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### *Upcoming Events*

**Community Meeting:** June 18th, 7pm, TPD substation, program: Parks projects, questions for TV Tacoma Candidates Forum, Top 5 streets improvements, NETNC goals review

**Board Exec and Planning Comm meeting:** July 2nd, 6:30pm, TPD substation

**Julia's Gulch Work Party:** July 11th, 9am-noon, gather at Viewpoint Park

**NO July community meeting:** picnic on July 16th, 6:30pm, either Alderwood or Norpoint Park (bulletin later)

**Community Clean-Up Day:** August 1st, 10am-1:45pm, Meeker upper parking lot

**National Night Out:** August 4th, early evening, various locations around NE Tacoma

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

**Community Meeting:** August 20th, 7pm, TPD substation, program: tbd

## Community Meeting June 18th – All Welcome!

7pm, Tacoma Police Substation

4731 Norpoint Way (corner of Northshore Parkway)

City and agency staff reports; program: Parks projects status/outlook (incl. BP Lighthouse Park); develop questions for the TV Tacoma Candidates Forum taping; pick the Top 5 streets improvements from our list; NETNC 2015 goals review.

## Pierce Transit Approves an Innovative Bus Demonstration Project for NE Tacoma!

NETNC and several community members have been working for some time with Pierce Transit staff to re-think bus service for NE Tacoma. The old 61 route that wandered around NE Tacoma and connected to downtown wasn't great, but coupled with Bus Plus service (dropped in the mid-2000s for budget reasons) and the associated disabled shuttle services, it was of some use to NE Tacomans and even Browns Point and Dash Point residents. The 62 route that replaced the 61 after the sales tax revenue collapse in the late 2000s has been much less useful, offering rush hour trips to SR99 and 348<sup>th</sup> St. in Federal Way. There, riders can connect with buses to the Federal Way Transit Center and to downtown Tacoma. With transfers, those are long trips. This service is very-little used, and per-rider costs are high.

This spring, urged along by NETNC which had included PT-developed questions in the year-end 2014 community survey, and a broad Community Investment Team convened by PT, Pierce Transit planners and outreach staff proposed a new approach to serving NE Tacomans' transit needs. The Community Investment Team gathered by PT included representatives from NETNC, Parks, the Port, Public Works, City Council, the Puyallup Tribe, and area residents from different demographics (students, commuters, etc.). The CIT reviewed and commented on the innovative approach, and gave it clear support. On June 8<sup>th</sup>, the Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners approved a "demonstration project" to run from September 2015 through September 2016 to test the usefulness and economics of a more-attractive service.

The service will be operated in partnership with King County Metro, which will continue its 182 route and extend its 903 route to the QFC area on 49<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE and around to the Center at Norpoint. The extended 903 ("Feeder", on the map) will run 20 times a day, and connect NE Tacoma with the Federal Way Transit Center directly. PT will implement a rush-hour express service from the same stop to the 10<sup>th</sup> and Commerce St. downtown Tacoma transit center, with three trips in-bound in the morning and three out-bound in the afternoon/early evening. While this express service doesn't support casual mid- or late-day visits to downtown Tacoma, commuters will be able to reach downtown and readily connect with buses to other Tacoma destinations, such as TCC. Maps of these routes are on page 3.

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## NE Tacoma Crime News

Www.tacomacrime.org shows numerous crimes during May through June to date: burglaries/breaking and entering, car thefts, thefts from vehicle (break-in), simple assaults (likely domestic), credit card fraud, vandalism, and thefts. 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.

**Your business card-sized ad or announcement for community products or services should be here!**

**Write to:  
netnews98422@hotmail.com**

## 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](http://www.fishfoodbanks.org).

## Metro Parks Always Has Interesting Things Going On

The good way to find out what's up at the Center at Norpoint and around the Metro Parks circuit is to look in the current Go Guide. You can download a copy at: <http://www.metroparkstacoma.org/calendar-events/>, or pick one up at the Center at Norpoint. Note that Norpoint offers Silver Sneakers programs. Several health care programs offer free memberships; check them out on the web page.

