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• News of the North Slope Neighborhood Coalition •

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Next Coalition Meeting @ Bavarian: June 7 9:00 a.m.

Join us for an informative hour! Meeting begins at 9:00 and promptly ends at 10:00. On this month's agenda:

- Introduction: Lt. Fisk, our new Sector 2 Commander
- Metropolitan District Council - Update on potential new site for 3 Cedars Tenants
- Police Report/Crime Watch

The North Slope Neighborhood Coalition is made up of the people living between "I" and Grant Streets from Division to Steele Streets. If you live in this area as a property owner or tenant, please join us on Saturday morning, **June 7** at the Bavarian Restaurant (upstairs). The Bavarian is located on the corner of Division and "K" Streets. Free coffee is generously provided to us by the owners, Karen & Dennis Faker.

Proctor Farmer's Market to Open

The Proctor Farmer's Market, a summer tradition in the North End, welcomes in another season with our favorite farmers from past years and some fresh new faces as well. Open every Saturday in June, July and August from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the U.S. Bank parking lot (N. 26th and Proctor), the market is a gathering place for neighbors as well as an open air market. Regular features include seasonal farm fresh produce, organic fruits, berries and vegetables, specialty herbs, bedding plants, cut flowers and delicious fresh breads/bakery. Shoppers can also enjoy a snack or lunch al fresco while listening to local musicians.

This year the market brings an added bonus for the North End, the North End Neighborhood Council

has taken over management of the market. All profits from stall fees and commissions will be used to fund neighborhood activities. As this is the first time a neighborhood council has attempted an on-going business venture, the Council is eager to set a successful example.

Make the Market a regular part of your Saturday and help benefit our community too!

New Name Sought for Newsletter!

For the past couple of editions, we've been publishing under the name, "N.S.N.C". It's time to

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come up with a new (and more fitting) title for our neighborhood publication.

Put on your thinking caps and bring your entry to the June 7 Coalition meeting! Everybody in attendance will vote to select the new publication title. A gift certificate awaits the winner! Let's get those creative juices flowing and submit some entries!

New Commander Named for Sector 2

If you've been active in the North End for a while, most likely you've had contact with or heard of Lieutenant Gary Wiegand. He has been the Sector 2 commander for several years. Lt. Wiegand has been transferred within the Tacoma Police Department and we wish him the best in his new position. He has done a superb job and those of us who have worked with him have been most appreciative of his expertise and support. Lt. Wiegand was especially supportive and helpful last summer when the

NSNC started the Crime Patrol/Crime Watch program, as he has always been in our involvement with him.

Lt. Fisk has been named the Sector 2 Commander and he will be at our next Coalition meeting on June 7. This will be a great opportunity for you meet and get to know him. We are looking forward to developing a strong a relationship with Lt. Fisk and working with him in the future.

Please join us in welcoming our new Sector 2 Commander!

Citizen's Patrol/ Crime Watch

With summer coming and warm weather inviting us outdoors, words of caution are in order. Be very careful about leaving your doors and windows open (ground floor particularly), and especially if the doors/windows are on one end of the house and you are at the opposite end, where you wouldn't be able to observe them.

Sadly enough, many of you still tell me of leaving a door unlocked and then going outside - only to return indoors later and find someone has helped themselves to your property. You can avoid becoming a victim by making sure screen doors are locked, and making sure a closed door is properly locked.

Be aware also of where you leave your tools outside and for how long. Numerous people have had lawn mowers and other equipment stolen from their sidewalk, lawns and unlocked garages. While outside, get to know your neighbors. This way you'll know who lives in your neighborhood and be able to identify someone who doesn't belong.

We greatly appreciate all of you who volunteer for the Citizen's

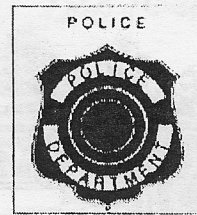
Patrol. It is hard to gauge its success, since it is mainly a deterrent to crime and we haven't been in operation long enough to fully measure its effectiveness. We are always looking for more people who will commit to one hour a month to drive our streets and observe what is going on.

Please call if you are interested in participating in the Citizen's Patrol and we will let you know how you can get involved.

