

# TRUMAN NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

## 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Friday, May 20th

#### Bicycle Safety Fun Fair

6:00-8:00 pm at Truman Elementary School, sponsored by Truman Neighborhood Association, Truman PTA, Bike Clark County & Northside Baptist Church. See the enclosed flyer for all the details. Come play and enjoy free hamburgers & hot dogs.

### Thursday, May 26th

#### Truman Neighborhood General Meeting

6:30-8:00 pm at the American Legion Hall Smith Reynolds Post #14, 4607 NE St. James Road.

**City Annexation is our topic.** The City of Vancouver Community & Economic Development staff will be there to inform us of the process of annexation. They will listen to the concerns and questions we might have regarding the possibility of annexation of the Truman neighborhood.

### June, Annual Kings Pond Cleanup

9:00 am-12:00 pm on a Saturday in June, date to be determined.

### Friday & Saturday, July 22nd & 23rd

#### 4th Annual Truman Neighborhood Yard Sale

9:00-4:00 pm each day.

**Please see the flyer on page 7** with all the information you will need to know. Please keep this flyer, it includes the participation slip which you will need to be a part of this great neighborhood event.

### Sunday, September 11th

#### 4th Annual Truman Neighborhood Community BBQ & Potluck

4:00 to 5:30 at Truman Elementary School

A fun afternoon for the entire family

### Thursday, October 27th Truman Neighborhood Association General Meeting

6:30-8:00 pm at the American Legion at 4607 NE St. James Road

This will be our last meeting of the calendar year.



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Sign up to be added to our Truman Crime Watch email list by emailing [trumancrimewatch@gmail.com](mailto:trumancrimewatch@gmail.com). Your email address is protected.

**JOIN OUR  
mailing list  
TODAY**



## “ARE YOU AWARE THE CITY OF VANCOUVER IS REVISITING LARGE SCALE ANNEXATION?”

### Come on May 26th to Hear What the City of Vancouver Has to Say About Annexation

by Barbara Cabe

The Columbian featured an article February 15, 2016 regarding the city's plans to discuss large-scale annexation plans for the City of Vancouver. Candy Plaster and I from our Truman Council have met with the Community & Economic Development staff for the City. After meeting with them we felt it would be helpful and informative to invite them to share at our May 26th meeting.

Please read the following information from the City of Vancouver which explains some background and what the staff will share at our meeting. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to come and be informed about the annexation process, and how at some point it could impact our Truman neighborhood.

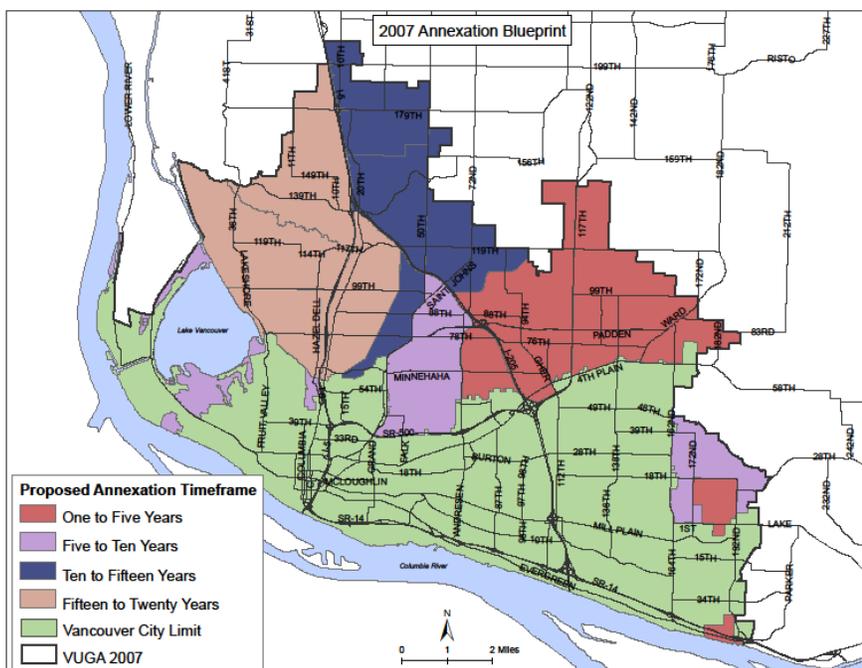
*Annexation is the process by which cities extend their municipal services, regulations, voting privileges, and taxing authority to new areas. In 1990 the State of Washington passed the Growth Management Act (GMA) to encourage urban development in areas where there are adequate public facilities (i.e. water, sewer, fire protection, etc.) and it required counties to establish Urban Growth Areas around cities within their boundaries. In 1994 Clark County*

