



SOUTH TACOMA BUSINESS DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

# "BY THE WAY"

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2016 Vol 1

## BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Brenda Valentine is President of the South Tacoma Business District Association, a position that she has held since 2012. Prior to holding this position with the STBDA, she held the secretary and Director positions.

Brenda is majority owner and President of New Era Contract Sales, Inc. Her business is a wholesale distributor of aircraft parts and other miscellaneous hardware. She has owned this business since 1995.

New Era Contract Sales started out on Center Street, moved to Tacoma Avenue S and then to their current location on Adams Street. Brenda was a bookkeeper for New Era prior to becoming majority owner, so it was only natural to continue in the industry when the opportunity to become owner arose.

Brenda is originally from Southern California and moved to the Tacoma area in 1991 and decided Tacoma was an affordable place to have a business. She supports Tacoma businesses and encourages involvement in community and government events. She does her best to be knowledgeable about what is going on politically and socially in the community.

## FIRST RESPONDER CHRISTMAS DINNER

Once again, the community came together to provide all First Responders in the Tacoma area a "Christmas Day Dinner" at the South Tacoma Sector 3 Precinct. This was made possible through the organizational efforts of Donna Buck. The South Tacoma Neighborhood Council, Guardian Security, New Era Contract Sales, Pat Steele and Senator Steve Conway all made donations to make a Christmas dinner possible for these men and women.

Once again, there was a great turn out and wonderful response. It couldn't have been a success without our wonderful volunteers who helped with set up, clean up and serving throughout the afternoon and evening. The left overs were placed in the refrigerator in the break room for everyone to have later.

## 2016 STBDA GENERAL MEETING

The STBDA Executive Board was re-elected to another term and will continue to service the community in 2016. Our first General Meeting for the 2016 calendar year will be on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at the South Tacoma Eagles Club, 4818 S. Tacoma Way at 5:45 pm. This is an opportunity to get valuable information about what is happening in the area now and in the future and how it could affect your business.

Attending the general meetings is a great way to get involved, have your say on current issues and meet other dedicated business owners in the community. As always there will be refreshments and an opportunity for networking. **SAVE THE DATE**. We hope to see you there as we will be presenting the 2016 Budget for approval.

## TACOMA'S MINIMUM WAGE & PAID LEAVE ORDINANCES

The City of Tacoma's Minimum Wage and Paid Leave Ordinances go into effect February 1, 2016. Are you prepared?

The minimum wage will increase to \$10.35 per hour. Minimum Wage Rules and workplace notices that employers can post are now available at [cityoftacoma.org/minimumwage](http://cityoftacoma.org/minimumwage).

**LEARN MORE** – There will be two information sessions at the Tacoma Public Library's Main Branch at 1102 Tacoma Avenue S (Olympia Room) for employers who wish to learn more about record keeping, etc.

Wednesday, January 20th 5:30-6:30pm

Thursday, January 21st 2:00-3:00pm

If you run into last minute questions with the new employment standards, the city is offering on-on-one help. Please contact them by phone or email at 253-591-5306 or [minimumwage@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:minimumwage@cityoftacoma.org).

# Who Should I Call?



**Police-Fire-Medical Emergency.....911**  
**TPD Non-Emergency.....253-798-4721**

## Tacoma Police Dept. Sector 3

Lt. Al Roberts, Comdr. 253-591-5190  
 CLO John Warczak .....253-573-2562  
 CLO Jason Milles .....253-591-5692  
 CLO Mike Sbory .....253-594-7858

## So. Tacoma Business District

AssociationOffice .....253-475-5676  
 Council Member,  
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 Keith Blocker .....253-591-5100

## City of Tacoma

Graffiti Cleanup .....253-798-7986  
 Dmgd.-Missing St. Signs...253-591-5495  
 Energy Efficient Lighting ...253-502-8619  
 Tax & License.....253-591-5252  
 Dumpster & Recycling.....253-591-5543  
 Sign Code Information .....253-591-5482  
 Abandoned Autos.....253-591-5926  
 Traffic Signal Problems ....253-591-5287

## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Spotlight your business in the STBDA Newsletter - circulation 300
- Link your website to the STBDA website at [www.stbda.com](http://www.stbda.com)
- Use the Membership Directory - to utilize your fellow business district members when you do business.
- List your events on the monthly calendar - a great way to invite your fellow district members to sales and events at your place of business
- Complimentary booth at the Annual Classic Car Show
- Introduce your business to newcomers in our "Welcome Kit"
- Host a membership meeting at your place of business
- Showcase your business at the district booth during community events.
- Additional 10% discount in Tacoma Weekly Advertising
- Your dues support the continuation of Beautification Projects.



