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### Upcoming Events

**Methanol plant EIS Scoping public meetings:** February 10th, 5pm open house / 6:30pm program, Convention Center; February 16th, 6:30pm, Meeker M.S

**Center for Urban Waters Methanol Series begins:** February 10th 25th, March 3rd, March 10th at UWT

**Julia's Gulch Work Party:** February 13th, 9am-noon, gather at Viewpoint Park

**Community Meeting:** February 18th, 7pm, TPD substation, program: ER/ITS study, NETNC Annual report and planning follow-up

**Wilma Subra presentation on methanol plants:** February 25th, UPS

**Board Exec and Planning Comm meeting:** March 3rd, 6:30pm, TPD substation

**Comments due on methanol plant EIS scope: March 4th**

**Julia's Gulch Work Party:** March 12th, 9am-noon, gather at Viewpoint Park

**Board Exec and Planning Comm meeting:** March 5th, 6:30pm, TPD substation

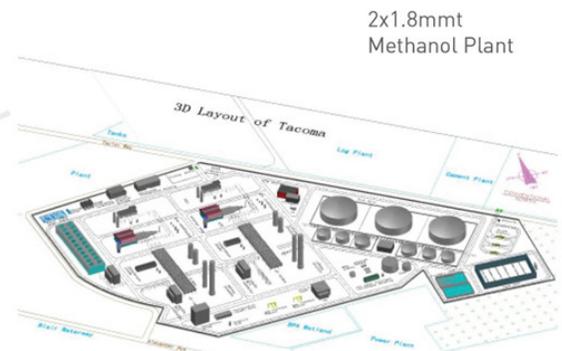
## Community Meeting February 18th All Welcome!

7pm, Tacoma Police Substation  
4731 Norpoint Way (corner of Northshore Parkway)  
City and agency staff reports; Program: Tideflats Emergency Response / Intelligent Transportation System Study results, NETNC Annual Report review

## Update: Proposed Tideflats Natural Gas to Methanol Plant: EIS Scoping Comments Due March 4th



Graphics thanks to NWW and CHB



Proposed layout with two phases of construction

As NET News discussed in the January edition, the City of Tacoma is managing the scoping phase of the state-mandated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process on the methanol manufacturing plant proposed for the Tideflats near NE Tacoma. [In the aerial photo, the arrow points to the foot of the Blair-Hylebos Peninsula in the Tideflats.]

To date, the City has conducted one public meeting to take comments on the scope. Participants overwhelmed the forecasted adequate space on January 21<sup>st</sup> in the Convention Center. They registered comments both in favor of and opposing the plant. Economic development and labor interests supported the project (jobs, taxes, etc.), and environmentalists and neighborhood-oriented groups opposed it (size, water use, possible environmental pollution, etc.). There were some comments directly addressing the desired scope of investigation of the EIS, as well. NETNC had submitted preliminary comments ahead of the meeting, which were reported in the January NET News). Those comments will be updated before the March 4<sup>th</sup> deadline on scoping phase comments and will be discussed at the February 18th NETNC meeting.

There are a series of follow-up public meetings and events scheduled for further education and input on the scoping phase:

**February 5<sup>th</sup>:** The draft scope of work will be posted at the City's web page for this

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## NE Tacoma Crime News

Crimereports.com shows numerous crimes during December through January to date: burglaries/breaking and entering, car thefts, thefts from vehicle (break-in), and thefts and vandalism. 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.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.fishfoodbanks.org).

## NETNC Board Officers for 2016:

At the January 29th NETNC Board Annual Planning Workshop, a quorum of the Board elected the following officers for 2016.

Co-Chairs: Carloyn Edmonds and John Thurlow

Vice-Chair: Jim Philp

Recording Secretary: Faye Teel

Treasurer: Karen Pischel

The Corresponding Secretary position is open, and we are seeking a volunteer to fill that position. It's a great way to delve further into the priorities and processes of the neighborhood council with limited time commitment.

## TV Tacoma February Highlights

From TV Tacoma ([www.tvtacoma.org](http://www.tvtacoma.org))

Some recent and January neighborhood-oriented programming highlights include:

- **artTown:** Tacoma Art Museum's (TAM) new western art collection, Comic Book culture, a long-lost film, featured local artists
- **Business Matters:** Family Tree Care, Dolce Si Café at Point Ruston, Positive Approach Dog Training & Day Care
- **CityLine:** Lively weekly review of current city activities, events, and services in our City. The January 28 show has the Sound Tranist's ST3 update, young adult overnight shelter, Tacoma paid leave, Associated Ministries, and "Protect My Home. You can stream this.
- **Inside Tacoma** presents elected officials: City Councilmembers Joe Lonergan (South Tacoma) and Anders Ibsen (West Side)
- **Tacoma Report:** January 30th show has aluminum wiring hazards, Summer Jobs 253, building code changes, proposed methanol plant meetings, the

Buffalo Soldiers Museum, and more. Recorded semi-monthly - look on the TV Tacoma website for additional topics.

