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Upcoming Events

Community Meeting:

March 17th, 7pm - 2016 election season, truck congestion reduction, gypsy moth spraying

Board Exec and Planning

Comm meeting: April 7th, 6:30pm, TPD substation

Julia's Gulch Work Party:

April 16th, 9am-noon, gather at Viewpoint Park

Community Meeting:

April 21st, 7pm, - cell tower heightening

Alderwood Park Clean-Up:

April 23rd: on Parks Appreciation Day

Board Exec and Planning

Comm meeting: March 3rd, 6:30pm, TPD substation

Board Exec and Planning

Comm meeting: May 5th, 6:30pm, TPD substation

Julia's Gulch Work Party:

May 15th, 9am-noon, gather at Viewpoint Park

NUSA: May 25-28

Community Clean-Up: June 11th, 10M-1:45PM, Meeker M.S.

Community Meeting March 17th All Welcome!

7pm, Tacoma Police Substation

4731 Norpoint Way (corner of Northshore Parkway)

City and agency staff reports; Program: Julie Anderson, Pierce County Auditor on the 2016 election season, the Port's plans for truck congestion relief, Gypsy Moth spraying

Please Take This Project PEACE Survey Now

At the February 8th Project PEACE culminating event, data collected from the community and Tacoma Police (TPD) proposed action items were shared. [The full Project PEACE Report and condensed versions of the PEACE Community Data and TPD Action items don't seem to be available on the City's website – we will keep searching...]. At the event, participants had an opportunity to prioritize TPD's proposed action items. Many of the participants in the project were not able to attend, so staff created an e-survey (online) to gain greater community participation in the prioritization of TPD's proposed action items (see discussion below).

Tacoma Police Department has followed up the community's request and is currently in the process of reviewing five potential training curriculums on institutional racism, biased-based policing, and cultural competency for our officers.

TPD is committed to transparency, inclusion and partnership with community and would like residents to review the training materials and offer suggestions on which program they think TPD should utilize. If you would like to participate on the Project PEACE Training Review Committee, please e-mail LaMont Green (contact info below) as soon as possible. The meeting will occur on April 7th at TPD Headquarters at 5:30 pm and will take approximately 2.5 hours.

If you have not filled out the Community Prioritization of TPD Action Items, please do so now. Please keep in mind that this is a new survey and is different from the survey you were asked to fill out after attending the PEACE Community Conversations. Only those who filled out the survey at the February 8th Project PEACE culminating event do not need to fill out the survey. The survey is at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/projectpeace>.

Please share this link with others, especially if they have not attended any of the PEACE Conversations. It would be great to have more youth and young adults participate in the survey.

Please stay tuned for prioritization results, clarified goals with timelines, future conversations, volunteer opportunities and next steps.

LaMont Green, MSW, LSWAIC; Senior Policy Analyst, Office of Equity and Human Rights

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NE Tacoma Crime News

Crimereports.com shows numerous crimes during

February and March to date: burglaries/breaking and entering, car thefts, thefts from vehicle (break-in), property thefts and vandalism, con game, and a few domestic assaults. 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 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.

NET News Selected as a Finalist by Neighborhoods USA

NET News was selected as a finalist in the print newsletter category by [Neighborhoods USA](http://NeighborhoodsUSA), a national association of neighborhood councils. Judging will be announced at NUSA's annual Conference, May 25-28, in Memphis, TN.

There are 11 other neighborhood group newsletter finalists, a great show, and NETNC hopes to learn a lot from others' approach to this kind of community communications.

NUSA is a terrific opportunity to learn from others and share experiences dealing effectively with neighborhood issues and concerns. Subsidies for new participants available.

From NUSA and NETNC

TV Tacoma March Highlights

From TV Tacoma (www.tvtacoma.org)

Some recent and March neighborhood-oriented programming highlights include:

- **artTown:** Tacoma Art Museum's (TAM) new Haub Family western art collection, Comic Book culture, a long-lost film, featured local artists
- **Business Matters:** Positive Approach Dog Training & Day Care, Polished Image Detailing
- **CityLine:** Lively weekly review of current city activities, events, and services in our City. The March 10th show has Buffalo Soldiers Museum, Museum of Glass, Tacoma Musical Playhouse, and Latino Town Meeting. The March 3rd show has Tacoma Little Theatre, Artrageous, RAGS Wearable Art, Tools 4 Success. You can stream this.
- **Inside Tacoma** presents elected officials: City Councilmember Marty Campbell (East Side) and Erik Hanberg, Metro Parks Board President
- **Tacoma Report:** March 12th show has State of the City, Int'l. Day of Forests, new Tagro hours,

Tacoma Power Parks reservations, Brewery District. February 27th show has Project PEACE, Tacoma Reads, and Summer Jobs 253. Recorded semi-monthly. Look on the TV Tacoma website for additional topics.

