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Community Meeting September 15th – All Welcome!
7pm, Tacoma Police Substation
4731 Norpoint Way (corner of Northshore Parkway)
City and agency staff reports; program: Ballot measures to support streets repair and maintenance (City Manager), Pierce Transit bus demonstration project in NE Tacoma with express service to downtown

Pierce Transit’s Innovative NE Tacoma Express Bus Demonstration Project Begins September 28th!

At the end of the month, Pierce Transit will start up its NE Tacoma bus demonstration project in partnership with King County Metro.

A new PT route 63 service will replace the current route 62, offering three weekday rush hour express trips direct from the QFC area in NE Tacoma to downtown (10th and Commerce). A map is below. Inbound trips will run at approximately 6, 7, and 8am to serve commuters, and outbound trips will run at approximately 4, 5, and 6pm similarly to serve commuters as well as, for example, school students who finish up after-school activities too late to take the activities bus. PT has prepared a brochure describing the service, ORCA options, etc. It’s image is included in this issue on pp. 10-11. We expect Pierce Transit to have paper copies at the September 17th NETNC community meeting, and around the area in the coming days: for example, the Center at Norpoint and Kobetich Library. The September 17th edition of TV Tacoma’s City Line has a discussion of the new route, too.

KCM will continue its route 182 service that connects the QFC area 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 (see map at: http://metro.kingcounty.gov/schedules/903/map.html). This service is already just a short-ish walk from 49th Ave. There will be trips during rush hour to connect NE Tacoma with other sites in Federal Way as well as to the Transit Center. From the FW Transit Center, for example, Sound Transit express busses run to the airport and downtown Seattle.

The PT Board committed to run the demonstration project for a year to test if we can build ridership to a sensible-enough level to sustain it. Staff will monitor ridership through the year to evaluate effectiveness of public outreach and any adjustments that might be necessary. Outreach activities have already begun in NE Tacoma (there was a booth at the Norpoint Farmers Market, for example), and will include a campaign to help people easily obtain ORCA fare cards which are much easier than buying single fares, and they make transfers work better. They work on PT, KCM, Sound Transit, Kitsap Transit, Community Transit (Snohomish County), and Everett Transit, and for foot passengers on WS Ferries. Intercity Transit (Olympia/Thurston) is not included, though.

Come to the September 17th NETNC community meeting to hear more about the service! An image of the brochure is on pp. 10-11.

From Pierce Transit, King County Metro, and NETNC sources
**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.

**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*

**TV Tacoma September Highlights**

*From TV Tacoma (www.tvtacoma.org)*

Some September neighborhood-oriented programming highlights include:

- **artTown**: Sarah Ionnides leads Tacoma Symphony Orchestra, knitters extol merits, Dashiell Hammet’s Tacoma experiences, a poet and a pianist take us to inspiration.
- **Business Matters**: Supernova Barber Shop, Tease Chocolates, Sweet Pea, King’s Books
- **CityLine**: weekly call-in that puts you in touch with activities, events, and services in our City. **The September 17th edition has the Pierce Transit Route 63 startup.**
- **Inside Tacoma** presents elected officials: Mayor Marilyn Strickland, Laurie Jinkins, 27th Legislative District Representative
- **Tacoma Report**: Happenings in the community, City services and programs
- **Urban Green**: pavement to paradise, Tacoma Food Co-op 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.

*From Metro Parks*
The City Council has placed two ballot measures on the November 4th election ballot to address long-needed streets maintenance. Seen as a package, if passed these measures would be matched by additional funding from the General Fund and dedicated street funding to:

- Rebuild and maintain up to 70% of the residential street network, including paving all gravel streets (167 blocks), maintain residential streets rated excellent, good, and fair (4200 blocks), and resurface up to 1500 blocks of streets rated fair or failed. Work will continue on high-priority sidewalks and crosswalks.

- Leverage grant support (federal or state grant funds used to undertake major projects require City matching funds)

- Address Transportation Master Plan projects for arterial streets, freight access, and walking and biking facilities

The measures would take effect in 2016 and sunset after 10 years. Proposition A would increase sales tax by 0.1% and raise $45M over 10 years for our existing Transportation Benefit District which by state law is dedicated to streets. Proposition 3 would raise $130M over a ten years by increasing regular property taxes by $0.20 per $1,000 of assess value, and levying a 1.5% earnings tax on natural gas, electric, and phone companies. While this latter wouldn’t be directly charged to consumers, but would likely eventually be passed through.

City Manager T.C. Broadnax will explain the ballot measures and their effects on homeowners and residents at the September 17th NETNC community meeting.

