2nd Annual Santa Parade Recap
Dec. 6, 2015 | 6th Avenue from Alder to State

Those of you who were in attendance know that the 2nd Annual Santa Parade event was well received. There were crowds, vendors, sparkling lights, smiling faces, and a great sense of camaraderie among the parade participants. It was a big boost for 6th Ave and brought many families who had never thought of us as a destination before. We also got the attention of City Council members from our district and beyond. Those were all check marks in the Plus Column.

We also had some checks in the Minus Column. Although we covered the event basics as we got information, we had some mis-information that caused confusion. The posters were late coming out and the time on the poster was incorrectly interpreted by some parade goers who thought that it started at 4:00 rather than 6:00. The contact information was not readily available and businesses felt they had been left out of the loop. We also did not get as many sponsors as we hoped. We are learning from this and know that we will have a bigger event next year with more participants (both in the parade and businesses on the Ave).

Thank You for all the hard work and effort that went into making this a success to: Organizers Dan Rankin & James Allen Tucker; Tacoma Weekly for the front page story; TV Tacoma CityLine for featuring us on their show (and to Pres. Dan Smith and Santa Al Switzer for agreeing to be interviewed); Tacoma Police Department who kept the crowds safe and secure along the route; The 6th Ave Businesses who stayed open late, kept their lights on, and let the kids use their bathrooms; Volunteers who helped with setup, teardown, and registration; Sponsors (Gray Lumber, Happy Belly, Medalist Games, Michael Davila, Jazzbones); the Vendors; and a big thank you to Trapper's Sushi who generously allowed us to use some of their parking lot for staging, who quickly put up a "Kids Eat Free Tonight" sign--that's marketing savvy.

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Upcoming Events:

JANUARY

January SABD 6 on 6th Social
Wed, Jan 6, 6-8pm, North End Social Club, 3013 6th Ave
Socials are networking opportunities; come meet your fellow business owners; share ideas
Contact: angie.lokotz@gmail.com

January SABD General Meeting
Tues, Jan 12, 7:30 am, Shakabrah Java, 2618 6th Ave
Contact: Dan Smith, President, info@tacomacustomjewelers.com

Intuitive Arts - Psychic Faire
Sun, Jan 17, Noon to 5pm, Crescent Moon Gifts, 2502 6th Ave
Come see what the New Year has in store for you! Join us for a Psychic Faire and meet our readers
Contact: Angela Wehnert www.crescentmoongifts.com

February:

February SABD 6 on 6th Social
Sat, Feb 6, 6-8 pm, Tacoma FrameMakers, 3011 6th Ave
Socials are networking opportunities; come meet your fellow business owners; share ideas
Contact: angie.lokotz@gmail.com

February SABD General Meeting
Tues, Feb 9, 7:30 am, Shakabrah Java, 2618 6th Ave
Contact: Dan Smith, President, info@tacomacustomjewelers.com

Horrific: A Night of Horror Themed Belly Dance
Jan 30th, Studio 6 Ballroom, 2608 6th Ave
https://www.facebook.com/events/1009476682396538/

Mission:
The 6th Avenue Business District serves our members through organized collaborative efforts to promote our sustainable vibrant community footprint.

--Angie Lokotz
Under New Ownership:
Tacoma FrameMakers
3011 6th Ave | 253.564.2320
Tues.-Sat. 11-6, Mondays may vary
New Owner: Stacia Harvey

Stacia Harvey has 23 years of experience in framing—everything from postcards to kimonos. Her plan for Tacoma FrameMakers is to take the old store in new directions to fit the changes happening on 6th Avenue and to bring in high end clients from all over.

The store will be closed from December 25 to January 9th for remodeling and will open with a new look and feel. Stacia plans to offer services such as mobile consulting. She will come to your business or home and show you what a room looks like when it is reframed and repainted. She offers color integration, a modernized inventory, and also frame matching services.

Stacia is happy to be located on a block of 6th Ave that is currently experiencing a revival (new neighbor North End Social Club just opened its doors, Fish Fish Fish and the Boom Boom Room are soon to open across the street).

The February SABD 6 on 6 Social will be held there. Mark your calendars and we’ll see you there.

North End Social Club
3013 6th Ave, Suite C | 253.212.3913
M-Th 4-11, Fri-Sat 2-12, Sun 10-10
facebook.com/North-End-Social-Club
Owner: Justin Caillier

He chose 6th Avenue because it is a bustling district, centrally located between two neighborhoods, which fits Justin’s goal of bringing people together. They will also host the first Sixth Ave Business District 6 on 6 Social on Wednesday, Jan. 6th. Stop in and say hello.

