



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT of the MONTH – JONZ CATERING

When it comes to throwing the perfect party, Jonz Catering is the South Tacoma’s resident expert. That’s because they’re an all-encompassing catering company that specializes in exceptional cuisine, comprehensive event planning and, of course, superior service.

Located in Tacoma and serving Pierce, South King, and North Thurston Counties, Jonz Catering makes every celebration a one-of-a-kind, memorable experience. They provide guests with cuisine that is simply unmatched in the Puget Sound area—cuisine that is unique, delicious, and perfect for every occasion.

Jonz Catering’s culinary mastermind is Head Chef David Dagley. David comes from a diverse food background, with roots and techniques grounded in Southern and French cooking. Once named one of Puget Sound Business Journal’s “40 under 40”, David has dazzled dozens of A-listers over the years with his dynamic range of menus and culinary creations.

Beyond offering a delicious menu, Jonz Catering can also assist with organizing your entire event. They offer helpful resources that will make planning your celebration an enjoyable, stress-free experience. Have you explored venues in the area or researched event and alcohol permits? Don’t worry—they have. They can also secure additional rentals or equipment for your event quickly and cost efficiently.

In addition to their catering license from the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, Jonz Catering is liability-insured and has a full liquor license, allowing them to provide your event with a full-service bar. They can even partner with Thirst Responder, a mobile beverage unit, to ensure your event is fun and memorable for your guests.

Supporting the community is important to the mission and vision of Jonz Catering. If you decide to partner with them for a fundraising event, they will happily donate to your dessert dash or wine pull. Jonz Catering assists several nonprofits throughout the year in reaching their fundraising goals and has the flexibility to be creative with your budget.

So, the next time you’re planning a special event for your family, friends, or workplace, don’t stress. Contact Jonz Catering instead. Together, you’ll create a celebration that you and your guests will remember for years to come. Angie Mingus is events@jonzcatering.com.

FLOWER BASKETS COMING TO STW

As the sun returns to grace us, South Tacoma is proud to welcome another season of hanging flower baskets to our main corridor. The blooms represent a long running coalition between district initiatives and youth at Mt Tahoma High School. Together they bring a living aesthetic to the neighborhood and help enrich the community. “When I took over the greenhouse in 2011, there was already a tradition of Mt. Tahoma’s Plant Biology students assembling and growing the baskets for display on South Tacoma Way,” says Eric Knight, teacher and overseer of the project at the local High School. “As the baskets grow from being little green plugs into beautiful flowers, the students are always amazed and gratified to see this amazing transformation, knowing they were a part of it.”

Each of the 100-hanging basket has 18 petunias, 10 purple and 8 pink, of a special variety that grows long trailing stems bursting with large flowers. The materials & plants are provided by the South Tacoma Business District and the project is coordinated by Bruce Petersen of Browns Flowers. The baskets are planted by the Mt Tahoma students as a part of their greenhouse management training. Eric works with these 150 students who team up to create the hangings. The process involves assembling the pots and hangers, planting the pots with the petunia plugs and caring for the plants until they are ready to be hung. The production spans from March to May each year until the arrangements are installed along South Tacoma Way to be enjoyed by the public through the summer months. “I think this is a very worthwhile project for all concerned. The students take part in a very beautiful and positive contribution to their community and learn some practical aspects of commercial greenhouse operations. The community has a wonderful addition that really makes that portion of South Tacoma Way stand out. I greatly enjoy the chance to work with the local business community and show off my student’s work”, commented Mr. Knight.



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BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- ▶ Spotlight your business in the STBDA Newsletter - circulation 300
- ▶ Link your website to the STBDA website at 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
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 ●	4	5	6	7	8 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Urban Easter Egg Hunt STAR Center 3873 S 66th St
9	10 ○	11	12	General Meeting 13 5:45pm Refreshments 6:00pm Meeting Guardian Security 5424 S Tacoma Way	14 8:00am Executive Board Mtg The Chili Parlor 5640 S Tacoma Way	15 at 8 pm Vicci Martinez Band Cultura Events Center
16 Easter	17	18	19 ●	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 ● Administrative Professionals Day	27	28	29
30	**Live music at Stonegate Pizza and Rum Bar 7 nights a week**					

STBDA MEETING -YOUTH DROP-IN SHELTER

The next STBDA General Membership Meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 13th @ 6:00pm** at Guardian Security. Refreshments will be served at 5:45pm. Scott Hanauer of Community Youth Services will be the featured speaker and will be discussing their plans for the Youth Drop-In Center / Homeless Shelter to be located at 5401 South Tacoma Way. This is your opportunity to attend and get the information "first hand". Representatives from Tacoma's City Council will also be in attendance to answer questions of concern from the community.

