

Community Clean-Up Day Results

NETNC partnered with the City of Tacoma's Community Services and Solid Waste organizations to help clean up our community on August 1st. NE Tacoma residents dropped off unwanted stuff for free at Meeker Middle School's upper parking lot. Goodwill was on hand to take re-usables, and the crew from Marine View Presbyterian's Bikes for Kids program harvested bikes for refurbishing.

Statistics for the four-year history of NE Tacoma Community Clean-Up Days is below. You can see that we need to keep working on the record-keeping, but the deposited volumes continue to be substantial.

| | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|--------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Attendees: | 363 | 442 | 326 | 350 |
| of possible | 5282 | 5290 | 5294 | 5313 |
| % | 6.9% | 8.4% | 6.2% | 6.6% |
| Containers | 25 | 32 | 28 | 26 |
| Tons | 21+ | 34+ | 27 | 27 |
| Refrigerators | 7 | 9 | 3 | 13 |
| Tires | 166 | 210 | 114 | 136 |
| Charity truckloads | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Charity donations | ? | ? | ? | 108 |
| Volunteers (est.) | ~18 | ? | 34 | 15 |

We learned a lot about what it takes to successfully conduct a clean-up day in NE Tacoma. We didn't have the help from Stadium H.S. Jr. NROTC volunteers (school was out), nor from a contingent from a South Tacoma church that have provided significant help in earlier clean-ups. We lacked enough help that those who did volunteer (several from the community, including NETNC, an HOA, a church, and individual respondents to the appeal on the City's postcard announcement) worked very hard, and many homeowners coming by ended up unloading their own waste into the containers. Next year, NETNC anticipates continuing to sponsor a clean-up day, and will prepare more effectively to have a sufficient (and younger!) volunteer cadre.

From NETNC and the City of Tacoma

DRAFT NETNC June 18th Board Meeting Minutes

(repeated in this issue, since some copies of the July-August edition did not contain them)

Board Members Present: Hayes Alexander, Susan Baldwin, Arill Berg, Lois Cooper, Jim DeJung, Carolyn Edmonds, Don Halabisky, Dick Hayek, Sandy Leek, Jim Philp, Karen Pischel, Bill Thompson, John Thurlow, Marion Weed (quorum)

Excused: Yvonne McCarty, Faye Teel, Patti Warwick

7pm: CALL TO ORDER and Agenda: Carolyn Edmonds, Co-Chair

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March and May 2015 minutes not yet available.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Karen Pischel, Treasurer, oral update approved (\$12772.19 operating balance, \$2394 Projects Fund balance).

CITY / SCHOOLS / PARKS STAFF REPORTS:

- City Councilmember Robert Thoms (our District, #2): not present, conflict.
- City Manager's Office: Brad Forbes reported that the City's financial outlook has improved and has had a positive influence on bond interest. He discussed a few upcoming events: Tacoma Trivia Night, Joe Carr cabin anniversary, and July 4th Freedom Fair.
- Tacoma Police Department: CLO Brandon Showalter reported that he has more time to allocate to NE Tacoma (he spends some time in the Hilltop, still), since full staffing has been achieved. He said that the Alderwood area has been having group mailbox break-ins – he re-emphasized his earlier advice. He will be at the Community Clean-up Day on August 1st. He described using the sophisticated data analysis software to do Predictive Policing – what sites are most likely to suffer crime. In response to a question, he confirmed that [false alarms from burglar alarm systems cont. p. 6]

October 15th Candidates Forum

Be an informed voter! Come to question and listen to candidates for County, Port, City Council, Civil Service Commission, Parks, and Schools for the November 3rd election.

NETNC is sponsoring a Candidates Forum for these positions on October 15th, 6:30pm, at Meeker Middle School's Commons. The League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County will moderate to ensure fair and impartial conduct.

The County positions are for the Charter Review Commission – there are three seats in our Council District 2 (which runs from Browns/Dash Point in the northwest to the south end of Puyallup and east to just short of Bonney Lake). Five candidates are confirmed as of September 12th, with one additional pending.

There are two Port seats open and incumbents are both being challenged; three of the four candidates will participate. At the City Council, the At-Large seat that will be vacated at year-end is up with two new candidates participation (for the other open seat, the incumbent is uncontested, and that candidate has a conflict). At Parks, the incumbent is being challenged, and there are two School Board seats open; in one seat the incumbent being challenged and in the other two interesting new candidates are running – all will participate. The lone Tacoma Civil Service Commission seat is unopposed, and Amy Heller, the incumbent, is coming to discuss what the commission

does and her views of how it should operate.

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 at hand), and will be asked by the moderator.

From NETNC sources

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are charged a fee by the City – goes to the alarm monitoring company, who will likely pass it through. To deal with noisy neighbors, he noted that the Municipal Code calls for no noise detectable beyond 50' from the source, but he advised not to get into a confrontational situation with neighbors – ask for help from an officer.

- Tacoma Fire Department: Battalion Chief Brian Hardy handed out reminders for the 4th of July, and emphasized that fireworks are illegal in Tacoma and carry a \$257 fine for use. He reviewed the annual Prepare in a Year program, and discussed the kids and matches handout.
- Tacoma Schools: PIO Dan Voelpel reported that there are 14 designated Innovative Schools in the district, and secondary schools are being discussed for the South End and/or East Side. A survey among residents has brought 1500 responses so far, and shows support for both initiatives. He discussed career and technical education classes in various [cont. p7]



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)

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NETNC Board Elections November 19th It Takes Only 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 2016-17 terms for Board members are planned for November 19th, 2015. NETNC's board is broadly-based, with up to 16 elected members representing eight designated areas in NE Tacoma (map below), 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 2016-2017 terms.

