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Northeast Tacoma Neighborhood Council

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Upcoming Events

Candidates Forum: October 20th, 6:30pm, Meeker M.S.

Special Board Meeting: November 3rd, 6:30pm, TPD NE substation

Julia's Gulch work party: Saturday, November 12th, 9-noon, Viewpoint Park

NETNC Community and Board Meeting: November 17th, 7pm, TPD substation - program Citizens for a Healthy Bay, Targa Sound Terminal, Board Elections

Board Exec and Planning Comm meeting: December 1st, 6:30pm, TPD substation

NO DECEMBER Community Meeting!

Candidates Forum October 20th

All Welcome!

6:30pm, Meeker Middle School Commons (lower level, north entrance, off 45th St. NE)
Candidates for: U.S. Congress, State Legislature, Pierce County Executive, P.C. Council, and P.C. Superior Court Judges

Ballot Issues (October 19th) and Candidates (October 20th) Forums

Be an informed voter! Participate in a forum to learn about ballot issues and candidates' views and programs. Two opportunities are described here. And remember to vote and mail or drop your ballot off by November 8th. Ballots will be mailed on October 22nd.

Ballot Issues: The League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County is partnering with UWT to sponsor and conduct a ballot issues forum on October 19th (Wednesday), at 6pm at the Tacoma Library Main Branch. See the flyer with all the issues to be discussed on page 3.

Candidates: On October 20th, come to question and listen to candidates for offices representing the NE Tacoma/Browns Point/Dash Point areas: U.S. Congress District 9 Representative, Washington Legislature District 27 Senator and Representatives, Pierce County Executive, Pierce County Council District 2, and Pierce County Superior Court judges (4 positions).

NETNC is sponsoring the Candidates Forum for these positions on October 20th, 6:30pm, at Meeker Middle School's Commons. It's on the lower level, entered from the parking lot on the north side, off 45th St. NE. The League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County will moderate to ensure fair and impartial conduct.

Please come to hear the candidates' statements and ask them questions. Following usual League of Women Voters' rules, questions will be submitted in writing (we'll have index cards and pencils at hand), and will sorted and grouped and be asked by the moderator. *From LWVT-PC and NETNC sources*

Hazardous Waste Drop-off Rescheduled and Moved!

Solid Waste's annual hazardous waste drop-off has been re-scheduled to October 12th (Wednesday to October 16th (Sunday) due to equipment being tied up during the delayed completion of the drop-off site at the Mullen St. Transfer Center. Held in prior years at Browns Point Elementary parking lot, the NE Tacoma drop-off event has been moved to the Center at Norpoint's parking lot – the area nearest the TPD substation. Thanks to Solid Waste and the Center's Jose Gorospe for setting this up.

You should have received a postcard mailer from the City with details.

From the Center at Norpoint and Solid Waste

NE Tacoma Crime News

Crimereports.com shows numerous crimes during September and October to date: burglaries/breaking and entering, car thefts, thefts from vehicle (break-in), thefts, drugs, and two robberies. Call 911 to report a suspicious activity sighting underway (strange car sitting in the streets or slow-cruising apparently checking out cars, houses, mailboxes) – a police patrol car may be
available nearby to check out the vehicle, and the incident will be available to the CLO for analysis. The website 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 sometimes 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.

Place your advertisement or announcement for community-related products or services here.

It's inexpensive!

Write to netnews98422@hotmail.com.

TV Tacoma October Highlights

From TV Tacoma (www.tvtacoma.org)

Some October neighborhood-oriented programming highlights include:

- artTown: Monkeyshines, a Tacoma playwright, T-Town jazz scene, home-grown apparel, upcoming young artist, local theatres working with youth
- Business Matters: Bombay Bazaar, WildFin American Grill, Old Town Oil & Vinegar
- CityLine: Lively weekly review of current city activities, events, and services in our City. Seymour Conservatory (Wright Park), MPT rentals, Tacoma Nature Center, Cascade Regional Blood Services, People's Center Pool, Tacoma Arts Month, Tacoma Musical Playhouse, Tacoma Film Festival, and much more (check the website). You can stream this.
- Inside Tacoma presents elected officials: Tacoma , City Councilmember Marty Campbell (5th District: South End, Eastside), City Council Member Anders Ibsen (District 1: North End, West Side)
- Tacoma Report: Tacoma Arts Month, Utility Bill Layout Changes, Prevent Brush Fires, Project 253, Proposed City Budget, Recycle Center Update, Preventing Street Flooding, Glass Pumpkin Patch. Look on the TV Tacoma website for additional topics.
- Urban Green: Recap of stories from last 2 years: recovery of Foss Waterway with Citizens for a Healthy Bay, Bikes for Kids program, Adam's Mushrooms' soup recipe, EnviroChallenger on reducing use of store plastic bags, walk on the Prairie Line Trail
- Special programs on: Proposed 2017-18 City Budget, 2016 City of Destiny Awards, "Lost and Puget Sound" – stormwater pollution
- 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). Choose from Regular Programs, Special Presentations, and Meeting Coverage in the list on the left and above.

