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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 January 15th! - All Welcome

7pm, Tacoma Police Substation, 4731 Norpoint Way (corner of Northshore Parkway)

City and agency staff reports; program: TPU rates, Summit School, Board officer elections

## NE Tacoma Survey – Please Participate!

A NETNC team prepared the survey that the City mailed to all 7000+ NE Tacoma postal customers on our behalf on December 26<sup>th</sup>. Many NE Tacomans received the survey in their mail on the 27<sup>th</sup>. As of Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, more than 120 had responded on paper, and more than 130 through the Survey Monkey version, and we thank them for sharing their needs and expectations with the community. We hope to have a broad representation across NE Tacoma residents, so please take a few moments to respond to the short questions with your thoughts and ideas about improvements needed in NE Tacoma to enhance safety and the quality of life overall. We'll keep collecting paper returns, and leave the Survey Monkey version open to the end of January.

Drop paper returns off at the TPD NE substation with a volunteer, at the Center at Norpoint front desk, or at the Browns Point Ace hardware. You can mail them, with taped edges and first-class postage, to NE Tacoma Neighborhood Council, PMB 222, 1000 Browns Point Town Center, Ste. 180. The Survey Monkey address is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5F3PG7G>.

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 March or April with knowledgeable public officials participating 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 and inform our planning for a longer time.

*From NETNC sources*

## NETNC Board Officer Elections January 15<sup>th</sup>

Following Board elections at the November 20<sup>th</sup> community meeting, NETNC will elect Board officers at the January 15<sup>th</sup> community meeting. Candidates must be Board members (listed in the directory on p. 4). Nominations are open until the meeting. To date, the current officers have all volunteered to serve another year:

Co-Chair: Carolyn Edmonds

Co-Chair: John Thurlow

Secretary: Jon Higley

Treasurer: Karen Pischel

Corresponding Secretary: open (affords a low time-commitment way to participate in NETNC leadership – please contact Carolyn Edmonds, [carolyn.edmonds@comcast.net](mailto:carolyn.edmonds@comcast.net), 253.952,0301, if you are interested)

*From NETNC sources*

## NE Tacoma Crime News

Www.tacomacrime.org shows numerous crimes during December and January to date: burglaries/breaking and entering, car thefts, thefts from vehicle (break-in), simple assaults (likely domestic), and thefts. There have been many reports of mailbox break-ins and mail thefts. Best advice is to clear mail out of your mailbox promptly. 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 Showlater reviews crime trends and key events at monthly (NETNC) community meetings – come to hear her 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 brandon.showalter@cityoftacoma.org.

***Are you a regular user of social media, such as Facebook and Twitter? Would you be willing to help NETNC get a little more effective connecting with NE Tacomans?***

***Please write to  
netnews98422@hotmail.com  
or text 253.219.1617***

## TV Tacoma January Highlights

From TV Tacoma ([www.tvtacoma.org](http://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:** Pacific Malting and Brewing, Word Clouds & Analytics, Mandelin's Consignment, UWT Bookstore, Business Books, eTc Tacoma T-shirts
- **CityLine:** weekly call-in that puts you in touch with activities, events, and services in our City. January 15 features Neighborhood Council 2014 in review.
- **Inside Tacoma** presents elected officials: Mayor Marilyn Strickland, City Councilmember Robert Thoms (Dist. 2: NE Tacoma, Tideflats, Downtown)
- **Tacoma Report:** Happenings in the community, City services and programs

## 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).

## 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*

- **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:** Tacoma 2025 visioning, Horizons 2014 (Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce)
- **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](http://www.tvtacoma.org)). Choose from Regular Programs, Special Presentations, and Meeting Coverage in the list on the left.

## Middle and High-School Students Get Easier Tacoma Libraries Access

Tacoma's two largest learning institutions have partnered to give middle and high school students increased access to the city's public libraries.

Beginning mid-January, Tacoma Public Schools' 15,000 secondary students can use their school identification cards to check out books, use research tools and access other services at all Tacoma Public Library branches and at home.

