WHAT'S NEW?!

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY MR. MAC!

WELCOME NEW HBA MEMBERS!
Pathways Church
Black Door Wine
Cathy Steiner
Hello all,
We are moving into great times on the hilltop. We are looking forward to everyone being a part of the new growth. Emphasis on the word “Everyone”. I would like for you to know that we will be moving the date of our Business to Business workshop to the month of June. This will allow us to have more time to prepare for some great presenters and provided resources.
In addition, I would like to give you an update on the new residential project at 11th and MLK. We have been successful in building a stronger relationship with the developers for this particular project, and coming to an agreement on some design changes that will allow more natural light to be on Martin Luther King Jr Way. In lieu of these talks, we have formally removed our appeal of variance. Discussions with ownership have moved forward in a good way to work with other businesses and residents on the Hilltop. There discussion has been to be an asset to businesses in the district.
Finally, this summer, we hope to bring more events each month to the Hilltop to drive business traffic. Certainly, I continue to look forward to your input of great ideas that we can help grow the hilltop business district.

- All the best!

Anthony Steele

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BOARD AND MEMBER MEETINGS
NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY, MAY 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)
“I’ve never been inside a lot of these places!” Catherine said excitedly. Later she learned she had won the drawing for a bottle of wine. Five people lounged on the couches at Spun and happily sampled special pours of wine picked out by David Lower, of the Black Door Winery whose business on Ernest S. Brazill Street was a well-kept secret until the wine walk. “I’d always seen that sign “WINE” and thought, “What is that?” Lauren Walker said. “It’s a fabulous wine-tasting place inside!” Mr. Mac’s sold a lot of merchandise the day of the Cherry Blossom Fest and Wine Walk.

Earlier at People’s Park children got the opportunity to fly miniature kites, make origami and write haikus while listening to taiko drummers, the Terence Paul Trio, and Chapter Four band. Michelle Marconi’s booth gave children the opportunity to make cherry blossom paintings designed by her new acupuncturist. The trolley from Pierce Transit was on display. Food trucks provided snacks and lunch, picnic tables were available by the bandstand. Except for the rain storm at 3PM, the Fest escaped bad weather most of the day and festival goers got to see some wonderful booths. At 4 PM more than a hundred people gathered at Marconi’s parking lot to get their glass and wristband for the first Hilltop Wine Walk. It was extraordinary to see all the people walking around Hilltop from 4-7 PM.

“The evaluation: do it again on April 21 next year (far away from the Daffodil Festival which conflicted with us this year) and when the cherry trees will still be in bloom, but it will be a little warmer and hopefully less windy.

“Next year we’ll have time to get some major sponsors, greater community involvement and more vendor booths. For a first year, we had a spectacular team that put this all together,” said Frances Lorenz, festival organizer.
Keep the income flowing and the expenses paid by purchasing leftover wine through the Black Door Winery. All proceeds will go toward meeting expenses of the first Cherry Blossom Fest and Wine Walk.
STIR IT UP

4/30 Sunday
1pm - 7pm

Go to feastarts.com to register!

Thanks to its convex and concave curves, a spoon is both a useful utensil and a great way to practice the ins and outs of woodcarving. Beginners will learn the key steps applicable to any carving project: layout, roughing, shaping, and finishing. More experienced carvers will increase their efficiency, learn alternative approaches, and embellish their basic form with carved details. Students may wish to bring their own carving knife or small set of hand tools (shopping suggestions provided), which they will learn to maintain. We’ll work in fruit wood and seal our pieces with food safe finishes, so your carved spoon will be both pleasing and practical.

THE EROTIC ARTWORKS

OF

Nicholas Frenette

April 2017 @ the Fulcrum Gallery
By Appointment Only
Call or Text 253-273-3043 for Viewing

Public Opening: April 20th 5pm-8pm
Tacoma’s 3rd Thursday Art Mingle
With Complementary Refreshments and Cake by

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LIVE ART
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Date: April 28th
Time: 7-10 PM
Location: Feast Arts Center - 1402 S. 11th Street
Tacoma, WA
After Party at 1111 at 10:10pm
FOOD TRUCK! Hometown Hot Dogs

Tickets are $20 at the door or $15 if you post about Lettuce on Facebook or Instagram with a #Lettuce253 or @Lettuce253 tag.