- **Urban Green:** UW Climate Impacts Group on risks in Tacoma, water treatment at Pt. Defiance, TPU's Community Solar Power project, Tease Chocolates' bean-to-bar process
- Programming on "[Northwest Indian News](http://NorthwestIndianNews)" and [VA News](http://VANews), 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). Choose from Regular

NETNC's Updated Website Is Now On-Line!

www.netnetacoma.net

We've been working with a great media consultant to update our ability to engage the community in more modern ways. A newly-mounted website is the center-piece, and we'll get it linked with Facebook (soon, we hope), and later this year re-mount this newsletter in a more-modern electronic form. We'll keep some kind of printed newsletter to reach folks who don't deal with computer and mobile device-based communications, as well.

This program is quite a reach for a small, volunteer-based organization. We're going to need help and on-

going involvement from the NETNC Board and interested residents to carry it off. We need to keep our efforts consistent with and complimentary to the growing neighborhood social media groups on Facebook and Next Door, for example, highlighted in the February NET News (<http://netacoma.net/net-news/>, p.7).

Our new website is at the same address: www.netacoma.net. It's still under development, but should work for you. There's an events calendar, meeting agendas and minutes, NET News issues, volunteer needs and opportunities, and so forth. Please let us know your thoughts about what should be on the site and how useful it is for you – what steps we should take next.

From NETNC sources

Some New Material about the Proposed Methanol Plant

Even though the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process for the natural gas to methanol conversion plant proposed for the Blair-Hylebos peninsula in the nearby Tideflats is on hold, there is still new material about the project appearing.

UWT has worked with Citizens for a Healthy Bay (CHB) to conduct a series of seminars on various aspects of the project. Attendance at these seminars was limited, so many who were interested in learning more about the project were disappointed. CHB did video record the sessions, though, and has produced written summaries of the discussions on water and electricity use and potential environmental impacts. These materials are available at www.tacoma.uw.edu/methanol and we hope soon at CHB's website, www.healthybay.org. (In the meantime, contact Ryan Cruz, who has been a public contact at CHB for the issue, at: rcruz@healthybay.org.)

Cruz also alerted us to availability of the Draft EIS for the similar, but smaller, plant in Kalama, in SW Washington on the Columbia River. That proposal is about a year ahead of Tacoma's, and may give us a partial preview of what we can expect from our own

environmental review, should NWIW resume the process. It should be noted, however, that the Kalama and Tacoma facilities differ in several ways including size and their proximity to large metropolitan areas. You can access the various section of that document at <http://kalamamfgfacilitysepa.com> under project library.

The Federal Way Mirror recently carried a thoughtful op-ed piece from former Auburn mayor, Bob Roegner, criticizing the Federal Way Council and Mayor's protest of the plant, calling it "smart politics and good theater, but it was questionable governance." He called for completing the EIS process (if it re-starts) to gain the facts necessary for a considered opinion. You can read his thoughts at:

<http://www.federalwaymirror.com/opinion/371069681.html#>.

Lastly, the Seattle-based environmental watchdog, Sightline Institute, has posted a video by Eric de Place, its director, about the plant and related issues on their [website](#).

From Citizens for a Healthy Bay, Federal Way Mirror, and Sightline Institute (thanks to all who ferreted these items out!)

Bees!

The Pierce County Sustainability Blog has a quick piece on making your yard bee-friendly, something to consider as we get into spring and gardening and planting. See it at the blog's web page: <http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/Blog.aspx?IID=32#item>. There's a video on the page illustrating how bees are being affected by mites, chemicals, pesticides, lack of forage

food, and now climate change. There's also a pointer to a bee-keeping course at the EnviroHouse on March 19th: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mason-bees-so-easy-and-so-productive-tickets-21791085724>, and a discussion of plants for your yard that bees really appreciate.

From Ryan Dicks, Pierce County Office of Sustainability

See NET News issues, meeting agendas, and more at NETNC's website: www.netacoma.net.

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



Where Can I Get NET News?

Receive it in your e-mail: send a note to 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.

By the Way, NET News was selected as a finalist in the print newsletter category by Neighborhoods USA, a national association of neighborhood councils.

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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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

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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).

Pierce County Charter Review Commission

By: Carolyn Edmonds, your elected Commissioner

[Commissioner Edmonds is one of three representing Pierce County Council District 2, which starts at Browns/Dash Points and goes south through NE Tacoma to the south end of Puyallup, and east to Edgewood and a bit of Auburn and to the edge of Bonney Lake. There's a map at: <https://www.co.pierce.wa.us/DocumentCenter/View/28513>.]

