Earth Day 2020: Climate Action

Earth Day is on April 22 - this year’s theme resonates with the entire Earth Climate Action. According to www.earthday.org, Earth Day is the largest annual civic event and is held in the Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts. Although we count this as an amazing success, our Earth still faces loss of biodiversity, a plastic pollution crisis and climate changes with local and global ramifications.

Earthday.org has launched campaigns to spark a hopeful billion in federal funds to support vital programs to communities across the United States, as well as determining the number of political representatives in Congress as required by law.

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**President’s Message**

By Brendan Nelson

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Hilltop Family,

Many of us are experiencing a “new” normal. Remaining at home, working from home, and limiting our exposure in public places. We may be experiencing new relationships with our family and friends. The internet has become essential to obtain the news and social connections.

**President’s Message**

By Brendan Nelson

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Dark as this time might be, history and our own hearts tell us that light always overcomes darkness.

I would most sincerely like to thank the countless people of Tacoma and the Hilltop community who have enabled us to deal with this incredibly difficult situation. Without your strong and committed efforts, we would not have food for families, extended learning opportunities for kids, financial assistance for those in need and places for people to sleep.

Because of the many hands working together, our community can have the peace of mind knowing that the needs of our brothers and sisters are being met to the best of our ability.

We have some challenging weeks ahead of us but we are a resilient community always ready to step up when needed, and that is why I am confident we will get through this season and come out an even more effective and dynamic community.

Love and Light,

Brendan Nelson
President
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By Martha Lucas on behalf of Tacoma Urban League

It's here...Beginning in mid-March, households received their invitation letter to complete the 2020 Census in three different ways- online (2020census.gov), by phone (1-844-330-2020), and by mail in multiple languages. The Census form has 10 questions, takes about 10 minutes, but will have 10 years of impact on our community’s daily lives and funding from local, state, and federal agencies. Only the invitation letter unique ID or mailing address is needed to complete the Census form. The importance of us getting counted is best demonstrated by explaining the facts of how federal, state, and local money is distributed in our communities. In 2017, 316 federal programs relied on 2010 Census-derived data to distribute $1.504 trillion dollars to state and local governments, businesses, nonprofits, and households across the nation. The United States Census data is used to allocate billions of dollars of federal aid to state and local governments using formulas that factor in population characteristics and poverty levels. Undercounts may skew per capita data to higher income levels or miss certain threshold requirements. Census-derived data primarily doesn’t determine the “size of the pie,” but “who gets what slice of pie.” This means that funds not received in one area due to an undercount are distributed to all other areas. In 2010, cities that over counted like Mercer Island (84%) would have received more funds for their schools, businesses, and nonprofits than cities like Lakewood (70%) that are undercounted. Washington has a more difficult time covering the needs of it’s traditionally undercounted groups like Blacks and immigrants that exist in their communities with more “slice of the pie” resources being shifted to groups that tend to over-count like Whites. For multiple of reasons, Blacks and African born immigrants have traditionally represented two undercounted communities which has resulted in millions of dollars of lost business, education, childcare, and health care funding available for our neighborhoods and schools.

In response to this traditional undercount, the Tacoma Urban League has spearheaded a “Make Black Count” campaign made up of Black and African led organizations including: Greater Tacoma Community Foundation, Tacoma Urban League, Washington State Coalition of African Community Leaders, One Vibe Seattle, Souls to the Polls, Cierra Sisters, Wukaliuna, TeamWk, and the City of Tacoma. Our primary goal has been to raise awareness and provide technical assistance to help other Black and African communities in Pierce County get counted by hosting events from Winter to Spring 2020 including Driving Souls to the Polls monthly town hall co-hosted by Emmy award winning talk show host from CBS, The Talk, actress and comedian - Sheryl Underwood and Warren Ballantyne from the Black Solidarity Radio Network at Shiloh Baptist Church. It takes All of Us event, Teen Census Party, Men of Change Awards, and Mardi Gras themed military event. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 and the Governor’s increasing restrictions several of our events have been postponed or cancelled for public safety concerns and the ambiguity surrounding when the current lockdown will be lifted. One highly anticipated postponed event, Census Sunday unites Tacoma Churches, Community-Based Organizations, and Citizens to celebrate their historical significance through the biblical lens. For an updated list of upcoming Make Black Count Committee Census events, please visit: https://thelatemetarbarianleague.org/events.

Submitted by Martha Lucas, Census Project Manager for Washington State Coalition of African Community Leaders, on behalf of the Tacoma Urban League led Make Black Count Committee. For more information, contact Martha at (206) 482-9122 or at marthalucas1@gmail.com.

