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## Next Coalition Meeting @ Bavarian: October 4 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:

- Vacant Buildings
- Crime Patrol
- Historic District Expansion
- Tacoma Cares
- North End Neighborhood Council activities

The North Slope Neighborhood Coalition is made up of the people living between "T" 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, **October 4** 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.



## Historic District Expansion Sent to City Council

On September 3, Tacoma's Planning Commission sent the proposed expansion of the North Slope Historic District on to the City Council for consideration. The first reading to the City Council is tentatively set for October 21. Official notification will be coming from the City.

The Historic District currently consists only of North J Street, from North 3<sup>rd</sup> to Steele Street. The expansion would include both sides of I Street, and K, L & M Streets. This area was chosen for inclusion because it surrounds North J Street, as well as for the Landmarks Commission's rationale for establishing a historic district.

The reasons are outlined by Valerie Sivinski, Historic Preservation Officer for the City. They include:

1. The area consists of predominantly residential properties, dating back to the 1890s.
2. The community was settled irregularly over its history in a fairly dense residential pattern and it is not uncommon to find structures from the 1890s next to houses built in the 1940s.
3. The residents represented a complete cross section of different classes and occupations, from a U.S. ambassador to France, to high school principals, and policemen.
4. The architectural characteristics are also variable, although there are a number of architect-designed houses in the neighborhood. After the Great Depression another building boom took place with considerably smaller single family brick residences in simple forms and two or three story multi-family apartment complexes.

Our North Slope neighborhood is unique and should be granted Historic District status. Help make this a reality by attending the reading on October 21. If you have questions about the Historic District or need a ride to the reading, please call Julie Turner, North Slope Historic District Expansion Coordinator at 383-2329.

## Second Historic District Expansion Underway

As the Historic District Expansion of I, K, L & M Streets is nearing its completion, it's time to think about the "2nd Historic District Expansion", to include Sheridan, Cushman, Ainsworth and Grant Streets. Chris Brosnan, Velda McDonald and Barbara Tomberg are now gathering signatures to gain support for the 2nd Expansion. If enough signatures are obtained, this will complete the Historic District to include all streets of the North Slope Neighborhood. It would be a great feather in our cap to have our North Slope area designated as the first Historic District in the City!

### Correction!

In August's newsletter, the new Safe Streets Mobilizer was named, unfortunately her name was misspelled (sorry)! Monica McKnight (correct spelling) is the person to contact if you're experiencing problems in your area.

Monica is committed to making our neighborhoods safer. She brings with her an enthusiasm and strong resolve to make Tacoma a better place to live. Monica can be reached at the Safe Streets offices at 272-6824 or on her cell phone at 208-3550. Don't hesitate to put her into action.

### December Edition Article Deadline

If you have an item to submit for the December edition of Trolley Times, please submit it to me, or Marie Dudley, no later than Monday, November 10. This allows adequate time to get the newsletter ready to go, get it printed, and then get it delivered. It would be really helpful and make things go a lot smoother if articles are submitted by the requested date.

Thanks!

Angie Klein  
272-0938  
718 N. K Street

### The Very Last of the Planters!

There are 12 planters awaiting adoption. Besides being a nice addition, 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. Once these final 12 are placed, that is the last of the grant money for the planters and you won't be able to get them again.

## Planning Underway for 1997 Progressive Dinner

But it's not too late to get involved! The 3rd Annual Progressive Dinner and Walking Tour is scheduled for Saturday, November 8. In order for this to be a success, it requires lots of behind-the-scenes help. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to assist in a number of ways: posting flyers around town; helping the host homes prepare and/or serve the food; "leaders" who are willing to guide participants from home to home; and general gophers that are

available to jump into action on a moment's notice. Contact Angie Klein (272-0938) or Judy Martin (572-3059) if working behind the scenes is appealing to you.