See you at the next meeting!

Will & Marie Dudley

383-2116



"I Don't Want To Get Involved"

Any police offer will tell you that we hear these words often. Witnesses, and even victims, refuse to provide valuable information to the police - information that could possibly lead to the apprehension or aid in the prosecution of a violent criminal.

Unfortunately, many criminals go free because of the fear or hassle of becoming involved. This perpetuates the cycle of criminal behavior and we all pay the price.

On May 7, one observant neighbor in the 1400 block of N. Steele Street cared enough to call the police when he/she saw strangers prowling around another neighbor's home. When the police arrived, they found that three suspects had forced open the back door and were inside the home. Police captured and arrested the suspects and they were subsequently charged with burglary and for possessing a stolen vehicle, which they had driven to the scene.

Do you know enough about your neighbors and neighborhood to recognize when someone does not belong? Are you willing to become involved in the system and help reduce crime? Fortunately for one lucky homeowner in your area, someone was.

Stefanie Gill, Community Liaison
Officer

*Don't Forget!
Father's Day
Sunday, June 15*

B&B's Becoming More Common to North End

The City Planning Division is working with the local Bed & Breakfast establishments to implement a zoning ordinance in governing the operation of B&B's in the City. I was asked to contact the different neighborhood councils to help shed some light on current B&B operations. I am one of approximately 11 B&B operators in the North End.

I have been licensed for a B&B with three accommodations at 723 N. Cushman, since 1994. My home is a six-plex, which I purchased in 1992. It is an old Victorian residence, built in 1906 and remodeled during the war into six apartments. The funds for the remodel were financed by a city program to house shipyard workers. I bought this property because my home was in the country and I wanted to be back in the North End. In addition, it was my love of old homes and I also needed an income to supplement my retirement. During the time that my home was still a six-plex apartment, I found out quickly that furnished apartments have a terrific turnover in tenants with a resulting huge vacancy factor. In order to hang onto my home, I made one bedroom in my own apartment and two furnished studio apartments into B&B accommodations, at considerable expense and work on my part. This type of home business is very slow to build up and a lot of hard work, since advertising is prohibitive. Business gets built by word of mouth, more or less. However, this decision has resulted in several benefits:

It has provided my home and the

neighborhood with a much better patronage than before. Guests of B&Bs invariably are people with a sense of humor and adventure. I am from Austria and we have had them there ever since I can remember, but they are relatively new to Washington. I have never had one problem of disturbance or theft from my guests, a fact I cannot repeat concerning my prior tenants.

My home is filled with authentic Austrian country antiques, which my guests enjoy very much. They wander around and look at my things like they were in a museum. They also enjoy the old homes and the quiet and safety of the North End neighborhood, of which I thank the NSNC for their diligence in bringing about.

There are a lot less cars parked at my place now, since the guests usually only stay a night or two and they almost always drive nice cars, which cannot be said about my previous tenants. Moreover, since some of my guests are relatives of my neighbors who don't have enough room to put their guests up, sometimes there are no additional vehicles.

In order to make it acceptable to the B&B clientele, I have made many improvements to my home and I certainly have to keep the outside and yard of my place in tip top shape. I plan to make yearly improvements to my house - something I would not be able to do without the B&B. I feel that B&Bs are a very positive addition to a neighborhood, as I'm sure my own neighbors would attest to.

I feel that given the alternative (a

six-plex), turning my home into a B&B was a definite improvement. I hope this article addresses some of the concerns that you may have about this growing new phenomenon in our neighborhood: B&Bs. I intend to continue working with the City on the development of the guidelines with the end result being an ordinance that benefits the City, my establishment, and YOU.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Eveline Smith
Eveline's Old World Austrian B&B
723 N. Cushman
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More Planters Available!

We have more grant monies available for the 2 x 2 flower planters - you may have noticed them scattered throughout the North Slope area. Besides being a nice addition to a corner or alleyway, they also show unity within a community, and that in turn helps deter crime. (An extra benefit!) If you're interested in getting a planter, contact Marie Dudley at 383-2116. For a small nominal fee, you may also obtain the top soil to fill the planters. Let's see some more people get involved and add to the beauty of our neighborhood, to boot!