Twina Nobles, President & CEO of Tacoma Urban League, addressing Moderator Sheryl Underwood

The January 27th HAC Monthly Community Meeting asked coalition members to share their ideas for Community Hilltop Action. Brendan Nelson, HAC Board President, explained the difference between a board led organization and a coalition led organization. He told the attendees that they are the Coalition and that this meeting was an opportunity for them to create a HAC Vision for 2020.

Before the Community Vision Activity, Liz Elliott, Sound Transit Community Outreach Specialist, shared 2019’s Tacoma Hilltop Link construction progress and what’s ahead for 2020. You can now see Link tracks on Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Liz mentioned that Sound Transit is not responsible for the Streetscape Design (see page 2) of the project. If you have any questions about Tacoma Hilltop Link construction, please contact Liz directly at (253) 208-0586 or via email at Liz.satterthwaite@soundtransit.org. For construction updates please visit HAC Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/tacoma.hilltop.action or Sound Transit: https://www.soundtransit.org/

The Community Vision Activity, Brendan passed out sticky notes and asked coalition members to write down 2 types of comments: Positive and Change. Take a look below to find out the top 3 comments listed for each topic.

*Positive notes on what HAC is doing right:

1) Hosting events like the Hilltop District 3 Candidate Debate
2) Community Calendar & Journal
3) Communication between city groups and the Hilltop community

*Change notes on what HAC can do better:

1) Active coordination with other organizations and presence of City leaders at meetings, especially City Council Member(s)
2) Clearer HAC priorities/projects and how each meeting relates (measurable outcomes)
3) More time for questions and answers with speakers

After collecting everyone’s comments, coalition members were asked one more question: What actions should HAC take? An excellent response to this question was given by a Hilltop resident and business owner, "Encourage more people to attend various community meetings." Brendan added that they can report back at HAC meetings or write an article about the meeting for the Hilltop Action Journal. A Hilltop resident suggested we should, “Let our voices be heard,” and, “do what you gotta do.” Another resident asked, “What is the action?” What is the 1 thing I can do at the end of each HAC meeting that I can take out into the community?” A neighborhood leader wanted to know, “How to get to capacity. More funding?” Brendan recommended writing HAC letters of support to the City Council.

Click here to read all comments received during the Community Vision Activity. Brendan took the 2020 vision comments to the HAC Board Retreat where board members made sure goals lined up with community priorities. Thank You to everyone who attended and provided comments and recommendations.
By Jon Kulju

While the construction of the Sound Transit Hilltop Link Extension project along MLK Jr. Way continues to improve the roadway and light rail connection from downtown to S 19th Street, the City has plans of its own to make access to the rail system more attractive and accessible. The City has been working on the Links to Opportunity Project plans for the transformation of the way people will experience the streetscape along the rail system.

Like other planning efforts in the City, Hilltop will get a sidewalk facelift that will improve the way the community will connect and do business. While the minimum standard of sidewalks that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act are in the plan, many other features and facilities will be incorporated. These features were developed during a concerted outreach and planning campaign to ensure Hilltop was represented and had its own look and feel. Features will provide connections to the past that life long residents will find familiar, while someone new to the area will feel the heart and caring that exists just by looking at their surroundings.

These sidewalks will be different because they send a message to the traveler that will both be visually stunning but thought provoking as well. The designs include colored concrete patterns and placement of welcoming mats that will be visually pleasing. Voices from the past and present will convey messages engraved in granite monuments giving thought to those who walk by. Messages from historic figures like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X, to contemporaries like Pharrell Williams and Alice Walker. Strategically placed along the walking route will be single words sandblasted into the concrete surface that are left up for individual interpretation and meaning. Words such as “Hilltopia” and “Resilience,” among others, will be found in several locations along the way to give interest to the depth of meaning to the corridor.

Other features that will enhance the look and feel of the streetscape are landscaping and trees, bicycle facilities that go beyond the typical bike rack, pedestrian lighting that will brighten the evening gathering spaces. The designs include colorful markers mark the entrances, lean rails for casual conversation and benches and lighted seating blocks, that include game tables, a variety of seating and log issues that will occur during construction. As one of the messages engraved into the stone will typify the transformation of the way people will experience the streetscape along the Link rail system.

Funding for the project has been secured through several sources such as Street Initiative funds, Community Development Block Grant, Sound Transit System Access Grant and the City General Fund. Construction will cost nearly $10 Million dollars for the streetscape and administration of the project.

