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- Boat Tours:** September 21,
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- Board Exec and Planning
Comm meeting:** October 2,
6:30pm, TPD substation
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October 11, 9am-noon, Viewpoint
Park
- Candidates Forum:** October
16th, 6:30pm, Meeker M.S.
Commons (north entrance)

Mental Health First Aid Training October 4th

St. Matthew, Browns Point/Tacoma, is proud to host Mental Health First Aid on Saturday, October 4th, from 8am- 5pm. You may know CPR and the Heimlich maneuver, but can you administer first aid in a mental health crisis? Mental Health First Aid is an 8-hour training course that teaches you how to help someone who is experiencing a mental health crisis. People who are trained know how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses and addictions. Register online at www.neighborhoodparish.org. The cost is \$25 to cover materials (bring cash or a check payable to St. Matthew). You will also need to bring a brown bag lunch; snacks are provided. Limited need-based scholarships are available.

The October class will focus primarily on adult mental health consumers. Another course focusing on youth mental health consumers will be offered early 2015.

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New Mobile App Connects Residents to City Services

The City's Customer Support Center – a “one-stop shop” for City services offering a concierge feel in reception, face-to-face interaction, 311 telephone support, and online resources – has served nearly 34,000 residents since its opening last fall. Today, it offers smartphone mobile app connectivity and features refreshed branding.

Development of the FIRST 311 app was spearheaded by the City's Information Technology Department. The app gives community members the ability to make and track non-emergency service requests, and find answers to frequently asked questions. Look for the app in the Google (Android) Play store and the iPhone App Store.

The updated brand – TacomaFIRST 311 – reflects the commitment made by the City through its Public Access, Service, and Security initiative to providing residents and visitors with a level of access to services designed with an enhanced customer experience in mind. [Cont. p. 2]

Have You Seen the Alderwood Wildflower Garden Sign?

Since sometime in the spring, the sign identifying the wildflower garden in Alderwood Park (across the lawn from the play area) has been missing. Apparently, vandals pulled it out of the ground with its substantial anchors. We don't know where it is! If you have any idea about its location, please let Marion Weed, 253.927.1735. NETNC is considering options for replacing the ~\$500 sign, but would much rather find it for re-installation to celebrate the attractive addition to the park.

From NETNC sources

NE Tacoma Crime News

Www.tacomacrime.org shows numerous crimes during August and September to date: burglaries/breaking and entering, car thefts, thefts from vehicle (break-in), simple assaults (likely domestic), and vandalism, etc. 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 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.

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.

NETNC's Boundaries Extended!

Early in August, the City Council adjusted some Neighborhood Council boundaries. NETNC now extends from the NE city lines to the middle of the Blair Waterway, ensuring that planning and permitting notices for the Blair-Hylebos peninsula come to us automatically. More in future.

From NETNC sources

TacomaFIRST 311 App, cont.

The FIRST in TacomaFIRST 311 stands for Fast Information Resource Team, and that's who we are," said Customer Support Center Manager, La'Toya Mason. "We're fast, we can connect you with the information you need, and the City believes in putting your needs first." "Civic engagement is very important to the City," said Information Technology Director, Jack Kelanic. "We're excited to provide this new platform that the community can use with mobile devices to obtain information and let us know about issues that need to be addressed."

As part of the Public Access, Service, and Security initiative, office footprints have also been reassessed through space planning efforts in the Tacoma Municipal Building complex, with the goal of moving all public interface functions to publically accessible floors (1-3).

"The Public Access, Service, and Security initiative ultimately makes things easier for the community members we serve," said Assistant to the City Manager Nadia Chandler Hardy. "It prioritizes simple, efficient, and effective access to City services."

More information is available at cityoftacoma.org/tacomafirst311.

TV Tacoma September Highlights

From TV Tacoma (www.tvtacoma.org)

Some September 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: Larry Dahl, MPT board member; Lauren Walker, City Councilmember District 3 (Central, Hilltop)
- **Business Matters:** Kel-Tech plastics, public speaking, Olive Branch Café & Tea Room, Primo Grill (re-opened)
- **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:** Bicycles, Baseball, Picnics, Washington

Conservation Corps help on open spaces, and recycling at home – see article p. 3.

