



9th Annual First Responders Dinner

The South Tacoma community hosted another successful “First Responder’s Dinner” on Christmas Day. This year’s event was held at the Tacoma Police Dept Headquarters on Pine Street. The community came out to show their support and gratitude for all first responders in the form of a home cooked holiday meal. 159 meals were served by many volunteers throughout the day. Dinners were also hand delivered to other agencies that were not able to leave their stations. Dupont, Lakewood, Ruston, Fircrest, University Place, Central Pierce Fire Station #61 and the Emergency Animal Veterinary Clinic. All year long, without wavering, these first responders protect and serve our community.

We’d like to thank the following for their monetary and food donations. Starbucks @ 74th & Custer, Honey Baked Hams, Pho V&V Vietnamese Restaurant, Franz Bakery, Jonz Catering, Olive Garden, Amvets Post #1, South Tacoma Eagles #3, Senator Steve Conway, South Tacoma Business District, South Tacoma Neighborhood Council, Classy Chassis, Tom & Darellyn Arter, The Angel One Foundation, Amy Rickert, Mollie Fouts, Jennifer Gieske, Ashley DeAngelo, Jessica Verbos, Janis Johnson and the V.F.W #10018 Auxiliary. Lowes Home Improvement provided the turkey cookers at a discount so that turkeys could be cooked on site by our volunteers. The total value of food and monetary donations received this year was over \$2,600.

We’d also like to thank those volunteers who spent time away from their own families on Christmas Day to prepare the food, set up, serve and then of course “clean up”. Donna Buck, Venus Dergan, Jeff & Jackie Schaffrath, Sharon Johnson, Bree, Cameron & Garrett Nason, Larry Verbos, Larry Henning, Gina Zaldivia, Joyce Taute, David Lamberson, David & Debbie Bedinger, Ronda Johnson, Shaun Dove, Mary White, Alison Odenthal, Steve Hale, Darellyn & Tom Arter, Charles Wharton, Taryn Hopey and Rachel Melendez.

STBDA First Quarter General Meeting February 8th

The first quarter General Meeting of the South Tacoma Business District will be Thursday, February 8th at 6:00PM at Around The Corner Café 2, 5640 South Tacoma Way. This will be a great chance to visit this new restaurant that opened on South Tacoma Way in November.

The 2018 budget will be presented so please attend to give your input on items of the budget. There will be some “maintenance items” added this year for the streetscape so we need all the input we can get to make this happen.

Hanging flower baskets will be one of the line items of the 2018 budget. This is our most expensive line item so we need input from businesses to see if this is an expense we want to undertake again. Last year, the hanging baskets cost a total of \$6,200 for materials and labor to water and fertilize. This decision needs to be made now, as plants will need to be ordered soon.

Minimum Wage & Paid Sick Leave Effective January 1st

Initiative I433 went into effect January 1st. All employers must notify their employees of their paid safe/sick leave rights no later than March 1, 2018. Employers must also provide a monthly notice of accrued leave, used leave and their current balance.

Employees may use paid sick leave to care for themselves or a family member, when the employees’ workplace or their child’s school or place of care has been closed by a public official for any health-related reason and for absences that qualify for leave under the state’s Domestic Violence Leave Act.

To help employers implement the requirements, L&I offers a draft sample policy on their website. www.lni.us.engagementhq.com/PaidSickLeaveSamplePolicies

56th Street Improvement Project Update

The 56th Street Corridor improvements are almost complete. The contractors are finishing up the final ADA ramps at intersections. The project includes updates to the signal cabinet at Tyler and the detection system at Washington. The existing traffic lights will remain but the new technology will allow synchronization.

Contractors are waiting for an approval from WSDOT for the new technology at Washington Street before they can complete the project.



Who Should I Call?



