

# Tacoma Neighborhood & Downtown

# SUMMER EVENTS

[www.tacomabusinessdistricts.com](http://www.tacomabusinessdistricts.com)  
[www.downtowntacoma.com](http://www.downtowntacoma.com)

## Neighborhood Farmers Markets

### 6th Avenue Market

6th Ave Business District, S 6th & Pine  
**Tuesdays 3:30 - 7:30pm through Sep 30**  
Everything's fresh on the Ave. Cayenne Chonette  
6thave@tacomafarmersmarket.com  
[www.tacomafarmersmarket.com](http://www.tacomafarmersmarket.com)

### Downtown Market on Broadway

Downtown, Broadway from S 9th to S 11th  
**Thursdays 9am - 2pm through Oct 15**  
Food, garden plants, fresh produce, crafts – this one has it all.  
Justin Mayfield [justin@tacomafarmersmarket.com](mailto:justin@tacomafarmersmarket.com)  
[www.tacomafarmersmarket.com](http://www.tacomafarmersmarket.com)

### Proctor Farmers Market

Proctor Business District, N. 27th and Proctor St  
**Saturdays 9am to 2pm through Nov 21**  
Find vegetables, fruits, cheese, meat, shellfish and fresh baked goods along with plants, live entertainment, kids activities, and weekly demonstrations.  
Jessica Troy 253-961-3666 [proctorfm@yahoo.com](mailto:proctorfm@yahoo.com)  
[www.proctorfarmersmarket.com](http://www.proctorfarmersmarket.com)

## June

- 2 Tuesday 6th Avenue Market – Share a Start with your Neighbor Day
- 4 Thursday Downtown Market on Broadway – Community Health Day
- 6 Saturday Proctor Farmers Market – Sign up for the Library's Summer Reading Club
- 9 Tuesday 6th Avenue Market
- 11 Thursday Downtown Market on Broadway – Taste of Asia Tour Day
- 13 Saturday Proctor Farmers Market
- 16 Tuesday 6th Avenue Market
- 18 Thursday Downtown Market on Broadway – Dad Appreciation Day
- 20 Saturday Proctor Farmers Market – Cooking Demonstrations
- 23 Tuesday 6th Avenue Market
- 25 Thursday Downtown Market on Broadway
- 27 Saturday Proctor Farmers Market
- 30 Tuesday 6th Avenue Market – Kids Day

## July

- 2 Thursday Downtown Market on Broadway – Community Health Day
- 4 Saturday Proctor Farmers Market
- 7 Tuesday 6th Avenue Market – Share a Start with your Neighbor Day
- 9 Thursday Downtown Market on Broadway
- 11 Saturday Proctor Farmers Market
- 14 Tuesday 6th Avenue Market
- 16 Thursday Downtown Market on Broadway – Grandparent Appreciation Day
- 18 Saturday Proctor Farmers Market – Cooking Demonstrations
- 21 Tuesday 6th Avenue Market – Tacoma Reads, Library Day
- 23 Thursday Downtown Market on Broadway
- 25 Saturday Proctor Farmers Market – Paint-a-thon benefiting Mason FISH Food Bank
- 28 Tuesday 6th Avenue Market
- 30 Thursday Downtown Market on Broadway – Taste of USA Tour Day

## August

- 1 Saturday Proctor Farmers Market – Proctor Arts Fest
- 4 Tuesday 6th Avenue Market – Family Day
- 6 Thursday Downtown Market on Broadway – Tacoma Reads, Library Day
- 8 Saturday Proctor Farmers Market
- 11 Tuesday 6th Avenue Market – Community Health Day
- 13 Thursday Downtown Market on Broadway
- 15 Saturday Proctor Farmers Market – Cooking Demonstrations
- 18 Tuesday 6th Avenue Market
- 20 Thursday Downtown Market on Broadway – Mom Appreciation Day
- 22 Saturday Proctor Farmers Market
- 25 Tuesday 6th Avenue Market
- 27 Thursday Downtown Market on Broadway
- 29 Saturday Proctor Farmers Market