The effort does not stop at the completion of the project, “After climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb” – Nelson Mandela, the Links to Opportunity Project staff will continue to climb those hills and take on the challenges that lie ahead.

Links to Opportunity Project Manager, Jon Kulju, can be contacted by phone at 253-591-5204; or, via email at JKulju@cityoftacoma.org.
Celebrate Cultural Landscapes for Historic Preservation Month

All month long, a roster of events for all ages has been planned around this year’s theme of Cultural Landscapes.

City Council News Release
April 14, 2020

Each May, the National Trust for Historic Preservation encourages local communities to celebrate National Historic Preservation Month. The City of Tacoma is excited to announce this year’s Historic Preservation Month theme – “Cultural Landscapes,” which celebrates the significance of Tacoma’s open spaces and natural environment to our past, present and future.

“It’s important to appreciate the impact our natural resources have on the people, environment and heritage that has shaped the City of Tacoma,” said Assistant Historic Preservation Officer Lauren Hoogkamer. “This year, we will experience Tacoma’s historic cultural landscapes, open spaces and natural resources through a series of innovative virtual experiences.”

Preservation Month 2020 Calendar
Due to evolving public health social distancing recommendations, event changes are anticipated this year, please visit the new Historic Preservation Month website for the most current event schedule.

Virtual Tours are free and you can ask questions during the tour. Some program highlights include:

- Virtual Sacred Spaces Tour
  This virtual tour takes you through some of Tacoma’s most beautiful, iconic, and in some cases under-represented, sacred spaces. You can join in on Pretty Gritty Tours Facebook page at 5pm, May 2nd.

- Virtual Wright Park Tour
  If you have ever wanted to know more about Tacoma’s iconic Wright Park, from who actually plays bocce ball on those perfectly manicured lawns, to what kind of infidelity lead to the statues being posted at the entrance, then this is the tour for you. The tour will be broadcast on Pretty Gritty Tours Facebook page at 3:30pm May 5th.

- History of Old City Hall
  To mark Historic Preservation Month, Susan Johnson of Artifacts Inc. will examine the history, myths and legends associated with Tacoma’s Old City Hall. We’ll also look at its future, as SurgeTacoma will share its vision for the building, along with renovation and restoration plans. Click here for more information on the May 11th event.

- Sherman Elementary Virtual Salmon Release
  Take a virtual trip to Swan Creek and celebrate as Sherman Elementary students release their Colby Salmon, raised as part of the Salmon in the Classroom program in partnership with the Flood Waterway Seaport. You can join in on the excitement online at 9pm on May 16th.

- Historic Tacoma’s Virtual Proctor District Tour
  This virtual tour will highlight the rich history of the Proctor District and its architectural treasures. On May 17th at 1pm, you can explore several blocks and some of the oldest, most iconic, and most mysterious parts of the neighborhood. Interested? RSVP here.

- Wapato Park Virtual Bike Ride
  This virtual bike tour of the park will focus on the history of the area and delve into how the park itself came to be and what makes it so extraordinary. You can join by being on Pretty Gritty Tours Facebook page at 7:30pm on May 30th.

For more information on Historic Preservation Month activities, visit historicpreservationmonth.org or contact Lauren Hoogkamer at LHoogkamer@cityoftacoma.org or (253) 591-5254.

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MBDA-Tacoma Business Center

MBDA invites you to an overview of the Minority Business and Technology Initiative, a collaboration between Amazon Business and the U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA). MBDA seeks to accelerate the inclusion of minority owned enterprises in e-commerce and to improve the use of digital technology for domestic and global sales. The Tech initiative will implement pioneering approaches that support business owners and entrepreneurs in the following ways:

- Enable MBDA to increase their online presence by leveraging Amazon Business as a solution to reach more buyers and sell globally through ecommerce.

- Access to success coaches for products listed on Amazon Business.


All small businesses are welcome to participate in this webinar.

Join the April 23, 2020 webinar from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and learn how to become a seller on the Amazon Business Marketplace. Learn how to take the next step in growing your E-commerce business. Find out:

- What is Amazon Business?

- What makes a good business product brand?

- How do you get started selling on Amazon Business?

- How do you grow and scale your Amazon Business?

Want to know how to increase your product sales online, both domestic & global? Prepare to do business online.

Where do you find additional resources?
Interested in finding out more? Register for MBDA Learning Engagement by Amazon Business. Webinar registration is still open for the April 15th webinar from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm EDT. Be prepared for conducting business online - register today!

