Candidates Forum October 15th
All Encouraged to Participate
6:30 pm, Meeker Middle School Commons

Candidates for Port Commission, Pierce County Charter Review Commission, Schools, Parks, Tacoma Civil Service Board, and City Council are on the program. Come to listen to the candidates’ views and responses to your concerns and questions! More below.

Enter the lower level from the north parking lot, off 45th St. NE between Nassau Ave. NE and Norpoint Way NE.

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 4th election. Get your concerns and priorities in front of the candidates!

NETNC is sponsoring a Candidates Forum for these positions on October 15th, 6:30pm, at Meeker Middle School’s Commons. Enter the north parking lot off 45th St. NE between Nassau Ave. NE and Norpoint Way NE. Enter the lower level.

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 of the six candidates are confirmed as of October 9th.

There are two Port seats open; two 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 has 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. 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

Tacoma Public Libraries Always Has Lots of Interesting Programs

Subscribe to monthly TPL news and events at: http://mailman.tacomapubliclibrary.org/mailman/listinfo/librarynews. This month’s issue is chock-a-block with courses, concerts, exhibitions, book-signings, free movies, and much, much more – too much to include in NET News. See a current list of events at: http://tacomapubliclibrary.org/Page.aspx?nid=4

From Tacoma Public Libraries
NE Tacoma Crime News
Crimereports.com shows numerous crimes during August through September to date: burglaries/ breaking and entering, car thefts, thefts from vehicle (break-in), simple assaults and an assault with a deadly weapon (likely domestic), and thefts and vandalism. 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 Brandon 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 bradon.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.

Closest Unneeded Prescription Drug Safe Disposal Drop-Off
If you have unneeded or expired prescriptions or over the counter medicines, what to do with them? Don’t put them in the garbage or down the drain; they’ll end up in ground water or the Sound. Near NE Tacoma you can drop them in the safe disposal box in front of the Fife Police station, 3737 Pacific Highway E (between Alexander Ave. and Port of Tacoma Rd. on the north side). There’s a complete list of safe drop-off locations in Pierce County at: http://www.tpchd.org/environment/waste-management/medicine-return-program/drop-off-locations/. NETNC is working with the NE Tacoma police volunteers to explore having a drop-off box at the substation.

Your business card-sized ad or announcement for community products or services should be here!
Write to: netnews98422@hotmail.com

TV Tacoma September Highlights
From TV Tacoma (www.tvtacoma.org)
Some October neighborhood-oriented programming highlights include:
- artTown: Tacoma Art Museum’s (TAM) new western art collection, Comic Book culture, a long-lost film, featured local artists
- Business Matters: Tease Chocolates, Sweet Pea, King’s Books, Zodiac Supper Club
- CityLine: Lively weekly review of current city activities, events, and services in our City. The September 17th edition has the Pierce Transit Route 63 startup. You can stream this.
- Inside Tacoma presents elected officials: Distr. 2 City Councilmember Robert Thoms (he represents NE Tacoma among other areas), Jeannie Darneille, 27th Legislative District Senator
- Tacoma Report: Happenings in the community, City services and programs
- Urban Green: pavement to paradise, Tacoma Food Coop corn salsa recipe, Flood Protect Project, recovering materials from the waste stream at the Tacoma Recovery and Transfer Center.
- 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!).
- Special: Pt. Defiance 100th Anniversary.

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 and above.
Update: Proposed Natural Gas to Methanol Plant in the Tideflats

Background: Northwest Innovation Works came before NETNC in 2014 to discuss its proposed natural gas to methanol plant at the former Kaiser Aluminum smelter site toward the mainland end of the Blair-Hylebos peninsula. The plant’s methanol product would be exported to China to support plastics manufacture. There hasn’t been much news until recently, since NWIW was busy with a similar proposal at the Port of Kalamazoo, on the Columbia River. Within the last months, though, news appeared in The News Tribune, and Claudia Riedener, an activist from Central Tacoma, has written an open letter to the City protesting the plant. The City has responded to Ms. Riedener, focusing on the very preliminary status of this project, and referring to an Environment Impact Statement (EIS) process discussed below as where facts are gathered and analyzed for anticipated effects on not only the natural environment, but traffic, hazards to health and safety, etc. and proposed mitigations.

