



Trolley Times

North Slope Historic District Inc. Aug 2025

YOUR HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD

Volume 115

“Safety First” Is the Theme for Our August 28th Meeting

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

Who do I call when this happens.....

Where do I look for information on.....

These are a small sampling of common questions that we ponder in a day

Please join us Thursday evening, August 28th at

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 901 North J Street

Community Liaison Officer (CLO) Kristen Braziel will be our presenter for the evening, with a slide show educating us on how to navigate the Tacoma Police Dashboard. She will help us understand how important this tool is for the citizens of our community and how to best utilize its features. We will have additional safety information and liaisons at this all-important meeting.

Please bring questions for our CLO!

Save The Dates 2025

August 5th National Night Out-- Organize a potluck with your neighbors for National Night Out

August 5 – Primary Election – remember to vote!

August 28th General Meeting – Safety First!

Nov 20th NSHD Holiday Party – Tacoma Trivia with Debbie Freeman

Local Scouts Holding Fundraiser Saturday September 6

Scouting America Troop 299 is holding its annual Giant Community Treasure Bazaar on Saturday, September 6 from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm at St. Patrick's Church parking lot, 1123 North J Street.

The troop will be accepting donations on September 2, 3, and 4 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm at the St. Patrick's Church hall. Suggested donations include toys, smaller furniture, kitchen and housewares, accessories, luggage, home décor, seasonal/holiday items, outdoor gear, tools, and sports equipment. They cannot accept clothes, shoes, linens, large furniture, mattresses, computers, paint or chemicals, cribs, or carseats. Donated items should be gently used, clean, and in good condition.

Troop 299 is based at St Patrick's Church and meets on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm, and is open to all of the local community. Troop 299 includes 299G for girls and 299B for boys, ages 11 to 17. They meet throughout the entire year, including at least one monthly outing. Proceeds from the Bazaar help to reduce costs for summer camp and high adventure outings.

For more information, please contact Erin at 206-529-7017, or Lorne35@outlook.com.

Please consider supporting our local Scouts by donating, shopping at the Bazaar, or both!

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National Night Out Is Tuesday August 5 – Get Together With Your Neighbors!

National Night Out is Tuesday, August 5, so plan to gather with your neighbors to set up block parties, organize a block watch group, or celebrate the group you have. National Night Out is meant to foster relationships with close neighbors so that all can have someone to call on in an emergency and people can look out for each other. Plan a cook-out or dessert potluck; select a person who can collect phone or text numbers and distribute to the group. Make plans to act on any problems you have in the neighborhood. Or just take it easy and visit with each other!

Invite the neighbors on your block and decide where to hold your get-together. Just use someone's front or back yard. Eat, visit, and share contact information, and talk about any problems you'd like to work on. Get to know your neighbors – we all need each other!

Tacoma Historical Society: An Opportunity to Participate in the 2026 Historic Homes Tour

The Tacoma Historical Society is planning its next big fundraiser for the first weekend in May, the 2026 Historic Homes Tour, and is seeking homeowners willing to help by opening their houses to the public. If you have questions, or want to offer your home for the fundraiser, contact Jessica Smith, Managing Director, at director@tacomahistory.org before February 2026. For example, if you're concerned about recruiting volunteer docents for your home, contact Jessica with your questions.

THS envisions helping the community to make intergenerational connections by executing its mission to preserve, present, and promote well-researched history about this place and the individuals who made Tacoma the city we experience today. Proceeds from the fundraiser enable THS to train and employ staff to operate its free museum, care for the artifacts in its collection, and create educational exhibits, programming, and events that are relevant to its audiences.

The 2025 Historic Homes Tours was a record-breaking success, demonstrating that this is a popular community celebration of Tacoma, its history, and historic preservation.

There are many reasons to volunteer to open your home. Among them, you will receive a history of your house, researched by museum staff, and a metal plaque commemorating your participation in the fundraiser. You will also meet people who love Tacoma, its history and the architecture of its buildings. Please consider participating!