## September

- 1 Tuesday 6th Avenue Market – Share a Start with your Neighbor Day
- 3 Thursday Downtown Market on Broadway – Community Health Day
- 5 Saturday Proctor Farmers Market
- 8 Tuesday 6th Avenue Market – Salsa Fiesta Day
- 10 Thursday Downtown Market on Broadway – Taste of Mexico Tour Day
- 12 Saturday Proctor Farmers Market – Kids Day
- 15 Tuesday 6th Avenue Market
- 17 Thursday Downtown Market on Broadway – Health & Fitness Day
- 19 Saturday Proctor Farmers Market – Cooking Demonstrations
- 22 Tuesday 6th Avenue Market
- 24 Thursday Downtown Market on Broadway – Local Art Appreciation Day
- 26 Saturday Proctor Farmers Market
- 29 Tuesday 6th Avenue Market

For more details and up-to-date additions go to [www.tacomabusinessdistricts.com](http://www.tacomabusinessdistricts.com), [www.downtowntacoma.com](http://www.downtowntacoma.com), or [www.cityoftacoma.org](http://www.cityoftacoma.org).

**Visit your Neighborhood Business Districts—if you've seen one you haven't seen them all!**  
**Think of Downtown Tacoma as South Sound's Downtown!**

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and Sound Transit: 206-398-5000 [www.soundtransit.org](http://www.soundtransit.org)

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# Summer Events

A sampling of neighborhood Special Events being held throughout the City of Tacoma

## May

**29 FRI** **Hilltop Challenge Benefit Basketball Game**  
University of Puget Sound, UPS Fieldhouse at N 11th St and Union Ave. 7pm game time. Watch Tacoma Police take on Tacoma Fire in the 5th Annual fund-raiser. 253-383-3056 x112 for tickets. hilltopactioncoalition@yahoo.com

## June

**6 SAT** **Pacific Avenue Spring Festival & Car Show**  
Stewart Middle School, 5010 Pacific Avenue 10am - 4pm. 2nd Annual FREE festival to celebrate Spring, the farmers market without the vegetables! Cars, Food & Merchandise. pabd@q.com www.pacificavenuebusinessdistrict.com

**13 SAT** **Stadium District Art & Wine Walk**  
Stadium Business District, Various venues 3 - 8pm. The 2nd Annual Art & Wine Walk features area artists at more than 15 venues. \$25/person includes commemorative wine glass, 10 tastes, food & more. Portion of proceeds to Mary Bridge Children's Hospital. Lucia 253-579-3006 armstrong@openartstudio.com www.stadiumartandwinewalk.com

**18 THURS** **Third Thursday Art Walk**  
Downtown various venues  
Each 3rd Thursday 5 - 8pm year round. Bring the family and experience joie d'art and music. All galleries are FREE including the Tacoma Art Museum and State History Museum. Craig Radford 253-272-4327 craig@americanartco.com www.artwalktacoma.com

**26-28 FRI-SUN** **Metro Parks Tacoma Art a la Carte at the Taste of Tacoma**  
Point Defiance Park, N 54th & Pearl 11am - 9pm Fri & Sat, 11am - 8pm Sun. www.metroparkstacoma.org

## July

**3 FRI** **Play Tacoma Community Carnival**  
McKinley Playfield, 4321 McKinley Ave 5 - 8pm. FREE! www.metroparkstacoma.org

**4 SAT** **Freedom Fair & Air Show**  
Old Town Business District, Ruston Way 10am - 10:30pm. One of the Nation's top 4th of July celebrations, a Tacoma tradition NOT to be missed. Festivities begin at 10am, Air Show around 1:30pm, fireworks end 10:30pm. 253-682-1446 All the details: www.freedomfair.com

**10 FRI** **Play Tacoma Community Carnival**  
Wright Park, 501 S "I" St 5 - 8pm. FREE! www.metroparkstacoma.org

**11 SAT** **Japanese Obon Festival**  
Tacoma Buddhist Temple, 1717 S. Fawcett 5 - 9pm. Traditional dance and dress, delicious food, and Taiko drumming. www.tacomabt.org