Minority Business and Technology Initiative FAQs

Find out program information and criteria. Such as, do I have to be a client of an MBDA Business Center to apply/participate? Anyone can participate in the “How To” seminars and training sessions to learn more about how to become a seller. However, they must have an approved product to sell on Amazon Business.

Is there a cost associated with participating in the Initiative for MBDA? If you are a new seller in the program? There is no cost to participate in the program, however, there is a cost for selling products on Amazon Business. More than 20 categories are open for selling on Amazon; products in these categories can be listed without specific permission from Amazon. Some categories only allow listings for new products. Some categories have additional guidelines that sellers must follow. Want more info? Visit www.mbda.gov.

Virtual City Council Meetings

Special Tacoma City Council Weekly Meetings on Coronavirus Updates - Every Friday at 2PM

The Tacoma City Council has established special weekly meetings to provide updates on the status and impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the City’s response to the emergency every Friday at 2 PM. These meetings are open to the public but to comply with Governor Inslee’s Proclamation, this meeting will not be held in person. You can listen in on the meeting by dialing 1-855-747-8824 and pressing *425-5733. You may also listen on Facebook LIVE. Meeting Agenda will be posted at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

‘Stay Home, Stay Safe’ Order and Participating in Tacoma City Council Meetings

Consistent with the CDC’s recommendation, and pursuant to the City’s recent state of emergency proclamation, Council has set the maximum occupancy of Council Chambers, not including Council and staff, at 10. Tacoma Pierce County Health Department and the CDC also recommend that individuals over the age of 60 as well as individuals with underlying medical conditions, like heart disease, lung disease or diabetes – stay home as much as possible and avoid crowds.

Community members are strongly encouraged to participate at Council meetings by accessing the Council meeting televised on TV Tacoma, which is carried on both the Click! and Comcast Cable systems. Council meetings can also be streamed on tvtacoma.com.

Hi! top = NRSA

At HAC’s Monthly Community Meetings on Feb 24, Darian Lightfoot with City of Tacoma Community and Economic Development Department addressed attendees about how it means for Hilltop to be a part of a Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA). We learned how the City’s Consolidated Plan which provides a 5-year framework for addressing housing, human services, community and economic development.

Since Hilltop is in a designated NRSA, the district qualifies for Community Development Block Grants, Emergency Solutions Grant and the Hilltop Action Journal. These funding sources are intended to benefit low-income persons served by neighborhood organizations and agencies, including the City’s Consolidated Plan which provides a 5-year framework for addressing housing, human services, community and economic development.
All online resources can be accessed for free with your Tacoma Public Library card.

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With all these offerings, Oasis is an asset for the greater Tacoma area, serving youth, families, and communities. With new unique programs, tried-and-true traditions, and relevant resources, Oasis meets the needs of many in our community in a way like no other. Join us!

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more, receiving LGBTQ+ competency training, or joining Oasis, you can reach us at oasis@oasiosyouthcenter.org, or follow us on Facebook at Oasis Youth Center.
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The Power of Mentorship

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If you are filling out the census for your home, you should count everyone who is living there as of April 1, 2020. This includes anyone—related or unrelated to you—who lives and sleeps at your home most of the time. This includes newborns, youth, parents, relatives, tenants, or someone with no usual home elsewhere - be sure to count them in your response to the 2020 Census. Where there are more people, there are more needs. An accurate count helps inform funding for hospitals, fire departments, schools, and roads for the next 10 years.

Jaxtin Scott peeks out behind a Census 2020 yard sign to remind you to count newborns and young children who live with you as of April 1, 2020.

Our Youth Count! Census 2020 - Make Sure Everyone is Counted in Your Home

By Naomi Wyrick, 11-year old Hilltop Youth

Hi! I’m Naomi and I played for the Stanley Basketball Team On Hilltop where I made some new friends, and my parents were our coaches! This year we won our championship game! We had our games every Saturday, and practices on every Friday. One team name was Team “Swish” and we played basketball for six weeks, undefeated. After the championship we had our basketball celebration at Defy!

The Power of Mentorship

In a city where most of our residents are White, but the majority of our student population is Black and Brown, investing in mentorship that reflects the identities of Tacoma students has become a leading conversation for Graduate Tacoma community partners.

Antonio McLemore is just one of the many leaders in Tacoma engaging youth through mentorship. As the Male Involvement Program (MIP) Manager at the Tacoma Urban League, he is approaching this work from a racial equity and gender lens to support the unique needs of Black and Brown boys.

“The only level of success that our children have seen that look like them is posters of athletes and entertainers. That’s the only type of success that society has allowed them to see,” says Antonio. “It was extremely tough for me [as a father] to raise two boys without even having a model myself.”

