

# NEIGHBORHOOD

C O U N C I L N E W S L E T T E R



**Statue in Fireman's Park**

## **SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS COMING TO FIREMAN'S PARK**

The City is conducting a site reclamation project to address public safety concerns and adding safety enhancements to increase visibility and create a more welcoming space for all residents and visitors.

The City's Public Works Department is planning to remove rocks, timbers, bushes and trees and flatten the lot and plant grass. Fencing will be added on the Schuster Slope side of the park as a temporary fall protection barrier.

From December 2018 through February 2019, safety enhancements will be underway at Fireman's Park.

Artwork and monuments will be removed from the park during the work period and will be re-installed once work is completed.

There are no anticipated impacts to traffic or businesses in the area.

If you have questions or concerns, you can contact the project manager, Darius Thompson, at (253) 573-2410 or by email at [darius.thompson@ci.tacoma.wa.us](mailto:darius.thompson@ci.tacoma.wa.us).

## APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

The Tacoma City Council is looking to fill seven positions on the Human Rights Commission.

The Human Rights Commission consists of fifteen members serving three year terms and is composed of representatives of the general public and the employer, labor, religious, racial, ethnic, disabled, and women's groups in the city.

The Commission brings the perspectives of the rich diversity within our community from a variety of backgrounds including, but not limited to, persons with disabilities, youth, labor, religious, racial, ethnic, LGBTQ, gender and gender identity groups in the city.

To find out additional information on the Human Rights Commission, please visit their website or contact Andreta Armstrong at (253) 591 5849.

Applications must be submitted to the City Clerk's Office by Thursday, January 17, 2019.

To apply, please visit [cityoftacoma.org/cbcapplication](http://cityoftacoma.org/cbcapplication) or contact Jessica Jenkins at (253) 591-5178, [servetacoma@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:servetacoma@cityoftacoma.org), or in the City Clerk's Office, Room 11, Tacoma Municipal

The Tacoma City Council is looking to fill one position on the Transportation Commission to serve an unexpired term in District No. 4.

The Transportation Commission advises the City Council on transportation-related matters, such as short-term and long-range transportation planning, compliance with local, regional and federal transportation regulations, bike, pedestrian and mass transit-related planning initiatives, and parking and capital improvement plans.

Commission meetings occur the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM. For additional information on the Transportation Commission, please visit their website. All members must be Tacoma residents. If your Council District is unknown, please visit [govme.org](http://govme.org).

Applications must be submitted to the City Clerk's Office by Wednesday, January 16, 2019. To apply, visit [cityoftacoma.org/cbcapplication](http://cityoftacoma.org/cbcapplication) or contact Jessica Jenkins at (253) 591-5178, [servetacoma@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:servetacoma@cityoftacoma.org), or the City Clerk's Office, Room 11, Tacoma Municipal Building North, 733 Market St., Tacoma, WA 98402.





A successful Monkeyshines hunter shows off their treasure. Photo courtesy of Monkeyshines

## 32 PROJECTS FUNDED BY TACOMA ARTS COMMISSION

The Tacoma Arts Commission recently awarded \$100,000 in Arts Projects funding to 32 Tacoma organizations in support of 2019 public outreach projects in the fields of dance, craft, film, music, visual, literary, cross-disciplinary, and cultural arts. The awards range in value from \$1,200 to \$5,000.

Funded projects include the production of eleven diverse cultural and arts festivals; two visual arts workshop series; an arts and culture podcast series; a screenwriting workshop; two filmmaking projects; a film festival; a historical arts and crafts demonstration series; three visual arts, culture, and music education programs; three dance workshop series and performances; six music performance series; a poetry writing and performance program for youth; and community engagement events.

Funded organizations include Asia Pacific Cultural Center, Barefoot Collective, Centro Latino, Channel 253 LLC, Children's Museum of Tacoma, Chinese Reconciliation Project Foundation, Classical Tuesdays in Old Town, Destiny City Film Festival, Dru Films, Eastside Neighborhood Advisory Council of Tacoma, Fort Nisqually Foundation, Happy Fox Studio, Hilltop Business Association, Kareem Kandi World Orchestra, King's Books, Latinx Unidos of the South Sound, Metropolitan Glass, Orchestral Recital Series of Tacoma, Peace Works United, Sister Cities Council Of Tacoma, Sixth Avenue Business District, Tacoma Arts Live, Tacoma City Ballet, Tacoma Concert Band, Tacoma Girls Rock, Tacoma Ocean Fest, Tacoma Refugee Choir, Tacoma Urban Performing Arts Center, Ted Brown Music Outreach, Vietnamese American Community Association, Washington State Historical Society, and Write253.

The Arts Projects Funding Program supports high quality community projects with a strong focus on arts that are accessible and affordable to the public. For a complete listing of funding programs and information about the Tacoma Arts Commission, visit [cityoftacoma.org/funding](http://cityoftacoma.org/funding).

## APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR THE TACOMA COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD BY JANUARY 17

The Tacoma City Council is looking to fill three positions on the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board – one at-large position; one position with experience in construction or development of affordable housing or mixed use projects; and one position with at least three years of experience as a licensed real estate broker.

The Board, among other things, administers loans to a variety of populations including low-income Tacoma families who need help buying or repairing

their homes, developers that provide multi-family housing to low-income families, businesses that create jobs or rehabilitate blighted commercial spaces, and non-profit organizations that provide housing assistance and economic development services to the Tacoma community.

Board members serve two-year terms. To the extent possible, the Board shall be comprised of two members with experience as attorneys, two members with experience in banking or financing, two members with experience in the construction or development industry, two

members with experience as certified public accountants, and two members with three or more years of experience as licensed commercial or residential real estate brokers or agents.

For additional information on the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, please contact Carol Hassard at (253) 591-5645 or [CHassard@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:CHassard@cityoftacoma.org).



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# UTILITY WORK IN THE STADIUM DISTRICT BEGINS JANUARY

Sound Transit’s contractor will begin the underground utility work on North 1st Street between North Tacoma Avenue and Division Avenue in the Stadium District as early as Jan. 7. The work will consist of digging deep trenches in the street to move or replace existing sewer, stormwater and water lines. This work is anticipated to take approximately four months and could be longer if underground obstructions are discovered. During this time, there will be no street parking on either side of North 1st Street. Updates can be found at <https://www.soundtransit.org/system-expansion/hilltop-tacoma-link-extension/news-updates>.



## CITIZEN’S FORUM IS January 8

Citizen’s Forum is the second Tuesday of each month and is an opportunity for the public to speak to the Tacoma City Council on any matter in which the Council has jurisdiction.

For information on how to appear before Council and the procedures to speak please go to

## CONTACT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL LIASON WITH ANY SUGESTIONS, FEEDBACK OR QUESTIONS

Liaisons can help you connect with the right city staff to address your issues or concerns

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Community Council	Carol Wolfe	<a href="mailto:cwolfe@cityoftacoma.org">cwolfe@cityoftacoma.org</a> or (253) 591-7925
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Central District and Eastside	Rebecca Boydston	<a href="mailto:rboydston@cityoftacoma.org">rboydston@cityoftacoma.org</a> or (253) 591-5208
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North End and West Side	Will Suarez	<a href="mailto:will.suarez@cityoftacoma.org">will.suarez@cityoftacoma.org</a> or (253) 591-5590
Northeast Tacoma and South Tacoma	Lynda Foster	<a href="mailto:lynda.foster@cityoftacoma.org">lynda.foster@cityoftacoma.org</a> or (253) 591-5166