Featured Artists

Qin Tan
www.qintan.net

Rae Vena
www.RAEVENA.com

LeShawn Gamble
www.renaissancetwenty-one.com

Anna Maddox
https://www.instagram.com/lecrafteur/?hl=en
HBA MANAGER’S REPORT

Spring has come and the blossoms are out. Let the old give way to the new and let us move forward in anticipation of the new growth that comes with spring.

As he sat next to me on the way from the airport, this man who would put a pope into early retirement, which had never been done before. Matthew Fox was very human indeed as he transacted the sale of a house in Oakland that he had lived in for 34 years. This house, where he lived while he wrote several of his more than thirty books on Cosmic Consciousness and Original Blessing, rather than Original sin. Sin is defined as missing the mark, and we can all relate to this. I was happy to be the driver for Matthew Fox and I hope I can achieve this status again in the future.

I feel as though I am the driver of the Hilltop Business District at times and at other times I am the man who picks up the pieces before during and after an event. I was very happy to see the Cherry Blossom Fest and Wine Walk get off the ground this year. I think it was a good beginning and a complement to the Hilltop Street Fair. The district is working on several things at this time but I think I will allow the reflection on those things come through others that are writing for this publication. I will just say that we are making progress and moving forward. Our membership is up by 10 at least from last year at this time. And I am really beginning to embody the theme of the Street Fair “Unity Through Diversity.” These are good words, but not so easy to live up to. So stay involved, and if you are not involved, get involved, There is room for you in this district as we move forward. Thank you for your trust and support.

In Love and Service
Mario Lorenz
HBA Manager

Several Business Districts have inquired about starting a BIA as a method to make improvements in your districts. If you are interested in learning more, please attend:

Business Improvement Area Options & Opportunities
4/27 @ 4pm
Broadway Center for the Performing Arts, Studio 3
901 Broadway 98402

GOAL: Engage with community/NBDA reps to participate and take information back to your groups to discuss interest moving forward
LEADER: Brian Douglas Scott, Principal of BDS Planning & Urban Design (www.bdsplanning.com), will present an overview and lead a discussion on the diverse array of services and structures business improvement areas offer along the west coast. Brian was recently involved in Tacoma 2025: Citywide Vision and Strategic Plan in addition to his extensive work starting and consulting with BIAs.

AGENDA:
Presentation by BDS (20 min)
· What is a BIA & how does it work
· Different types of BIAs (large vs small)
Q&A (30 min)
· What type of things are you looking to get done?
· Could a BIA be a solution?
· What type of BIA structure would work?
Next Steps (10 min)
· Based on interests
Please RSVP to shari.hart@cityoftacoma.org and davids@tacomachamber.org
2017 4th Annual HILLTOP STREET FAIR & CAR SHOW

“UNITY THROUGH DIVERSITY”

Facebook.com/hilltopstreetfair @tacomahilltopstreetfair

Music • Local Vendors • Food
Kids Activities • Fashion Show
Art & Crafts • Cultural Events
FREE Wellness/Dental Exams

Saturday, August 26th
11am-7pm
S. 9th & MLK Way - S. 13th & MLK Way
TACOMA, WA
www.hbata tacoma.com
Welcome Hilltop Community!

Come enjoy a day of prizes, free mini treatments, food, tea, wine and entertainment at Marconi Chiropractic and Wellness.

Experience and learn about the services first hand with this exclusive open house for the neighbors, workers and business owners of this amazing Hilltop Community. Check us out on our website at www.marconicw.com

SATURDAY APRIL 29th 2:00-5:00pm

VEGAN COOKING
Sample vegan appetizers and meals

REIKI AND CHAKRA BALANCING
Experience mini reiki sessions and have your chakras balanced

CHIROPRACTIC CARE
Check the mobility of your spine and extremity joints

 Massage
Relax with a mini chair massage

ACUPUNCTURE
Experience first hand needle treatments or watch a demo

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Discover the benefits to cupping

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Tacoma