“Black males are disproportionately impacted by negative stereotypes. Stereotyping can cause anxiousness, fear, and distress to the targeted group, which can negatively affect academic performance – even when the targeted group does not believe the stereotypes assigned to them.

The Male Involvement Program offers mentoring from men of color to help provide a safe and supportive community for boys of color who attend elementary and middle school at Lister, First Creek, Gray, and Stewart. The partnership between the Tacoma Urban League and Tacoma Public Schools provides students with culturally-anchored activities and discussions that help foster emotional, personal, and academic growth.

Every time he meets a new student, Antonio considers how young people have role models that validate their racial identity, emphasizing that educators must lead with accountability and address the unique barriers preventing marginalized students from quality learning and growth.

“There are conversations we must be willing to have that go beyond ourselves and make us uncomfortable. We must learn not just to implement information, but to also connect with the individuals that are in the [classroom],” says Antonio.

“Life experiences hold a lot of weight, and if you can’t understand the journey these kids have been on, it’s going to be hard for you to engage with them.”

Shared life experiences help promote closure, growth, and trust in relationships. This mutual understanding provides students with a knowledgeable individual to guide them at critical points in their educational and personal development.

“There were many cases in my Tacoma public education journey where I was a throwaway kid,” says Brandon. “If it wasn’t for mentors, I know exactly where I would be today because of the projection that was placed on Black boys during that time. I quickly realized that to ensure that it doesn’t happen to anyone else, I’ve got to insert myself into the conversations and the work.”

Tacoma Gents and MIP offer Expanded Learning Opportunities during and after school through the Tacoma Whole Child initiative. The initiative employs a systems-building approach using data-driven problem solving to maximize social, emotional, and academic growth for youth.

These two partnerships with Tacoma Public Schools epitomize the spirit of collective action that propels the Graduate Tacoma community-wide movement. Likewise, by connecting organizations, businesses, institutions, and people, as a movement we can ensure that we help inspire other businesses to give back to their community because if young people don’t know what’s out there, then they don’t know how to pursue it,” says Eric.

In addition to community programming, Eric is in the process of turning a room in his barbershop into a computer lab with 3-D printers for youth to explore technology they wouldn’t otherwise have access to.

“My hope is to inspire other businesses to give back to their community because if young people don’t know what’s out there, then they don’t know how to pursue it,” says Eric. “In addition to community programming, Eric is in the process of turning a room in his barbershop into a computer lab with 3-D printers for youth to explore technology they wouldn’t otherwise have access to. “I believe in the power of giving back,” says Eric. “I make sure that everything I do is positive. It’s what’s needed.”

These examples of the community-wide movement in action are rooted in shared responsibility and leadership through collaboration. This collective impact is critical if we are to serve all students in our community.

“There is no singular way to support a kid,” says Brandon. “Serving kids means holding teachers, administrators, community members, and organizations accountable. In order to make an impact, you have to be the impact.”

Eric Upchurch (in Men of Courage shirt) with Mentees

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**Why Kids in “The System” Need Focused Care**

By Cathy Hall

Children in foster care or who have been adopted are a unique population that require specialized healthcare. Removals from home or first families are rooted in traumatic experiences and even a visit to a medical or dental clinic can be traumatic trigger. Adequate access to high quality care through a trauma informed lens has not been available in the Tacoma community, placing the nearly 1,300 children currently in foster care in Pierce County at even higher risk. Community Health Care aims to bridge that gap by creating the first foster/adoption clinic in Pierce County and the only full-spectrum integrated model in the Puget Sound.

**Foster Youth:**
- 2x the rate of alcohol dependence
- 5x more likely to develop PTSD
- 7x the rate of drug dependence
- 10% of Pierce County’s foster kids will spend the night in a hotel
- 25% homeless with 4 years of aging out
- 52% of males are unemployed
- 60% of sex trafficking victims were in the foster care system
- 71% of girls are pregnant before age 2

Community Health Care is dedicated to creating a focused health care space for children and their families/caregivers in the foster-adoption spectrum. Behavioral Health services will be the highlight in this therapeutic area to serve those that have significantly higher rates of depression and anxiety and suicide attempts directly related to trauma. Providing individual and family group therapy in a non-clinical space is in line with the key principles of a Trauma-Healing environment. It is crucial for this clinic to feel welcoming and safe, and to achieve this we are hoping for financial assistance to create a trauma-informed space. By simply adding couches and beanbag chairs, sensory-friendly wall hangings and educational toys that make them feel more comfortable, we will be helping children and families better engage in the care that is needed to better succeed in life.

