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WELCOME 2018

**WE WANT TO HEAR
FROM YOU ABOUT
WHAT MAKES
HILLTOP AWESOME!**

Tell us what your favorite places are on Hilltop and why. We will feature them in the newsletter!

Send an email to Jennifer at: SPUNTACOMA@GMAIL.COM

with your favorites and why. This does not need to be formal, you can simply send a list of the whys with the name of the business or public place. This is a great way to spread the word and spotlight local businesses!



A MESSAGE FROM THE HBA PRESIDENT

Hello all,
Happy New Year! I trust that the holidays were prosperous and fruitful for you and your business. There are a lot of new things in store for the Hilltop Area of Tacoma in 2018. One of the new things in store for the Hilltop is "Construction" and lots of it. Though progress can be a good thing, it also can come with the cost of inconvenience, loss of revenue, and unexpected deficits. We are hoping that progress is something that will bring about growth and increased business.

This may be the final year for the Hilltop Street Fair on our main street of MLK Way, as the new Sound Transit extension is scheduled to begin construction down the middle of the street in the Fall of 2018. Once construction begins, there will be no festivals or events allowed on MLK.

Nevertheless, we are at work with the City of Tacoma and Sound Transit to find workarounds for our annual festival that now attracts nearly 20,000 visitors to the Hilltop in one day. A big question that is looming in discussions is: "Is the city of Tacoma interested in existing businesses on the Hilltop in the future?"

Now, with new administration coming into City Hall, there may be even opportunity on the Hilltop for existing businesses to flourish, or maybe new business is all that the city ever wanted. We're hoping that "new" includes "existing" as well. We will begin to see in 2018.

If you have ideas or suggestions for how we keep our main street relevant to business in 2018 and beyond, write me at assteel@msn.com.

All the best,

Anthony Steele, President
Hilltop Business Association

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If you have an event or would like to contribute to the Newsletter, please email (put 'Newsletter' in the subject line):

Jennifer: spuntacoma@gmail.com

OR

Mario: marioslorenz@gmail.com

BOARD AND MEMBER MEETINGS

NEXT MEMBER MEETING IS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 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)

OPEN FIGURE DRAWING



Don't forget \$10 Open Figure Drawing!! Every Wednesday from 6-8PM at Feast! All skill levels are welcome and encouraged to attend. Pay at the door or pre-register at feastarts.com



Join us at the History Museum for a very special Third Thursday January 18; events begin at 5:00

Celebrate as we dedicate several recently renovated galleries in the Great Hall of Washington History.

See a live theatrical performance, then hear from officials, community partners, and contributors who have helped to make these improvements possible.

- 3:00-8:00 PM, the museum is free for visitors.
- 5:00 PM, see the performance Northwest Passages by the award-winning Living Voices in the museum's auditorium (2nd floor).
- 6:00 PM, gather in the Grand Lobby (3rd floor) for an official welcome, and hear from honored guests including Governor Jay Inslee and Tacoma's mayor Victoria Woodards. Be there for the ribbon cutting.
- 6:30 PM, tour the galleries in the Great Hall (3rd floor), followed by light refreshments on the mezzanine (4th floor).

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TACOMA COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

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

The TCRA 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 TCRA 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.

Additional information on the TCRA Board is available through Carol Hassard at (253) 591-5645 or chassard@cityoftacoma.org.

Applications must be submitted to the City Clerk's Office by Friday, January 26, 2018.

From cityoftacoma.org



HBA MANAGER'S REPORT

The New Year waits for no one. And yet all things come to those who wait. We now wait for spring that will soon be upon us and with it the new hope that will be found within the growth in ourselves, and our district!

Dear Friends,

I appreciate that several businesses have submitted their membership fees already. We are off to a very good beginning. Last year we had 72 paid members in the district and I hope this year to approach 100 members. Our district is growing and in many ways doing very well. We have a full slate of Executive Board members. And each one brings special talent and resources to the table.

The Board will hold it's annual retreat on January 22nd from 4 PM to 9 PM

It is my hope that a Vision for the Hilltop will continue to emerge and evolve as we go forward. We all look forward in one way or another to the beginning of the Link Rail that will be an asset to our district, but there are several issues that will emerge while the construction is happening.

I look for a few things to be set in motion this coming year, and have listed some intentions for our district.

1.) I intend to see the replacement of our Banners that define the Hilltop Business District. In doing this I intend to gain approval of the businesses and hopefully attend a meeting with the Hilltop engagement group to be sure we are all on the same page in this area, and work with the neighborhood councils to partner and see that this task is complete and funded.