*established Vancouver's Urban Growth Area (UGA), which is the area slated for urban development and future annexation. In 2007 The City of Vancouver and Clark County adopted the City of Vancouver-Clark County Vancouver Urban Growth Area Annexation Blueprint: 20-Year Plan.*

*Annexation within the City of Vancouver is guided by this Annexation Blueprint Plan. Due to the economic recession that began in 2008 the 20 year plan was shelved. Our economy is much improved and in January the Vancouver City Council decided to revisit the Annexation Blueprint Plan to identify areas appropriate for annexation.*

*The Truman Neighborhood is located in the Vancouver Urban Growth Area and it is part of the overall Blueprint Plan. City of Vancouver staff will be on hand at the May 26 neighborhood association meeting to talk about annexation, the Blueprint Plan and to answer as many questions as possible. It is the City's goal to build strong, positive relationships with the community and urban service providers, for any areas that may be transitioned from the unincorporated urban growth area into the City.*

*The Blueprint Plan is available online at [www.cityofvancouver.us/ced/page/annexation-blueprint](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/ced/page/annexation-blueprint).*



### ANNEXATION LINKS

You can access the City of Vancouver website for additional information on annexation. Here are some informative links.

Annexation process:

[http://  
www.cityofvancouver.us/ced/  
page/annexation](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/ced/page/annexation)

Frequently Asked Questions  
Regarding Annexation:

[http://  
www.cityofvancouver.us/ced/  
page/frequently-asked-  
questions-annexation](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/ced/page/frequently-asked-questions-annexation)

## 8 TIPS FOR AVOIDING A VACATION SCAM

As you dream of summer fun, the Better Business Bureau is reminding consumers of vacation scams that can turn a dream vacation into a nightmare.

Whether it is by phone, email, or in an ad posted online, vacation rental scams come in all shapes and sizes. Often, scammers will lure in victims with images from real properties to make their scams appear legitimate. Vacation seekers searching for a rental in a desirable destination are tempted by the attractive rental that appears to be renting at a very low price. After contacting the “owner” (who is actually a scam artist), victims are told to put a “deposit” down on the rental. Typically, it is requested that the deposit be sent via wire transfer. When the vacationer arrives at the property, they find that it either does not exist, that the condition has been misrepresented, or that it was never available for rent in the first place. Efforts to get the deposit back usually fail.

In 2014, your BBB received nearly 400 complaints against travel deals and vacation rentals. Many of the complaints were from consumers who thought they were getting free airline tickets, a great deal, or a vacation rental that turned out to be too-good-to-be-true.

The BBB has tips for avoiding vacation scams:

**Don't believe everything that you see.** The site may have the logo or design of a legitimate hotel or booking site, but that can be easily copied from the real website. When searching for a trustworthy vacation rental, be sure to visit legitimate websites that are well-known. Many businesses specializing in vacation rentals have employees who are constantly looking out for scammers and can help you validate whether a listing is legitimate or not. Check out the company on [bbb.org](http://bbb.org) to see what others are saying.

**Get everything in writing.** Before providing any form of payment, get everything in writing. Make sure all verbal agreements are also provided in writing. Review all terms and conditions, taxes and fees, and cancellation policies.

**Don't pay upfront.** Never pay upfront, or with a wire transfer or prepaid debit card for any vacation package or rental. Use a credit card or PayPal in case the charges need to be disputed.

**Verify reservations.** Follow-up directly with the airline, rental car company, hotel and/or cruise line to confirm arrangements have actually been made to your specifications. It may even be a good idea to

search the web for the address of the vacation rental property or, if renting a home or condominium for a week, the place where you will be picking up the keys. Unfortunately, in some situations, victims of travel scams have discovered that reservations were never made and were provided fake confirmation numbers.

**Look out for fake contact info.** Some consumers report calling the 1-800 number posted on a scam hotel booking site to confirm its legitimacy. Scammers simply impersonated the front desk of the hotel.