- **Urban Green:** Pt. Defiance Park Master Plan, Apple Rose Pastry recipe, Solid Waste's new compressed natural gas (CNG) and hybrid trucks, and brush-clearing goats.
- Programming on "**Northwest Indian News**" and **VA News**, among other topics
- **City Council:** Council meetings live Tuesdays, 5pm; study sessions live Tuesdays noon, Civil Service Board, and Public Utilities Board meetings (some broadcast only, City Council can be watched on-line - works on your mobile, as well!).
- **Special:** Pt. Defiance 100th Anniversary.

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](http://www.tvtacoma.org)). Choose from Regular Programs, Special Presentations, and Meeting Coverage in the list on the left and above.

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project:

[https://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/city\\_departments/planning\\_and\\_development\\_services/planning\\_services/proposed\\_methanol\\_plant](https://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/city_departments/planning_and_development_services/planning_services/proposed_methanol_plant) (search “city tacoma planning”, and look down the page under Current Initiatives for Proposed Methanol Plant).

**February 10<sup>th</sup>:** 6:30pm, at the Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center (5<sup>th</sup> Floor). Doors open at 5pm to register to speak; speakers will be called in order of sign-up. There will likely be explanatory material about the proposed plant and the EIS process on display.

**February 16<sup>th</sup>:** 6:30pm, at Meeker Middle School in NE Tacoma, 4402 Nassau Ave. NE (The Commons – enter from north side lower level off 45<sup>th</sup> St. NE). Doors open at 5pm to register to speak; speakers will be called in order of sign-up.

**February 17<sup>th</sup>:** 7pm, Tacoma Police NE substation, 4731 Norpoint Way NE (corner of Northshore Pkwy). NETNC’s Board will consider its updated comments on the EIS scope. To date, NETNC’s Executive Committee is so far “neutral, but concerned and watchful”, while becoming more informed on the issues.

**February 25<sup>th</sup>:** University of Puget Sound, 6 p.m. at the Kilworth Memorial Chapel. Wilma Subra,

environmental activist, will present a talk entitled “Environmental and Human Health Impacts of Methanol Plants.” The talk will be followed by a Q&A session. (Search “Wilma Subra”)

**March 4<sup>th</sup>:** Comments on the EIS scope can be submitted to the City at any time up to the closing date of March 4<sup>th</sup>, 5pm. Address them to [tacoma.methanol.sepa@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:tacoma.methanol.sepa@cityoftacoma.org).

Various organizations around the city have gotten involved in the public part of this process. Tacoma’s independent environmental organization focused on Commencement Bay and surrounding waters, Citizens for a Healthy Bay (CHB), has developed resource material on the project at [www.healthybay.org](http://www.healthybay.org) (click News and Events, and see the Methanol coverage – it includes a rendering of the proposed plant and shows the site.) A grass-roots group, RedLineTacoma is leading opposition to the project: [www.redlinetacoma.org](http://www.redlinetacoma.org). The site has links to risk references, etc. The Sierra Club’s local chapter, the Tatoosh Group, also has some web material that those opposed may find useful <http://www.sierraclub.org/washington/tatoosh-group-pierce-county>. NETNC has developed a list of reference sites and materials, presented in current form below.

The Center for Urban Waters is hosting a four-part series on the methanol plant proposal – see p. 9.

*From NETNC, City of Tacoma, Citizens for a Healthy Bay, RedLineTacoma, and other sources*

## Resources for Learning More about the Proposed Methanol Plant

### Northwest Innovation Works (NWIW) – Methane (Natural Gas) to Methanol Conversion Plant

#### Websites:

1. NWIW project description: <http://nwinnovationworks.com/>. Shows location, approximate schedule, more details.
2. Port of Tacoma project description: <http://portoftacoma.com/northwest-innovation-works>
3. Kalama Mfg. & Marine Export Facility – EIS progress on NWIW’s similar proposed plant on the lower Columbia: <http://kalamamfgfacilitysepa.com/>
4. Citizens for a Healthy Bay project material: (Search Healthy Bay methanol) Good fact sheet. [http://healthybay.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=212:proposed-methanol-plant-in-tacoma&catid=42:news-and-events&Itemid=74](http://healthybay.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=212:proposed-methanol-plant-in-tacoma&catid=42:news-and-events&Itemid=74)
5. Redline Tacoma: <http://redlinetacoma.org/> Opposition material .
6. Sierra Club Tatoosh Group: <http://www.sierraclub.org/washington/tatoosh-group-pierce-county> Opposition material.
7. Sightline Institute: A Seattle-based environmental watch-dog – no recent material, but see the site and sign up for newsletters <http://www.sightline.org/research/thin-green-line/>
8. Search “methanol plants in US” to see sites for existing and planned plants, technology involved, etc.