Exterior photo by Angie Lokotz | Interior photos from NESC Facebook Page
It’s a New Year!

Happy New Year. Sixth Ave Business District is starting off 2016 with a bang.

Our first 6 on 6 Social was Wednesday, January 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. at North End Social Club, the newest venue on 6th Ave! We hope you were able to stop by and introduced yourself.

Also, mark your calendars and set your alarm clock. We are having our first General Membership meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at Shakabrah Java on 6th Ave at 7:30 am. That's correct. We are shaking things up to see what's a better time for members to meet.

Come on down, have a coffee and breakfast, and let's plan great things for 6th Ave.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!!

SABD Former Manager’s Report:
I wish express my deepest gratitude for the opportunity to manage the district for the past two and a half years.

January 4, 2016

In hindsight I am never sure what exactly has transpired while I have managed my way through the district during the past several years. Bill Connolly brought me into the district, several years ago to be a part of the district and then later I became chairman of membership for the district. I loved it!

I got more and more involved in the Ave as the chairman of membership. That was in 2010. In those days we had between 120 and 140 members in the District. Most everyone wants to know what membership in the district will do for them. One answer to this question is found in this question. What can business and leadership do together for business in the district? I believe in cooperation, transparency of process, and community inclusion, and of course with a high purpose and a clear vision supported by a unified mission!

So that’s it for me in a nutshell. I will continue for a month or two working on membership and to get information into the hands of those that will benefit from it, and act as consultant when needed. Some of the projects I enjoyed most were helping Tacoma Musical Playhouse procure the Epworth LeSourd site for their theatre and running the children’s Stage for Art On the Ave. Who knows maybe you will see me working in that capacity once again as the future rolls on with us.

Remember you are never off the track. Work together and dream big. Healthy and prosperous business districts are vital parts of our city and Sixth Ave leads the way.

In Love and Service,
Mario Lorenz, SABD former Manager
SABD General Meeting Minutes 12/8/15

Call to Order 9:01 by Pres. Dan Smith

Introductions

Motion to Approve Minutes (Casey Cowles/Al Switzer) Approved.

President’s Update | Dan Smith: 2nd Annual 6th Ave Santa Parade a Success. First time his family has come to 6th Ave. Many smiling, happy families on the Ave. Introducing a new generation to The Avenue.

Treasurer’s Report | Peter Vanrosendael: $1181.37 Savings $4791.98 Checking $5973.35 Total

The funds we received from the City helped fund our Santa Parade

3 Outstanding Bills: $160 to UPS for Ad, $1315.70 for Barricades, a bill for TPD services during parade = $1475.75 +

Paid out: 350 to Manager, 334.67 Insurance, 279.78 Web, 375 Web Design (half payment), 98.55 Printing 30.90 merc billing Vantix

Tacoma Economic Development | Carol Wolfe:
- New businesses in district: North End Social Club, and soon to open Fish Fish Fish and Boom Boom Room
- Praise for our promotion of Small Business Saturday on Web and Facebook
- Wraps coming for the Electrical Boxes
- Good promotion of Santa Parade
- Invoice paid up now

City Council Meeting will deal with Budget modifications, Marijuana Regulation and Licensing, Environmental/Proposed Plastic Bag Ban

Bill Connolly asks if Tacoma can apply for Paul Allen’s Program: Smart Cities Initiative.

Presentation: Patricia & Company | Patricia Mannie: Marketing Business (Always being consistent in your message and knowing your target market)
- Short, snappy, consistent branding is the key
- How do customers find you? 65% from Google
- 182,000 cars/week travel 6th Ave, how to get their attention? Billboards $350 for 3 months

Engage customers: gain their confidence, follow up after transactions, provide great service

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Minutes of December Meeting
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Santa Parade Recap | Al Switzer:
This event sets SABD up as leaders for the City of Tacoma. Kids excited (watchers and participants)
Various Participants (all excited; all impressed):
- Karen Vialle (Tacoma School Board) in Santa’s Sled
- Head Groundskeeper and Grounds Crew from Mariners were Santa’s Sign Holders & Water Boy
- US Coast Guard and DEA Boat (took photos of parade and sending to public relations department)
- Shriners
- Life Christian Drum Line opened the parade
- Tacoma Little Theatre
- Tacoma Musical Playhouse
- Elks Club & more
Media Coverage:
- TV Tacoma
- Tacoma Weekly
- next year KLAY Radio
Sponsors:
- Medalist Games
- Brothers of the 3rd Wheel
- Michael Davila
- Happy Belly
Board asks for written report so that we can assess strengths and weaknesses and plan for next year

Committee Reports:
Safety | Casey Cowles: Graffiti issues continue. Goodbye Graffiti has the contract with the City for graffiti remov-
- They need the permission of the building owner. (http://goodbyegraffiti.com/graffiti-removal-seattle/) Reach out and talk to neighbor businesses.