Police-Fire-Medical Emergency.....911

TPD Non-Emergency253-798-4721

Tacoma Police Dept. Sector 3

Lt. Al Roberts, Comdr. 253-591-5190

CLO Jason Milles253-591-5692

CLO Mike Sbory253-594-7858

So. Tacoma Business District

Association Office253-475-5676

C.M., Chris Beale253-591-5100

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City of Tacoma

TacomaFIRST311: CALL 311 for any complaints or questions that you may have. If they do not have an immediate answer for you, they will find out and call you back. **Just Dial 311**

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.
- ▶ Your dues support the continuation of Beautification Projects.



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February 2018

**SAVE THE DATE:
2018 Car Show - Saturday August 18th**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 National Freedom Day	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 STBDA General Meeting Around The Corner Café 2	9	10
11	12 Lincolns Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16 Executive Board 8am Around The Corner Café 2	17
18	19 Washington's Birthday Observed	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	DAWSONS BAR & GRILL: Happy Hour 3-7 M-F STONEGATE PIZZA: Happy Hour: All Day Mondays & 3pm -7pm Tues-Fri		

L&I Rates Decrease for Workers Comp in 2018

The Department of Labor & Industries announced it decreased workers compensation insurance rates for businesses in Washington after multiple years of increases. The average amount employers and workers pay dropped by 2.5 percent. The new rates went into effect January 1st. The new percentage is an “average” decrease. Individual employers may have different rates based on the employer’s industry and claims history. You should have received your new rate notice in December. If not, you can see a list of rates by employer risk class online at www.lni.wa.gov/ClaimsIns/Insurance/RatesRisk/CheckRatesHistory/default.asp

Use Strong Passwords & Keep Your Income Tax Data Safe

Passwords are often the key to guarding access to personal information and data stored on computers. Because most taxpayers now file their returns electronically, it is critical for taxpayers to not only create strong passwords for all tax-related accounts but to do everything in their power to protect those passwords. Here are some things you should consider when creating your passwords:

- A strong password should be a minimum of eight characters. It should include at least one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter, one number and one symbol or character.
- Taxpayers should not include personal information in passwords. A criminal can find names of siblings, friends, children and pets on social media sites.
- Avoid using the same password for all information systems, accounts and devices. If someone does guess one password, they will not have access to all of your other accounts.
- Taxpayers can substitute numbers and symbols for letters in words or phrases to make it more difficult for a thief to guess a password.
- People should never share passwords.



South Tacoma
Business District
Association

Two Positions Now Open on the 2018 Executive Board

The South Tacoma Business District Association has two opening on the Executive Board for the positions of Director. If you are interested in being a part of the ongoing efforts within and around your community, please consider serving on the board. If interested, please contact any board member listed in this newsletter. The Executive Board meets the 3rd Friday of each month at 8:00am for one hour.

District Manager Position Open for 2018

We are once again looking to hire a District Manager for the association. This is a part-time position as an independent contractor. Duties involve about 25 hours per month. Pay is DOE

- Accept all phone calls & emails on behalf of the board & forward information as applicable.
- Assist the Membership Chair in contacting new businesses and delivering welcome bags
- Schedule speakers for meetings at the direction of the board
- Provide support to committee chairs as needed (Planning/Design, Public Safety, Membership)
- Compile and write monthly newsletter (pictures, articles) including distribution
- Assist the Board with any special events coordination if needed
- Attend Board, General and Committee meetings as directed by the President



REMINDER - Sidewalk garbage cans are for pedestrians, NOT for retail store garbage disposal. If our sidewalk garbage cans are full, pedestrians will throw their garbage on the ground in front of your store.

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Return Service Requested

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday February 8th
Around The Corner Café 2
5640 South Tacoma Way
5:45pm Meet & Greet, 6:00pm Meeting



Dawson's Bar & Grill
5443 S. Tacoma Way
Tacoma, Wa. 98409
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Director

Position OPEN

District Manager

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**The Board meets monthly Check your monthly
calendar. Meetings are open to Everyone.**

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