Port Commission Meeting April 25th to Decide on Methanol Plant Lease Extension

The Port of Tacoma Commissioners are holding a special public meeting on April 25th to decide whether to extend the feasibility period of Northwest Innovation Works’ lease on the tract for the proposed methanol plant. If the feasibility period is not extended beyond the end of April, the lease enters the construction phase, with very substantial monthly rent, and NWIW would be committed to a 30-year period. The operation phase of the lease would double the construction period rent to $500k/month, we understand. NWIW can bow out of the lease before the end of the feasibility phase.

Since this meeting is likely to draw a large audience, many of whom will likely wish to speak, the Port Commission has moved the meeting from its regular time and location to the McGavick Center Ballroom, 4500 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood, beginning at noon.

The NETNC Executive Committee has drafted a letter of opposition to the lease extension based on NWIW’s failure to provide much-needed facts that would have made understanding the proposed project and a timely EIS process possible. This letter will be discussed and voted on by the Board at the April 21st NETNC meeting; the agenda begins at 7pm on April 21st at the TPD NE substation.

From Port of Tacoma and NETNC sources

More Methanol Resource Documents

The Draft EIS (DEIS) for the Northwest Innovation Works natural gas to methanol plant in Kalama, Cowlitz County, on the Columbia River, has been published. It appears to be a pretty comprehensive document, and provides a guide to what issues should be monitored if an EIS process is re-undertaken in the Tacoma Tideflats.

The Port of Kalama has posted the documents on its website at: kalamamfgfacilitysepa.com. The documents are quite large; we’d recommend skimming the cover letter/fact sheet and note the coverage in the table of contents. The Chapter 1 Summary outlines the issues and mitigations – you can dig deeper in the main chapters with that as a guide to what interests you most.

Citizens for a Healthy Bay has updated their extensively footnoted resource web pages. Go to healthybay.org, click News and Events, and select Proposed Methanol Plant in Tacoma.

From Port of Kalama, CHB, and NETNC sources
**TV Tacoma April Highlights**

From TV Tacoma ([www.tvtacoma.org](http://www.tvtacoma.org))

Some April neighborhood-oriented programming highlights include:

- **artTown**: Tacoma Art Museum’s (TAM) new Haub Family western art collection, Comic Book culture, a long-lost film, featured local artists
- **Business Matters**: Dalenius (business insurance) Agency, The Blue Octopus, 52 Degrees, The Table, Dragon’s Crawfish
- **CityLine**: Lively weekly review of current city activities, events, and services in our City. Dugan Foundation, Daffodil Parades, Museum of Glass, Tacoma Audubon, Dragon Boats, Tacoma Musical Playhouse, Tacoma City Marathon, Louder than a Bomb Poetry, and much more (check the website).
  
  You can stream this,
  
- **Inside Tacoma** presents elected officials: City Councilmember Robert Thoms (ours) and P.C. Auditor Julie Anderson
- **Urban Green**: UW Climate Impacts Group on risks in Tacoma, water treatment at Pt. Defiance, TPU’s Community Solar Power project, Tease Chocolates’ bean-to-bar process
- **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](http://www.tvtacoma.org)). Choose from Regular Programs, Special Presentations, and Meeting Coverage in the list on the left and above.

**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](http://www.fishfoodbanks.org).

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**Place your advertisement or announcement for community-related products or services here.**

**It’s inexpensive!**

Write to [netnews98422@hotmail.com](mailto:netnews98422@hotmail.com).
**NETNC’s Updated Website Is Now On-Line!**

**[www.netnetacoma.net](http://www.netnetacoma.net)**

We’ve been working with a great media consultant, Korbett Mosesly, to update our ability to engage the community in more modern ways. A newly-mounted website is the centerpiece, and we’ll get it linked with Facebook (soon, we hope), and later this year remount this newsletter in a more-modern electronic form. We’ll keep some kind of printed newsletter to reach folks who don’t deal with computer and mobile device-based communications, as well. This program is quite a reach for a small, volunteer-based organization. We’re going to need help and ongoing involvement from the NETNC Board and interested residents to carry it off. We need to keep our efforts consistent with and complimentary to the growing neighborhood social media groups on Facebook and Next Door, for example, highlighted in the February NET News ([http://netacoma.net/netBnews/](http://netacoma.net/netBnews/), p.7).

