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Tacoma Mayor Bill Baarsma will tell the story of the back-and-forth struggle between two early-day Tacoma mayors when the Tacoma Historical Society holds its 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on April 13.

The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Downtown campus of Bates Technical College, South 11th and Yakima Avenue. The event is free and the public is invited. The society's annual Murray Morgan and Alan Liddle awards will be presented.

Mayor Baarsma, a longtime member of Tacoma Historical Society, has made a particular study of Tacoma's mayors. He will be discussing the "odd couple" of Tacoma's mayors -- the urbane W.W. Seymour and the rough-and-tumble Angelo Vance Fawcett, who kept ousting each other from office.

Baarsma was elected Mayor of Tacoma in 2002 following a 33-year career teaching business and public administration at the University of Puget Sound. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science, a master's degree in government and a doctorate in public administration. He lives in the North End with his wife, Carol.

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