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Upcoming Events

TV Tacoma City Line: January 15, covers Neighborhood Councils 2014 in review

Julia's Gulch Work Party: January 10, 9am-noon, gather at Viewpoint Park

Tideflats Emergency Response/Intelligent Transportation System Study Review: January 12, 5pm, Fabulich Center, 3600 Port of Tacoma Rd. See article.

Community Meeting: January 15, 7pm, TPD substation, program: TPU rates, Summit School, Board officer elections

Board Annual Planning Workshop: January 24, 9am-noon, TPD substation

Board Exec and Planning Comm meeting: February 5, 6:30pm, TPD substation

Community Meeting February 19th! - All Welcome

7pm, Tacoma Police Substation

4731 Norpoint Way (corner of Northshore Parkway)

City and agency staff reports; program: Transportation Master Plan, Pierce Transit NE Tacoma bus demonstration project, Billboards
Community Working Group conclusions

NE Tacoma Survey – Preliminary Results Already Inform Transit Planning

A NETNC team prepared the survey that the City mailed to all 7000+ NE Tacoma postal customers on our behalf on December 26th. Many NE Tacomans received the survey in their mail on December 27th, and by the end of January about 200 residents had responded on paper, and 188 through the Survey Monkey version, and we thank all 389 of them for sharing their needs and expectations with the community. That's a very credible 5+% response rate.

The NETNC Executive and Planning Committees have already begun to analyze the results. Besides publishing highlights in upcoming NET News issues, we are planning a public meeting in April with knowledgeable public officials present (streets and sidewalks, Parks, Schools, transit, etc.) to discuss issues raised in the survey and provide a forum for additional input. This input will shape NETNC priorities for the coming two years.

In the meantime, Pierce Transit has used results of questions about transit and travel destinations to focus planning for a proposed demonstration project for significantly revised and improved bus service for NE Tacoma. There will be more news about this proposal over the next few months.

From NETNC sources

UWT's Government Leadership Institute Is in Its 10th Year

The Government Leadership Institute is part of UWT's Urban Studies Program course, "*Urban Government and Organizations.*"

The intent of this program is to introduce students and citizens to the organizational structure of urban government with special emphasis on the roles of various municipal entities in the democratic management and

physical and social development of Tacoma and similar cities.

The goal is to blend academic and practical experiences to create space for critical thinking and creativity about urban politics and policy in Tacoma, and to open dialog with local public officials and other decision makers about the present and future conditions of the city. We have attempted to select practitioners, based on their experience and knowledge on the topic to present information related to the class, and response to questions from the students and public audience. Cont. p.5

NE Tacoma Crime News

Www.tacomacrime.org shows numerous crimes during January through February to date: burglaries/ breaking and entering, car thefts, thefts from vehicle (break-in), simple assaults (likely domestic), and thefts. The site is useful for seeing what kinds of things are going on, especially in your immediate neighborhood, but it tends to exaggerate some crime reports because of the simplicity of the description possibilities. For example, minor property theft often gets reported as a burglary, which we would usually associate with a house burglary with more major property theft.

There have been many reports of mailbox break-ins and mail thefts, including theft of locking mailboxes themselves, from time to time. The best advice is to clear mail out of your mailbox promptly. A local HOA contact reports on a recent theft incident, for example: "I wanted to let you know that at least 3 mailboxes including ours were broken into last night. My husband talked with the mail carrier today and she said it has happened to others up and down the street. The contact gave the neighbor the TPD non-emergency number (798-4721) and told her about the CLO's presentation to the NE Tacoma Neighborhood Council last month. I encouraged her to attend the monthly Council meetings to get any updates on crime in the neighborhood." CLO Brandon Showalter reviews crime trends and key events at the monthly (NETNC) Community Meetings – come to hear his take on crime in NE Tacoma. Residents are invited to send reports of incidents to netnews98422@hotmail.com for inclusion here.