You can also scroll through the upcoming event calendar at: <http://www.metroparkstacoma.org/calendar> – look for events at Norpoint, as well as in many of the wonderful MPT facilities.

*From Metro Parks*

## TV Tacoma June Highlights

*From TV Tacoma (www.tvtacoma.org)*

Some April neighborhood-oriented programming highlights include:

- **artTown:** Sarah Ionnides leads Tacoma Symphony Orchestra, Dashiell Hammet's Tacoma experiences, poet and pianist take us to inspiration.
- **Business Matters:** Maxwells's Restaurant & Lounge, Destiny City Comics, ChooseVets.com, Uncle Thurms Finger-Lickin' Ribs & Chicken
- **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, Councilmember Joe Lonergan (Dist. 5: South and South End Tacoma)
- **Tacoma Report:** Happenings in the community, City services and programs
- **Urban Green:** Healthy Homes, Healthy Neighbor-

hoods, bees and honey, Tacoma Wastewater Treatment, Green Infrastructure challenge, tips for saving water.

- Programming on "Northwest Indian News" and VA News, 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!).

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](http://www.tvtacoma.org)). Choose from Regular Programs, Special Presentations, and Meeting Coverage in the list on the left.

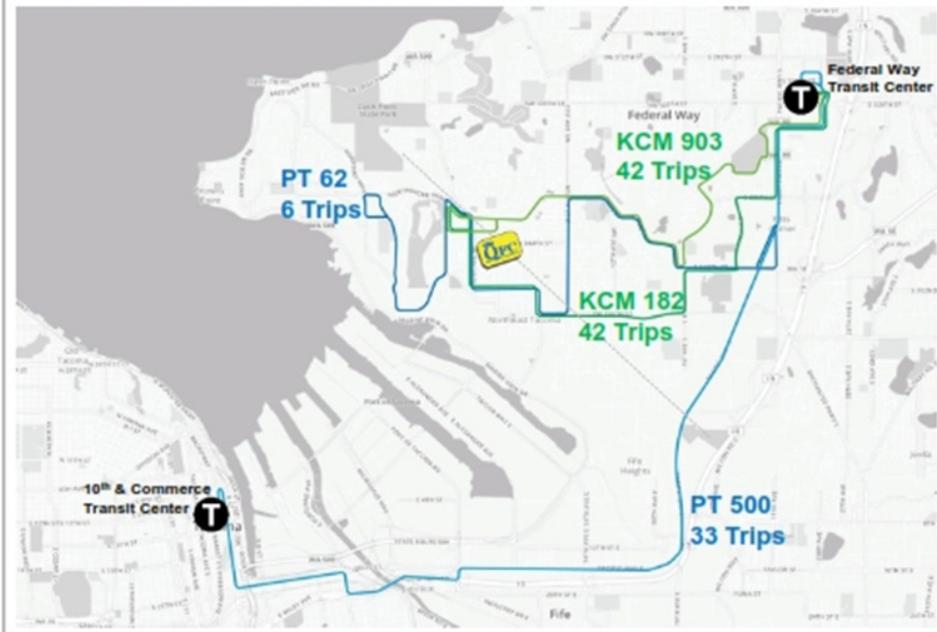
### Pierce Transit Bus Demo Project, cont.

PT representatives readily admit that over the last years, we have been taught “to not to ride the bus”. Hence an intense outreach program will be mounted to attract riders to these services. A key factor in attracting riders is to provide them with Orca cards, the central Puget Sound transit card that works with PT, KCM, Sound Transit, Snohomish County’s Community Transit, Kitsap Transit, and for foot passengers on Washington State Ferries. Using the card makes it easy to board and transfer between buses (you get two hours to complete your trip).

