COP'S MEETING

Are you having security problems in your neighborhood? Strangers lurking? Our Community Liaison Officers attend our Cop’s Meetings to keep you posted on criminal activity in your neighborhood and to provide you the opportunity to bring your neighborhood’s problems to their attention. Discussing your problems at the meeting also alerts other members to recent criminal activity that might hit their neighborhood next.

John Warczak attends our meetings and is a great example of our dedicated, professional Community Liaison Officers. See the reverse side for the phone number of your Community Liaison Officer.

AGENDA
August 19, 2015
6:30 pm
STAR CENTER
3873 South 66th Street

COP’S MEETING

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

“YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOUR VOICE ARE YOUR INVESTMENT IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD’S FUTURE”

ROUNDABOUT

Wapato Hills — We will meet next on September 12th from 9 until noon. Dress appropriately for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. Bring work gloves, water to drink, snacks for yourself, etc. Please bring a weed whacker if you have one. All are welcome. Come for an hour or stay for the morning. Contact Carol Munsey, Habitatt Steward, 753-6417
Cemunsey@nventure.com

Community Gardens —

The Wapato Hills Garden is located on the west side of Wapato Hills near South 60th. For info contact Carol Munsey, 753-6417 or Cemunsey@nventure.com

The South Tacoma Community Garden is located at 70th and Puget Sound. Contact Sherrie Hayward at 212-2685 for info.

The Dan Mulholland Memorial Garden is located at the Manitou Community Center, 4806 South 66th Street. Contact Andy Mordhorst at 475-8416 or amartist@harbornet.com

Newsletter — We would be happy to keep you up-to-date with your Neighborhood Council. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the newsletter by email, or snail mail, call Skip at 475-3121.

Oak Tree Park — We are going to do a variety of things on Saturday, August 15th from 9am to noon. We will meet at the East Entrance to the park at 78th and Pine. You may pre-register at: http://cedar.greenecitypartnerships.org/Contact Albert Styers, Oak Tree Park Steward, at 961-3145.

Wapato Park — Chris Beale leads a Wapato Lake work party, on the 4th Saturday of each month. The next work party will be Saturday August 22nd, 9am-noon. Contact Chris Beale at 320-5623 or bealec714@gmail.com for details.

INNOVATIVE GRANTS — Applicants for Innovative Grants will be presenting their projects at our August 19th meeting. Recommendations will be forwarded August 20th.

FREE DOOR PRIZES
AT THE MEETING

TACOMA POLICE HISTORY
By Officer Erik Timothy (Department Historian)
1891-1892 (continued)

In 1891, the first "Call Box" system was installed and it stayed in operation, with many modifications, until about 1970. The first call boxes were located inside small booths, about 4 feet in diameter and painted blue, where officers could get out of the weather and store their rain gear. These were later replaced by call boxes that were mounted on power poles. Each metal box contained a phone connected to the Desk Sergeant and every beat officer was expected to "Rap In" to the station once each hour. To reach an officer on a particular beat, the Desk Sergeant would flash a "Call Light" located at each major intersection, signaling the officer to call in.

In 1892, the worst section of town was Court "C", from 9th to 17th Streets. Known as "Opera Alley", it was lined with dance halls, gambling dens and brothels. This was considered one of the toughest police beats on the west coast and many dangerous criminals made it their destination. Saloons were also a major problem, and in early Tacoma, they stayed open 24 hrs a day, seven days a week. There were 17 saloons on the upper Pacific beat alone, which covered Commerce and "A" Streets from 7th to 13th.

"Old Town" of the 1890’s was also a rough beat, with 13 saloons in two blocks, 2 sailors boarding houses and as many as 18 sailing ships tied up at the docks at one time. 18 police officers covered the area from the Ruston smelter to the south end of the Old Town waterfront and there were plenty of fights to keep them busy. Just north of the Police Station was a wide strip of beach, and if a fight started, the officers were hustled off to this beach to finish their brawl. If they refused to go, or if they refused to fight once they got there, they were thrown into jail. There were as many as 18 men at a time in the Old Town Jail for fighting. Each morning, the Old Town station would call headquarters downtown and they would dispatch the patrol wagon for the nights haul. Police Court was held over the city jail and plain drunks were thrown into jail. There were as many as 18 police officers on this beat at a time in the Old Town Jail for fighting.

In 1883, the suspects were found not guilty. Officer Cudihee was 24 years old and one of the most popular officers on the department. (to be cont.)
COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICERS: Community Liaison Officers are here to team up with us on neighborhood safety and security problems. Contact them thru Sector Commander: Lt. Al Roberts (591-5190), or at Email—aroberts2@cityoftacoma.org

Your CLO’s are: Sector 3-1 Officer — Mike Sbory 594-7858; Email—MSbory@cityoftacoma.org
Sector 3-2 Officer — Robert Luke 591-5692; Email—rluke@cityoftacoma.org
Sector 3-3 Officer — Debra Vause 573-2563; Email—dvause@cityoftacoma.org (Temporarily unavailable)
Sector 3-4 Officer — John Warczak 573-2562; Email—jwarczak@cityoftacoma.org

The contents of this newsletter are believed to be the consensus of the Board and membership of the Neighborhood Council.

GRAFFITI AND YARD SALE SIGNS: People are still trashing our neighborhoods with “Yard Sale” and “For Rent” signs on utility poles, street, and stop signs. Report graffiti and illegal signs. Help out by removing illegal signs and picking up the signs that have fallen and become litter on our streets. Don’t litter on our utility poles, street, and stop signs.

COMMENTS? COUNCIL REPRESENTATION: Email addresses

3RD District: Lauren.Walker@cityoftacoma.org  At-Large 7: David.Boe@cityoftacoma.org
5TH District: Joe.Lonergan@cityoftacoma.org  At-Large 8: Ryan.Mello@cityoftacoma.org
At-Large 6: Victoria.Woodards@cityoftacoma.org

City of Tacoma Phone Numbers

- Crimes in Progress ……………… 911
- Crimes not in Progress……….. 798-4721
- Graffiti Cleanup ……………… 798-7986
- Damaged-Missing St. Signs …… 591-5495
- Energy Efficient Lighting …… 502-8619
- Garbage & Recycling …………. 591-5543
- Call-2-Haul …………………….. 573-2468
- Sign Code Information ………. 591-5482
- Pot Hole Reporting …………… 591-5495
- Abandoned Autos …………….. 311
- Traffic Signal Problems ……… 591-5287
- Animal Control ………………… 627-7387
- Blighted Properties …………… 591-5001
- Junk vehicle on street ………… 311
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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS OVER TWENTY YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE
 Attend our meetings and be active in your neighborhood!

PROJECTS WE SUPPORT

- Local Food Banks
- South Tacoma Farmer’s Market.
- Shop fresh locally grown fruit and vegetables.
- 11am - 3pm—Sundays—June - September-
- Our business districts. Shop locally—Vibrant business districts make vibrant neighborhoods.

WHO ARE WE?: The South Tacoma Neighborhood Council is an independent non-profit corporation formed by neighbors to address neighborhood issues and concerns. All of our meetings are open to the public and you are more than welcome to attend. Our “Board” meetings are on the first Thursday of each month, at 6:30 pm, at the STAR Center at 3873 South 66th Street. Our General” meetings are once a month on the third Wednesday at 6:30 pm at the STAR Center at 3873 South 66th Street. Contact Skip Vaughn at 475-3121 with any questions.