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Hello from Sara

By Sara Fahlbeck



Hello there 6th Avenue Business District I am your new District Manager.

A little bit about me:

My name is Sara Fahlbeck I am originally from Vancouver, Washington where I was raised by my grandparents on a large farm. I've lived in the North End of Tacoma with my husband Dennis and our 3 children, Christian, Violet and Ronan for 6 years. My husband is a Tacoma seedling who grew up in the North End and graduated from Wilson High School many years ago.

6th Avenue is part of our origin story. We have enjoyed many favorite shops on the Ave through the years; some remaining, some long gone. I have a background in medical, primarily Hospice Care. I have also sold re-sale for years on Etsy and eBay so I have an appreciation for great vintage. I am also an artist and have worked with other

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Angie's Final Report

By Angie Lokotz

This will be my final report to you, so it's going to be more personal than usual. I've enjoyed my five years with the District and I'll miss much of it. Life goes on and family, duty, and our own personal businesses call for my attention.

First some business:

This year the board is changing the way we will bill for membership. They agreed to send out forms that offer businesses the opportunity to right away pay for their membership, their AoA vendor space, express their interest in Wine Walk, etc. Look for those forms coming soon.

Now for the personal stuff.

Accomplishments

Getting businesses involved with the Art Walk. Those who participated in the art walk last year had the opportunity to meet amazing talented artists from our city as well as generating interest from many in the community who walked on over--rain or shine.**on 6th Social.** Ah, it was fun while it lasted. It was a chance for business owners to meet informally at each other's businesses, make new friends, build a new clientele, and learn how they could work together. I'd love to see that come back, invigorated by all the new blood on the Ave.

Winning the City of Destiny Award. It was a great feeling to be nominated as a City of Destiny Award candidate and winning was awesome. (You can still see our trophy on display at TAPCO.)

Having a 40 Under 40 winner in our midst. (Congratulations, Chantine!) We don't celebrate each

Next Meeting

Primo Grill

Corner 6th Ave at Oakes

9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 11th

other enough. When there's a chance to nominate someone for something, do it! We all benefit.

Keeping the Newsletter alive. One of my favorite books is *The Postman* by David Brin. Set in a post-apocalyptic future (aren't they all?) it tells the story of a man who finds an old Postal uniform, puts it on, and proceeds to unite the disparate communities and help restore government by simply carrying the mail. People like to know what's happening--good or bad. I believe our little newsletter keeps us together. Unlike email blasts, it gives business owners a chance to meet a district representative and let them know if something needs attention. Little known fact: David Parker, an early business district member, has been quietly putting together our newsletter for 14 years. He volunteers his time, makes my words look good, and never complains. Thank you, Dave. It's been a pleasure working with you. (*And also with you, Angie! Dave*)

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Sixth Avenue Business District

General Membership Meetings on the second Tuesday of the month
Location & Time: Primo Grill, 2701 6th Ave., 9:30 a.m.
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Welcome to 6th Ave Good Vibes!

By Sara Fahlbeck

Walking into the new **Good Vibes Vintage and Resale** shop located at **3014 6th Ave I** was greeted by the shop owner **Madyson Willoughby**, sitting peacefully behind the counter of her new shop. She celebrated its grand opening December 18, 2019. Good Vibes is not only a catchy name; the ambiance of the quaint shop is chill and inviting.

Brandi Carlile, singing sweetly in the background, ushered me to look at the stylish inventory. Pink contrast, striped walls and a beautiful, large mirror Madyson has framed with delicate, antique pink roses makes this small space feel open and warm. Her clothes which are primarily vintage are on point for Tacoma's unique style. Some of her inventory includes vintage and modern jeans and a whole rack of Hawaiian shirts. And her prices are fantastic. This girl knows what she's doing.

Madyson is a young, Tacoma local who grew up right off 6th Avenue. She said she spent her youth on the Ave going into all the shops and now here she is with her very own shop on 6th Ave. "It's like I've come full circle." She said with a smile. "I love 6th Ave and want to continue being a part of the growing community."

If you or anyone you know is on board with re-sale as an affordable, sustainable (environmentally conscious) and possibly one of a kind fashion then check out 6th Avenues very own **Good Vibes Vintage and Resale**. **Her hours are Tuesdays through Sunday 11am to 6pm.**

Check her out on Instagram at [Good_Vibes_Vintage_Resale](https://www.instagram.com/Good_Vibes_Vintage_Resale) or on Facebook at [Good Vibes Vintage and Resale](https://www.facebook.com/GoodVibesVintageandResale). Welcome to the district, Madyson. We are happy to have you and your Good Vibes.



Goldhouse Realty is on the Ave!