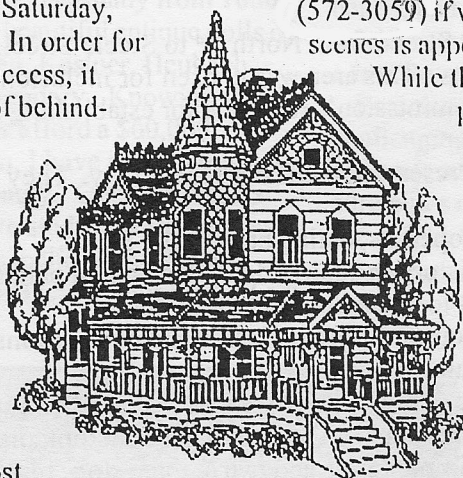
While the primary goal of the progressive dinner is to raise money for an immediate need, a secondary goal is to have an event that gets people in our neighborhood involved. This, in turn helps us to get to know one another and form lasting relationships.

If you are new to the neighborhood or just have never been involved before, this is a great ice breaker and something that you will greatly

enjoy.

Information regarding purchasing tickets will be coming soon. There are several homes on this year's tour that have not previously participated!

Let's join forces and make this year's Progressive Dinner the most successful yet!



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*Our thanks to Safe Streets for the printing of this newsletter. We appreciate their support!*



## Citizen's Patrol/Crime Watch

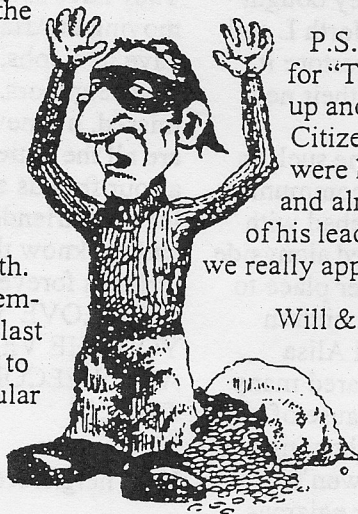
On August 27, 12 volunteers attended a Citizens Patrols orientation at the Bavarian Restaurant and three other volunteers attended a subsequent orientation. With these new members, the Patrol now has a total of 19 members who, since September 1, have dedicated themselves to conducting either vehicle or walking patrols at least one day per month. An additional three members who were active last year have volunteered to participate on an irregular basis. Seven more patroltees are waiting, patiently I hope, to attend an orientation.

With the new members active and with those standing in the wings, we are now well on our way to achieving the goal of having at least one patrol out every day of the month. To attain this goal, however, we still need more volunteers. Please consider committing yourself to an hour or hour and a half each month to make your community a better place to live. To participate, call "Tom" Tomberg at 572-1532.

Our ultimate goal is to have more than one patrol out every day. Of course, attainment of this goal is contingent upon getting additional patrol equipment, particularly telephones, and additional committed volunteers. As far as equipment goes, the Tacoma Police Department is helping us to obtain two additional cell phones with free air time from the Community Policing Consortium of Washington, DC. If provided, we will have the ability to put up to three patrols out daily. Such visibility in our community will, I'm sure, really contribute to a reduction in adverse incidents in our neighborhood. But additional equipment alone won't do the job, more volunteers are needed as well.

Please consider committing to giving your neighborhood a couple of hours a month.

Tom Tomberg, 572-1532



P.S. We are most grateful for "Tom" Tomberg stepping up and taking over the Citizen's Patrol. We were hopeful that he would, and already see the benefits of his leadership. Thanks Tom, we really appreciate you!

Will & Marie Dudley

## To Serve and Protect

Last year, on a beautiful August summer evening, many of us had our lives shattered when our dear friend Officer Richard Washington suffered a fatal heart attack.

For those of us who had become friends with this very special man, it was a horrible shock and we felt a hole in our lives. To know Richard was to love him and he was special beyond words. It was also a terrible shock to the Tacoma Police Department. Richard was well liked and respected and he loved being a police officer.

Richard left a wife and three teenage children and they, too have suffered a terrible loss. We ache for them and remember their loved one on the anniversary of his death.

This year, on another beautiful August evening, I returned from Harborview Hospital again (Richard was also at Harborview) after spending time with the family and friends of Officer William Lowry, who was killed that morning in the

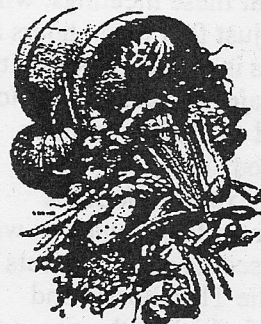
line of duty. He left a wife and baby daughter, who had her first birthday the weekend before he was killed. Though I did not have the pleasure of knowing this fine man, I began to know the very essence of his life, after spending time with his family and friends. I know that he was a very loving and caring husband, father, son, brother, friend, employee, officer....

