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| **North End Neighborhood Council Meeting -** [**www.nenc.org**](http://www.nenc.org) **or NENC FB**  **Monday August 7, 2023 6:00 p.m.**  **Cookies & Iced Tea from 5:30 p.m.**  **Where: Rotunda at the**  **University of Puget Sound**  **Wheelock Student Center,**  **3209 N 15th St** |

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[**Virtual - Via Zoom**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88220467648?pwd=K1h6R0tBckVPdDVHL044b1ZhOHlIZz09)  
Meeting ID: 882 2046 7648  
Passcode: 649767

***More Trees, Please…***

*National conservation group American Forests recommends urban cities to have a 40% tree canopy.* ***Yikes! Tacoma’s tree canopy is 20%****. The* ***NENC tree canopy*** *is not much better,* ***at only 23%*** *per City’s Equity Index Tool. And that includes 3 major gulches. It takes 30 years for a tree to mature allowing removal and storage of carbon dioxide to clean our air.*

*Join us at the NENC meeting this Monday to hear about the* ***Tacoma Tree Foundation’s*** *efforts to provide trees to be planted in the most challenged areas of Tacoma and learn about what you can do to increase tree canopy where you live.*

1) Call to order, adoption of agenda —

2) Introductions and welcome—

3) Announcements —

Historic Cushman Street Fair – September 23 11 am – 3 pm

4) Approval of Minutes

5) Treasurer’s Report

6) Liaison Reports

* Police
* Tacoma Public Utilities
* City Manager’s Office

7) City Council Member Report(s)

8**) Tacoma Tree Foundation**

## Lowell Wyse

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

9) Old Business

10) New Business

11) Adjournment

**NOTE: Our next meeting will be Monday, September 11 – (delayed by one week due to the Labor Day holiday). We will have two presentations – one from Tacoma Public Library and one from our Washington State Representative – House Speaker Laurie Jinkins.**

**Welcome Lowell Wyse from the Tacoma Tree Foundation:**

This great organization “partners with people who want more trees in their neighborhoods as a way of improving quality of life, as well as human and environmental health”. They sponsor a fun variety of tree events including tree planting and plant giveaways, a variety of docent lead neighborhood tree walks and interesting webinars. We hope you’ll register for their upcoming hybrid webinar “Every Tree Has a Story”, presented by Sarah Low. It will be on Wed., August 23, 12:00-1:00, Thompson Hall on the UPS Campus. Register to attend this event either in-person or on zoom by going to their website [**www.tacomatreefoundation.org**](http://www.tacomatreefoundation.org)to find out more about all of TTF’s wonderful events, please go to their website or FB page.

**Tacoma’s Grit City Trees program is now accepting applications**

From now until Sept. 4th, you can go to the City’s website to read about this free tree program and apply online.

**City of Tacoma Tree Coupon Program**

$30. off coupons for a tree purchase are valid at participating local tree retailers during the program season, October- March 31. A coupon can be applied to the purchase of a 5-gallon or larger tree, for up to 3 trees per coupon/property. Go to the City website to learn more. Questions? **Email trees@cityoftacoma.org**

**A New Tacoma Tree Ordinance is Coming Soon!**

The Tacoma Urban Forestry department is currently in the process of developing an important, updated Tacoma Tree Ordinance, which includes the formation of a much-needed Heritage Tree Program. Read about their Urban Forest Management Plan. [**cityoftacoma.org/urbanforestry**](http://cityoftacoma.org/urbanforestry)

**Neighborhood Updates**

**Proctor Neighborhood Plan** Please go online and provide your valuable input about Proctor’s neighborhood issues such as business district vitality, pedestrian safety, parking, neighborhood livability, historical identity and tree canopy/green spaces. For more information, please go to the PNPP website: [cityoftacoma.org/neighborhoodplanning](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/neighborhoodplanning)

**Home in Tacoma Phase 2: Our Changing Neighborhoods** You can join the discussion about how future multi-family housing will be built within our established neighborhoods. Please go to the website for Home in Tacoma Phase 2 to learn about Tacoma’s new city-wide rezoning: **cityoftacoma.org/homeintacoma** On that website, you can complete the Home in Tacoma survey, share your ideas, and learn more about upcoming ways to get involved. [**homeintacoma@cityoftacoma.org**](mailto:homeintacoma@cityoftacoma.org)

**The Citywide Impact of the 2.5 Million Square Foot South Tacoma Warehouse**

Currently, there is an appeal process underway against the City of Tacoma’s permit that was granted to Bridge Industrial to build a 1.5 million square foot warehouse that will pave 125 acres (over Tacoma’s aquifer)”. And that will mean that 1,000+ large semi-trucks (4,000 total vehicles) will be traveling each day to and from the South Tacoma warehouse utilizing SR 16 and the Union Avenue exit, clogging our roads and freeway, and adding huge amounts of pollution to the air that we breath. Many of our local citizen groups as well as the Pierce County Health Dept., US EPA and the Wash. Dept. of Ecology are asking for the City to complete a Health Impact Assessment. For more information go to bit.ly/tacomawarehouse. Also, you are encouraged to contact our City Council members

**Mark Your Calendars**

**• Saturday, Sept. 23, 11:00-3:00, Historic Cushman Street Fair, N. 19th and N. Adams**

**• October** (Date TBA) **Proctor District Tree Planting**

**Your North End City Council Members:**

CM John Hines represents citizens in District 1 [jhines@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:jhines@cityoftacoma.org)

CM Sarah Rumbaugh represents citizens in District 2 [srumbaugh@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:srumbaugh@cityoftacoma.org)

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