The NETNC Board reaffirmed its earlier position about comprehensive and thorough implementation of the mitigations described in the DEIS in a revised letter to the City. This letter included comment on the general issue of siting plants in the Port Maritime/Industrial zone of the Tideflats with attention to the risks they pose to nearby residents.

According to the City Planning and Development Services Dept.’s project manager for this matter, Shirley Schultz, the next step in the process is the development and publication of a final EIS (FEIS), due within 60 days of the close of the official comment period on August 6th. Parties may post appeals when the FEIS is published (publication will kick-off applications for permits). NETNC will monitor these developments and endeavor to keep the community informed.

From City of Tacoma and NETNC sources

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The comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed LNG plant on the Blair-Hylebos peninsula closed on August 6th (the DEIS was available for comment from July 6-August 6). Following up earlier information sessions, NETNC publicized the DEIS in the July-August NET News and organized a public meeting on July 29th with City Planning staff and representatives of PSE present to discuss the project and the DEIS. (NETNC did not have a July community meeting, as usual in the summer.) Following the discussion at the July 29th special meeting, the Executive Committee drew on members’ analysis and follow-up discussions to comment about the project in a letter, noting the importance of implementing all the mitigations described in the DEIS. The project was discussed again at the August 20th NETNC broader community meeting, with some participants discussing the nature of hazards, risks, and the mitigations and expressing reservations about siting any plants with hazards so close to residences.

All 2015 tours are full. We’re accepting reservations for the following 2016 tours:

- January 26 at 10 a.m.
- February 23 at 1 p.m.
- March 24 at 10 a.m.
- April 22 at 10 a.m.
- May 24 at 1 p.m.
- June 23 at 1 p.m.

Where: Bus tours depart from the Fabulich Center, 3600 Port of Tacoma Road in Tacoma.

Space is limited and reservations are required. Children age 6 and over are welcome. Photo identification is required for passengers over 17 years of age.

Reserve your seat: Call 253-383-9463 or e-mail bustours@portoftacoma.com. Provide the names of everyone in your party and a phone number where you can be reached to confirm the reservation.

Tours are subject to cancelation due to severe weather or unforeseen emergency situations.

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

This QR code point to NETNC’s own website, still a work in progress

Where Can I Get NET News?

Receive it in your e-mail: send a note to netnews98422@hotmail.com with the word “subscribe” in the subject line.

Paper copies are available at the Center at Norpoint; Kobetich Library; the Howards Corner and Crescent Heights grocery stores; the TPD substation; North Shore Thai near the Walgreens; the cleaners, dentist, the hair salon and MultiCare by the QFC; at Browns Point: the coffee shop, the Diner, the Cleaners, Ace Hardware, and the IGA; and at the four schools in NE Tacoma.

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Recording Secretary: Jon Higley
Corresponding Secretary: Faye Teel
Treasurer: Karen Pischel

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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
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Community Liaison Officer: Brandon Showalter 594.7951
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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).
Community Clean-Up Day Results

NETNC partnered with the City of Tacoma’s Community Services and Solid Waste organizations to help clean up our community on August 1st. NE Tacoma residents dropped off unwanted stuff for free at Meeker Middle School’s upper parking lot. Goodwill was on hand to take re-usable, and the crew from Marine View Presbyterian’s Bikes for Kids program harvested bikes for refurbishing.

Statistics for the four-year history of NE Tacoma Community Clean-Up Days is below. You can see that we need to keep working on the record-keeping, but the deposited volumes continue to be substantial.

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We learned a lot about what it takes to successfully conduct a clean-up day in NE Tacoma. We didn’t have the help from Stadium H.S. Jr. NROTC volunteers (school was out), nor from a contingent from a South Tacoma church that have provided significant help in earlier clean-ups. We lacked enough help that those who did volunteer (several from the community, including NETNC, an HOA, a church, and individual respondents to the appeal on the City’s postcard announcement) worked very hard, and many homeowners coming by ended up unloading their own waste into the containers. Next year, NETNC anticipates continuing to sponsor a clean-up day, and will prepare more effectively to have a sufficient (and younger!) volunteer cadre.

