HILLTOP Focus

Updates on Projects and New Businesses!

Valhalla Hall
In October the development team was successful in receiving building permits and are excited to move forward on the construction of the project, beginning with the abatement of the site’s hazardous materials in early November. Demolition of the current structure and salvage of existing materials is anticipated to begin in late November, with the start of construction of the new structure occurring by the end of the current calendar year. Contact Carey Jenkins for more information at (253) 591-5238

11th and MLK Project
This exciting market rate project is currently in site development, offsite development and building permit review. Groundbreaking is anticipated in late winter or early spring, 2017. Contact Pat Beard for more information. (253) 591-5039

Marconi Chiropractic & Wellness Center
We welcome Dr. Michelle Marconi and her team to the Hilltop Business District! They have opened a family friendly chiropractor and wellness center co-located with the Vault Catering Company owned by John Tartaglia at 1002 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. They are an exciting addition to the Hilltop’s vibrant and growing community and will provide chiropractic, massage, acupuncture, reiki, yoga, vegan cooking classes, life coaching and nutritional counseling. You can reach Dr. Marconi and her team at (253) 750.3381 or find them on Facebook.

Manifesto Coffee
Is a small coffee roaster and café located at 1003 South 11th next to Goodfella’s Barber Shop. The owner, Izzy Hickey, is a master roaster and specializes in Fair Trade Organic single origin coffee. They are open 7am to 6pm M-F and 8am to 6pm Sat-Sun.
**NEW PROJECTS AND BUSINESSES TO LOOK FOR!**

**824 Martin Luther King Jr. Way**

The Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority (TCRA) has recently purchased this commercial property and two adjacent parcels to attract Transit Oriented Development supporting the Mixed Use zoning of the district and leveraging the expanded Sound Transit light rail extension from the downtown. This 18,240 sq. ft. building was built in 1925 and initially served as a car dealership and showroom. The TCRA intends to move forward with the redevelopment of this former car dealership in the core of the Hilltop neighborhood in support of the Hilltop Subarea Plan’s preference for mixed-use projects and for the respectable treatment of the neighborhood’s historic properties.

The future project is anticipated to include ground floor retail and commercial space and housing units that will be offered to a variety of income levels. Efforts are underway to complete a feasibility study of the site’s future potential use and a recent Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued seeking Architectural Services. For more information, contact Carey Jenkins at (253) 591-5238 or cjenkins@ci.tacoma.wa.us.

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**Red Elm Café**

Look for the Red Elm Café to be opening very soon at 1114 Martin Luther King Jr. Way in the wonderfully remodeled Brown Star Grill and Porchert Buildings. The Red Elm café will showcase the creativity and character of Tacoma’s Hilltop Community! For more information contact Jennifer Richardson, at (707) 733-3561.

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**Grit City Baking Company** is coming to 1314 Martin Luther King Jr. Way in March/April of 2017. Jessica DeVissier, co-owner, is committed to the following principles and is looking for connections to help them hire directly from the Hilltop community. Please forward resumes and/or recruitment ideas to her at Jessica@gritcitybakingcompany.com

- **Bring the Fresh-Milled Grain/Artisan Bread Movement to Tacoma.**
- **Be as economically impactful as possible on the local level.** - Hire locally at living wages with benefits - Contribute to state and local taxes that benefit the city - Construct tenant improvements that beautify our building on MLK and establish a positive presence in the district.
- **Build a sustainable, legacy business.**
- **Be a supportive part of our community and an agent for progress and preservation.**