This is a great blow to the fellow officers that Bill Lowry worked with. Many of them left the cemetery service to go back to work, and it brings home the reality that this could happen to any of them. As Richard's widow, Katherine Washington, said to me, "I do not believe that the common citizens understand that these guys know that they may have to give their lives in the performance of their jobs, their lives may be taken from them on their next call."

How many of us would be willing to work in a job that has the potential to be so risky, you may be verbally abused, physically assaulted, and constantly looked upon with mistrust and often hated for what you do?

I am thankful for our Police Department and appreciate the job that they are doing in Tacoma. In this last year they have lost two of their finest officers, and yet there are others who will continue on, who will respond to our homes and businesses under the worst of conditions, doing what they are called to do, to serve and protect with excellence and sometimes personal sacrifice.

Chaplain Marie Dudley



## North Slope History Project

We are back!! The North Slope History Project (NSHP) will resume this fall. There will be a NSHP meeting on Friday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the home of Kim Moreland, (602 N. L Street), the Coordinator of the history project.

The NSHP is a volunteer effort to preserve the history of the neighborhood through oral interviews and other forms of research. The history project team will attempt to identify significant individuals, institutions and events related to the history of the North Slope community. The final product of the research and oral interviews will be decided by the project team. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Moreland at 593-4319.

## Goodbye...

Three years ago, our neighborhood welcomed a new family on L Street. David and Alisa Richholt and their three young children, Ryan, Chandra and Aaron. They bought their first house at 515 North L and were excited to fix and restore it and to become active in their new neighborhood.

This fine family became such an asset to their neighbors, community and friends, and we watched with admiration as they worked alongside of us to make this a better place to live. We observed their children grow and saw David and Alisa grow as parents. We shared many happy moments and because of where we live, some frightening and sad times as well. (We won't forget the neighbor in his pajamas

going out in the middle of the night to help Alisa disarm her stuck horn. Of course it had to happen on a night that David wasn't home)!

It is with delight and sadness that we bid them peace and joy as they make a new move in their lives. They have sold their house and are moving to Arizona where they will have new jobs, a new house and new neighbors. You will be sorely missed, but never forgotten and we are all the better for having had you as our friends and neighbors. Our love and friendship goes with you, and we know that we will be "friends forever".

WE LOVE YOU AND WISH YOU THE VERY BEST. YOU ARE WELCOME BACK ANY-TIME!!!!

Your neighbors from L Street

## Slots Opening on North End Neighborhood Council

It's that time again - the North End Neighborhood Council (NENC) is taking nominations for the annual elections. It appears we will have at least three seats open, and possibly five. The NENC meets on the first Monday of every month for the Board Meeting; it meets on the second Monday of every month for Committee Work Night and on the third Monday for General Meetings, but the General Meetings occur only about six times a year (not every month).

The Council requires regular attendance at these meetings, which amounts to just four to six hours a month. This is a great opportunity to have a major impact on the North End, as well as the North Slope Neighborhood.

I am very excited about the coming year on the Council as we will be overseeing many projects funded by the Thea Foss Bond Issue, one of which is the new park

at 8<sup>th</sup> and K Streets. If you are interested in becoming a member of the NENC or want more details, please give me a call at 272-0938 or Bill Johnston at 627-6860 or come to the next Coalition Meeting on October 4. Part of the nomination process is attending the NENC Board Meeting on October 6 and then again on November 17 for the actual Board Member Elections (Thea Foss Bond overview will also be discussed on 11/17). All meetings are held at Mason Middle School from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend any meeting you are interested in.

Don't pass up this opportunity to have an impact on your community - think about running for one of the vacated NENC seats! I look forward to hearing from and/or seeing you at the meetings.

Dan Klein, North Slope Rep to the NENC  
272-0938

## Tacoma Trivia

How good is your Tacoma knowlege? Take this simple trivia test and find out!

