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Upcoming Events

BP Salmon Bake: August 2-3, noon-8pm, Browns Point Improvement Club

National Night Out: August 5, 5:30pm+ at various locations - see article

Board Exec and Planning Comm meeting: August 7, 6:30pm, TPD substation

Julia's Gulch Work Party: August 9, 9am-noon, Viewpoint Park

Graffiti Forum: August 13, 6-8pm, Old Post Office, 1102 A St.

Community meeting: August 21, 6:30pm/7pm, TPD Substation: PSE proposed LNG project, Pierce Transit demonstration project for new Route 62

Browns Point Salmon Bake – August 2nd-3rd

The bi-annual Browns Point Improvement Club Salmon Bake is coming up soon. Raffle tickets and t-shirts (design below) are on sale at the Ace Hardware at the Browns Point Town Center. Fresh-caught Alaskan salmon will be cooked over Alderwood fire pits in the same manner Jerry Meeker did at the first official salmon bake in 1946 (the BP Salmon Bake is the oldest continuous salmon bake in the state). While you're at BP Town Center, check out the new grocery store and the re-vamped pizzeria, as well as the diner and other great local services.

From BPIC and NETNC




Julia's Gulch Invites Neighbors to Pitch In!

Julia's Gulch is looking for volunteers! If you have an interest in habitat restoration and making our neighborhood a place for young and old to enjoy nature, this may just be the volunteer opportunity you are looking for. We meet for work parties on the second Saturday of each month from 9 until noon at the Gulch (park at Viewpoint Park on the Norpoint Way hill across from Pte. Woodworth). We are now under the umbrella of Tacoma Metro parks which we feel will, among other things, expand our opportunities to build a first-class trail system through the gulch's 40 acres and thus become a great asset to our community.

Besides removing invasive species in the Gulch we need people to:

- find and nurture native plants in our nursery
- expand and keep updated the website - juliasgulch.org
- help plan and manage construction of the trail system
- help plan the decompaction and re-vegetation of certain areas
- help plan the removal of garbage, such as old tires and rusty car frames from the Gulch

From the Friends of Julia's Gulch

NE Tacoma Crime News

Www.tacomacrime.org shows numerous crimes during June and July, 2014: burglaries/breaking and entering, car thefts, thefts from vehicle (break-in), two assaults with a deadly weapon, simple assaults (likely domestic), and other thefts (likely from yards, etc). The site is useful for seeing what kinds of things are going on, 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.

Helen Stieben 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, Helen Stieben, at 253.594.7951 or helen.stieben@cityoftacoma.org.

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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 families getting needed help from the service. Please help get the word out! Donations of either non-perishable food or money are gratefully accepted. FISH can provide \$7 worth of food for each \$1 donated.

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

Stats from the Great Community Clean-Up Day on June 7th!

The numbers are a little lower than last year's record 422 participants:

- Number of attendees: 326 out of 5294 possible (6.15%)
- Number of containers hauled (generally these are 30 yard dumpsters): 28
- Tonnage (garbage and metal): 26.92 tons
- Refrigerators: 3, tires: 114
- Goodwill filled two trucks with re-usables

Some participants observed that they had cleaned out a lot of junk in the prior clean-up days, and had much less stuff to get rid of. We thank all who dropped their unwanted material off for helping to make NE Tacoma attractive and safe. We are following up on opportunities to have some facility for recycling at next year's event.

From NETNC and City of Tacoma sources

TV Tacoma July-August Highlights

From TV Tacoma (www.tvtacoma.org)

Some July and August neighborhood-oriented programming highlights include:

- **CityLine:** weekly call-in that puts you in touch with activities, events, and services in our City
- **Inside Tacoma** presents elected officials: Mayor Marilyn Strickland
- **Business Matters:** Compass Rose Tacoma, Johnny's Seafood, Smoke & Cedar Restaurant (at the Elks Club),
- **Tacoma Report:** a contemporary news program that delves into the happenings of Tacoma's community and highlights the services and programs offered by the City of Tacoma and its partners
- **Urban Green:** explores sustainable living and environmental efforts, featuring interviews on

issues, local food/cooking segments, EnviroChallenger tips, etc.

- Special programming on "[Northwest Indian News](#)" and [VA News](#)
- City Council, Civil Service Board, and Public Utilities Board meetings (some broadcast only, City Council can be watched on-line).

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.

