

TRUMAN NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 11th

Our 4th Annual Truman Neighborhood Community BBQ & Potluck
4:00-6:00 pm at Truman Elementary School. A fun afternoon for the entire family!

It is that time of year for our Truman Neighborhood Association to come together and celebrate our neighborhood!! On Sunday, September 11th we will be meeting at Truman Elementary School for our Annual BBQ & Potluck from 4 pm to 6 pm. Please take time to look at our BBQ flyer for all the information you will need to be a part of this fun afternoon. If you are interested in helping us set up at 3:30 pm let us know. We can use a few more neighbors to make the job easy. You can email us at trumanneighborhood@gmail.com or call 360-695-7430 if you are able to help us out.

Saturday, September 24th

Clark County Sheriff's Office Public Safety Complex Open House
12:00-4:00 pm, 505 NW 179th Street, Ridgefield, WA.

Bring your family out for a fun afternoon featuring emergency vehicle displays, community information exhibits, demonstrations, health screenings, kids' activities and prizes, giveaway items and much more. Truman volunteers will be serving free hot dogs, chips and pop. Demonstrations will include auto extraction, life flight arrives, try fire extinguisher & K-9 demo. Truman Neighborhood is one of the sponsors of this annual community event.

Thursday, October 27th

Truman Neighborhood Association General Meeting
6:30-8:00 pm at the American Legion at 4607 NE St. James Road

We will be accepting donations from Truman neighbors who want to contribute to our Truman Elementary School Holiday Helping Hands program. See the article inside explaining what this community event is all about. This will be our last meeting of the calendar year.

Sign up to be added to our Truman Crime Watch email list by emailing trumancrimewatch@gmail.com. Your email address is protected.



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TODAY



5th Annual Truman Neighborhood Association Community BBQ & Potluck

Sunday, September 11th from 4 to 6

Food will be served at 4 PM. It would be nice to have all of the side dishes there for all to enjoy by that time.

Truman Elementary School

Located at 4505 NE 42nd Avenue under the covered area on the East side of the building.

Bring

*You and your family
A side dish to share (salad, dessert, etc.)
Lawn chairs or blankets to sit on*

We Provide

*Hamburgers & hotdogs
Lemonade & water
Condiments, plates & flatware
We will have a couple of wagons to help transport your items to the picnic area.*

Please no pets at this event with the exception of service animals.

There will be a 50/50 ticket sale. You will need to be present to win. Drawing will be held at 5:15 PM. Donations will be accepted to help defray the cost of the school rental.

Email trumanneighborhood@gmail.com
or call 360-695-7430 for further information.

You can receive emails informing you of happenings in our Truman neighborhood by emailing us at trumanneighborhood@gmail.com requesting to be added. Contact us at trumancrimewatch@gmail.com if you are interested in being informed about crime or suspicious activity in the Truman area. Each list serves a different purpose and you can request to be added to one or both.

EVENT SPONSORED BY THE TRUMAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



Gardening Tasks & Tips from the Master Gardener Program

September

- * Feed lawns early this month with one pound of actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of turf using a 3-1-2 or 6-1-4 fertilizer. Remove thatch and aerate and patch bare spots.
- * Dig & divide daffodils.
- * Plant cover crops, ground covers, shrubs and trees. Keep plants well watered until fall rains come.
- * Control coryneum blight and bacterial canker on peach and cherry trees with a registered copper spray.
- * Control cane and leaf spot on cane berries with a registered fixed copper spray.
- * Harvest potatoes after tops die down. Harvest Bartlett pears when they are green ripe.
- * Protect tomatoes if frost threatens, or harvest remaining tomatoes and ripen indoors.
- * After final harvest of fall-bearing raspberries prune off top half of canes.

October:

- * Water houseplants less frequently, and stop fertilizing.
- * Dig dahlias shortly after frost blackens their foliage. Dig gladiolus corms and cut leaves back an inch from the corm. Label, dry and store.
- * Plant trees and shrubs before fall rains arrive.
- * Harvest sunflower heads, winter squash, pumpkins, and apples.
- * Divide rhubarb.
- * Use tree wrap to protect the trunks of young fruit trees from sunscald and rodents through winter months.

November:

- * Clean up flower beds. Pull out annuals, cut back herbaceous perennials to a few inches above the ground.
- * Prune roses to 2 1/2 feet. Remove leaves and mound 8 inches of mulch around the canes.
- * Plant or move trees and shrubs now through early spring.
- * Collect and dispose of leaf and fallen fruit debris from under fruit trees. Many insects and disease organisms over winter in such debris.
- * Cut back the oldest and least vigorous stems on blueberries to a young shoot or to ground level. Thin twiggy branch tips and remove any broken, dead or diseased branches.
- * Tie summer-bearing raspberry canes to wires and prune 6 inches above the top trellis wire. Cut off the tip sections of ever bearing raspberry canes that fruited this fall. For a fall-only crop, cut all canes to the ground.
- * Move container plants to a sheltered location.
- * Withhold fertilizer from houseplants from now until mid-March unless they are actively growing.