Organization | Angie Lokotz: Sponsor for January 6 on 6; Angie will reach out to North End Social Club after meeting with an introduction by Nick Fediay

District Manager’s Report | Mario Lorenz:
Membership Mailings to go out in next weeks (Dec. 16, 6:00 pm organize @ Tacoma Custom Jewelers)
Membership is the key to holding our district together; need manager to go door to door connecting with businesses

Adjourn 10:10 am
Respectfully submitted,
Angie Lokotz | SABD Secretary

Santa Al Participates in Grant Kindergarten Winter Concert
December 17, 2015 | Grant Center for the Expressive Arts

Board member Al Switzer (Santa Al) made an appearance at Grant School in appreciation for their participation in the 6th Ave Holiday Window Painting. The Grant kindergarteners held a winter concert featuring holiday songs performed for their families. After the last presentation, Santa appeared and handed out candy canes and Christmas wishes to the children.

Photos by Angie Lokotz
1. **A+ Driving School**, Latonya Gore & Sean Harris, 253-272-5869, 608 No. Oakes St., aplusschool@hotmail.com
2. **Advanced Chiropractic**, Dr. James Fletcher & Dana Clark, 253-906-3363, 606 So. State St.
3. **Asado**, John Xitco, 253-272-7770, 2810 Sixth Avenue, xfella@msn.com
4. **Brass Monkey Tattoo**, Josh Miller, 253-589-0290, 2914 Sixth Ave., nakedjosh24@gmail.com
5. **Cannabis Club Collective**, Jennifer Williams, 253-507-4725, 2706 Sixth Avenue, cannabiscoop@gmail.com
6. **Cascadia Well Being Center**, Doug Taylor, 253-229-6928, 4133 Sixth Avenue, doug@cascadiawellbeing.com
7. **Constellation Art Gallery**, Stella Maris Vera, 253-625-7107, 3013 Sixth Avenue, stellavera@comcast.net
8. **Crescent Moon Gifts**, Angela Wehnert, 253-572-8839, 2502 Sixth Avenue, cmgtacoma.com@aol.com
9. **Diamond Green Recreational**, Malkit Singh, 253-301-3148, 4002 So. 12th St., diamondgreen_tacoma@gmail.com
10. **Dirty Oscars Annex**, Alex Henderson, Alicia Boss, 253-572-0588, 2309 Sixth Avenue, info@dirtyoscarsannex.com, aliciaboss@gmail.com
12. **Epworth LeSourd United Methodist Church**, Dave Parker, 253-370-6208, 3615 So. 10th St., dave@adventure.com
13. **Evergreen State College Tacoma**, Olga Inglebritson MPA, 253-680-3000, 1210 Sixth Avenue, inglbreo@evergreen.edu
14. **Foundation Escrow**, Jolyne Baines, 253-222-8835, 4119 Sixth Avenue, jb@foundationescrow.com
15. **Gateway to India**, C. J. Singh, 253-552-5022, 2603 Sixth Avenue, cj@indiansamaj.org
16. **Grant Center for the Expressive Arts**, Dan McKeown, 253-861-2370, 1018 No. Prospect St., grantcenter@expressivearts.org
17. **Gray Law Firm, The**, Judson Gray, 253-759-1141, 4142 Sixth Avenue, jgrayattorney@harbornet.com
18. **Gray Lumber Co.,** Steve Gray, Greg Clair, 253-752-7200, 6th Avenue at Adams, Steve@GrayLumber.com; HardwareGreg@outlook.com
19. **Green Kross**, Kahn Shakirov, 206-267-0337, 3014 Sixth Avenue, logitechkross@gmail.com
20. **Goodwill**, Sarah Butler, 253-341-3779, 5401 Sixth Avenue, sbutler@tacomagoodwill.org
21. **H & R Block**, Julie Lomas, Ron Pinckney, Bert McKinney, 253-383-5603, 360-265-2010, 2411 Sixth Avenue, rp@hrblock.com
