**DECEMBER**

**NO MEETING THIS MONTH HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY SEASON!!!**

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

**TACOMA POLICE HISTORY (cont.)**

By the late 1940’s, the Women’s Protective Division was combined with the Juvenile Division to form the Youth Guidance Division. Van Bevers was made Captain of Policewoman and served in that capacity until her retirement in 1963 after 44 years of service.

During prohibition the department formed a “Dry Squad” to enforce the liquor laws. There were many stills in Tacoma, and one officer recalled that some nights you could smell the stills cooking in many neighborhoods. Raids were made, stills confiscated and destroyed, but the problem continued throughout the 1920’s. Corruption grew during prohibition and bootleggers, brothels and gambling houses would pay off the police and politicians to stay in business. Rum runners would meet police detectives at the docks, who would escort them to the warehouses where their illegal liquor was stored. Scandals, charges and counter-charges would be made, investigations and Grand Juries called, but the situation remained basically the same. The police, however, did not act alone in this and the political structure of the city was inherently tied to the draft situation.

Narcotics were also a problem in early Tacoma, and in 1924 Detectives staked out a ship in the harbor where suspicious flashlight signals had been seen. A boat would row out to the ship, a basket would be lowered, and then the boat would row away. A search of the ship found a stash of approximately 500 ounces of German morphine, hidden in a barrel of red lead. On August 9, 1925, another tragedy struck the department. Officer William Wickman, 30, was killed when the motorcycle he was riding struck a car at 68th and South Union Avenue. Wickman was northbound on Union Avenue (now South Tacoma Way). In pursuit of a speeder, when a car made a left turn in front of him, Wickman was thrown from his motorcycle and died at the scene. Officer Wickman had joined the department in October, 1924 and was the first Tacoma Police Officer to die in the line of duty. Sadly, he would not be the last. (to be cont.)

**ANNUAL ELECTIONS**

We held our annual elections at the November General Meeting and elected/re-elected the following Board Members:

- **Manitou:** Venus Dergan
- **Orchard:** No Nominations
- **Arlington:** Skip Vaughn
- **Oakland Madrona:** No Nominations
- **Edison:** Andy Mordhorst
- **At-Large 1:** Kimberly Bernhof
- **At-Large 2:** Bill Bonnell

At the December Board meeting the following Board Officers were elected for 2016:

- **Chair:** Pennie Smith
- **Vice Chair:** Bruce West
- **Secretary:** Heidi White
- **Treasurer:** Robert Bearden

**ROUNDABOUT— (cont)**

**Arlington Meeting**—The Arlington Group will hold their next regular meeting in February on the second Thursday, the 11th, at the First Congregational Church, 7209 South Puget Sound at 6:30pm. Arlington is the area between 66th to 80th St., South Tacoma Way to Tacoma Mall Boulevard. Contact Pennie Smith at 241-1176 for info.

**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** — On Saturday December 19th, we will meet at the East Entrance to the park at 78th and Pine and work from 10 am - 1pm. You may pre-register at: http://cedar.greencitypartnerships.org/ Contact Albert Styers, Oak Tree Park Steward, at 961-3145.

**Facebook** — Visit the South Tacoma Neighborhood Council on Facebook to see the latest and greatest about our Neighborhood Council. Pennie Smith and Chris Beale maintain the site up to date with our meeting agendas, minutes and exciting events in our neighborhood. “Click” or “Control-Click” on the Facebook symbol.

**Did You Know?** — Under the Tacoma Municipal Code 11.05.200 Parking of commercial vehicles in residential neighborhood is prohibited and subject to a fine.

**FREE DOOR PRIZES AT THE MEETING**
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
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Sector 3-3 Officer — Debra Vause 573-2563; Email—dvause@cityoftacoma.org (Temporarily unavailable)
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**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.

**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 Street. Contact Skip Vaughn at 475-3121 with any questions.