



Truman Neighborhood Association & Crime Watch-FALL UPDATES

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FEBRUARY MEETING CALLED

The Truman Neighborhood Association will be meeting on Thursday **February 24, 2011** from **7:00 - 9:00 PM** at **Roosevelt Elementary School** located at **2921 Falk Rd, Vancouver WA.** in the commons area.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Introductions

7:00 PM

Crime Watch Information

7:05 PM

Clark County Deputy

7:10 PM

WSDOT St. Johns Rd.

8:00 PM

Presentation on new construction plan.

Adjournment by
or earlier

8:45 PM

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**OPEN COOUNCIL SEATS
FOR ANY VOLUNTEERS.**

**Please contact above
members for details.**

WSDOT - St. Johns Rd. UPDATES

In response to the large number of concerned business owners and neighbors along St, Johns Rd, the WSDOT has amended the original construction plans discussed previously at the open house forums held in our neighborhoods. This new construction plan allows for a portion of St. Johns Rd to remain open for local traffic and businesses. These and other details will be presented to the neighbors by one of the state engineers on this project. We would like ask those neighbors interested in this topic to join our meeting and the open dialog after the presentation is given. WSDOT presentation is scheduled for 8:00 P.M.

ELECTRONIC PICK POCKETING

by Barbara Cabe, Truman Crime Watch Captain

Several council members of the Truman Neighborhood Association attend a monthly meeting of the Citizens Advisory Board held at the West Precinct of the Clark County Sheriff's Office. We have an opportunity to participate in a "round table" discussion with Sheriff Gary Lucas as well as the Commanders from both Central and West Precinct and other representatives from different neighborhood associations in Clark County.

ELECTRONIC PICK POCKETING *Continued*

At the most recent meeting, Thursday, January 12th, the Sheriff Department had their Major Crimes Unit specialist, Thomas Metchum, speak on the topic of ID Theft and Fraud. Some of the information he shared is information we have had presented at our Truman Neighborhood meetings with the exception of the topic of "RFID" fraud. This is a fairly new technology which uses Radio Frequency Identification which banks and retail institutions are now making available to their customers. RFID simply allows you to wave your credit card, passport or license in front of a nearby scanner instead of having to slide the magnetic stripe through it. The electronic scanner sends a signal which is received by an antenna embedded into the card which is connected to the cards' RFID chip, thus activating it. Even the new "Enhanced Washington State Driver's License" comes with this new feature and all US Passports issued since 2006 are embedded with this chip. These long range RFID chips can be scanned from your wallet while you are still in your car, making it easier to travel across the border. The RFID chip in a credit card emits the account number, expiration data and other information. About 100 million credit cards now have this contactless technology embedded into them and it is expected that credit card issuers will replace every single magnetic stripe credit and debit card with a new contactless RFID embedded smartcard within the next 5 years. Because of federal mandate all government agencies are required to switch to a new ID card that uses RFID. Because of this all government employees are required to keep these new ID cards in an RFID blocking sleeve or badge holder for privacy and security. Credit card companies say it keeps your identity safer because your card is never in the hands of a stranger. You can tell if your credit/debit card or even health insurance card is one of these RFID embedded cards by inspecting the back of your card and looking for a symbol showing radio wave markings indicating RFID enabled.

There are several companies that sell RFID sleeves over the internet. The Sheriff's Office recommended the use of these sleeves on all magnetic stripe cards embedded with the new RFID chip. Several sources at the meeting we attended suggested checking with your local banking institution to see if they can provide these protective sleeves to you rather than having to order them on line. We are also providing the link to just one of these on line companies the Sheriff Office made available to us.

In addition to the information given on the new RFID embedded cards Tom discussed the ongoing problems with "skimming" devices attached to ATM machines or card swipe machines used primarily at gas station pumps. They recommend you look carefully at any device you insert your card into and try moving or detaching the front piece where your card is inserted because many of the skimming devices will detach when you pull on them as they are attached with double sided adhesive but can look very realistic. Be aware of your surroundings whenever you use an ATM and shield the keypad with your hand as you enter your PIN number.

