 Chateau, 7607 N.E. 26th Ave., Vancouver. Emailed inquiries can be sent to: jabhager@gmail.com.

Ed Barnes has been named Clark County First Citizen for 2019

By Calley Hair, Columbian staff writer; 12/5/2018 (The Columbian files)

Former union leader says labor community is about results, not rewards

Ed Barnes isn't big on personal recognition. As a longtime leader of organized labor, he feels much more comfortable passing accolades along to the collective.

So the 85-year-old Vancouver pillar was shocked when he was chosen as the 2019 Clark County First Citizen. It was a good kind of shocked, though.

"It was a surprise. There's a bunch of good people in Clark County, there's not just one person — there's several people that are deserving of the award," he said, speaking to The Columbian a few minutes after hearing the news. "I'm very happy and very proud that the folks down there thought enough of me."

Barnes was nominated by Vancouver Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle, as well as 1984 First Citizen Sally Schaefer, her husband and 2013 First Citizen Robert Schaefer, and former state senator Al Bauer.

"It is no exaggeration to say that listing Ed's significant accomplishments over his decades of leadership in our community, along with his awards and achievements, by volume alone would make this letter virtually unreadable," the group wrote in its letter nominating Barnes to the selection committee.

A union man, U.S. Army veteran and volunteer with many local organizations, Barnes served as a private during the Korean conflict before passing up an opportunity to go to West Point in favor of returning home to Vancouver and becoming an electrician.

He went on to a decades long career with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) union. For 12 years, he served as business manager and financial secretary for Local No. 48, retiring in 1996.

Barnes said he's fairly certain that this is the first time "in the whole time that the foundation's been going on, that anyone involved in labor has been picked for this award." (The closest was probably Edward Kaiser in 1942, who was honored for supplying adequate housing, child care and a pre-paid health plan for workers.)

"We just have never blown our horn about all the things labor has done," Barnes said. "We're not about trying to take credit for anything, we're about trying to get something done in a community to make it better."

Barnes' volunteering résumé is lengthy. He joined the effort to build the United Methodist Church in the Shumway neighborhood, served as the state's Transportation Commissioner and was co-chair of the I-5 Corridor Committee. He served on several community boards, including the Ronald McDonald House and Open House Ministries Housing Project. He founded the Truman Elementary Parent Teacher Organization with his wife, LuAnne, and the couple worked together to help the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Alcoa Little League.

He's also been a vocal supporter of the need to replace the Interstate 5 Bridge. After his brief stint as a Clark County commissioner in 2014, he became a thorn in the side of former Clark County Councilor David Madore — the then-83-year-old organized a rally in support of the county's Community Planning staff during a 2016 dispute with Madore.

And those are just the highlights.

The Clark County First Citizen program honors a top contributor to the community in philanthropy and leadership. A pool of candidates is collected through public nominations, then a winner is chosen by a volunteer committee that includes past winners.

The original First Citizen was chosen in 1939: George Simpson, who served as a Vancouver city attorney and county judge and was elected to the state Supreme Court. A First Citizen has been chosen each year since, with the exception of 1989, 2002 and 2018, all declared "transition years" by the Community Foundation.

A ceremony will take place in spring 2019, according to the Community Foundation's website, though a specific date has yet to be set.

"It's hard to pat yourself on the back, I don't like to do that. And when people say, 'I, I, I,' that makes me sick to my stomach. It's about we," Barnes said. "It makes me want to cry, really, to think that after all these years someone from organized labor finally got recognized."

New Truman Elementary School



After almost 50 years as an open concept school, Truman Elementary is about to embark on its next chapter: a brand-new building with capacity for approximately 720 students.

The design of the new two-story Truman meets the themes expressed by staff, students, parents and community members. Highlights include:

- Secure entrance
- Nearly 40 classrooms—two designated for special education
- Breakout project spaces for hands-on activities and learning
- Dedicated music, art and creative movement areas, with a space between the art room and media center for projects
- Secure interior courtyard surrounded by spaces for music, art, creative movement and media
- Dedicated fitness area, called the fitnasium, located adjacent to the commons with direct access to outdoor play areas
- Dedicated Family-Community Resource Center easily accessible from the main entrance
- Large commons with a platform appropriate for elementary student performances
- Large learning stairway extending the media center into the heart of the school, with room for large group presentations and small group work along the sides of the stairway
- Covered play area, playground equipment and areas for kids to play in nature
- Larger shared spaces such as the commons and gymnasium can be rented by community groups for use after school hours. For safety purposes, the new school's design allows for some separation between classrooms and community areas.

The new Truman will sit on the same parcel of land but be located to the south end of the property. To improve traffic flow, buses will pick up and drop off students along NE 44th Street. Parent pickup and drop-off, as well as an expanded parking lot, will be available off 42nd Avenue.