If you have questions about any police issue, please direct them specifically to the TPD Community Liaison Officer for our area, CLO Brandon Showalter, at 253.594.7951 or brandon.showalter@cityoftacoma.org.

FISH Food Bank Is at BP United Methodist Church

This is a reminder to let friends and neighbors who are in need of food assistance know that the weekly FISH Food Banks food bank Friday afternoons from 4:30pm to 6pm is now at the Browns Point United Methodist Church (5339 BP Blvd.). Recent experience shows a growth to 12-18 NE Tacoma families getting needed help from the service. Please help get the word out!

Donations of either non-perishable food, kitchen/baby supplies, or money are gratefully accepted. Money donations are very valuable: FISH can provide \$7 worth of food for each \$1 donated!

You can find out more about FISH Food Banks at: www.fishfoodbanks.org.

Metro Parks Always Has Interesting Things Going On

The good way to find out what's up at the Center at Norpoint and around the Metro Parks circuit is to look in the current Go Guide. You can download a copy at: <http://www.metroparkstacoma.org/calendar-events/>, or pick one up at the Center at Norpoint. Note that Norpoint offers Silver Sneakers programs. Several health care programs offer free memberships; check them out on the web page.

You can also scroll through the upcoming event calendar at: <http://www.metroparkstacoma.org/calendar> – look for events at Norpoint, as well as in many of the wonderful MPT facilities.

From Metro Parks

TV Tacoma February Highlights

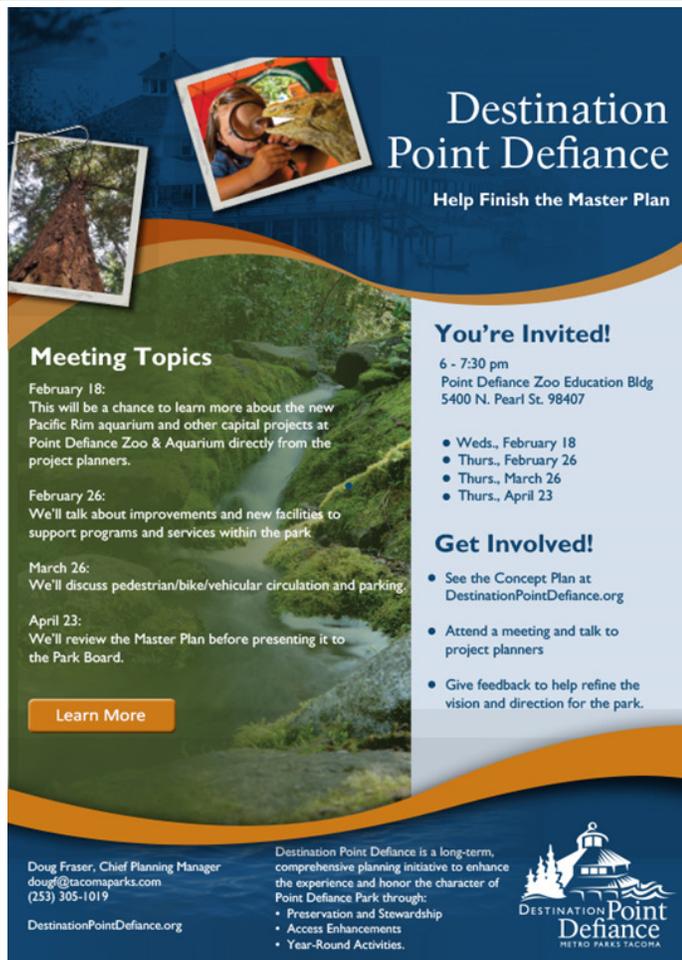
From TV Tacoma (www.tvtacoma.org)

Some October neighborhood-oriented programming highlights include:

- **artTown**: documentary-style exploration of Tacoma's emergence as a major creative hub in the PNW
- **Business Matters**: UWT Bookstore, Business Books, eTc active war boutique, Sanity and Serenity by Sandra, True North Coffee House, In-House Business Networking
- **CityLine**: weekly call-in that puts you in touch with activities, events, and services in our City. February 5: Tacoma Poet Laureate Program, American Cancer Society, Dugan Foundation, Asia Pacific Cultural Center. February 12: NW Sinfonietta, Boys & Girls Club, Grand Cinema, Tacoma Sister Cities Film Festival.
- **Inside Tacoma** presents elected officials: City Councilmember Joe Lonergan (Dist. 5: South Tacoma), Julie Anderson, Pierce County Auditor.

- **Tacoma Report**: Happenings in the community, City services and programs
- **Urban Green**: Alta Planning and Design, Washington Conservation Corps help on open spaces, tips for a successful picnic, Tacoma Rainiers, and recycling at home
- **Special Presentations**: Road to Recovery (family role in substance abuse management)
- Programming on "Northwest Indian News" and **VA News**, among other topics
- City Council, Civil Service Board, and Public Utilities Board meetings (some broadcast only, City Council can be watched on-line – works on your mobile, as well!).

TV Tacoma is available on Click! and Comcast on channel 12 (21 in Pierce County). If you can't watch live, you can watch archived shows on your cable video-on-demand service or on the website (www.tvtacoma.org). Choose from Regular Programs, Special Presentations, and Meeting Coverage in the list on the left.



Destination Point Defiance
Help Finish the Master Plan

Meeting Topics

February 18:
This will be a chance to learn more about the new Pacific Rim aquarium and other capital projects at Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium directly from the project planners.

February 26:
We'll talk about improvements and new facilities to support programs and services within the park.

March 26:
We'll discuss pedestrian/bike/vehicular circulation and parking.

April 23:
We'll review the Master Plan before presenting it to the Park Board.

[Learn More](#)

You're Invited!
6 - 7:30 pm
Point Defiance Zoo Education Bldg
5400 N. Pearl St. 98407

- Weds., February 18
- Thurs., February 26
- Thurs., March 26
- Thurs., April 23

Get Involved!

- See the Concept Plan at DestinationPointDefiance.org
- Attend a meeting and talk to project planners
- Give feedback to help refine the vision and direction for the park.

Doug Fraser, Chief Planning Manager
doug@tacomaparks.com
(253) 305-1019
DestinationPointDefiance.org

Destination Point Defiance is a long-term, comprehensive planning initiative to enhance the experience and honor the character of Point Defiance Park through:

- Preservation and Stewardship
- Access Enhancements
- Year-Round Activities.

DESTINATION Point Defiance
METRO PARKS TACOMA

Point Defiance Park Master Plan

Help us finish the Point Defiance Park Master Plan and look for improvements throughout the Park in 2015-2016. For several years, Metro Parks Tacoma has been working with the public and community partners to craft a Master Plan to guide the park well into the future. This winter and spring, we'll continue the process – and finish the work. Mark your calendar! The next public meetings are: on Wednesday, Feb. 18 and Thursday, February 26 at a new location: Zoo Education Building, 5400 N. Pearl St., Tacoma WA 98407.

There's a lot more at the website:

<http://www.metroparkstacoma.org/2008-concept-plan/#.VOEBDi5rz8c>, including a comprehensive map, meeting details, and the 2008 Concept Plan.

From Metro Parks Tacoma

Pierce County Fire District 13 Receives Idle-Reduction Retrofit from State Department of Ecology Grant Funding Through the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency

Thanks to a grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology to the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, Pierce County Fire District 13, Browns Point/Dash Point Fire Department, will retrofit Fire Engine 77, stationed at Browns Point, with state of the art idle-reduction technology.