From TVTacoma.org

Browns Point Lighthouse Park Improvements – Concept Plans

The Steering Committee supporting Metro Parks’ improvement planning work on Browns Point Lighthouse Park met on July 22nd to discuss the feedback from the June 30th public meeting and review Metro Parks’s concept plan. Discussion at the 30th meeting ranged from strong support for the direction that Metro Parks is taking to a sentiment for making no changes at all. The concept plan is reproduced below and can be found with photos of example facilities noted on the map. A better image is at the website: <http://www.metroparkstacoma.org/browns-point-lighthouse-park/>.

NETNC believes that the voters approved improvements at that park in the 2005 and 2014 capital bonds, and all taxpayers in the parks district are and will be paying for them. Some improvements are needed to broaden the access for users in the broad area. While it is too early in the planning process to list features to be developed, several items seem likely to end up in the recommended plan:

- Parking improvements, including provision for handicapped access vehicles and a drop-off area
- Historic and wayfinding signs
- Access improvements to pathways meeting ADA

standards from the parking area to the cottage and the beach area

- Cleaning up and making safety improvements to the brushy area in the NE corner of the park
- Picnicking improvements
- Drainage improvements for the field area with a rain garden to absorb the runoff
- A telescope (save your quarters!) somewhere

The next steps include discussing the concept plan with stakeholders whose permission must be obtained to design and implement the improvement project: the Coast Guard, Pierce County planning and shoreline regulators, and U.S. and Pierce County landmarks commissions. The Puyallup Tribe, which sold the land to the Coast Guard in the early 20th century, will be consulted if possible. Later work includes estimating costs for likely improvements and testing them against the budget to develop a most feasible list. There will be further public discussion, as well.

Questions? Roger Stanton at 253.305.1082 or rogers@tacomaparks.com

From NETNC and Metro Parks sources

Brown’s Point Lighthouse Park: Concept Plan

- PARK IMPROVEMENTS**
- 01 New Parking Lot - 12 Spaces (2 ADA; 1 Lighthouse Keeper)
 - 02 Picnic Shelter
 - 03 Natural Play Area
 - 04 Stormwater Raingarden
 - 05 Regrade Open Play Area
 - 06 Picnic Plaza
 - 07 Promenade
 - 08 Stabilize Slope & Open Up Views
 - 09 Portable Toilet Location/Screen
 - 10 Open Area for Temporary Displays



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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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Vice-Chair: Jim Philp

Recording Secretary: Jon Higley

Corresponding Secretary: open

Treasurer: Karen Pischel

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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
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Community Liaison Officer: Helen Stieben 594.7951
helen.stieben@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).

Planning for Improved Transit for NE Tacoma

NETNC is in discussion with Pierce Transit planners to eventually implement a re-designed transit service for our area. Pierce Transit has developed demonstration projects attuned to specific local needs for Gig Harbor (the Trolley), and the Fife-Milton-Edgewood area, and is prepared to do the same for NE Tacoma, if we can articulate our community's needs effectively.

First steps include asking for your input in a more-general NETNC survey for all households in NE Tacoma, followed up by a more-detailed survey from Pierce Transit.

We're very early in this process. Come find out more about it at the August 21st NETNC community meeting, 7pm, at the TPD NE Tacoma substation (corner of Northshore Parkway and Norpoint Way).

From NETNC and Pierce Transit sources

Free Preschool at NE Tacoma Elementary - Enrollment Still Open

Do you live in the area of NE Tacoma, Crescent Heights, or Browns Point Elementary? NE Tacoma ECEAP (Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program) has openings for children who will be 4 years old by

August 31, 2014 and are from low-income families. The program features:

- Quality pre-school program
- Daily meal and snack
- Family Support
- FUN for children & families

Applications for children who turn 3 by August 31, 2014 will be accepted beginning September 2, 2014 (qualified 4-year-olds will be accepted first, then the program will begin accepting 3-year-olds). For more information please call Katy Brown at 253.571.6986.

From NE Tacoma ECEAP

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

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Metro Parks Fifty and Better (F.A.B.) Trips and Norpoint Summer Bash Coming Up

There's always lots of ideas for recreational activities at: www.metroparkstacoma.org/calendar/index.php.