Ballot Issues Forum

6:30 - 8:30 pm
Wednesday, October 19
Tacoma Public Library, Main Branch
1102 Tacoma Ave South, Tacoma

Prepare to Vote:
Learn More about the November Ballot Issues

State Ballot Issues – Initiatives & Referenda

- ✓ SJR 8210 – Proposed Amendment to State Constitution
- ✓ I- 735 – Proposed Amendment to the Federal Constitution
- ✓ I- 732 – Concerns Carbon Emission Tax
- ✓ I-1433 – Concerns Labor Standards
- ✓ I- 1464 – Government Accountability Act, Elections & Lobbying
- ✓ I- 1491 – Extreme Risk Protection Orders
- ✓ I- 1501 – Concerns Seniors and Vulnerable Individuals Protection

Regional Ballot Issue – Proposition 1 – Sound Transit 3

- ✓ Prop. 1—Sound Transit 3 – Expanding Bus and Light Rail Service in Pierce, King & Snohomish Counties

Pierce County Ballot Issues – Proposed Charter Amendments

- ✓ 41 – Initiative Procedures – Signature requirement
- ✓ 42 – Referendum Procedures – Percentage of votes cast
- ✓ 43 – Referendum Procedures – Formulating referendum
- ✓ 44 – Prohibition on Holding More than One Elected Office
- ✓ 45 – Purchasing, contracts, claims and bonds

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

Do you want to help? Please write to netnews98422@hotmail.com

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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, dentist, the hair salon and MultiCare by the QFC; at Browns Point: the coffee shop, the Diner, the Cleaners, Lighthouse Market, Postal & More, and the chiropractor's office; and at the four schools in NE Tacoma.

NET News was named 2016 3rd Place winner nationally in the print newsletter category by Neighborhoods USA, the 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 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).

Center at Norpoint News

Drop in Volleyball has changed days! Monday and Thursday has been moved to Tuesday & Thursday from 6 pm - 8:15pm.

New Fitness Classes in October:

Beginning October 3: New! HIIT/Yoga Class Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:00-11:00am. HIIT/Yoga: 30 min HIIT (high-intensity interval training) is a training technique in which you give all-out, one hundred percent effort through quick, intense bursts of exercise, followed by short, sometimes active, recovery periods. This type of training gets and keeps your heart rate up and burns more fat in less time. Followed by 30 minutes of yoga to open the muscles used in the HIIT class. Come for the first half, second half, or stay for the whole hour!

Beginning October 7: Group cycle class Friday mornings at 8:30am

For the full fitness schedule visit www.metroparkstacoma.org/NorpointFitness

Harvest Fest: See the flyer below!

From Metro Parks / Center at Norpoint

EnviroHouse Workshops: **Free Workshops - Advance registration required:** www.cityoftacoma.org/workshops or call (253) 573-2426.

WORKSHOPS ONLINE NOW FOR REGISTRATION

October (remaining)

10/15, 10:30 am: Ductless Heating/Cooling: Does it Make Sense for You?

10/23, 1:30 pm: Rain Barrels: How to Make & Maintain

10/29, 10:30 am: Rain Gardens & Trees to add Beauty to Your Landscape

October 22, 10-4 pm: Ten-year Anniversary Open House, drop-in visitors welcome

November

11/05, 10:30 am: Plan for Feb.: Fruit Trees & Mason Bees

The EnviroHouse is located in the entrance driveway of the Tacoma Solid Waste Transfer Station on S. Mullen St. You have convenient access by taking the Center Street Exit from westbound SR16, and proceeding directly through the traffic light at the end of the ramp.

Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program

Washington State Department of Early Learning

FREE PRESCHOOL at Northeast Tacoma Elementary

The Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a FREE preschool program for income-eligible children and their families. ECEAP focuses on the well-being of the whole child by providing nutrition, health, education and family support services. The goal of ECEAP is to help all children enter kindergarten ready to succeed! Preschoolers will learn a variety of skills that will prepare them for kindergarten and beyond. Children 3 or 4 years old by August 31 are acepted into ECEAP based on the following:

- They are from a family with annual income at or below 110 percent; or
- Qualify for school district special education services; or
- Have developmental or environmental risk factors that affect school success

To all enrolled families, ECEAP provides nutritious meals and snacks, health screenings and connections to medical, dental, and mental health services, family support services, parent education and leadership opportunities, and much, much more!

For more information, please contact Stacey Brentin at (253) 571-6986 or sbrenti@tacoma.k12.wa.us

From Tacoma School District

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Board Elections November 17th: Service Takes an Hour and a Half a Month!