**Bluesberry Pancake Breakfast & Old Town Blues Festival**  
Old Town Business District, Slavonian Hall, 2306 N 30th St and in Old Town Park 9am - Noon: Start with the Bluesberry Pancake Breakfast in Slavonian Hall - donations benefit Old Town flower baskets. www.oldtownbusinessdistrict.com Noon - Midnight: Listen to great music in Old Town Park for FREE 'til 6pm. Until midnight at various paid venues. Proceeds benefit Breast Cancer Resource Center. Ted Brown 253-759-2518 ttownproductions@yahoo.com www.tacomaldtownbluesfest.net

**12 SUN** **Art On The Ave**  
6th Avenue Business District, 6th Ave from Trafton to Cedar 11am - 6pm. Celebrate the City's fertile ground for the arts with live music, food vendors, art and classic cars! 2009 is our 11th year of art and music on 6th Avenue. FREE. Carla Hall 253-651-2414 art-on-the-ave@on6thave.com www.artontheave.org

**16 THURS** **Third Thursday Art Walk**  
Downtown various venues www.artwalktacoma.com

**18 SAT** **T-Town Throwdown III**  
Old Town Waterfront, 3421 Ruston Way 11am - 5pm. Bike trials competition www.metroparkstacoma.org

**25 SAT** **Metro Parks Tacoma Summer Sounds & Cinema**  
Wright Park, 501 S "I" St Begins at 7pm. www.metroparkstacoma.org

**25/26 SAT/SUN** **Ethnic Fest**  
Stadium Business District, Wright Park Division and S I St Noon - 7pm. FREE! Celebrate the richness of our City's diversity with music, food, traditional art and life. www.metroparkstacoma.org

**31 FRI** **Play Tacoma Community Carnival**  
Portland Ave Community Center, 3513 Portland Ave. 5 - 8pm. FREE! www.metroparkstacoma.org

**Metal-Urge Free Community Festival**  
Downtown, Tacoma Art Museum and Tollefson Square, S 17th & Pacific Ave  
Come celebrate Metal-Urge: a city-wide celebration of metal arts at this free community festival featuring an Iron Artist competition and fashion show of wearable art, robots, music, and more. Metal-related activities and exhibits will take place in Tacoma between June 6 and September 20. www.tacomaculture.org

## August

**1 SAT** **Proctor Arts Fest**  
Proctor Business District, North 26th & Proctor 10am - 6pm. Join us for our 13th annual FREE celebration of the arts in the historic streets of Proctor. Fabulous NW music, 100+ NW Arts & Crafts vendors, Kids Arts Fest, Juried Arts Show (also Sun 9-3) art demonstrations, Bite of Proctor, Sidewalk Sale Fri & Sat, Top Dog Contest and Parade. www.proctorartsfest.com

**Urban Art Festival**  
Downtown near the Swiss, S 19th and Jefferson 11am to 9pm. 5th Annual Downtown Art, Music & newly added Hot Rod Show. 50+ NW merchants, live music, DJs, live glass blowing, Graffiti Artist, spoken word, performance art, Kids activities and much more. FREE—sponsored by the Swiss. www.theswisspub.com johannisbrg@yahoo.com

**Pt Defiance Salmon Fishing Derby**  
Point Defiance Park, N 54th & Pearl Ducks Unlimited & Metro Parks Tacoma Begins at dawn. www.metroparkstacoma.org

**Metro Parks Tacoma Summer Sounds**  
South Park, 4851 South Tacoma Way Begins at 7pm. www.metroparkstacoma.org

**4 TUES** **National Night Out**  
City wide—all evening long  
The first Tuesday in August—a nation-wide celebration of community and neighborhood spirit against crime. Make your own block party, get to know your neighbors and the people who help make Tacoma a great place to live, work and play! Contact SAFE Streets at 253-272-6824 campaign@safest.org www.safest.org

**7 FRI** **Play Tacoma Community Carnival**  
South Park, 4851 South Tacoma Way 5 - 8pm. FREE! www.metroparkstacoma.org

**8 SAT** **School Supply & Health & Safety Fair**  
Portland Ave Business District, Portland Ave Community Center, 3513 Portland Ave 2 - 9pm. World Vision, Metro Parks & community partners host this FREE fair for the kids! Fun activities for all—stay and see a FREE movie after the school giveaway! Laura Rodriguez 253-383-1528 lrodrigu@worldvision.org

