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HAC President's Message

By Brendan Nelson

Hello Hilltop!

The past few months have been quite busy and amazing for HAC. Our Inaugural Luncheon on May 19th was extremely successful. We had the opportunity to share our vision with many supportive Tacoma residents and highlight the amazing work that has taken place for nearly 30 years. We had the pleasure of inviting students from McCarver Elementary & Bryant Montessori to share their stories or poetry about their dreams for our community, leaving very few dry eyes in the room.

Following the luncheon, we held a "Vision 2025 Youth Writing Competition" in partnership with Tacoma Housing Authority and Write 253 for Hilltop's 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. I can't begin to express how extremely grateful we are to all of the folks that joined us and/or contributed in some form or fashion. We truly couldn't serve our community without you.

The Hilltop is a strong community because residents regularly and persistently do a variety of simple things together that give us chances to connect with others, build trust and get involved in working collaboratively. The web of trusting relationships that grows



from us advocating for important issues, helping others with everyday tasks, and joining together to recognize, help, involve and entertain one another makes building strong coalitions possible and strengthens resilience.

When it comes to joining together to make our community and city better, one of the most important things we can do is to find out what brings us together. When we share something with the people around us no matter how small or insignificant it seems, it can help us make connections we never realized we could.

I'm looking forward to the Summer months where HAC will have the opportunity to work

alongside "Hilltopians" in hosting the Annual Neighborhood Clean Up on July 15th at Evergreen Tacoma and supporting Block Leaders at the National Night Out events held throughout the community on August 1st.

I am honored to serve my community in the role of President for such an esteemed organization, and to journey alongside an extremely gifted board of directors. We are working hard to ensure that the Hilltop continues to be vibrant, resilient, dynamic and healthy.

In service,
Brendan Nelson
President, Hilltop Action Coalition

Hilltop Action Coalition Monthly Community Meetings 3rd Mondays @ 6pm

Community Healthcare Bldg. 1202 Martin Luther King Jr. Way

Meet your neighbors and become part of the local Hilltop community. Each month we have presentations and information about community events, activities, policy, and important news.

Hilltop Business News

LeLe - New Owner

Longtime manager Khanh Bo is now the new owner of LeLe restaurant. During a recent visit Khanh shared the news and her plans for the restaurant moving forward. Some of the initial changes have taken place with interior updates that have improved the look and feel of the interior, an updated main service area - the tiki-style theme is gone - and a reorganization of the main floor that leaves the dining area less cluttered and more organized and welcoming. Another big change she wanted to be sure to mention was that she has increased staffing levels, particularly at lunchtime, so diners can expect a much faster order-to-eat experience.

At this time the menu hasn't changed. However, she has plans for some updates in the coming months as she gets settled into being an owner.

Be sure to stop in, say hi, and congratulate Khanh on her exciting new chapter in the Hilltop LeLe, one of the area's most popular and long-standing eateries.

Black Door Wine Company

The new wine business on the Hilltop has people talking. Founded by David Lower, the new business is located across from the U-Haul on Earnest S Brazill.

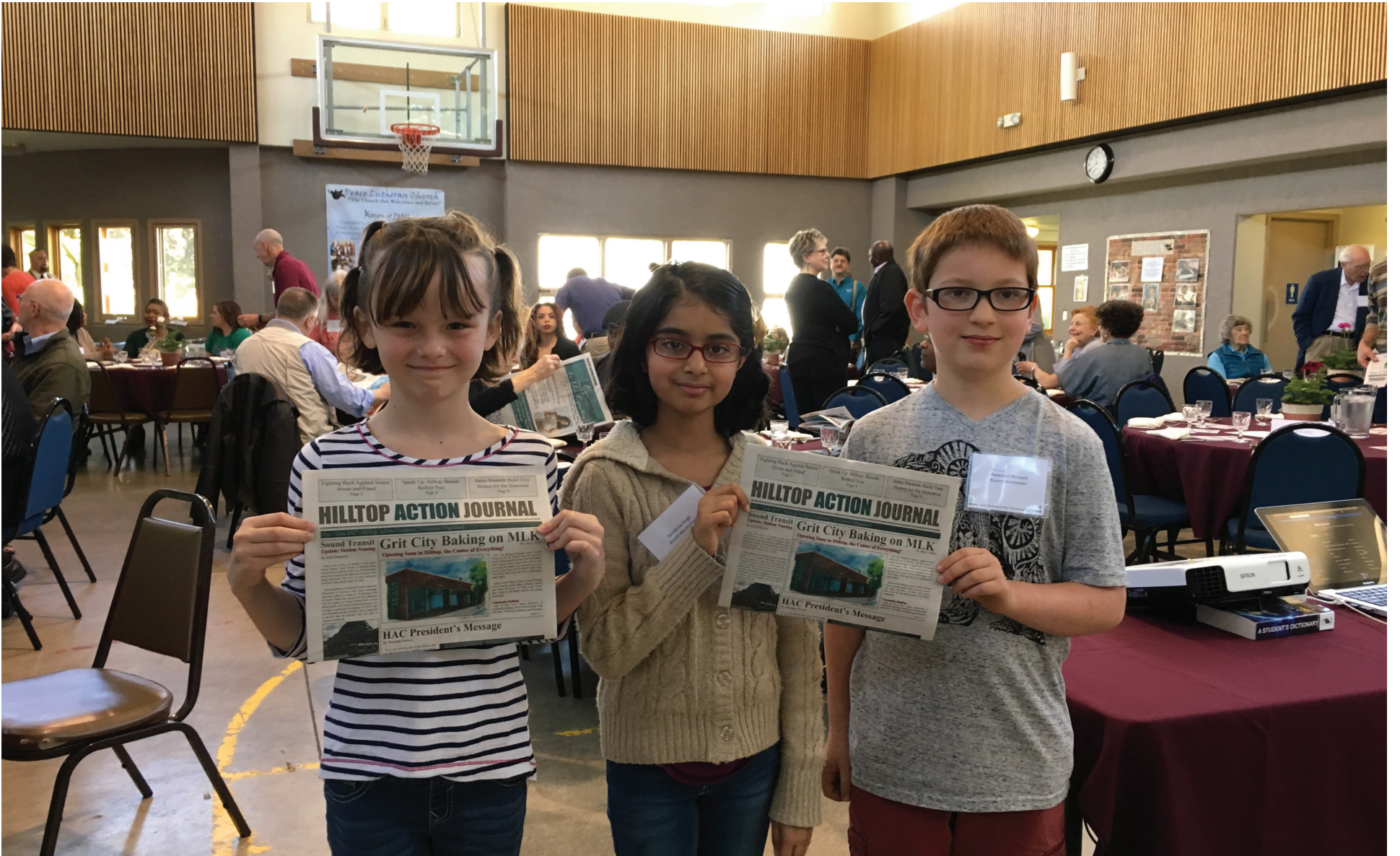
David explains, "I started the Wine Store 5 years ago. Transitioning from the commercial construction industry which is physically demanding, to a career that I truly love and have a strong interest in. Many years ago I started collecting wines from all over the world which has led me to studying, tasting, and selling wines. Much more comfortable than the rough and tough construction work I did." Their website provides an enticing overview. "Discover hundreds of wines at Black Door Wine Company in Tacoma. Founded in 2011, our customers rave about our relaxed atmosphere, personal service & exceptional selection of small vineyard and estate wines sourced from around the world. We're excited to share all of this in our new Hilltop District location" said David.



David said that they specialize in small production Wines from the Northwest and the world and offers to help clients select a special wine(s) for everyday wines for the dinner table. If you already have a favorite, he's willing to get it for you. David also offers classes, private tastings (at your place or here at the store). With a new outdoor patio area it's a great place to hang out, share some vino with a friend and enjoy a casual afternoon of wine tasting. More info at blackdoorwinecompany.com.

