



Tacoma City Council Member Keith Blocker's District 3 Report for May 2016

District 3's Top 3's



Tacoma Tool Library Open for Business

Tacoma Tool Library is a community project that seeks to develop a sustainable, community tool lending resource in Tacoma that is accessible to residents regardless of income. The library provides low-cost access to shared tools and other durable goods, and encourages re-use, repair, and reduced consumption. In addition, it hosts a safe community space for learning how to use household tools, and empowers Tacoma residents to care for their homes and neighborhoods. The Tacoma Tool Library is



What's Going On

National Historic Preservation Month was established in 1973, by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, in order to promote historic preservation and community pride in local heritage sites. This May, the theme for Tacoma's Historic Preservation Month is #SecretTacoma: Tacoma's Surprising History. We will celebrate underrepresented themes and contributors to Tacoma's history. The City of Tacoma's Historic Preservation Office, and many local partners, have worked together to create a



Youth of the Month: David Dunston

David Dunston is 22 years old and currently attends Pierce Community College. He is also a musician who plays the drums at his church and other community events.

David stays active in his community by volunteering at his church, food banks and

open on Wednesdays from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and they are located at 1314 MLK Jr. Way in Tacoma.



Franklin Park's Monthly Volunteer Work Parties

Get involved and help restore Franklin Park's green spaces every second Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon. Bring garden gloves, wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts and close-toed shoes that you won't mind getting dirty. All ages are welcome. Meet the team at the South 12th Street entry of the park, and please note that the parking area is on South Puget Sound Avenue on the west side of Franklin Park.



College Success Foundation - Tacoma Empowering Youth Luncheon on May 18

The College Success Foundation - Tacoma is a partnership with the Tacoma Public Schools, the City of Tacoma and other community partners to help widen access to college for students attending Tacoma schools. This year's luncheon will help raise funds to strengthen and expand College Success Foundation programs to help low-income Tacoma students complete high school and graduate from college. The luncheon will be held at the Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center on May 18, and check-in begins at 11:30 a.m. Please [see this website](#) for more information.

month-long calendar of events that highlight the different aspects of Tacoma's historic resources and heritage community.

I encourage you to attend any of the events throughout the month of May to learn more about our community.

2016 Historic Preservation Month Event Schedule:

- **The Amazing Preservation Race:** Saturday, May 14, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at University of Washington Tacoma campus stairs (1754 Pacific Ave.)
- **City of Destiny Poetry Slam, Lincoln Edition:** Friday, May 20, from 6 – 8 p.m., at Lincoln High School Auditorium (701 S. 37th St.)
- **Historic Preservation Month Awards:** Sunday, May 22, from 1 – 3 p.m., at The Swiss Restaurant & Pub (1904 Jefferson Ave.)
- **1950's Ride:** Saturday, May 28, from 10 a.m. to noon, at War Memorial Park (6th Avenue and South MacArthur Street in Tacoma)
- **History Speaks - Eyes of the Totem Rediscovered:** Tuesday, May 31, from noon – 2 p.m., at the Washington State History Museum (1911 Pacific Ave.)
- **Film Screening – Eyes of the Totem:** Saturday, June 4, from 3 – 6 p.m., at the Washington State History Museum (1911 Pacific Ave.)

shelters. He also finds ways to give back to his community by creating promotional videos for local businesses such as Repurposewear and Hilltop Urban Gardens. He also loves to dance, so he and his friends formed a dance group to promote the arts, positive activities and to deter youth in his community from joining gangs.

David uses his skills as a videographer to bridge the gap between different cultures and to capture the beautiful moments in life. He plans to further his education, hone in on his videography skills and become a successful entrepreneur, all while he continues to give back to his community.



Community Spotlight: Hilltop Urban Gardens

Founded in late 2010 by long-time organizer Dean Jackson, Hilltop Urban Gardens is a community-based urban agriculture, justice and equity organization. HUG partners with the community to grow healthy food, young people and neighbors.

HUG's mission is to develop systems for food sovereignty and create racial and economic justice. It values interdependence, abundance and community building. It recognizes the importance of having a practical understanding of the issues that can act as barriers in our communities. It also offers internships for high school and college age youth.

These internships help develop a sense of leadership and accomplishment while teaching youth about urban agriculture and equity. Interested in the

Click [here](#) for more info.

internship?

Would your team or school group like to spend a day (or a season) with HUG? Contact Dean at hilltopurbangardens@gmail.com to schedule your time with HUG.