"The Pathway pilot project stemmed from many conversations between the library and the school district as to how we can expand our existing partnerships to better meet the needs of Tacoma's students," explained Library Director Susan Odencrantz.

"While a library card is free for all city residents, this partnership removes obstacles that could prevent a student from getting a library card (such as the lack of a photo identification card). The Pathway pilot program provides library access to every middle and high school in the district. They have access to information databases, books, interactive homework help and live tutoring and, while at the library, free internet."

Tacoma's project uses students' school identification cards instead of separate library cards. Other features of this year-long pilot project, called Pathway, include the ability of students to:

- Borrow five library items at a time
- Use computers with internet access at the library
- Receive free online homework tutoring in English and Spanish
- Access downloadable books and other educational resources

"We're excited to see how this partnership will increase our students' use of a broad range of reading and research material that support their academic achievement and college preparedness," said Amanda Scott-Thomas, TPS director of Community Partnership, Academic Equity and Achievement. "And it's an added bonus that these resources are available in a safe place for students to study after school."

All secondary students will automatically be enrolled in this program and be able to use their school ID card to access library services.

*From Tacoma Public Schools*

## DRAFT NETNC Board Meeting Minutes: 20 November 2014, 7pm, TPD Substation

**Board Members Present:** Hayes Alexander, Susan Baldwin, Arill Berg, Lois Cooper, Carolyn Edmonds, Ken Fengler, Dick Hayek, Jim Philp, Karen Pischel, John Thurlow, Patti Warwick, Marion Weed (quorum)

**Excused:** Jim DeJung, Don Halabisky

**7pm: CALL TO ORDER** and Agenda: Carolyn Edmonds, Co-Chair

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** September 2014 minutes deferred

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Karen Pischel, Treasurer – 31Oct14 in November-December NET News (e-mail distribution) – oral summary accepted.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPCOMING MEETINGS, and EVENTS:

- Turkey Trot: November 27, 9am, Center at Norpoint (see MPT materials or NET News for details)
- Board Executive Committee and Planning Committee meeting: December 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, TPD NE substation
- Julia's Gulch work party: Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 9am-noon – gather at Viewpoint Park with tools: check [www.juliasgulch.org](http://www.juliasgulch.org)
- NO December NETNC community meeting
- Board Executive Committee and Planning Committee meeting: January 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, TPD NE substation (note changed week)
- Julia's Gulch work party: Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 9am-noon – gather at Viewpoint Park with tools: check [www.juliasgulch.org](http://www.juliasgulch.org)
- Board annual planning workshop, Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-noon, (tent.)

### CITY / SCHOOLS / PARKS STAFF REPORTS:

- Tacoma Fire Dept.: Asst. Chief Pat talked about seasonal issues: deep fry turkeys out of doors (the hot oil can flash into flame), and install carbon monoxide (CO) monitors, and have no open fires (even charcoal) in the house. There have been a rash of arson fires around Tacoma. Cont. P. 5

Responding to having a CPR/AED class in NE Tacoma, he asked to be contacted (he's the Fire Marshall) to arrange the 2-4-hour class. He advised older couples that first get the female partner training – the male partners go first. He recommended participating in community meetings about the Tideflats Emergency Response/Intelligent transportation System (ER/ITS) study that many stakeholders in the city are participating in.

- Tacoma Police Dept.: Our new Community Liaison Officer (CLO), Brandon Showalter, introduced himself, and gave some background on his police experience – he's been with TPD for ~15 years, and has been patrolling NE Tacoma for a while, now. He relayed the training on NE Tacoma issues that he's received from our outgoing CLO, Helen Stieben. The group welcomed him enthusiastically.

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**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, and the hair salon by the QFC; at Browns Point: the coffee shop, the Diner, the Cleaners, Windward Pizza, 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 does not speak for, nor represent residents of Browns or Dash Points.