Red Elm update

Business continues to go well at the Red Elm Cafe, Hilltop's newest coffee shop. Any day of the week Hilltop residents can stop in and visit with old friends, while meeting new ones. The vision of a community gathering place has really come to fruition and our hats are off to all the wonderful staff at Red Elm who have created such a fantastic contribution to the Hilltop. As you can see in the picture, the heaving lifting continues for Adina and the sisters.



HAC Annual Luncheon Event

Hilltop Action Coalition Celebrates during its inaugural luncheon at Peace Community Center

By HAC Staff

The inaugural Hilltop Action Coalition (HAC) Luncheon at Peace Community Center on May 19 brought residents and fans of the Hilltop together to celebrate the history and future of HAC. The luncheon was the first such gathering in many years as HAC founding members dined with new Hilltoppers, swapping stories of the “not so good” old days and sharing hopes and dreams for our future. With a delicious lunch served by the

gracious volunteers from Recovery Cafe, attendees enjoyed an engaging presentation led by HAC President Brendan Nelson. Nelson highlighted the great work of HAC historically and updated the audience on our latest programs and events.

HAC unveiled a new video is “Who Are We?” The video, produced by Hilltop resident Bryson Foster, captures the history, spirit and diversity of the Hilltop and is available on YouTube (search “Hilltop Action Coalition). A wide range of community members turn out to support the work of HAC and

share in the exciting news and updates about the Hilltop neighborhood.

A highlight of the luncheon was the “literary reading” by four students who participated in the recent “Hilltop Vision 2025” poetry and short story contest:

- Ellis Boran, McCarver Elementary, 4th Grade - “Hilltop’s Future History”
- Madalyn Buchanan, 3rd Grade, Bryant Montessori - “Time”
- Pheanus McNeely, Bryant Montessori, 3rd Grade - “Hilltop Beauty”

- Samiksha Singh, Bryant Montessori, 4th Grade - “Hilltop Litter.”

The students read their entries to an enraptured audience. There tears of joy from many audience members as the youth presented hope and inspiration for the future of Hilltop. The applause for each reader was thunderous. The Vision 2025 and youth writing program is great example of how HAC is engaging residents and community partners through the publication of the Hilltop Action Journal.

Special thanks to Tacoma Housing Authority, Write253, McCarver and Bryant elementary schools who were instrumental in making this program a wonderful success that culminated in a fantastic Literary Event at People’s Park.

The event was also a financial success and as a Washington State 501(c)3 nonprofit, the Hilltop Action Coalition is grateful for your continued support and guidance as we work to serve community.



Hilltop Street Fair

Saturday August 26th, 2017

By Mario Lorenz

Festivals promote diversity, they bring neighbors into dialogue, they increase creativity, they offer opportunities for civic pride, they improve our general psychological well-being. In short, they make cities better places to live.
David Binder

Tacoma is in the midst of significant change. Together we can take another step in the positive transformation of our city. The Hilltop Street Fair is only one day of the year, but it blazes a path with benefits for all of Tacoma. Please be a part of this transformation. Come journey with us and be a part of our community. Our theme is "Unity Through Diversity." We truly believe this is the way of our future. What is good for people and does no harm to the planet is worth doing.

The fourth annual 2017 Hilltop Street Fair will be bigger and better than ever. Along with some 20 food vendors, 50 nonprofit community groups, and 85 artist and craft vendors there will be at least nine areas of interest:

1.) People's Park will feature added activities and events for children and their families including the Clay Martin Puppets, and the Reptile Man. There will be musical performances including Clave Con Jazz, The Centro Latino procession of the Latin countries, and the Tacoma Refugee Choir, plus Hip Hop performances.

2.) 1111 (The Rand Chiravano Stage) offers a full lineup of bands, special guest emcee Kris Brannon (the Sonics Guy) and a beer garden.

3.) The Community Health Plan of Washington Stage features host Doug Mackey and the now famous SMAC (Sound Movement Arts Center) Fashion Show with a full lineup of bands.

4.) The Rite Aid Lot will host the Black Top Rebels Car Show with 100 or more classic cars, a beer garden and a classic motorcycle show. The Bates Stage will host The Emerald City Throw Down Band and others.

5.) The Marconi beer and wine garden will feature softer music and tables and shade.

6.) Centro Latino will feature a vendor bazaar and be the start of the Latino Procession.

7.) The Hilltop Film Festival and competition



will be held in the old Key Bank Building. This location will also feature a fabulous art show.

8.) Roving around the Street Fair will be Vuelta La Luna with some trapeze flying, juggling, Poi, and hula-hoop demonstrations. The Buffalo Soldiers will be back this year and the Boeing Clowns will add to the festivities.

9.) The Quilt Show is new this year and will kick off at Allen AME. Several magnificent quilts will be displayed all day at 1223 MLK. Bob's BBQ will feed one and all. The City Gates Ministry will provide giveaway items

and festival goers can get your feet washed as well. In addition The Scott Funeral home will provide free items. Mr. Mac will have bargains to go along with the special festival coupon book being produced.

Our theme "Unity Through Diversity" for the the fourth annual 2017 Hilltop Street Fair celebrates Tacoma's most diverse neighborhood — Hilltop! Please join us and learn more about one of Tacoma's oldest and most interesting communities.



Hilltop Street Fair Film Competition 2017

Got a film you want to share? Want to make a film and enter it into the annual contest? The fair film competition is looking for entries that are family friendly, show a local influence, demonstrate content related to unity and diversity, and are 10 minutes or shorter. Submissions are due by August 1st. For more info contact hilltopfilmcompetition@gmail.com (image filmcompetition-2017.pdf)

Quilt Show By Liz Burris

This year's Hilltop Street Fair will include a Quilt Show showcasing works from local quilters and artisans. It will be at the Fellowship Hall of Allen AME Church, at 1223 MLK Jr. Way.

Mirroring the Fair's theme of "Unity through Diversity," the quilts exhibited will reflect the spirit and diversity of the community. Included in the exhibit will be a viewing of the "The Quilts of Gee's Bend" documentary, along with a Gee's Bend original and several reproductions. There will also be a display of story quilts depicting children's quilt stories. In addition to established quilters, young quilters from the Peace Lutheran Youth Quilt Program will display and describe their summer quilting project.

Heading up the show are two quilters who are also veterans, Elizabeth Burris and A'donna Richardson. Besides quilting, Elizabeth and A'donna are community volunteers and members of Allen AME Church. Quilt entry is free and open to all quilters. For details and entry guidelines, contact Elizabeth (253-228-0985) or A'donna (253-905-6633), or email: hilltopquiltshow@gmail.com

Tacoma Recovery Cafe and Volunteering By Anne Artman

For the second year, the Tacoma Recovery Café will participate in the Hilltop Street Fair. On March 15, 2016, the café began providing recovery support to the Hilltop community and surrounding area. Very quickly, Anne Artman, and Ronny Brown became a part of the local landscape and recognized the importance of community involvement, partnerships and the strong neighborhood sense of belonging. Last year the Tacoma Recovery Café was instrumental in providing nearly 20 volunteers who assisted vendors, provided coffee, set up booths, and helped with security and a variety of support services, including socializing and sharing the community warmth. This year, they hope to provide 30 volunteers to meet the expanding needs of the Fair.

If people are interested in getting involved and volunteering, please contact Anne Artman at

annartman@mcfhc.org or visit the Café at 813 MLK Jr. Way, Tacoma, 98405. The community is invited to the first Tacoma Recovery Café Open House. Please join them on Saturday, July 22, from 11 am to 4 pm. Visitors can meet the Recovery Coaches, share lunch, celebrate their members' successes and visit the newly renovated café. The public is welcome. (image: recovery-cafe-street-fair-1)

Community Health Care Music Stage and Fashion Show

By Joshua Krebsbach

Community Health Care and Community Health Plan of Washington have partnered again to bring a music stage to the Hilltop Street Fair. The stage will feature performances from five music groups and the second Hilltop Fashion Show. The stage is once again being emceed and managed by the outstanding, encore-inducing, famous Tacoma local Doug Mackey.