Monthly Jazz Concerts at Immanuel Presbyterian

If you're a fan of jazz, or any live music, check out Jazz on J Street's monthly concerts at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, at North J Street and North 9th. Concerts are held in the church sanctuary at 7:00 pm on the third Saturday of each month and feature terrific local and regional jazz musicians. Admission is free, and Jazz on J Street takes up a free-will offering to support the musicians. Immanuel is within walking distance of most of the North Slope neighborhood, so it's a great opportunity to get out for a nice evening walk and enjoy some fantastic live music with your neighbors.

Tacoma City Council Passes Tree Resolution

The Tacoma City Council has taken action to protect and extend our tree canopy. Twenty-eight hundred signatures on TUFF's (Tacoma Urban Forest Friends) petition to the City Council asking them to resurrect the city's Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP), adopted by the Council in 2019 but never funded, caught their attention. And the joint letter signed by nineteen local volunteer organizations, including ...

- 350 Tacoma
- Climate Alliance of the South Sound
- Climate Pierce County
- Communities for a Healthy Bay
- Community Council of Tacoma
- ForeverGreen Trails
- Hilltop Urban Gardens
- Historic Tacoma
- Indivisible Tacoma
- League of Women Voters
- Native Daily Alliance
- North End Neighborhood Council
- North Slope Historic District
- South End Neighborhood Council
- South Tacoma Neighborhood Council
- Tacoma Garden Club
- Tacoma Historic Society
- Tacoma Tree Foundation
- Tacoma Urban Forest Friends

... made it happen. When can you remember even two organizations agreeing to the same wording for such a document, let alone 19? A clear and broad representation of how strong the people of Tacoma feel about restoring our tree canopy.

The Council voted to launch a two-year project aimed at creating the municipal code to protect, extend, and fund our tree canopy while finding ways for trees and the higher housing density of Home in Tacoma to work together as the critical elements of a healthy and flexible place to live, work, and play. The Council passed Resolution 41682 unanimously on May 13' outlining a detailed calendar with three phases culminating in a funding plan in time for the next biennial budget. Councilmember Kristina Walker, with strong support from Council members John Hines and Sarah Rumbaugh, led the effort to produce and present the plan.

This is not the result we need, but it is the only way the City can commit and fund what we need. It is a detailed plan clearly committed to a positive outcome. Now it is our challenge to work with the Council and City employees along each step of each phase of the project.

We have obtained the internet domain ReforestTacoma.com and are in the process of creating a website that we can all use to track the progress of the project. **If any of you can help us with this effort, please call Tom Giske at 425-301-5925.** Look for the site to be operational in by the end of July. It will give you the option to register as a Reforest Tacoma Advocate, with a variety of contributions you can make to ensure the City produces the program we need.

City Prepares to Adopt Historic Preservation Code Changes

The Historic Preservation Code amendments will be presented for public release at the Planning Commission on July 16, in preparation for a public hearing on August 6. Please consider attending the meeting and/or submitting written comments to Planning@tacoma.gov by August 6.

Proposed changes are based on Comprehensive Plan amendments and public comments, guidance from Landmarks Preservation Commission and Planning Commission, changes to state law, and ongoing input from commission members and stakeholders.

