



# Truman Neighborhood News

Truman Neighborhood Association of Clark County

"Let's keep this neighborhood together"

October 2011

## MEETING CALLED FOR OCTOBER 27

The Truman Neighborhood Association will be meeting on Thursday, October 27, 2011 from 7:00-9:00 PM in the cafeteria at Truman Elementary School. The school is located at 4505 NE 42nd Avenue.

### AGENDA

Call to order <i>Introductions &amp; vote on council</i>	7:00 PM
Clark County Deputy	7:10 PM
Update on St. Johns project	7:45 PM
Guest Speaker <i>Sgt. Shane Gardner, Outreach Unit, Drug Action Team, formerly Meth Action Team</i>	8:00 PM
Adjournment	8:55 PM

**Get Involved.  
Have Your Say.  
Make A Difference.**

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

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## Make a Difference for Children

Truman Parent Teacher Association (Harry S Truman PTA 3.7.75) is an involved group of parents, staff and community members with the mission to provide and support a variety of quality, educational, enrichment, and social opportunities for Truman's students and families. For the 2010/2011 school year we were recognized as an Honor Unit and a Standards of Excellence PTA by the Washington State PTA. [http://www.wastatepta.org/leadership/awards/Award\\_Recipients\\_1011.pdf](http://www.wastatepta.org/leadership/awards/Award_Recipients_1011.pdf)

We volunteer, coordinate and fund-raise to provide our school with classroom grants, sports uniforms, playground resurfacing and painting, playground equipment, library books, field trips, assemblies, drama club, math club, accelerated reader program as well as special events throughout the year. Currently we are planning our Fall Festival of Fictitious Finery, a literary based event where the students are encouraged to dress like book characters. We also have many book-themed crafts and activities, a writing contest, as well as book readers in costume.

Membership in the Truman PTA is open to all interested persons, not just Truman families. We welcome community members to join our association. Your membership alone helps us provide an advocacy voice in the state of Washington. PTA is the oldest child advocacy organization in existence that gives all parents a voice in their children's education. PTA continues to be relevant as it advocates for ALL children and provides opportunities to make a difference in the lives of kids.

Our next general membership meeting, open to members and non-members is Thurs. Nov. 17 at 6 pm at the Truman media center. For more information re-



garding meetings, membership, or what we do, please contact [Truman-PTA@hotmail.com](mailto:Truman-PTA@hotmail.com) or check out our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/TrumanPTA](http://www.facebook.com/TrumanPTA).

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## Neighborhood Crime Watch

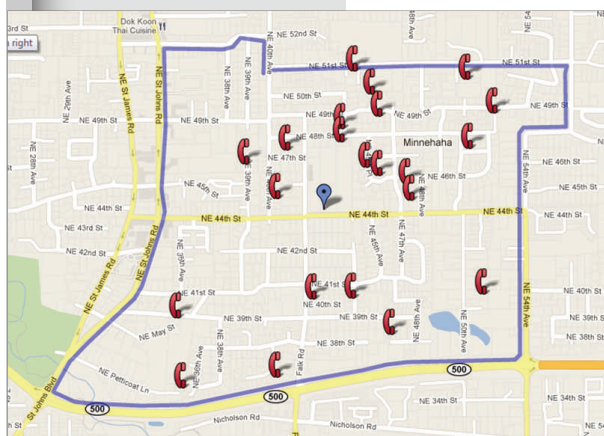
We have our Clark County Sheriff deputy liaison officer scheduled to share at our upcoming meeting and we hope to get the latest information from him regarding the crime statistics and what seems to be "going on" in our neighborhood. If you have some specific questions you would like to have addressed at our meeting that our deputy or the sheriff's office might need to know ahead to be able to accurately answer, please email us at [www.trumancrimewatch@gmail.com](mailto:www.trumancrimewatch@gmail.com) so we can request that information prior to the meeting.

