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Community Meeting May 21st – All Welcome!

7pm, Tacoma Police Substation
4731 Norpoint Way (corner of Northshore Parkway
City and agency staff reports; program: Norpoint Farmers Market Opening, Disaster Response Care Team, Targa Sound Terminal developments, Port of Tacoma developments.

Innovative Grant Applications Due June 1st – 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 referred to below describe kinds of applications that will be considered. Public property includes parks and schools. 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.

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
Small Neighborhood Innovative Grant
747 Market St., 2nd Floor
Tacoma, WA 98402
Guidelines and the application can be found at: http://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pagId=78418.

The City of Tacoma folks managing the process report that as of the end of April:
- 16 individuals attended introductory workshops (in 2012 we had 8)
- City of Tacoma has promoted Innovative Grants through several press released and social media posts
- The Daily Index covered the Innovative Grants in their April 2nd edition
- The City of Tacoma posted in its newsletter “Tacoma Today”
- Over 20 direct inquiry phone calls have been made to staff listed as contacts for more information

Are you among those following up on this opportunity? Please work on your applications now, to get them honed and ready to go. Jim Philp at NETNC, j.b.p@att.net, 253.952.0509 is waiting for your contact to help you. [More p.3]

From NETNC and City of Tacoma 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.

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

Your business card-sized ad or announcement for community products or services should be here!

Write to:
netnews98422@hotmail.com

TV Tacoma May Highlights

From TV Tacoma (www.tvtacoma.org)

Some April neighborhood-oriented programming highlights include:

- **artTown**: Sarah Ionnides leads Tacoma Symphony Orchestra, Dashiell Hammet's Tacoma experiences, poet and pianist take us to inspiration.
- **Business Matters**: Minuteman Press, Sasquatch Cinnamon Rolls, Maxwell's Restaurant, Uncle Thurms Finger-Lickin' Ribs & Chicken
- **CityLine**: weekly call-in that puts you in touch with activities, events, and services in our City.
- **Inside Tacoma** presents elected officials: tbn.
- **Tacoma Report**: Happenings in the community, City services and programs
- **Urban Green**: Healthy Homes, Healthy Neighborhoods, bees and honey, Tacoma Wastewater Treatment, Green Infrastructure challenge, tips for saving water.
- 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.
NETNC’s Neighborhood Improvement Grants Still Available, Too!

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
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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Corresponding Secretary: Faye Teel
Treasurer: Karen Pischel

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Marion Weed alt.: Jim Philp

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Tacoma City Councilmember (District 2)
Robert Thoms robert.thoms@cityoftacoma.org

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).
Norpoint Farmers Market Opens June 7th!

Come, check out the vendors, have a bite, and support this welcome addition to life in NE Tacoma!

Norpoint Farmers Market

Fresh Produce

Sundays 11am - 4pm
June 7-Aug 3

Fresh Flowers
Family Fun

Fruits, Vegetables,
Flowers, Arts & Crafts,
Snacks, Lunch & Dinner Items
Local Businesses

Located in the Center at Norpoint parking lot
4818 Nassau Ave. NE, Tacoma, 98422

Contact: Karla 253-261-8157
for vendor info and questions

Make a Splash Grant Application – Due May 22

The City of Tacoma’s Environmental Services Department is awarding Make a Splash grant rebates of up to $4,000 to anyone with a Tacoma project that will help protect surface water resources.

Make a Splash grants are designed for projects that have a strong stormwater pollution prevention message or provide a stormwater benefit. Submitted projects must meet at least one of the program goals of education, surface water protection, or habitat restoration and tree planting. Water conservation or clean drinking water focused projects will not be considered. Grants are open to anyone considering a project within Tacoma city limits.

“It’s exciting to see the variety of creative and unique projects that get submitted,” said Program Manager Shauna Hansen. “Each year we fund remarkable projects initiated by dedicated individuals who demonstrate that together we can make a big impact to protect Puget Sound.”

Applications are due May 22, 2015. To find out more about the grant, past projects, or to download an application, go to cityoftacoma.org/makeasplash, email makeasplash@cityoftacoma.org or call Shauna Hansen at (253) 502-2284.