Proposed changes include:

1. Revising the Historic District nomination processes to respond to issues identified during recent historic district reviews, including accessibility, equity and process improvements, clarification of the respective roles of the Planning and Landmarks Commissions, and alignment with other similar land use reviews. In particular, this section will clarify that the Landmarks Preservation Commission is the expert on historic preservation and that the Planning Commission is the expert on land use plan policies. Both commissions' recommendations on new historic districts will go to City Council for a final decision. This will remove the Planning Commission's "veto" over new historic districts.
2. Incorporating updates resulting from recent Comprehensive Plan amendments, including development of a non-regulatory community heritage register and new inclusive historic designation criteria.
3. Reducing impacts to/barriers for residents of local historic districts, including specific exemptions to Certificates of Approval for alterations to nonvisible elevations and window/cladding changes on secondary elevations within residential historic districts. For the most part, this is consistent with what LPC has been doing, but does need clarification.
4. Improvement to the demolition and cultural resources review processes. This will reflect state legislation that prohibits listing of individual historic buildings without owner consent, unless the building is at least 125 years old. This will have the effect of removing demolition review of historic buildings that are not contributing to a historic district or individually listed.
5. The Special Tax valuation incentive is proposed to be extended to buildings on the National Register of Historic Places, not just those that are City Landmarks or in local historic districts.

OPPORTUNITIES TO COMMENT

Planning Commission Public Hearing: August 6

City Council Public Hearing: October 7 (tentative)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Attend one the upcoming community information sessions:

In person: July 26, 2025, 11:00am – 1:00pm at Tacoma Public Library Mottet Branch, 3523 E G St, Tacoma, WA 98404

Virtual: July 24, 2025, at 5:30 PM (Pacific Time)

- Link to join: <https://www.zoom.us/j/81223757226>
- Or dial to join: 253-215-8782 Webinar ID – 812 2375 72266

In The Garden

In recent years, it has become en vogue to sow seeds of mixed greens simultaneously in one bed. Although relatively new to most Americans, people have been gathering young greens for salads for thousands of years. In the south of France, these salad mixes are called *mesclun*, a name that has been popularized by “yuppie chow” producers in the US.

These greens are harvested when they are very small in a cut-and-come-again style by trimming the tops off to 1 inch with scissors, or by picking the older leaves. The plants are left in the ground for future harvests. After harvesting, fertilize your homegrown mesclun with a balanced liquid tea once a week throughout the life of the crop. Young greens produce best in a moist garden bed, so provide at least 1 inch of water a week, if nature is not providing.

Sow seeds for salad mixes every two to three weeks from April to August; a September sowing will provide greens all winter long. Experimentation will allow you to find the square footage that provides enough greens to meet your needs.

Many ready-made mixes are available from seed companies. Of particular note is a blend called Provencial, which produces well in early spring and when September-sown to overwinter. Mixes with lots of mustards also do well in spring and winter; they can be used as braising greens or lightly cooked vegetables, as well as salads.

Feel free to create your own mixes. *The Salad Garden* by Joy Larkcom is an inspiring and reliable source of information on the selection and culture of salad crops.

Information for this article taken from Maritime Northwest Garden Guide

HELLO NORTH END NEIGHBORS!

I'M CRAIG TUTTLE, BROKER ~ RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL EXPERT AT REALTY ONE GROUP TURN KEY. I'M A BORN AND RAISED TACOMAN, PASSIONATE ABOUT ALL THINGS LOCAL. FOR OVER 20 YEARS, TEAM TUTTLE, HAS HELPED BUYERS AND SELLERS ACROSS THE TACOMA, SPECIALIZING IN HISTORIC HOMES IN THE NORTH END. MY DECADES OF SUCCESS SERVING THE NORTH SLOPE HAVE GIVEN ME A PERSPECTIVE THAT IS UNBEATABLE. I'M YOUR REAL ESTATE RESOURCE: I KNOW THIS NEIGHBORHOOD AS ONLY A LOCAL CAN. THE UNIQUE, CHARMING AND DIVERSE PROPERTIES OF THE NORTH END REQUIRE AN IN-DEPTH UNDERSTANDING OF THE HISTORY OF THE HOMES & OF THE CITY. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR HOME. OR ARE BEEN CONSIDERING LISTING YOUR PROPERTY, TEAM TUTTLE IS HERE TO HELP! REACH OUT ANYTIME, FOR ALL YOUR REAL ESTATE NEEDS.



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