If you have questions about gardening call Master Gardener Heritage Farm Answer Clinic at 360-397-6060 ext. 5711 or email at MGanswerclinic@clark.wa.gov. You can visit the clinic at 1919 NE 78th Street Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 am-2:00 pm and Thursday 11:30 am until 5:00 pm.

StreamTeam



Clark Public Utilities' StreamTeam sponsors the Stream Stewards program for those interested in making a difference in the great outdoors. Stewards attend classes 8:30am – 2pm on 6 Saturdays and 6 – 8:30pm on 5 Tuesdays September 24 –through November 5th. Leader Training offered on Saturday, October 15th is optional. After completing training, Stream Stewards from a variety of backgrounds support StreamTeam by leading school presentations on salmon conservation, organizing tree planting groups, combatting invasive knotweed and more. “I knew I was bound to meet new people while getting in some healthy and purposeful work,” says Sonya, a Stream Steward since 2008. “The diversity of ages and occupations in the group fosters a great environment for new friendships and unique, meaningful projects.”

Space is limited, so submit your application today at www.StreamStewards.net. Or contact Ashley at StreamTeam@clarkpud.com or [360-992-8585](tel:360-992-8585) with any questions.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

TRUMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEEDS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

For the past several years our Truman Neighborhood Association has helped out students in need of basic clothing, boots, shoes, gloves and hats during the winter time. We work with Truman's principal and counselor to help identify several students who are in need. We are given list of ages, sizes, etc. and shop for those students, no names are given. Because of the generosity of others we were able to help eight students at Truman School last holiday season.

It is our hope to continue this tradition again this year. If you would like to be a part of this project, please email us at trumanneighborhood@gmail.com or call Cheryl at 360-696-8562 or Terri at 360-903-6160. We will be reminding via email (be sure to sign up for our email updates) at our October meeting with more information and dates. We will be collecting money if it is more convenient at our October 27th meeting as that is the last meeting until after the holidays. You can email us up to the end of November when we will begin shopping for the students in need. If it is more convenient we will make arrangements to collect donations into November which will enable our committee to go out and purchase the needed items. We deliver these wrapped gifts to Truman School just prior to the holiday break.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE ENDS MEDICATION TAKE BACK PROGRAM

Effective Friday, July 15th the Clark County Sheriff's Office will no longer be taking back prescription medications from the public. The decision to end the program is due to increasing demands on staff for core public safety services. "This decision is in line with our need to shed services in light of our limited staffing," says Undersheriff Mike Cooke. "We need to give our employees the opportunity to do their core jobs really well, especially in this case where the private sector now provides resources to dispose of unused medications." Over the years the program has been in effect, there has been a marked increase private sector resource available for medications to be returned. Citizens looking to return medications are encouraged to visit www.takebackyourmeds.org.

TRUMAN NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE WAS A BIG SUCCESS!!!

Another great year is in the books for our Annual Truman Neighborhood Yard Sale with about 40 homes participating. We had quite a number of neighbors who decided at the last minute to take part in the yard sale and reports are very positive, neighbors thought it was very successful. Our thanks to Cheryl Burkey who was the chairperson again this year, and thanks to all those who volunteered to help each day with signs, balloons etc. It is fantastic to see our neighbors join together and be a part of what's happening in the Truman neighborhood and also get to know each other. Next year's date will be Friday and Saturday, July 21st and 22nd. Thank you to all of you that chose to be a part of this neighborhood event!

BICYCLE SAFETY AND FUN FAIR

A FUN FAMILY EVENING AT THE TRUMAN BICYCLE SAFETY AND FUN FAIR!

Thank you to those who came and supported the Truman neighborhood and Truman PTA at our May 20th Truman Bicycle Safety and Fun Fair. About 275 Truman neighbors came to enjoy the Fun Fair booths in the cafeteria, free vision screening by Salmon Creek Lions Club, info booths from CRESA and Safe Kids Clark County. Northside Baptist Church served free hamburgers and hot dogs to Truman neighbors.

The focus on the event was Bicycle Safety and education for Truman families and their children. In order for a child to participate in the bicycle challenge course they had to visit our helmet fitting table to make sure they had a properly fitted helmet and if they didn't we donated a properly fitting helmet to that child. They first took part in the agility course and then on to the challenge course. Clark County Sheriff's Office NOW volunteers helped monitor the actual bicycle course and those that didn't follow the safety rules were sent to "jail" and then given another opportunity to try again. Young people who completed the bicycle course, and completed three other parts of the bike event were awarded free tickets by the Truman PTA to play the games in the cafeteria. At the end of the evening the Truman Neighborhood Association held a drawing for a \$200 gift card at ToysRUs.