The stage will run for the duration of the street fair, from 11 am to 7 pm and feature musical acts the Fun Police, Mr. Blackwatch, Flor de Luna, and SOVA. The stage will be a great place to watch some fun acts while enjoying this year's street fair.

The Hilltop Fashion Show is on for its second year beginning at 2:00 pm. It will once again feature local fashion pieces modeled by the ladies and gentlemen at Sound Movement Arts Center (SMAC). The show is organized by Raven West, the co-owner of SMAC. Raven and her young models kicked the show off in a spectacular manner last year and the runway is ready to go for the ladies and gents this year.

Come join us at the Community Health Plan of Washington stage and while you're there, check out the Community Health Care wellness booths providing free dental screenings, wellness checks, blood pressure checks and insurance assistance: with everything you need to make sure you are healthy and ready for a day filled with fun in the sun.

Hilltop Street Fair Car Show By Amy Howard

The Blacktop Rebels Car Club is proud to host the 4th Annual Hilltop Street Fair Car Show.

Open to all vehicle makes and models, this event celebrates the diversity of the Hilltop community by bringing automotive lovers together. Register your classic cars, hotrods, tuners, lowriders, imports and more! Participants are encouraged to show up and show off - bring your automotive style to the street fair.

This year the car show will feature its own music stage along with a beer garden and food trucks. Back by demand, custom handmade car show trophies will be presented. 13 "Lucky 13" trophies will be awarded to the top vehicles selected by the Blacktop Rebels car club. With parking for more than 100 cars this be the largest show since the fair began.



The car show will run from 10 am to 3 pm. Check-in begins at 9 am. Car awards will begin at 3 pm. Registration can be completed online at www.blacktoprebelscc.com. Limited edition dash plaques will be given to the first 50 participants
Pre Registration: \$15 (Free Dash Plaque + Griots goodie bag)
Day of Registration: \$20

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Tacoma Link Extension Hilltop Engagement Committee

By William Towey

As many people who live in the Hilltop already know, the Tacoma Link rail extension is coming. This \$250 million dollar project will have a dramatic impact on our community and the planning and design process is well under way.

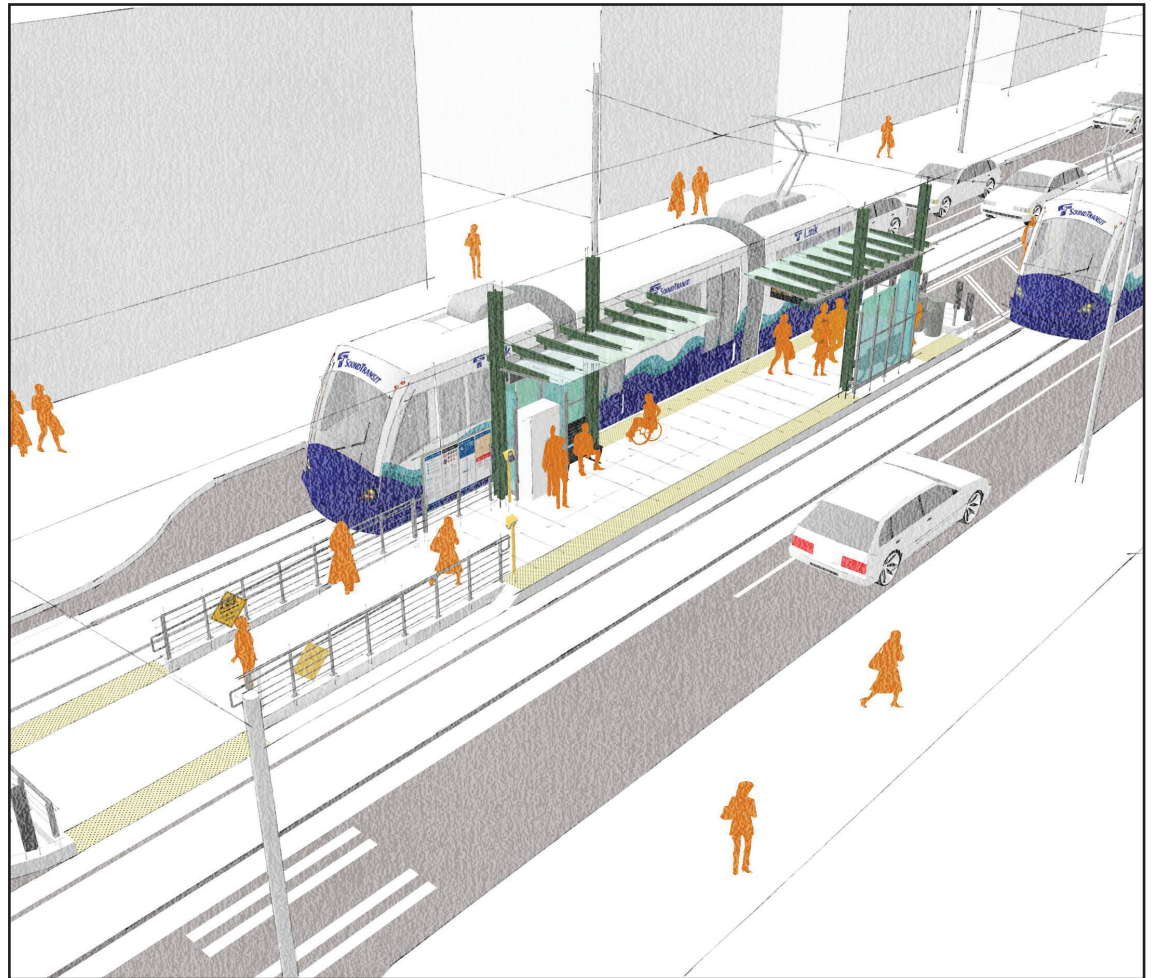
Sound Transit and the City of Tacoma formed the Hilltop Engagement Committee to engage with local community and create active participation in planning for the Tacoma Link rail extension. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 5 pm in the Clyde Hupp Board Room at Bates Technical College. The meeting is open to the public. Committee members, drawn from a variety of community organizations and groups, meet with city planners, Sound Transit representatives, and project contractors to discuss and review many aspects of the Tacoma Link extension project. The Hilltop Engagement Committee is part of the broader "Links to Opportunity" project which is a partnership between the City of Tacoma and Sound Outreach that is described on the city website (www.cityoftacoma.org/links) as:

sidewalks, lighting, benches, trees, and landscaping.

Develop strategies to connect Hilltop residents with workforce development and economic empowerment opportunities provided by the Tacoma Link Expansion construction.

One of the most important decisions by the City of Tacoma in the past few years was the route of the Tacoma Link rail extension. The decision for a route that goes through the Stadium District and down the MLK corridor from Tacoma General to St. Joseph's will forever change the Hilltop neighborhood of Tacoma.

The Hilltop Engagement Committee (HEC) was formed by the City to provide proactive community engagement and participation in some of the design elements of the rail expansion and surrounding streetscape design — as well as work to engage local residents with some of the economic opportunities that will arrive. As the light rail project unfolds it will spur a level of development never before experienced in the Hilltop area. Expect to see lots of new construction, hundreds of new market rate apartments, increasing retail activity, restaurants, etc. (www.soundtransit.org/tacomalinkexpansion).



year percentage increase in net population. The incredible market surge in housing costs in King County will continue to put pressure on the Pierce County market. As the commute to Seattle continues to be lengthy, the role of Transit Oriented Development (TOD), areas of new housing close to transit resources, becomes increasingly important.