From City 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.
Alderwood Park Clean Up on Parks Appreciation Day Was Great

It looked like 50 volunteers of many ages and from various NE-area groups and individuals pitched in to spruce up Alderwood Park on April 25th. We recognized many-time volunteers and saw lots of newcomers. Recent residents, Pam and Whil Basea came back to the neighborhood to pitch in both in the preparation and on the day. NETNC provided a simple lunch. The wildflower garden was painstakingly weeded, pathways re-chipped, weeds pulled, and brambles cut back. This was a great opportunity to be outside on a nice day, get some needed work in the park done, and catch up with friends and neighbors.

From NETNC sources

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
Rebuilding Together South Sound Tackled Project in NE Tacoma

On April 25th, 30 volunteers from Rebuilding Together South Sound supporters Bargreen Ellingson and Targa Sound Terminal made considerable improvements to a house and yard on 64th Ave. NE in NE Tacoma. This was RTSS’s first opportunity to help in NE Tacoma: an older couple, long-time NE residents, needed improvements to stay in their home. Volunteers tackled yard work on the large site (a former small farm) and made improvements to the house itself, including a wheel-chair ramp to the front door and mobility improvements inside. The volunteers were at the job early and worked hard to complete their scheduled projects in the day, RTSS’s part of the broader Rebuilding Together’s National Rebuilding Day. See more at:
www.rebuildingtogetherss.org
www.bargreen.com
www.targasoundterminal.com
From RTSS and NETNC sources
Morse Wildlife Preserve Has Reopened for the Season

The Morse Wildlife Preserve, located in Graham, Washington, has resumed its second Sundays’ season. The private preserve, owned by Forterra, is open to the public for self-guided walks from 10am to 6pm on the second Sunday of each month from now until October.

When you visit the preserve this year you’ll discover new and expanded trails, expanded hours, a completed boardwalk across the wetland, and new kiosks and interpretive guides. Parking is limited, and carpooling is encouraged. Pets are not permitted. There are no facilities at this site (only a portable toilet), so please bring water, and dress appropriately. Docents will be present to answer questions.

Information on the preserve, including directions, is posted here: www.morsewildlifepreserve.org or http://www.tahomaaudubon.org/page-122327. Want a preview? Here are a couple short YouTube videos about the site:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YItDK_JIjJg
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZtH1rf7d4Es

Want to get more involved? The Morse Force welcomes volunteers to help extend public access hours, and perform habitat restoration and stewardship projects throughout the year. You can contact them at: morsewildlifepreserve@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

Krystal McArthur Kyer, Executive Director, Tahoma Audubon Society: www.tahomaaudubon.org
DRAFT NETNC Board Meeting Minutes
March 19th, 7pm,
TPD NE Tacoma Substation

Board Members Present: Hayes Alexander, Arill Berg, Lois Cooper, Jim DeJung, Don Halabisky, Dick Hayek, Jon Higley, Yvonne McCarty, Jim Philp, Karen Pischel, Faye Teel, Bill Thompson, John Thurlow, Patti Warwick, Marion Weed (quorum)  
Excused: Susan Baldwin, Carolyn Edmonds

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 16, 2015 minutes approved

TREASURER’S REPORT: Karen Pischel, Treasurer, oral update approved. Treasurer's reports have been re-stated per City requirements for annual reporting, and will be distributed in print quarterly at NETNC Board meetings, but no longer published in NET News due to their large size.

CITY / SCHOOLS / PARKS STAFF REPORTS:

• City Councilmember Robert Thoms (our District, #2) acknowledged our new liaison from the City Manager’s Office (see below). He recommended participation in the Transportation Master Plan open house on March 23rd at Freighthouse Sq. He commented that a new bus service demonstration project was close to getting approved. A property crime reduction task force will be established soon funded by a state grant. A participant asked why state funding needed for what should be built-in to TPD, etc. services – this area needs extra focus that hasn’t been possible with reduced staffing available. A resident asked about re-zoning the North Shore Golf Course.