This space will help facilitate de-escalation, prevent re-traumatization, and empower children and families to be a part of treatment planning and care. All funds that we receive will go directly towards creating a sensory modulation room that will be used primarily by behavioral health staff but can also be used by all clinic staff to facilitate the least traumatic interaction with a child & their support group as possible. The room will also meet our standards for hygiene and materials used will be able to be sanitized in between patients.

Our team follows the American Academy of Pediatrics’ health care recommendations to provide a health screening within three business days and a well-child checkup within 30 days of removal. During these visits, the team will assess behavioral, developmental and chronic health care needs of the child. The staff also will partner with case managers to help coordinate care with required specialists and act as a continued resource for the children and biological parents."

By fostering physical & mental health in this unique space, we hope to set the groundwork for healthy, thriving futures for the nearly 3,800 children in Pierce County in the foster/adoption experience. We welcome anyone or any entity willing to partner with us so that we can provide this crucial service for the kids in Pierce County that need it most.

The Foster Adoption Clinic is scheduled to open in June 2020. For more information, please email Cathy Hall, Marketing and Development Coordinator for Community Health Care, at c hall@commhealth.org.

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**Hilltop Healthy Kids & Family Carnival**

By Perry Newell

There was a bouncy house and lots of carnival games for everyone to play. Vegetables were walking around to say, “Hello!” Drama played, a dance team mesmerized us with their performance with kids eyes lighting up as they watched hand clapping, foot stomping fun! Free dental cleanings, blood pressure screenings, food, prizes, and lots of community information made this a great event in 2020.

Check out READY SET GRAD at readysetgrad.wa.gov - this incredible website helps you or your youth plan higher education from 6th grade through 12th. It also offers planning for college and continuing education students. It’s pretty easy to find out what you need to do if you or your youth wants to go to college. Just select your grade and click on READY to find out what you need to know to go to graduation. (Select what you need to do to go to college). Then click GRAD to learn about what you need beyond graduation.

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“Education must enable one to sift and weigh evidence, to discern the true from the false, the real from the unreal, and the facts from the fiction. The function of education, therefore, is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically.”

~ Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Property Tax Relief for Senior & Disabled

Income Limits Raised in 2020 for Senior & Disabled Property Tax Exemptions in Your Community!

By Jo Davies

More Tacoma homeowners will qualify for property tax relief this year, due to an important change in State Law. The previous maximum household income allowed for a partial tax exemption was $40,000 per year. The new maximum is 65% of the median household income, which in Pierce County is $45,708.

If you are a homeowner 61 or older, and your household income is 61% or less of the median household income, you may be exempt from all voted property taxes on your principal residence. In addition, the taxable value of your primary residence will be frozen at the current amount.

There are also additional property tax exemptions for senior or disabled homeowners with household incomes below $36,676 (55% of median) and $31,644 (45% of median). Also, for military veterans, the required percentage of service-connected disability has been lowered from 100% to 80%.

To learn more about applying for an exemption, please click on the “Property Tax Exemptions and Deferrals” tab on the left side of the Assessor’s webpage https://piercecountywa.gov/311/Assessor-Property-Tax.htm then click on “Senior Citizens or Disabled Persons” to see more information about required documents and the application form.

If you have further questions, call the Senior/Disabled Exemptions Team at 253-798-2169 from 8:30 am to 4 pm weekdays, or visit us at the Pierce County Annex, 2401 S. 35th St. in Tacoma. Information from the Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer webpage.

Hilltop Artists
is the Washington Organization of the Year

“To serve our state as these people have, decade after decade, takes a generosity of spirit and a tireless commitment to service that represents the best of all of us.” Lt. Governor Cyrus Habib

By Katy Evans

On January 24, 2020, Lieutenant Governor Cyrus Habib announced the winners of the Washingtonian of the Year, the Organization of the Year, and the winner of the Legacy Awards. This year, the Lt. Governor and the Association of Washington General’s Washington’s official honor organization, chose the Tacoma-based Hilltop Artists as organization of the year.

In response to the announcement, Hilltop Artists Executive Director Dr. Kimberly Keith shared, “It is a privilege to be recognized for our 25 years of service to Tacoma and its young people. Many thanks go out to our staff, students, Board of Directors, and supporters—everyone in the Hilltop Artists Family has contributed to our success and we share this honor with you!”

