

News You Can Use

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This newsletter is intended to give you a look at important issues around the city.

PROJECTS

- **Murray Morgan Bridge:** Paint removal and priming on the city approach columns and support steel will continue in February. For a complete project update, visit www.cityoftacoma.org/mmb.
- **South 9th Street:** Court C is now closed at South 9th Street. Local traffic can use Court C via South 11th Street. A flagger is stationed at South 11th Street to assist local traffic entering and exiting Court C. The work on Court C is expected to take two weeks to complete. www.cityoftacoma.org/south9thstreet
- **Alaska Street:** The contractor will construct and resurface Alaska Street, in connection with Phase 1 of Alaska Street Arterial Improvements from South 72nd to South 60th streets. Planning, paving and construction of new concrete curbs and sidewalks, as well as installation of new drainage facilities are scheduled to this month. The roadway will be open to local traffic only through the work zone and access to driveways may be temporarily affected during operations. Construction is anticipated to be completed in August. www.cityoftacoma.org/alaskastreet
- **Stevens Street** work to replace the wastewater and water main within North Stevens Street from North 21st to North 27th streets is scheduled to be complete this month.
- **More information** is available at www.cityoftacoma.org/construction.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- The 10th annual Sister Cities Film Festival kicks off Feb. 2. Each week one of Tacoma's Sister Cities will feature a film produced in that particular country, and to add to the festive nature, an authentic cultural presentation from the country starts off each night. www.sistercityfilmfest.org
- The City is developing a Subarea Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) neighborhood. Over the next 12-18 months this project will establish a vision for future public and private investments in the MLK neighborhood and will integrate these investments with the needs of current residents, businesses and property owners.

The City will host a scoping meeting to get community input on the key issues to be addressed in the Subarea Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2012, from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Evergreen State Community College, Tacoma Campus, Room 105 (1210 6th Ave.).

www.cityoftacoma.org/mlkplan.

- City of Tacoma administrative offices will be closed Feb. 20 in recognition of Presidents' Day. Garbage, recycling and yard waste collection is not affected by the holiday, so collection will be on the normal schedule. The City of Tacoma landfill, recycling center and household hazardous waste facility will be open regular hours, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

SPEAK UP!

- During February, City staff will continue work on a second round of budget reductions to help close the \$33 million General Fund budget gap. Budget proposals are scheduled to be presented to City Council in March. For up-to-date budget related information, visit www.cityoftacoma.org. You are invited to offer your thoughts on the budget or any other issue before the Mayor and City Council by visiting www.cityoftacoma.org/citycouncil.

WHAT THE CITY IS UP TO

- Members of the City Council appointed Council Member Joe Lonergan to a one-year term as Deputy Mayor.
- On Feb. 13, Tacoma's new City Manager, T.C. Broadnax will join the City team. Broadnax most recently worked for the City of San Antonio, Texas.
- Mayor Marilyn Strickland delivered her 2012 State of the City address at Go Local's second annual Shift Happens event on Jan. 30. She highlighted the City's accomplishments in 2011, including the renovation of Cheney Stadium, the opening of a downtown grocery and the seasonal ice rink in Tollefson Plaza. She also looks forward to this year, including the opening of the LeMay Car Museum this spring and work beginning on the McMenamins Elks Temple. If you missed it, visit www.cityoftacoma.org.
- For the eighth consecutive year, the City of Tacoma's Neighborhood Council Office, in cooperation with the University of Washington Tacoma's (UWT) Urban Studies Program, will offer free public sessions of the Government Leadership Institute on Mondays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on the UWT campus, Keystone Building Auditorium, 1900 Commerce St. No registration is required. For detailed information about each of these sessions, visit www.cityoftacoma.org/neighborhoodcouncils.
- Tacoma Public Library telephone numbers changed on Jan. 3 as a result of the library's move to Voice Over Internet (VOIP), which is a phone service over the Internet. For more information, visit the Tacoma Public Library website at <http://www.tpl.lib.wa.us/Default.aspx>.
- Later this month, the City's Community and Economic Development Department will launch a one-stop website— Tacomameansbusiness.com— with resources to start or grow a new business in Tacoma. An announcement will be made when the site is ready for users.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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