- 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

ONE AND A HALF HOURS A MONTH!!

The NE Tacoma Neighborhood Council is looking for people interested in helping their community. The time commitment is minimal – one meeting a month. The responsibility is low – listen, learn, and express your opinion.

Come to the next community meeting to learn more about how you can help. Or, contact John or Carolyn, Co-Chairs:

*Carolyn Edmonds, 253-952-0301,
carolyn.edmonds@comcast.net*

*John Thurlow, 253-924-0288,
johnthurlow@harbornet.com*

Ski Level to Sea Level:

Understanding environmental issues
in our watersheds

The remaining course in the series is **Laws and Land Use Designations in the Puyallup Watershed**

September 19-21, 2014: This course focuses on forest practices, urban and suburban growth management and estuary restoration in an urban and industrialized setting.

Friday evening 5:00-7:30: Course context and overview from Professor Dan Sherman and guest speaker Jeffrey Thomas, Director of Timber, Fish and Wildlife for the Puyallup Tribe.

Saturday 7:30-4:00: Get out for a walk at Mount Rainier National Park. We will also visit Mud Mountain Dam and the engineered logjam in Greenwater.

Sunday 9:00-2:00: Experience Commencement Bay by boat and visit the Foss Waterway Seaport.

Community members and non-registered students may join for select portions of the weekend*

The course is open to the public with limited space available. Call for more information and to reserve your space. Find more information at: <http://www.pugetsound.edu/academics/academic-resources/sound-policy-institute/ski-level-to-sea-level/>

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Urban Green’s Summer Episode Airs

In TV Tacoma’s summer edition of Urban Green, viewers get a glimpse into how the Washington Conservation Corps is working on behalf of Tacoma’s natural spaces, and find out how Cheney Stadium is going green. Host Diane Wiatr interviews national bikeability expert Mia Birk on practices that could be applied in Tacoma, and Metro Parks Tacoma’s Director of Parks and Natural Resources, Marina Becker, provides tips for sustainable picnicking. Finally, EnviroChallenger John Inch shares how to shape up on recycling at home.

Urban Green is produced every two months and airs daily on TV Tacoma, located on Channel 12 for cable TV subscribers in Tacoma city limits and Channel 21 for most cable TV subscribers in greater Pierce County. Or, watch Urban Green anytime at cityoftacoma.org/UrbanGreen or by using Click! on-demand local programming services.

From City of Tacoma

Metro Parks Always Has Interesting Things Going On

Check out Fifty and Better (F.A.B.) Trips, and check the main website for other great opportunities.

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. Buses leave from the Center. Registration is required for these trips – see a complete list of offerings with their details and register at: <http://www.metroparkstacoma.org/FAB/>.

Other selected events:

- Second Sunday Music at the Conservatory in Wright Park
- Date Night on the Docks (27 September)
- Fall Native Plant Sale (4 October)
- Green Tacoma Day (11 October)
- Pumpkin Patch (see October dates)

From Metro Parks

Fall Garden Festival

Saturday, September 27, 10am-5pm: Admission Is Free

Point Defiance Pagoda, 5400 N. Pearl St, Tacoma

This event will feature garden tours, lectures, educational & vendor displays and kids’ activities.

Join us as we celebrate and inspire horticultural excellence in our community through an educational garden exhibition that benefits Point Defiance Park! More information: <http://www.metroparkstacoma.org/fallgardenfest/#.VBYSqfldUV8>.

From Metro Parks

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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 and the hair salon by the QFC; at Browns Point: the Diner, the Cleaners, Windward Pizza, and Ace Hardware; and at the front desks of 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.