Right here at the Center at Norpoint, check out the **F.A.B. (Fifty and Better)** trips, tours, and activities. Some selected trips from the list are below – buses leave from the Center. Registration is required for these trips – see a complete list of offerings and register at: <http://www.metroparkstacoma.org/FAB/>:

- Morton Loggers Jubilee: Saturday, August 9th
- Camp FABulous for SenAgers at Camp Casey on Whidbey Island: Tuesday-Thursday August 19-21
- Grandparents and Grandkids Star-Gazing Trip (Eatonville area): Friday, August 29th
- Roy Pioneer Rodeo: Saturday, August 30th

Summer Bash: Don't forget the Norpoint Summer Bash on August 22nd starting at 5pm and running to the dusk start of an outdoor family-friendly movie from Click! on the back playfield.

From Metro Parks

National Night Out

Each year, on the first Tuesday in August, people across America gather in their own communities to take a stand against crime. For National Night Out (NNO), neighbors plan barbecues, picnics, cookouts, safety fairs, and other events to celebrate their efforts to maintain safe and healthy neighborhoods. They also get organized to promote police and community partnerships; crime, drug and violence prevention; safety; and neighborhood unity.

The purpose of National Night Out

- Heighten crime and drug awareness
- Through block-by-block organizing, support anti-crime efforts such as community-oriented policing and safe streets
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and unity
- Support community and police relations and cooperation
- Send a clear message that our neighborhoods are organized and are not prey for illegal activity

Three NE Tacoma groups registered with Safe Streets to arrange for visits from TPD officers associated with our area and the TFD Engine 3 truck from Station 3:

- Fairways Apartment Community, 4602 45th Ave. NE., 5-7pm
- Marissa Estates, 37th Ave. NE, 6-8pm
- Seaview Terrace II HOA, 5590 Broadview Ave. NE, 5:30-7:30pm

From Safe Streets and NETNC sources

Graffiti Forum August 13th

The New Tacoma Neighborhood Council is sponsoring a forum to discuss issues and opportunities for fighting graffiti in neighborhoods, both urban and more suburban.

They have invited representatives from Tacoma Police's Graffiti Task Force, the downtown Business Improvement Area (BIA), FAB 5, Downtown Merchants Group, and the Arts Commission.

The discussion will be held on August 13th, 6-8pm, at the Old Post Office (1102 A St.).

From New Tacoma Neighborhood Council

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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

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

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

Northeast Tacoma Neighborhood Council Community and Board Meeting Minutes: June 19, 2014, 7pm, TPD NE substation

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: outstanding minutes from April and May 2014 approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Karen Pischel, Treasurer, May 31 report accepted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPCOMING MEETINGS, and EVENTS:

- City of Neighborhoods Conference June 28th
- Board Executive Committee and Planning Committee meeting: July 3rd and August 7th, 6:30pm, TPD NE substation
- Julia's Gulch work party: Saturday, July 12th, 9am-noon – gather at Viewpoint Park with tools: check www.juliagulch.org
- 38th St. Ct. NE Block Watch meeting re: street lighting LID: July 15th, 6pm, substation
- NETNC summer picnic, July 17th, 6:30pm, Alderwood Park, all welcome
- Federal Way Kiwanis Salmon Bake, July 25th
- National Night Out: August 5th, ~6pm, locations around NE Tacoma
- NETNC Community Meeting: August 21st, 6:30/7pm, TPD NE substation
- Summer Bash: Center at Norpoint, August 22nd, 5pm to dusk movie
- Maritime Fest Boat Tours of Port: September 21st, 9am (tickets open) – 4pm (last sailing)

CITY / SCHOOLS / PARK STAFF REPORTS:

City Council – Councilmember Thoms was away
City Manager's Office – Julie Stoltman unavailable – forwarded material to announce

Tacoma Fire Dept.: Asst. Chief Pat McElligott spoke about fireworks (illegal in Tacoma) and how to take action. He reviewed the fact sheet that was also in the June NET News.

Tacoma Police Dept.: CLO Helen Stieben reviewed plans for Freedom Fair crowd control, . She advised that burglaries are taking place from garages with open doors, including loss of purses left in cars. House-breaking-burglaries are down, but noise complaints are up with more people with open windows in the good weather. She thought the June 7th Clean-Up Day went well, although the volume appeared down, and advised calling Call2Haul if

more stuff has accumulated before next year. Patrol shift supervisors have changed, and the day shift, which begins at 6am, starts with roll call at the Pine St. HQ – then NE officers come out here, so there is a break between the night shift (ending at 6am) and day shift coverage.

