



Truman Neighborhood News

Truman Neighborhood Association of Clark County

"Let's keep this neighborhood together"

February 2012

NEXT MEETING ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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New Meeting Location!

The Truman Neighborhood Association will be meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2012 from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM at the **American Legion Hall** Smith Reynolds Post 14. The address for the American Legion Hall is 4607 NE St. James Road. Please note the meeting will not be held at Truman School as the school is not available for our meetings for the remainder of the year.

MEETING AGENDA

Call to order	7:00 PM
<i>Introductions, review of minutes, treasurer's report</i>	
Guest Speaker	7:15 PM
<i>Brian Haaland, Attorney at Law, Northwest Justice Project</i>	
Guest Speaker	7:45 PM
<i>from WSU Vancouver Sociology Department, Gang Survey</i>	
Deputy Brett Anderson	8:15 PM
<i>Crime Watch update from our Truman neighborhood liaison deputy</i>	
Adjournment	8:45 PM

We welcome new people to our council. These are volunteer positions. Feel free to contact any of the above members for details.

Neighborhood associations are volunteer groups and not agents of Clark County government. Newsletter information and views are solely those of the neighborhood association and not of Clark County. Clark County Public Information and Outreach Office supports these volunteers by printing and distributing their newsletters.

WHAT'S GOING ON?



SIGN UP FOR THE EVER POPULAR AND ONE OF THE BEST PROGRAMS IN THE NORTHWEST – THE NORTHWEST SHERIFF'S CITIZEN ACADEMY

The Citizens Academy will run every Wednesday evening, 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM, for 12 weeks beginning March 7th through May 23rd. This is a free Academy and you may register with Val at Valerie.Deming@clark.wa.gov or call her at 360-397-2244. Here is a link to a brief video and information on the Citizens Academy – <http://www.co.clark.wa.us/sheriff/community/citizenacademy.html>

NORTHWEST JUSTICE PROJECT is a publicly funded legal aid program that provides free legal assistance and representation to low-income people and communities. Northwest Justice Project recently created the Foreclosure Prevention Unit to assist homeowners with all types of pre-foreclosure and post-foreclosure issues. Attorney Brian J. Haaland will attend our Truman Neighborhood Association meeting on February 23rd bringing information to assist homeowners in jeopardy of a non-judicial foreclosure. He will bring information and schedule a workshop for a later date.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AT WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY, VANCOUVER has recently contracted with the City of Vancouver and Clark County to assess the gang situation in Clark County. As part of the assessment they will be meeting with folks via the Neighborhood Associations to survey citizens. One of the professors will be present at our meeting on the 23rd of February to gather information. Bring your thoughts regarding this to the meeting.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES FREE DUCT TESTING PROGRAM

Clark County Building Safety has started a heating duct testing program with funding they received from a Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. The Duct and Home Performance Inspection is free to home owners in unincorporated Clark County. An energy efficiency inspector will come to your home and hook up a duct blaster and a blower door to pressurize your heating duct system and house to test the duct leakage and house leakage rate. Ducts often lose 10% to 30% of the heated air that is produced by a furnace or heat pump. A 30% percent leakage rate with a new 80% efficient furnace turns that furnace into a 50% efficient furnace, a big money loser month after month. After testing and inspecting your house, furnace and duct system the inspector will review the test results with you, if your ducts or house need repair or air sealing he will provide you with a list of approved contractors that perform the needed repairs and give you a list of local utilities incentives plans that give rebates for various energy savings investments. If your house has leaky ducts and a contractor repairs it you will receive a \$100 rebate from Clark County to help offset the cost of repair. Local utilities offer rebates for duct repair as well. Combining rebates can cut the cost of repair significantly often in half.



For more information or to see if your home qualifies call Steve Alexander at (360) 397-2375 ext. 4752 or visit www.planetclark.com.

WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT GRAFFITI?

