

6th Avenue District

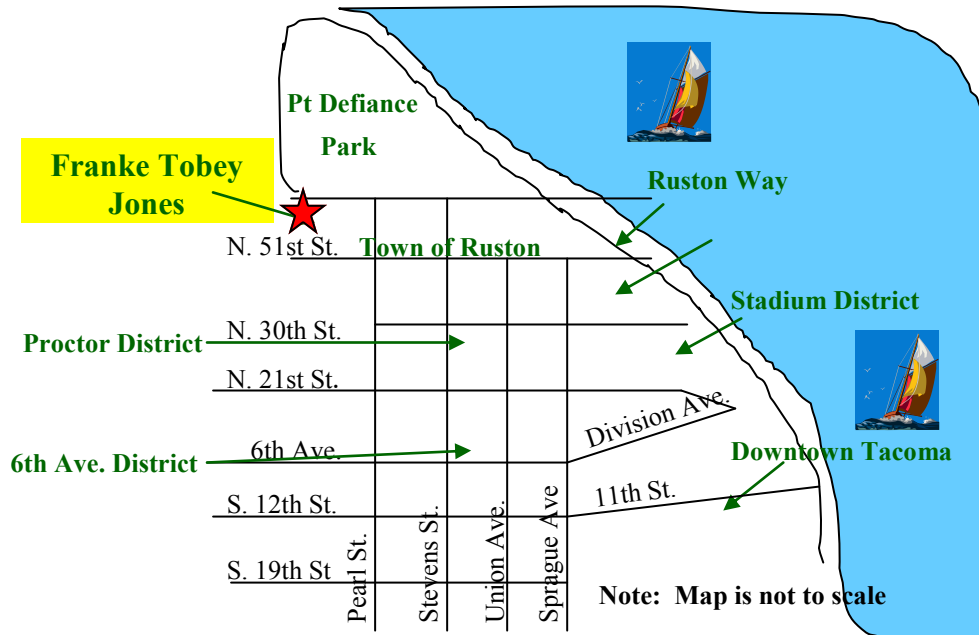
When you're looking for the latest and trendiest spots in town for dining, dancing, and shopping, look no further than "the Ave" -- Sixth Avenue, that is. Stretching from State to Proctor Streets, the Sixth Avenue business district is home to hundreds of shops, restaurants, night clubs, coffee houses and wine bars. During the day, the sidewalks bustle with shoppers who know



they can take care of all their business on the Ave, from grocery shopping to banking to hair and nail care. At night, the streets come alive as visitors converge on the Avenue to revel in the energy and excitement.



Each year in July they celebrate the eclectic Art on the Ave, a day-long celebration of art, artists, entertainment and food. The festival and Sixth Avenue's commitment to public art earned the Sixth Ave. Business District an Award in 2006 from the Tacoma Arts Commission.



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In The Neighborhood So Much to See and Do!



"I wish we had moved here sooner!"

- Point Defiance Park
- City of Ruston
- Downtown Tacoma
- Proctor District
- Stadium District
- 6th Avenue District

All these wonderful locations are just minutes from Franke Tobey Jones!



Point Defiance Park

Adjacent to Franke Tobey Jones is the gorgeous 702-acre Point Defiance Park. Natural forest, saltwater beaches and spectacular views offer numerous possibilities for recreation, education and communing with nature. The park is open from sunrise to approximately half and hour after sunset. Point Defiance Park—it's just absolutely amazing and something you could explore for years and never get tired of. Some of the many attractions at Point Defiance Park are:

- Gardens and Old Growth Forest
- Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium
- Five Mile Drive
- Walking Trails
- Pagoda & Lodge
- Owen Beach
- Fort Nisqually
- Boathouse Marina
- Anthony's Restaurant

Winding through Point Defiance Park's old growth forest, Five Mile Drive offers vistas of Puget Sound, the Cascade and Olympic mountain ranges, Tacoma Narrows and Narrows Bridges, Vashon Island and Gig Harbor. Viewpoints provide opportunities to relax, picnic and take pictures. Picnic sites in Point Defiance that are easily accessible are Gig Harbor View, Fort Nisqually and Owen Beach.

The drive is closed to vehicle traffic every Saturday and Sunday until 1 p.m. so visitors may run, walk or bicycle along the scenic drive.



Stadium District

The Stadium District is home to some of Tacoma's most impressive man-made and natural landmarks. Located high on a cliff, the neighborhood offers breath taking views of Commencement Bay and the Olympic Mountains. The Stadium District is home to many buildings of architectural significance. Stadium High School, for instance, was originally conceived as a grandiose seven-story hotel built in the style of a French chateau in 1891. It was later transformed into a high school. There is also Stadium Bowl located right next to the high school. It was the first stadium on the American West Coast and was visited by three different American presidents (Theodore Roosevelt, Warren Harding, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt), as well as Babe Ruth and Jack Dempsey.



Just down Tacoma Avenue from Stadium High is the lush greenery of the 27-acre Wright Park and Seymour Botanical Conservatory, which are surrounded by blocks of



stately old homes and mansions that were built by many of the Northwest's railroad, timber and shipping barons near the turn of the 20th century.

The Stadium District offers more than 70 businesses and services in a picturesque neighborhood setting. You'll receive friendly service from family-owned businesses and experience a genuine sense of community created by the celebrations the district hosts. Special holiday events include the popular Halloween "Street of Treats" and the weekend-long Dickens Holiday Festival that includes tours of the neighborhood's historic homes and roving minstrel singers.