The commission's name is a very long name for a simple task, at least on the surface. The Commission has met for nine weeks and we have accomplished a lot. The discussions have been lively. Commissioners are thoughtful. Consensus is reached the vast majority of the time.

Most issues are fairly straightforward, for example, clarifying the appointment process for non-partisan elected officials. The Charter is clear about filling a mid-term vacancy for a partisan office, like a County Council member. However, it was vague on what to do for a nonpartisan elected office, the Sheriff, for example.

Other issues are more complex. The initiative and referendum process is getting a lot of scrutiny. Increasing the size of the Council from seven to nine has come up often. Trying to figure out if the Charter can provide policy guidance on major issues, such as mental health, is a major concern.

Amendments to the County Charter from the public are being accepted by the Commission. The deadline is April 15. If there is an issue you wish addressed you can e-mail me at: Edmonds.PCCR2016@google.com.

The Commission meetings are weekly on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. The location changes; contact me or check the website, as we are holding meetings in each of the Districts. I am strongly encouraging the District 2 meeting be held at The Norpoint Center. The date and location remains to be determined.

Information can also be found on the County web site: <http://www.piercecountywa.org/charterreview>, or our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/piercecharterreview>.

PSE LNG Plant Update

The City of Tacoma published the final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the PSE liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant planned for the Blair-Hylebos peninsula just north of E. 11th St. on Alexander Ave. It's on the City's website at:

https://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/city_departments/planning_and_development_services/planning_services/pse_proposed_tideflats_lng_facility.

The Shoreline Substantial Development Permit application that was filed subsequently was appealed to the Shoreline Development Board, and hearings will commence May 9th. All actual work at the site is suspended until the appeal process is complete. Other permits are pending.

PSE indicates that it is in the process of completing its design for the project, and has published an updated set of Frequently-Asked Questions (FAQs) on its website for the project: www.tacomacleanlng.com/faqs. The update discusses the difference between PSE's proposed LNG plant and Northwest Innovation Works proposed

natural gas to methanol conversion plant, also on the Blair-Hylebos peninsula, but at the shoreside end, almost 2 miles away. The site provides much additional informational material assembled by PSE, as well.

Tacoma Fire Department has posted its take the safety of the plant in a set of FAQs at: www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=98897. Among other topics, it discusses the invalidity of blast zones depicted on some websites critical of the proposed facility.

We have also learned of a short series of videos on YouTube that demonstrate some characteristics of LNG that may be of interest. They were produced by an industry player, ConocoPhillips. There are three of them, starting with <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MGgau8rGHZ0>. (If you have trouble finding them, search "ConocoPhillips lng video".)

From City of Tacoma, PSE, and other sources

Gypsy Moth Spraying

The [Washington State Department of Agriculture](http://www.wa.gov) (WSDA) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) are now accepting public comments on a proposed plan to eradicate introductions of gypsy moth at seven sites in Western Washington totaling more than 10,000 acres.

When a proposed treatment is being considered, state and federal laws require two environmental documents assessing the impact of the treatment on the environment. These documents must then be made available to the

public for review and comment. The first of these documents, a draft environmental assessment prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), is now available for review. Visit WSDA's gypsy moth web page at <http://agr.wa.gov/GypsyMoth> to review the

document. Copies of the NEPA documents may also be viewed at the near-by Fife branch of the Pierce County Library, 6622 20th St. E, Fife.

The second document, prepared in accordance with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), will be available for review at the same libraries and on [WSDA's website](http://agr.wa.gov/plantsinsects/insectpests/gypsymoth/) (<http://agr.wa.gov/plantsinsects/insectpests/gypsymoth/>) beginning March 16. Comments on both documents are due March 30.

The gypsy moth is the most destructive forest pest ever introduced in the United States and can also affect urban landscapes where the caterpillars feed on host trees, plants and shrubs. Gypsy moth has defoliated millions of acres of trees across states in the Northeast and Midwest. This past summer, 42 gypsy moths were trapped – 32 European gypsy moths and 10 Asian gypsy moths. If the gypsy moth eradication project is approved, treatments will likely begin in April at all locations where Asian gypsy moths were caught and one site in Seattle where 22 European gypsy moths were caught. Three to five applications of a biological insecticide approved for use on organic food crops would be applied during aerial operations in the early morning, each four to 10 days apart.