**AND**  
**Metro Parks Tacoma Summer Sounds & Cinema**  
Begins at 7pm. www.metroparkstacoma.org

**9 SUN** **Fern Hill Days Street Fair & Car Show**  
Fern Hill Historic Business District, S 84th St and Park Ave 10am to 4pm. Join with friends and neighbors for a fun family celebration with live music, food, crafts and flashy, flashy cars. FREE. Deborah Pittman 253-471-7230 www.fernhillbusinessdistrict.com

**14 FRI** **Play Tacoma Community Carnival**  
Jefferson Park, 801 N Mason Ave 5 - 8pm. FREE! www.metroparkstacoma.org

**15 SAT** **South Tacoma 13th Annual Classic Car Show**  
South Tacoma Business District, South Tacoma Way between 50th and 58th 10am - 4pm. One of the premiere Classic Car Shows in the Northwest. Over 300 cars and trucks. Come out and enjoy a great day on South Tacoma Way. A family friendly event with great music and food. FREE. 253-475-5676 rjfsk@att.net www.southtacomabusinesdistrict.com

**Summer Sounds Concert**  
McKinley Playfield, 4321 McKinley Ave Begins at 7pm. www.metroparkstacoma.org

**20 THURS** **Third Thursday Art Walk**  
Downtown various venues www.artwalktacoma.com

**29/30 SAT/SUN** **Maritime Festival**  
Foss Waterway, Thea Foss Park 10am - 6pm both days. Celebrate Tacoma's historic working waterfront! Boat rides & train rides at Tacoma Rail, tours of the Port, live entertainment, beer garden, sand sculptures, food & craft vendors, and maritime demonstrations. Julie Coggins 253-318-2210. www.maritimefest.org

**29** **The Tacoma Dragon Boat Association**  
Hosts their 10th annual dragon boat race as part of Maritime Fest celebrations. 9am. www.tacomadragonboat.org

## September

**5 SAT** **Music & Murals in the Park**  
Upper Tacoma Business District, People's Park S 9th & Martin Luther King Jr Way 11am - 5pm. A celebration of music, art and community, Music & Murals brings neighbors together. FREE. Jennifer Richardson 253-224-8987 jennifer@KyvaSpa.com www.upperacomabusinesdistrict.com

**12 SAT** **Ruston Music Fest**  
Sponsored by Ruston Pt Defiance Business District, N 51st & Pearl St 11am - 7pm. Live music, regional art, kids activities and great food. Flea market & artist booths. Angela 253-426-5704 angela.jossey@gmail.com www.pointdefiancecmusicfest.org

**13 SUN** **Bank to Bay Run**  
Downtown, Old Town, Pacific Ave to Ruston Way 8am registration. KeyBank and the City of Tacoma host the 10th Annual 10K Run, 5K Run/Walk and 1K Kids' Run. The USA Track & Field certified course, closed to traffic, begins in the Museum District between S 15th and 17th Streets on Pacific Avenue and runs behind Old City Hall and along Schuster Parkway to Ruston Way. Karrie Spitzer karrie.spitzer@cityoftacoma.org www.banktobay.com

**17 THURS** **Third Thursday Art Walk**  
Downtown various venues www.artwalktacoma.com

**And the fun continues!**  
Save the dates this fall for more exciting events!

## October

**17 SAT** **Cross District Association Annual Auction & Wine Tasting**  
UPS, Wheelock Student Center Rotunda Room 5:30 - 9:30pm. Annual Fundraiser Auction & Wine Tasting, proceeds support Neighborhood Business Districts. \$50/person. 253-627-5277 Ron Michael rhicken56@yahoo.com www.tacomabusinesdistricts.com

## November is Art at Work Month

**Various locations throughout Tacoma**  
November 2009 marks our 8th Annual Art at Work Month. Make room in your calendar for 30 days of free and low cost events; hundreds of visual, literary and performing arts programs as well as cultural and community offerings are planned. This year's events include a Community Celebration of the Arts, Studio Tours, Art Slam, and Arts Symposium. Visit www.tacomaculture.org/arts/ArtatWork.asp for the complete program; information will be updated as it becomes available. Naomi Strom-Avila 253-591-5191 nstrom-avila@cityoftacoma.org

See farmers markets on back