**Double check the URLs.** Scammers pick URLs that look very similar to those of legitimate sites. Always be sure to double check the URL before making a purchase. Be wary of sites that have the brand name as a subdomain of another URL (i.e. [brandname.scamwebsite.com](http://brandname.scamwebsite.com)), part of a longer URL (i.e. [companynamebooking.com](http://companynamebooking.com)) or use an unconventional top level domain ([brandwebsite.net](http://brandwebsite.net) or [brandwebsite.co](http://brandwebsite.co))

**Look for a secure connection.** Make sure your personal information is being transmitted securely by ensuring the web address starts with "HTTPS" and has a lock icon.

**Watch for too-good-to-be-true deals.** Be sure to comparison shop and be suspicious of a site that has prices significantly lower than those listed elsewhere.

(Taken from Better Business Bureau, 6/1/15)



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## 911 or 311 – WHO SHOULD I CALL?

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Clark County residents now have two numbers for reporting incidents to Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency (CRESA). CRESA provides 911 dispatch, technology services, and emergency management for Clark County. There may be some confusion as to when to use either. Dispatch will triage any calls with more serious ones taking priority and lesser calls being assigned on a time available basis. The following incidents are representative of calls that should be made to each line:

### 911

- ◆ Fires
- ◆ Medical emergencies such as heart attack, a woman going into labor, a household or work accident with injuries, or any other medical call no matter how minor you think the medical complaint, or other life threatening occurrences
- ◆ A crime involving a gun, an assault, burglary or other imminent danger
- ◆ **Injury only automobile accident (CCSO will no longer respond to non-injury accidents)**
- ◆ Erratic driving such as someone who is impaired or reckless and endangering others

Stay as calm as possible when talking to dispatcher. Give your phone number and location you are calling from. Answer all questions as clearly and completely as you can.

If you (or your child) dials 911 in error, stay on the line and explain that the call was not intended. The police must investigate if you hang up.

### 311

- ◆ Unusual occurrences such as a stranger lurking around neighborhood
- ◆ Car prowls that have occurred earlier and are not in the process
- ◆ Obnoxious noise levels other than construction, lawn mowing, etc.
- ◆ 311 is an alternate number to report non-emergency law enforcement related complaints

If you are unable to use 311 non-emergency call [360-693-3111](tel:360-693-3111)

Anything that does not constitute an immediate danger should be reported to 311. Again, give answers to your location and any questions the dispatcher may ask. The call will be assigned to a deputy in our area to investigate during time he has available.

## SENIOR DRIVER SAFETY COURSES

There are several local organizations who offer defensive driving courses which are available for a nominal cost. As you age, it is important for senior drivers to know and understand how to adjust for slower reflexes, weaker vision and other changes. As a group, senior drivers are at a higher risk of having a serious collision per mile driven than any other age group except those under 25. These courses are recognized by the Washington State Department of Licensing and could possibly entitle you to a discount on your auto insurance. Contact your agent for details. We have listed the following courses being offered in the near future. You can visit the individual organization's websites for additional information.

**Senior Driving: Getting There Safely**, a one day course designed to meet the driving needs of adults 55 and older. Offered at Peace Health Southwest Education Center, May 10th from 10 am-3 pm and again on July 5th from 10 am - 3 pm. The cost is \$12 and pre registration is required. If you need additional information contact them at [360-514-2190](tel:360-514-2190) or visit their website.

**AARP Smart Driver Course**, is also a two day course for those 50 and older. Their next class will be offered on May 10th & 11th from 9 am- 1 pm on both days. The class will be held at the Clark County Event Center, 505 NW 179th St. To register call Mike Ellis at [360-910-0625](tel:360-910-0625). Please bring your driver's license and your AARP card or number if you are a member. The fee is \$15 per person for AARP Members or \$20 for non-members.

**AAA Online Roadwise Driver Course for Seniors**, available for those 55 and older. This user-friendly course is designed to make it easy for you to learn at your own pace. A driver can take this course every two years to maintain the discount should you qualify for one. The cost is \$15.95 for a AAA member and \$19.95 for a non-member. You can register on the AAA website.