From NETNC and the City of Tacoma

DRAFT NETNC June 18th Board Meeting Minutes
(repeated in this issue, since some copies of the July-August edition did not contain them)

Board Members Present: Hayes Alexander, Susan Baldwin, Arill Berg, Lois Cooper, Jim DeJung, Carolyn Edmonds, Don Halabisky, Dick Hayek, Sandy Leek, Jim Philp, Karen Pischel, Bill Thompson, John Thurlow, Marion Weed (quorum)

Excused: Yvonne McCarty, Faye Teel, Patti Warwick

7pm: CALL TO ORDER and Agenda: Carolyn Edmonds, Co-Chair

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SENIOR TRANSITIONS SPECIALIST
(206) 300-9828
Windermere Real Estate/South Inc.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March and May 2015 minutes not yet available.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Karen Pischel, Treasurer, oral update approved ($12772.19 operating balance, $2394 Projects Fund balance).

CITY / SCHOOLS / PARKS STAFF REPORTS:
• City Councilmember Robert Thoms (our District, #2): not present, conflict.
• City Manager’s Office: Brad Forbes reported that the City’s financial outlook has improved and has had a positive influence on bond interest. He discussed a few upcoming events: Tacoma Trivia Night, Joe Carr cabin anniversary, and July 4th Freedom Fair.
• Tacoma Police Department: CLO Brandon Showalter reported that he has more time to allocate to NE Tacoma (he spends some time in the Hilltop, still), since full staffing has been achieved. He said that the Alderwood area has been having group mailbox break-ins – he re-emphasized his earlier advice. He will be at the Community Clean-up Day on August 1st. He described using the sophisticated data analysis software to do Predictive Policing – what sites are most likely to suffer crime. In response to a question, he confirmed that [false alarms from burglar alarm systems cont. p. 6]
October 15th Candidates Forum

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 3rd election.

NETNC is sponsoring a Candidates Forum for these positions on October 15th, 6:30pm, at Meeker Middle School’s Commons. 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 candidates are confirmed as of September 12th, with one additional pending.

There are two Port seats open and 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 is up with 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, and 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

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are charged a fee by the City – goes to the alarm monitoring company, who will likely pass it through. To deal with noisy neighbors, he noted that the Municipal Code calls for no noise detectable beyond 50’ from the source, but he advised not to get into a confrontational situation with neighbors – ask for help from an officer.

• Tacoma Fire Department: Battalion Chief Brian Hardy handed out reminders for the 4th of July, and emphasized that fireworks are illegal in Tacoma and carry a $257 fine for use. He reviewed the annual Prepare in a Year program, and discussed the kids and matches handout.

• Tacoma Schools: PIO Dan Voelpel reported that there are 14 designated Innovative Schools in the district, and secondary schools are being discussed for the South End and/or East Side. A survey among residents has brought 1500 responses so far, and shows support for both initiatives. He discussed career and technical education classes in various

[cont. p7]

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
NETNC Board Elections November 19th
It Takes Only 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. There’s a map of the areas and seats open on p. 11. 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:
- Jim Philp: 253.952.0509, j.p.b@att.net (Chair)
- Hayes Alexander: 253.952.5142, hayes18@nventure.com
- Dick Hayek: 253.952.1210, richardhayek@aol.com
- Karen Pischel: 253.927.0656, jkpischel@msn.com

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

From NETNC sources

18 June 2015 NETNC Board minutes, cont.

schools, including auto and marine repair. A commenter noted that extracting good students from mainline high schools for the specialty schools (SoTA, SAMI, etc.) affects average GPA, graduation rates, teachers, and offerings in the mainline schools. Voelpel responded that Superintendent Santorno believes in offering options and ranges of offerings to stimulate students. A questioner asked about the variation in commencement speakers in the high schools: the policy varies by school. Board member Kurt Miller (a NE Tacoma resident) is retiring after 12 years on the Board.

- Metro Parks: Jose Gorospe, NE/Norpoint manager, discussed upcoming programs at Norpoint and around Parks. At Norpoint, the pool is open, day camp is opening, the spray park has been open. Meeker New Zealand exchange program students have cleared brush and the flower beds. There are no summer meals in NE Tacoma – USDA rules require lower income areas.

PROGRAM:

1. Parks Projects: Pt. Defiance, BP Lighthouse: Doug Fraser, Chief Planning Manager, Metro Parks, and Sarah Hamel, BP Lighthouse project manager [cont. p8]
• Fraser discussed bicycle safety at Pt. Defiance (no cars on roads until 11am weekdays) and plans to get pedestrians off roads, including completing the Shoreline Trail with a pedestrian overpass over the ferry line. The City is working on a broad conditional use permit to cover all the planned work at Pt. Defiance. The 20-year plan for Pt. Defiance includes work from the 2014 bond ($134M for Pt. Defiance overall, $35M for a new aquarium). The plan is headed for Board review/public hearing, and then Board action.

