

TRUMAN NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

September 2022



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TRUMAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date : *October 3, 2022* **Time:** *6:30 – 8:00pm* **Location:** *Truman Elementary School*
Social Time *8 – 8:30pm* **4505 NE 42nd Ave**

This will be a hybrid Association meeting. Attendance may be in-person or via Zoom using this [link](#).

The Truman Neighborhood Assoc. (TNA) Council, joined by the Roads End Neighborhood Assoc. Council is pleased to offer our residents an opportunity to hear from the 2 candidates who are running for the District 1 County Council position. While District 1 primarily encompasses a large portion of the City of Vancouver, it also includes 2 unincorporated Clark County neighborhoods: Truman and Roads End.

Glen Yung and *Hector Hinojosa* have graciously agreed to attend our meeting for a moderated question and answer forum. Our moderator, Chuck Green, who is independent of both Associations, will be asking prepared questions of each candidate.

Due to time constraints, we will not be taking spontaneous questions from neighbors. Truman or Roads End neighbors are asked to please submit any questions or concerns they would like addressed to the TNA Council at trumanneighborhood@gmail.com. All questions must be submitted **by September 23rd**.

In June the League of Women Voters, a non-partisan group, held a candidate forum which included Mr. Yung and Mr. Hinojosa. If you are interested in viewing this recorded coverage, use the following link:

<https://www.cvtv.org/program/election-2022> and then scroll down to:

“Election 2022: LWV Primary Candidate Forum (06-23-22)

Complete coverage of the June 23, 2022, League of Women Voters candidate forum featuring Primary Election candidates in the Clark County Council Districts 1 and 2 and Clark County Sheriff races.”

Note: This is an informational forum only; the Truman and Roads End NA Councils do not endorse any political candidates.

Helping Hands

TNA's Annual Project Returns, And We Need Your Help!

The TNA Council is very pleased to announce the comeback of the Helping Hands Project which we will kick off at our Oct. 3rd meeting.

This year marks the seventh holiday season in which Truman Neighborhood has come together to provide the gift of warm clothing to students of Truman Elementary who are in need. Truman Elementary's Family Community Resource Coordinator, Michelle Ames, identifies families who could really use a "helping hand" to provide for their children who attend Truman. Michelle shares details, such as gender and sizes, of items needed, but not names, so that families' confidentiality is respected. Typically, a complete set of clothing is purchased for each child, including a coat/jacket, shirt, pants, underwear, socks, and shoes.

The last time we were able to hold the project was December, 2019, when we provided the set of clothes to nine children. Additionally, funds were donated to the Clark County Sheriff's Santa's Posse to provide gifts during two holiday seasons. Unfortunately, we were not able to do so due to COVID-19.

Our goal is to provide the gift of a set of clothing to as many Truman students in need as possible. Please consider donating as much money as you are comfortable with. Donations will be accepted at the October 3, 2022 joint meeting with Roads End Neighborhood Association - just look for the *donation ornament*.

If you can't attend the meeting in person, please email trumanneighborhood@gmail.com, or call Cheryl Burkey, TNA Chair (360 696-8562) or Teresa Tweed, TNA Treasurer (360 921-0723) to arrange for one of us to pick up your donation. Donations of any amount are welcome; a \$5.00 donation could provide much needed socks or undies to a child!

Once we have shopping money, the fun begins! Budget-savvy volunteer shoppers are needed to meet at a local department store to fulfill the students' wish lists. Within a few days of shopping, more volunteers are needed to wrap and deliver the presents. Details of when and where the shopping trip takes place will be provided soon.

This is a great way to share the holiday spirit, and we would love to have you participate!



Truman Neighborhood Help Group

The Truman Neighborhood has rolled out a new program for connecting neighbors who need help, with neighbors who might be able to offer help: the new Facebook [Truman Neighborhood Help Group](#). Whether you need a hand with something, or would like to extend a helping hand to others, this is the place to make those connections.