Tacoma Schools: Dan Voelpel unavailable

Metro Parks: Phil Marr unable to come

PROGRAM:

Community Assessment Project – Ideas for Community-Building: Julia White, UWT social work

student. White reviewed results and conclusions from her study on neighborhood building focused on NE Tacoma.

- It was a challenge to get involved with the NE community, since she lives in Enumclaw.
 - She found scant places in NE Tacoma to “hang out”: golf course?, Center at Norpoint?, QFC?. More obvious places, such as the Hoyt Rd. Starbucks or the BP Diner, aren't in Tacoma.
 - She talked with Mayor Strickland, and had the impression that NE Tacoma is not high on her priority list.
 - She cited the history of development in the area, with difficulty of getting proper infrastructure. She cited our relative lack of success getting grants for sidewalks and bike lanes (although there are some notable successes).
 - Focusing on “means of community”, she recommended asset mapping, a concept espoused by Seattle-based community activist Jim Diers, who had addressed her class. Diers had shown an example of New Zealanders in a partly-destroyed city center (earthquake) took an empty space and made a bike-powered projector for showing movies – brings people together for an enjoyable experience.
 - She asked the group if people felt a sense of community, and a few participants responded positively. She thought the area is pretty “white-bread”, but there were comments about diversity.
 - White observed that community gardens are a good way to bring people together – everyone can be involved.
 - Participants brought up the community effort that got the bonds to build Norpoint, and the City-QFC deal that prevented another proposed supermarket from being established in the NW end of NE Tacoma.
- 2. BP Lighthouse Improvements Project:** Roger Stanton, project manager, MPT.
Stanton described the Steering Committee and public meetings (two each) convened for input and reviews, and the original three concept plans produced. There is now a more-focused concept plan to review with the regulating stakeholders:

Elements most likely to be included are parking improvements, ADA-compliant pathways to the cottage and the beach, and dealing with the wetland in the field.

The next step is reviewing the concept with the various stakeholder regulators: U.S. Coast Guard, federal and Pierce County landmarks commissions, shoreline, Pierce County (building permits), and the Puyallup Tribe (if they are interested – they retain a residual interest in the property if it ever isn't used for a lighthouse). There are opinion conflicts between a number of long-time immediate area residents who want no or minimal change and the broader community that would like the park to be more useful. He reviewed some of the more difficult issues, and cited a best-case schedule that would have construction start next summer (not a Salmon Bake summer), but that is not certain.

3. Norpoint Farmers Market: Rose Ehl and Karla, Federal Way Farmers' Market. These NE Tacoma residents were invited by Phil Marr at the Center at Norpoint to establish a farmers market there. Ehl cited the difficulty of getting food vendors – permitting is expensive, and they need good crowds to justify the expense. The market will operate starting this coming weekend through the summer. There are lots of fresh food vendors (vegetables, fruit, berries) and some crafts, as well as food to eat there. The market seems to attract families who are headed for the Norpoint Park behind the Center.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Communications Strategies: NET News – June issue distributed to local sites (~100: 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 continuously cleaned up for non-working addresses.
- Need additional suggestions for website content

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Patti Warwick confirmed as Board member, representing Area 2-Stonegate/Centennial. Still need representatives from NE Tacoma Area 1.
- NUSA learnings: Philp, Weed, Thurlow – deferred
- City crosswalks initiative: Thurlow described next steps
- Community Clean-up Day: no stats from the City, yet. Philp, Thurlow, and others related impressions.
- Fund for Community Projects grant finalization: A Fund for Community Projects grant was awarded by vote to Friends of Julia's Gulch for tools to replace those stolen last year (~\$1000).
- Progress review on 2014 goals – deferred (lack of time)

NEW BUSINESS:

- Thurlow reported that PSE is working with the Port on a proposed plant on the Blair-Hylebos peninsula to make liquefied natural gas (LNG) ships' fuel from pipeline natural gas. There will be follow-up at later NETNC meetings.
- A letter from the Co-chairs to the City Council asking for action on the proposed boundary change for NETNC to the middle of the Blair Waterway was approved. This boundary change will give NETNC "official" standing in dealing with developments on the Blair-Hylebos peninsula (the methanol plant discussed in May, and yet another LNG plant), as well as to better establish relationships with our upwind neighbors.

This space could have been used for an announcement of a community event, service, or product!

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