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

Elections for the 2017-18 terms for Board members are planned for November 17th, 2016. NETNC's board is broadly-based, with elected members (up to 16) representing eight designated areas in NE Tacoma (map overleaf), and three at-large members (who also represent the nearby Tideflats), totaling 19. Board members serve staggered, two-year terms – there are 11 seats open for the 2017-2018 terms – the openings are listed by area on the map. The current NETNC Board votes for new/returning Board members as specified in the Bylaws.

We'd very much like to find volunteers willing to represent the open parts of NE Tacoma. We're actively seeking candidates who live in the various areas to come forward from their area to most-knowledgeably represent their neighbors. If we can't find the specific area residents, we will consider folks from around NE Tacoma. There is a requirement to have participated in three NETNC Community Meetings to be selected for Board service. Please show interest, though, if you don't currently meet the requirement, so we can encourage your participation in meetings and consider your candidacy for later action.

Board members steer NETNC activities, represent their neighborhood area, and are expected to participate in NETNC activities. These activities include the monthly meetings, the annual planning workshop (planned for January 2017), and participation on NETNC committees as they find appropriate (these are usually set up in the annual planning meeting). Board and other members of NETNC are welcome to volunteer any time. Still, the overall amount of time expected of Board members can be relatively limited, unless they wish to be very active.

Please let a member of the Nominating Committee know if you are interested: Jim Philp (j.b.p@att.net), Yvonne McCarty (yvonne.mccarty@comcast.net), or John Thurlow (johnthurlow@harbornet.com). They'd be happy to discuss the Board with you and encourage you to serve your neighbors in this organization.

TACOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Save the Dates! Join THS for exciting fall programming. THS is bringing a variety of opportunities to learn about Tacoma's rich history.
[Ed.: Selected offerings convenient to NE Tacoma residents]

Saturday, October 15, 2pm. Tacoma Public Library, Olympic Room. Deb Freedman will share stories about the creation of "Dry Goods and Wet Goods, Nineteenth Century Jewish Pioneers."

Tuesday, October 25, 11:30am. WA State Historical Society, 1911 Pacific Ave. Deb Freedman will share stories about the creation of "Dry Goods and Wet Goods, Nineteenth Century Jewish Pioneers."

Friday, November 4, 6-9pm. "Remember the Railroad" Third Annual Holiday Heritage Swing Dance in Commemoration of Tacoma's Railroad History and the Prairie Line Trail. Refreshments from STINK Cheese-Meat and a no-host bar will be available. **Where?**

Friday, November 11, 11am-12pm. Annual Veteran's Day Observance, War Memorial Park, 624 N. Meyers St., Tacoma.

Monday, November 14, 7pm. Monthly membership meeting at Wheelock Student Center, Univ. of Puget Sound. "Howard Carr; Scion of a Tacoma Legend with a Legendary Story", presented by Mary Bowlby, Executive Director, Job Carr Cabin Museum.

Wednesday, November 16, 6pm. Trivia Night at The Swiss, hosted by Washington State History Museum, City of Tacoma's Historic Preservation Office and Tacoma Historical Society.

Volunteers Needed: We can use volunteers on Thursdays and Saturdays to staff the museum, answer the phone, and greet visitors. If you are available please call Beth, 253.472.3738. Thanks!

NETNC Board Meeting Minutes DRAFT August 18, 2016, 7pm, TPD NE substation

Attending Board Members: Lois Cooper, Carolyn Edmonds, Jerry Hamilton Sandy Leek, James Philp, Karen Pischel, Bill Thompson, John Thurlow, Patti Warwick, Chun Yu. We did not have a quorum so were unable to approve the June minutes or the Treasurer's report.

Excused: Susan Baldwin, Arill Berg, Faye Teel

Early public comment: The agenda provided for 15 minutes for public comment from NE Tacoma neighbors who had signed in to speak. There were five speakers signed in so each was allotted 3 minutes to address the meeting:

Nanette Reetz: She stated her disappointment that there was insufficient representation of NE Tacoma on the neighborhood council. She was also upset about the lack of transparency on the part of the Port regarding the LNG Plant. She recommended a video called "Risks and Dangers of LNG" that she had purchased.

Mel Bergund: He is a Dash Point resident and stated he was not an activist and not opposed to petroleum products, but had researched the methanol plant and was glad that project had been withdrawn. He is now concerned about the LNG plant and feels we need to develop our NE Tacoma shoreline with businesses other than more petrochemical industries. There are too many of those in our neighborhood already.

Ann Locsin: She lives in Pointe Woodworth (180 houses) and is very concerned about the LNG plant being planned for construction o close to her neighborhood (1500'). She is concerned about property values decreasing because of the petrochemical industries being in such close proximity to Pointe Woodworth. She is concerned about the Hylebos Waterway being designated for industry. She asked for NETNC to represent her cause to the City.

