

CCBA Newsletter

February 2020

Beads Out! Beatwalk's Fat Tues. Feb. 25th



It's that time of year again! Beatwalk's Fat Tuesday Edition is coming. Here is the lineup for the evening's events:

The Parade: As we do every year, there will be a Sidewalk Parade led by Beatwalk Booking Coordinator, Tisha Galloway and the Jazz Night School, followed by our "2nd Line". The 2nd Line is made up of neighbors, or anyone who would like to join in our march. We will be meeting up at Lottie's Lounge between 5:30pm-5:45pm, and marching out at 6pm. Lottie's is kid-friendly until 10pm. So your kids are very welcome to participate!

The Venues and Musicians:

- **Jeffrey Taylor State Farm:** Barry Blendiana Jones aka DJ Topspin 5:30pm-8:30pm
- **Tutta Bella Neapolitan Pizzeria:** Songstress Sheila Kay and keyboardist Beth Wulff 6pm-8pm
- **Island Soul Rum Bar & Soul Shack:** DJ MR. NYICE GUY 6pm-9pm
- **Columbia City Ale House:** Motown's HB Herman Brown 6:30pm-8:30pm
- **Backyard:** Roc Phizzle and the Rhythm Section 7pm-9pm
- **The Hummingbird Saloon:** The Arturo Rene Rodriguez Trio 7:30pm-9:30pm
- **The Royal Room:** SeattleJazzED New Works 5:30pm-7:30pm and The "Meter" Maids 8pm-10pm
- **Lottie's Lounge:** Lamar Lofton with Swing 3PO 8pm-10pm

Laissez les bons temps rouler!!! Translation: Let the good times roll! Mai ya shal! <https://facebook.com/events/s/fat-tuesday-edition-of-beatwalk/1039658326403882/?ti=as>

Talk to Your City Councilmember Friday, Feb. 28th @ Taproot

Do you have concerns or suggestions you'd like Seattle City Council to hear? Our newly elected representative for District 2, Tammy Morales, will hold office hours in Columbia City at Taproot Cafe, 4908 Rainier Ave South the morning of February 28th.

RSVP for a one-to-one with Councilmember Morales between 10:00am and 12:00pm by contacting one of her staff at office number: 206-684-8802.

Next CCBA Meeting is Tuesday, March 10th

This first meeting of 2020 will be at the PCC community classroom and start at 9:00 AM sharp. Besides the regular neighborhood updates and chance to mingle, a very special guest will be speaking about "the good, the bad, and the ugly of operating a small business in Columbia City". You won't want to miss it!



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In our first effort using our new online payment platform 65% of you have already renewed your CCBA membership for 2020. Thank you so much!

If you did not get an invoice or need help, please e-mail CCBA Member Services at: info@columbiacityseattle.com



City Releases 2019 Columbia City Parking Data and Adjusts Rates

For areas around the city where parking is metered, SDOT surveys the use of the metered spaces annually. The pricing on the meters is intended to manage the business district parking so as to have between 70% and 85% of the spaces occupied at any time. SDOT's goals are to encourage turnover to help businesses and to limit cruising time awaiting an open space.

For 2019, SDOT reports 50% occupancy in the morning (9 AM to 10 AM), 75% occupancy in the afternoon (11 AM to 4 PM), and 91% occupancy in the evening (6 PM to 7 PM). So, according to SDOT's metrics, in the morning occupancy is too low, in the evening there aren't enough available spots, and occupancy is about right during the middle part of the day. As a result, SDOT will be lowering the hourly rates on our meters during the morning hours (from \$1.00 to 50 cents), and raising the hourly rates in the evening (from \$1.50 to \$2.00). The mid-day rate will be left unchanged at \$1.00.



Attention "Main Street" Business Owners

To make business districts livelier and increase customer traffic, the city is mounting an effort to encourage businesses to make more productive use of sidewalks and streets. They are calling it the "Business Enhancements Program". This SDOT program is aimed at offering more potential uses of public space, making it easier to get the necessary permits, and reducing the cost of those permits. The program covers outdoor seating, signs and graphics, and sidewalk merchandise displays. To get more information, contact Amy at amy.nguyen@seattle.gov or Casey at casey.rogers@seattle.gov.

CCBA / Rainier ABC Collaboration Advances

The Columbia City and Hillman City business associations, working together under the umbrella of the Rainier Avenue Business Coalition (Rainier ABC), continue to figure out how to provide support and advocacy for more businesses while consolidating selected functions to reduce costs and eliminate redundant volunteer effort. Expect some changes this year as to who provides certain administrative, training and business support functions. If you have questions about this, contact your CCBA representatives on the Rainier ABC steering committee: Bill Woods at bwoods3@yahoo.com, Adam Rose at adam.charles.rose@gmail.com, or Rob Mohn at mohnrobert@comcast.net.

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!



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