• City Manager’s Office: Brad Forbes discussed the Comprehensive Plan update open houses around the city. Council District 2 has an open house on April 16th at Stadium H.S, 6-8pm. Interested residents are welcome at any of the 5 open houses – see www.tacoma2040.com. A participant asked about the status of the North Shore Golf Course as open space. [Later information indicates that the City does not designate private property as open space. This must be a follow-up item. See above.] He also mentioned the Transportation Master Plan open house on March 23rd at Freighthouse Sq.

• Tacoma Police Department: CLO Brandon Showalter reported that TPD has apprehended the suspect in the recent rash of mailbox mail thefts, and he has been charged with 11 felonies and 3 misdemeanors. Mailbox theft incidence has dropped, but call 911 to report any incident. Although there will be no immediate response, the reports help form a pattern of time and place. He commented that security cameras would help a lot, especially if the area can be lit and equipped with motion sensors, to provide leads for follow-up. He commented on calls that resulted in reports, vs. calls with no report taken. On the prevalence of vehicle break-ins (“car prowls”), he recommended leaving parked cars visibly empty – nothing to attract a thief.

• Tacoma Fire Department: Asst. Chief Pat McElligott indicated that there were no special topics to cover. [cont. P.10]
[cont. from p. 9] Will there be a CPR class in NE Tacoma? In June. How to get rid of a marine-grade Halon fire extinguisher? Drop off at Station 3 – McElligott will set it up. There have been no fires in NE Tacoma.

- Tacoma Schools: Dan Voelpel reported on the conversion of Meeker M.S. to a STEM school (science, technology, engineering, and math), the only STEM middle school in the district. The PTA raised $11K to equip social studies kids with tablets. For the science classes, there will be 3D printers available, and drones will be available for technology studies. BP Elementary will get a new principal: recruiting is underway. NE Elementary is becoming an arts-infused school (like Stafford is now) – art will figure in all subjects. Construction: SAMI @ the zoo, various schools around the district. BP elementary will start design work in 2016 (can the pupils stay there while construction is carried out?), and construction should start in 2017. Tacoma Schools enrollment is at 28.5K (flat), not including pre-school. Pre-school has 66 sessions with 15-20 pupils per session. A resident expressed support for the independent of the consultants doing the study – it is

- Metro Parks: Jose Gorospe, NE/Norpoint manager, talked about the new Pt. Defiance aquarium’s location and cited the related SAMI development in association. He discussed upcoming events, including: the Swan Creek Mud Run, and at Norpoint, the April 18th Fitness Combine and Spring Fling, and the April Pools Day water safety sessions.

**PROGRAM:**

- Transportation Master Plan: Jennifer Kammerzell, TPW engineer talked about why have this plan, what’s in the plan, etc., gave thoughts about NE Tacoma, and noted upcoming review sessions around the city, encouraging participation. [See February minutes for more discussion and links.]

- Tideflats Emergency Response / Intelligent Transportation System Study: Ian Munce, Sp, Assistant to the Planning manager, talked about the scope and likely timeline of the study – there should be draft report mid-year. A participant questioned the independence of the consultants doing the study – it is being supervised by Planning, Fire, and other staff. Jason Jordan from the Port of Tacoma was present and answered questions about agreements and permits.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Communications Strategies:
  - NET News – March issue was distributed to local sites (~140+): BP Town Center, N.S. Thai in Walgreens strip, QFC strip businesses (added MultiCare) and 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.
  - Committee report: Reviewed opportunities to add NETNC material to City’s NC pages. Need additional suggestions for website content

- Outreach: As of the middle of March, more than 400 responses between paper and Survey Monkey had been received. The team is consolidating the streets improvements material, and will be presenting opportunities to understand the priorities and identify key projects. Pierce Transit is already using results from the transit-oriented questions.

