WHAT’S NEW?!

The honoring of Mr. Mac (Morris McCollum) on his 90th birthday celebration!
HBA along with the city, honored him at the April business association meeting with special recognition from the city for his active participation as a long time business owner in Hilltop.

Hilltop Action Coalition
The Communications Anchor of the Hilltop Area

INAGURAL LUNCHEON

YOU ARE INVITED!

Friday, May 19th, 2017
11:30am to 1:00pm at the Peace Community Center
2106 South Cushman Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98405
Tickets: $10/Per Person
Donations: PayPal Giving Fund for Hilltop Action Coalition

Get Rooted in Our Community!
Hello all,
Last month we had a spirited discussion on the permitting process in the City of Tacoma for Small Businesses. I want to thank Councilman Blocker for bringing Director of Planning and Development Services, Peter Huffman, to our Hilltop Member meeting.
The discussion spoke to the frustrations that many business owners have in obtaining Certificates of Occupancy due to the permit process at the city. Some have even suggested that the City of Tacoma gives more attention to certain projects than others. Whatever the case may be, Mr. Huffman agreed that there needs to be better communication and follow up by the city with businesses that come to the counter trying to navigate the permit process. Some business owners and architects chimed into the discussion on the necessity of a dedicated person or department to handle small business issues to streamline the process.
From this discussion, Peter Huffman, Councilman Blocker, and the Hilltop Business Association will work together to form a task force to create a person or department for small business permits. I can say that through discussions with other Business District presidents, there is an appetite to widen the task force for small business to make it a city wide effort. I think that through the efforts of a number of business districts working together, we can make this streamline permit process a reality.
The one thing that stands out in all of this is that there should be motivation to create a better process, as permits are revenue generators for the city.

If you would like to be a part of this task force for changing the permit process for small business, please contact me at assteele@msn.com.

-All the best,

Anthony Steele

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BOARD AND MEMBER MEETINGS
NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY, JUNE 15TH 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)
Storytelling Camp - Tacoma and Pierce County’s Matchless Museums and Entertainment

Learn what it means to Live Like the Mountain is Out

• Gather, uncover and shape your community’s most compelling stories
• Help shape your community’s story to inspire visitors and tourism
• Receive tools to implement the Tacoma + Pierce County Destination Brand.

Camp is open to professionals in the tourism and hospitality community. Space is limited. Light refreshments will be provided.

Date and Time
Fri, May 19, 2017
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Location
The Tacoma Dome
The Garage Restaurant
2727 East D Street
Tacoma, Wa
Spaceworks will host its first Info Session for the current application round to Creative Enterprise Tier I program this Thursday, May 18. Are you an entrepreneur with a creative/innovative business or business idea that could benefit Tacoma’s community?

Whether you have art to sell or want to start a non-profit organization, Spaceworks wants to help you grow it into a thriving business. Apply to participate in our Creative Enterprise Tier I program for Fall 2017 cohort. **Application deadline: June 29th**

With questions about the application or the program contact: Spaceworks Creative Enterprise Coordinator, Gwen Kohl at 253.682.1740 or gwenk@tacomachamber.org

Get an overview and ask questions at this Info Session:
Thursday, May 18
5 - 6:30 PM.

Allen AME Conference Center
1321 Martin Luther King Junior Way,
Tacoma, WA 98405
It is not a big deal to take two steps forward and one step back. It is still progress right? And letting someone know that you exist is also a positive thing. Sometimes no one notice’s you unless you do something small that stands in the path of something big. I am a performing artist and I produce events; that is what I do. I bring people together, throw a party and create a happening, or an event such as the Hilltop Street Fair, the Dickens Festival or the Cherry Blossom Fest and Wine Walk. This year’s street fair will not be an exception. It is my dharma, my sacred duty if you will.

This year we are faced with a new set of challenges. There is growth in the district and in all of Pierce County and concern throughout the land that our leadership on a national level is disruptive and not to be trusted. I think it is ever the more important reason that we seek unity through the wonder of our individual diversity in as many ways as we can. We cannot change anything unless we can change ourselves from within. Change means the way we are, and the way we see the differences in others. Find what makes you who you are and put it into play within the district for the betterment of the whole of Hilltop. This is the call I am sending out to everyone with ears to hear. I can see this year’s event developing into a new and exciting street fair 2017. We are making ourselves into what we want to see as a district. We are challenged to produce the best of what we are and manifest it for the sake of the community in which we live. May each and every one of you bring your wholeness to this event so that Hilltop becomes a reflection of who it truly is.

Membership in the district is up by 15 from last year at this time, we produced a new event last month but there is a need to spruce up and beautify the district, we need new banners, and of course as Mr. Mac would say we need new garbage cans (better looking ones). All this will happen if we but put ourselves to the test and make it happen. Come join in unity and lets make this the best district and best Street Fair yet!!

In Love and Service
Mario Lorenz
HBA Manager
ATTENTION LOCAL MERCHANT!

You’re invited to participate at no cost in the second annual Hilltop Street Sale this June 24th from 12 to 4PM. The focus of the sale is to stimulate local interest in local wares while celebrating the turn of the season with outdoor music and food. Think popup bazaar meets community block party.

Hosted by the Tacoma Housing Authority and independent event organizers, the sale will consist of vendor booths curated by invite and by open call. Our intention is to put on a sale that is strongly promoted, well attended and equitable for vendors. We want to get people out and get their wallets out.

We are encouraging vendors to offer one-day sales, product releases and any other special promos that will help get people to the sale. Nifty social media materials will be distributed to participating vendors to help get the word out.

Please consider being a part of this sale. Thank you!

More info at activ8hilltop.com
GOT A FILM YOU WANT TO SHARE?

HERE IS WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

FAMILY-FRIENDLY

LOCAL INFLUENCE

“UNITY” OR “DIVERSITY” CONTENT

10 MINUTES OR LESS

SUBMISSIONS DUE BY AUGUST 1, 2017

SEND QUESTIONS OR A LINK OF YOUR FILM TO:
HilltopFilmCompetition@gmail.com

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