

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 occur into February. For a complete project update, visit www.cityoftacoma.org/mmb.
- South 9th Street work will resume on Monday, Jan. 9. Work will begin with the demolition of the sidewalk adjacent to 302 S. 9th St. (the building that includes "Subway") and will then progress to the corner of S. 9th Street and Market Street. www.cityoftacoma.org/south9thstreet
- The Lincoln Avenue Bridge in the Tacoma Tidelands is now open to traffic. Minor work still needs be completed; however, in an effort to minimize traffic impacts, temporary lane closures will be utilized. The Lincoln Avenue Bridge rehabilitation project included replacement of two sections of the bridge deck and an overlay of the entire bridge deck. The rehabilitation also included bearing, sidewalk and guardrail repair and the bridge was completely re-painted.
- The Cheney Stadium Project to fix the porous parking lot, street and sidewalk is scheduled to start the week of Jan. 9. The work is being done so that the rain soaks into the ground rather than running off into the drains – recharging the groundwater and reducing erosion.
- 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 in February 2012.
- **More information** is available at www.cityoftacoma.org/construction.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- At the noon study session on Tuesday, Jan. 10, City Council will receive an update from an independent financial consultant regarding the 2012 budget for the General Fund, and projections for 2013-14.
- What is the General Fund? The General Fund is the City's primary operating fund and accounts for all activities of the City except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The General Fund is a small part of the overall budget of the City of Tacoma - less than \$400 million in the 2011-2012 budget out of a total budget of \$2.7 billion. Learn more about what the General Fund pays for and what tax revenues go into the General Fund. www.cityoftacoma.org
- Celebrate the dream and the dreamer at the 24th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration on Monday, Jan. 16, 2012, at the Tacoma Dome Exhibition Hall. This year's theme, "Forgiving the Past ~ Embracing the Future," is a musical tribute to the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- The City's administrative offices will be closed Jan. 16 in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. 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!

- Nominate outstanding local volunteers for a City of Destiny Award using [a 2012 nomination form](#) by

no later than Friday, Jan. 13, 2012. Visit cityoftacoma.org/destinyawards for more information or contact Maria Lee at maria.lee@cityoftacoma.org with additional questions about the City of Destiny Awards nomination process or the 2012 City of Destiny Awards event.

WHAT THE CITY IS UP TO

- Tacoma City Council members voted 9-0 on Dec. 26 to begin contract negotiations with T.C. Broadnax of San Antonio, Texas to become Tacoma's next city manager. Broadnax has served as an assistant city manager in San Antonio since 2006. Prior to 2006, he was the assistant city manager for the city of Pompano Beach, Fla. from 2004-2006, the deputy city manager from 2001-2004 and the assistant to the city manager/budget officer from 1997-2001. Broadnax was selected from a list of three finalists.
- Tacoma residents may recycle Christmas trees free. Landfill drop-off: Tacoma residents, apartment tenants and businesses in Tacoma may dispose of undecorated and unflocked trees free by bringing them to the recycling center at the City of Tacoma Landfill, 3510 S. Mullen St. Trees may be dropped off between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. through Jan. 22. Apartment managers or landlords who collect tenants' trees may drop them off all at once for free, but are encouraged to call (253) 591-5543 in advance. Tree lot operators and nonprofit groups must pay for disposal.

Curbside collection: Solid Waste Management will collect only trees that have been cut and placed inside the brown yard waste container with the lid closed flat. Trees left next to containers will not be collected. Tacoma residents may recycle Christmas trees free at the Tacoma Landfill's Recycling Center, 3510 S. Mullen St., through Jan. 22. Decorated or flocked trees cannot be recycled and must go in the garbage. Customers with questions about Christmas tree recycling may call (253) 591-5543.

- 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>.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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