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# **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.





# A MESSAGE FROM THE HBA PRESIDENT



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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## 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)

# LINKS OPPORTUNITY



## 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.

**MONDAYS** 9-2  
**TUESDAYS** 9-4  
**WEDNESDAYS** 9-1

**THURSDAYS** 9-1 & 2-6  
**FRIDAYS** 9-2

- **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

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**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](http://cityoftacoma.org/mlk), email [mlk@cityoftacoma.org](mailto: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.  
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# HBA MANAGER'S REPORT

**In this season of darkness I will find a way to bring more light into the world. I will find my light and let it shine. Shine for me, for you, and everyone. Let everyone let their light shine!**

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.

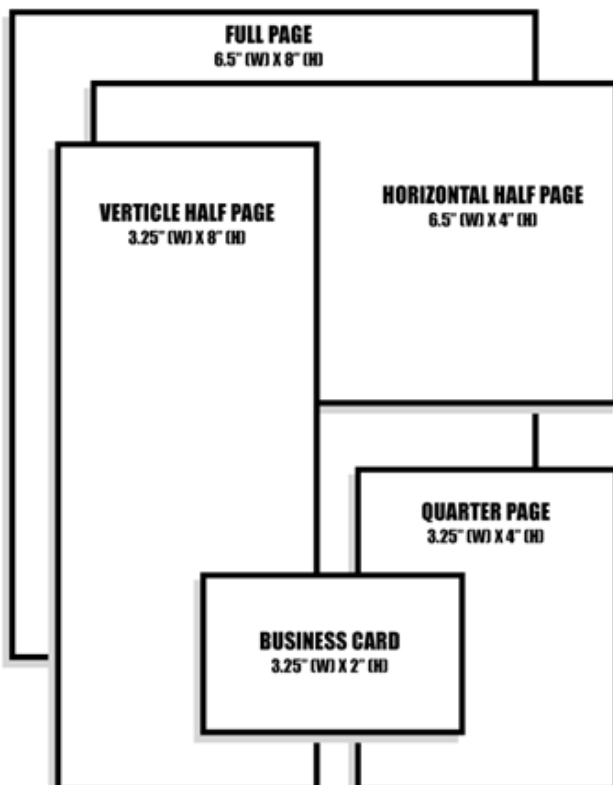
Circulation will also increase with a soon to be newly updated website and Facebook page.

**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)**

	<b>HBA Members</b>	<b>Non-Members</b>
1/8 Page (business card size)	\$20.00	\$40.00
1/8 Page (business card size) *12 month	\$220.00	\$480.00
1/4 Page	\$40.00	\$80.00
1/4 Page *12 month	\$440.00	\$960.00
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Full Page *12 month	\$1760.00	\$3840.00

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



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Sponsorship for printing costs (12 month's) Members & Non-Members \$1440

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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](mailto:teensintacoma@gmail.com).  
-The Teens in Tacoma Organization



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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 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 Collective 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-Tacoma: The Tacoma Teen Poetry Festival.

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