22. **Hippie House**, Justin Stieglitz & Sintha, 253-267-1708, 3109 Sixth Ave., Justin@thehippielodge.com
23. **House of Tattoo**, Katie Williams, 253-274-8282, 2701 Sixth Ave
24. **Ice Cream Social**, Layla Isaac, 253-372-1660, 2914 Sixth Ave
25. **Jazzbones**, Daniel Rankin, 253-396-9169, 2603 6th Ave, danno@jazzbones.com
26. **Jon’s Barber Shop**, Jon Tryfon, 253-752-5162, 3825 1/2 Sixth Avenue, jonry@jonry.com
27. **Kathleen Creso**, 253-537-7565, 16015–16th Ave So., Spanaway 98387
28. **Laughter Masters**, Mario Lorenz, 816 So. L St., 253-272-6622, mariosslorenz@gmail.com
29. **Laundry Mart**, Rose Mathes, 5401 Sixth Avenue, 253-752-6100, laundrymart@hotmail.com
30. **Law Offices of Terry E. Lumsden**, Terry Lumsden, 253-537-4424, 3517 Sixth Avenue, Suite 200, telumsden@aol.com
31. **Lawn Equipment Repair**, Al Switzer, 253-756-7459, 3519 1/2 Sixth Avenue, achristmaswishes@gmail.com
32. **Legal Shield**, Bill Connolly, 253-272-2924, 1321 No. 5th St., susanconnolly@printmail.com
33. **Lind Pest Control**, Beth Lind, 253-503-1100, 4138 Sixth Avenue, info@lindpestcontrol.com
34. **Lives Changed Thrift Store**, Lonia J. Evans, 1601 Sixth Avenue, 253-632-2753, Turfpraise@gmail.com
35. **Mandelin’s Consignment**, Rachael Kragelund, 253-301-3383, 2714 Sixth Avenue, mandelinconsignment@gmail.com
36. **Mary Mart**, Noel Roberts, Damien Mdkiivitt, 253 327 1675, 3005 6th Avenue Ste B, 253 marymart@gmail.com
37. **MASA**, John Xitco, 253-254-0560, 2811 Sixth Avenue, xfella@msn.com
38. **Minuteman Press**, Casey Cowles, 253-474-9900, 2941 So. 38th St. Ste C, Cowles@minutemanpress.com
39. **North End Neighborhood Council**, 2522 No, Proctor Ste #418, chair@nencc.org
40. **Northwest Costume**, Tom & Mary Johnson, 253-383-4700, 2315 Sixth Avenue, tomjohnson3649@comcast.net
41. **O’Malley’s Irish Pub**, Pat Mawhinney, Richard Jenning, 253-627-9403, 2403 Sixth Avenue, patmawhinney@comcast.net, COMMUNITY MEMBER
42. **Paul Reilly ND**, 253-752-4544, 3620 Sixth Avenue
43. **Primo Grill**, Jacqueline Platten, 253-383-7000, 6th Avenue at Oakes
44. **Proctor Chiropractic**, Dr. George P. Keogh & Leah, 253-756-7500, 3901 Sixth Avenue, health@proctorchiropractic.com
45. **Pure Body Shop**, Blandy L. McDaniel LMP, 253-267-0367, 2501 Sixth Avenue, purebodyshop@comcast.net
46. **Real Assets Property**, Adam Simon, 206-686-6326, 270 Hanford St., Ste 205, Seattle WA 98134, asimon@realassetsprop.com
47. **Real Estate Investment Services**, Debbi Anderson, 253-380 – 3444, 4427 6th Ave Tacoma Ste 2 98406, Debbia@reinvest.com
48. **Red Hot**, Chris Miller, 253-779-0229, 2914 Sixth Avenue Suite B, deliciousbotdogs@gmail.com
49. **Retrospect**, Julie Bennett, 253-327-1399, 2709 Sixth Avenue, retrospecttacoma@icloud.com
50. **Shakabrah Java**, Caesar & Tina Kalinosky, 253-572-2787, 2618 Sixth Ave., tina@dietoself.com
51. **Smart Reach Digital**, Michelle H. Cote, 206-687-5598, 1101 No. Prospect, mcote@smartrueachdigital.com
52. **South Sound Piano**, Dan McCormack, Angie Lokotz, 253-228-2337, 704 No. Warner St., southsoundpiano@gmail.com
53. **Starbucks**, Jessica Hamilton, 253-272-1023, 2008 Sixth Avenue, 513916@retail.starbucks.com