Our new website is at the same address: [www.netacoma.net](http://www.netacoma.net). It’s still under development (probably always will be), but should work for you. There’s an events calendar, meeting agendas and minutes, NET News issues, volunteer needs and opportunities, and so forth. Please let us know your thoughts about what should be on the site and how useful it is for you – what steps we should take next.

*From NETNC sources*

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**PSE LNG Plant Special Information Session at the May 19th NETNC Community and Board Meeting**

Per the request of NETNC Board and NE Tacoma community members, NETNC will hold a special information session as part of its regular monthly meeting on May 19th to discuss facts about PSE’s proposed liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant on the Blair-Hylebos peninsula near E. 11th St. on Alexander Ave.

The City of Tacoma published the final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the plant last fall. It’s on the City’s website at: [https://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/city_departments/planning_and_development_services/planning_services/pse_proposed_tideflats_lng_facility](https://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/city_departments/planning_and_development_services/planning_services/pse_proposed_tideflats_lng_facility). If you can’t just click on the link, go the city’s website ([www.cityoftacoma.org](http://www.cityoftacoma.org)) and search for Tideflats LNG.

The FEIS document was unchallenged and provides the factual basis for the many permits the plant must obtain. The first major one applied for, the Shoreline Substantial Development Permit that was filed to the City of Tacoma, was approved and then appealed to the Shoreline Development Board by the Puyallup Tribe on environmental grounds.

Hearings on the appeal will commence May 9th under the auspices of the Shoreline Hearings Board, part of the WA Environmental and Land Use Hearings Office. There is no opportunity for citizen input on the appeal. Citizens may attend the proceedings, but they are quasi-judicial and not open to public comment. All actual work at the site is suspended until the appeal process is complete. Other permits are pending, and there will be a complete list at the May 19th meeting. The cover pages of the FEIS have the list, as well, if you are interested in the meantime. PSE has published an updated set of Frequently-Asked Questions (FAQs) on its website for the project: [www.tacomacleanlng.com/faqs](http://www.tacomacleanlng.com/faqs). The site provides much additional informational material assembled by PSE, as well.

Tacoma Fire Department has posted its take on the safety of the plant in a set of FAQs at: [www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=169&pageTitle=98897](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=169&pageTitle=98897). Among other topics, it discusses the validity of blast zones depicted on some websites critical of the proposed facility, saying its analysis with the consulting engineers and risk managers concludes that any explosion would not exceed the site boundaries.

The May 19th Special Information Session is intended to discuss facts about the project, not be a debate, and will feature brief presentations from PSE, Tacoma Planning & Development Services, Tacoma Fire, and an opposition speaker. The remainder of the session will be a Q/A period for audience members who have signed in to speak to ask 1-minute questions of the panelists. The session will be moderated by a neutral party.

*From NETNC, City of Tacoma, PSE, and other sources*
See NET News issues, meeting agendas, and more at NETNC’s website:  www.netacoma.net.

This QR code points to NETNC’s own website, up and running, and always a work in progress.

Do you want to help? Please write to netnews98422@hotmail.com

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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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).

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.

By the way, NET News was selected as a finalist in the print newsletter category by Neighborhoods USA, a national association of neighborhood councils.
Alderwood Park Clean-Up Day
April 23rd
NE Tacoma’s greenest park gets its annual clean-up on Parks Appreciation Day, April 23rd. From 9 to noon (and lunch), volunteers and Metro Parks advisors will spread chips on trails, trim bushes, remove invasives, and so forth to help keep Alderwood useful for NE Tacomans. This is about volunteers – no one else is going to do the work! Metro Parks has recruited some volunteers from the LDS Dash Point Ward Church, but we need more. Register to help out at http://www.metroparkstacoma.org/parks-appreciation-day-chip-in/.

We need chip loaders, wheel barrowers, and spreaders (rakers), as well as clipper/lopper wielders, and wildflower garden weeders.

NETNC is providing morning coffee and snacks and a lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, etc. Donations of snacks or lunch food would be great. Volunteers can help deal with cooking and setting out the food, as well.