Tacoma is one of the best values for property on the West Coast, and the Hilltop is one of the best values in Tacoma. The Tacoma Link expansion into the Hilltop will mean rapidly

process in order to find ways for existing residents to participate in the growth and economic development that typically accompanies this kind of investment. Additionally, many community members are concerned about the gentrification that comes with such investment and are interested in finding ways to address those concerns around questions of affordable housing and living wage jobs in meaningful ways.

The Links to Opportunity project has opened an office in the old Key Bank building to help community

that residents are able to be informed, participate, and be heard. The initial office hours are Tuesdays, noon - 4 pm, Wednesdays, 9 am - 1 pm Thursdays, 4 - 8 pm. Stop in and learn more about the project and share the information with your neighbors and friends.

The action our community takes in the coming months may well have an impact for decades.

The Hilltop Action Coalition is concerned about the negative impacts of gentrification for local residents. We are working to bring to the community new information and resources to help current residents participate in the economic development opportunities, and resurgent vibrant community that emerge from the growth and development in the coming years. The outreach and engagement efforts by Sound Transit and the City are considerable and represent meaningful chances for local residents to be a part of the process. While increasing property values harm those who rent, they are often welcomed by families who have owned homes on the Hilltop — often for more than one generation. The Tacoma Housing Authority continues to invest in new mixed-income affordable housing on the Hilltop so that options remain for those residents who will not be able to afford the newer market rate developments that are being built. The City of Tacoma has programs that encourage homeownership, retention, and addition of accessory dwelling units. HAC will continue to work bring you information, presentations and other important information about the changes that are coming to the Hilltop neighborhood.



The Links to Opportunity Project is a partnership between Sound Transit and the City of Tacoma. This collaboration actively engages the community to do the following:

Develop and design streetscape improvements along the Link Expansion route, including

The pressure of a global economy is already driving massive growth in the Seattle area and impacting property values and development in the Tacoma area. In 2016, Pierce County was the number one county in the nation for year-to-

increasing housing costs as people choose to live in a neighborhood that just over an hour commute from downtown Seattle via rail. The Hilltop Engagement Committee is one opportunity for community to be proactively involved in the

members learn more about the project and participate in the planning and design elements for the Tacoma Link extension. Over the coming months, planning sessions, community meetings, outreach activities and other events will be held to ensure

HILLTOP RESTAURANT HIGHLIGHTS



The Fish House Cafe Seafood
1814 S Martin Luther King Jr Way
Tacoma, WA 98405
(253) 383-7144



Southern Kitchen Southern Restaurant
1716 6th Ave, Tacoma, WA
(253) 627-4282



Pho King Thai Restaurant
1716 6th Ave, Tacoma, WA
(253) 272-6287



Le-Le Thai Restaurant
1012 M.L.K. Jr Way, Tacoma
(253) 572-9491



Quickie Too Vegetarian Restaurant
1324 Martin Luther King Jr Way,
Tacoma (253) 572-4549

POEMS & SHORT STORIES



Founded in 2011, Write253 is a literacy arts organization that provides writing education throughout Pierce County, especially in underserved neighborhoods. Whether we are meeting after school for poetry, film or debate club, leading regular writing workshops at Remann Hall, or hosting Tacoma's only teen poetry festival, we believe in the power of the written and spoken word to encourage creativity and transform lives.

The following artwork and poems were created by youth incarcerated in Remann Hall, Pierce County's juvenile detention facility off 6th Avenue in Tacoma. Volunteers work with the youth on the first and third Thursday of each month, leading freewriting and poetry exercises and, sometimes, recording the writers reading their work aloud. Recordings of some of the poems were played during April's Louder than a Bomb poetry festival at Tacoma Community College. More audio recordings of the poems are available on SoundCloud: Search "Louder than a bomb."

GOING THROUGH CHANGES

I try to be what they want me to be following the rules they set for me.
Morning comes so I rise to another day of programming.
Conflicting thoughts of my life in the hood,
making changes could be good.
What would the Big Homie say?
Say about me trying to change,
trying to find my way out.
Food for thought,
Something to think about.
Caged.

SOMETIMES I WONDER ...

Sometimes it seems like it don't matter if you lie or tell the truth.
People pick out what they want to believe
all you can do is Hope they pick the things that count. Tomorrow, I finally got my court date. So much dependin' on it.

I know I'm the only one that can tell myself the truth & make me listen. If I go home, will I just pick up where I left off, or can I change? That's for the judge to decide, I guess.

GROWING UP

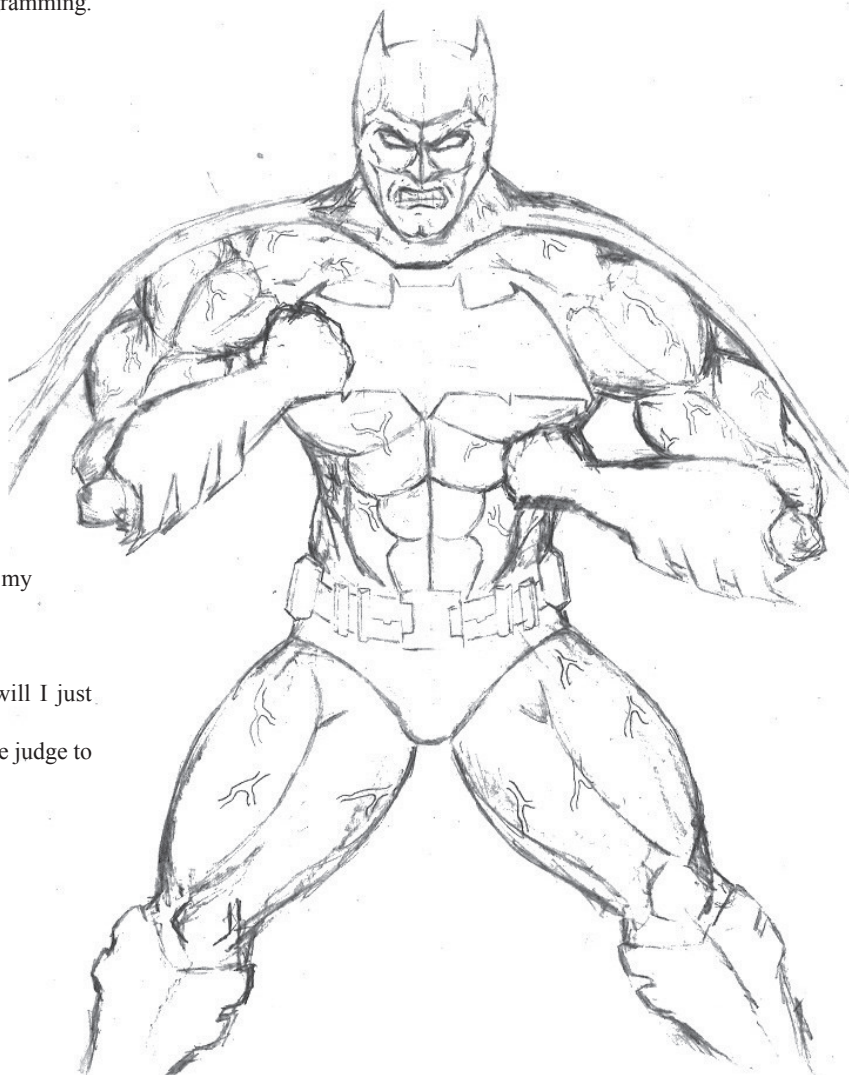
First it starts with the first beat of a heart
Then the next thing you know you're a kid
Then you're making your parents bed
Then you think about life
Then you grow up.

ME WITHOUT YOU

Without you is like Muslims without Allah
Without you is like a cookie without the cream
Without you is like a pencil without the lead
Without you is like a bird without wings
Without you is like a heart without life
Without you is like a book without the mark
Without you I'm nothing at all.