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- Tacoma Bike, Mike Brown, 253-272-1351, 3010 Sixth Avenue, mike@tacombike.com
- Tacoma Custom Jewelers, Dan Smith, 253-572-0508, info@tacomacustomjewelers.com
- Tacoma Farmers Market, Stacy Carikon, 253-227-2054, 902 Market St., stacy@tacomafarmersmarket.com
- Tacoma Weekly, Marlene Carrillo, 253-534-6563, 2588 Pacific Highway E, Fife WA 98424, marlene@tacomaweekly.com
- Tandem, Bonnie Larson, 360-489-2171, 3019 Sixth Avenue, Suite B, bonniejeanlarson@gmail.com
- TAPCO Credit Union, Elizabeth Stewart, Bethany Neiman, 253-565-9895, 2802 Sixth Avenue, Elizabeth.Stewart@tapcocu.org, BethanyNeiman@Tapcocu.org
- Tesla's Cellular Repair and Wholesale, Lindsay Godwin, 253-719-3799, 3518 Sixth Avenue Suite 102, lgodwin@wacellrepair.com
- The Spire —Tacoma Musical Playhouse, Jon Douglas Rake, Managing Director, So. 8th & Anderson
- Turntable Treasures/House of Records, Peter W. Vanrosendael, 253-272-9229, 608 No. Prospect, peter@turntabletreasures.com
- Ubiquitous Journey, Robyn Liss, 253-572-2550, 2607 Sixth Avenue, robyn@ubiquitousjourney.com
- University of Puget Sound, John Hickey, 1500 No. Warner #1027, 253-879-3203, hickey@ups.edu
- Vapor Café, Chris & Andrea Hendricks, 253-302-4985, 2802 Sixth Ave./, vaporcafe72@gmail.com
- Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Linda Dybwad, 253-752-1264

Santa Parade Wrap-up [from page 1]

--and who let the kids use their bathrooms while they waited for the parade to start.

The Participants included:
- Life Christian Drum Line who literally started us off with a bang
- The Coast Guard and DEA Boat (decked out with holiday lights but guns removed for the occasion)
- The Grinch
- Whoville Whos (some on unicycles bouncing their way up the Ave--sponsored by Angela Wick)
- The Elks Club
- The Carolers
- Tacoma Little Theatre
- The Shriners with their Canon and Calliope
- Fish Food Bank
- The Point Defiance Pirates
- The Dockyard Derby Dames
- Adam Martin and his Lumins (and to the volunteers who offered to carry them)
- Tacoma Musical Playhouse
- Santa's Motorcycle Escort, Brothers of the 3rd Wheel
- Mariners Groundskeeper and Crew (Santa's water boy & sign holders)
- Gray Lumber (who had a float and who built Santa's Sleigh)
- Santa Al (the star of the show and the man with the vision behind this)

We had participants who came down from Seattle and are now planning to be back, bigger and better, next year (Mariners grounds crew, Coast Guard). School Board member Karen Vialle was in the sleigh with Santa and will likely be our champion to have participation from more Tacoma schools next year. We also hope that more businesses participate in the Holiday Window Painting by Grant and Jason Lee kids. We featured the windows on the district Facebook page and they were all well received. The Secretary has applied for a grant to cover tree lights so perhaps 6th Ave will be sparkling for next year’s parade.

We are setting 6th Ave up as a Leader for the City of Tacoma. Let’s keep that momentum going into the New Year.

Photos by Angie Lokotz
We Need Your Events/Business Promotions
Hello, SABD Businesses.

The Newsletter would like to feature a monthly Upcoming Events section so that businesses know what’s happening here in the district and can connect with each other for cross-promotion purposes. We will also promote on our Events tab on our newly revamped website (currently a work in progress—look for updates coming soon).

Please send event listings to angie.lokotz@gmail.com with the subject line: SABD Events. Events will need to be received during the last week of the month and should be for the upcoming month or month after. For example: Event listings received the last week of January should be for mid-February through end of March (or later).

Event listings for the SABD Newsletter are not necessarily designed to attract customers as much as they are reaching out to other businesses who may want to piggyback on your event or offer incentives. Examples of previous events with cross-promotion opportunities are the Spring Fairy Festival and the Chocolate Walk, and the many classes held by Tacoma Food Co-op at various 6th Ave venues.

We are also looking to offer more clarity with our larger events (Art on the Ave, Santa Parade, Dia de los Muertos, Upcoming Spring Event, etc.) so that the coordinator contact info, time, dates, expectations is clearly presented in an easy to locate manner.

