

NORTH K STREET LINE - WSHS 1895 Image

# *Trolley Times*

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YOUR HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD

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## **Celebrate Historic Preservation Month With a Presentation on the Famous and Infamous of the North Slope**

**May 28 Immanuel Presbyterian Church  
901 N J St. Enter on N 9th St.  
Social begins at 6:30, Program at 7 pm**

Living in the North Slope and strolling through tree lined streets adorned with some of the most romantic pieces of architecture stirs the senses of yesteryear. You would naturally assume these historical home caretakers would hail from the ranks of bankers, attorneys, small business owners, and those who worked for the railroad. Local historian Marshall McClintock says otherwise and will unwrap the "hot bed" of culture introducing us to some of the artists, opera stars, writers, and movie stars who called the North Slope their home. Aren't you curious about who may have entertained or been entertained in your home? If our walls could only speak what secrets they might share with us, the current caretakers of these homes? Join us on **Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup> at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 901 North J Street. Doors open at 6:30pm with dessert and coffee; program starts at 7pm.**

### **Save The Dates 2026**

**May 28--** General Meeting; Program on the famous and infamous that grew up in the NSHD

**July 11--** NSHD Annual Garage Sale 9-4 pm; registration form is included in this newsletter.

**August 4--** National Night Out

**August 27--** General Meeting; Tacoma Tree Foundation program

**November 19--** Holiday Party



## Planting Your Spring Garden

Lots of us are busy getting garden beds ready for planting seeds and seedlings, but here is a different take on a "garden!"

### For The Garden of Your Daily Living

#### Plant Three Rows of Peas

1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of Soul

#### Plant Four Rows of Squash

1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

#### Plant Four Rows of Lettuce

1. Lettuce Be Faithful
2. Lettuce Be Kind
3. Lettuce Be Patient
4. Lettuce Really Love One Another

### No Garden is Complete without Turnips

1. Turnip For Meetings
2. Turnip For Service
3. Turnip To Help One Another

### To Conclude Our Garden, We Must Have Thyme

1. Thyme For Each Other
2. Thyme For Family
3. Thyme For Friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow. **Anonymous**

## **City's Community Re-Use Events Return for 2026**

Some of you may remember the “neighborhood clean-up” days we used to have where the City would bring dumpsters to the Hilltop Heritage Middle School parking lot, and neighbors could dispose of all kinds of stuff free of charge. The City has discontinued that program and replaced it with the “call to haul” program. One of the frustrations we had with the cleanup days was that it was sometimes difficult to get reusable items to places who could redistribute them; a lot of items with life left in them ended up in the dumpsters. The City Environmental Services Department last year started “Beyond the Bin,” which holds free community reuse collection events. This program is designed to keep reusable items out of the landfill and provide them to people who can use them.

This year they plan 26 event dates on Fridays between April and September, at the Tacoma Recovery and Transfer Center at 3510 S. Mullen Street, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm or until their collection truck is full. Items collected are distributed to partner charities such as Goodwill, Habitat for Humanity, Northwest Center, Northwest Furniture Bank, and Second Use. Check the program website, [tacoma.gov/beyondthebin](http://tacoma.gov/beyondthebin), to see what each partner accepts.



## **City Tree and Landscaping Code Update is Beginning**

The City is beginning work on an update to the city tree and landscape regulations as part of an effort to protect and expand Tacoma’s urban forest.

The City Council adopted the Urban Forest Priority Action Plan in 2025, which includes regulatory and non-regulatory tools for tree preservation and expansion of tree planting and maintenance. This regulation update will look at tree planting requirements for new development, including parking lots; standards for preserving trees; and ways to expand the tree canopy in areas with lower tree coverage.

The Planning Commission will be reviewing the proposal later this year, with recommendations to the City Council in early 2027. There should be opportunities for public comment at both stages. To learn more, check out the project’s website at [tacoma.gov/project/tree-and-landscape-code-update](http://tacoma.gov/project/tree-and-landscape-code-update).

## NSHD Garage Sale Is on Saturday July 11 – Sign Up Now!

Registrations for the annual North Slope Garage Sale help to provide funds to NSHD expenses, such as space for our quarterly meetings. If you've participated before or even driven around the 'hood on that day, you know that it's a popular event! Judy advertises the sale in various media and prints a map with the garage sale locations to distribute to sale goers. Maps are available at her house starting at 9:00 am on the sale day, July 11 (and no earlier).

If you'd like to have your sale included in the neighborhood map, fill out this form and attach \$10 cash or check made payable to NSHD, and mail or deliver to:

**Judy Martin, 515 North M Street**

Contact Judy Martin with questions at 253-307-7949

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Where will your sale be? Circle one: Parkway or Alley

One item you would like to feature in the map and advertising (such as baby clothing, plants):

\_\_\_\_\_

Mail or drop off with \$10 by July 8 to Judy Martin, 515 N. M St.

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## **National Night Out is Tuesday August 4**

It's not too early to start thinking about a plan for this year's National Night Out, which will be Tuesday, August 4. Get a list of neighbors and their contact information and decide where you want to have your event. National Night Out is a long-standing movement intended to promote neighborhood safety by encouraging neighbors to get to know one another, share contact information, and keep an eye out on their neighborhood. And National Night Out gatherings are a lot of fun! You can plan whatever you like – a dessert potluck, a barbecue, kids' games, music, or whatever works for your group. Be creative!

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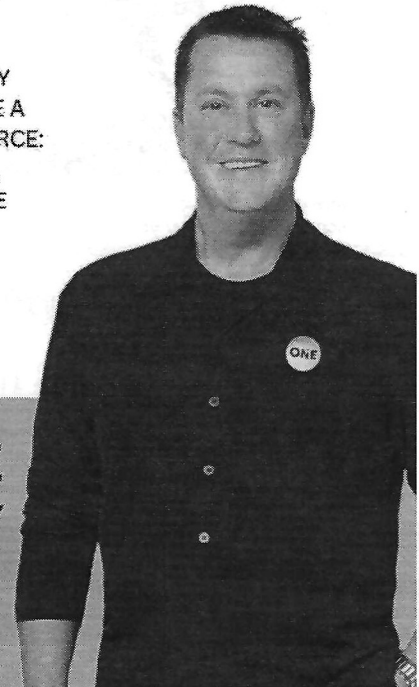
## **Porchfest 2026 is Coming Up in July**

Right next door to the North Slope across Steele Street and across 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Tacoma Porchfest 2026 will take place on July 18 and 19. Performances on July 18 will be on the south side of 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, and those on July 19 on the north side. Porchfest is a walkable music festival that features musicians performing on neighborhood porches – and it's free! Porchfest is organized by community members in partnership with North End Neighborhood Council, Central Neighborhood Council, and Sixth Avenue Business District. See their website for more information, [www.tacomaporchfest.org](http://www.tacomaporchfest.org). Check it out and pick out your favorite band!

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