• At BP Lighthouse Park, design studies underway will identify costs associated with the various desired features (perimeter ADA-accessible path, parking improvements, picnic improvements, field drainage, etc.) to allow final feature selection. $40K is available from the 2005 bond, and $110K from the 2014 bond.

• A questioner was advised to contact the landscape architects, BCRA, about donating madrona seedlings.

COMMITTEE 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. E-mail list is cleaned up from time-to-time for non-working addresses.

The next issue will be mid-July for July/August.
Committee report: The City will post our meeting agendas and minutes (if separate from NET News) on our page on the City’s NC pages. We need to re-activate our website: please suggest a revised approach for website content

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
• The empty house on Overview Dr. has been worked on (roof). There are still issues with landscape maintenance, etc. The concerned neighbor who has been tracking and working on remediation is on the case.

• Innovative Grants: One project originating in NE Tacoma was submitted (speed bumps on 50th Ave. NE - $16K) and one collective one for NCs having shoreline to promote shoreline activities and businesses ($4K). There is $16K-$20K left over (depending on our support for the shoreline promotion project) to develop another project(s). Carolyn Edmonds is working on a composting toilet for Alderwood. We have until the August 20th meeting to formally recommend the projects NETNC supports.

• Community Clean-up Day is August 1st. Jim Philp is the project organizer, but will be unable to participate in the day. We need volunteers to help prepare and on the day. We will not be handing out goody-bags due to poor/no participation from area businesses, but we will have brochures and copies of NET News to hand out to those lining up.

NEW BUSINESS:
• Sandy Leek reported that the Draft EIS for the PSE LNG plant on Alexander Ave. is about to be released for comment.
• The schedule for the taping sessions for TV Tacoma’s coverage of League of Women Voters/Community Council of Tacoma candidates forums is available (sessions June 24th and 26th in City Council Chambers).
• Water conservation: an HOA member reported getting a warning from the HOA for letting his planting strip go dormant in the hot, dry weather (saves water). NETNC approved writing a letter to HOAs suggesting they relax green-lawn rules in this time of water shortage. Look on www.mytpu.org for advice on water conservation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPCOMING MEETINGS, and EVENTS:
• Board Exec Comm and Planning Comm meeting, July 9th, 6:30pm, TPD substation
• Julia’s Gulch work party, Saturday, July 11th, 9am, gather at Viewpoint Park
• Community Picnic, July 16th, 6:30pm, either Norpoint or Alderwood Park [Confirmed Norpoint Park later.]: NETNC provides hamburgers and sausages, participants bring a sharable dish and beverages
• Board Exec Comm and Planning Comm meeting, August 6th, 6:30pm, TPD substation
• Community meeting: August 20th, 6:30 (social time) / 7pm (agenda), TPD substation, program: Pierce Transit NE Tacoma bus demo start-up planning, Innovative Grant proposals

Your ad or announcement for a community event or service could be here!
Very reasonable rates.
Write to netnews98422@hotmail.com
DRAFT NETNC August 20th Board Meeting Minutes
7pm, TPD NE substation

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 2015 minutes in the e-mail July-August edition of NET News, and later printing (on table). Not approved through oversight. [To be approved in September 17th meeting.]

TREASURER’S REPORT: Karen Pischel, Treasurer, oral update approved. [Full statement in September NET News.]

CITY / SCHOOLS / PARKS STAFF REPORTS:
• City Manager’s Office: Brad Forbes reported on Summer Youth 253, which placed 135 young people at major businesses in the area. He talked about the construction trades program that provides free classes to 18-24-yr-olds at the Reach Youth Center. He also provided a source of current updates on Port of Tacoma Rd. closures resulting from its reconstruction – text 468311.
• Tacoma Police Department: no report - CLO Brandon Showalter on vacation. John Thurlow reported that the CLO has made a Traffic Complaint form to fill out describing places and times of observed speeding, so that a picture of where patrol officers and the Traffic detail should be monitoring can be established. Forms are available at the substation, and will be included in an upcoming NET News.
• Tacoma Fire Department: Battalion Chief Doug Kimball discussed run statistics (mostly medical, as usual) and said that July 4th -related fires were up 100% to 60, mostly brush. He commented on making ones house fire-resistant in this drought and heat by trimming vegetation at least 10 feet away from the house (“defensible space”). There were 70 National Night Out requests for Tacoma Fire visits across the City (but none in NE Tacoma). He responded to a question about response times in the Tideflats, noting that response is slowed down by barriers (waterways, trains in crossings, etc., and discussed the need to re-open a fire station in the vicinity of the former Station 15 on E 11th St. near the Hylebos Bridge in view of high-hazard businesses being developed in that area.
• Tacoma Schools: no report
• Metro Parks: Jose Gorospe, NE/Norpoint manager, discussed the Pt. Defiance Master Plan finalization being delayed to November, as the City works with SEPA (State Environment Protect Act) requirements. He highlighted a few major projects: soil remediation, view point upgrades, and a traffic circle and pedestrian access upgrades at the entrance (using City/State/MPT funding). He recommended the Destination Pt. Defiance website: http://www.metroparkstacoma.org/destinationpointdefiance/#Ve9ypZVhBc.