Construction began in January 2019, with a projected opening in fall 2020



Abandoned "Zombie" Homes Being Rehabbed



40th Ave Home



49th St Home



45th Circle Home

For the past 5 years the TNA Council has been working with Clark County Code Enforcement to address the 4 "zombie" houses in our neighborhood. They took the matter seriously and the Prosecuting Attorney's Office went to the Board of County Councilors for their approval to pursue legal action against the bank owned homes. We are very appreciative of their support in our endeavor to rid our neighborhood of these dangerous eyesores. Finally, three of the homes have been sold and are in the process of being rehabbed after the county levied thousands of dollars in fines against the properties.

Truman Neighborhood Association has a Website! www.clark.wa.gov/county-manager/truman



OR you can find Truman on Clark County's website with these simple steps:

1. Go to www.clark.wa.gov
2. Place your cursor on "Services", this will give you a dropdown menu;
3. Select "Neighborhood Association";
4. You will be on the Neighborhood Association Directory page. You can scroll down the page to "Truman Neighborhood Association" and click on the title.

All of our neighborhood newsletters are located here along with helpful county links.

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 1 ½ years ago, with our 1st collection of 350 pounds of food for the FISH Food Pantry.

In December we collected a whopping 5,360 pounds!

To all you gardeners out there that have extra produce from your garden – we have a solution for you.

You can drop off your extra to Cheryl Burkey, one of our Neighborhood Coordinators, who will take your bounty to FISH once a week.

Just contact her about dropping off your veggies or fruit at dvraider@hotmail.com or at clarkfoodproject@gmail.com.

Feel free to plant some extra plants for those less fortunate and for the bees. Fresh is best and a real treat for many.



Recycling Tips -- Plastic Film & Bags

In an effort to recycle as much as possible, many people mistakenly put their plastic bags and film in their blue recycling carts. Unfortunately, plastic bags and other types of film plastics do more harm than good when disposed of in this way.

Plastic bags, shrink wrap, bubble wrap and other types of “stretchy” film plastic easily tangle in the machinery that is meant to sort recyclables into separate categories. This slows efficiency of the facility, as the machines have to be shut down to allow workers to climb in and cut out the bags with box cutters. This material accounts for at least a 25% reduction in efficiency.

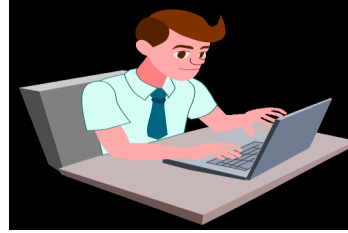
So what should I do with film plastics? First and foremost, try to eliminate plastic film from your life as much as possible by taking your own reusable bags to the grocery store, reusing bubble wrap, and trying to reduce the amount of plastic film you buy in general.

Reuse and Recycling: Plastic bags can be reused in your home (e.g. line your waste basket or doggy poop scooper bags.) Any bags you don't reuse can be properly recycled by placing them in the receptacles found near the front of most grocery and retail stores. This ensures they will be recycled with other materials of the same kind and not have a chance to choke recycling sorting machinery. Search for film found near the front of most grocery and retail stores. This ensures they will be recycled with other materials of the same kind and not have a chance to choke recycling sorting machinery. Search for film plastic recycling locations the Recycling A-Z Directory online at www.RecyclingA-Z.com or in the free RecycleRight app.

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A Huge Thank You to Pam Osborne for attending the Recycling 201 class sponsored by the City of Vancouver. By attending the class and sharing this recycling knowledge she help our neighborhood association earn \$120.

The Truman Neighborhood Association



is in need of a volunteer to serve as our Newsletter Editor.

If you are versed in Publisher (or willing to learn!), have some extra time and would like to help out our

community, please contact us at:

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Everyone Needs a Good Chuckle

You know you're from the Pacific Northwest when...

(according to Jeff Foxworthy)

- You put on your shorts when the temperature gets above 50, but still wear your hiking boots and parka.
- You switch to your sandals when it gets above 60, but keep your socks on.
- You have actually used your mountain bike on a mountain.
- You think people who use umbrellas are either wimps or California tourists or both.
- You buy new sunglasses and sunscreen year because you can't find the old one after such a long time.
- You measure distance in hours.
- You often switch from “heat” to “AC” in the same day.
- You design your kid's Halloween costume to fit under a raincoat.
- You know at least 8 people who work for companies that manufacture computer parts airplanes or athletic shoes.
- You know all the important seasons:
 - Almost Winter
 - Winter
 - Still Raining (Spring)
 - Road Construction (Summer)
 - Deer & Elk season (Fall)

**NEXT TRUMAN
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If you want to email our Council members, please do so to trumanneighborhood@gmail.com, and include the Council member's name in the subject line. **Phone 360-600-2296**

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.

ELECTIONS for council members will be held at our next general meeting!

Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. American Legion Hall, 4607 NE St. James Rd.

Candidate statements are inside this newsletter.

Please remember to bring your I.D. with proof of address to vote!