By Sara Fahlbeck

We can all attest to the hot real estate market in Tacoma right now. Houses are selling like hotcakes and **Kenny Williams** owner of one of newest businesses to join the 6th Ave business district is here to make the dream of home ownership, selling and investing a reality.



Located at 2301 6th Ave Kenny is getting ready to open his doors to the public. **His hours will be 9am to 4pm Monday through Friday and by appointment during closed business hours.**

The mission for Goldhouse Realty is simple and promising: "To consistently exceed the expectations of our clients by providing timely expertise and world class service, using innovative techniques in buying a home, selling a home and investing in real estate."

Kenny is a Tacoma local. He grew in Hilltop and attended Jason Lee Middle School so 6th Ave is a place he calls home. He sees the Ave as a kind of melting pot of Tacoma. Center, 6th Ave is where everyone comes together. He expressed a love for community and wanting to be part of the progress as Tacoma moves



forward.

"My vision is to have a business that can give back to the community. I want to help others invest in our community through ownership, investing and building wealth."

Check him out on facebook at Ken Williams GoldHouse Realty or go to www.GoldhouseRE.com for more info. His email is Ken-ny@goldhouseRE.com and his number is (253)376-6410.

Welcome to the Ave GoldHouse Realty!

Notice how beautiful and sparkling our windows on 6th Ave look!
Thanks to Cascade Window Cleaning!
For more information about their services
Email matt@cascadewc.com

2020 Members List

Thank you for your patience as we put together a new and improved membership form for 2020. They will be sent out soon. I'd like to give a shout out to a couple businesses that are already on the members list for 2020.

Amy at **Amy's Casual Comfort**, thank you for becoming a member!

We also have **Cascade Drafting Solutions** and the beautiful **6th Ave Goddess**. Thank you!

Design Committee Report

Power Pole Painting, By John Wolters

We are preparing to paint all 32 wood power poles throughout the 6th Avenue business district. Thanks to the City of Tacoma's Innovative Grant program and Volunteers and friends of the District. As our soggy winter begins to dry out you'll see bright colors similar to the solar garbage cans, bring vibrancy to our sidewalks.

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local artists on multiple projects. I am currently part of SHENlightens: A Women's Collaboration Art Project which is now on display in the TAM local Community Space upstairs at the Tacoma Art Museum and I have another piece for the same show at the YWCA in the Sunshine Hall. It's an inspiring project. I am proud to be a part of. Check out SHENlightens.com for more info.

I have been asked a few times if I have a business on 6th Ave and I do not. I know the time and dedication business owners put in. I'm not sure I could do this if I were a business owner.

I live right up the road. This is my district, my family's; I want it to be great. This is where we hang out; meet friends; bring family from out of town. I'm honored to be in this position. I'm making it my business to help yours.

Angie Lokotz is such a great, dedicated person and she has done a fantastic job. I realize the shoes I am filling. Thank you for everything Angie. Obi-Wan.

I will do my best and I appreciate all the help. I'll see you on the Ave.

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Reintroducing the 6th Ave Member decals. Board member John Wolters and I once sat on a panel at the North End Neighborhood Council and many in the room commented that they look for member decals in the windows of the businesses. It shows solidarity with the district.

Grant applications. Sixth Ave benefited greatly from Neighborhood Innovative Grants as well as Green Events grants, art grants, and more. Our Big Belly trash cans are wrapped because of a Grant. Our Community Boards are there as a result of a Grant. If you have an idea for a project, please let a board member know and we can help you with a grant request.

Reinvigorating the Facebook Page. Our @6thavetacoma facebook page is a juggernaut. We have over 12,500 followers. Our Events page gets results. We have advertised entire events and sold them out only by use of a Facebook event (Wine Walk!). Take advantage of our reach. When you post an event to Facebook, make 6th Ave a cohost. That way we can accept and your event is immediately shared to our page.

Introducing the History Walk. Pretty Gritty Tours hosts a fact-filled walk down 6th Ave and the crowd loves it. So many people share their memories of what has changed and what they look forward to experiencing next. It's a great chance to get neighbors to stop in front of your business. Be there. Say hello, offer coupons.

Sending a care package to CM Thoms when he was de-

ployed. He was genuinely touched.

Watching the Holiday Window Painting. Every year it gets better. (Each year more businesses get involved in the after party for the participants. Please keep this up.)

Asking board member John Wolters to head the Design Committee. His vision and attention to detail are unmatched.

Meeting and working with other district presidents and managers. When I started in this capacity I had no clue how to go about it. One of the first things I did was to reach out to other district managers and talk to them about what they do. I have since had some newer managers come to me doing the same thing. It feels good to know that we are a community that helps each other.

Regrets

I've had a few, but then again, too few to mention. It's been fun. I've met so many people, some have become friends. I will not be a stranger to 6th Ave. It is my home. And, I'm a member.

Thank you. *Angie*

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