HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
LIGHTING UP MLK

THANK YOU to the volunteers that helped light up MLK! If you have an accessible outlet, let Mario know and we can get some brighter, more cheerful lights up in the corridor for the holiday season.
Hello all,

We are in the midst of the Holiday Season and I hope all is going well for your business and that 2018 brings you much prosperity and growth in your business. We are ramping up our efforts to continue be ready for construction of the Link Expansion through our business district. The project coordinators will visit your business to speak with you about entrances and signage along the MLK corridor. The hope is to ensure that power poles for the Link will not negatively impact your business curb appeal. Please be prepared to share what position is most important for display to your storefront. Be advised that if you are planning to move your sign to a different location on your building, now is the time to do it before the City of Tacoma and the Sound Transit mark out their territory for power poles. In addition, it is important to note that the Hilltop Engagement Committee is being presented with plans for streetscape that will also change the overall look of some buildings and businesses.

Finally, the HBA is working to change our look for the holidays and special events with lights and new banners. These things take time as we have to work with government agencies to get certain things approved. Just know we are working diligently on your behalf.

All the best,
Pastor Steele, President
Pastor Anthony Steele

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If you have an event or would like to contribute to the Newsletter, please email (put ‘Newsletter’ in the subject line):
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OR
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BOARD AND MEMBER MEETINGS
NEXT MEMBER MEETING IS THURSDAY, JANUARY 18th at 8am
ALLEN AME CHURCH MEETING ROOM
1223 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR WAY, TACOMA
BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD THE SECOND WEDNESDAY MONTHLY AT 4PM (SAME LOCATION)
STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The City of Tacoma, in partnership with Sound Transit and Pierce Transit, is launching the Streetscape Improvements Project in your neighborhood! With your help, we want to design pedestrian spaces that fit your community, support local businesses, and make it easier to do the things you love.

• **WE’VE OPENED UP SHOP:** Visit our storefront office at 1120 South 11th Street to learn more about the project, check out maps and drawings and participate in the design. Our office is open during the following hours and may change based on community needs.

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• **STAY TUNED FOR MEETING DATES AND OTHER EVENTS:** We’ll be hosting more events and workshops so people can help us develop the design. Visit [cityoftacoma.org/links](http://cityoftacoma.org/links) for the latest information.

**Contact us or stop by the office**

Monica Ghosh | 253-348-9694
cityoftacoma.org/links
1120 South 11th Street, Tacoma
Dr. Dexter Gordon to Receive 30th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Award

The City of Tacoma’s Events and Recognition Committee has announced that the 2018 Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Award recipient is Dr. Dexter Gordon, director of the Race & Pedagogy Institute at the University of Puget Sound. Dr. Gordon is a published author, professor and community advocate for social change. He demonstrates exemplary leadership that embodies the values of equity and inclusion and, for many years, has promoted and advocated for a campus environment and city that embraces racial and cultural differences.

“The committee is thrilled to present the service award to Dr. Dexter Gordon,” said Events and Recognition Committee Chair Erin Lee. “A former student of his said that taking his class was a life-changing experience. That testimonial and all of the other community comments about Dr. Gordon convinced us he truly embodies this year’s theme, ‘Be the Change.’”

This lifetime service award is presented each year at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration. It recognizes and encourages excellence in community service activities carried out by an individual, organization or group whose efforts reflect the essence of Dr. King’s teachings.

The event on January 15, 2018 begins at 11 AM, with doors opening at 10 AM, in the Greater Tacoma Convention Center (1500 Commerce St.). For more information about the 30th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration and the nomination process visit cityoftacoma.org/mlk, email mlk@cityoftacoma.org or call (253) 573-2523.

Attendees are encouraged to bring donations of non-perishable food items for the MLK Food Drive. They are especially in need of peanut butter and pop-top canned meat donations.

From cityoftacoma.org
Dear Friends,

In 2017 all things were new except my memory. Let’s move from back to front. Last Saturday we hung some holiday lights in the district. Last week, my wife edited a grant application that the day before I had completed, to replace some faded banners in the Hilltop business district. I figured forty banners could be produced and hung for $5,747.60. My wife had another figure of $8,317.00, which included volunteer hours. The City and Sound transit may have other ideas. Hopefully Hilltop will get new banners this coming year.

Two days before that, I spilled chicken soup on my computer keyboard while compiling a list of issues concerning the Link Rail being built in the district. Issues included power pole placement, parking, power stations, and street closures. My keyboard was ruined by the soup, I loved that keyboard, but it had no taste for my soup. Now I have a five dollar Dell from Good Will that is twice as big and hard to use, but if I can move from comedy to the management of business districts, I can learn a new keyboard.