The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency's contractor, Cummins Northwest, will install a small generator with electronic controls that will enable the fire engine's main diesel engine to shut down while maintaining the operation of emergency lights, radios, and electrically powered equipment needed while on an emergency scene. On most emergency calls the diesel engine idles while the crews work. The only time the main diesel engine is needed is to run the fire pump while actively fighting fire and to respond and return to the station. When the fire engine is on scene it must have the emergency lights operating as well as scene lights and radios.

This new system will take over the electrical load that the main engine provides and allow it to shut down. The advantages are a significant reduced noise level, reduced emissions, reduced fuel costs and less wear on the main engine. Diesel emissions have been shown to have a high level of cancer causing particulates called diesel particulate matter. Reducing these emissions will provide a safer environment for the volunteer fire fighters, much cleaner air for aid workers and victims at the scene of an accident or fire, and overall reductions in diesel emissions in the environment due to the 1 gallon per hour in fuel savings the fire engine will achieve while operating the idle-reduction equipment.

The grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology to the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency provided enough funding to modify one of the two fire engines that the department owns. The department plans on applying for the second fire engine if and when more funding becomes available.

From Cliff McCallum, Chief, P.C. Fire District 13 (Browns Point/Dash Point Fire Department)

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NORTHEAST TACOMA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

The NE Tacoma Neighborhood Council (NETNC) is focused on NE Tacoma, and does not speak for, nor represent residents of Browns or Dash Points.

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Open position

NETNC Executive Committee

Co-Chairs: Carolyn Edmonds, John Thurlow
Vice-Chair: Jim Philp
Recording Secretary: Jon Higley
Corresponding Secretary: open
Treasurer: Karen Pischel

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Hayes Alexander John Thurlow
Marion Weed alt.: Jim Philp

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Emergency - crime/threat in progress, fire, medical: 911
Police Non-Emergency - report crimes and suspicious
behavior (wait for pickup) 798.4721 or 2

Tacoma Police—Northeast

Sector Commander: Lieutenant LeRoy Standifer
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brandon.showalter@cityoftacoma.org
Police Substation: 4731 Norpoint Way NE 594.7970
Daily hours are 9am-9pm weekdays, but there are some
shifts not filled, so call before visiting. If no one answers,
call 911 or the non-emergency number. We hope that full
volunteer coverage is resolved soon - join the volunteer
cadre: call Jerry Pischel at 594.7970 (leave a message).

Enviroshorts

Where exactly does your waste go when you throw it away or flush it down the drain? Brought to you by the City of Tacoma's Environmental Services Department, these EnviroShorts give you a look into where your waste goes. Covering trash, food and yard waste, recycling, hazardous waste, wastewater, and a visit to the Tacoma Recovery & Transfer Center, these videos demonstrate that nothing ever is truly wasted, but instead our resources in Tacoma are reclaimed and put to use in new ways.

There are six 2-5 minute videos (plus 2 bonus shorts) that are informative and entertaining for kids and adults! See them at:

<http://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=72941>. Or search the www.cityoftacoma.org website for enviroshorts.

From City of Tacoma

You could have used this space or an article about your community organization, an upcoming event, or other community-interest news to bring to NE Tacoma.

**Write
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Government Leadership cont. from p.1

Sessions are from 5:30pm-7:30pm in the JOY Building, rm 117 (The JOY building is in the north end of the wedge between Pacific Ave. and Prairie Line Trail (former rail line). Map at [http://www.tacoma.uw.edu/sites/default/files/sections/EducationalLeadership\(Ed.D.\)/campus-map-directory.pdf](http://www.tacoma.uw.edu/sites/default/files/sections/EducationalLeadership(Ed.D.)/campus-map-directory.pdf)). "Government Leadership Institute" presentations are scheduled from 6-7:30 pm, and are free to the public.

Topics remaining in the series include:

- February 24 – Planning Tacoma
- March 5 – Art In The City

University of Washington, Tacoma Urban Studies Program,

Ali Modarres, Ph.D., Director

Contact Persons: Fern Tiger, 510-208-7700,

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Neighborhood Improvement Grants Still Available!