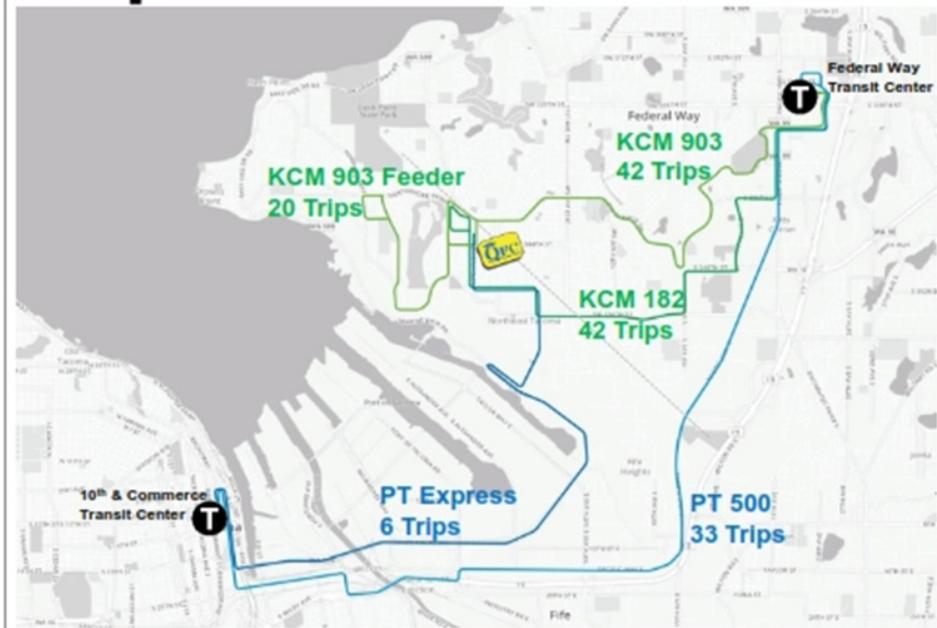
NET News will report on the outreach program, highlighting opportunities to learn about the services, and offer information on how to most-effectively travel to various destinations.

*From Pierce Transit and NETNC sources*

## Current Service in NE Tacoma



## Proposed Service in NE Tacoma



**Put your community event,  
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code with your  
smartphone!**



## 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.

### 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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Co-Chairs: Carolyn Edmonds, John Thurlow

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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  
lstandif@cityoftacoma.org 591.5431  
Community Liaison Officer: Brandon Showalter 594.7951  
brandon.showalter@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).



# Norpoint Farmers Market

2015



Fresh  
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Sundays 11am- 4pm  
June 7-Aug 3



Fresh Flowers  
Family Fun



Fruits, Vegetables,  
Flowers, Arts & Crafts,  
Snacks, Lunch & Dinner Items  
Local Businesses

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

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

## MOVING INTO LIFE'S NEXT PHASE?

I CAN HELP.

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## NE Tacoma Crosswalk Projects Implementation Moving Right Along

Following up last year's effort to identify top priority crosswalk improvements necessary in NE Tacoma, Public Works is moving along the implementation projects at four intersections:

- Northshore Parkway NE and Nassau Ave. NE
- Northshore Parkway NE and 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave. NE/Fairwood Blvd. NE
- North Shore Blvd. NE and Nassau Ave. NE (near south end of Nassau)
- 49<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE and 41<sup>st</sup> St. NE

These are important street crossings for folks out for a walk, headed for an attraction, and school pupils headed to school or home. There is a very long list of needed crosswalks and sidewalks in NE Tacoma, further developed through the community survey NETNC conducted at last year-end, and we will be working on gaining priority for funding projects and getting them on the schedule.

*From NETNC and City of Tacoma sources*



Pictures from  
the Northshore  
and Nassau  
intersection



## 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](mailto:rainey.schoolsout@gmail.com)

## Community Clean-up Day Scheduled for August 1<sup>st</sup> - Please Help

NETNC is working with the City of Tacoma's Community-Based Services and Solid Waste to hold a Community Clean-Up Day on August 1st, 10am-1:45pm, at Meeker Middle School's upper parking lot (enter off Nassau Ave. NE). All NE Tacoma single-family and duplex residents are eligible to come by and drop off garbage, recyclables (TVs and computers), bicycles (regardless of condition), and re-usable clean clothing, furniture, and household items.

Hazardous materials aren't accepted, so you should either take them to the S. Mullins St. free drop-off, or hold them for the expected August drop-off at Browns Point Elementary School. Look for a post-card reminder from the city in July.