This year’s recipient for Washington Organization of the Year, Hilltop Artists, is a nonprofit arts education and youth development program that provides grass arts classes and experiences for over 650 students each year. The tuition-free program combines artistic instruction with community outreach and support services, with emphasis on serving students ages 12 - 20 experiencing homelessness, domestic abuse, mental disorders, and physical abuse or neglect. Hilltop Artists delivers year round youth programs in their art shop located at Jason Lee Middle School and Wilson High School in Tacoma, Washington.

The details of all the award winners can be found on the Governor’s official press release here:

As shared in the above linked release, of the recipients, Habib said, “To serve our state as these people have, decade after decade, takes a generosity of spirit and a tireless commitment to service that represents the best of all of us. I am proud to recognize their work, which has changed so many individual lives for the better, on behalf of our entire state.”

Hilltop Artists students, staff, and volunteers will accept their award at a ceremony February 20, 2020, at the Governor’s Mansion in Olympia, Washington.

For more information about Hilltop Artists, check out the Hilltopartists.org, Facebook, email info@hilltopartists.org, or call (253) 571-7847.

By Bryan Flint, Executive Director, Sound Outreach

After working for 5 years to raise funds to help build the Eastside Community Center, I joined Sound Outreach on the Hilltop as its Executive Director. At the Eastside Center, emerging Eastside artist, Gerardo Pena, worked on commissioned artwork to recognize project donors. The new office at Sound Outreach had a lot of white blank walls; so, I reached out to Gerardo to find out if he had any painting available. The discussion turned to Gerardo painting something to fit the space.

The concept was to celebrate the grassroots spirit of the Hilltop and celebrate how the community works to lift everyone up. The painting is of a 3-D mural coming out of a wall on the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Way and South 13th Street. Emerging out of a cartoon landscape an Asian man and African American woman enter the world to lift a small child up. “My heart leaped out of my chest when I first saw the power and imagery and what it says about the Hilltop.” What a jewel to have this art at Sound Outreach.

Painted by Artist Gerardo Pena

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Aspire 11 Building to Begin Construction

Mixed-use Building on the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Way and 11th Street will have commercial space and 283 market rate residential units

By Jane Trancho

The Aspire 11 Building on the northeast corner of MLK and 11th is nearing the beginning of its construction phase. This large multi-use building has been in the works for several years, with the public comment period occurring in 2017. The 6-story building will go from The Basket Nook to the corner, encompass the alley, and wrap around Manifesto Coffee, Goodfellas, and 1022 J on to J Street. The vacant lot on the corner of J and 10th is owned by the same developer but will not be a part of this phase of construction. Design is complete, and it is currently in the process of finalizing last minute permit comments. Construction by Jody Miller Construction was originally slated to begin April 1st, but current events have pushed this out until this coming July.

Designed by Graves and Associates, this mixed-use building will have 283 market rate residential units, with 172 studios, 101 one-bedroom units and 9 two-bedroom units. The average unit size will be 645 square feet. The building is designed with a strong transit orientation, with the expectation that its proximity to the Light Rail Station will make it desirable for health care workers in the area, among others. It will have 204 residential parking stalls and 168 bicycle spots for residents. Residents will have amenities such as a theater, yoga/workout room, lounge and dog washing facilities. Residents will also have access to a 15,000 square foot exterior landscaped courtyard area. There will be almost 17,000 square feet of commercial space fronting Martin Luther King and J Street. It is still too early to have tenants committed, but the hope is that there will be a full-service restaurant at the corner of MLK and 11th.

Construction should take 2-1/2 years, with an estimated completion in summer of 2022. Design Plans below courtesy of Graves and Associates.

Hilltop Crossword Puzzle

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17. A place to learn English as a second language (acronym)
18. This restaurant began in the early 1950’s, you’ll need napkins for this menu
20. 75-year-old candy store on the Hilltop
22. Program reminding us to visit businesses along the Tacoma Hilltop Link Light Rail construction route
23. A place to swim and exercise on the Hilltop

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HAC HILLTOP CROSSWORD PUZZLE CLUES

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The Tacoma Police Department hopes that all families have a safe April online - and all year long!

April is a good month to watch things grow in a healthy way - especially children. Use these Internet tips to keep them safe.

- let your child know you will be monitoring their computer use and internet activities. Consider placing their computer in a common area like a family room or living room.
- don’t allow your child to have multiple email accounts or create accounts without your knowledge. Teach your child to give you their usernames and passwords.
- register internet accounts and primary ones under your name.
- have your child contact you immediately if a stranger attempts to contact them using a computer.
- learn who your child needs instant recognition or chats with. Prohibit the use of private chat rooms. Identify everyone on your child’s contact list with them.
- teach your child not to divulge personal information on the Internet, including his or her name, age, phone, pictures, physical description, telephone number, address, schools attended, etc. Internet predators contact personal pages or treatement to befriend the victim.
- limit the time your child is allowed to use.
- set permissions on your child’s computer use.
- prohibit your child from chatting (sendings instant messages) during exams or related computer time.

