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Community Meeting April 16th – All Welcome!
7pm, Tacoma Police Substation
4731 Norpoint Way (corner of Northshore Parkway)
City and agency staff reports; program: Discuss streets / sidewalks / crosswalks priorities from the late 2014 Community Survey to set follow-ups and priorities.

Help Clean Up Alderwood Park on Parks Appreciation Day, April 25th!

Join with fellow NE Tacomans and folks from neighboring areas to spruce up Alderwood Park Saturday morning (9-noon, plus lunch), April 25th. This annual clean-up party has been going on for more than 10 years, and is a partnership between Metro Parks and community groups and individuals. Metro Parks brings tools, and delivers wood chips for spreading on trails and spaces with intensive human use. The community brings folks with energy, enthusiasm, dressed for the weather and somewhat dirty work, and their favorite tools (marked). Bring gloves and consider bringing rakes, pruners/loppers, pitchforks and weeding tools, and most especially, wheelbarrows to help move the wood chips to the trails and spaces where they are needed.

One special area needs attention: the wildflower garden. Wildflowers are greening up alongside weeds – the weeding will be painstaking and rewarding.

NETNC is providing morning coffee/tea and lunch basics of hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, and chips. There will be some vegetarian food. Please bring some extras, like salad, hot dish, cookies, etc.

Please let netnews98422@hotmail know if you plan to come – headcount for food and supplies. Marion Weed, who champions the wildflower garden, would also like to hear from you – please call 253.927.1735. We’re hoping to have Pam and Whil Basea join us – the long-time organizers of these fun days, who have moved elsewhere in Tacoma but have strong attachments to their old neighborhood.

We’ll gather just before 9am at Alderwood Park. It’s off Browns Point Boulevard behind the fire station at Kobetich Library (same entrance to parking).

From NETNC and Metro Parks sources
**NE Tacoma Crime News**
Www.tacomacrime.org shows numerous crimes during March and April to date: burglaries/breaking and entering, car thefts, thefts from vehicle (break-in), simple assaults (likely domestic), a violet assault, weapons charge, and thefts/frauds (identity theft). 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 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.

**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. See the Summer Camp Fair notice on p. 8.

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 April Highlights**

*From TV Tacoma (www.tvtacoma.org)*
Some April neighborhood-oriented programming highlights include:
- **artTown**: Sarah Ionnides leads Tacoma Symphony Orchestra, knitters plus writers, poets, and pianists
- **Business Matters**: City of Tacoma Business Loan Programs, Business Cloud Computing Basics, Happy Belly Restaurant and Juice Bar, Minuteman Press, Sasquatch Cinnamon Rolls
- **CityLine**: weekly call-in that puts you in touch with activities, events, and services in our City.
- **Inside Tacoma** presents elected officials: City Councilmember Lauren Walker (Distr. 3), Marty Campbell (Distr. 4).
- **Tacoma Report**: Happenings in the community, City services and programs
- **Urban Green**: STAR, Foss Waterway recovery,
  Tacoma Recycling Center services, getting kids to use recyclable water bottles, recipe for a healthy, local potato, kale, and sausage soup
- **Special Presentations**: Beginnings: the first 100 years of Tacoma’s neighborhoods
- **Programming on “Northwest Indian News” and VA News**, among other topics
- **City Council, 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.
A NETNC team has completed the capture, tabulation, and priority sorting of the responses to the streets improvement questions from the NE Tacoma survey sent out late in December. With well over 400 total responses to date (it appears that we have the total: a very credible 5+% response rate), the team was challenged especially to record all the individual paper responses, which were more than half the total. Those on SurveyMonkey did have to be consolidated into the collection, but were already electronic. We did receive some input related to neighboring Browns Point and Dash Point, and we’ll be forwarding information to the community groups there. A copy of the streets improvement list at this date will be e-mailed along with NET News to e-mail recipients. If you didn’t get a copy, and would like one (.pdf), please send a note to netnews98422@hotmail.com with Streets Summary in the subject line.

This list will inform NETNC’s input to the City’s 6-Year Transportation Plan yearly amendment and our continued lobbying with the City for attention to the most important sidewalk and crosswalk gaps, as well as needs for paving and traffic design improvements.