Recent Developments: Two weeks ago, members of the NETNC Executive Committee met with representatives of NWIW and the Port of Tacoma to understand better what has changed in the outlines of their proposal. The proposed plant would run on electricity purchased from Tacoma Power (mostly hydro-electricity), and use natural gas as raw material purchased directly from the Williams Cos., a major operator of natural gas transmission pipelines that serve the Northwest (among many other areas). The gas would likely come mostly from fields in Alberta and/or western Colorado. The gas would not come from PSE. The use of electric power would allow for more manufacturing capacity on the site.

Next Steps: NETNC is in regular discussion with the City’s Planning and Development Services Dept. on this matter, and as details of a planned EIS process are available, we will communicate them. Such processes usually start with a Scoping phase, where issues and concerns that should be analyzed in the EIS are determined. The Scoping phase will include a public meeting early in the process for residents to learn more about the proposal and register their concerns. Such an event is likely sometime this year. It will be followed by a comment period.

Public Meeting on October 13th: In the meantime, the Sightline Institute, a Seattle-based environment-oriented organization that “researches the best practices in public policy for a sustainable Northwest”, is holding a public meeting to air its views and gather public response (www.sightline.org). The meeting is on October 13th (Tuesday), at 7pm (doors open at 6:30), in the Milgard Assembly Room in the Wm. W. Philip Hall (UWT), 1918 Pacific Avenue. Sightline’s web publications indicate it opposes the plant on several grounds. The program will feature Sightline’s Policy Director, Eric de Place, who will give a talk followed by a Q&A session. http://daily.sightline.org/2015/09/22/event-the-thin-green-line-in-tacoma/.

Update: Tideflats Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Plant

The City’s Planning and Development Services Dept. has concluded negotiations over the development of the proposed PSE LNG plant near E. 11th St. on the Blair-Hylebos peninsula. The final EIS, which contains the required mitigations for building and operating the plant will be published shortly. When it’s available, we’ll distribute it widely. We expect a comment period with opportunities to register remaining concerns, followed by a public hearing if needed due to opposition. NETNC will host a discussion of the mitigations if there is no other public meeting – we don’t have that timetable, yet. A few details have emerged: the re-opening of a fire station on the Blair-Hylebos peninsula (likely the former Station 15 on E. 11th St.), firefighter training and equipment for dealing with the special issues around LNG, and re-building Taylor Way to true heavy-haul trucking standards to support the increased freight traffic on it.

From NETNC sources

Streets Maintenance and Repair Ballot Measures

The City of Tacoma placed two issues on the November 3rd election ballot to fund significant improvement to the state of Tacoma’s streets, bicycle facilities, crosswalks, and sidewalks. The independent citizens’ group fostering passage of the two measures provided the information sheet reproduced below (City employees and agents can’t promote ballot issues affecting the city). In return for providing funding through small increases in sales tax, property tax, and passed-through taxes on utilities over the 10-year fixed length of the program, residents would see all unpaved streets paved, maintenance to residential streets (normally arterials are prioritized over residential), further work on sidewalks and crosswalks, etc. NETNC has a long list of street projects in NE Tacoma developed and confirmed by the community survey conducted around the end of 2013 and beginning of 2014. NETNC would focus on getting action on these priorities as increased funding permits. Cont. on p. 5.
NET News October 2015

See NET News issues, meeting agendas, and more at NETNC’s page on the City’s website. Search for “northeast tacoma neighborhood council”!

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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

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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).
Streets Maintenance and Repair Ballot Measures, cont. from p. 3

Note the promise to pave all gravel streets in the city. We have a few blocks in NE Tacoma that would be treated. And note the repair of residential streets; as good as our arterials are in general, there are many residential streets that need attention, too. And we need to go ahead with the many needed sidewalks and crosswalks here. There would be many benefits to NE Tacoma residents in this proposal From Fix Tacoma Streets and NETNC
New Pierce Transit NE Tacoma Express Service Is Operating!