The Tacoma Police Department has a monthly newsletter for parents, teachers, and others who share the care of children.

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Community Spotlight- Shiloh Baptist Church

By Harlan Shoop

Shiloh is a place. In the Hebrew Bible it is the place where the Israelites camped at the end of their sojourn in the wilderness. They gathered, worshiped Yahweh, made plans for the future, prayed, ate, slept, argued with what was needed, went to war with other tribes, and the things people do when they are on a mission. You can read about it in the book of Joshua. You know the song—“Joshua, fit the battle of Jericho”. It became the place of refuge for people who needed a safe space.

Shiloh Baptist is a safe “place” where a lot of the same things happen. It’s a place of community. It’s a place where people who are on the margins. All the activities around the ministries of Shiloh reflect a kind of church planting by neighborhood, a meeting of human needs both spiritual and physical.

I met Rev. E. S. Brazill shortly after coming to Tacoma. He was one of the prime movers to gain civil rights for African Americans here in Tacoma. I recall a meeting in the late 80’s in which this gentleman who was fairly short and slight, didn’t let his size fool you, raised his fist and voice against injustices. The issue was police unfairly targeting African American young men. He was one part of a party that would change Tacoma’s culture with regard to race. There is still work to be done, but Tacoma has a better relationship with Tacoma Police Department today because of voices like Rev. Brazill’s in the past.

In case you hadn’t noticed there is a street named after him that cuts through the hilltop and runs by the Army Citadel building, featured 40 (253) 573-6853. Goodwill of the Olympics and Rainier Region at 1800 S 20th St, (253) 573-6853. It is free and open to the public, has launched as a quarterly event that will receive free lunches. Interested? Register for free attendees attending the event will receive free lunches. Visit HIRE253 at their Facebook page. For information on how your organization can participate, contact Kelly Bluncher, Manager, via email at KBluncher@HIRE253. The first 200 job seekers attending the event will receive free lunches.

April is Financial Literacy Month, a month focused on educating people about financial planning for a secure future. Social Security is a vital part of any financial plan, and we have online tools to help you understand your potential Social Security benefits and how they fit into your financial plans.

You should periodically review your Social Security statement through your personal my Social Security account at www.socialsecurity.gov. Your Statement is an easy-to-read record of your earnings that determine your future benefits. Your Statement will also provide a summary of the estimated benefits you and your family could receive. Please sign the retirement, disability, and survivors benefits. The Online Statement is paid with an immediate Retirement Calculator that allows you to run additional benefit estimate scenarios considering different retirement age and financial needs, and retirement and benefit start dates affect your benefit amount.

Social Security benefits, answer your questions, and provide other services over the phone—(800) 772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). Our National 800 Number has many automated service options you can use without waiting to speak with a telephone representative.

A list of automated telephone services is available online at www.socialsecurity.gov/ask. Information courtesy of Social Security Administration Regional Public Affairs Office, Community Outreach, Queensdale Plaza.
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7. Hilltop City Council Representative & Deputy Mayor of Tacoma – Keith Blocker
9. Provides Affordable Housing on the Hilltop (acronym) – THA
11. Community members would like to see this in the Hilltop – Library
12. Martin Luther King Jr. Way shuts down to host this Hilltop August event – Street Fair
15. Within view of the Hilltop – Port of Tacoma
16. A shared space for the Hilltop Community – People’s Park
17. A place to learn English as a second language (acronym) – TCH
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8. Communications Anchor of the Hilltop – Hilltop Action Coalition
10. A historic, diverse neighborhood in Tacoma – Hilltop
13. Another name for Martin Luther King Jr. Way – Medical Mile
14. Helping the Hilltop Streets keep safe – Safe Streets
19. Hosts Hilltop Monthly Community Meetings (acronym) – HAC
21. Where you can get your bike repaired on the Hilltop – Second Cycle

Looking for HAC Swag?
After the Stay Home Order is lifted, come on by the HAC office with your completed Hilltop Crossword Puzzle and pick up a Swag prize: Hacky Sack, Drum Sticks, or a Healthy Kids Coloring Book.

* Hilltop Crossword Puzzle created by Kristine Coman

Puzzle Answer Key