FORGET THE STRESS

I'm pressed and I stress
Gotta stay strong through the roughest of times
It's me behind the cell at the end of the day
So no matter what you say
You will never feel the way that I feel unless you're behind one, too.



DID A YEAR NOW I'M BACK IN AGAIN

I got my out on good time
doing good from the start
didn't want to be a bum askin for change till dark
I got my money up that was the first part of the start
baby girl said I got a baby on the way so that changed my heart
I started stackin hella bread for my kid's new start
Now baby's mom trippin cuz I'm stayin out after dark
came home mom's at the casino locked out left me to rot
car pulled up mom's friend I was cold so I hopped in the drop
I didn't know the car was stolen driver fled
So you know who got caught
Back in a cell thinking hard don't even know
how much time I got
Mom's living fair but don't got a bank or credit card
Can't get hold of anybody straight collect calls
so I stopped
now I'm waiting for court so my name can be called
I just want to be free so every day I pray
the judge won't crack me off
Seeing your kid come out the womb
that's amazing and a memory that's gonna be saved in the dad's heart.

I LOVE THE LIFE THAT I LIVE

Never hated it
I just have to make better choices and good will always come with it.
I think instead of acting on impulse
Never let no one get in my head or make me mad
That only means they are in control
I'm fully in control.
I will always remember I'm my own man
Never do as another man says unless it's the right thing

I miss my family but I gotta stay strong through the roughest of times
I feel my woman ain't been holdin me down like she says she is
I hope she is keepin it solid like she says she was
Only time will tell.

Never let a little bit of stress get in the way of change
There is always time for change
Forget the stress.

BELIEF

Giving up is the sign of the weak-hearted soul.
Such a person will never be able to reach his goal.
Believe in yourself, you will come up with flying colors.
Like a warrior, you will shine, even in dark, stormy weather.



Bay Terrace is Now Open

By Adam Ydstie and Scott Hollis

Join the Hilltop neighborhood in celebrating the completion of Bay Terrace. This ribbon cutting event will take place on Monday, August 7 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at 2550 S. G St. The program will include remarks from Bay Terrace residents, congressional representatives, community leaders,

The newly completed Bay Terrace is located between South G Street and Yakima Avenue and between South 25th and South 27th in Tacoma's Hilltop neighborhood. Years ago, THA demolished 81 old, unsightly public housing units. In their place is now 144 apartments built in a range of styles for a variety of family incomes. In addition, a 7,000-square-foot community/education center was constructed at the southwest



Absher Construction and staff of Tacoma Housing Authority (THA), along with live music and food and refreshments from local artisans.

corner of the property that houses site leasing and maintenance staff, a computer lab and a Head Start program in partnership with Tacoma

Public Schools.

Bay Terrace is built to be environmentally responsible and use resources efficiently. Residents live in a healthy and safe building, and pay less in energy and utilities. Some noticeable green features include the drought-tolerant landscaping and green roofs, which slow down pollutants in stormwater runoff and increase open space, habitat and biodiversity. The building materials have a low environmental impact; the mechanical systems are energy-efficient. Bay Terrace meets the Evergreen Sustainable Development Standard for affordable housing and is certified by the US Green Building Council's LEED rating system, which recognizes buildings for high environmental design standards.

The unique building design of Bay Terrace is complemented by the attention to art and outdoor living space. THA's intention was to create warm, visually inviting spaces for members of the Bay Terrace community to congregate and feel a sense of ownership of the property. Inside the midrise building, each floor has a distinctly themed lobby and gathering space.

The planning and design of Bay Terrace's art installments was an opportunity to see what Bay Terrace residents wanted in their community. THA gave special attention to amenities for teens and youth. THA asked local, award-winning artists Chris Jordan and Kenji Stoll to work with youth to plan an interactive art piece to be built on the property.

Jordan and Stoll conducted a series of informal sessions — involving pizza, interactive games, screen

printing, robotics, and direct surveys — to gain insight about what youth really want. Out of this, they learned youth wanted three things:

- Something with bright colors and that had a sense of fun — much like the athletic shoes they were wearing,
- A basketball court,
- A place to hang out and practice dance moves and music performances.

From this feedback, Jordan and Stoll created an art installment that is a colorful, interactive basketball half-court, surrounded by terraced seating that provides youth an inviting place to hang out. The basketball hoop is adjustable, and the area is well-lit by a new programmable multi-color LED lighting system that the youth can control themselves. Jordan and Stoll also designed a tall bench that acts as a sitting and gathering lookout on a bouldery hill. This one-of-a-kind attraction is certain to draw the amusement of children and adults alike.

Bay Terrace features two artworks that fill the corner near the south entrance of Bay Terrace on 27th Street. One is located on the corner

These benches attract people to sit and enjoy the common area that has become a gathering place for this intersection.

THA would like to invite you to enjoy the art installations, community celebration and ribbon cutting on August 7. All are welcome. Please RSVP by e-mailing Adam Ydstie, Operations Coordinator at aydstie@tacomahousing.org or by phone at (253) 207-4415.

Interested in living at Bay Terrace? Call Property Manager Debra Pohlenz at (253) 625-5026.

About Tacoma Housing Authority
Established in 1940, Tacoma Housing Authority provides high-quality, stable and sustainable housing and supportive services to people in need. It does this in ways that help them prosper and help our communities develop equitably. THA develops and manages real estate and provides rental housing. In partnership with thousands of private landlords, it helps families pay the rent in the private rental market. It delivers supportive services to help families succeed as "tenants, parents,



of the blue midrise building, entitled "Sea Branches & Pearls," by Diane Hansen and Jennifer Wedderman. The sculpture is inspired by the water gardens on the property. Pearls of glass are embedded in a rust-metal framework intertwined with the landscaped foliage. The other is five whimsical benches entitled "TransFORM" by Yuki Nakamura.

students, wage earners and builders of assets who can live without assistance". THA seeks to do its work in ways that help our community be an "attractive place to live, work, attend school, shop and play," and that help Tacoma be "safe, vibrant, prosperous, attractive and just." For more information about THA and its work, go to www.tacomahousing.net.

BYOB: Ban the Bag

Grab your shopping bags! July 12th is coming.

By Monica Cysensky

Last July, the Bring Your Own Bag ordinance was passed. On July 12th 2017 the City of Tacoma is officially switching over to a system that encourages a more sustainable way of shopping. Plastic shopping bags will be a thing of the past. A minimum fee of five cents will be charged per recycled paper bag or another sustainable option supplied by the store.

While this fee, and the cost of reusable bags, could be a financial burden, Emily Campbell, a project specialist from Tacoma's Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability, believes otherwise. She said that the city is "providing free reusable shopping bags for community members through a variety of avenues to make sure everyone who needs a bag has access to one." Bags can be found at organizations such as Tacoma Housing Authority, Tacoma Rescue Mission, Associated Ministries, food

banks and community centers. There will also be free bags handed out at community events and grocery stores over the summer! Campbell says the city "will have bags available at the TacomaFIRST 311 Customer Support Center which is located on the second floor of the Tacoma Municipal Building located at 747 Market Street.

Another program making its way to Tacoma is a bag share. With the "Bag Share [program] we hope to create a system for people who need reusable bags. People can leave a bag when they have extra, and others can take a bag when they need one" said Campbell.

Produce, dry cleaning, and newspaper bags will still be available for free. However, sustainable options, such as reusable produce and garment bags are available at local Tacoma retailers.

Tacoma's ordinance seems to come in a long line of cities and governments cracking down on the dangerous bags. Countries such as Bangladesh, Ireland, Kenya, and



Taiwan have adopted similar laws discouraging the use of plastic bags. However, American cities are adopting the program as well. Many cities, such as Bellingham, Seattle, and many others, have approved laws that will be going into effect soon.