He also discussed summer drought water conservation, the upcoming Norpoint Summer Bash, the East Side Community Center, the Hilltop Peoples’ Pool. He reported that estimates are in for proposed projects at the Browns Point Lighthouse Park, and we should expect an update in September.

PROGRAM:
1. 2015-16 Innovative Grant Project Recommendations: John Thurlow
Kyle Jantzen of the 38th St. Ct. NE block watch group presented the sole NE Tacoma-based application for Speed Humps on 50th Ave. NE, which will cost $16,000. This proposal received a unanimous approval from the Board.

The other proposal, for a contribution to the Tacoma Waterfront Marketing Assn. to build a website promoting shoreline-related sites, activities, and businesses, was rejected. The lack of shoreside public access in NE Tacoma (limited to the small beach access/kayak put-in on Marine View Dr., since other “Points” locations are all in unincorporated Pierce County) made a grant recommendation from NETNC unnecessary.

The Board directed Thurlow to convey the recommendations to the City, and note that NETNC was leaving $20,000 of the $36,000 for the biennium unallocated, and asking for application deadline relief. Backup proposals include radar-operated “Your Speed Is” signs on BP Blvd. and 49th Ave. NE or Norpoint Way NE (Thurlow is champion). The other proposal seeks to partner with Metro Parks to put a composting toilet in Alderwood Park (Edmonds is champion).

COMMITTEE 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.

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Committee report: The City will post our meeting agendas and minutes (if separate from NET News) on our page on the City’s NC pages. We need to re-activate our website: please suggest a revised approach for website content.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
- The landscape maintenance issues at the unoccupied house on Overview Dr. have been addressed, thanks to the concerned neighbor who has been tracking and working on reme- diation with Code Enforcement.
- Community Clean-Up Day is August 1st: As of today, we believe that the volume is up somewhat from last year – final statistics are pending. We learned that we have to be much more diligent about recruiting volunteers. Although we had several from the TE Tacoma community (a church, HOA, and some responding to the appeal in the City’s postcard), we lacked the high school students from prior clean-ups and the stalwarts from the South Tacoma Samoan church who have helped in past years. The volunteers we had were overtaxed and many attendees unloaded their vehicles by themselves to keep things moving.
- Follow-up on the proposed Tideflats LNG plant: Thurlow asked the Board for approval to extend the August 5th letter from the Executive Committee to the City commenting on the draft EIS to extend its scope of approval to the whole Board. Vigorous discussion ensued, with several participants speaking up about their understanding of hazards associated with an LNG plant and other hazardous businesses being sited in the Tideflats close to residences. A majority of the Board voted to approve an extended letter, and the Board directed Thurlow to send an updated letter to the City, indicating that there are community concerns about hazardous plant siting near NE Tacoma residences.

NEW BUSINESS:
- Planning for sale of N. S. Golf Course – development rights included: Save NE Tacoma.
- The Vice-President of Save NE Tacoma related the recent history of news of the golf course, including apparent reasons for the offer to sell. We will need to monitor the situation. The Board directed Edmonds and Thurlow to meeting with Councilmember Thoms to discuss possible approaches to finally “retiring” any possibility of developing the course for other, non-open-space, purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPCOMING MEETINGS, and EVENTS:
- Norpoint Farmers Market last Sunday for season: August 30th
- Board Exec Comm and Planning Comm meeting: September 3rd, 6:30pm, TPD substation
- Community meeting: September 17th, 6:30 (social time) / 7pm (agenda), TPD substation, program: PT NE Tacoma Express bus demo startup, Street Repair and Maintenance ballot measure
- PT NE Tacoma Express startup: September 28th
- Community meeting: August 20th, 6:30 (social time) / 7pm (agenda), TPD substation, program: Pierce Transit NE Tacoma bus demo start-up planning, Innovative Grant proposals
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

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 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 websites, 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 206.553.3800 or visit metrotacoma.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.
Northeast Tacoma Neighborhood Council Treasurer’s Report

August 31, 2015

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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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