We already have 26 group members ready to help. Here are a few examples of how the group can work:

- ◆ A storm causes trees to snap, leaving a family in need of clean-up help.
- ◆ An elderly person needs a lift to the pharmacy.
- ◆ A retiree, with time available, enjoys helping a neighbor by running an urgent errand.
- ◆ A neighbor needs help moving a bookcase.

In order for this group to work, we need members to play the following roles:

- Neighbors who need help with something (**Requesters**).
- Neighbors who are willing to help (**Providers**).
- Neighbors who can help others user the system (**Liaisons**).



The nuts and bolts to get started

The [Truman Neighborhood Help Group](#) is a Facebook group. It is a private, member-only group limited to Truman neighbors. A group Admin can admit you as a member once you:

- 1) click the 'Join Group' button,
- 2) attest that you live in the Truman neighborhood, and
- 3) agree to the group's rules of conduct.

To request help, just Post what you'd appreciate help with. You are the *Requester*.

Group members who would like to help others should periodically scan posts. Users can set up "Notifications" so that they are notified about new Posts or Comments from the group. To offer help, add your Comment onto the Post. You become the *Provider*.

It is up to the *Requester* to work out arrangements with the *Provider*. Contact information can be added to the post as a comment, or, for added privacy, members can use Facebook Messenger.

*Once help is no longer needed, we ask that the *Requester* state that as a comment on the post.

Since not everyone is computer savvy, or indeed even has a computer, a *Liaison* may be asked to help users get established on Facebook and provide initial training. In some instances, a *Liaison* may need to act as a proxy for the *Requester*, submitting the posts and monitoring the comments. (Anyone who would like to be a *Liaison*, please join the group and add a post to let us know you are willing to liaise.)

A few things to keep in mind

- This Group is intended to be a place for neighbors to ask for assistance from other neighbors without paying for services. We want to be very clear: Group rules specify that **NO MONEY IS TO BE EXCHANGED**. Anyone who tries to solicit or offer payment for services, will be removed from the Group.
- The TNA will not perform background checks on *Providers*. Each *Requester* must determine if they feel safe working with the responding *Provider*. We suggest having another neighbor, friend, or family member present when meeting at your home with any *Provider* who you do not personally know.
- This group will only work if neighbors both give and take. If you have the comfort of being a Requester, consider if you might be able to have the joy of giving back as a Provider in some way too.
- If this fancy technology is not your thing and you need help, please reach out to a TNA Council member at trumanneighborhood@gmail.com.

The Future of the Truman Neighborhood Association

NEIGHBORS + TNA COUNCIL = TRUMAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

In the spring of 2023, Truman will hold elections for new Council members. Our bylaws allow us to have a 9-member Council. We currently have 3, and our secretary position is not filled. Here are our [bylaws](#).

We have returned to in-person meetings and would like to gear up to do our community events, but dear neighbors, 3 people cannot coordinate those events AND take care of neighborhood business.

Do you like what the Truman Neighborhood Association does for the community? Have you attended or participated in our events? Have you contacted the Council with questions or concerns? Perhaps you have some ideas that would help us keep our neighborhood safe and improve our quality of life, or ways to get neighbors together to keep us connected. ***The Council and our neighborhood need neighbors like you!***

We have 3 general membership meetings a year, along with 3-6 Council meetings. The time involved is really minimal when we have enough Council members.

At our April 2022 general meeting we looked back all that our neighbors and association have accomplished since we reactivated in 2009. From clean-ups, to community events, to notifications, to tackling the zombie houses in our neighborhood.

I will not sugar coat this: if we are unable to fill our Council positions next year, I regret that the Truman Neighborhood Association will be dissolved. **I encourage you to consider joining the Council.**

For more information about what we do, or to talk with a Council member, please contact us at: trumanneighborhood@gmail.com or call me at 360-696-8562, Cheryl Burkey – Chairwoman.

WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER

Important Message from the Clark County Sheriff Community Outreach

Detectives with the Clark-Vancouver Regional Drug Task Force have seen a tremendous increase in fentanyl use, distribution and overdose deaths over the past year. Fentanyl has quickly replaced heroin as the most commonly abused opioid in the Clark County area.

Illicit fentanyl is most commonly found resembling 30mg oxycodone pills, but investigators recently started to seize a new form: rainbow colored fentanyl pills and powder. Law enforcement fears these are likely to draw the curiosity of juveniles.

Please share the dangers associated with the use of this deadly drug with others, especially with your children.

Call 911 if you think someone is overdosing. For information on overdose prevention and response: <https://clark.wa.gov/public-health/overdose-prevention-and-response>

DEA Information - One Pill Can Kill <https://www.dea.gov/onepill>

Local news stories:

<https://www.oregonlive.com/.../multnomah-county-sheriffs...>

<https://www.koin.com/.../fentanyl-like-a-bomb-going-off.../>



3 and 4: Seizure in Medford, OR



Truman Elementary News & Needs

Vancouver School District is inviting volunteers back into schools this school year.

The Truman Neighborhood has always been a big supporter of our school and the children. Neighbors showed that support again this year, by volunteering to help Kindergarteners get to their classrooms safely on their first few days of school .

Michelle Ames, the Truman Family Community Resource Center Coordinator, wants to remind you of several opportunities to participate at Truman Elementary.

- ◆ be a lunch buddy
- ◆ read to the kids at lunchtime
- ◆ be a classroom assistant
- ◆ be a tutor for kids who need some extra help



Volunteer Application is quick and easy [here](#). You will need to complete the application, pass a free background check, and provide Covid vaccination verification. For more information about volunteering, contact Michelle Ames at Michelle.Ames@vansd.org or 360-313-2904. *Please consider helping out.*

From experience, I can tell you that kids keep you young and just plain make you feel good (and you don't have to make them brush their teeth or eat their vegetables!)

Truman Elementary could use children's clothing for those kiddos who may get very wet outside at recess or perhaps had a little accident. *Nobody wants to sit in wet clothes all day.*

The Resource Center's main need: **pants in children's sizes, from extra small to large, and tennis shoes.** Please, make sure the clothing and shoes are in great shape and clean. They can't put children in clothing that is dirty or in poor condition. Please, no holes, stains or clothing you wouldn't want your own kids to come home in. If your children have outgrown their gently-used clothing, bring them in to the main office at Truman between 8:30 am and 3:30 pm, Monday-Friday.



A local **chess club** has offered to sponsor a fun chess club at Truman. 1-2 volunteer coaches are needed who can come once or twice a week for 2 hours after school, to coach students in the intricacies of chess. Depending on the number of interested students, additional coaches may be needed.

The sponsoring chess club will pay the coaches \$20 per hour. If you are interested, please complete the volunteer application process described above and contact Michelle Ames (contact details above).

“The Mushroom Man”

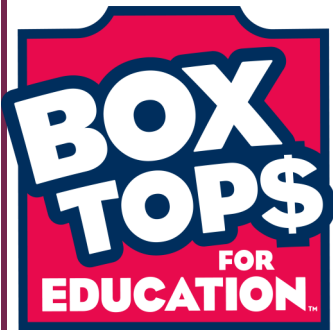
That is how I refer to Troy Turner. I was out working in the front yard when he and Toki, his dog, walked by. I said “Hi! What is your dog’s name? He is so beautiful.” And we struck up a short conversation. He admired my flower bed, which led to us talking about plants, which led to him telling me he grows mushrooms. Ooh, I love mushrooms! My husband doesn’t, so I don’t cook with them much.