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See NET News issues, meeting agendas, and more at NETNC's page on the City's website: [www.cityoftacoma.org](http://www.cityoftacoma.org). Search for "northeast tacoma neighborhood council"!

This QR code points to NETNC's own website, still a work in progress



## Where Can I Get NET News?

Receive it in your e-mail: send a note to [netnews98422@hotmail.com](mailto:netnews98422@hotmail.com) with the word "subscribe" in the subject line.

Paper copies are available at the Center at Norpoint; Kobetich Library; the Howards Corner and Crescent Heights grocery stores; the TPD substation; North Shore Thai near the Walgreens; the cleaners, dentist, the hair salon and MultiCare by the QFC; at Browns Point: the coffee shop, the Diner, the Cleaners, Ace Hardware, and the IGA; and at the four schools in NE Tacoma.

### NORTHEAST TACOMA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

The NE Tacoma Neighborhood Council (NETNC) is focused on NE Tacoma, and seeks to coordinate with community groups in adjacent areas. This newsletter is an independent publication of NETNC and does not reflect the views or opinions of the City of Tacoma.

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Vice-Chair: Jim Philp

Recording Secretary: Faye Teel

Corresponding Secretary: open (looking for volunteers!)

Treasurer: Karen Pischel

#### NETNC Representatives to the Community Council of Tacoma

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#### Tacoma Police / Fire / Medical

Emergency - crime or 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  
[lstandif@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:lstandif@cityoftacoma.org) 591.5431  
Community Liaison Officer: Brandon Showalter 594.7951  
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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).

## Center at Norpoint News

As usual, there's a lot going on at the Center at Norpoint!

### Free Guest Days: Sunday, February 14 - Friday, February 19

If you know someone who has not started his or her New Year's resolution yet, tell them it's not too late! Bring a guest for free from Valentine's Day through February 19.

### If a guest signs up for a membership February 14-26, the month of March will be free!

No more than two guests per visit

Same person may visit multiple days

Guests must be accompanied by a member

Guests must sign in and provide email. (Guest may decline providing information, however the Daily Pass fee will apply)

Not applicable to Day Pass user



### Party in a Blender

February 9 – 21, Thursdays, 10:15-11:45 am. Learn how to use your Vitamix, blender or food processor to cook healthy foods! In this three-week class you prepare and cook nutritious smoothies, fresh salsas, and power packed nut bars.

Member \$99, Resident \$109, Non-Resident \$119



### Clean Eating Challenge

Feb 1 (10 days): 10 days of solid tips, education, recipes and advice to make the transition to clean eating fun, simple and realistic for you and your family...no matter where you are starting this journey. Don't worry, this is not about being perfect and never eating "normal" again. There are plenty of indulgences that have become part of a healthy lifestyle...you will learn how to do that too!

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**New! Group Exercise Classes:**

**Piyo:** Saturday, 10 am

Combines the muscle-sculpting, core-firming benefits of Pilates with the strength and flexibility of flowing yoga movements. Body weight is used to perform a series of continuous, targeted moves to define every single muscle.

**Barre:** Tuesday & Thursday 6 pm.

Focuses on isometrics, a series of small, controlled movements that are done while keeping your body still. This technique helps you to really focus on how your body moves.



**Community Forum: Feb. 24, 6:30 pm, Center at Norpoint**

Every six years, Metro Parks Tacoma establishes program priorities for future improvements of services provided to the community. Community input is the cornerstone of the entire process. Please join us to review findings of a statistically-valid survey on Tacoma's priorities for programming as well as other data that shows what Metro Parks has been, or could be offering, to meet community needs. Help determine our future direction!

There's always lots going on at Metro Parks overall. See [www.metroparkstacoma.org](http://www.metroparkstacoma.org)

*From Metro Parks*

## Northeast Tacoma Neighborhood Council

January 21st Board Meeting Minutes will be available at the February 18th community and Board meeting, and will be published in the March NET News.

