GOODBYE, MR. MAC

“When you see me, don’t think of a suit. But when you think of buying a suit, think of me.”

The Celebration of Morris McCollum (Mr. Mac’s) life will be held at
The Emerald Queen Conference Center in Fife
5580 Pacific Ave. E.
Fife, WA
2 PM to 5 PM
Sunday, August 20, 2017
Hello All,

Charles Dickens once wrote in his novel A Tale of Two Cities, “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.” It is a wonderful time on the Hilltop, as we get ready for the Annual Street Fair, see sidewalk café tables in front of Red Elm, and look forward to welcoming new businesses like Marconi Health & Wellness and the Zodiac Bar & Grill. Good things are happening toward business. Don’t forget to purchase your booth for the Street Fair to display the goods and services of your company. We are expecting over 15,000 visitors this year.

The other side of our feelings on the Hilltop is the loss of long time business district member Mr. Mac. Sadly he passed away, but not before planning his own funeral service. Mr. Mac wants all of his friends and business relations to have a party for him to celebrate his life. He was a true inspiration to people from all walks of life. He was a guy always ready to give insight on business, history, and life lessons.

Mr. Mac will be missed greatly in the Hilltop Business District. We are grateful to have been able to celebrate his 90th birthday party with him in our member meeting. With Mr. Mac, you always had a friend with a giant voice. What a great man.

All the best!

Pastor Anthony Steele, President
Hilltop Business Association

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BOARD AND MEMBER MEETINGS
NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY, AUG 17TH 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)
TACOMA'S HILLTOP STREET FAIR

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Car Show ● Music ● Food Trucks  Saturday, August 26th
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Recovery Café Open House
Tour the new Tacoma Recovery Café
Meet the Recovery Coaches
July 22, 2017

When: Saturday, July 22, 2017
Where: Recovery Café 813 MLK Jr. Way, Tacoma 98405
Time: 11am-4 pm
Food, Fun, Friends and the Miracles of Recovery!!! Donations Accepted!!!

We are a family of Action! Recovery through Unity.

Our organization is dedicated to helping individuals and their families in recovery to navigate life’s challenges and become successful!
The Icons are moving on and we must honor them and this time of passage. They held the courage that was not only profound but helped to enable us to stay the course when much appeared lost. Courage found Morris McCollum and he lived with it very well. George Tanbara, Dawn Lucien, and Morris McCollum. Each in their own right brought significant stability, change, and courage to Tacoma.

My brother Bob, before he died, used to call me once a week and see how I was doing and catch me up on what the family was up to, and to generally just shoot the bull. He took the place of my mother and at times my father. When he died I wondered who would call me now and keep me up to date, in touch with what was going on? And now I have to ask where will I go at least once a week to see how the Hilltop district is doing? Mr. Mac will be missed because I will miss him. And I know I am not the only one who will wonder about these things.

In the winter when I stopped by to see Morris, we would hover for a while by his space heater in the back of the store and talk over what was happening in the district. Were you ever able to get MC Delivery to join the district? Or, how about that medical supply business, on the other side of 1022? No I replied, but I keep trying. I will go with you some time, he would offer. All the businesses used to belong to the district. K Street was a very busy street at one time. Then he would add, “I think it is beginning to come back, Community Health Care is a really good thing for the district. I just wish I were a little younger so I could see the changes that are coming”. “We do not die a minute too soon or a second too late.” said Ram Dass.

Mr. Mac was on top of things. He would often ask me what was going on and how are things going with the Brown Star Grill building? When I wanted to know something about the district, I went to Mr Mac for information, support, encouragement, and for money for a project or an event.

He always wanted to see something new happening on the Hill. And he thought everyone should belong to the district. He knew how important it was to belong. To belong to the district, to belong to Hilltop, to belong that’s who he was, A man who knew how to belong and to stay put, and stick it out. Mr. Mac stuck it out in the Hilltop Business District when many had long since given up. I think that is one of the many reasons he is so significant for us at this time. He had the courage to stick with it and to stick it out.