According to Gallup polling Americans are very worried about ocean, and drinking water pollution.

However, Tacoma is a leader of sustainability, said Campbell. While the city doesn't have any ordinances coming up "there is certainly forward momentum in the form of programs and policies. One great example is the City's 2016 Environmental Action Plan, which is a list of policies and programs for the city to accomplish to meet the environmental goals outlined

in the Tacoma 2025 Strategic Plan" explained Campbell. One hundred billion "disposable" plastic bags are thrown away by Americans each year according to World Watch. Thankfully our great city has taken a large step in the right direction.

Graduate Tacoma

Moves to the Hilltop

By Kristy Gledhill

This spring, the Foundation for Tacoma Students moved into our new offices at 9th and J Streets. The Foundation is the backbone organization for the Graduate Tacoma movement, which consists of more than 240 community partners, all intent on raising the graduation rate for Tacoma Public Schools students. Many of the community partners have direct ties to the Hilltop neighborhood, including Peace Community Center, Hilltop Artists, and Tacoma Community House, to name a few.

Here's how the Graduate Tacoma movement got started: In 2010, just over half of Tacoma students were graduating and Tacoma received unwanted national attention about our high schools being "dropout factories." That same year, the Foundation for Tacoma Students was founded to build and strengthen the community-wide movement to help every student achieve success, from cradle to college and career.

By 2016, despite some of the highest poverty rates in Washington state, graduation rates have increased for Tacoma students from 55% to a record-high 85%, surpassing the state average for a third year in a row. Tacoma graduation rates also surpassed the state average for students most in need: TPS

low-income students: 81% (WA 69%); TPS homeless students: 72% (WA 53%); TPS English-language learners: 64%, (WA 58%).

Students of color have achieved double-digit graduation rate gains: Black +27 points; Hispanic +30; Pacific Islander +44; Native American +30; Asian +25; White +20. Even the stubborn graduation gaps among students of color have closed dramatically. The 4-year graduation gap between Hispanic and White students has closed from 16% to 5%. Between Black and White students, it has closed from 15% to 0%.

What's behind the Tacoma turnaround? It all started in 2010 when the community came together — parents and educators, early learning and higher education, youth and community service, business and labor, civic and philanthropic, local government and communities of faith — to forge a bold goal:

By the Class of 2020, we will increase by 50% both the graduation rate of Tacoma Public Schools students and those who complete a college degree or technical certificate. Success will require measuring and closing gaps in access, opportunities, and achievement for all students, from cradle to college and career.

Today, the Graduate Tacoma movement consists of more than 240 diverse community partners



who have agreed to a common set of student and community indicators we measure in our pursuit of our goal. Four collaborative action networks create collective, data-driven, credible, and transparent ways to measure progress and improve student outcomes.

We're not there yet. Gaps in achievement persist: We need to increase achievement overall in preschool quality, for instance, in preparing students for kindergarten, and in early grade reading. We're intent on boosting and finding better ways to track college completion rates to meet our "50% higher" goal for the Class of 2020.

The work we're engaged in and the progress we're making is drawing Tacomans together in pursuit of a better future for our kids. The closer we get to our goal, the more strategic we need to be. Together, Tacoma is striving for every child.

Find more information at GraduateTacoma.org



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Felix and the All-Star Game



By Kris “Sonic Guy” Brannon

It is not every day that Cheney Stadium in Tacoma has one of the most accomplished Mariners players of all time playing for them, but that’s exactly what the Rainiers had when Felix Hernandez was on a rehabilitation assignment in Tacoma. The six time All-Star got off to a shaky start in his first outing by giving

up a grand slam in the second inning. However, his last two starts were more like what we expect from King Felix form, striking out five batters in one game and eight batters in the last resulting in wins for the Rainiers.

The Rainiers will host this year’s Triple A All-Star Game. It will pit the Pacific Coast League against the International League and

will air on the Major League Baseball Network live on July 12. It will be the 30th anniversary of the All-Star game and the first time Tacoma has hosted it. There will also be a Home Run Derby on July 10. If you’re interested in tickets for either event please contact them at TacomaRainiers.com



National Night Out Aug. 1st on the Hilltop

By Jo Davies

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign, coordinated by Safe Streets, that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood relationships to make our neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live. It provides a great opportunity to get to know and socialize with other members of your community. Neighborhoods host block parties, cookouts, kids activities, face painting, lawn games, live music and various other events. Visits from emergency personnel, including firefighters, city council members and staff are often featured.

At this writing, seven Hilltop Neighborhoods have registered their National Night Out event with Safe Streets. Look for them at the following locations:

- South Sheridan between 9th & 11th streets, 3:30 – 8:00 pm
- South Ridgewood between 9th & 11th streets, 3:30 – 8:00 pm
- 8th & I Neighbors at Neighbors’ Park (South 8th & I streets), 4:00 – 8:00 pm
- South L Street between 23d and 25th streets, 6:00 – 8:30 pm
- South Cushman between 9th & 12th, 6:00 – 8:30 pm
- South Sheridan at 21st. St., 2:00 – 6:00 pm
- People’s Center – 1602 MLK Jr. Way, 5:00 – 9:00 pm.






Mae Harris has been organizing the event for residents of the L Street area for almost twenty years. The party has migrated from 18th and L to the current location at People’s Center where 200-300 Hilltoppers gather every year to eat the featured BBQ and meet old and new neighbors.

Other neighborhood groups are encouraged to host an event. As we get closer to the August deadline, more groups may register. To find out about an event near you, please contact the Hilltop Action Coalition office, 253-442-8848 or Safe Streets, 253-272-6824.







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By Corey Mosesly, United Way of Pierce County,
Manager of Family Stability Initiatives
coreym@uwpc.org

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Electrical Assembler	\$22.03	\$45,822		<input type="checkbox"/>
First-Line Supervisor	\$31.42	\$65,354		<input type="checkbox"/>
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Laborers & Freight Movers	\$17.91	\$37,253		<input type="checkbox"/>
Heavy & Trailer Drivers	\$23.24	\$48,339		<input type="checkbox"/>
Hand Packers & Packages	\$12.94	\$26,915		<input type="checkbox"/>
Bus Drivers, School	\$17.75	\$36,920		<input type="checkbox"/>
Industrial Truck Operator	\$22.14	\$46,051		<input type="checkbox"/>






CONSTRUCTION

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Construction Labor	\$20.69	\$43,035	 	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electricians	\$28.07	\$54,385	 	<input type="checkbox"/>
Painters, Construction	\$20.29	\$42,203	 	<input type="checkbox"/>
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IT/CYBER SECURITY

Software Developers	\$44.26	\$92,061		<input type="checkbox"/>
Computer User Support	\$24.60	\$51,168		<input type="checkbox"/>
Web Developers	\$32.04	\$66,643		<input type="checkbox"/>
Information Security	\$47.29	\$98,363		<input type="checkbox"/>
Systems Analyst	\$40.14	\$83,491		<input type="checkbox"/>

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Annual Neighborhood Clean Up

By Jennifer Stolle

The Hilltop Neighborhood Clean-up is Saturday, July 15 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Tacoma campus of The Evergreen State College. Not only is this an opportunity to get rid of all that stuff that tends to accumulate around your home and yard over the course of the year, it is also a great time to contribute to making the Hilltop a more beautiful place to live, and to make new connections with your neighbors.

The Hilltop Action Coalition is partnering with City of Tacoma to provide volunteers to not only make the collection site at Evergreen a success, but also to organize teams to assist Hilltop neighbors who are unable to transport their trash to the collection site. HAC is looking for at least 30 volunteers, which will allow teams to clean up sore spots in our neighborhoods, alleys, and vacant lots.