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Open position

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Open position

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Vice-Chair: Jim Philp

Recording Secretary: Jon Higley

Corresponding Secretary: open

Treasurer: Karen Pischel

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

Tacoma Police—Northeast

Sector Commander: Lieutenant LeRoy Standifer
lstandif@cityoftacoma.org 591.5431
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).

Free Boat Tours Showcase Port Operations September 21

All aboard for [free guided boat tours](#) Sunday, September 21st, at Tacoma Maritime Fest. Get a ship-side view of one of North America's largest container ports.

The boat departs from 535 Dock St. in downtown Tacoma at: 10am, 11:30am, 1pm, 2:30pm, and 4pm.

Tours are first come, first served. Free tickets will only be available at the Port booth for the next available sailing time. Tickets for the 10am tour will be available beginning at 9am. Arrive 30 minutes before the scheduled departure time to line up for boarding. Passengers with mobility challenges should plan to take the 4pm tour when the tide will make it easier to board.

From Port of Tacoma

Downtown to Defiance September 28

Bike, walk, run, roll from Point Defiance Park to Downtown Tacoma and back.

Downtown to Defiance is a free open streets event on Sunday, September 28, from 8am-12pm for bicyclists, walkers and runners to experience the waterfront for almost 7 miles unencumbered by vehicular traffic.

The event starts and finishes at Point Defiance Park with a turnaround on the Foss Waterway Esplanade at S. 21st Street Park. Point Defiance Park will be a buzz of activity with food trucks, low cost helmet-fitting and live entertainment!

From Metro Parks

You Are Invited to Get a First Look at Results of Resident Input on Tacoma's Strategic Plan for the Next Decade: Tacoma 2025 Community Events on Sept. 22, 24 and 29

Community events on Sept. 22, 24 and 29 will provide a first look at the results of input gathered from more than 2,000 Tacoma residents about how the city could evolve over the next decade. The Tacoma 2025 strategic plan will focus on seven key areas:

- Health and Safety
- Human and Social Services
- Arts and Cultural Vitality
- Built and Natural Environment
- Economic Vibrancy and Employment
- Educational and Learning
- Government Performance

While each of the upcoming community events will have specific primary areas of focus, there will also be opportunities to comment on Government Performance and all other facets of the Tacoma 2025 strategic planning process. The events are free to attend and will take place from 6 – 8 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and light refreshments will be served as attendees check in and mingle with one another. The schedule with focus areas for each event is as follows:

Sept. 22 – Asia Pacific Cultural Center, 4851 S. Tacoma Way

Primary Event Focus Areas: Health and Safety, Human and Social Services

Sept. 24 – University of Puget Sound, 1500 N. Warner

St., Wheelock Student Center, 2nd Floor, Upper Marshall Hall

Primary Event Focus Areas: Arts and Cultural Vitality, Built and Natural Environment

Sept. 29 – Bates Technical College Downtown Campus, 1101 S. Yakima Ave., Room A130 A/B

Primary Event Focus Areas: Economic Vibrancy and Employment, Education and Learning

Public input has been pivotal to the Tacoma 2025 strategic planning process, and the information gathered throughout will result in a citywide strategic plan which will outline steps to achieve a shared community vision for Tacoma's future. It will also help inform decision-making regarding the City's resource allocations to ensure that funding is available to actualize community priorities identified in the plan.

"I am excited about this process and hope everyone can come out and participate in the upcoming events on Sept. 22, 24 and 29," said Steering Committee Member Korbett Mosesly, from the Northwest Leadership Foundation.

The City connected with residents at a dozen fairs and festivals, via an online forum, and a community survey. A citywide visioning event at the Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center on July 30th drew more than 300 residents of all ages, [Cont. p. 7]

Family Garden Fest and Tree Sale

Saturday, October 4th, 10am - 2pm

WSU Master Gardener-Demonstration Garden, 2607 W. Pioneer –across the street from WSU Puyallup Research and Extension Center

We will be offering hands-on lessons, games and entertainment to promote natural yard and garden care to improve water quality and promote environmental stewardship.

Activities should be hands-on and engaging to highlight various stewardship behaviors to help promote natural yard and garden care and water.