#### NETNC Board Members 2014-15

##### Area 1—Northwood

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Open position

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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

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

Hayes Alexander John Thurlow  
Marion Weed alt.: Jim Philp

#### Neighborhood Council Coordination

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#### City Manager's Office Liaison to NETNC

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#### Tacoma City Councilmember (District 2)

Robert Thoms robert.thoms@cityoftacoma.org

#### Tacoma Police / Fire / Medical

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  
lstandif@cityoftacoma.org 591.5431  
Community Liaison Officer: Brandon Showalter 594.7951  
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).

**NETNC Board Meeting Minutes, cont.****PROGRAM:**

1. **Rebuilding Together South Sound opportunities for NE Tacoma:** Alex Gilliom  
Gilliom reviewed the kinds of services that RBTSS does and can provide to disabled, elderly, and low-income home-owners. She encouraged folks to apply for repairs and minor modifications either on the April Rebuilding Day (apply by December 1<sup>st</sup>), or for projects done during the year by picking up a form provided or to go to the website:  
<http://rebuildingtogether.org/resources>
2. **READY! Set, Read-Tacoma:** Mallerie Kost,  
Communities in Schools  
Kost reviewed the opportunities for adults to volunteer to read to and with elementary school pupils.
3. **NETNC Annual Report Brainstorm:**  
Participants called out 2014 accomplishments and goals for 2015. These were captured for further discussion in the 2015 NETNC Board annual planning workshop on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Communications Strategies: NET News – November-December issue distributed to local sites (~130: BP Town Center, “Walgreens strip”, QFC strip businesses and NET convenience stores; library, Norpoint, substation), and by e-mail to ~300+ residents and ~28 officials and other contacts. E-mail list needs additional cleaning for non-working addresses. We need additional suggestions for website content

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Board elections: the slate of incumbents and new nominees highlighted in the October and November-December NETN News editions were approved unanimously. The participants welcomed new members Yvonne McCarty and Bill Thompson. The Board now has 17 of 19 authorized positions filled, and there is additional interest in the community.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- No input

## What Is the Tideflats Emergency Response and Intelligent Transportation System (ER/ITS) Study?

The study is assessing the emergency response capabilities within the Tideflats area and the potential applications of Intelligent Transportation System technology. It is intended to serve as a supplement to the Port of Tacoma's Tideflats Area Transportation Study (2011), the Port of Tacoma Land Use and Transportation Plan (2014), the City of Tacoma Comprehensive Plan's Container Port Element (2014), and the City's ongoing update to the Transportation Master Plan. The Tideflats ER/ITS Study is part of a coordinated effort between a number of stakeholders.

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## Carolyn Edmonds

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## Neighborhood Improvement Grants Still Available!

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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](mailto:j.b.p@att.net).  
From NETNC sources



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Questions? Please contact Gina Wickstead at [gwickstead@summitps.org](mailto:gwickstead@summitps.org) or at 253-237-4094

**Attend an Upcoming Info Session to Learn More about Summit!**

**Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30-7:30pm**

**People's Community Center  
1602 S. MLK Jr Way, Tacoma, WA 98405**

**Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30-7:30pm**

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## 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*

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

## Hold for Community Garden Article

### Looking for a Great Community Project? - Join the Northeast Tacoma Community Garden



Looking for sunshine, community, exercise and a lower grocery bill? Come join your like-minded neighbors at the Northeast Tacoma Community Garden! We grow food for our families and for donation to the Browns Point FISH Food Bank. If you're interested in a plot for the 2015 growing season, please contact us at

ourgardencommunity@hotmail.com.