Another caveat to this new technology is that thieves have now found a way to access personal information by means of an inexpensive scanner. They are using a small hand size scanner and by simply walking by and putting this scanner close to your handbag or wallet in your pocket, they can capture all the information needed to produce a "clone" credit card and begin to use your credit card without your knowledge. They download all this information by a USB port to their computer and have everything they need to compromise your information. It was highly recommended that each person carefully monitor their bank accounts as well as credit card accounts daily. He did say sometimes thieves will even wait for several months to use your account. We recommend you view a video showing recent news reports regarding this technology, and the potential abuse related to it. **The attached link has the video referred to in this feature as well as the website with great information about the protective sleeves.** <http://www.idstronghold.com/>

More information will given at the Truman Meeting on February 24th.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this article email us at Trumancrimewatch@gmail.com.

Youth Suicide HOTLINE! 360-696-9560 or 1-800-626-8136

Child Abuse Main telephone: 397-6002
Fax- 397-6003 Bob Kaneko

Vancouver/Clark Co. Housing Rehab Program
397-2130 & TDD 397-6065

Clark Co. Commissioners
397-2232 Email: boardcom@co.clark.wa.us
Dist #1 Betty Sue Morris. North (Hazel Dell)
Dist #2 Marc Boldt (East)
Dist #3 Steve Stuart. South (Truman Neighborhood)

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

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Animal Code Violation - 397-2488
Reporting Dead Animals 397-2488
Licensing 397-2489
Nuisance Complaints 397-2488
Missing/Found -VHS 693-4746
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Livestock Info WSU Coop 254-8436
Humane Society 693-4746
West Columbia Gorge No Kill Humane Society,
Bonnie Harding, Shelter Director Washougal 835-3464

Transportation
C-Tran 397-0123
Amtrak 694-7307
Greyhound 696-0186

Voter Registration Auditor-Elections Absentee ballots 397-2345

Garbage Composting & Yard Debris: 397-6118 ext. 4352
Waste: 397-6118 ext. 4352
Recycling (Curbside): 892-5370

Wells (Clark County Public Health): 696-8428

Parent's Anonymous Crisis Line: 687-7126

To Provide A Foster Home
Call Shirley on Thurs 993-7947

State Schools The Blind 696-6321 The Deaf 696-6521

Blood Donations 693-5821 Red Cross

Be A Pal To A Child or Teen being

Treated with Chemotherapy 2-4 hrs /mo Sue Best
(503) 244-3141 sbest@e-ccii.org

Parks & Recreation: Stephen Duh: 360-619-1115
Parksrec@cl.vancouver.wa.us

Restraining Orders: Anti-harassment or domestic violence protection
orders: 397-241 1 (District Court)

Domestic Violence Intervention Unit 360-397-6079
DVIU website:
www.co.clark.wa.us/sheriff/inter/comminfo/dvinfo/dvinfo.htm

Boys & Girls Club of SW Washington:
360-567-1153

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TDD Numbers For the hearing & speech impaired.
Board of Commissioners 397-6032
Community Development/Public Works 397-6057
Community Services 397-6032
Superior Court 397-6172

Divorce Care
Struggling with a painful separation, broken relationship or divorce? Hear
valuable information about how to heal. Meets weekly on Wednesday nights
at 7:00 PM at the First Church of God, 3300 NE 78th St., Vancouver. Call
574-1611 ext. 6909 to sign up.

Griefshare
Dealing with the death of a loved one? Find support and encouragement.
Griefshare meets Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM, at the First Church of God,
3300 NE 78th Street, Vancouver. Call 574-161 1 ext. 6909

National Alliance for the Mentally ILL
(NAMI) Clark County 317 E 39th St. Vancouver 695-2823
www.nami-clark.com

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

Clark County Food Bank List

Faith Center
2533 NE Andresen Rd., Vancouver Tues. 4:00-7:00 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:
West. of Andreson from downtown to Ridgefield

Salvation Army
7509 NE 47th Ave. Vancouver, Phone: 694-9503

Interfaith Treasure House
91 "C" Street, Washougal M-F 9:30-5:00; Sat 11 :00-3:00, Camas

McLoughlin Church of God
903 Winchell Ave., Vancouver Wed. 4:00-7:30 Service area: Clark Co.

Trinity Mission Cupboard
6700 McLoughlin, Vancouver Food bags last Friday of the mo. 11am-2pm

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