

TACOMA



CELEBRATES
**NATIONAL
WELCOMING WEEK**
SEPTEMBER 15-24

WELCOMING WEEK IS CELEBRATED NATIONALLY AS A TIME FOR COMMUNITIES TO BUILD CROSS-CULTURAL RELATIONSHIPS AND STRENGTHEN THEIR COMMITMENTS TO WELCOMING IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES. THIS YEAR, JOIN TACOMA IN CELEBRATING ITS STATUS AS A WELCOMING CITY BY PARTICIPATING IN THESE FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS SEPTEMBER 15-24!

ONGOING EVENT **“WASHINGTON, MY HOME” MUSEUM EXHIBIT**
WHERE: Washington State History Museum (1911 Pacific Ave.)
Through oral histories and artifacts, this permanent exhibit explores migration and immigration through the experiences of diverse individuals who, over time, have come to live in Washington.

SEPT 15 **TOGETHERNESS HANDPRINT COLLAGE**
WHEN: Friday, September 15 | 12-5 PM
WHERE: University Y Student Center (1710 Market St.)
A collaborative artwork celebrating community and diversity.

SEPT 15 **MARIACHI HUENACHI**
WHEN: Friday, September 15 | 3-4:35 PM
WHERE: Schneebeck Concert Hall, University of Puget Sound (1500 N. Warner St.)
A free musical event featuring Wenatchee High School’s advanced mariachi class, Mariachi Huenachi. Program students confront the challenges of poverty, legal status, and societal expectations as they strive for better lives for themselves and their families.
Sponsored by Latinx Unidos and The Associated Students of the University of Puget Sound.

SEPT 16 **“A FRESH LOOK INSIDE AND OUT” ART RECEPTION**
WHEN: Saturday, September 16 | 12-1:30 PM
WHERE: Morgan Family YMCA Community Art Studio (1002 S Pearl St.)
An afternoon to celebrate the artwork of refugee and immigrant youth from the South Sound that explores what has made them who they are today and what makes us community. Attendees will explore ways to create a more welcoming community and participate in a celebration of Mexican Independence Day with a performance by Esplendor Mexicano at 1:15 PM.
Sponsored by YMCA and Catholic Community Services.

SEPT 19 **CITY OF TACOMA WELCOMING WEEK PROCLAMATION**
WHEN: Tuesday, September 19 | 5 PM
WHERE: Council Chambers, Tacoma Municipal Building (747 Market St.)
City Council proclamation of Welcoming Week in Tacoma.

SEPT 19 **CHALKBOARD MURAL**
WHEN: Tuesday, September 19 – Saturday, September 23
WHERE: Morgan Family YMCA (1002 S Pearl St.)
An interactive mural exploring identity and place-making.

SEPT 20 **VOICES FROM LGBTQ IMMIGRANTS & REFUGEES**
WHEN: Wednesday, September 20 | 5:30-7:30 PM
WHERE: Rainbow Center (2215 Pacific Ave.)
A panel featuring LGBTQ immigrants and refugees from Russia, Mexico, and Colombia. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage in Q&A with panelists. Refreshments provided.

SEPT 21 **IMMIGRANT DETENTION: HISTORIES, HOPES, AND CURRENT REALITIES IN A WELCOMING CITY**
WHEN: Thursday, September 21 | 5:30-7:30 PM
WHERE: Washington State History Museum (1911 Pacific Ave.)
An event assessing Tacoma’s status as a Welcoming City in light of the Northwest Detention Center’s presence in the Tide Flats, drawing perspectives from national and local history, community panelists, and facilitated discussions.
Sponsored by Tacoma Community House and the Washington State History Museum.

SEPT 21 **FLAVOR: STAND UP FOR IMMIGRANTS, SIT DOWN FOR A MEAL**
WHEN: Thursday, September 21
WHERE: Varies – see www.TacomaCommunityHouse.org/Flavor for participating restaurants!
An annual dining fundraiser for Tacoma Community House that brings together immigrants and U.S.-born residents in a spirit of unity and welcoming. Dine at a participating FLAVOR restaurant and 25%+ of your bill will go to TCH!

SEPT 23 **ART WORKSHOPS**
WHEN: Saturday, September 23 | 12-3 PM
WHERE: Morgan Family YMCA (1002 S Pearl St.)

12:00-1:30 PM:
Margaret Doty, Tacoma Community College, “Who Am I?” A visual arts workshop that will explore identity through mixed media collage.

1:30-3:00 PM:
Ala Talo, Asia Pacific Cultural Center and Hearts for Kids. A cultural arts workshop featuring a Pacific Island dance performance and Samoan Dance workshop.

THE TACOMA WELCOMING WEEK COLLECTIVE IS IN SOLIDARITY WITH DACA RECIPIENTS AND ALL IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES WHO CALL TACOMA HOME.