Graffiti is considered vandalism. Gang graffiti is also threatening. In both cases, graffiti will attract more of the same if left in place. It creates a perception that the area where it is found is unsafe. ***For these reasons it is important to address it as soon as it is observed.***

We all have an opportunity to rid our community of this problem by following the suggested steps of **RECORD, REPORT and REMOVE**. **Take a digital photo and email it to the Sheriff's Department with a description of the location. The Sheriff's Department passes this on to school resource officers who keep track of what juveniles maybe are using that tag.**



The most effective prevention tool is quick removal.

Keep records of the cost of removal: Equipment and supplies used and time spent in removal.

When the individual is apprehended and adjudicated the courts use this info to set restitution.

With suspect information

If you see someone engaging in or have information about a suspect call 911 9-1-1 and state you are a Clark County resident with a graffiti report.

Without suspect information

- If graffiti is on **Private Property** – call the Clark County Sheriff, West Precinct at (360) 397-6079.
- If graffiti is located on **Public Property** – call the Clark County Operations at 360-397-2446 during regular business hours.
- If the graffiti is located on **State Highways or related overpasses** – call the Washington State Department of Transportation at 360-759-1300 during regular business hours.
- If the graffiti is located on **Electrical Boxes** – call Clark Public Utility District at: 360-992-3000 during regular business hours.
- If the graffiti is located on **Bus Stops or Buses** – call C-Tran at: 360-695-0123 or 360-696-4494 and leave a message.

Stay In the Loop!

Visit the [SR 500– St. Johns Blvd](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/SR500/StJohnsInterchange) web page to learn more, view alternate routes and send us your feedback. You can also sign up on our website to receive project e-mail updates. We'll keep you informed as the project moves through construction, and give you a heads up about traffic impacts while the interchange is built.
www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/SR500/StJohnsInterchange



TRUMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Coming Up!



Our Truman PTA is planning some fun family events. Our 'Family Sock Hop' will be Feb. 24, and our annual Spring Carnival will be May 24th.

Carnival planning is getting started in February. If you would like more information, or want to volunteer to help in some way, please contact TrumanPTA@hotmail.com.



Truman Families Give Back



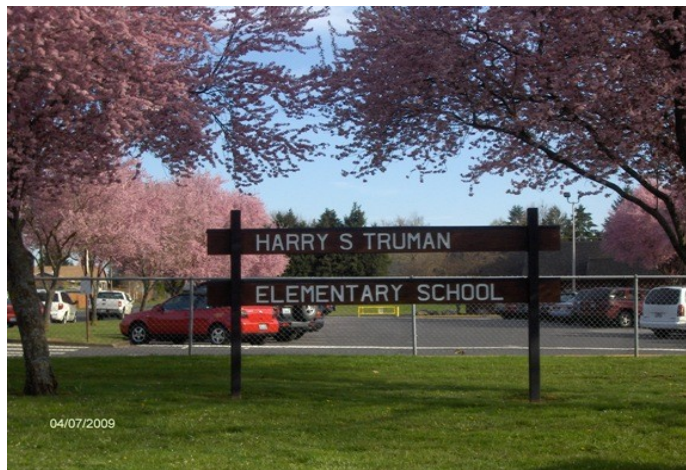
In December our Truman PTA coordinated a 'Photos with Santa' night. To 'pay' for photos, families brought food and household items that were donated to Share House.

Membership Meeting

Our next general membership meeting is Mar. 15. At that time we will be voting for officers for the 2012 -13 school year. It seems early, but we do this to have a smooth end of the year transition from one board to the next and allow the new elected officers an opportunity to attend the WA State PTA Convention in May for officer training.

For more information visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TrumanPTA or email TrumanPTA@hotmail.com.

Truman Elementary Schools asks that residents lease report any suspicious activity on the grounds. As in other parts of the community, there has been an increase in tagging activity. Clean-up is costly and time consuming and diverts resources from helping students learn. If you see anything suspicious, please contact the Clark County Sheriff's Office.



Early Learning Library Time

What: Library story and activities for preschool aged children in the Truman Community

Who: Parents, Grandparents, Caregivers, Preschools & Birth to Age 5 Children

When: Jan. 30

Feb. 20*

Mar. 26

Apr. 30

*New dates due to Late Starts

May 14*

June 4

Time: 9:00 – 9:30 AM

Where: The Truman Elementary Library
For more information, please call Traci Chun at 313-2923 or traci.chun@vansd.org.



NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Thank you Linda Lamb!

We would like to thank Linda Lamb, one of our Crime Watch captains, for her willingness to make signs to post in our neighborhood reminding all of us of the upcoming Truman Neighborhood Association meetings. These signs are placed in strategic locations throughout the neighborhood prior to the meetings. We have found these to be very effective and really appreciate her work. We can reuse these signs which is even better. Thank you Linda, we appreciate you!

A Goodbye & Big Thank You to Deputy Russ Bradseth

The Truman Neighborhood Association would like to express our appreciation to Deputy Russ Bradseth. He has been serving as one of our neighborhood liaison deputies for the past couple years. Russ has recently been reassigned to another area in the county as they are rotated from time to time. He has frequently spoken at our meetings and been actively involved with many neighbors as he has followed up on different cases within our neighborhood boundaries. We wish Russ the best of luck in his new assignment. Replacing Russ as our second liaison is Deputy Cindy Bull. We welcome her and look forward to meeting her in the future.

Update on Kings Pond Area

If you attended our last Truman Neighborhood meeting, you know there was a lot of discussion regarding the area around Kings Pond. This area is located South of NE 44th Street and at the South end of NE 50th Avenue, for those of you unfamiliar with the area. Neighbors expressed concern for the tall grass, overgrown trees which concealed many things, i.e., transients, garbage, and drug paraphernalia.

Deputy Brett Anderson, one of our Truman neighborhood liaison deputies who spoke at our meeting took it upon himself to personally see to the clean up of this area. Deputy Anderson contacted WSDOT and they replaced missing fence and gate and then cemented the fence posts in place to make it more difficult for the fencing to be stolen. About 300' of fencing was previously stolen. The culprits were never identified. Brett also contacted Clark County and they came and trimmed up willows, fir trees and bushes on the East side of the field where transients were living. The county hauled away two large dump trucks full of debris and garbage. We can't begin to thank Deputy Anderson for his proactive approach in this area. This has been a problem area with crime for many years and I'm sure we will see things improve because of his actions. We are grateful to Deputy Anderson for taking this project on and seeing it through to completion.

If you would like to thank the people at WSDOT for their great work you can email GartmaM@wsdot.wa.gov. You may also email Scott.Wilson@clark.wa.gov for the clean up done by Clark County.



RESOURCE GUIDE

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Rep. Jim Moeller (D)
49th Legislative District
324 John L. O'Brien Bldg.
PO Box 40600
Olympia, WA 98504-0600
(360) 786-7872
moeller_ji@leg.wa.gov

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49th Legislative District
sharon.wylie@leg.wa.gov
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322 John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA 98504-0600
(360) 786-7924

Senator Craig Pridemore (D)
427 John A. Cherberg Building
PO Box 40449
Olympia, WA 98504-0449
Phone (360) 786-7696
Fax: (360) 786-1999
Toll-Free Legislative Hotline: 1-800-562-6000

Steve Stuart
Clark County Commissioner
District 3
boardcom@co.clark.wa.us
(360) 397-2232

GRAFFITI HOTLINES:

Private Property

Clark County Sheriff, West Precinct
(360) 397-6079

Public Property

Clark County Operations
360-397-2446

State Highways or related overpasses

Washington State Department of
Transportation
360-759-1300

Electrical Boxes

Clark PUD
360-992-3000

Bus Stops or Buses

C-Tran
360-695-0123

CITY/COUNTY RESOURCES:

Sheriff Liaisons
(360) 397-2211
Deputy Brett Anderson
Deputy Cindy Bull

**Everything You Want To Know About
Clark County:**
www.clark.wa.gov/

**Vancouver Clark County Housing Rehab
Program**
397-2130 & TDD 397-6065

Community Development – 397-2375

Public Works – 397-6118

Community Services – 397-2130

Superior Court – 397-2150

Code Enforcement 397-2375 x4184

Report Street Lights That Are Out
992-3000

Report Power Outages 992-8000

Animal Resources

Code Violation 397-2488
Reporting Dead Animals 397-2488
Licensing 397-2489
Nuisance Complaints 397-2488
Missing/Found -VHS 693-4746
Fish & Wildlife 902-2200
Humane Society 693-4746