Abby Goodman: She doesn't want us to go back to the smoke stack and pollution days of the Port. She wants to get rid of the oil trains and coal trains and petro chemical industries. She said the City and the Port need to seek out light industry that is environmentally clean.

Kathy Lysne: A 60-year resident, she acknowledges the City's clean-up, but oil trains and fossil fuel developments are a concern. She called for clean businesses in the Port.

Jan Zimmer: She stated that PSE is changing the intended use of the proposed LNG plant. She believes that NETNC should represent the NE Tacoma neighbors who oppose more petrochemical development. She asked for the Board to support their cause.

There was general disappointment that we were unable to take any action on issues tonight because we did not have a quorum. It was suggested that Board Members be required to attend all meetings in order that business could be conducted. Carolyn explained that our Board consists of volunteers, it is mid-August and many people are on vacation, and there is a Seahawks game tonight. But that did not appease those that were upset.

Chun Yu, as a new Board member, addressed the group with his concern about potential leaks from the new LNG Plant. He feels the plant is susceptible to terrorist attack, earthquake, or a trucking incident. He lives within two miles of the site and according to his research, a leak can spread for up to four miles. He feels that he and his neighbors are living in the danger zone.

Nanette Reetz questioned why we have not followed up with rescheduling the proposed citizen meeting about the LNG plant. Carolyn said we would come back to that question later in the meeting.

City/School/Parks Staff Reports

Robert Thoms was unavailable tonight.

Bradley Forbes, City Manager's office: Several upcoming events that will impact traffic are Tacoma Half Marathon, End of Summer Party downtown, Tacoma Fitness Games at Tollefson Plaza, and the Downtown to Defiance Race. City Manager Broadnax will be at the next meeting to discuss budget. Brad was asked some questions about street improvements from the initiatives (incl. sidewalks, striping, paving (55th St. great!), bus routing (passing on left while bus is stopped)), and political signs still up which he will forward to the proper division at the City and get responses for us.

Brian Hardy, Battalion Chief, Tacoma Fire Dept. We had ~50 successful National Night Out events in Tacoma (none in NE). The outdoor fire threat is high so please be careful about dry shrubbery or trees near your house. He advised us that if you call 911 from your cell phone, the call center cannot identify your location. Those calls go directly to the State Patrol and they will ask you where you are calling from (use relation to exit signs if on a freeway). Land lines go directly to the 911 Call Center and they can see your location on their screen and direct your call to the proper authorities.

Utility safety: know how to turn off gas and electric service to your home. Have a gas shutoff tool by the valve

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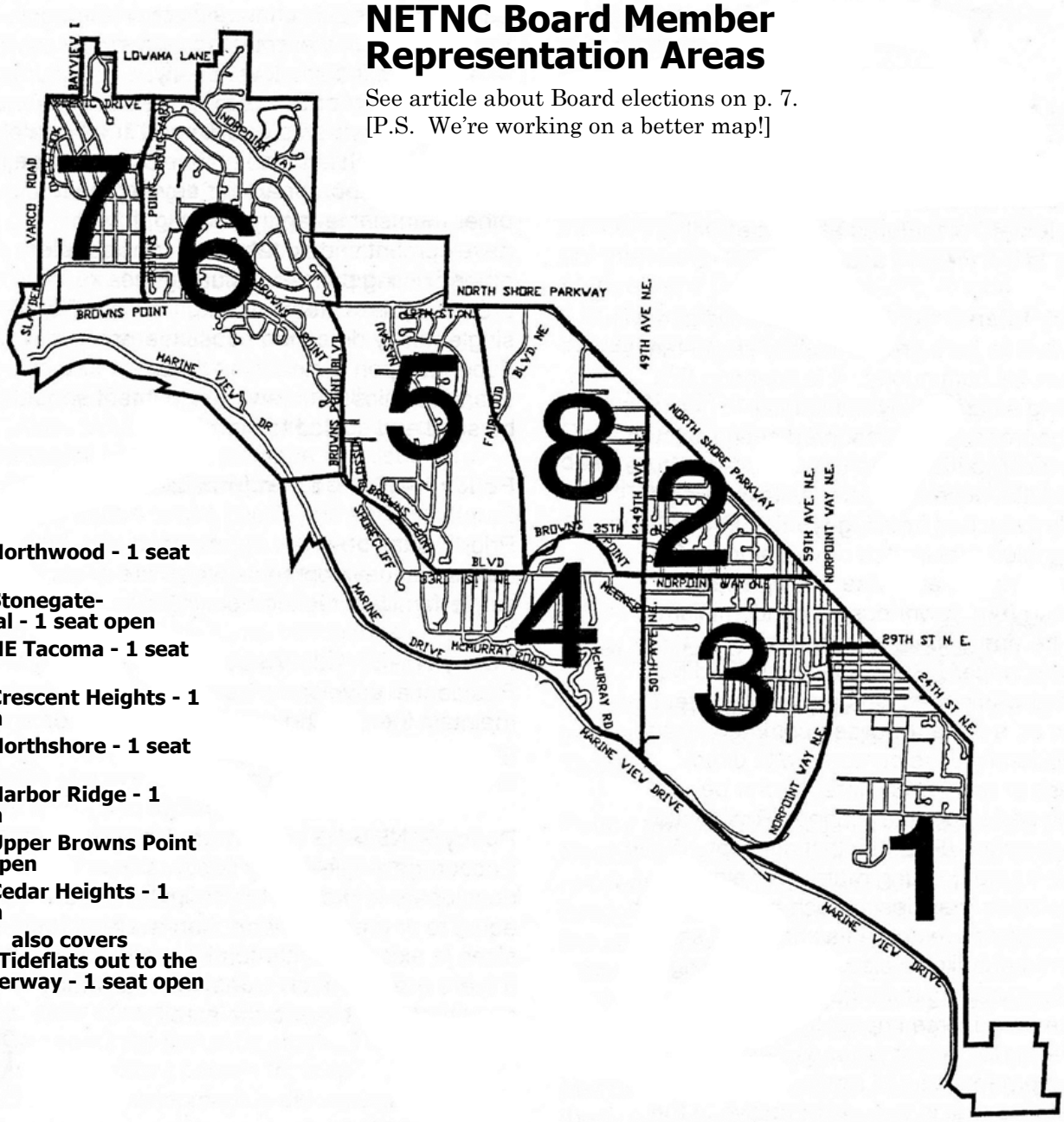
NETNC Board Member Representation Areas