Saturday December 9th was the 13th Dickens Festival at Stadium, and we had a packed tent at the best-dressed Victorian dog contest. Two days before that, on Thursday December 7th, the transmission gave out on my Mazda Protégé, so now I drive a Ranger that I got from a friend for helping him lose an election. We intended to win, but elections do not always go the way you wish. Sometimes you have to make mistakes in order to understand how much better it might have been had you got it right in the first place.

Nothing happened in November except the Moroccan that was living in my attic, and raising racing pigeons in my backyard, found a place to live, and he and his wife, moved into an apartment. Shortly thereafter she gave birth to a beautiful baby girl. Unfortunately, the pigeons are still at my house. When they are hungry, they land on my shoulders. Pigeons are like chickens only smaller and fly, but they do not taste as good. Hawks and falcons disagree.

I can hardly recall October except that both my daughters had their birthdays. September was a rest month from the Street Fair. Rest and pick up the pieces, of course. August 26th was the Hilltop Street Fair. It was impressive. The weather was perfect, and the attendance over twenty thousand. This year fifty thousand is our impossible dream. But thirty thousand will be more like it.

We had very little rain all summer, but we did have a successful new event in April called the Hilltop Cherry Blossom Festival and Wine Walk. This year, now that the event has been launched, we intend to make some money. In February we held the Street Fair Luncheon at Allen AME with a full house. The Theme of Unity Through Diversity really took us to new heights. In January the Huskies lost to Alabama, and at the board retreat we discovered that we had lots of great ideas for the district and a deep desire to see many of them enacted. With that the year began, and all was well for us in Hilltop. I hope for more of the same in 2018.

God Bless us everyone in this Holiday Season and beyond,

Mario Lorenz
HBA Manager
GET YOUR AD IN THE HILLTOPPER

The Hilltop Business District (AKA Hilltop Business Association) publishes the monthly Hilltopper newsletter for district businesses, civic, and community organizations serving Tacoma’s Hilltop District.

Advertising and inserts are accepted and must be of interest and relevant to the Hilltop Business District. HBA (Hilltop Business Association) reserves the right to refuse ads or inserts. Effective June 2015, rates and circulation are as follows:

Circulation is approximately 250 to include members of the Hilltop Business Association, district organizations, industry contacts, City & County government, and interested individuals. Newsletters are digitally mailed and printed for distribution prior to the Hilltop Business Association meeting each month. Projected circulation is expected to double in the next 6 months.

Circulation will also increase with a soon to be newly updated website and Facebook page. **Deadline:** The deadline for our receipt of ads or inserts is no later than the 7th of the month of publication. Please supply camera-ready art in jpeg or MS Word format.

**Advertising Rates (rates do not include sales tax)**

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*Members receive 1 free ad for a 12 month contract. Inserts are considered full page rate.*

**Newsletter Sponsorship Levels**

Businesses or organizations providing sponsorship for printing costs receive a complimentary ad in the Hilltopper.

- Sponsorship for printing costs $120.00 (1 month) Members & Non-Members
- Sponsorship for printing costs $1440 (12 month’s) Members & Non-Members

Please contact:
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HBA Manager
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TACOMA TEENS
Hello Tacoma Teens!
We have recently created a platform for
teen artists to show their work, and to
reveal the true artistic potential of Tacoma
to the next generation of artists. Teens in
Tacoma is an organization that hopes to
reveal the artistic potential of teenagers
in Tacoma while extending expression to
artists who are not expressed in a holistic
way. Teenagers are not always highlighted
or included in artistic projects, or viewings.
With this blog being made, we hope to
build connections with teen artists, extend
networks, change the perception of an art
museum’s audience, and to inspire others
to build ideas for Tacoma. Check out our
website: https://teensintacoma.com/ and
follow us on Instagram @teensintacoma.
If there are any teen artists who want to
submit their art or are interested please
contact us at teensintacoma@gmail.com.
-The Teens in Tacoma Organization

DOES YOUR
ARBORVITAE
LOOK LIKE
THIS?

ADOPT ONE TODAY!

The HBA will replace your dead shrubbery
with a vibrant, alive one! The only catch is
that you need to commit to taking care
of it. This is an easy step to keep MLK
looking good!
Contact Mario Lorenz if you are interested.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Hilltop Business Association has been awarded $3,000 in 2018 Arts Projects funding.
The Tacoma Arts Commission appreciates the contributions that your organization makes to our
community to help enrich Tacoma’s cultural life.