Key improvements cited by the responses include:

- Street re-design/construction such as: widening Northshore Parkway between Nassau and Hoyt Road and improving storm water handling on a number of streets/roads. Many other suggestions were made by one or two respondents that we’ll have to test with Public Works engineers.
- Traffic design: Safer turning onto SR509 from Slayden Road (very strong support), and numerous adjustments in many intersections to improve safety and more-expedient traffic flow (such as at the top of the Norpoint Way hill at 29th St. NE), left turn lane into Schnitzer Steel on SR509 (may require road widening).
- Traffic calming: Strong support for radar-operated “Your Speed” signs on Norpoint Way between 29th St. NE and 49th Ave. NE, and there are many indications of needs for such signs on other streets. Speed bumps are also desired on many streets. Both these calming steps may well be implemented by Innovative Grants, described elsewhere in this issue of NET News. Such grants will take volunteer time to justify and gather committed neighborhood support.
- Sidewalks: Major support for: the Crescent Heights curve area – complete along BP Blvd. to Nassau, BP Blvd. near the Kobetich Library, and closing the gap on Norpoint Way up the hill to 29th St. NE. There were other support clusters for improvements in the 64th/65th Aves. area and others.
- Crosswalks: Bottom of Slayden Rd. was mentioned by many, crossing Northshore Parkway to 42nd Ave. NE (this one is on the agreed short-term action list with the City). Many other places were mentioned.
- Paving: Overlaying 33rd St. NE south of the golf course was widely supported, as was repairs to the rough roadway on the Norpoint Way hill. Several other areas were mentioned, as well.
- Brush control: on 49th Ave. NE, especially.

We’ll discuss the list in an interactive workshop mode at the NETNC community meeting on April 16th, 7pm, Tacoma Police NE substation, 4731 Norpoint Way NE (corner of Northshore Parkway). The goal is to record initial community feedback on the apparent priorities of various improvements, and refine our targets for early action. Please come to add to the conversation. We’ll have another broad community opportunity to discuss and update later in the year.

Pierce Transit service enhancements:
The Pierce Transit demonstration project for improved bus service in NE Tacoma that was supported by input from this survey is getting closer to approval. We’ll provide news as it comes.

From NETNC sources

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Neighborhood Improvement Grants Still Available!

NETNC is looking for residents’ ideas for good local community-benefit projects – we’re very interested in helping community-minded folks to get projects going and completed. Some examples of projects that have been approved are improvements at the Resurrection Lutheran Community Garden (watering system and information kiosk, etc.) – this garden provides substantial contributions to food banks – and signs for the FISH food bank on Fridays at Browns Point United Methodist. The Friends of Julia’s Gulch has replaced a watering pump and tools that were stolen by vandals.

We’re open to any interesting idea. Please let Jim Philp, the Community Projects Fund committee chair, know of your community benefit project ideas: j.b.p@att.net.

From NETNC sources
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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).
Save the Date for a Wine Tasting and Fundraiser for Mary Bridge – April 25th

The 8th Annual Wine Tasting and Fundraiser sponsored by the Hyada Park Guild of the Mary Bridge Brigade will be Saturday, April 25, 2015. Time is 6pm to 9 pm. Location is the BPIC Clubhouse. Tickets are $70.

The fine wines of the Milbrandt Vineyards will be available for tasting. Dinner is also included. Attendees will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for a number of intriguing themed packages including garden, destination, Italian, French, kitchen, and sports.

Money raised will benefit the Mary Bridge Children’s Hospital and Health Center. There will also be an opportunity to contribute to our “raise the paddle” item which directs donations specifically to the sexual abuse center at Mary Bridge.

The Hyada Park Guild has been active in our communities for over sixty years.

Contact Linda Collins for tickets at lindacollins@gmail.com.

Reserve your seat for remaining Port tours of 2015

Get a behind-the-scenes look at some of the local jobs related to Port activities on a free guided bus tour. We are accepting reservations for the remaining tours of 2015:

- Aug. 19 at 10 a.m.
- Sept. 24 at 1 p.m.
- Oct. 19 at 1 p.m.
- Nov. 13 at 10 a.m.

The 75-minute tour leaves from the Fabulich Center, 3600 Port of Tacoma Road in Tacoma. Space is limited and reservations are required. Reserve your free seat by calling (253) 383-9463 or emailing bustours@portoftacoma.com.

From Port of Tacoma

MOVING INTO LIFE’S NEXT PHASE?
I CAN HELP.

Ready to downsize? Thinking about a retirement community? These life-style choices can be overwhelming. Please call for a free consultation.