## HOW TO BUILD A COMMUNITY

*Turn Off Your TV*  
*Leave Your House*  
*Know Your Neighbors*  
*Look Up When You Are Walking*  
*Greet People*  
*Sit On Your Stoop*  
*Plant Flowers*  
*Use Your Library*  
*Play Together*  
*Buy From Local Merchants*  
*Share What You Have*  
*Help A Lost Dog*  
*Take Children To The Park*  
*Garden Together*  
*Support Neighborhood Schools*  
*Fix It Even If You Didn't Break It*  
*Have Potlucks*  
*Honor Elders*  
*Pick Up Litter*  
*Read Stories Aloud*  
*Dance In The Street*  
*Talk To The Mail Carrier*  
*Listen To The Birds*  
*Put Up A Swing*  
*Help Carry Something Heavy*  
*Barter For Your Goods*  
*Start A Tradition*  
*Ask A Question*  
*Hire Young People For Odd Jobs*  
*Organize A Block Party*  
*Bake Extra And Share*  
*Ask For Help When You Need It*  
*Open Your Shades*  
*Sing Together*  
*Share Your Skills*  
*Take Back The Night*  
*Turn Up The Music*  
*Turn Down The Music*  
*Listen Before You React To Anger*  
*Mediate A Conflict*  
*Seek To Understand*  
*Learn From New And Uncomfortable Angles*  
*Know That No One Is Silent*  
*Though Many Are Not Heard*  
*Work To Change This"*

\*It's common sense. It's wise. It's worth doing.

by Katie Hutchison for House Enthusiast

## ADD JOY TO YOUR DAILY LIFE

1. Pay as much attention to the things that are working positively in your life as you do those that are giving you trouble.
2. Rake a big pile of leaves every fall and jump in it with someone you love.
3. Memorize your favorite love poem.
4. Learn three knock-knock jokes so you will always be ready to entertain children.
5. Don't let weeds grow around your dreams.
6. Remember that everyone you meet is afraid of something, loves something, and has lost something.
7. Regardless of the situation, react with class.
8. Let some things remain mysterious.



# BICYCLE SAFETY FUN FAIR

**FRIDAY, MAY  
20<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**

[RAIN OR SHINE!]

**6-8 PM**

**TRUMAN  
ELEMENTARY**

[4505 NE 42<sup>ND</sup> AVE]

**Don't forget to bring your  
bicycles, scooters or skateboards!**

There will be a challenge course for you to ride through as well as helmet fitting and safety information! \*Parents need to accompany children\*

Come enjoy an evening of **FUN** with your whole family! Learn about **bicycle safety** (get ready to ride all summer) and play some **fun family games** as well!! Hamburgers and Hotdogs will be provided by Northside Baptist Church. The Salmon Creek Lions Club will be doing free vision screening (*parental consent required*). This is an event you surely don't want to miss!

There will be a drawing  
for TWO \$100 Toys R  
Us gift cards @ 7:45!  
Tickets are \$2 each or  
3 for \$5

**Admission is FREE**

**Carnival tickets for  
games: 4/\$1**

**This event is sponsored by: Truman Neighborhood Association, Truman PTA,  
Bike Clark County and Northside Baptist Church**

**YES, we are participating in the Truman Neighborhood Yard Sale event.**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

We are participating on: \_\_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ Both Days  
please detach and drop off at Oscar's Market between 6/27 & 7/15

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**Thank you for participating in our 2016 Truman Neighborhood Yard Sale**

(Please keep this portion for reference)



**Yard Sale Dates:** 7/22 and 7/23

**Yard Sale Time:** 9am to 4pm (Please be setup by 9am. You may close whenever you like)

**YS Participation Slips:** 6/27 thru 7/15 slips should be dropped off at Oscar's Market, located on the corner of (above) St. Johns Rd & 49th St. The staff at Oscar's has kindly agreed to collect our participation slips. However, they are not able to answer any Yard Sale related questions.

**Yard Sale Questions:** Please email or call Cheryl Burkey at [dvraider@hotmail.com](mailto:dvraider@hotmail.com) (360) 696-8562

**Supplies:** A Truman Neighborhood Association Representative will be by your home Monday 7/18 or Tuesday 7/19 to drop off your Balloon Bag. These bags will contain 3 red balloons for each day you are participating along with a neighborhood map identifying all our participating Truman yard sale locations. Please post this map for people to see. If you wish to make extra copies of this map for the people going around to the different sales, please feel free to do so.

**Signs:** We will place large Yellow signs with Red Balloons attached at all major intersections within our boundaries. Participating sellers are responsible for directing traffic from the main streets to their homes with their own signs - use a Red Balloon. Please remember to gather up your signs at the close of your yard sale.

**Getting the word out:** We will place ads on Craigslist and Facebook.

Thank you for making our neighborhood a terrific place to live!

*The Truman Neighborhood Association*

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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 obtain a stronger voice in government issues
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 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.

*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.*



**TRUMAN NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 26TH  
NEXT**

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