

Signage Brainstorm for April 22nd Grants Pass Rally.

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Requiem for a Nest

the winged thang built her dream palace
amid the fine green eyes of a sheltering bough
she did not know it was urban turf
disguised as serenely delusionally rural
nor did she know the neighborhood was rife
with slant-mawed felines and those long-taloned
swoopers of prey. she was ignorant of the acidity & oil
that slowly polluted the earth, and was never
to detect the serpent coiled one strong limb below

following her nature she flitted and dove
for whatever blades twigs and mud
could be found under the humming blue
and created a hatchery for her spawn
not knowing all were doomed

— Wanda Coleman, *from Ostinato Vamps 2003*

Signage Ideas:

- Housing Not Handcuffs
- Housing is a Human Right
- Decriminalize Homelessness
- Housing is the Answer
- 100% of People Deserve Housing
- Where are we to go?
- It's not a crime to be poor.
- Anyone can become homeless.
- No \$ for a fine = do the time.
- It can happen to you.
- No cruel or unusual punishment
- Respect humanity
- Anyone can be homeless.
- Homelessness is a fear that we are all trying to ignore.
- Homelessness: It Could Be You.
- If you became homeless, where would YOU sleep?
- Homelessness is a trauma issue, we all have trauma.
- We cannot arrest our way out of homelessness.
- One humanity.

Notes and Resources List

New and Notable

How Houston is successfully reducing homelessness:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cayT0fij7DI>

Mark Horvath NYT video:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/04/16/opinion/supreme-court-johnson-case.html>

Ada Limon's commentary on Requiem for a Nest

<https://poetrysociety.org/poems-essays/poetry-environmental-justice/ada-limon-on-requiem-for-a-nest-by-wanda-coleman>

A GOOD PLACE to bring new ideas for shelter and safe parking etc. is the Monday noon meeting of Safe Sites for All Committee, Date: 4/22/2024 - 12:00 PM

More info for Connect Across Tacoma. <https://connectacrosstacoma.com/become-a-digital-steward/>

Contact Zev Cook (she/her), Tacoma Cooperative Network): <https://www.tacomacoop.net>, zev@tacomacoop.net

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Info for AMARA

<https://www.facebook.com/amarafrc>

<https://www.instagram.com/amara.frc>

<https://www.bit.ly/amarafrc>

Tacoma Housing Not Handcuffs Rally on Grants Pass

Monday, April 22nd, 8-10 AM, Federal Courthouse, Union Station, 1717 Pacific Ave., Tacoma

National Homelessness Law Center Grants Pass Resources: <https://johnsonvgrantspass.com>

Community Solutions Grants Pass Twitter Storm

<https://community.solutions/events/2024/04/johnson-v-grants-pass-twitter-storm/>

Screening of UNZIPPED: An Autopsy of American Inequality. May 8 at the Grand Cinema. We

will have the Director there to talk about the film. The tickets are \$10 but let me know if someone might need financial assistance Amanda@tpcahc.org

<https://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/events/unzipped-an-autopsy-of-american-inequality-film-premiere-director-discussion-1>

Community Spotlight Opportunity: Please send suggestions for all partner spotlights to Theresa at tpdrutis@nctacoma.org

Common Good Supply Station @ FUMCOT, First United Methodist Church of Tacoma. Open Tuesday's Noon to 2PM, 621 Tacoma Ave S, Tacoma, WA 98402. Go to the back alley and come to the door between the 2 garages. Call Theresa at 253.617.1405 when you are at the door. The number above is a Line2 number; those who have my personal cell # are welcome to use that instead. Both numbers will ring through.

Ongoing Resources and Needs

Sign up to receive Action Alerts: <https://secure.everyaction.com/-gZPY8k0qkaHQyrUqmpC5g2>

One pager on Housing Alliance priorities: <https://www.wliha.org/advocacy/2024-public-policy-priorities>

SVdP is willing to store any items for sharing. Outreach workers can pick up supplies every day between 10am-5pm. Just text Dionne. 253-355-5868

Link for the Coalition's cold weather resources page: www.craft.me/s/f0GVFmAubX8YUg

To be added to the monthly Public Health email newsletter, please share your email here OR email me at: jschoeppe@tpchd.org

Outreach and Supply Need/Share Form:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Kh2OBOLT-SXN8cq7L7Z1Bb04iXxCf6Nfv_RBP-F0SZk/edit?usp=sharing

TPCHD has a webpage for homeless service providers and advocates

<https://tpchd.org/healthy-people/provider-resources/homelessness-providers-toolkit/>

If you are an agency or org that needs COVID test kit support, we still have kits to distribute. Please reach out directly to our testing team at: epitesting@tpchd.org

Free wound care clinic every Friday afternoon, TNE clinic at the STD room at T-PCHD on S 37th & Pacific. Spread the word.

Safe Sites

<https://ss4a.pchomeless.org>

Outreach Supply Need and Share form: <https://forms.gle/2zfK8Y5JvC1K5eXLA>

Please sign up to the inclement weather listserv at

<https://www.pchomeless.org/Home/Listserv>

Narcan Resources:

<https://www.tacomaneedleexchange.org/naloxone> WA DOH Free Mail Order Naloxone

Free Narcan Vending Machines: Tacoma Public Library Moore Branch (regular library hours), First United Methodist Church of Tacoma, Recovery Café Orting Valley

WA DOH Free Mail Order Narcan/Naloxone: <https://phra.org/naloxone>