Proctor District

The Proctor District is one of the oldest shopping areas in the city and was one of the six original business districts organized through the City of Tacoma's Neighborhood Business District Revitalization Program. Since 1991, volunteers have worked diligently to beautify the district with historic street lighting, trees, planters, and public art.



Within 9 square blocks, the Proctor District is home to many unique, family owned small businesses. The venerable old Blue Mouse Theater, built in 1923, is the oldest continuously operating movie theater in Washington State and is open seven days a week. There are many great eateries including Europa Bistro, Babblin' Babs, Old House Cafe, East West Cafe, Pomodoro, La Fondita, Knapps and Pour At Four. Proctor is also home to several banks, bowling alley, library, veterinary clinic and the Pacific Northwest Shop that specializes in products made exclusively in the Pacific Northwest. The Metropolitan Market and Safeway

are both at the corner of North 25th and Proctor. With just one stop in Proctor, you can take care of all your errands – the post office, library, banks and dry cleaners are all within walking distance of each other.

Throughout the year, the Proctor District celebrates their sense of community by hosting numerous special events that appeal to young and old alike, including the popular Proctor Farmers' Market, Arts Festival, The Junior Daffodil Parade and Proctor Treats.



Ruston Way



Just 5 minutes from Franke Tobey Jones is the scenic Puget Sound waterfront...and it's beautiful! There's a ferry to Vashon Island several times a day, you can sometimes see Orcas and sea otters come right up to the boat. The businesses along Pearl Street include the charming Antique Sandwich Company, antique stores and an exotic nursery.



Ruston Way, a two-mile long scenic waterfront retreat, is incredibly picturesque. There are picnic tables/grills, grassy play areas, a fishing pier, boat dock all with beach access. Panoramic views of Commencement Bay, Vashon Island, the Olympic Mountains and Northeast Tacoma greet visitors to Ruston Way. It's a great place for walking, jogging or rollerblading. Fishing enthusiasts can find a place to drop their lines at the Les Davis Pier. Public art projects add interest to a walk down Ruston Way where you'll also find several restaurants:



- ◇ C.I. Shenanigan's
- ◇ Dock Street Sandwich Co.
- ◇ Dukes Chowder House
- ◇ Harbor Lights
- ◇ Katie Downs Tavern and Restaurant
- ◇ Lobster Shop
- ◇ The Ram Restaurant & Brewery





Downtown Tacoma



Located between Seattle and the state capital of Olympia, Tacoma has a unique, hometown feel. World-class museums, hotels and theaters draw thousands to the downtown core while the shores of Puget Sound and the statuesque Mount Rainier call out to adventurers. With a population of approximately 200,000, the city that incorporated in 1884 has grown from its historical roots as a home of sawmills, sailors and fishermen, and a bustling port that exported goods around the world to a center for international exports, the arts and healthy, affordable living. Tacoma's downtown streets are filled with an intriguing mix of historic buildings, contemporary designs, unique shops, fine restaurants and pedestrian -friendly streets where you can shop, dine, explore, entertain and play.

Union Station/University of Washington—Tacoma

Located along Pacific Avenue, from 21st to 17th, this neighborhood contains some of the best examples of Tacoma's historic architecture. It also offers great shopping, dining and night life. Union Station displays glass works designed by Dale Chihuly,



and a beautiful restoration of the building, which is now occupied by the federal court house.

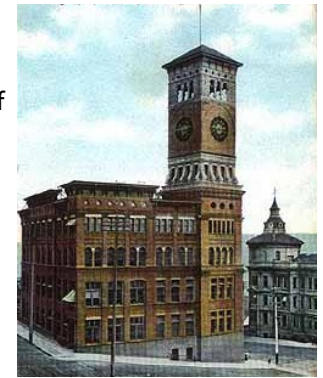
The Theater District

Long known for its contribution to the performing arts, this district spans Broadway, from 9th to 11th, and South 9th from Market to Commerce. With theaters like the Pantages and Rialto, there is always a show to see. The neighborhood also boasts fine dining, fine jewelry and art, and downtown's Christmas Tree and New Years Eve Celebrations.



Historic Pacific Avenue

Located on a dramatic bluff overlooking Commencement Bay, Tacoma's Historic Pacific Avenue reflects the city's political, economic, and cultural past in significant architectural buildings and places such as Old City Hall, the Northern Pacific Building and Fireman's Park. The area bustles with activity from a wide variety of trendy restaurants, cozy pubs, eclectic gift shops and restorative boutique salons and spas to infuse panache and vitality into your body and soul.



Museum District

Tacoma has truly transformed with the emergence of a dramatic "Museum District" in the heart of downtown. Three major museums form an impressive triangle—the Tacoma Art Museum, the Museum of Glass and the WA State History Museum. Linking them is the spectacular Chihuly Bridge of Glass and historic Union Station, also filled with Chihuly art. Tacoma has many cultural attractions within easy walking distance of each other and with light rail to parking.



Antique Row

Antique Row on Broadway and St. Helens between 9th & 7th is famous for its vast variety of vintage and antique goods.

Opera Alley

Downtown's oldest and newest district, this little slice of Tacoma is a collection of beautifully restored buildings and unique retail shops. Stroll along St. Helen's, north of 9th, and veer off to the right, just past the guitar shop. It's a step back in time to a more genteel era.

Thea Foss Waterway

Thea Foss Waterway is a 1.5 mile inlet off Commencement Bay that runs along Tacoma's downtown shoreline. Over the past several years this waterway has been transformed into a shining example of economic revitalization with a waterfront walkway, public event plazas, marinas, shops, restaurants and cultural centers.