See article about Board elections on p. 7.
[P.S. We're working on a better map!]



Area 1: Northwood - 1 seat open

Area 2: Stonegate-Centennial - 1 seat open

Area 3: NE Tacoma - 1 seat open

Area 4: Crescent Heights - 1 seat open

Area 5: Northshore - 1 seat open

Area 6: Harbor Ridge - 1 seat open

Area 7: Upper Browns Point - 1 seat open

Area 8: Cedar Heights - 1 seat open

At-Large: also covers adjacent Tideflats out to the Blair Waterway - 1 seat open

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He was asked several questions about crude oil storage and the LNG plant. He was also asked about chemical emergency training on evacuations and/or shelter-in-place at the schools in our area because of their proximity to the new LNG plant. He said those plans will be developed and put into place by the time the LNG plant starts operation, but nothing is in place right now.

A commenter noted excellent response time to a house fire in Pte. Woodworth.

Shaun Taylor – Tacoma Schools. He was also asked about evacuation and/or shelter-in-place processes for the schools. He assured us that all schools practice those emergencies just like they do fire and earthquake drills. The school district also monitors the Fire Dept. emergency network so they are aware of any emergencies. Several in the audience voiced concerns about school safety from chemical explosions because we have several schools in proximity to the proposed LNG plant. *Cont. over*

Jose Gorospe – Metro Parks. The tennis fields in the Browns Point Playfield are first on the list for repair. Please be patient. There are some parking issues at Point Defiance Park that are being addressed. The kayak storage and rental facility long-planned for the head of the Thea Foss Waterway is in permitting, but the funding is not all secured. One of the attendees asked him if there was any chance of rezoning to allow for more recreational development on our side of Commencement Bay. It seems that all the "neat" stuff goes on the other side of the Bay. Jose said that neither he nor Metro Parks have any zoning authority and there was nothing they could do about that issue.

The Browns Point Lighthouse Park design is proceeding, and permitting is underway. A planner could come to a September meeting to review what's in store.

Program:

1. Port of Tacoma Revised Process for Major Projects: Port Commissioner Connie Bacon – We were honored to have Commissioner Bacon (Commission President) attend our meeting and address our Council as part of the Port's effort to improve communication with Tacoma residents.

She said that the Port was approached by PSE about building an LNG plant because TOTE wants to convert to a cleaner fuel than bunker fuel to meet new EPA and Environment Canada emissions rules. She advised us to make sure we are getting correct information before we start protesting about the LNG plant. She said propane, which almost all of us have in our back yard barbeques, is much more volatile than natural gas. Many of us also have natural gas coming into our homes for heating and cooking. So natural gas and propane are both a useful part of our everyday life and we shouldn't try to keep it out of the Port. Natural gas is much safer than propane, which is compressed and quite volatile if released.

She addressed the concern of exporting LNG. That is not a possibility because it is strictly forbidden by the contractual agreement between PSE, the Port, and NW Seaport Alliance. That activity will not happen.

She assured us that PSE has to fulfill all the requirements of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). There was a dispute with the Puyallup Tribe about the pipeline crossing their land. The proposed pipeline has been re-routed across Port property so that issue has been removed and the EIS has been approved. PSE is now starting the permitting process.