This year, 28 organizations applied with funding requests totaling $116,500. With only $50,000 in
available funding, the Arts Commission recommended funding these 19 organizations and projects:
Asia Pacific Cultural Center for the Asia Pacific New Year Celebration featuring Korea; Barefoot
Collective for Move It! modern dance workshop series for teens and adults; Broadway Center for the
Performing Arts for expanded cultural immersion programs for youth; Centro Latino for Latin arts com-
community engagement projects; Chùa Phước Huệ’s Volunteer Team for the Vietnamese Moon Festival;
Fort Nisqually Foundation for Crafts of the Past artist-in-residence program; Groundswell Arts Collec-
tive for a program using arts and cultural practice to address food justice; Hilltop Business Association
for the Hilltop Street Fair; King’s Bookstore for Tacoma Wayzgoose letterpress and book arts festival;
Latinx Unidos of the South Sound for Festival Latinx; Metropolitan Glass for the Monkeyshine Project;
Northwest Repertory Singers for a concert; Orchestral Recital Series of Tacoma for a music recital
series; Puyallup Tribe of Indians for cultural education programming supporting the Puyallup Tribal
hosting of Canoe Journey 2018; Tacoma Concert Band for two concerts; Tacoma Refugee Choir for
a community sing-along; Tacoma Urban Performing Arts Center for classical ballet and West African
drumming and dance classes and performance; Washington State Historical Society for In the Spirit
2018 including a Northwest Native art market and festival; and Write253 for Louder Than a Bomb-Ta-
coma: The Tacoma Teen Poetry Festival.
AgriShop ACE, Keith Jones  
253 272 8331, 2012 S 12th St

Allen AME, Pastor Anthony Steele  
316 371 9393, 1223 MLK Jr Way

Associated Ministries, Wendy Morris  
253 383 3056 X117, 901 S 13th St.

Bates Technical College, Becky Welch  
101 S Yakima Ave, bwelch@bates.ctc.edu

Black Door Wine, David Lower  
206 359 0466, 1215 Earhart S Brazil St

Bob’s BBQ, Kay Littles/Jonathan Clark  
253 627 4899/253 381 1333, 911 S 11th St

Catherine Place, Beth Elliot  
253 672 3547, 923 South 8th St

Cathy Steiner, Community Member  
253 683 1719, 930 South Sheridan

Cedar River Clinics, Bryan Collins  
253 473 6031, 1401 A MLK Way

Center for Spiritual Living, Rev. Frances Lorenz  
253 383 3151, 206 N. J St

Centro Latino, Lisa Carrillo  
253 572 7717, 1208 S 10th St

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360 791 2185, 824 MLK Jr Way

Community Health Care, Russell Sondker  
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253 627 1044, 1101 S 11th St.

Cross Engineers, Gene Wentworth  
253 759 0118, 923 MLK

Dwell MLK, Jen & Rick Thorp  
253 222 1377, 1014-1016 MLK Jr Way

Dr. Michelle Marconi  
360 775 9834, 1003 S 11th St.

Encore, Marconi Chiropractic, Dr. Michelle Marconi  
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253 572 1111, 1401 S Sprague Ave

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253 383 1317 X101, 2106 S Cushman Ave

P.E.J. Construction LLC, Paul E Johnson  
253 533 0311, 5034 N Lexington

Pennington Apartments, Brian Yee  
253 396 9999 / 617 734 6698, 702 MLK Jr Way

Property Owner, Rane Shaub  
253 691 5152, 817 & 11th St.

Ray Gibson’s Caballeros Club, Gary Mason  
253 572 9681, 1516 S 26th

Red Elm Cafe, Jennifer Richardson  
253 327 1791, 1114 MLK Jr Way

Safeway, Brian Nagay  
253 627 8840, 1112 M St.

Sarah, Sora Roberge  
206 271 3582, 1011 S L Street

South Sound Outreach Service, Jeff Klein  
253 593 2111, 1106 MLK Jr Way

Spaceworks, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber, Heather Joy  
253 627 2175, 950 Pacific Ave, Suite 300

Spun, Jennifer English/April Sanders  
253 905 1952 / 253 347 3457, 1307 MLK Jr Way

St John Church, Pastor M  
253 572 7054, 2061 S J St

Subway, Diana & Ed Ware  
253 573 1112, 1112 S 11th St

Tacoma Calvary Church, Pastor Brian Headrick  
253 389 7196, 1201 South J St

Tacoma Catholic Community House, Liz Dunbar  
253 383 3951, 1314 S L Street

1022 South J, Dawn Stubbs/Rose Peterson  
253 567 3112

Tacoma Housing Authority, Michael Mirra  
253 207 4429, 902 S L St

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Takoma Urban League, Victoria Woodward  
253 383 2007, 2250 South Yakima

Tahoma Associates, Scott Rapp  
253 627 7980, 1545 Tacoma Ave S

Tenth and 1 Associates, Terrance McCarthy  
253 272 2206, 902 S 10th St

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253 680 3007, 1210 6th Ave

The T-Shirt Men Company, Willie/David  
253 304 4246, 920 MLK Jr Way

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US Bank, David Olson  
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