The new demonstration bus service connecting NE Tacoma to downtown Tacoma is up and running. It comprises three weekday rush hour express trips direct from the QFC area in NE Tacoma to downtown (10th and Commerce transit center). Inbound trips run at approximately 6, 7, and 8am to serve commuters and students. Outbound trips run at approximately 4, 5, and 6pm similarly to serve commuters as well as school students who finish up after-school activities too late to take the activities bus.

On the inaugural trip, 6:05am at the QFC on 49th Ave., there were three PT officials and one NETNC member (who used his ORCA card), and two students headed off to their institutions. There were two more students waiting for the 7:08am bus.

PT has prepared a brochure describing the service.

Benefits of the Demonstration
- NE Tacoma residents have more transit options
- Direct service to downtown Tacoma returns
- Express service reduces travel time to downtown Tacoma
- Better service to Federal Way Transit Center

Pierce Transit is Testing New Service in Northeast Tacoma

The NE Tacoma demonstration projects will operate as a one-year demonstration from September 28, 2015 to September 28, 2016. Toward the end of the demonstration period, the Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners will consider the ridership and routes to determine if these services should be made permanent. Check the project website, piercetransit.org/introducing-route-63 for more information.

Ridership is low on NE Tacoma buses. Additionally, we have not had direct service from this area to downtown Tacoma since 2011. This new service will test an express service to downtown Tacoma and a local service operated by King County Metro (KCM) that provides connections to Pierce Transit’s route.

King County Metro Route 903 Service

Pierce Transit has partnered with King County Metro (KCM) to extend its Route 903, which operates nearby, to provide connections to Pierce Transit’s demonstration Route 63. KCM Route 903 also provides a direct ride to the Federal Way Transit Center. KCM fares apply to Route 903 services. For detailed schedule information call KCM Customer Services at 206.553.8000 or visit metro.kingcounty.gov/schedules.

Pierce Transit’s NEW Route 63 – NE Tacoma Express

This new route provides weekday peak only express service between NE Tacoma and downtown Tacoma. Regular PT fares are charged on Route 63. Route 62 is eliminated as part of this project.

MOVING INTO LIFE’S NEXT PHASE?

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Carolyn Edmonds
SENIOR TRANSITIONS SPECIALIST
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Windermere Real Estate/South Inc.

ORCA (rechargeable fare card) options, etc., that you can find at the Center at Norpoint and Kobetich Library.

King County Metro will continue its route 182 service Cont. p. 8
NETNC Board Elections
November 19th
Service Takes 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.

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

From NETNC sources

NETNC Board Elections
Areas and Available Seats

Area 1: Northwood - 2 seats open
Area 2: Stonegate-Centennial - 1 seat open
Area 3: NE Tacoma - 1 seat open
Area 4: Crescent Heights - 1 seat open
Area 5: Northshore - 1 seat open
Area 6: Harbor Ridge - 1 seat open
Area 7: Upper Browns Point - 1 seat open
Area 8: Cedar Heights - 1 seat open
At-Large: also covers adjacent Tideflats - 2 seats open
Parks News

There’s always lots going on at Metro Parks. At Point Defiance, the major redevelopment project is featured in a recent communiqué (http://www.metroparkstacoma.org/news/?id=957#wp1). It highlights the construction of a major stormwater treatment plant at the Pearl St. entrance, which will provide the basis for a re-designed, safer and less-confusing pathway for cars and separated facilities for pedestrians (a spectacular elevated walkway with views of the Sound and mountains). The other major topic is the design for the new aquarium, which will be a major feature of the renewed park facilities. From Metro Parks