- Partners include:
- City of Tacoma
- Citizens for a Healthy Bay
- Pierce County
- Pierce Conservation District
- Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
- WSU Master Gardeners
- and more

Ramie Pierce, Urban Forester

Norpoint Sunday Farmers Market Open until September 28th



Norpoint 2014
Farmers Market

Family fun for the
Northeast Tacoma Community





Lumpias,
wings, tacos
mini donuts
shaved ice,
hot dogs

Sundays 11am - 4pm
June 15th - Sept 28th



Fruits, Vegetables,
Honey, Crafts,
Snacks, Lunch &
Dinner Items
Local businesses



Located in the Center at Norpoint parking lot
4818 Nassau NE, Tacoma, 98422

<https://www.facebook.com/NorpointFarmersMarket>

Contact: Karla 253-261-8157 for vendor info and questions

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

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Candidates Forum October 16th!

NETC is sponsoring a Candidates Forum October 16th, 6:30pm at Meeker M.S.'s Commons (north entrance). Candidates from the 9th Congressional and 27th Washington legislature districts have been invited, as well as judges in contested races. The League of Women voters will moderate. Start writing down your questions now, so you don't forget them!

From NETNC sources

Science2Go – Great for Kids

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Activities are divided between 5-7-year-olds and 7-9. Subjects range from animal homes to seasonal plants to math to forests to the ocean and on. There are backpack materials kits and associated activity "recipes" for the kid to work on with parent or caregiver help.

The program is funded by the Paul G. Allen Foundation and the Pierce County Library Foundation.

From PC Library System

[Tacoma 2025 Community Events, cont.]

many of whom were engaging with their local government for the very first time.

For more information and opportunities to provide feedback go to tacoma2025.com, e-mail tacoma2025@cityoftacoma.org, dial 311 within Tacoma city limits, visit your local library, or go to the TacomaFIRST 311 Customer Support Center in the Tacoma Municipal Building (747 Market St., 2nd Floor).

From the City of Tacoma

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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

Tacoma's Roads Will Be Green Roads

Tacoma City Council has signed a resolution – the first of its kind in the nation – directing the City Manager to create a green roads policy and program. The effort will outline how Tacoma's roads and transportation facilities can become models of environmental, economic, and social stewardship through sustainable design, construction and maintenance. The City has four existing Greenroads® Certified projects, which established Tacoma as a national leader.

“This is a great step for more sustainable transportation in Tacoma. We're very proud of Tacoma and that this resolution originated from within the City as a result of their successful projects,” said Jeralee Anderson, Executive Director of Greenroads Foundation. “The formal commitment to green road practices and explicit goals for certification show not only that Tacoma is being proactive about their community's concern for sustainability and climate change, but are willing to prove it. The City's resolution is a great example for other local agencies that want to build better transportation projects, enhance quality of life, and improve the environment within their communities, too.”

Tacoma's experience so far has proven that the approach combines environmental benefits with reduced costs over time. “Because it's new and perceived as higher quality people assume it's more expensive,” said Public Works Director, Kurtis Kingsolver. “That's not necessarily true. But as we develop the policy and program we will weigh community benefits, operations costs and other factors to find the right fit for Tacoma.”

The policy's aim will be to achieve Greenroads® Gold-Certification on large projects, plus one certified example of a residential block, alley, and trail to complement the four existing projects. City staff will also attempt to apply the same practices, though not full certification, to all new and reconstructed road projects.

For residents, the policy should also make a difference providing healthier opportunities for those who choose to use the pedestrian and bicycle facilities that will be included as a part of future improvements, plus a host of other possible benefits.

From City of Tacoma

Neighborhood Improvement Grants Still Available!

This is a reminder that NETNC has some funds to support community groups or individuals that have ideas for small projects that could provide public benefit in NE Tacoma. Targa Sound Terminal provided the initial funds to get started, and the Board is building a program to solicit additional contributions to this fund from area businesses.

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

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

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