*These could be your pictures!*



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*From NETNC sources*

**Northeast Tacoma Neighborhood Council  
December 31, 2014 Treasurer's Report**

	Checking Acct	Total to Date	Budget	Project Fund
<b>Beginning Balance (From 11/30/14)</b>	<b>\$9,713.79</b>			<b>\$2,394.71</b>
<b>Income</b>				
City Contract For Services		\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	
Interest	\$0.00	\$1.13	\$1.50	
NUSA Subsidy from Community Council		\$0.00	\$180.00	
Advertising	\$125.00	\$375.00	\$300.00	
Council-absorbed fee for Project Fund (transfer)				
<b>Subtotal of Income</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>	<b>\$4,376.13</b>	<b>\$4,481.50</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Community Outreach		\$803.38	\$3,500.00	
Meeting expense		\$809.42	\$300.00	
Office Expenses -		\$220.69	\$200.00	
Council Mktg		\$1,357.42	\$875.00	
Insurance		\$393.11	\$400.00	
Grants from NETNC		\$1,683.25	\$1,000.00	
Council Develop- ment		\$1,251.42	\$1,680.00	
Contingency	-	\$65.69	\$300.00	
Council-absorbed fee for Project Fund (transfer)	\$20.00	\$20.00		
<b>Subtotal of Expenditures</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$6,604.38</b>	<b>\$8,255.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance as of 12/31/14</b>		<b><u>\$9,818.79</u></b>		<b><u>\$2,394.71</u></b>

**This could have been a near-half-page announcement or advertisement for a community service or product!**

**Please write to [netnews98422@hotmail.com](mailto:netnews98422@hotmail.com) to discuss opportunities and the modest pricing.**



**Tideflats: Cont. from p. 5****What are the expected outcomes of the study?**

The study will recommend actions to improve emergency response capacity and transportation operations. The recommendations may include additional emergency response facilities or modifications to current operating procedures. Additional recommendations will include an ITS

Strategic Plan and transportation infrastructure improvements to improve both emergency response and traffic operations. The project team, in coordination with the participating stakeholders will prioritize the recommendations and identify funding strategies.

A public discussion session will be held on January 12th at 5pm, in the Fabulich Center, 3600 Port of Tacoma Rd. (just south of SR509).

*From City of Tacoma Planning Dept.*

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**But you could have used it for an article about  
your community organization, an upcoming event,  
or other community-interest news  
to bring to NE Tacoma.**

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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.

Date	What	Time and Where
January 15	NETNC Community Meeting: TPU rates, Summit Schools, Board officer elections ( <i>community meetings are on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, except for July and December</i> )	7pm, TPD NE substation
January 24	NETNC Board Annual Planning Workshop: any NE Tacoman is welcome to join the discussion to set goals for the year	9am-1pm, TPD NE substation
February 5	NETNC Executive and Planning Committee meeting ( <i>repeats monthly on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays</i> )	6:30pm, TPD NE substation
February 14	Work party at Julia's Gulch: dress for weather and getting dirty, bring favorite tools ( <i>repeats on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays</i> )	9am-noon, meet at Viewpoint Park on the Norpoint Way hill opposite Pointe Woodworth
February 19	NETNC Community Meeting: program tbd	7pm, TPD NE substation
March 5	NETNC Executive and Planning Committee meeting ( <i>repeats monthly on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays</i> )	6:30pm, TPD NE substation
March 19	NETNC Community Meeting: discuss NE Tacoma community survey results (tent.)	7pm, TPD NE substation
April tbd	Alderwood Park clean-up: dress for weather and getting dirty, bring favorite tools to help spread wood chips on trails, trim/remove troublesome vegetation, etc. Lunch by NETNC volunteers.	9am-noon, by the fire station and Kobetich Library off BP Blvd.
May 20-23	Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) conference: a great opportunity to learn from neighborhood activists from around the country how to get things done. Limited subsidies are available from NETNC - must apply. <a href="http://www.nusa.org/nusa-conferences/conference-registrations/">http://www.nusa.org/nusa-conferences/conference-registrations/</a>	Houston, TX
June 14 or 21	Community Clean-Up Day: come to drop off unwanted stuff without having to go to the dump. Goodwill (or equivalent) and Bikes for Kids will be there for reusables. Drop garbage, tires, appliances, etc. Volunteer to help unload cars and support the other volunteers. Dress appropriately. Lunch by NETNC volunteers.	10am-1:45pm, Meeker M.S. upper parking lot
July 16	NETNC Picnic – hamburgers, sausages, and your pot-luck contributions. All NE Tacomans are welcome.	6:30pm, Alderwood Park