"Everyone is welcome," according to Greg Walker, who is coordinating the volunteer effort for the event. "We have roles for everyone, from assisting with site check-in and distributing

information, to assisting residents with vehicle unloading at the collection site. We can also use volunteers who are willing to drive their personal pickup trucks and assist with off-site collection and clean up. This is a great chance to spend a few hours working alongside your neighbors to spruce up our community."

HAC will provide gloves, water and snacks for all volunteers. Please contact the HAC office at (253) 442-8848, or hacoffice15@gmail.com, to volunteer.

Luna's Hilltop Cleanup Crew

Luna's Hilltop Cleanup Crew's launch party was a success.

The inspiration for this cleanup effort came from a short story written by Samiksha Singh, a 4th grader from Bryant Montessori (see below). She submitted her writing for the 2025 Writing Competition, which published more than 50 creative writing submissions in the May 2017 issue of

the Hilltop Action Journal. She was invited to read her story at the Hilltop Action Coalition's Inaugural Luncheon last month at Peace Community Center in front of more than one hundred attendees. Her inspiring story featured the main character, Luna, who struggles with the lack of cleanliness in her neighborhood. Eventually, she decides to start a cleanup. After a few weeks, more than 50 people join her and her grandfather on their Sunday cleanups.

A monthly cleanup has been the topic of discussions around the office here at the Hilltop Action Coalition. After the luncheon, through the efforts of our volunteers and staff, and with the support from the Neighborhood & Community Services Department at the City, we made Luna's fictional cleanup efforts a reality.

Sunday, June 25th was our launch of this new twice a month cleanup crew. Our first gathering went very well. Nine people participated, including Samiksha and her family. It was the hottest day on record so far this year, yet we powered through the

heat for nearly two hours. We collected six bags of trash, a TV and a couch, all of which the City of Tacoma collected early Monday morning. We also reported an abandoned BBQ on an empty lot via the Tacoma First 311 app, and the City of Tacoma is now taking measures to remove it.

We meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month at 2pm at the Hilltop Action Coalition Office, 1116 Earnest S Brazil St, for a safety briefing, gear distribution & volunteer sign-in. HAC will provide attendees with water, snacks, and a nifty HAC Volunteer button. Bags, gloves, and safety vests are provided by the City of Tacoma. We also check in with Tacoma Police Department prior to our departure and alert them to our focus area so they can swing by and say hello. We plan to rotate our focus around the Hilltop, as needed. This is a great opportunity to build up volunteer hours while connecting with your community.

Our goal is to help our neighbors by creating a space for connection and education, all while building a stronger neighborhood together. The change starts with you. If you have recommendations or would like to be part of the HACtion, contact us at the Hilltop Action Coalition office at (253) 442-8848 or by email hacoffice15@gmail.com.

Hilltop Litter

By Samiksha Singh

Bryant Montessori School, 4th Grade Hilltop. The Hilltop with crime and litter. It has been this way for a while, and nobody's done anything about it. People live in this neighborhood- they should have a clean neighborhood to live in!

I'm Luna, and I live in the Hilltop area. But I'm nine. I can't do anything about it! I go on walks every morning, and look at all the trash. But again, I can't do anything!

Two weeks later...

I'm starting to pick up trash. Every day on my walk I bring my wagon, and some gloves. I pick up all the garbage I see. I hung up flyers and said that meetings were at my address, on Sundays from 2:00 PM-3:00 PM. Nobody shows up, but I still pick up trash.

Three Days Later...

A 10 year old girl and her grandfather decided, since they live here, they should help clean up the area.

One Week Later...

Over 50 people have come! They help pick up trash and report crimes. I guess when I said I can't do anything, I was wrong. Anyone can do something. So this is what 2025 is like.



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People's Community Center Late Night

By Jennifer Stolle

A new Summer Late Night Program for middle school students is happening on Friday nights at the People's Community Center. The program is free to all 6-8th graders with student ID. The staff on the Late Night Team have a

full program for attendees. At 8 pm, the Center closes to all non-middle school aged attendees and from 8pm to 11pm students have access to the swimming pool, basketball and volleyball in the gym and other activities. The first night was June 23, and the approximately 15 kids came home from three hours of activities sweaty and tired.

By June 30th, the word had spread. Fifty-three students enjoyed karaoke and quesadillas, as well as the open gym and the pool. Students enjoy Karaoke and Quesadillas, the gym and the pool. Future plans for the program will include DJs, more karaoke, and games of

all sorts. The program will continue each Friday night until August 25.

The People's Community Center Steering Committee worked with Metro Parks to ensure that this program would be available to Hilltop Youth during the summer months. Having a safe and fun place for our kids to go on Friday nights was the main goal. If this pilot program is successful, Metro Parks has agreed to continue it next summer.

Help support our efforts and bring your kids and their friends each Friday night from 8-11 pm. People's Community Center is located at 1602 MLK Jr. Way.



Healthy Youth Coalition

By Erin Watlington

The Healthy Youth Coalition of Tacoma is a newly formed group working to address youth substance use in the Central Tacoma community. Our work is focused in prevention: getting ahead of the behaviors that are known to put youth at risk for engaging in underage drinking, marijuana use and other at-risk behaviors.

HYC of Tacoma is one of 59 communities statewide, participating in the Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative (CPWI), funded by the state Department of Social and Healthy Services' Division of Behavioral Health and Recover (DBHR). Pierce County has community coalitions addressing youth substance use prevention in Parkland, Bethel, Lakewood and Central Tacoma.

The coalition's mission is to address youth substance use by increasing awareness, providing education and enhancing healthy opportunities for youth, families and community.

The funding received by the coalition will provide public awareness campaigns and materials, prevention activities at Foss High School

and a selected feeder middle school, training opportunities for the coalition and community, evidence-based parenting classes and a number of other activities.

Our work is data driven but also very much rooted in the needs identified by the community. An example is our June 7 presentation on race by Dr. Robin DiAngelo hosted in partnership with Peace Lutheran Church. Peace's work on addressing racism and racial equity in Hilltop was the stepping-stone for this presentation. It was a successful event that we hope brought more awareness to institutional racism and a commitment that these types of conversations continue and lead to radical changes in our systems and organizations.

The Healthy Youth Coalition of Tacoma is excited to work in Central Tacoma and hope to be considered an authentic partner.

If you'd like more information about the coalition or have an interest in joining us, please visit our new website at www.hyctacoma.org and click on the "Get Involved" tab. The Coalition Coordinator can be reached at erinwatlington@gmail.com

Current Coalition Partners

- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Boys and Girls Clubs
- Consejo Counseling and Referral Services
- Henry Foss High School

- Metro Parks
- Molina Healthcare
- MultiCare
- Peace Community Center
- Peace Lutheran Church
- Pierce County Human Services
- Puget Sound Educational Services District
- Puget Sound Foursquare
- Safe Streets
- Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
- Tacoma Police Department
- Tacoma Public Schools
- Tacoma Rescue Mission

St. John Baptist Church

By Teresa Jackson

St. John Baptist Church #2 was established eight years ago in its present building at 2155 South L St. here on our hilltop. The church was founded by Reverend Anthony Boles. Reverend Boles is the son of Dr. J.A. Boles who was a senior pastor and founder of St. John Missionary Baptist Church at 2001 South J St. Reverend Anthony Boles, has two brothers, Joseph and

Eric, both of whom are preachers.

Services at St. John Baptist Church #2 are held three days a week. Tuesday Prayer meeting is held from 7 p.m. until 8 pm. On Thursday from 4 to 5 pm is a testimony service and sermon at Tacoma Rescue Mission. This is St. John #2's fifth year going to the mission and reaching out to souls in need. The congregation lets people know they have been where they are and with God they too can come back all they have lost. After the service at the mission the church meets back at St. John #2 for bible study.