For more information on the proposed project, background on gypsy moth or to sign up for notifications prior to any treatments, visit the website or call the WSDA toll-free hotline at 1-800-443-6684. NETNC will have a briefing at its March 17th Community Meeting.

From Karla Salp, WSDA Community Outreach and Environmental Education Specialist, ksalp@agr.wa.gov

KIMONOS AND WALL HANGINGS (EMBELLISHED, BEADED, EMBROIDERED) BY LYZ AND JEWEL SHOW AND SALE

Friday, April 29, 5-7 p.m.;
Saturday, April 30, Noon-5 p.m.
Sunday, May 1, Noon-5 p.m.



at

**League of Women Voters of
Tacoma-Pierce County
621 Tacoma Avenue S. (new office),
Tacoma 98402
(First Tower ground floor)**

**For more information:
Lyz Kurnitz-Thurlow
lyzkurnitz@harboret.com
(FB Lyz Kurnitz-Thurlow/
Lyz and Jewel, fabric arts)**

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County Education Fund. Please come – and bring your friends.

Community Clean-Up Day on June 11th It's All about the Volunteers!

Partnering with Community-Based Services and Solid Waste units in the City, NETNC is sponsoring the fifth-annual NE Tacoma community clean-up day on June 11th. As in past years, it will be at Meeker M.S.'s upper (east) parking lot; enter off Nassau Ave. NE. Hours will be 10am-1:45pm. All residents of single-family and duplex dwellings in NE Tacoma are eligible to come by, drop off discarded items, metal, appliances, tires, other rubbish, electronics, and re-usables – all for free. Saves a trip to the Mullen St. transfer station and paying a fee! Last year 350 households (out of ~5300 eligible) dropped off 26 big, well-packed containers worth of waste stuff and two truckloads of re-usables. More below.

This event only works if we can get a solid cadre of volunteers to:

- Help unload participants' vehicles
- Pick up stuff from older or infirm residents who need help getting their stuff there (there will likely be some coverage from Code Enforcement agents)
- Help check participants in (light duty)
- Manage food and water for the volunteers (light duty)
- Other tasks that may arise.

Last year, we didn't do well getting some strong folks to help with the unloading and over-taxed those who did jump in to do the unloading. Please come for the few hours to help this great community event succeed that cleans up our wonderful neighborhood!

Re-usables: Goodwill will take the re-usables and certain electronics (TVs, computers, especially) for cleaning up and re-selling or responsible recycling. Bicycles will be taken in whatever condition to be cleaned up, rehabilitated, or parted out to repair other bikes by the Marine View Presbyterian's Bikes for Kids volunteers. They deliver working bikes to social services agencies around to distribute to needy kids. They'll take unusable metal left over to metal dealers (like Calbag at the big curve on SR509) to gain income for parts.

This is the list of acceptable and non-acceptable materials from last year's clean-up day postcard. A card will be sent to all eligible addresses a week or so before June 11th:

ITEMS WE CAN TAKE:

- Tires (limit of 10 per household – can be on rims)
- Scrap metal (for information on wood stoves visit <http://airsafepiercecounty.org>)
- Furniture and mattresses
- Anything not listed in Items We Can't Take

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.



ITEMS WE CAN'T TAKE:

- Items from businesses
- Car, motorcycle, camper, or boat parts
- Truck canopies, trailers, boats, or RV vehicles
- Daily household garbage (items that go in the kitchen garbage can)
- Animal carcasses
- Roofing/construction material (unused material could go to Habitat's Store at 4824 S. Tacoma Way)
- Vegetation (always free drop-off at the landfill)
- Hazardous waste (always free drop-off at the landfill or at the August 12-16 drop-off at BP Elementary)
- Paint (if latex, please **dry out** with kitty litter and put in regular trash; if oil-based, please take to the landfill as hazardous waste or save for the August drop-off at Browns Point Elementary – you'll get a card a week or so before the 4-day drop-off event)

From NETNC and City of Tacoma

NORTHEAST TACOMA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
DRAFT Board Meeting Minutes – 18 February 2016, 7pm,
 TPD NE Substation

Board Members Present: Hayes Alexander, Susan Baldwin, Arill Berg, Lois Cooper, Jim DeJung, Carolyn Edmonds, Dick Hayek, Sandy Leek, Yvonne McCarty, David Mueller, Jim Philp, Karen Pischel, Faye Teel, Bill Thompson, John Thurlow, Marion Weed (quorum)

Excused: Patti Warwick

7:00 PM: CALL TO ORDER and Agenda: John Thurlow

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January and February deferred to March

TREASURER'S REPORT: Karen Pischel, Treasurer, Approved.