FARMERS MARKET COMING SOON!

Opening Day is fast approaching for the South Tacoma Farmer's Market, to be held Sundays from 11 to 3 p.m. at the STAR Center on 3873 South 66th Street. If you are interested in joining as a vendor or participating in the entertainment or children's activities portion of the events, please contact Stacy Carkonen, Executive Director, at stacy@tacomafarmersmarket.com or by phone at 206-715-4986.

Dates run Sunday, May 21st through Sunday, Sept 10th. *Don't miss next month's issue of the newsletter for details on the upcoming market line-up!*

RATE INCREASES EFFECTIVE April 1st

According to Tacoma Public Utilities' newly released annual budget, folks across the city can expect to see a significant rate increase on future electric and water bills. The proposition was voted on and approved in March and will be implemented as of the first of April. According to the company's website, "It will cost \$1.2 billion over the next two years to provide reliable services that customers want and need, operate the utility, maintain assets, and meet regulatory requirements." Residents can expect an average power rate increase of 5.9% and water rate increase of 4% for both 2017 and 2018.

For businesses, rate increases will vary based on the commercial customer category and commercial meters. For specific figures as it relates to your business, please contact TPU at cservice@cityoftacoma.org or by phone at 800-752-6745. Community media outreach is also available at 253-502-8759. Water rates for your home or business are currently available online at TPU.org.

INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL AT THE GRAND CINEMA

Sister Cities 15th Annual International Film Festival kicked off last month and continues each Monday night through May 29th. The festival is being hosted by the Grand Cinema and guests should plan to arrive at 6:15 pm for a cultural program, with film to follow at 6:45 pm. This month's cinematic line-up includes films from Mexico, Cuba, Taiwan and South Africa. Tickets are available for \$10, with student and Grand Member discounts available. Dates and showings are available on the community event calendar at www.ExperienceTacoma.com/events and ticket purchases can be made online at www.grandcinema.com/sister-cities-film-festival.

SOUTH TACOMA HAS A BOOMING REAL ESTATE MARKET

According to a recent article in the Tacoma News Tribune, the housing market in the South Tacoma District is a growing gold mine of opportunity. With the trend in real estate renovations, also known as the home flip, investing in South Tacoma property is a manageable way to get into the market. The News Tribune reported:

"Home flips have been more common in urban centers, such as Seattle, in the past. But now investors are seeking bargains and higher rates of return in outlying markets, such as Tacoma", according to a new report by ATTOM Data Solutions, a real estate data firm.

In ZIP code 98409 — roughly South Tacoma — homes sold for \$94,500 more than what investors paid and took an average of six months to flip, with return on investment nearly 100 percent, according to ATTOM. Last year, 75 homes were flipped in that ZIP code, ATTOM's data show.

More than one in five homes sold in South Tacoma last year was a flip — among only 39 ZIP codes in the country with that distinction. Nationwide in 2016, only 5.7 percent of home and condominium sales were flips. In 2005, before the Great Recession, 8.2 percent of sales were flipped condos and homes.

In other areas of Tacoma, gross profit was higher, but the return on investment a lower percentage. In Tacoma, roughly north of North 26th Street — ZIP code 98407 — flippers sold 31 homes with an average of \$143,000 in gross profit. However, the rate of return was less, around 76 percent."

To learn more, read the full article at www.thenewstribune.com/news/business/real-estate-news/article137464603.html



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YOUTH DROP IN CENTER / HOMELESS SHELTER
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5:45pm Meet & Greet, 6:00PM Meeting



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