We are in need of additional "Crime Watch Captains" for quite a few areas in the Truman Neighborhood. We will have a table at our meeting where you can get information about what is involved in becoming a Captain for your immediate area and you can sign up to be a Crime Watch Captain. It is a great way to get to know your neighbors and start a network of communication with those neighbors. Neighbors who see something suspicious going on in your area or observe some kind of crime

several instances in our Truman Neighborhood where the sheriff has apprehended someone due to a report to "911" by a concerned neighbor. The most important thing to remember when deciding to call "911" on a suspicious activity is: make that call! They will then determine if it is an emergency and what action should be taken. Don't second guess yourself! It might be just that piece of information the sheriff needs to solve some crime or catch some criminal in action. We frequently receive emails advising us of some suspicious activity someone has witnessed, please let us know but ALWAYS call 911 and then let us know you have done so. The comments we hear most are "It's too late now", "I feel I am being too nosy", or "It's just not my problem". By calling 911 the sheriff can track unusual activities and alleged crimes and then patrol the area where the report has been made. Please be proactive in trying to protect your home as well as your neighbor's homes.



Also we do have an email address list of neighbors who have signed up to receive *emergency notices* of confirmed crime or suspicious activity in our area. Some of those addresses are outdated due to some people moving out of our neighborhood as well as possibly a change of email address since they initially signed up. If you are not receiving these emails or would like to be added to our list please email us at [trumancrimewatch@gmail.com](mailto:trumancrimewatch@gmail.com) to enable you to receive these important notices. We send these emails as a BCC so your email address is protected.



will report that instance to you *after reporting to "911"*. You in turn would either email or phone the other neighbors who asked to be part of this network. We can all help each other by just being an observant neighbor.

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The blue outline shows the boundaries of our neighborhood association. Phone icons on the map indicate areas with Crime Watch Captains. Please email [trumancrimewatch@gmail.com](mailto:trumancrimewatch@gmail.com) to set up a group for your street or be added to an existing group.



## SR 500 - St. Johns Blvd Interchange

We will be addressing the St. Johns Project at our October 27th meeting but want to make you aware of upcoming changes. We have been advised by WSDOT the traffic impacts have been delayed from the month of October until mid-November. This is when the traffic shift and lane closures will begin to take place.

If you have internet access, we recommend you go online and sign up for the email notifications from WSDOT. If some time goes by between updates, it is safe to assume that little has changed at the project site. They qualify traffic impacts as a "significant change" and will provide advance notice of any such impacts.

We have received several emails from neighbors along NE 39th Street regarding the temporary speed bumps installed in late September. We have advised WSDOT of those concerns and have received the following response.

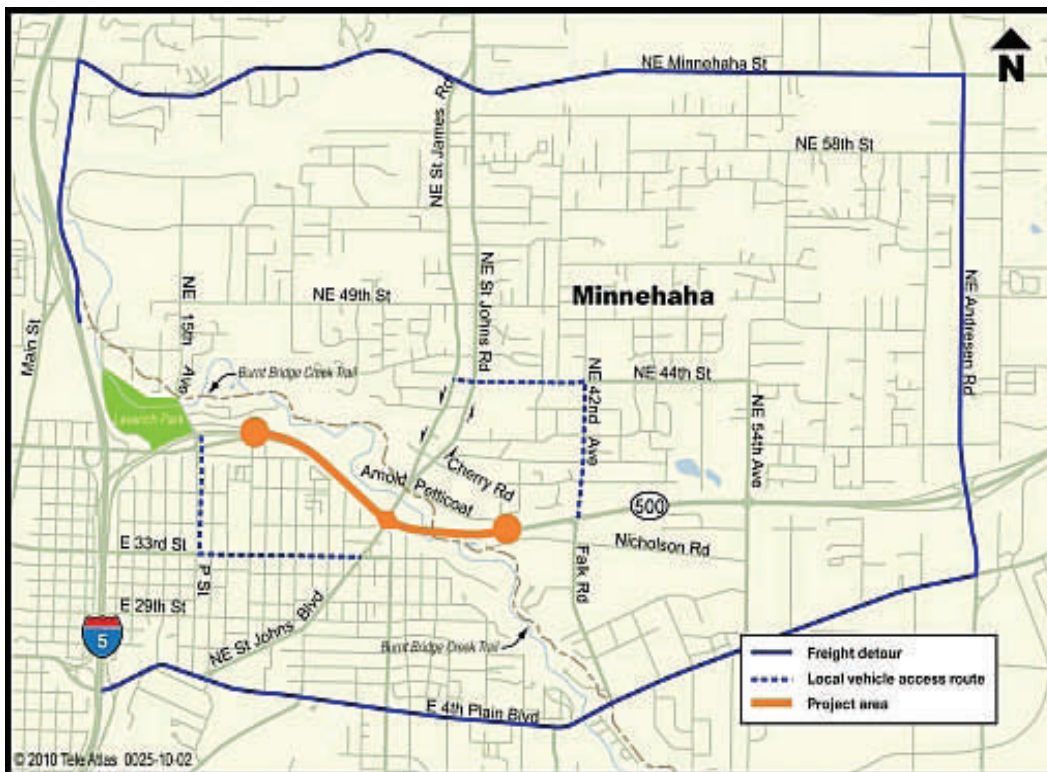
"The speed bumps on NE 39th Street and the detour routes are designed to slow regular traffic, but allow emergency response vehicles to drive through without impact. The placement and width of the bumps are both intentional to ensure that the emergency vehicles with wide axels - fire engines, ambulances, etc. - can pass without slowing down."