We all Love you Mr. Mac. I Love you! Be Safe on your journey!

In Love and Service
Mario Lorenz
HBA Manager
We’re pleased to announce that the Peace Community Center Board of Directors has appointed Jay Thomas as our new Executive Director. Jay has served as our Interim Executive Director since September 2016, and we’re excited to see him move into this permanent position. Jay has more than 20 years of non-profit experience, specifically in management and fundraising. Previously, Jay worked for United Way of Pierce County, YMCA of King County, Associated Ministries, and Big Brothers and Sisters. He is also a Senior Fellow with the American Leadership Foundation. Jay is excited to serve as Executive Director in the neighborhood where he was born and the city where he grew up. Jay is a Wilson High School graduate and holds his undergraduate degree in Social Work from the University of Washington and a Master’s of Non-Profit Management from Seattle University. Please join us in welcoming Jay to the Peace community, and watch for opportunities to connect with us over the summer!

City Declares a State of Public Health Emergency
On May 9, 2017, the Tacoma City Council passed Ordinance 28430, declaring a state of public health emergency. The declaration was in response to the growing concentrations of people living in encampments in Tacoma. Encampments pose safety and health concerns for people living in them and around them as they create concerns about human waste, garbage, exposure to communicable diseases, exposure to violence and other human health concerns.

City Implements Three-Phased Emergency Temporary Aid and Sheltering Plan
The plan will include three phases:
• **Phase 1:** Would include the deployment of rapid resource pop-ups offering services to mitigate immediate health and safety issues in the encampments while reducing impacts on citizens and businesses. This phase also involves enhanced enforcement efforts focused on illegal activities.
• **Phase 2:** Would establish temporary transitional centers focused on managed shelter options and rapidly connecting individuals with services to enhance self-sustainability and connection with permanent housing.
• **Phase 3:** This phase will involve exploring opportunities to expand homelessness services throughout the County. Data collection from Phase 1 and 2 will ultimately help inform the implementation of Phase 3.

Want to Help?
Here are some suggested ways to help:
- Consider donating to or volunteering with a homeless service provider.
- Consider supporting Metro Parks Tacoma’s Free USDA Summer Food Program for Children.
- Advocate for more federal, state and local funding for services.
- Do not give people who are experiencing homelessness money.

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**Emergency Temporary Aid and Shelter Plan**

![Emergency Temporary Aid and Shelter Plan](image)

![Image showing a house and a bag with text](image)
Will you be hosting an arts event in October? Do you want to contribute to the arts programming offered in Tacoma, build community, and benefit from free publicity? Submit your arts activity for inclusion in the 2017 Tacoma Arts Month online calendar!

The Tacoma Arts Commission is seeking submissions of arts activities happening during our sixteenth annual Tacoma Arts Month this October. We are looking for a variety of activities spanning all categories of art and culture including but not limited to music, visual art, literary art, dance, theater, and film.

If you will be hosting an exhibition, performance, class, workshop, reception, lecture, tour, artists’ market, celebration, meeting, presentation, or any other programming, let us know. We will list your arts event in an interactive and searchable online calendar of events on tacomaartsmonth.com. There is no cost to you. We will be promoting the many events going on throughout the month through newspaper and magazine advertisements and articles, electronic newsletters, television ads, radio ads, and through a variety of social media outlets.

The deadline for the first round of submissions is August 7, 2017. We will accept activities on a rolling basis after that but submitting your information by August 7th will ensure that your activity is included in the first round of information that will go out.

To Qualify:
Your arts activity must be located within the City of Tacoma limits and occur during the month of October.

To Participate:
Fill out the online submission form via Submittable: https://tacomaarts.submittable.com/submit. Please note: If you are submitting multiple events, please fill out a form for each event.

Questions? Contact Naomi Strom-Avila at 253.591.5191 or nstrom-avila@cityoftacoma.org