Carolyn Edmonds

SENIOR TRANSITIONS SPECIALIST

(206) 300-9828

Windermere Real Estate/South Inc.
New Neighborhood Small Innovative Grant Program Underway –
Apply to Support Projects in Your Area

The City of Tacoma has re-instated the Neighborhood Small Innovative Grants program. NE Tacoma projects are eligible to share up to $36,000 to complete projects of various sorts by the end of 2016. The guidelines partially included here and referred to in the link below describe kinds of applications that will be considered. The City is looking for neighborhood groups to submit applications and be involved in carrying out the projects. They are discouraging neighborhood councils (such as NETNC) from submitting, in favor of smaller, more-local organizations.

NE Tacoma projects in the past have included benches in the playground at Norpoint; plant watering facilities, tools, and trail-building at Julia’s Gulch; re-landscaping the traffic circle at Howard’s Corner; blocking off the nuisance site opposite Tuscany on BP Blvd.; the neighborhood wayfinder signs; the radar-operated “Your Speed” sign on BP Blvd.; and so forth.

Applications are due by June 1st. Completed applications are due or must be postmarked by June 1st at 5pm at:

City of Tacoma
Customer Support Center
Neighborhood small Innovative Grant
747 Market St., 2nd Floor
Tacoma, WA 98402

Complete guidelines and the application can be found at: http://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=78418. We’ll send you a Word version of the application for ease in completing it if you send a note to netnews98422@hotmail.com with Application in the subject line.

You can discuss your ideas for projects with NETNC representatives at the community meetings on April 16th and May 21st (7pm, TPD substation), or the Executive Committee meeting on May 7th (6:30pm, TPD substation).

Applications must be proposed and defended to NETNC at the May 21st or June 18th community meetings. There is no July meeting, but NETNC will entertain presentations at the July 16th summer picnic at Alderwood – come and enjoy the fellowship. NETNC will submit its recommended project slate for NE Tacoma to the City by the August 7th

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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
More complete guidelines from the City:

What We Fund

- Physical Improvements within Rights of Way. NETNC believes that this criterion has been interpreted to cover improvements on School or Park property – public spaces.
- Non-physical Projects that build capacity, engage stakeholders, build community and/or expand successful crime prevention efforts such as CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design)
- Youth-Initiated Projects and/or Leadership Development
- Equity and Human Rights Projects
- Neighborhood / Community Organizing
- Environmental Projects such as De-paving, Tree Planting, or Community Gardens
- Arts and Culture
- Events (funded one time only)

What We Do Not Fund

- Individual persons
- Individual businesses, religious organizations, government agencies, political groups, neighborhood councils, universities, hospitals or newspapers
- Organizations outside the City of Tacoma
- Applicants who have failed to successfully carry out Small Innovative Grant Projects funded in the two preceding grant cycles

Funds Cannot Be Used To

- Replace funding lost from other funding sources
- Pay for an organizations operating expenses not directly related to the awarded project
- Purchase land or building
- Pay for out of city travel expenses, or any lodging/hotel expenses. Pay for private transportation expenses including mileage, gas, insurance, car rentals etc.
- Pay for expenditures or financial commitments made before the project is awarded funds formally by the City of Tacoma
- Rent or purchase the use of Bouncy Toys

Physical improvement projects should be for beautification or physical improvement projects in the right-of-way (sidewalk, street, common areas) that benefit the community and are not for improvements to private property.

Non-physical improvement projects should work to accomplish one of the following:

- Encourage new and stronger relationships among grassroots organizations, neighborhoods and more established community based organizations;
- Provide support and opportunities to develop neighborhood leadership and organizational capacity
- Extend engagement and involvement opportunities to traditionally underserved populations within the Neighborhood Council boundaries
- Build community by providing an innovative solution to a recurring neighborhood problem

The Small Innovative Grant Program is not meant to serve as a funding source for basic infrastructure nor provide routine maintenance. Identifying neighborhood need for inadequate infrastructure is most effective when communicated through Neighborhood Councils and addressed within the Transportation Master Planning and 6 year Transportation Plan process, Neighborhood Revitalization Plans, and/or City Council biennial budget cycles.

Successful applications for funding should be able to describe the specific benefit you are trying to bring to your neighborhood and/or what specific problem you are trying to solve for your neighborhood.

From NETNC and City of Tacoma
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**

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