We received some great feedback from neighbors saying it was a fun filled evening. Several said to be able to come with their families and have a free dinner, a night full of fun and games and yet educational was fantastic! This will definitely be a yearly event. Thank you to Truman neighborhood volunteers, Truman PTA and Northside Baptist Church for making this such a special evening for all Truman neighbors.

GOT ANY BRIGHT IDEAS?



Truman Neighborhood Association is always looking for volunteers to bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to our council and events. We encourage all to join us in making our entire neighborhood more inclusive and stronger. Anyone who has a few hours here and there to give to our community is so appreciated. It is not a huge time commitment and we have fun! Here are a few opportunities to consider:

Serve on our council board:

We have a great group who works together well but every board needs fresh voices. We have organizational meetings several times a year that last approximately 2 hours in addition to the general meetings 3 times a year. Opportunities also exist to be more involved in Neighborhood Associations of Clark County (NACC) and meet leaders of other neighborhood areas.

Come join us and help with:

The Bike Safety Event – fun and families are what make this event a success. We partner with Truman PTA to encourage riding safety and fun for everyone. This event takes about 2 hours and you meet lots of great people.

Truman Neighborhood Garage Sale – volunteers put up/take down signs, distribute balloons and maps. Takes just a small fraction of time on Friday and Saturday.

The back-to-school greeting at Truman Elementary – welcome new students and help them find their classroom, bus, etc. on the first day of school.

The TNA BBQ and Potluck – help set up and clean up at this friendly gathering for all residents of our neighborhood. Takes about ½ hour before and after. Be sure to bring a side dish, chairs and join us in September!

The Helping Hands Christmas project – for needy Truman Elementary students. We get sizes and a list of needed items from the counselor at Truman to help make Christmas happier for disadvantaged children. This entails a couple of hours of shopping and wrapping.

The list above includes just a few areas for giving a bit of your time. We also have a work party to clean up the King's Pond area, tutoring at Truman Elementary, lunch with a student each week in the Lunch Buddy program, serve hot dogs at the Clark County Sheriff's Open House, NOW (Neighbors on Watch) always welcomes new members, be the Crime Watch captain for your block, etc. Please choose an activity that you enjoy and join us to make our neighborhood a better place for all.

Please email trumanneighborhood@gmail.com or call Barb at 360-695-7430 if you would like to inquire about helping out. We are not asking for a huge time commitment and it is a lot of fun!

BBB WARNING: ENJOY POKEMON GO...WITH CAUTION

In just a few days, Pokémon GO has become the most downloaded phone app in the U.S. The app, which uses mapping software to create a virtual reality game, is getting children and adults out and about in their neighborhoods to “catch” the game characters as they pop up on phone screens from various locations.

Although the game can be a blast, BBB is warning players and parents to be aware of some nuances that go with GO.

Expenses: It’s possible to play completely cost-free by winning “PokeCoins” (the app’s currency) through gameplay, but you can also purchase the coins through an in-app purchase. The longer you play, the more spending money you need to store and “train” your gathered characters. The app also requires constant GPS access, and it uses a lot of data. After playing for hours every day, consumers with limited data plans may find themselves with a hefty bill at the end of the month.

Privacy: In order to play the game, users must allow the app to access other applications, such as maps and camera. Many users sign in with a Google account, and that has caused some concerns about privacy. The Android version of the game only accesses limited data (such as the user’s email address), but the iOS version for the iPhone can access all Google data. Niantic, the game’s maker, says no personal information has been accessed, and it is issuing a [bug fix](#) to correct the problem. Users can create an account through the app itself rather than using an email address to access the game.

Malware: So far, the app is only available in the U.S., Australia and New Zealand, which has given cybercriminals an opportunity to capitalize on the demand. A malware version of the game has been found online; although no known infections have been reported. Users should only download the app through official app stores, not third-party sites.

Safety: Players should use the same safety precautions while playing the game that they would in any other outdoor setting, including caution in strange locations. A Missouri police department reported robbers using a secluded “PokeStop” location to rob unsuspecting game players. Players should be cautious as pedestrians and obey all traffic laws, and drivers should be on the lookout for children who may be distracted by the game. The app also drains phone batteries, so users should be careful not to get stranded far from home.

Infringement: PokeStops are supposed to all be on public property (or cooperative private sites), but at least one homeowner has reported that his historic house is mistakenly a PokeStop. Players should be respectful of others’ private property. Future commercial opportunities are anticipated, where stores can offer rare or unique characters to add to the game.



For more information:

Check out bbb.org to look up a business, file a complaint, write a customer review, report a scam, read tips, follow us on social media, and more!

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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.

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ASSOCIATION
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