Troy brought me some trumpet mushrooms, which I quickly steamed and ate for dinner. Did I mention I love mushrooms? He sells them to restaurants, as well as to individuals, and I am so ordering more! It is a treat, but worth it. As I tell my husband: *A happy wife makes for a happy life.*

It is amazing what and who we have in our Truman neighborhood. Not only are people working from home, but many are starting up their own home businesses. These are people you probably see every day, out walking their dogs, or parents out with their kids, or just couples out walking for exercise and fresh air.

The point to all this? Just take a moment to say “Hi,” and maybe offer a friendly wave. It is really easy to do, and you never know what you may learn about your neighbor. Sow those seeds of kindness.

If you are interested in Troy’s mushroom varieties, give him a call at 360-977-2400.



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 go into 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! All funds go towards programs and events that directly benefit 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.

If you have any questions, contact Brooke with the Truman PTA at trumanpta3.7.75@gmail.com.

The Clark Neighbors Food Project
GREEN BAG REPORT
 AUGUST 2022

Remember when you were young and everything looked so big?
 Well, our very first Green Bag collection in August 2017 looked *huge* to our fledgling volunteer group! **20 neighbors** donated nearly **400 lbs!**
 On our 5th anniversary, **2,000 neighbors** donated **19,989 lbs** in a single month to help feed neighbors in need.

You are an enormously kind and generous community!

Aug. 13th Pick-Up	19,989 lbs of food collected	16,591 meals delivered	\$2,106 donated
2022 Year-to-Date	77,729 lbs of food collected	64,515 meals delivered	\$9,056 donated
Since 2017 Inception	302,532 lbs of food collected	251,102 meals delivered	

HEADS UP: Our next pick-up is Saturday, Oct. 8th

All-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit in Clark County WA

ClarkFoodProject@gmail.com
 RidgefieldFoodProject@gmail.com

www.clarkfoodproject.org



Then ...



In addition to celebrating 5 years since Clark Neighbors Food Project was started, we want to share about our annual fundraising campaign to keep this good work going (and growing)!

Mark your calendars for **September 22nd** and let's show everyone that SW Washington is full of caring people! Please support our **only** 2022 fundraiser by visiting our giving page:

<https://www.givemore24.org/organizations/clark-neighbors-food-project>

Now!



HP is generously matching every dollar donated to CNFP (up to the first \$2,000) through our giving page on September 22, so your dollars will be doubled! #GiveMore24

Plastic Bags & Film

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 physically climb in and cut out the bags with box cutters. This is expensive and time-consuming! *This material accounts for at least a 25% reduction in efficiency.*

Below: Workers have to manually cut out film plastic caught in recycling-sorting machinery.

(Photo courtesy of Waste Connections of Washington.)



Recycling Done Right

- **So what should I do with film plastics?**

First and foremost, try to eliminate single-use plastic 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 use and buy in general.

- **Reuse and Recycling:**

Plastic bags (grocery / bread / produce bags) can be reused in your home (e.g., line your waste basket or use to scoop doggy poop.) Any clean plastic film and bags you can't reuse can be properly recycled by collecting and placing 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 choke our 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.

BOOVILLE! Saturday, October 29 | 11 - 2 p.m.
A Halloween & Community Resource Fair

Save the Date!



BOOVILLE!
Saturday, October 29

Trick or treating, indoor games,
costume parade & more!

Presented by: **iQ CREDIT UNION**
Financial Intelligence Pays Off

Sponsorships Available! Click here for details!

https://parksforclark.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/22-PFCC_Booville_Sponsor-Opps-1.pdf

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 for community members to participate in, with 100% of the proceeds going to provide food to neighbors in need.

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

- **Race Details** 5k/10k Run/Walk on Thanksgiving Morning (11/24/22)
- **Where:** Salmon Creek Park
- **Cost:** \$25 for 5k or 10k / \$5 for Polar Bear Plunge

To register or for more information, go to: <https://turkey-trot.org/race-details>

Questions? **Email:** info@turkey-trot.org



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

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

Please bookmark this link

Facebook: Truman Neighborhood Association

Please join us on Nextdoor
Truman



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 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.

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