NE Tacoma Express Cont. from p. 6

that connects the QFC area on 49th Ave. NE to the Federal Way Transit Center via Twin Lakes, etc. (see map at: http://metro.kingcounty.gov/schedules/182/map.html). KCM will also extend the route 903 service, which currently terminates at our end at 35th Ave. SW and SW 342nd St. into NE Tacoma to connect the Norpoint Center area to the NE Tacoma Express (see map at: http://metro.kingcounty.gov/schedules/903/map.html). This service is already just a short-ish walk from 49th Ave. There are trips during rush hour to connect the Norpoint Center area with the NE Tacoma Express and to sites in Federal Way including the FW Transit Center. From the FW Transit Center, for example, Sound Transit express buses run to the airport and downtown Seattle. From the Tukwila transit station, you can take the Link Light Rail to downtown Seattle.

ORCA cards simplify making transfers – a fare paid to the first carrier is good on the whole range (PT, KCM, Link, Seattle Street Car, etc.) for 2 hours. The editor made it to MOHAI in Seattle on the $1.75 KCM senior fare, using four different services: 903, A-line Rapid Ride, Link Light Rail, and Seattle Street Car South Lake Union Trolley). From Pierce Transit and NETNC sources

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How DO I QUALIFY FOR PART DAY?
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Children in Foster care
Children with a disability or IEP
Complete an application and a staff person will work with you to see if your family qualifies for the program.

For an application, PLEASE CALL 206-241-1000 for more information
Project Peace at Norpoint on October 21st

Project Peace, an initiative of Tacoma Police and the City Manager, is coming to the Center at Norpoint on October 21st. The session intends to help build trust, relationships, and understanding between community members and Tacoma Police. It starts at 5pm (doors open 4:30) and ends at 8:45, and light refreshments will be served. Register at projectpeace2015.eventbrite.com. The images below highlight the objectives and process of the session (to learn more, go to www.cityoftacoma.org/project peace). *From City of Tacoma*

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Community Solar Project:
Tacoma Power Wants You to Make a Small Investment in Clean Power

Tacoma Power will build Pierce County’s first community solar project early next year. Electric customers who want to invest in solar energy can register now at [https://www.mytpu.org/tacomapower/page.aspx?uid=22 &id=4061](https://www.mytpu.org/tacomapower/page.aspx?uid=22&id=4061) to buy solar units when they go on sale in early 2016. Community solar, a more affordable way to invest in solar energy, does not require home ownership, a load-bearing roof or the high cost of installing solar panels.

Tacoma Power will build the 75-kilowatt project, and customers will fully fund it. Customers who buy solar units for $100 each will receive an annual Washington state solar production incentive payment, as well as payment for the electricity produced from the project. The expected payback period is about four years. The state’s solar energy incentive ends in 2020, so building the project now will help customers take advantage of the incentive.

The community solar project adds to Tacoma Power’s already-extensive list of renewable energy; all of the power the utility produces is renewable hydropower. Nearly all of the power purchased from the Bonneville Power Administration is renewable, as well.

The project will feature solar panels and inverters manufactured in Washington State.

*From Tacoma Power*
UWT Environmental Science
Fall 2015 Seminars
Focus on Puget Sound

See the flyer below. Room SCI 309 is in the Science Building, between Jefferson Ave. and the Prairie Line Trail, just north of the stairs where S. 19th used to be.

From UWT (via EnviroNews – subscribe at tacoma-environews-request@cityoftacoma.org with “subscribe” in the subject line)

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CITY / SCHOOLS / PARKS STAFF REPORTS:

- City Manager’s Office: Brad Forbes reported on the walking tours in downtown Tacoma on September 18th – “Park(ing)”. He also mentioned the anticipated visit of Chinese President Xi to the Lincoln District on September 23rd.

- Tacoma Police Department: CLO Brandon Showalter reported that crime in NE Tacoma was pretty normal. Some of the few burglaries appear to have family connections. He talked about safes in homes: they need to be bolted down from the inside to make it harder for thieves to take the whole safe. Keep house doors locked to slow down burglars. A question was raised on the Julia’s Gulch fatality on August 28th – Showalter will check. Another question asked about drones in the neighborhood – there are no regulations, yet. If the activity appears suspicious, though, call 911. Be aware that Washington State is one of the tops in the nation for property crime (burglaries, etc.).