2.) I intend to see the planters fully operational with the right plants or shrubs in them and done so with beautiful plants that will flourish. It may be necessary to test the soil for adequate plant growth.

3.) We will increase and grow the events in the district. The Hilltop Street Fair while it is our signature event will see a new theme this year "Hilltop On The Move" which will take into consideration the Link Rail coming in and also be a theme for movement such as dance, Hip Hop and the Kinesthetic Arts which will be focused on art work that will feature sculpture that has motion as its theme.

4.) The Cherry Blossom Festival and Wine Walk will be in its second year and it is my intention to include more of our district's Asian population in this event to honor and historically understand the directions this community asset has been through in bringing its culture to our district.

5.) The Holiday lights will need a committee to form early in the year to address ways and financial means with which to better light up our district and enhance our businesses in a way that will make the Hilltop Business District more inviting to those visiting the district and shopping in our stores and eating at our restaurants.

There are many more ideas that will emerge in the coming year, but I think these ideas are manageable and can reach completion if we all work together.

My thanks goes out to all in the district for the honor and privilege of serving as your manager.

Mario Lorenz
HBA Manager

GET YOUR AD IN THE HILLTOPPER

The Hilltop Business District (AKA Hilltop Business Association) publishes the monthly Hilltopper newsletter for district businesses, civic, and community organizations serving Tacoma's Hilltop District.

Advertising and inserts are accepted and must be of interest and relevant to the Hilltop Business District. HBA (Hilltop Business Association) reserves the right to refuse ads or inserts. Effective June 2015, rates and circulation are as follows:

Circulation is approximately 250 to include members of the Hilltop Business Association, district organizations, industry contacts, City & County government, and interested individuals. Newsletters are digitally mailed and printed for distribution prior to the Hilltop Business Association meeting each month. Projected circulation is expected to double in the next 6 months.

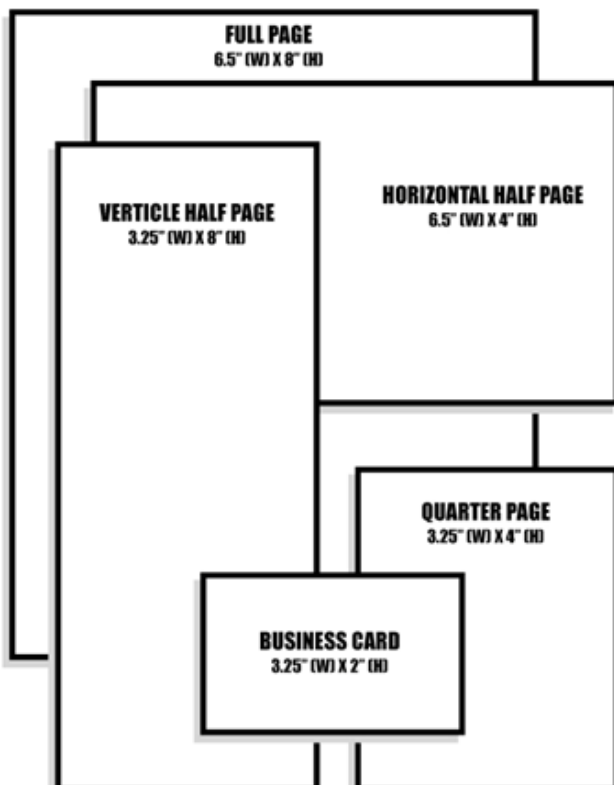
Circulation will also increase with a soon to be newly updated website and Facebook page.

Deadline: The deadline for our receipt of ads or inserts is no later than the 7th of the month of publication. Please supply camera-ready art in jpeg or MS Word format.

Advertising Rates (rates do not include sales tax)

	HBA Members	Non-Members
1/8 Page (business card size)	\$20.00	\$40.00
1/8 Page (business card size) *12 month	\$220.00	\$480.00
1/4 Page	\$40.00	\$80.00
1/4 Page *12 month	\$440.00	\$960.00
Half Page	\$80.00	\$160.00
Half Page *12 month	\$880.00	\$1920.00
Full Page	\$160.00	\$320.00
Full Page *12 month	\$1760.00	\$3840.00

**Members receive 1 free ad for a 12 month contract. Inserts are considered full page rate.*



Newsletter Sponsorship Levels

Businesses or organizations providing sponsorship for printing costs receive a complimentary ad in the Hilltopper.

Sponsorship for printing costs (1 month) Members & Non-Members \$120.00

Sponsorship for printing costs (12 month's) Members & Non-Members \$1440

Please contact:

Mario Lorenz

HBA Manager

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LITTLE FREE LIBRARY/BOOK BOX WORKSHOP

The Book Box workshop is on again at the **Tacoma Tool Library!** This is a free workshop. We have donated materials to make some boxes, you must bring your own materials if you want to make one for yourself. Kids under 18 can attend, but must have parental supervision.