- Innovative Grants: the program is announced, and word is getting out. $36,000 total is available for NE Tacoma for projects to be completed by y/e 2016.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Sandy Leek was appointed to the Board.
- NUSA participation was discussed and encouraged.
- Land use: the 40-home-site plat off Marine View in the bluffs is on hold – there will be a hearing sometime this spring.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Liz Burris, a downtown resident, New Tacoma NC Chair, and activist, discussed the effort to place voter approval for the consolidated Pierce County office facility currently planned for the Lincoln District. She noted it is already over the earlier estimates, and a citizen’s effort to put it on the November ballot has caused him to be sued. She argued for the ballot option and passed out petition signature-gathering sheets. She pointed to a Facebook page: letvotersdecide.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPCOMING MEETINGS, and EVENTS:**

- Board Exec Comm and Planning Comm meeting, April 2nd, 6:30pm, TPD substation
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- Community meeting: April 16th, 6:30 (social time) / 7pm (agenda), TPD substation, program: NE Tacoma streets improvements priorities.

**DRAFT NETNC Board Meeting Minutes**

**April 16th, 7pm, TPD NE Tacoma Substation**

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** March 16, 2015 minutes deferred to May meeting

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Karen Pischel, Treasurer, oral update approved.

**CITY / SCHOOLS / PARKS STAFF REPORTS:**

- City Councilmember Robert Thoms (our District, #2): Thoms was at a District 2 Comprehensive Plan/Transportation Master Plan public review session at Stadium H.S.
• City Manager’s Office: Brad Forbes discussed the Schuster Slope Management Plan session on April 30th, 5:50-7:30pm, at Stadium H.S. A participant asked about more use of chip-sealing for street repair – Northshore Parkway will be treated in July. Skepticism was registered about the effectiveness of chip-sealing based on the first efforts on 49th Ave. (gravel readily came loose and contaminated adjacent yards). The City has improved the process since to better adhere the gravel – time will tell.

• Tacoma Police Department: No presence – no report. Thurlow noted an article advising on simple techniques used by thieves to temporarily act as though they have a remote auto entry key fob and gain access to the car. The article advised storing the fob in the freezer (!), since it blocks radio signals and thwarts the fob signal interception process.

• Tacoma Fire Department: Battalion Chief Ben Flesher reported that there was a house fire in NE Tacoma in recent days – not common here. Runs: NE Tacoma had 95 calls for service in March (mostly medical) – by comparison, New Tacoma (all Tideflats definition needs updating), downtown, Dome District, Stadium) had 628. This month’s emphasis is on aluminum wiring in the house, common in construction from 1965-72. The terminals and wires at them heat and cool because of corrosion, leading to gaps and then sparks. Since a house fire is 55x more likely with aluminum wiring (and house fires are most-often caused by electrical problems), he advised checking to make sure. Remediation can be done by simple copper add-ons that make better contact with switch and outlet terminals.

• Questions included: Tanks cars parked on tracks along SR509, with volatile Bakken crude, perhaps. Is TFD prepared to contain a fire? Classes are coming up on specifics of fighting sure fires, and the Hazmat team has already been trained. Traffic is denser and the better tank cars have not solved the problem. Another issue is long response times for medical aid cars – 8-10 minutes from the station in Fife. Station 3 has medics on all shifts. [NETNC follow-up: talk with Browns Point (PF13) and Councilmember Thoms).

• Tacoma Schools: no report

• Metro Parks: Carolyn Edmonds read a report from Jose Gorospe, NE/Norpoint manager. The Fitness Combine on the coming Saturday was cancelled due to low registration, but Spring Fling is on. April Pools water safety for kids on April 18th at Norpoint. Destination Point Defiance last public meeting to review updated plans on April 23rd at 6pm at the PDZA Education building. MPT recorded 181,000 volunteer hours in 2014, an all-time high. Alderwood Clean-up on Parks Appreciation Day, April 25th.

PROGRAM:

1. NE Tacoma Streets Improvement Priorities: review feedback from the Community Survey and discuss our focus areas. John Thurlow led the brief discussion of the sorted list of responses, consolidated to group closely-related items and prioritized by numbers of responses. Key priorities from the Survey were reported on in the April NET News. This group’s members were challenged to identify their top five priorities from among the specific items to help set NETNC’s approach to Public Works and the City Council. Responses were due by May 1.

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NEW BUSINESS:
David Mueller: The BP Blvd. Your Speed Is sign was broken for a long time before it was repaired – something to watch out for. [We need a more explicit deal with the City on responsibility for repairs of such signs purchased with Innovative Grant funds.]

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# 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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