

An 8-Year Homeless “Emergency?” Inconceivable!

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Truth

It was as hot as what
stars must feel like
so far away, certainly
there, inside me.

I took it in my hands,
put it where it should be
in the wet softness
where my heart sits.

Ugly things came
to threaten me, to say

I had lost the last lock
holding me to truth.

That was not true,
because old truths
were now lies, I saw
families as human.

I found the goodness
in what is not perfect,
and a new perfection
in what is not good.

This happened in
a new home twelve
time zones away, as
the world collapsed.

in a clitter clatter
like a busy kitchen,
the universe forming
now inside all of me.

—Afaa Michael Weaver, “Truth” from *City of Eternal Spring*. 2014

“When I use a word,’ Humpty Dumpty said in rather a scornful tone, ‘it means just what I choose it to mean — neither more nor less.’ ‘The question is,’ said Alice, ‘whether you can make words mean so many different things.’ ‘The question is,’ said Humpty Dumpty, ‘which is to be master — that’s all.’” (Lewis Carroll’s *Through the Looking Glass* (1871).

Notes and Resources List

New and Notable

Monthly Social: Thursday, May 9, Richard and Liz will host the monthly social for the Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness. All are welcome; Secret Chef will prepare cookies, surprise party favors will be available. 812 North Ainsworth Avenue, 4-6 pm. All welcome. No business/just social.

Interested in the shared housing building? Please text Dave at 253.514.3396

Vote No On I-2124. Contact Libby Watson, libby@noon2124.org
<https://www.noon2124.org>

Six measures Washington conservatives are pushing on 2024 ballots

<https://crosscut.com/politics/2023/12/six-measures-washington-conservatives-are-pushing-2024-ballots>

New Healthcare is a Human Right Website: <https://hchrwashington.org>

Homeless Hub Info

Fill out the partnership form:

<https://forms.gle/WnbH2RnUBQuuNiuE6>

Learn more about Ash Nazg:

<https://www.familypromisepiercescounty.org/ash-nazg>

See the backend interface:

<https://sites.google.com/familypromisepiercecounty.org/portal/home>

Meet with Steve and learn more directly:

<https://www.familypromisepiercecounty.org/steve>

<https://www.familypromisepiercecounty.org/tamara>

253-444-4563

The City Charter Committee has been addressing protections of the initiative process. Begins on page 12.

https://www.cityoftacoma.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_6/File/cms/20240501CRCReport_015.pdf

New Director of Public Health and Health Officer bios: Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department (tpchd.org)

WLIHA 2024 Community Report: <https://www.wliha.org/2024ReporttotheCommunity>

MDC's Education Opportunity Center is gearing up for a resource fair in July. If your agency is interested in participating, please contact Paulette Brown at pbrown@mdc-hope.org The EOC works with low-income & first-gen college students to access higher education

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/naloxoneWA> 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>