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TUE - FRI 9:00 - 5:30  
 SAT 9:00 - 3:00 PM



**LARRY'S BARBERSHOP**

Larry Kilen, owner  
 253-475-6161

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 Tacoma, WA 98409

## January 2016

Flower of the month: Carnation  
 Birthstone of the month: Garnet

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 ● New Year's Day	2
3 Seahawks @ Arizona	4	5	6	7	8 Elvis Presley's Birthday	9 ●
10 Seahawks @ Minnesota	11	12	13	14	15 Executive Board Meeting @ Homestead 8am	16 ●
17 Seahawks @ N Carolina	18	19 Martin Luther King Day	20	21	22	23 ○
24	25	26	27	28	29	Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Birthday 30
31 ● <b>GO HAWKS !!!!!</b>						Every Tuesday & Thursday @ Stonegate Tacos \$1 Every Wednesday @ Stonegate 10oz Ribeye steak dinner \$9.95

## RANDY'S LOAN & COIN

The owners of Randy's Loan & Coin at 54th & South Tacoma Way received an urgent call from our local police agency just after the holidays. A "police pursuit" that started in Lakewood and involved several police agencies ended up crashing through the side of their building. The driver was boxed in and unable to escape and was unable to stop. Thanks to "outstanding warrants" (among other things), the driver is receiving free room and board in downtown Tacoma.

## DEPT of LABOR & INDUSTRIES RATE INCREASE

You should have received your Rate Notice by now announcing a 2% average increase in workers' compensation rates for 2016. This rate hike comes after three years of increases and puts a burden on employers, especially as they continue to focus on the recovery of their businesses after the Great Recession.

While the average increase for this coming year will be 2% overall, each individual risk classification will see their rates increase based on the loss experience for that classification. While many other states have seen rate decreases over the last several years, Washington's expensive workers' compensation system has continued to become even more so.

Efforts by BIAW and other business groups to reform Washington's expensive and inefficient workers' compensation monopoly have been thwarted over the years and have resulted in Washington state remaining a national leader in workers' compensation costs.

## 2016 SOUTH TACOMA CAR SHOW

Justin Carle, owner of the Tacoma Shave Co on S. Tacoma Way has volunteered to head up the Car Show for August 2016. But he can't do it alone! We need sponsors and volunteers! If you would like be a part of the committee, be a sponsor or both please email District Manager Jamie with your information and how you would like to help.

[Jamie\\_STBDA@yahoo.com](mailto:Jamie_STBDA@yahoo.com) We have a few volunteers already, but with a big event like this we need as much help as we can get.

## CONSTRUCTION @ 56th & S TACOMA WAY

Construction continues at the 56th & STW intersection, creating backups throughout the day from Tyler Street to South Puget Sound on 56th Street and on South Tacoma Way. Locals have learned to avoid this intersection when possible. They are currently working on upgrading the North West and North East ADA ramps.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership renewals were mailed out last month. If you haven't done so, please take the time to return it with your payment. You can get an application if you need one at our web site [www.stbda.com](http://www.stbda.com)

If you have misplaced your invoice or need further assistance please contact District Manager, Jamie Brown at [Jamie\\_STBDA@yahoo.com](mailto:Jamie_STBDA@yahoo.com) or telephone 253-475-5676 or Membership Chair Cindy Atwood at [Cindy.Atwood@HeritageBankNW.com](mailto:Cindy.Atwood@HeritageBankNW.com) or telephone 253-671-4458.

## PLASTIC AIN'T TACOMA'S BAG

The group "Plastic Ain't Tacoma's Bag" has partnered with Sustainable Tacoma Commission, The Sierra Club Tatoosh Group and Surfrider to announce a World Record attempt for "Most Reusable Bags Made from T-shirts in 48 Hours (across multiple locations). This challenge is a fun way to educate the community about the plastic bag issue. The City of Tacoma is currently seeking input on the reusable bag ordinance. Residents can learn more about it and give feedback in an online survey through Friday, January 15, 2016. The survey can be found on the City of Tacoma website

<http://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=79814>

Plastic Ain't Tacoma's Bag is currently recruiting sites across Tacoma to host bag making parties during the weekend of January 23-24. The event is free to participants. They will be making T-shirt bags from T-shirts that were misprints and would have gone into the landfill. The participants can sign a card pledging to use their bag and those cards will provide World Record evidence of number of bags made. A few locations who have already volunteered to host a party are the Asia Pacific Cultural Center and 56th St. Tacoma Public Library. For a list of other locations visit [plasticaintourbag.com](http://plasticaintourbag.com). In addition to needing more sites to host the group is looking for site coordinators. If you are interested in hosting a site or being a site coordinator visit

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1yHhL0DN9t0ZNQWdPlsWyOxMCqCWe4xv4HprkxGtPuUI/viewform>

To add to the fun a group in Kent says they'll challenge Tacoma for the World Record!



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Return Service Requested

## **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 11th**  
**S Tacoma Eagles Club 4818 S Tacoma Way**  
**5:45pm Meet & Greet, 6:00pm Meeting**



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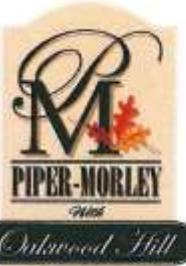
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## **South Tacoma Business District Board Members**

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*Bristow's Exclusive Auto Repair 253-471-1663*

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*Guardian Security Group, Inc. 253-474-5855*

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*Minuteman Press 253-474-9900*

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*Farmers Insurance 253-752-0234*

**Cindy Atwood, Director**  
*Heritage Bank 253-671-4458*

**Bruce Petersen, Director**  
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**The Board meets monthly Check your monthly calendar. Meetings are open to Everyone.**

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