NETNC is looking for residents' ideas for good local community-benefit projects – we're very interested in helping community-minded folks to get projects going and completed. Some examples of projects that have been approved are improvements at the Resurrection Lutheran Community Garden (watering system and information kiosk, etc.) – this garden provides substantial contributions to food banks – and signs for the FISH food bank on Fridays at Browns Point United Methodist. The Friends of Julia's Gulch has replaced a watering pump and tools that were stolen by vandals.

We're open to any interesting idea. Please let Jim Philp, the Community Projects Fund committee chair, know of your community benefit project ideas:

j.b.p@att.net.

From NETNC sources

Edible Gardens Workshop Series Teaches Gardening from Seed to Table

Pierce County residents can learn how to grow their own food during the 2015 Edible Gardens workshop series, which runs from February through November.

The free series of monthly workshops, which are sponsored by Pierce County and the Pierce Conservation District, teach beginning gardeners how to plan a garden, prepare the soil, plant seeds, and harvest the food they've grown.

Each workshop is designed to help students throughout the growing season by addressing what needs to be done in the garden that month. The classes combine presentations with hands-on activities.

"Each student's knowledge will grow along with their garden, as they see their plantings go from seed to table," said Stephanie Leisle, Pierce County Public Works and Utilities environmental educator. "Attendees are sure to leave the classes excited about planting a garden and harvesting their own food. The collaborative environment and ability to share experiences benefits everyone from first-timers to experienced gardeners." Classes are taught by educators from Pierce County Public Works and Utilities, Pierce Conservation District's Harvest Pierce County program, and Tacoma Public Utilities.

The popularity of the series, now in its fourth year, has added two classes – Fruit Trees and Perennial Edible Gardens.

The free monthly classes are held at five locations in Pierce County; In Tacoma, they are on third Saturdays from 10am to noon at the Tagro Conference Center, Cleveland Way near Portland Ave. Additional schedule and registration information along with class descriptions are available at www.piercecountywa.org/ediblegardens.

Class Topics:

February—Fruit Trees

March—Starting From Seeds

April—Garden Soil 101

May—Planting and Maintaining Your Summer Vegetable Garden

June—Garden Bugs, Plant Diseases and Non-Toxic Alternatives

July—Fall and Winter Gardening

August—No classes

September—Composting Basics

October—Putting the Garden to Bed For the Winter

November—Perennial Edible Gardens

Stephanie Leisle, Public Works and Utilities environmental educator, (253) 798-4658, sleisle@co.pierce.wa.us

Sheryl Rhinehart, Public Works and Utilities outreach coordinator, (253) 798-4655, srhineh@co.pierce.wa.us



School's Out

SCHOOL-AGE CHILDCARE PROGRAMS AT:

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Northeast Tacoma Elementary School

Crescent Heights Elementary School

Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. ~ before/after school day

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To enroll call Rainey Dhillon at 253-678-9020 or e-mail rainey.schoolsout@gmail.com

10-Year Action Plan Adopted to Improve Air Quality

The Environmental Protection Agency has adopted a 10-year action plan to improve air quality and reduce unhealthy wood smoke pollution in the Tacoma/Pierce County Smoke Reduction Zone area. In accepting this plan, the agency is redesignating Tacoma as an attainment area for federal air quality standards. In 2009, the agency declared the Smoke Reduction Zone as a nonattainment area for air quality primarily due to smoke from wood burning stoves. Smoke from older wood stoves contains large amounts of very small particles that can cause health related issues.

In 2011 a Clean Air Task Force was formed, made up of broad community representation, to recommend strategies for reducing particulates in the atmosphere and to restore Tacoma as an attainment area. This task force developed four recommendations:

- Provide incentives to replace uncertified wood stoves
- Increase compliance with burn bans
- Ban uncertified wood stoves starting September 30, 2015
- Initiate a robust public education campaign

The City played a key role in working with the task force to develop the recommendations and apply these strategies, by providing boots on the ground to enhance and increase compliance with burn bans, and educate residents about programs to help them heat their homes more cleanly and efficiently. "It is exciting to see the community's hard work and commitment to clean air pay off," said City Council Member and Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Board Member Ryan Mello. "While we all still have work to do to reach our health goals, it is encouraging that Tacoma is reclaiming its status as a federal attainment zone with healthier air quality."