From Metro Parks and NETNC sources

KIMONOS AND WALL HANGINGS
(EMBELLISHED, BEADED, EMBROIDERED)
BY LYZ AND JEWEL
SHOW AND SALE
Friday, April 29, 5-7 p.m.;
Saturday, April 30, Noon-5 p.m.
Sunday, May 1, Noon-5 p.m.

at
League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County
621 Tacoma Avenue S. (new office), Tacoma 98402
(First Tower ground floor)

For more information:
Lyz Kurnitz-Thurlow
lyzkurnitz@harbornet.com
(FB Lyz Kurnitz-Thurlow/ Lyz and Jewel, fabric arts)

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County Education Fund.
Please come – and bring your friends.
Community Clean-Up Day on June 11th:
It’s All about the Volunteers!

Partnering with Community-Based Services and Solid Waste units in the City, NETNC is sponsoring the fifth-annual NE Tacoma community clean-up day on June 11th. As in past years, it will be at Meeker M.S.’s upper (east) parking lot; enter from Nassau Ave. NE. Hours will be 10am-1:45pm. All residents of single-family and duplex dwellings in NE Tacoma are eligible to come by, drop off discarded items, metal, appliances, tires, other rubbish, electronics, and re-usables – all for free. Saves a trip to the Mullen St. transfer station and paying a fee! Bring evidence of NE Tacoma residency. Last year 350 households (out of ~5300 eligible) dropped off 26 big, well-packed containers worth of waste stuff and two truckloads of re-usables. More below.

This event only works if we can get a solid cadre of volunteers to:

- Help unload participants’ vehicles
- Pick up stuff from older or infirm residents who need help getting their stuff there (there will likely be some coverage from Code Enforcement agents)
- Help check participants in (light duty)
- Manage food and water for the volunteers (light duty)
- Other tasks that may arise.

Last year, we didn’t do well getting some strong folks to help with the unloading and over-taxed those who did jump in to do the unloading. Please come for the few hours to help this great community event succeed that cleans up our wonderful neighborhood! Contact Jim Philp at j.b.p@att.net or 253.952.0509

Re-usables: Goodwill will take the re-usables and certain electronics (TVs, computers, especially) for cleaning up and re-selling or responsible recycling. Bicycles will be taken in whatever condition to be cleaned up, rehabilitated, or parted out to repair other bikes by the Marine View Presbyterian's Bikes for Kids volunteers. They deliver working bikes to social services agencies around to distribute to needy kids. They’ll take unusable metal left over to metal dealers (like Calbag at the big curve on SR509) to gain income for parts.

This is the list of acceptable and non-acceptable materials from last year’s clean-up day postcard. A card will be sent to all eligible addresses a week or so before June 11th:

ITEMS WE CAN TAKE:

- Tires (limit of 10 per household – can be on rims)
- Scrap metal (for information on wood stoves visit http://airsafepiercecounty.org)
- Furniture and mattresses

ITEMS WE CAN’T TAKE:

- Items from businesses
- Car, motorcycle, camper, or boat parts
- Truck canopies, trailers, boats, or RV vehicles
- Daily household garbage (items that go in the kitchen garbage can)
- Animal carcasses
- Roofing/construction material (unused material could go to Habitat’s Store at 4824 S. Tacoma Way)
- Vegetation (always free drop-off at the landfill)
- Hazardous waste (always free drop-off at the landfill or at the August 12-16 drop-off at BP Elementary)
- Paint (if latex, please dry out with kitty litter and put in regular trash; if oil-based, please take to the landfill as hazardous waste or save for the August drop-off at Browns Point Elementary – you’ll get a card a week or so before the 4-day drop-off event)

From NETNC and City of Tacoma
Citizens for a Healthy Bay Is Looking for 4 Interns: Apply by April 22nd

Citizens for a Healthy Bay is looking for four interns to participate in our Summer Environmental Ambassadors (SEA) Program, described below.

Organization Description: Citizens for a Healthy Bay (CHB) is a community-based organization that engages citizens in the cleanup, restoration and protection of Commencement Bay, surrounding waters and habitat. CHB works cooperatively with other nonprofits, local, state and federal government agencies, Indian tribes, and private foundations in accomplishing its goals and objectives.

Position Description: At CHB, we believe that environmental education is vital for ongoing community sustainability. We are looking for four young adult interns wishing to expand their understanding of the local environment and its aquatic resources while gaining experience completing the internal tasks necessary for a functioning environmental nonprofit organization.

Activities will include various organizational roles, assisting with CHB’s education programs, and a range of eco-focused enrichment field trips. This program aims to provide education and a taste of nonprofit work for individuals with aspirations in the professional environmental field.