Taxes paid by heavy industry in the Port support many of the services that the citizens of Tacoma demand. If we start shutting down heavy industry, the tax base shrinks and the only other resource for tax income is your property tax! It would be nice if there were a clean industry available to start developing in the Port but that industry doesn't exist. Light industry and "clean" industry does not want to develop in a heavy industrial area on a deep water port. The location does not fit their needs.

Sean Eagan, Government Affairs Director, briefly addressed the Council explaining the new process that the Port will use on future lease agreements involving potentially major projects. In summary, projects dealing with fossil fuels on more than 10 acres of Port land, would use more than 1 million gallons of water/day, emit more than 10,000 metric tonnes of greenhouse gases/year, or more than 10 metric tonnes of individually-listed hazardous air pollutants, or more than 100 tonnes/yr of any other regulated air pollutants, or consume more than 26 megawatts of electricity (similar to the RockTenn kraft mill), would have a more deliberate lease review process. There will be a first reading at a regular Port Commission meeting and a second no sooner than 21 days later where approval would be possible. In between, there will be a study session to describe all known elements of the proposal. He handed out a draft of this Energy and Natural Resources Policy.

The floor was opened for a **Question and Answer session with Commissioner Bacon**:

Q: There is a lack of collaborative discussions between neighborhoods, the Port and the City.

A: The Port is a completely separate entity from the City. Not everyone can be involved with every decision but they are all trying to allow equal representation as much as possible.

Q: Did PSE tell you how big the LNG plant is going to be? It is huge and the questioner wonders if the portion of the Port where this plant will be built can even support it!

A: She is sure that section of land will not sink because of the LNG plant. The size is not considered an issue and ultimately everything hinges on due diligence by the City and the EIS.

Q: How can we get the Hylebos cleaned up? Other areas of Commencement Bay have been addressed but not the Hylebos. Now they are planning to build more heavy industry there.

A: It is hard to trace back to the original polluters of the Hylebos because it goes back so far historically. The Port is working to clean it up even though they are not the ones responsible, but it takes time and money.

Q: The EIS for the LNG plant has not been thoroughly studied. Much more investigation needs to be done about the dangers of LNG. It seems that the decisions are being based solely on information provided to the City by PSE! That is very biased information. There is a lot of information out there that disproves PSE's statements. The EIS needs to be re-opened for further study and citizen input.

A: The Port cannot do anything about that because the EIS is under control of the City. You would have to take that request to the City.

Q: Community feedback was entirely lacking in this EIS process. Who can we talk to about stopping this LNG plant?

A: Come to the Port meetings and get involved with their strategic plan for Port and Seaport Alliance development. Attend City Council meetings and put your request in front of the Council. There is no "Stop and Reset" button on the EIS process unless the City finds just cause to do so.

2. Browns Point Elementary Re-construction Plans, Rob Sawatzky, Director of Planning - Tacoma Public Schools

Due to the length of the discussion with Commissioner Bacon, Rob offered to defer his presentation to a future meeting. We appreciated his offer because our meeting had run considerably over its allotted time. Rob left handouts for our information and we will schedule him for the next meeting.

Old Business:

Community Clean Up recap – Jim Philp

We had a very successful Community Clean Up on June 11. The participation was not quite as large as in past years, but still very good:

- 291 households participated, which is a 5.34% participation rate
- 28 containers, containing 33 tons of refuse hauled away, including 15 refrigerators, and lots of tires
- 83 Goodwill donations
- 38 volunteers – 33 of which were from the Dash Point Ward of the LSD Church – Thank you for your outstanding help!

John Thurlow's report on his attendance at the NUSA conference will be deferred to a future meeting due to time constraints. It has been distributed to Board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm

Prepared by: Karen Pischel, Secretary pro-tem

Contributor: John Thurlow, Co-Chair

NETNC Board Meeting Minutes DRAFT September 15, 2016, 7pm, Center at Norpoint

Board Members Present: Lois Cooper, Jerry Hamilton, Sandy Leek, Yvonne McCarty, David Mueller, Jim Philp, Faye Teel, Bill Thompson, John Thurlow, Patti Warwick, Marion Weed (quorum)
Excused: Arill Berg, Susan Baldwin, Carolyn Edmonds, Chun Yu

7:00 PM: CALL TO ORDER and Agenda: John Thurlow, Co-Chair

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August minutes on table (not dealt with)

TREASURER'S REPORT: Karen Pischel, Treasurer, oral summary as of end-August. Accepted.

OPENING PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jerry Thorpe spoke opposing closing Kobetich Library – "Libraries are very important we don't want to lose them."

Nanette Reetz: Also opposed to closing Kobetich Library. Opposed to LNG, asking to open a supplemental EIS as the public was closed out of the public comments because the notices only went 400 feet. Described plant as dirty and not local.