## Plastic Bags City Council Hearing

Plastic Ain't Tacoma's Bag, a local group in favor of restricting plastic bag usage, is asking the City Council to vote in favor of a reusable bag ordinance that would ban plastic bags, and charge 5 cents for paper ones. The 5 cents would not apply to anyone purchasing their items with WIC, EBT, or SNAP, and would go back to the retailer. This is known as the Bellingham Model, and it's been adopted by 13 other municipalities in Washington, including all of Thurston County and Seattle. That's why the NW Grocers Association is also lobbying to adopt this policy so that Tacoma businesses aren't inconsistent with Washington's largest markets.

According to the group, there's a hearing **on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 5-8pm at the City Council meeting (747 Market Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Council Chambers).**

*From Plastic Ain't Tacoma's Bag*

## Tacoma Smelter Plume Annual Report

The Department of Ecology's **2015 Tacoma Smelter Plume Annual Report** is available at:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/DocViewer.aspx?did=52448>

### What is in the annual report?

This report describes how the Department of Ecology is using \$94 million from the Asarco settlement to clean up the Tacoma Smelter Plume. It provides an update on cleanup progress and efforts to manage human health risks. It includes the accomplishments and performance measurements from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

**Highlights from 2014-2015:** Just a few of our most significant accomplishments of the past year:

- Completed soil sampling on 2,537 yards in the most impacted areas of the plume.
- Soil replacement completed on 61 residential yards by fall, 2014.
- Started work to replace soil on 90 new residential yards in fall, 2015.
- Completed soil replacement on two more parks in Tacoma:
- Baltimore Park at 4716 N. Baltimore St., Tacoma, WA
- Optimist Park at 1330 N. James St., Tacoma, WA

For more information, please feel free to contact me at (360) 407-6245 or [Jill.Reitz@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Jill.Reitz@ecy.wa.gov).

*From Jill Reitz, Tacoma Smelter Plume Project Planner, Toxics Cleanup Program, Southwest Regional Office, Washington State Department of Ecology*

## Developing NE Tacoma-Area Social Media Networks

There's growing activity in social media (Facebook, NextDoor, etc.) networks tying residents together almost real-time. Readers may want to check them out. Here are several references:

On Facebook, search for Friends of NE Tacoma/ Browns Point. This group has a wide scope.

On [NextDoor.com](http://NextDoor.com) there are several NE Tacoma-area groups:

- Browns Point
- Scenic Drive Browns Point
- Dash Point
- Crescent Heights & Meeker
- Harbor Ridge Estates
- Madrona Trails

See the map at:

[https://scenicdrivebrownspoint.nextdoor.com/nearby\\_neighborhoods\\_prefs/](https://scenicdrivebrownspoint.nextdoor.com/nearby_neighborhoods_prefs/)

If you find value in any others, please let NET News know – send a note to [netnews98422@hotmail.com](mailto:netnews98422@hotmail.com). NETNC is working on updating its use of the web and social media, not to compete with local efforts such as these, but to complement them in bringing news, issues, and opportunities to area residents.

*From NETNC sources*

## MOVING INTO LIFE'S NEXT PHASE?

### I CAN HELP.

Ready to downsize? Thinking about a retirement community? These life-style choices can be overwhelming. Please call for a free consultation.

## Carolyn Edmonds

### SENIOR TRANSITIONS SPECIALIST

(206) 300-9828

Windermere Real Estate/South Inc.



## Tacoma Power Community Solar Units on Sale February 23<sup>rd</sup>

Construction of Tacoma Power's community solar project has begun, and customers can buy solar units starting February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The utility will build four, 75-kilowatt solar arrays on its warehouse roof at 3628 S 35<sup>th</sup> St.

Tacoma Power customers can buy 28.5-watt solar units for \$100 each, with a limit of 20 units per power account. There will be 10,447 solar units available. Only Tacoma Power customers may buy solar units, and only customers who register at [TacomaPower.com/CommunitySolar](https://www.mytpu.org/tacomapower/page.aspx?uid=22&id=4061) (<https://www.mytpu.org/tacomapower/page.aspx?uid=22&id=4061>) or go to mytpu.org and search for "solar") may buy solar units when they go on sale. Registration closes February 21.

Community solar participants will receive an annual Washington state solar production incentive payment, provided the state continues the current solar incentive program, as well as payment for the electricity produced from the project. The estimated total payments for each \$100 solar unit is \$161.70.

Tacoma Power will send incentive payments annually from 2016 to 2020. In 2020, customers will receive the final Washington State solar incentive payment, as well as payment for 16 years of projected electricity production between 2021 and 2036.