Transportation

C-Tran 397-0123
Traffic Signals 397-6118 x4444
Traffic Tickets (District Court) 397-2424
Accident Reports 397-2229

Voter Registration & Absentee ballots

Auditor-Elections 397-2345

Garbage & Recycling

Composting & Yard Debris: 397-6118
x4352
Hazardous Waste: 397-6118 x4352
Recycling (Curbside): 892-5370
IMS Electronics Recycling: 750-8883
www.ims-electronics.com

Greater Clark Parks District

Jilayne Jordan:
360-397-6118 x. 4949
Jilayne.Jordan@clark.wa.gov

State Schools

The Blind 696-6321 - The Deaf 696-6521

Blood Donations

Red Cross
693-5821

Be A Pal To A Child or Teen being Treated with Chemotherapy

2-4 hrs/month
Sue Best (503) 244-3141 sbest@e-cca.org

RESOURCE GUIDE

Don't Know Who To Call? 694-8899

If you need help locating health and human services in Clark County, 2-1-1 is an easy-to-remember telephone number that helps connect people in need with the community resources available to help meet those needs.

<http://www.211info.org/>

Parent Trust

Family Help Line - 1-800-932-HOPE (4673)

or families could call
360-695-1325 ext 4221

Youth Suicide HOTLINE!

360-696-9560 or 1-800-626-8136

Child Abuse

Main telephone number: (360) 397-6002
Fax: (360) 397-6003 Bob Kanekoa

Restraining Orders

Anti-harassment or domestic violence protection orders: 397-2424 (District Court)

Domestic Violence: Detective Beth Luvera
Clark Co. Sheriff's Office 397-2388

Victim Assistance 397-2008

YWCA SafeChoice Program-

Advocates who will listen, discuss individual situations, & provide options & resources to domestic violence victims. 24 hr hotline! 695-0167.
Community or legal advocates 695-0167.

Domestic Violence Intervention Unit

397-6079 DVIU website:
<http://www.co.clark.wa.us/sheriff/inter/comminfo/dvinfo/dvinfo.htm>

County Crisis Line for Depression/Mental Health Issues: 696-9560

Boys & Girls Club of SW Washington

360-567-1153

Vancouver Housing Authority

2500 Main Street 98660
360-694-2501 www.vhausa.com

TDD Numbers

For the hearing & speech impaired.
Board of Commissioners (360) 397-6032
Community Development/Public Works (360) 397-6057
Community Services (360) 397-6032
Superior Court (360) 397-2292

Celebrate Recovery

Addressing life's hurts, habits and hang ups. There is hope!
First Evangelical Church
4120 NE St. Johns Road
360-694-2525
Sunday evening at 6pm
www.firste.org

Griefshare

Dealing with the death of a loved one? Find support and encouragement.
Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM
First Church of God
3300 NE 78th Street.
574-1611 ext. 6904

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill

(NAMI) Clark County
317 E 39th St. Vancouver, WA
360-695-2823
www.nami-clark.com

CLARK COUNTY FOOD BANK LIST

Faith Center

2533 NE Andresen Rd., Vancouver
Tues. 4:00-7:00 Service area: Clark Co.

Fish - Orchards

6008 NE 110th Avenue, Vancouver
M-F 10:00-12:00 & 12:30-2:45
Serving Areas: 98682, 98864, 98662

Fish - Vancouver

14th & Franklin Street, Vancouver
M, T, Th, F 10:00-3:00
Serving Areas: W. of Andreson from downtown to Ridgefield

Interfaith Treasure House

91 "C" Street, Washougal
M-F 9:30-5:00; Sat 11:00-3:00
Serving Areas: Camas & Washougal

McLoughlin Church of God

903 Winchell Ave., Vancouver
Wed. 4:00-7:30
Service area: Clark County

Trinity Mission Cupboard

6700 McLoughlin, Vancouver
Food bags/hot lunches last Friday of the month
11am-2pm - Serves ALL of Clark County

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