Qualifications: We are looking for individuals interested in conservation and environmental education. Applicants should be organized, reliable, professional, and able to work independently. Existing environmental knowledge or experience is a plus, but not required. Strong communication skills are necessary, and interns should be comfortable speaking with the public. All applicants must be between junior year of high school and sophomore year of college.

Time Commitment: Interns should be available at least 15 hours per week. The program will run from June to the beginning of August.

Responsibilities:
- Assist with the implementation of environmental stewardship programs
- Represent CHB at various community events, volunteer fairs, etc.
- Assist with managing volunteer and member information through CHB’s database
- Assist with fundraising activities, including event planning and membership outreach
- Participate in environmental education activities in order to strengthen one’s own understanding of our local environment and its waters
- Assist with special projects and tasks as assigned

How to Apply: Please email Ryan Cruz at rrcruz@healthybay.org with “Summer Environmental Ambassador” in the title to receive the application files and start the process. Please submit a completed application to rrcruz@healthybay.org no later than April 22, 2016

Thank you for your interest, and please feel free to forward this information to any that may be interested. We look forward to reviewing your applications.

Ryan Cruz, Conservation Engagement Coordinator, Citizens for a Healthy Bay
535 Dock Street, Suite 213, Tacoma, WA 98402
T 253-383-2429 | W healthybay.org
Northshore Parkway Upgrades

Perhaps you’ve noticed the work on Northshore Parkway between Nassau Ave. and the Federal Way line. Two different projects are underway or nearly complete. Paving has had extensive permanent patching to seal the roadway (and make it smoother) to keep water out of the roadbed, saving the roadway as a whole. At the intersection with Fairwood Blvd. and 42nd Ave. NE, the curb on the north side has a bulb-out, shortening the distance to walk across Northshore.

The next step for a crosswalk there is to install pedestrian-activated flashers where the crosswalk will go, with warning beacons ahead of the crosswalks, to calm the sometimes very fast traffic on both sides of the intersection. This work is currently planned for May.

Further down the road, re-paving that stretch altogether has been added to the City’s state-mandated 6-Year Transportation Improvement Plan. This work has been on NETNC’s Action Strategy list for a long time. Public Works has identified a grant that would cover much of the cost and is set to apply for it. If the grant is received, grinding and overlay paving (like they do in Federal Way) will start. The grant process could take a while. And, the current pavement repair work would not be wasted – the basic patching would have to be done to prepare the roadbed for the repaving, anyway.

From Public Works and NETNC sources
# NETNC Treasurer's Report - March 31, 2016

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**Ending Balance as of 3/31/16**  
$9,578.03
**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 on 3rd Thursdays at 7pm, TPD NE substation**

**Executive and Planning Committees meetings are on 1st Thursdays at 6:30pm at the substation**

| April  | 21  | Community Meeting: program items include Verizon project to increase height of cell tower back of the QFC, new NETNC Bylaws, letters to Port Commission and City Council re: methanol plant  
|       | 23  | Parks Appreciation Day - Alderwood Park Clean-up: 9am at the park - need NE Tacoma volunteers |
| May   | 5   | Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome  
|       | 19  | Community Meeting: Program: Special Information Session on LNG plant  
|       | 23-25 | NUSA Annual Conference: Memphis, Tennesee. Extra subsidy available for someone who hasn’t been before - [www.nusa.org](http://www.nusa.org) |
| June  | 2   | Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome |
|       | 11  | Community Clean-Up Day: 10am-1:45pm, volunteers needed to help unload vehicles, aid in check-in, manage water and refreshments |
|       | 16  | Community Meeting: program items tbd |
| July  | 7   | Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome  
|       | 21  | NETNC Summer Picnic at Norpoint Park - all welcome (no Community Meeting) |
| August| 2   | National Night Out Against Crime (and for Neighborhood Building) |
|       | 4   | Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome |
|       | 5-7 | Browns Point Salmon Bake - volunteers needed [www.brownspoint.org](http://www.brownspoint.org) |
|       | 18  | Community Meeting: program items tbd |
| September | 1   | Executive and Planning Committees Meeting – all welcome |
|         | 15  | Community Meeting: program items tbd |

### NETNC Project Fund: March 31, 2016

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### NETNC Treasurer's Report Supplement: Savings: March 31, 2016

- Project Fund: $1895.41
- Save NE Tacoma Fund: $1210.50
- Total savings: $3105.91