St. John #2 is a small church wanting to bring Tacoma back to God. They feed those in need, four to five times a year according to God's blessings. They are working on bringing all denominations together for praise and worship God. They are also encouraging the women of God in our city to begin a ministerial alliance just for women. The alliance would enable Christians to have a political platform as well as aiding in reviving church voting power in Washington.

Pastor Boles said "You are welcome to join us in our work and would like to meet you and worship with you. We are always in need of choir members, ushers, deacons who are willing to be trained and teachers who will help us spread the word and love of God."

Caballeros Club Turns 60 This Year

By Bonnie Pinckney

One the Hilltop's longest serving community groups is the Ray Gibson's Caballeros Club and we are excited to help them celebrate their 60th Anniversary. Bonnie Pinckney, Past President and Membership Chair, was kind enough to provide us with this brief history and overview of the club. Happy 60th Birthday Caballeros from the Hilltop Action Coalition!

The Ray Gibson's Caballeros Club has a rich history on Tacoma's Hilltop. I would venture to guess you could ask anyone who has lived here for more than a few years where we are, and what we've done to make our mark in our community and they would have a story to tell. Our motto says it all, "Lest we forget who came before us and all they have done to make the Caballeros what it is today!"

In the early fall of 1956, George A Strickland and Howard Woods met informally to discuss the possibility of forming a private, community-based organization with unlimited membership for social purposes. These men envisioned a club which would be open to the general public; a facility with space allocated for meetings, dining, dancing, and rooms for other recreational activities. Incorporated into their long-range planning was the acquisition of a building that would eventually be owned by the members. They became so obsessed with their idea that they decided to transform it into reality. They held their first for-

mal meeting in January, 1957, where the following men were elected as officers: Arthur Fox, president; Howard Woods, vice president; Sidney Breckenridge, recording secretary; John Harper, corresponding secretary; and Junior Collins, treasurer.

A debt of gratitude continues to be extended to Charles Stubblefield and

ing was remodeled and we found ourselves open for business in October. In 1972, twenty members step forward and mortgaged their homes to obtain adequate funds to completely renovate and expand the property, resulting in the present facility that is enjoyed by us now. The \$40,000 note was paid off in just four short years.



Ray Gibson who were responsible for acquiring, in 1962, the current site, a small house at 1516 S 28th St. which was the home of the Caballeros for several years. Who has fond memories on the club in the day? Under the skilled guidance of A.O. Boddie, with the theme "You Got A Hammer, I Got A Saw," the inside of the build-

What dedication, what vision, what commitment. This effort shows what can be done if we work together to achieve a goal. Each decade brought about changes: A women's auxiliary was formed in 1989, 1994 saw women being elected as members, 1998 produced the first woman president.

A wide array of men merged their

collective skills and energies to make the Club what it was yesterday. The same holds true for the men and women who are making it thrive and grow today. They are active in the Masonic Order, NAACP, Tacoma Urban League, Churches, Sororities, Fraternities and many other community organizations. Some of the men and women have made their imprints just a little larger in the community as a whole, while other members hold leadership roles and are helping to shape the destiny of Tacoma.

The Ray Gibson's Caballeros club continues to be one of the most respected and widely known African American owned clubs in the United

ty." Won't you join us in helping to ensure another 60 years of growth for the Ray Gibson's Caballeros?

I invite you to drop by our building and check out our wall of past presidents. You'll see men and women who have served. You can also learn the rest of the story!

We have a week long celebration of our anniversary from August 18 to 26. There will be something to do nightly:

- Friday- 8/18 Reunion of the D's
- Saturday 8/19 Celebration Walk & Club Picnic
- Sunday 8/20 Spiritual Day & Brunch
- Monday 8/21 Town Meeting
- Tuesday 8/22 Social Night
- Wednesday 8/23 Game Night & Bring Your Own Meat
- Thursday 8/24 Karaoke Show Down
- Friday 8/25 Disco of the Decades
- Saturday 8/26 Club Banquet

Why be a member of the Ray Gibson's Caballeros Club

- You get to belong to the oldest African American owned Private Club in Tacoma
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- You get to brighten a child's holiday by participating in our Christmas Parity for families
- You get to attend meetings and decide on issues pertinent to the continued health of the club and community

Mobile Cooking, Higher Learning

By Chelsea Linquist

Owning and operating a mobile food truck has jumped in popularity. According to an industry research firm, the street-food business is a \$2-billion industry that has gained momentum over the past five years.

This surge means more interest in programs such as Bates Technical College's Mobile Food Cook program. One of the only mobile food truck education programs nationwide, it delivers a comprehensive industry education to culinarians with entrepreneurial minds.

Student Jeffery Cruell is in his final quarter and will graduate with a Mobile Food Cook certificate and an Associate in Applied Science degree in Culinary Arts. Cruell purchased and customized a food truck after he retired from the Army in 2013, knowing it would be an integral part of his post-military life.

"When I left the military, I realized I could pursue my dream of owning a restaurant in conjunction with an extreme sports business," he said, adding that the food truck could serve lunch or coffee throughout the day to customers at his business.

Cooking and baking have always been a part of his family, said Cruell, who noted that several family members own restaurants in South Carolina and his mother-in-law owned a food truck in Ocean Shores.

"My family is passionate about cooking," he said smiling. "And that passion trickled down to me."

His food truck, Daddio's Grille, will open next year. The truck will serve a fusion of Southern eats with Pacific Northwest flavors.

The two-quarter program allows students to work in the college's active mobile food truck, Curbside Urban Cuisine, and learn about mobile food service. They participate in courses that range from cost-control, sanitation and food safety basics, to menu and business plan development and employment preparation.

Cruell completed his course requirements with Daddio's Grille in mind. He crafted a business plan, built a menu and developed pricing for food items. He was also able to lean on chef instructor Richard Houle to navigate and complete the complicated permitting and licensing process through the health department.

"I'm grateful to have had this time learning from Chef Houle," said Cruell. "I know I'm ready to launch my own business, and I will always have the chef available as a resource and part of my support system."

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Tacoma Police: CLO Tips

By Jo Davies

CLO (Community Liaison Officer) Marty Price, who has been on the Hilltop for many years, refers to vehicle crime as a “crime of opportunity.” He reminds Hilltop residents to “deny thieves that opportunity by never leaving your vehicle unlocked and never leaving anything in your car, valuable or not. Prowlers don’t have time to be picky, they will take stuff first and figure out what to do with it later.”

According to Officer Price, there is not a typical vehicle crime but vehicle prowlers do fall into three categories: those with cars, those on bikes, and strollers.

A pair of suspects with a car generally posts a lookout at one end of the street, while the other cruises the cars, looking in windows. When they spot something promising, they break the window and take it. Using a car enables the thieves to steal larger items. They may target high-end businesses (restaurants, clubs, etc.), malls, and parking lots where they assume patrons will be away from their vehicles for a period of time and may have left valuables behind in their vehicles.

Prowlers on bikes will cruise the street, looking in the driver’s side windows, trying to spot items that might prove profitable. With no way to carry bulky items, they are more likely to go for smaller items, such as purses, phones, and other small electronics.

Strollers operate in much the same way as those on bikes, but they may

be walking in the street or parking strip, peering into parked cars. Strollers and prowlers on bikes are more likely to commit crimes in their own neighborhood, while prowlers in cars roam the city.

According to Officer Price, for an apprehension to occur, thieves have to be caught in the act. Residents should report suspicious activity to 911, but remember that patrol dispatch is done on a priority basis – situations involving weapons, domestic violence, assault, or crimes in progress are elevated above other dispatches. He urges citizens to help keep crime off our streets by emailing all the CLOs describing the activity, the location, and description of the suspects and any vehicles involved. The accumulation of citizen information helps the CLOs keep watchful eyes as they move about the Hilltop.

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