JAN 21, 2-5PM

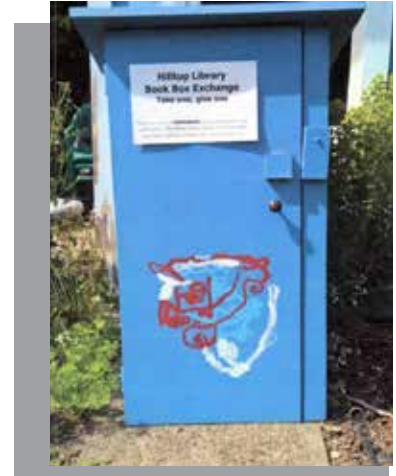
Please sign up so we can get an idea how many will attend.

(954) 866-5253

info@tacomatoollibrary.com

Tacoma Tool Library

754 South 38th St, Tacoma, Washington 98418



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Art+Science Salons presents
INTERFACE
Thursday, January 25th
Kittredge Art Gallery

Featuring interdisciplinary artists
working at the interfaces of the
digital and physical, object and phenomena,
natural and man-made, and art and science

Afroditi Psarra (U of WA DXARTS, Assistant Professor)
<https://dxarts.washington.edu/people/afroditi-psarra>

Rebecca Cummins (U of WA, Photomedia, Professor and Chair)
<https://www.rebeccacummins.com/>

Jeremy Mangan, (independent artist)
<http://www.jeremymangan.com/>

Mike Johnson (University of Puget Sound, Professor, Sculpture)
<http://www.michaeljohnsonsculpture.com/>

600 - 630pm Mingle with food and drinks
630 - 730pm Talks
730 - 800pm Mingle More

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STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The City of Tacoma, in partnership with Sound Transit and Pierce Transit, is launching the Streetscape Improvements Project in your neighborhood! With your help, we want to design pedestrian spaces that fit your community, support local businesses, and make it easier to do the things you love.

- WE'VE OPENED UP SHOP:** Visit our storefront office at 1120 South 11th Street to learn more about the project, check out maps and drawings and participate in the design. Our office is open during the following hours and may change based on community needs.

MONDAYS	9-2	THURSDAYS	9-1 & 2-6
TUESDAYS	9-4	FRIDAYS	9-2
WEDNESDAYS	9-1		
- STAY TUNED FOR MEETING DATES AND OTHER EVENTS:** We'll be hosting more events and workshops so people can help us develop the design. Visit cityoftacoma.org/links for the latest information.

Contact us or stop by the office

Monica Ghosh | 253-348-9694
cityoftacoma.org/links
1120 South 11th Street, Tacoma