Last year 326 residents dropped material off (many making multiple trips to drop off unneeded waste and recyclables). Solid Waste carted off 28 30-yard dumpsters containing ~27 tons of garbage, metal, refrigerators (3), and tires (114, both on-and off-rim). Goodwill filled two truck trailers with electronics,

both working and not, and re-usable household items. Code Enforcement brought in loads from residents unable to get their stuff to Meeker, including tires. The Bikes for Kids volunteers from Marine View Presbyterian collected numerous bikes, some in excellent condition, for its program of providing working bikes to needy folks through various agencies and ministries. They took bikes that weren't repairable, too, and used them for parts and even to sell the residual scrap metal to metal dealers to raise funds for the program.

We're looking for volunteers to help out: preparing goody-bags for and welcoming participants, transferring stuff from incoming cars and small trucks to the dumpsters, directing traffic, taking care of refreshments for the volunteers and workers, etc. Please let John Thurlow, [johnthurlow@harbornet.com](mailto:johnthurlow@harbornet.com), know if you are willing to help. Last year, we had volunteers from NETNC, Stadium H.S.'s Jr NROTC unit, the 38<sup>th</sup> St. Ct. NE block watch, and a Samoan church from South Tacoma. It took all of us to make the day successful!

*From NETNC and City of Tacoma sources*

## National Night Out on August 4<sup>th</sup> – Gather with Your Neighbors to Fight Crime and Promote Neighborhood Safety

Safe Streets promotes participation in National Night Out to Fight Crime neighborhood events every year. Local neighborhood groups and public-spirited individuals sponsor gatherings in parks and streets for some summer fare and conversation about protecting the area from crime and improving neighborhood safety. These gatherings are a great way to meet neighbors and work on other topics of mutual support, as well.

Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/H97Z3TT> to register.

There's more discussion at: <http://www.safest.org/weblog/2015/05/27/national-night-out/>.

*From Safe Streets and NETNC sources*

### PART DAY PRESCHOOL AVAILABLE

**NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2015-2016: HS & ECEAP PART DAY EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS**

**Programs Offer:**

- 4 days a week
- 2.5 - 3.5 hour sessions
- School year calendar
- Nutritious Meals & snacks
- Family Support/Engagement
- Health Support & Social/Emotional Support
- Family and Child Education
- Language and Literacy Support
- Leadership Opportunities
- Community Information



**Who is Eligible?**

- Children ages 3-5.
- Must be age 3 by August 31, 2014
- Federal Income Eligible Guidelines\*

This is a pre-kindergarten program designed to support families and children in developing skills needed for school success.

**HOW DO I QUALIFY FOR PART DAY?**

*Families with limited income	Families receiving TANF or SSI
Families experiencing homelessness	Children in Foster care Children with a disability or IEP

Complete an application and a staff person will work with you to see if your family qualifies for the program.

For an application, PLEASE CALL [SEE BACK FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)



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## 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 at 7pm, TPD NE substation**  
**Executive and Planning Committees meetings are at 6:30pm at the substation**

June	18	Community Meeting – Program: Parks projectsw update, TV Tacoma Candidates Forum taping questions, Top 5 streets projects, 2015 NETNC goals review
	24 and 26	Candidates Forums: (TV Tacoma, Community Council of Tacoma, League of Women Voters); taping in City Council Chambers: 24th: 10am-3pm; 26th 1pm5pm
July	2	Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome
	16	Community Picnic at Alderwood Park: 6:30pm, hamburgers, hot dogs, some vegetarian, pot luck.
August	1	Community Clean Up Day (Meeker M.S. 10am-1:45pm): Can you help? Write to netnews98422@hotmail.com
	4	Primary Election Day
	4	National Night Out
	6	Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome
	20	Community Meeting -
	30	Norpoint Farmers Market: last one of the season
September	3	Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome
	17	Community Meeting
October	1	Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome
	15	Community Meeting, Board nominations
	tbd	Candidates Forum: Port, City Council, Parks, Schools, Civil Service Commission
November	3	General Election Day
	5	Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome
	19	Community Meeting, Board elections
December	3	Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome
	17	(date tent.) Holiday Party

We're developing the 2016 calendar, and will begin posting it here in the August NET News.