



Council Member **Keith Blocker** **District 3 Report**

AUGUST 2016

District 3's Top 3



Hilltop Neighborhood History Walk-August 27

I will be leading a Hilltop neighborhood history walk on August 27 from 9:30am to 10:30am, beginning at People's Park (900 South Martin Luther King Junior Way). The Hilltop History Walk is a great opportunity to explore our community while learning about its past. Please join me to learn more about the Hilltop.

Click [here](#) for additional details.



What's Going On

Tacoma Police Department Takes Proactive Steps to Improve Service to Local Community

Following a successful series of Project PEACE conversations designed to build trust, relationships and understanding between community members and Tacoma Police Department officers, the City of Tacoma is taking proactive steps to further these efforts. On August 23rd, the

Community Spotlight



2nd Cycle

Second Cycle was formed in May of 2008 by a group of cyclists, bike mechanics, and bike messengers who had the desire to see more people on bikes. Over the next several years, the group worked diligently, helping people work on their bikes, raising funds, and building our community. Their current plan is to develop youth programming and expand adult education while continuing to remain equitable and accessible to the greater Tacoma community.

Second Cycle is a



Know Your Ropes Walks-August 31

Know Your Ropes is a unique and informative neighborhood walking tour, marked by a continuous "rope" graphic painted on the sidewalk in temporary marking paint. Know Your Ropes uses creative placemaking and community building to promote walkability in Tacoma's Hilltop Neighborhood. Also, these community walking tours collect information from neighbors about important routes they use, and where they feel safe or unsafe.

The August 31 walk will begin 6:00pm at People's Park (900 Martin Luther King Junior Way) and will be led by Public Art Specialist Rebecca Solverson, focusing on Murals and Community Art on MLK Way.

For additional information click [here](#).



Hilltop Street Fair-August 27

The annual Hilltop Street Fair will be held August 27 from 11:00am-7:00pm. It will include live music, vendors, food, a fashion show, and a film competition. The festival will be held on Martin Luther King Junior Way,

City Council approved Ordinance 28370, a mid-biennial budget adjustment of \$250,000 for use toward the development of a locally relevant, bias-free training program for police officers.

The planned training will cover fair and impartial policing, which is based on the scientific study of human bias, to include training on implicit bias and additional training on de-escalation skills. This is one of five action items identified through the Project PEACE initiative which include youth engagement, community relations and outreach, crisis intervention, transparency and accountability.

Click [here](#) to read the full press release.

Tacoma Police Department Citizens' Academy-Accepting Applications

The Citizens' Academy highlights the Tacoma Police Department's community oriented policing philosophy, which strengthens the bond between community members and police officers as they proactively work together to solve community issues of varying levels of complexity.

The goal of the Citizens' Academy is to create a growing core of well-informed community members who are proud of their police department, and who can serve as ambassadors who share their experiences with and knowledge about law enforcement with other community members.

The next Academy will be held from September 21 through December 14, 2016 on Wednesdays from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at Tacoma Police Headquarters.

community cycle center that supports, educates, and advocates for cyclists, new and experienced, in the Hilltop and surrounding Tacoma community. They provide community work space, bicycle maintenance classes, literature, youth bike programming, and repair service, as well as new and used bicycle components. Second Cycle maintains accessibility by providing affordable pricing, and they hope that others, like them, feel empowered by learning how to fix and maintain their personal cycle.

More information is available [here](#).

between 9th and 13th. For more information click [here](#).

Applications are due September 1, 2016. Click [here](#) for additional information on how to apply.

Reminder:

City Council Meetings Temporarily Held at Tacoma Public Utilities

While work is being done on our Council Chambers, City Council meetings will take place in the Tacoma Public Utilities Auditorium (3628 S. 35th St.). The first City Council meeting held in the auditorium was on July 12. Work is anticipated to be completed by late September.



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