CITY/SCHOOLS/PARKS REPORTS:

City Council: Councilmember Robert Thoms talked about the City budget and is convinced Kobetich Library won't close, and he talked about street repairs (a new round will begin in October). He discussed an upcoming meeting of Tideflats "stakeholders" on the 26th called by the Mayor, to discuss a sub-area planning process for the Tideflats. He was able to place three people from NE Tacoma in it.

City Manager's Office: Liaison Brad Forbes discussed the People's Pool opening, the Moon Festival in Chinese Reconciliation Park, and a Heart and Stroke Walk at Cheney Stadium on October 8th. He reported on follow-up questions: bus stop outside Pointe Woodworth (installed by resident request after Route 63 startup), campaign signs after an election (OK for 7 days after, and from a primary, until 7 days after the general election – call 311 to let the City know where they are), and street repairs (non in NET remaining this year – 2017 plan out later in the fall – write to tacomastreets@cityof tacoma.org with requests.

Tacoma Police Department: CLO Brandon Showalter discussed abandoned and squatted houses – call 311 with reports for Code Enforcement (or call him: 253.591. He asked for help looking for a suspect involved in vehicle theft and break-ins – there have been arrests on Marine View Dr. (theft ring) and 45th St. NE. TPD is also looking for a mail thief – video shows a silver pickup. *Cont. over*

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he encourages reporting suspicious behavior to 911 – be very clear and thorough about what you see. How can one learn what's going on – check the FB Friends of NE Tacoma/Browns Point, and NextDoor, and SafeStreets and NETNC meetings. He and other officers conduct Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) walkarounds at your home on request. There are two patrol officers per shift (4 at changeover) in NE Tacoma.

Tacoma Public Utilities: John Hoffman discussed the new invoice that will start after September 26th and left hand outs on the tables.

Tacoma Fire Department: Battalion Chief Chris Brink noted handouts for earthquake and a home fire plan. CPR Sunday is October 9th at Foss H.S. Reserve a time at the TFD webpage. Re: a question about re-opening Station 15 on E. 11th St. – will it have an aid car (much closer than Fife)? – a budget issue, to be determined. Audience comment: assist residents ahead of PSE plant – local vs. foreign owners.

Tacoma Public Schools: Shaun Taylor left a handout (no time given long Budget discussion with City Manager).

PROGRAM

1. 2017-18 City of Tacoma Budget: City Manager, T.C. Broadnax. Broadnax Discussed the City Budget. Getting to the neighborhood councils was late in the process, they were using the City Services Expo in May (2000 visitors), but didn't get the feedback expected. The city deficit has been reduced, but he has asked all departments to cut back and for ideas for revenue enhancements.

He said he was not planning on closing the NE Tacoma library and that he did intend to put money into it with a new roof. He encourages membership in Friends of Tacoma Library.

He did say this will be a better budget on October 4th; it will be presented to the City Council in a study session (no citizen comment) and public hearings will be held November 1st and November 8th. The formal readings at City Council will be November 15 and November 22.

There was a question and answer period:

Click! He's opposed to supporting cable, services but believes Internet is a necessity for all households.

Why did the City deny the request to re-open the LNG plant EIS or open a supplemental EIS in spite of the project scope change? Staff recommended no supplemental EIS since no new information to justify – would have to be major changes, and those to date have actually reduced environmental risks. He believes the EIS work is professional and adherence to the mitigations will not put the city at risk. He cites learnings from the proposed methanol plant fracas. There was a call for a public meeting for concerned citizens.

Another question about the [controversial views] of likely blast radius from the LNG plant – wouldn't they justify re-opening the EIS? Can permitting be stopped until the safety issues are resolved? Another commenter challenged the PSE process around the LNG plant safety studies – the inadequacy of the announced non-disclosure agreement process.

Will there be Library budget cuts? He's not recommending any. The Library Director didn't offer other options than closing facilities. He's encouraging greater efficiencies in the library system, including expanding RF-ID chips in all books for reader self-checkout, and expanding services for young readers (toddlers). A commenter thanked him for supporting the Library.

Crosswalk safety at Crescent Heights and Meeker was discussed (he's asking for ~$1M for advance warning beacons), and the Safe Routes to School program has been initiated with TPS this year.

Why did the City purchase the Welcome to Tacoma signs (for example, one at 45th Ave. NE along Northshore Parkway): they cost $45-50K each (there are 5 around town) – "Tacoma needs quality entrances".

Asked about having retired teachers volunteer at Kobetich, he cited collective bargaining agreements.

He encouraged people to complete the Budget Survey at budget.cityoftacoma.org or https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5PCZS6K.

2. **Legislative Update:** Laurie Jinkins, District 27 Representative

Jenkins discussed the 2016 legislative session. She is the Chair of the Judiciary Committee and serves on the Health Care and the Appropriations Committees. Education Issues will be the main priority in 2017, then mental health. Can she weigh in on the mental health issues in Pierce County? No, she's employed by Tacoma Pierce County Health Dept. During Q &A there was a question to push a ban on oil trains as other states have started. She did report that constitutions are different in each state, and noted that Jake Fey, the other 27th District Representative, is on the Transportation Committee, which has worked on limiting coal and oil trains in the state, but the Senate has refused to take action.

