

Happenings On Hilltop

Hilltop Neighborhood

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SALUTATIONS!!!

By: Larry

What a difference a year can make. In a little more than three hundred and sixty five days, many positive things have risen from the efforts of so many. While there have been some set-backs, the overall picture has been productive.

Over the past year street lights were installed, many community clean up projects took place, there were a number of local events that brought us closer together and we began building a relationship with our city government and local police department. We truly have much to be thankful for.

There is still much work to be done. Many of our children are out of school during the week. There is a growing population of homeless in our area. Affordable housing is still a concern. The list is lengthy.

However, these situations should not be viewed as problems. Let us look towards these issues as opportunities to get involved and change things for the better.

As this year draws to a close, let us be aware that our work is not done. Someone still could use a helping hand. All we must do is reach out.

Peace.

Happenings on Hilltop can be found at the following locations starting the first week of each month:

Location	Address	Location	Address
Safeway	11th & Sheridan	7-11	19th & K Street
A.M./P.M.	19th & K Street	Kentucky Fried Chicken	6th & Sprague
Maytag Laundromat	6th & Sprague	Pinches Deli	6th & Division
K Street Bar & Grill	11th & K Street	Lucky 7	9th & K Street
Sam and Terry's Barber Shop	17th & K Street	Bob's Bar-B-Q Pit	911 So. 11th Street
Martin Luther King Center			1424 Tacoma Ave. South, Suite A
Sam and Terry's Barber Shop			17th & K Street
University of Puget Sound, Cafeteria			Tacoma Community College, Cafeteria

If you are a business, or organization and would like to have Happenings on Hilltop for your customers, call Larry Norman at 272-8133. We will be more than happy to get you started. Please note; the views contained in some of the articles in this newsletter, are not necessarily those of the staff of Happenings on Hilltop.

We have received a few calls concerning spelling accuracy and punctuation. Our staff is working towards producing the best newsletter we can. We appreciate your objective criticism and will continually work to eliminate spelling and punctuation errors. Thank you.

Now , with these items out of the way, let's get rolling!!!



THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

by Larry

We have come a long way since the first issue of Tidbits From Ten. December marks the one year anniversary of our local newsletter. During this time, we talked about a number of issues and reached out to the community to support local programs. We introduced some of our neighbors in the Focus on The Family section. There were also some great editorials.

Our original support came from Bill and Cathy Charles in providing a computer to format our articles. Soon, the Hilltop Action Coalition provided the printing. As the idea for a Hilltop wide distribution began to take form, it was clear that greater support was needed. The City of Tacoma began printing the newsletter for us.

It seems fitting that on the anniversary of the newsletter, we are faced with a great challenge. In order to print a newsletter where people can say what they want, production of this newsletter must come from the people it serves. Freedom of speech historically has come with a cost. In this case, the cost of printing.

Effective immediately, if Happenings on Hilltop is to continue circulation, we must have funds. How can you help? We have set up an account at local Puget Sound Bank located just east of eleventh and K Street. If you have found this newsletter to be encouraging and beneficial in any way, please donate whatever you can. All staffing is done on a volunteer basis, so all our contributions will go directly to printing and handing the newsletter.

In the event we are unable to secure the necessary funds to continue printing the newsletter, I wish to thank all those who have participated in making this newsletter a success. Your physical effort or words of encouragement kept the wheels turning. What started out as a dream, became a reality. We have all seen what a few constructive people can accomplish. Let's keep the flame alive.

P.S. We will be offering a special gift. For any donation over \$25.00, you will receive every issue of the newsletter beginning with December 1990. It's our way of saying Thank You for your support.

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THEY'RE WHAT A NEIGHBOR SHOULD BE

by Larry

As difficult as it may be, if a person is willing, any situation can become a positive experience. Take for instance the local Safeway on eleventh street. I was involved in what could be considered a very negative situation last month involving the management. Rather than dwelling on the negative aspects of the event, I chose to be as constructive as possible. And that attitude paid off for everyone concerned.

After making a few phone calls to Safeway management and security, I was able to coordinate a meeting with the store and district manager, director of security for Safeway stores and the director of the new security company. During our meeting, we discussed a number of issues regarding the store. It was clear that upper management had a sincere desire to resolve concerns that customers have. What was also very clear was their commitment to be constructive and creative in finding ways to address the issues I brought

before them.

The district manager had himself been a manager at our store some years ago. He was a manager during the late sixties when racial tension was at an all time high on the Hill. As we talked, I couldn't help but feel that a large portion of the communication and trust I was hoping to develop, was already in place. As each person took turns voicing their opinions and concerns, the rest of us listened and would respond always in a constructive manner.

At the end of an hour and a half, the five of us had agreed on many points of issue, and a commitment to begin follow up as soon as possible. One major focus was to begin reestablishing a strong relationship between the store and the community of Hilltop. A community forum with local residents, area leaders and Safeway management is forthcoming. Consideration to hiring qualified local residents for store security will be given strong consideration. Also, consideration will

be given to begin hiring more minorities in store management positions. The point was made that in areas with large minority populations, a minority presence in store management could greatly assist with resolving disagreements and misunderstandings between store staff and customers due to language or communication barriers.

As we stood up and began to shake hands, it was clear that the differences that less than two hours earlier seemed a great challenge, had been reduced to situations which merely required fine tuning. I had spoken to the division manager of Safeway stores a week earlier. He told me he genuinely understood the challenge before us, and was encouraged by our efforts to work towards a collective resolve. Safeway's motto "Safeway, we're what a neighbor should be" once again, had a nice ring to it. I wish to thank all who participated in this endeavor and look forward to working with each of you.



Peace on Earth

PEACE ON EARTH

by Preston

From the time I was a child, I have always remembered that I loved the Holiday Seasons. It's the time of year, where I think of all the wonderful things God as given to me and my family, and the great things he gave to the world. As an Christian, I believe that the birth of Christ our Savior, was the greatest thing for mankind. And in this we celebrate his birth.

But there are many in the world which have nothing to celebrate or to think of celebrating. Things like this I think of the most.

Imagine that all over the world, there was peace. No crime, no fighting, no suffering for food, or clothes. A world where everyone helped everyone. It's a dream that could come true. There can be a peaceful world we live in. It takes very little to make it happen, but it takes everyone to do the little things to bring joy to someone else.

If we all loved one another, if we all shared the good things with each other, we would have the peaceful world which we want so very much.

May many merry moments fill this holiday season for you!

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Here are some important phone numbers to help you in the event that you are experiencing problems. Cut them out and keep them Handy.

EMERGENCY (POLICE, FIRE) - 911
Crack Hotline - 475-CRAK
Hilltop Action Coalition - 597-4808
Safe Streets - 272-6824
Crime Prevention - 591-5883
Abandoned Autos - 591-5926
Refuse Department - 591-5544
Recycling Department - 565-5955
Larry Norman (Editor) - 272-8133



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