CITY/ SCHOOLS/ PARKS REPORTS:

City Manager's Office: Brad Forbes. A public meeting will be held February 25, 2016 5:00-7:00 at Tacoma Campus Evergreen College to discuss a bike-sharing program. The State of the City meeting on February 24, 2016, is sold out, but will also be on TV Tacoma. The next public meeting for the methanol plant proposal has been moved to the convention center on February 24th. NE Tacoma residents will be the first to speak. Road improvement projects have dedicated funds (Props and 3), the Transportation Commission will attempt to get more information to find out the plan and schedule.

Tacoma Fire Department: Ass't. Chief Pat McElligott discussed the response time for the house-fire close to

QFC, other areas have been quiet. The CPR training class is in process. The fire department is working on the EIS for the proposed methanol plant. The Tacoma Fire Department has had on-going talks with the Brown's Point Fire Department. Questions were raised about an Emergency Management Fair, and risk of truck/railcar accidents along SR509.

Tacoma Police Department: CLO Brandon Showalter discussed the recent shooting. All parties have been identified; it was an isolated incident stemming from a fight. The clean-up on McMurray is being done by the EPA; there were illegal chemicals. Please call 911 anytime you see illegal dumping. He also talked about the RFID wallets to protect credit cards [Ed. Note: Common credit cards, including those with chips, are not skimmable by RFID detectors]. Currently there are only two police officers assigned per shift at the Sector One NE Substation.

Department of Corrections: Stephanie Modrijan discussed the Housing Voucher Program: currently there are none in NE Tacoma. She also talked about the transitional releases and sex offender releases. The reason some offenders are released into other counties from their origin could be families or jobs.

Tacoma Parks, Jose Gorospe: There will be a meeting at Norpoint Center on February 24th to

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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

discuss the recent survey on what the Center should offer. The first artificial turf field with lights is now at Mt Tahoma H.S. Foss Waterway parks are being completed.

Tacoma Schools, Dan Voelpel: School principal appointments for next year are starting and will be announced. The Tacoma Superintendent, Carla Santorno, earned a national Women in School Leadership Award. Tacoma Schools night at the Tacoma Rainiers will be April 23rd. The Rainiers will be wearing special uniforms designed by a student; after the game the uniforms will be auctioned. Lincoln High teacher Nate Gibbs-Bowling is a national finalist for Teacher of the Year; the award will be given in April. He was asked about testing for lead at the schools and what kind of input would the schools have for the scoping process for the proposed methanol plant; TSD can comment in an EIS process only on the need for capacity.

Program-

1. The preliminary NETNC comment letter on the proposed methanol conversion plant from January was reviewed. Additional topics were requested for a more complete commentary update: site suitability (it's only "remediated", not clean) and construction dust, liability chain and insurance, compensation for reduced property values (request

expert assessment) air quality baseline measurements with an array of sensors to compare to any change, traffic on SR509 (esp. at intersections), effects on recreational use of Commencement Bay.

It was also decided that two letters be sent: one for the EIS scoping process *per se* and one to the Mayor and City Council raising general objections.

2. John Thurlow requested everyone to read the draft 2015 NETNC Annual Report for comment and approval and review the proposed budget for the highlighted items.

Committee Reports:

Results from the planning meeting were discussed including updating the website and adding social media to notify residents of NE Tacoma of timely events and issues.

New Business:

The Save NE Tacoma (Golf Course) group is dissolving and gave its fund balance to NE Tacoma (\$1200) for education and information for future updates regarding saving the golf course. Motion was made and seconded to accept the gift from Save NE Tacoma for activities related to the golf course until the ownership is settled.

**This could have been your half-page
advertisement or announcement
for a NE Tacoma community-related
product, service, or event.**

Write to 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**

March	17	Community Meeting: program - Pierce County Auditor, Julie Anderson on the 2016 election season, the Port's project to alleviate truck congestion on SR509, Gypsy Moth spraying.
April	7	Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome
	21	Community Meeting: program items include Verizon project to increase height of cell tower back of the QFC
	23	Parks Appreciation Day - Alderwood Park Clean-up: 9am at the park - need NE Tacoma volunteers
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 - www.nusa.org
June	2	Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome
	11	Community Clean-Up Day: 10am-1:45pm, volunteers needed to help unload vehicles, aid in check-in, manage water and refreshments
	16	Community Meeting: program items tbd
July	7	Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome
	21	NETNC Summer Picnic at Norpoint Park - all welcome (no Community Meeting)
August	2	National Night Out Against Crime (and for Neighborhood Building)
	4	Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome
	5-7	Browns Point Salmon Bake - volunteers needed www.brownspoint.org
	18	Community Meeting