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There was a comment on the SEPA process, noting that the notification requirement is too limited. Another commenter challenged Fey's support for the tax breaks for "dirty projects". Another challenged the benefits from the LNG project ("18 poorly-paid full-time operating jobs"). A long-time resident noted that in 1987, concerned citizens opposed to re-opening the City's steam plant in the Tideflats to incinerate garbage raised money to hire an attorney to stop it (successful!).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Candidates Forum will be held October 20th at Meeker M.S.'s Commons (north side, lower level). There will be candidates for Congress, State Legislature, County offices, and P.C. Superior Court judges.

NEW BUSINESS:

NETNC will send a letter to the City of Tacoma protesting the rezone of the property at 29th St. NE and Norpoint Way to build apartments that will worsen an already-bad traffic situation at that intersection.

In reaction to the failing portable microphone used in the public comment portions of this meeting, the Board voted to authorize the purchase of a better portable microphone system. [Subsequently the Executive Committee discussed the issue and specific authorization was given to Thurlow to proceed with a high-quality, 2-microphone system.]

Meeting adjourned at 9pm. Thanks to the Norpoint Center's staff for their help and letting us extend the meeting after 8:30pm, and for setting up and re-stacking chairs. And thanks to the nice woman who brought snacks for the crowd. A rough count showed 70+ people had participated in the meeting.

Northeast Tacoma Neighborhood Council
Treasurer's Report - September 30, 2016

	Checking Acct	YTD	Budget
Beginning Balance (From 8/31/16)	**$10,894.47**		
Income			
City Contract For Services	$0.00	$4,000.00	$4,000.00
NUSA subsidy from CoT new participant	$0.00	$0.00	$1,000.00
NUSA subsidy from Community Council	$0.00	$0.00	$200.00
Advertising	$0.00	$405.00	$600.00
Subtotal of Income	$0.00	$4,405.00	$5,800.00
Expenses			
Operations			
Insurance	$0.00	$512.00	$460.00
P.O. Box rental	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Incidental Office Expense	$0.00	$102.83	$60.00
Meeting Expenses - Center at Norpoint rental	$300.00	$435.54	$230.00
Equipment	$0.00	$139.24	$150.00
State Filing Fee	$0.00	$0.00	$160.00
Operations Subtotal	$300.00	$1,189.61	$1,060.00
Board Training			
Annual Planning Workshop	$0.00	$0.00	$100.00
Other	$0.00	$165.99	$100.00
NUSA reimbursement	$0.00	$1,340.67	$1,500.00
NUSA CoT subsidy pass-through	$0.00	$0.00	$1,000.00
Training Subtotal	$0.00	$1,506.66	$1,700.00
Community Outreach			
Summer picnic	$0.00	$0.00	$100.00
Community survey / review / open house	$0.00	$0.00	$200.00
Community Support	$0.00	$0.00	$100.00
Candidates Forum	$0.00	$0.00	$100.00
Council Mktg	$0.00	$163.40	$300.00
NETNews printing	$0.00	$603.32	$1,200.00
Website	$0.00	$289.30	$500.00
Outreach Subtotal	$0.00	$1,056.02	$2,500.00
Community Support			
Alderwood Park clean-up	$0.00	$201.13	$250.00
Community Clean-Up Day	$0.00	$219.89	$125.00
Safe Streets group support	$0.00	$0.00	$100.00
Neighborhood Grants	$0.00	$0.00	$1,000.00
Innovative Grant Support	$0.00	$0.00	$2,500.00
Community Support Subtotal	$0.00	$421.02	$3,975.00
Contingency			$500.00
	$0.00	$176.00	
Total Expenses	$300.00	$4,349.31	$9,735.00
Ending Balance as of 9/30/16	**$10,594.47**		

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.**

We are still working on a special education session on the proposed LNG plant. Watch for announcements in NET News and at www.netacoma.net.

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

September	1 15	Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome Community Meeting: City Manager T.C. Broadnax, 2017-18 Budget planning and process, planning for Board elections
October	6 20	Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome Candidates Forum: U.S. Congress, WA State Legislators, County offices, County Council, Judges
November	3 17	Special Board Meeting Community Meeting: Melissa Malott, Executive Director, Citizens for a Healthy Bay; Troy Goodman, President, Targa Sound Terminal; Board elections
December	1	Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome **No Community Meeting in December**
January	5 19 28 (tent.)	Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome Community Meeting: program to be determined NETNC Board Annual Planning Workshop
February	2 16	Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome Community Meeting: program to be determined

This space could have been your advertisement or announcement for a community-oriented product, service, or event.

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