Tacoma Power has estimated the incentive payments for each unit. Estimates are based on National Renewable Energy Laboratories' solar projections for this area. Actual incentive payments may vary.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021-	Total
Estimated value of electricity at \$.0405 per kilowatt hour	\$0.36	\$1.22	\$1.21	\$1.20	\$1.20	\$18.36	\$23.55
Estimate state solar incentive at \$1.08 per kilowatt hour	\$9.51	\$32.40	\$32.24	\$32.08	\$31.92		\$138.15
<b>Total estimated community solar payments for 2016 through 2036</b>							<b>\$161.70</b>

\*Participants will receive payment for the estimated value of electricity for years 2021-2036 in August 2020.

From Tacoma Power: [Chris Gleason](mailto:cgleason@cityoftacoma.org) ([cgleason@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:cgleason@cityoftacoma.org)), Community & Media Services manager, (253) 502-8222



## School's Out

### SCHOOL-AGE CHILDCARE PROGRAMS AT:

Browns Point Elementary School  
 Northeast Tacoma Elementary School  
 Crescent Heights Elementary School

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

**Safe, Quality Program • Reasonable rates (part-time available)**

To enroll call Rainey Dhillon at 253-678-9020 or e-mail [rainey.schoolsout@gmail.com](mailto:rainey.schoolsout@gmail.com)

## Center for Urban Waters Hosts Series on the Proposed Methanol Plant

Tacoma's Center for Urban Waters is hosting a four-part series on the methanol plant and export facility proposal. Invited speakers will lead a series of informed conversations that are intended to provide a common understanding of the technical and scientific aspects of this complex project.

Science Director and UW Tacoma Professor Joel Baker hopes that concerned citizens attending these events or viewing the videos "will walk away with contextual information needed to think critically about the varied environmental, natural resource, economic, and political impacts of this proposed project. There are nuanced local, regional, and global issues at play."

These presentations will focus on providing scientific answers to issues already raised by the local community. Citizens for a Healthy Bay will be soliciting questions and topics in advance of the event. Please note that these discussions are not public hearings and are not part of the SEPA review process.

ADVANCED REGISTRATION REQUIRED at [www.tacoma.uw.edu/methanol](http://www.tacoma.uw.edu/methanol)

February 11, 2016 @ 6-8 pm: **Framing the issues: Local to global perspectives (already filled!)**

February 25, 2016 @ 6-8pm: **Potential impacts on regional water and power supplies**

March 3, 2016 @ 6-8pm: **Potential implications for the local environment**

March 10, 2016 @ 6-8pm: **Developing a common understanding to refine the discussion**

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**What an opportunity this would be for a  
great community event or service  
announcement!**

**Cheap rates; free for non-profits'  
community-interest notices.**

**Write to [netnews98422@hotmail.com](mailto:netnews98422@hotmail.com)**

## 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 broad NE Tacoma community, please let us know, and we'll include it.**

**NETNC Community Meetings are on 3rd Thursdays at 7pm, TPD NE substation  
Executive and Planning Committees meetings are  
on 1st Thursdays at 6:30pm at the substation**

February	4	Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome
	10	Methanol plant EIS scope public meeting: 5pm to sign up to speak, 6:30 meeting starts, Convention Center
	11	Center for Urban Waters series on the proposed methanol plant at UWT begins. Additional sessions on February 25th, and March 3rd and 10th. Register in advance.
	16	Methanol plant EIS Scope public meeting: 5pm sign up to speak (tbc), 6:30pm meeting starts, Meeker M.S.
	18	Community Meeting: program: NETNC feedback on methanol plant EIS Scope, ER/ITS study results and implementation (tent.), Annual Report review, follow-up from Annual Planning workshop
March	3	Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome
	4	Methanol plant EIS scope comments deadline
	17	Community Meeting: program item tbd, new Bylaws and articles of incorporation, planning for Alderwood Clean-up Day (April 23rd)Community Clean-up Day (June requested), progress on new website (volunteers needed!)
April 7	7	Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome
	21	Community Meeting: program items tbd
	23	Parks Appreciation Day - Alderwood Park Clean-up: 9am at the park
May	5	Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome
	19	Community Meeting: program items tbd
	23-25	NUSA Annual Conference: Memphis, Tennessee. Extra subsidy available for someone who hasn't been before - <a href="http://www.nusa.org">www.nusa.org</a>
June	2	Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome
	16	Community Meeting: program items tbd
	11,18?	Community Clean-Up Day: requested date range: volunteers needed to help unload vehicles