- Tacoma Fire Department: Ass’t. Chief Pat McElligott talked about some benefits for NE Tacoma of the proposed PSE LNG plant north of 11th St. E. Fire Station 15 will be re-opened and staffed if the plant construction goes ahead. TFD will undertake a review of hazardous material training and procedures. A current focus is on helping residents putting together a disaster kit: 3-5 days of key supplies – call 591-5955 for help doing this. October 11th is CPR Sunday at Foss High School. For more info go to: http://www.cprsunday.net/index. You can register there or on the day. At Station 3 at Kobetich/Alderwood, you can test your blood pressure.

- Tacoma Schools: no report

- Metro Parks: Sangkros Lok, Ass’t. Center Supervisor, Norpoint, discussed:
  - Silver Sneakers memberships (Carolyn Edmonds is an instructor!)
  - HealthWays and Prime Fitness – often companies will pay the fees
  - October 16th, 5:30-7pm, Harvest Fest showcasing Norpoint Center programs, with costume contests, and food trucks
  - Browns Point Lighthouse Park: BCRA, the landscape contractor, has designed sidewalks, lighting, and a security fence for the lighthouse proper.
  - The Parks Board will vote on the Pt. Defiance Master Plan at its November meeting
  - Julia’s Gulch: MPT will do the trail into the gulch in October. The project will remove some tress, but they will be replaced by ~100 new trees.

PROGRAM:

1. Pierce Transit Route 63 and King County Metro Route 903 Bus Demonstration project for NE Tacoma: Tina Lee, Service Innovation Supervisor

Lee reviewed the outlines of the new NE Tacoma
Express service between the QFC area and the 10th and Commerce Transit Center downtown. This is a straight shot trip during rush hour (approx. 6, 7, 8am inbound, 4, 5, 6pm outbound). King County Metro is extending its 903 service into NE Tacoma to feed the Express service from the Center at Norpoint area. The fare structure is different between PT and KCM (more expensive, but still attractive) – a fare gives 2 hours’ worth of transfer rights. Using an ORCA rechargeable fare card makes using the bus very easy – just tap the reader and you’re done. PT expects that it will take 3-4 years to build the ridership – the Board gave the demonstration 1 year, and will be following ridership growth. NETNC needs to identify where bus shelters need to be at stops where they aren’t already. KCM will not be providing shuttle services around the 903 route, but PT will around the 63 route. Lee and Thurlow were on City Line on TV Tacoma starting today discussing the service (repeats during the following week and on the streaming service).

COMMITEE 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. An additional 150 paper copies were distributed to attendees at the August 1st Community Clean-Up Day.
• Committee report: Members are invited to meet soon with a communications expert the City has contracted to help Neighborhood Councils, Korbett Mosesly, soon, to re-design our approach to communicating with NE Tacoma residents. Date to be announced.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
• Final EIS for the Tideflats LNG plant due before October 6th (60 days after DEIS comments closed)
• Candidates Forum October 15th, Meeker M.S. 6:30pm: Charter Review Commission, Port, Parks, Schools, City Council, and Civil Service Commission candidates participating
• Board elections November 19th: If incumbent Board members haven’t declared now is a good time (updated list in September NET News) – do we know any likely new folks?
• Settlement of 2015 NUSA Conference attendance expenses: the Board voted to pay Marion Weed’s expenses promptly.

NEW BUSINESS:
ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPCOMING MEETINGS, and EVENTS:
• Board Exec Comm and Planning Comm meeting: October 3rd, 6:30pm, TPD substation
• Community meeting: No October Community meeting – Candidates Forum instead
• Candidate
• PT NE Tacoma Express startup: September 28th

School’s Out
SCHOOL-AGE CHILDCARE PROGRAMS AT:
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To enroll call Rainey Dhillon at 253-678-9020 or e-mail rainey.schoolsout@gmail.com
## 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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