There is real concern because drivers seem to be driving on the shoulder around those speed bumps in particular. Please feel free to email WSDOT if this continues to be an issue; they need to hear from you.

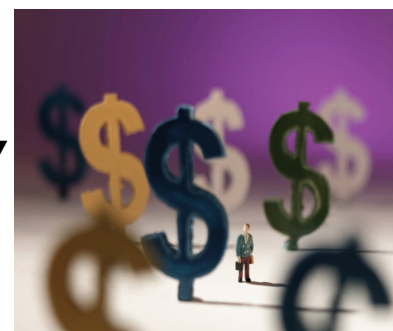
### **Stay In the Loop!**

Visit the project 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. Stay in the loop! [www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/SR500/StJohnsInterchange](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/SR500/StJohnsInterchange)

## Construction to Impact Neighborhood Traffic



## **CASH-IN ON ENERGY-SAVING HOME PROJECTS WITH ENERGY TRUST INCENTIVES**



Give your budget a break and make your home more comfortable with energy-saving home improvements. NW Natural customers in Washington now have access to energy-efficiency programs through Energy Trust of Oregon. Call Energy Trust today at 1-866-368-7878 or visit [www.energytrust.org/washington](http://www.energytrust.org/washington) to find out more about these programs.

- Evaluate your home for energy savings.
- Choose upgrades that make sense for you.
- Work with an Energy Trust trade ally contractor, or any Washington licensed contractor to install the improvements. Visit [www.energytrust.org/findacontractor](http://www.energytrust.org/findacontractor) or call 1-866-368-7878.
- Apply for Energy Trust cash-back incentives, which apply to energy-saving improvements, such as gas furnaces, gas water heaters, insulation, windows and many more.

## **TOP 5 LOW COST TIPS TO SAVE ENERGY AT HOME**

There are plenty of simple, affordable-and often, free-ways to make your home more energy efficient. Complete Energy Trust of Oregon's top five and you can start saving energy immediately.

1. Unplug battery chargers for power tools, mobile phones, laptops and other devices when not in use.
2. Caulk small holes and cracks around plumbing pipes, exhaust fans, dryer vents, sink and bathtub drains, and fireplaces and under countertops.
3. Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs, which last up to 10 times longer and can save \$30 over the life of each bulb.
4. Recycle that old fridge or freezer in your garage-you may save up to \$200 per year on energy costs.
5. Install an ENERGY STAR programmable thermostat so it adjusts automatically.

Find more no-cost, low-costs tips on Energy Trust's website  
Contact Jennifer Chariarse, Washington Program Representative at 360-831-4953 with any questions you may have about the program

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