Help keep us all informed; we are better together.
--Angie Lokotz

A Letter From an Old Timer . . .
By Dave Parker

I hope you take the time to read the story in this edition of the newsletter recapping the Christmas Parade on Sixth Avenue. It stirred up my old memories of how Art on the Ave got started, which has become one of the premier events for The Ave and the city. The Christmas Parade has the potential to also become a premier event in Tacoma and The Ave.

The year was 1999 when the first Art on the Ave was born. The district association had only about 9 paid members! I had just joined and found myself on the committee. The other committee members were a couple who owned and operated the Sunriser Café, where Crown Bar is now located; the owner of a retail meat market where Primo is now located; the two ladies from The Turning Point, and the real sparkplug — Carol Wolfe — our city Economic Development liaison. Sixth Avenue was recovering from a period of decline, characterized by crime, drugs, dirt, and boarded up storefronts. The Association had put on a summer car show in 1998 but decided that it did not support the spirit and potential of Sixth Avenue and further felt that an emphasis and theme on art was more appropriate.

We put on the best AoA we could, but it was much smaller, sparsely stretched from Pine Street to Prospect but drew a respectable number of visitors and vendors. I worked on the committee for the next 10 years and have been pleased at how it has grown with the help of many.

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Plastic Ain’t Tacoma’s Bag to Set World Record to Promote Reusable Bags

Two 6th Ave Businesses Participating

Tacoma, Washington - December 2015 - The City of Tacoma is currently seeking Tacomans’ input concerning a reusable bag ordinance. Tacomans can learn more at the City’s website and can also give their feedback in an online survey through Friday, January 15th, 2016. The survey can be found on the City of Tacoma website. http://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=79814

To harness the enthusiasm behind reducing plastic pollution, Plastic Ain’t Tacoma’s Bag has partnered with the 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).”

On January 23-24, 2016, participants will be able to visit any of the dozens of locations to make their own free t-shirt bag. T-shirts were sourced through misprints that would have otherwise gone to a landfill, and now will put reusable bags into the hands of as many Tacomans as possible.

The idea is simple. Plastic Ain’t Tacoma’s Bag is currently recruiting sites across Tacoma to host “bag-making parties” during the weekend of January 23-24. Each site will provide participants with a t-shirt they can quickly transform into a reusable bag. They can also sign cards pledging to use their bag, and those cards will then be used to provide World Record evidence of the total number of bags made.

“We wanted to create a fun way to involve all Tacomans in thinking about the issue of plastic bags,” says event organizer Sarah Chessman. “We envision thousands of Tacomans participating in sites all around the city.”

Chessman says Plastic Ain’t Tacoma’s Bag has secured more than a dozen locations already, including 6th Avenue Business District's own Tacoma Food Co-op and Mandelin’s Consignment. Other sites include public libraries, local stores, coffee shops, and colleges. But they are still looking for additional sites and site coordinators. You can check out the sites at plasticaintourbag.com.

This event could prove catching. A group in Kent has already claimed it will challenge Tacoma’s record (see:https://www.facebook.com/bagbustersofkent2015/?fref=ts); and Puyallup may not be far behind. All the more reason for Tacomans to turn out in huge numbers in January!

Plastic Ain’t Tacoma’s Bag sees the World Record bid as a win-win. Organizer Christine Cooley says, “We’ll supply the t-shirts and the sites; Tacoma will supply the labor and enthusiasm. We have the chance to create thousands of reusable bags, and keep thousands more plastic bags out of circulation. And Tacoma could set a world record too!”

To volunteer a site or to be a site coordinator, visit: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1yHhL0DN9t0ZNOWdPlsWyOxMCqCW4x4HPrkxGtPUI/viewform

Contact: Plastic Ain’t Tacoma’s Bag | http://www.plasticaintourbag.com/

This article is published as a request by Board Member Casey Cowles on behalf of Christine Cooley and Sarah Chessman

--Angie Lokotz

Old Timer Letter
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dedicated leaders and committee volunteers. Up to 20,000 visitors now come each year from Tacoma and the northwest, learning anew of Sixth Avenue and its diverse shopping offerings.

We continue to be blessed with leaders and members to keep on building the AoA who now can build a second great event for the Christmas season. I hope, with the enthusiasm and talents of Santa Al, our officers, leaders and members, Christmas on Sixth Avenue will become the center of the city each year, with stores, trees and buildings gloriously lighted, amplified music, a great parade, gifts for the children and Santa Claus!!