The agency's adoption of the 10-year plan and

redesignation of Tacoma as an attainment zone are early steps in a long process to eliminate non-certified wood stoves and increase compliance with burn bans, but with community support of these actions Tacoma will breathe a little easier.

"EPA's adoption of the 10-year plan is an important milestone," said City of Tacoma Sustainability Manager Kristi Lynett. "This plan is the result of a tremendous amount of work that will need long-term commitment to meet our ultimate goal of clean air for our community."

From City of Tacoma



Upcoming Spring Classes for Senior Wellness

Ingredients for Longevity, Wednesday, March 11, 2015 @ 10am Barcode: 75418

Learn how to age gracefully and continue to live a healthy and active lifestyle. Hear about the changes in calorie, protein and nutrient needs that we experience as our bodies age. We will talk about nutritional recommendations to help decrease risks developing certain chronic diseases such as heart disease and diabetes. Participants will learn tips on how to cook simple and delicious meals that are healthy, balanced and budget-conscious.

Presented by: Katherine Figel, RD, CD, Living Well Alliance, Pacific Medical Centers.

Changes in the Aging Eye, Wednesday, April 8, 2015 @ 10am Barcode: 75419

Join us for an informative presentation discussing eye care, normal changes as our eyes age as well as unexpected changes due to macular degeneration, glaucoma, diabetes, stroke or cataracts. To help you adapt to vision changes, we will review helpful resources, aids and support.

Presented by: Kate Fewel, Social Worker with Sight Connection, a nonprofit agency serving seniors living with vision loss.

How to Stay Connected through Better Hearing, Wednesday, May 13, 2015 @ 10am

Barcode: 75420

Hearing loss can occur at any age and can affect much of your daily life. Most cases can be easily treated with amplification. Join us for an overview of how hearing works, treatments for hearing problems and a discussion of the latest technology.

Presented by: Lisa Duong, Audiologist at Puget Sound Hearing Aid & Audiology.

PLEASE REGISTER BY CALLING: (253) 404-3900 or (253) 945-1400



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NE Tacoma Community Calendar

To help remind everyone of the community and Board committee meetings this year, as well as key community events, we prepared a calendar that we'll update as dates firm up. If you have an event planned that's open to the NE Tacoma community, please let us know, and we'll include it.

NE TACOMA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL 2015 CALENDER

NETNC Community Meetings are at 7pm, TPD NE substation
Executive and Planning Committee meetings are at 6:30pm at the substation

February	19	Community Meeting – Program: Transportation Master Plan, Billboards Citizen Working Group, Pierce Transit potential bus demonstration project
March	5	Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome
	19	Community Meeting – Program: Community Survey Results-I, remainder tbd
April	2	Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome
	16	Community Meeting - Program: Community Survey Results-II (panel discussion and open house)
May	7	Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome
	21	Community Meeting – Program: Tideflats Emergency Response / Intelligent Transportation System Plan
	20-23	NUSA Conference (Neighborhoods USA), Houston, TX (apply for subsidy)
June	5	Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome
	14	(date tent.) Community Clean Up (Meeker M.S. 10am-1:45pm)
	19	Community Meeting
July	2	Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome
	16	Community Picnic at Alderwood Park
August	4	Primary Election Day
	6	Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome
	20	Community Meeting -
September	3	Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome
	17	Community Meeting
October	1	Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome
	15	Community Meeting, Board nominations
November	3	General Election Day
	19	Community Meeting, Board elections
December	3	Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome
	17	(date tent.) Holiday Party