There's a map of the areas and seats open on p. 11.

We'd very much like to find volunteers willing to represent the open parts of NE Tacoma. Area representatives don't have to live in the designated areas, but we encourage folks to come forward from their area to most-knowledgeably represent their neighbors.

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 2016), 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:

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Karen Pischel: 253.927.0656, jkpischel@msn.com

They'd be happy to discuss the Board with you and encourage you to serve your neighbors in this organization.

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schools, including auto and marine repair. A commenter noted that extracting good students from mainline high schools for the specialty schools (SoTA, SAMI, etc.) affects average GPA, graduation rates, teachers, and offerings in the mainline schools. Voelpel responded that Superintendent Santorno believes in offering options and ranges of offerings to stimulate students. A questioner asked about the variation in commencement speakers in the high schools: the policy varies by school. Board member Kurt Miller (a NE Tacoma resident) is retiring after 12 years on the Board.

- Metro Parks: Jose Gorospe, NE/Norpoint manager, discussed upcoming programs at Norpoint and around Parks. At Norpoint, the pool is open, day camp is opening, the spray park has been open. Meeker New Zealand exchange program students have cleared brush and the flower beds. There

are no summer meals in NE Tacoma – USDA rules require lower income areas.

PROGRAM:

1. **Parks Projects: Pt. Defiance, BP Lighthouse:** Doug Fraser, Chief Planning Manager, Metro Parks, and Sarah Hamel, BP Lighthouse project manager
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- 2.5 - 3.5 hour sessions
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- Community Information



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Families experiencing homelessness Children in Foster care Children with a disability or IEP

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Head Start

- Fraser discussed bicycle safety at Pt. Defiance (no cars on roads until 11am weekdays) and plans to get pedestrians off roadways, including completing the Shoreline Trail with a pedestrian overpass over the ferry line. The City is working on a broad conditional use permit to cover all the planned work at Pt. Defiance. The 20-year plan for Pt. Defiance includes work from the 2014 bond (\$134M for Pt. Defiance overall, \$35M for a new aquarium). The plan is headed for Board review/public hearing, and then Board action.
- At BP Lighthouse Park, design studies underway will identify costs associated with the various desired features (perimeter ADA-accessible path, parking improvements, picnic improvements, field drainage, etc.) to allow final feature selection. \$40K is available from the 2005 bond, and \$110K from the 2014 bond.
- A questioner was advised to contact the landscape architects, BCRA, about donating madrona seedlings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications Strategies:

NET News – June issue was distributed to local sites (~110+: BP Town Center, N.S. Thai in Walgreens strip, QFC strip businesses and MultiCare, NET convenience stores; the library, Norpoint, substation), and by e-mail to ~500+ residents and ~28 officials and other contacts. E-mail list is cleaned up from time-to-time for non-working addresses.

The next issue will be mid-July for July/August.

Committee report: The City will post our meeting agendas and minutes (if separate from NET News) on our page on the City's NC pages. We need to re-activate our website: please suggest a revised approach for website content

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- The empty house on Overview Dr. has been worked on (roof). There are still issues with landscape maintenance, etc. The concerned neighbor who has been tracking and working on remediation is on the case.
- Innovative Grants: One project originating in NE Tacoma was submitted (speed bumps on 50th Ave. NE - \$16K) and one collective one for NCs having shoreline to promote shoreline activities and businesses (\$4K). There is \$16K-\$20K left over (depending on our support for the shoreline promotion project) to develop another project(s). Carolyn Edmonds is working on a composting toilet for Alderwood. We have until the August 20th meeting to formally recommend the projects NETNC supports.

- Community Clean-up Day is August 1st. Jim Philp is the project organizer, but will be unable to participate in the day. We need volunteers to help prepare and on the day. We will not be handing out goody-bags due to poor/no participation from area businesses, but we will have brochures and copies of NET News to hand out to those lining up.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Sandy Leek reported that the Draft EIS for the PSE LNG plant on Alexander Ave. is about to be released for comment.
- The schedule for the taping sessions for TV Tacoma's coverage of League of Women Voters/Community Council of Tacoma candidates forums is available (sessions June 24th and 26th in City Council Chambers).
- Water conservation: an HOA member reported getting a warning from the HOA for letting his planting strip go dormant in the hot, dry weather (saves water). NETNC approved writing a letter to HOAs suggesting they relax green-lawn rules in this time of water shortage. Look on www.mytpu.org for advice on water conservation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPCOMING MEETINGS, and EVENTS:

- Board Exec Comm and Planning Comm meeting, July 9th, 6:30pm, TPD substation
- Julia's Gulch work party, Saturday, July 11th, 9am, gather at Viewpoint Park
- Community Picnic, July 16th, 6:30pm, either Norpoint or Alderwood Park [Confirmed Norpoint Park later.]: NETNC provides hamburgers and sausages, participants bring a sharable dish and beverages
- Board Exec Comm and Planning Comm meeting, August 6th, 6:30pm, TPD substation
- Community meeting: August 20th, 6:30 (social time) / 7pm (agenda), TPD substation, program: Pierce Transit NE Tacoma bus demo start-up planning, Innovative Grant proposals

**Your ad or announcement for a community event or service could be here!
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