AgriShop ACE, Keith Jones
253 272 9331, 2012 S 12th St
Allen AME, Pastor Anthony Steele
316 371 9393, 1223 MLK Jr, Way
Associated Ministries, Wendy Morris
253 383 3056 X117, 901 S 13th St.
Bates Technical College, Becky Welch
101 S Yakima Ave, bwelch@bates.ctc.edu
Black Door Wine, David Lower
206 359 0466, 1215 Earnest S Brazill St
Bob's BBQ, Kay Littles/Jonathan Clark
253 627 4899/253 381 1333, 911 S 11th St
Catherine Place, Beth Elliot
253 572 3547, 923 South 8th St
Cathy Steiner, Community Member
253 683 1719, 930 South Sheridan
Cedar River Clinics, Bryan Collins
253 473 6031, 1401 A MLK Way
Center for Spiritual Living, Rev. Frances Lorenz
253 383 3151, 206 N. J St
Centro Latino, Lisa Carrillo
253 572 7717, 1208 S 10th St
Charles Mann Company, LLC, Charles Mann
253 444 5674, 2142 S L St
City of Rain Church, Rick Kendall
360 791 2185, 824 MLK, Jr. Way
Community Health Care, Russell Sondker
CFRE, 253 722 1550, 1148 Broadway, Suite 100
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253 627 7554, 1407 So. I St.
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253 627 1044, 1101 S 11th St.
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253 222 1377, 1014-1016 MLK, Tacoma
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253 284 1111, 1111 S 11th St.
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253 228 0985, 1501 Tacoma Ave S. #602
Feast Art Center, Todd Jannausch/Chandler Woodfin
303 601 5040, 1402 S 11th St
Goodwill of the Olympics and Rainier Region, Melissa Huddleson
253 573 6823, 714 S 27th St.
Grossman Services Incorporated, Kevin Grossman
253 730 5567
Heritage Bank, Deborah Dixon
253 471 1500, 1722 South Union Ave
Hilltop Action Coalition, Brendan Nelson
253 314 2486, 1116 Earnest S Brazill St
Hilltop Library Planning Committee, Alvin Nurse
253 307 1660, PO Box 5032 Tacoma
Hilltop Loans, Kenton Dale,
253 627 1044, 1101 S 11th S
House of Scott, Kitty Scott/Kent Orton
253 572 9555, 1215 MLK, Jr Way
Institute For Children's Advocacy, Susan DeRome
253 228 2100, PO Box 5105, Tacoma
Johnson Candy Company, Ron Johnson/William Johnson
253 272 8504, 924 MLK Jr Way
Johnson Commercial Properties, Timothy Johnson
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KBTC, Alyssa Torrez
253 680 7758, 2320 S 19th St.
Kevin's Auto Repair, Kevin Chan
253 566 6264, 1115 S Brazill St
Key Bank, Theresa Portman
253 305 7763, 1101 Pacific Ave
Kyava Spa Wellness Center, Jennifer Richardson
253 212 0296, 1212 S 11th Street #42
Laughter Masters, Mario Lorenz
253 921 1718, 816 S L St
Manifesto Coffee, Jadin Bulger
360 775 9834, 1003 S 11th St,
Marconi Chiropractic, Dr. Michelle Marconi
253 750 3381, 1002 MLK
Maxi-Space, Janice Lemke-Movley
253 572 1111, 1401 S Sprague Ave
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253 279 4162, 909 North I Street
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253 691 3195, Rainier Ave, Gig Harbor
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253 572 7214, 1408 MLK Jr Way
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253 383 6395, 2522 N Proctor #245
Peace Lutheran Church, John Stroeh
253 383 1317 X101, 2106 S Cushman Ave
P.E.J. Construction LLC, Paul E Johnson
253 533 0311, 5034 N Lexington
Pennington Apartments, Brian Yee
253 396 9999 / 617 734 5698, 702 MLK Jr Way
Pho King, Andy Nguyen
253 272 6287, 1020 MLK Jr Way
Property Owner, Rane Shaub
253 691 5152, 817 & 11th St.
Ray Gibson's Caballeros Club, Gary Mason
253 572 9681, 1516 S 28th
Red Elm Cafe, Jennifer Richardson
253 327 1791, 1114 MLK Jr Way
Safeway, Brian Nagay
253 627 8840, 1112 M St.
Saravida, Sara Roberge
206 271 3582, 1011 S L Street
Second Cycle, Travis Martin/Noah Struthers
253 341 8671 / 253 495 0853, 1205 MLK Jr Way
Shared Housing Services, Mark Merrill
253 272 1532, 901 S 11th St.
Shiloh Baptist Church, Pastor Gregory Christopher
253 272 4949 / 253 606 5193, 1211 South I St.
Sixth Ave Speed Wash, Dequan Mchatten
253 287 2417, 1318 6th Ave
Soar Academy,
253 444 6759, 2136 MLK, Jr Way
Sound Transit, Lauren Wheeler
206 398 5063, 401 S Jackson, Seattle, 98104
South Sound Outreach Service, Jeff Klein
253 593 2111, 1106 MLK, Jr Way
Spaceworks, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber, Heather Joy
253 627 2175, 950 Pacific Ave, Suite 300
Spun, Jennifer English/April Sanders
253 905 1952 / 253 347 3457, 1307 MLK Jr Way
St John Church, Pastor M
253 572 7054, 2001 S J St
Subway, Diana & Ed Ware
253 573 1112, 1112 S 11th St
Tacoma Calvary Church, Pastor Brian Headrick
253 389 7196, 1201 South J St
Tacoma Community House, Liz Dunbar
253 383 3951, 1314 S L Street
1022 South J, Dawn Stubbs/Rose Peterson
253 576 3112
Tacoma Housing Authority, Michael Mirra
253 207 4429, 902 S L St
Tacoma Urban Digs, Eric Crittendon
253 222 4549, 7027 S Prospect St.
Tacoma Urban League, Victoria Woodards
253 383 2007, 2550 South Yakima
Tahoma Associates, Scot Rapp
253 627 7980, 1545 Tacoma Ave S
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253 272 2206, 902 S 10th St
The Evergreen State College, Tenzing Gayatso, M.Ed
253 680 3007, 1210 6th Ave
The T-Shirt Men Company, Willie/David
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253 272 8819, 1615 6th Ave
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