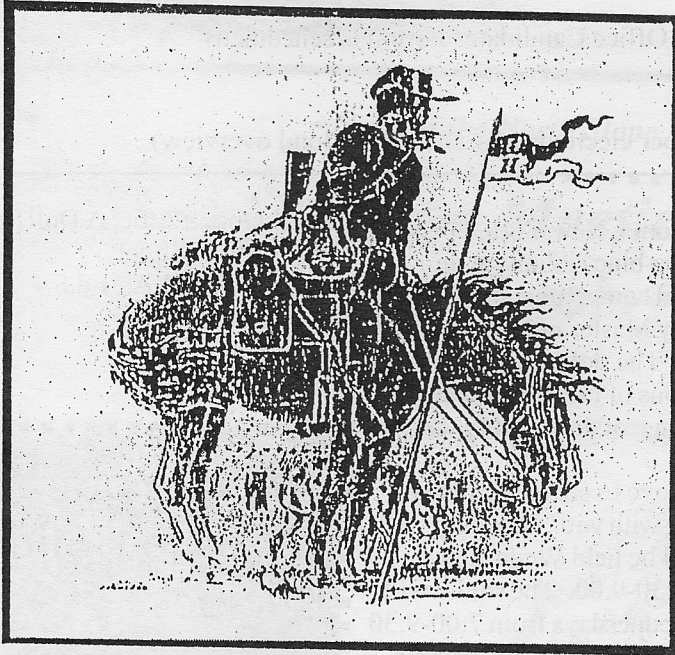
1. Tacoma-born, Bing Crosby's real first name was?
2. The Norton Memorial at Tacoma Avenue and St. Helens was named for a city official who died before the turn of the century. True or False?
3. The towns of Tacoma City and New Tacoma were merged in 1884 to create the City of Tacoma. True or False?
4. What year was the street car line established between downtown Tacoma and Point Defiance via the Proctor District?
5. Before Tacoma, the Pierce County seat was located in what town?

Answers on Page 6



# In Memoriam:

A. Richard Washington  
1951-1996



Richard loved being a police officer and he loved working the North End, as he did the people who live there.

When he died, many of you sent cards, flowers, gave gifts, and remembered our family in your thoughts and prayers.

Many times in the past year I have sat down to write thank you's and I just haven't been able to do it. So, let me say thank you to all of you – now. It has meant a lot to our family.

You are still in our hearts, thoughts and prayers.

Katherine Washington

## On “J” Street

The Saturday after Labor Day my wife Kris and I hosted the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual I-J-K Streets Hot Dog BBQ in our backyard. It is a great opportunity to meet new neighbors and have a chance to sit down with “old” neighbors and find out what has been going on the next street down.

We provide the dogs and buns and everyone else brings a favorite dish. And there is always way too much food. But, really great food. It is interesting to meet the people who are moving into our North Slope, usually professionals with younger families who have decided this is the kind of neighborhood they want to live and in the kind of houses we Tacomans know you can only find here in the “City of Destiny”.

Speaking of the City of Destiny - I'm reminded of the city council

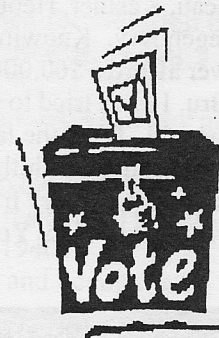
seat open here in Ward 2 (the North Slope in #2). Don't forget to vote! The city is at such a critical point in our history, it is important to elect people with vision. Remember, as they say in Chicago: “Vote early and vote often.”

Oh, I almost forgot. The hot dog BBQ beverage of choice a fine homemade beer brewed by my fellow North End Council seat mate, Dan Klein. A very talented brewmaster to say the least. A smooth beer - in fact, the more you drank the smoother it got!

As I do my morning walk I can't help but notice all of the renovation taking place on K Street. Lots of TLC happening to some great old houses. And I'm waiting for the former “Hank's Tavern” to get their kitchen up and going. I have been in for a beer and the change is remarkable! Go take a look. We need a friendly neighborhood pub and maybe this is it.

See yah on October 4<sup>th</sup> at the North Slope Neighborhood Coalition meeting.

Bill Johnston



*Don't Forget to Vote!*

**Tuesday, November 4**

# Schedule of North End Neighborhood Council Meetings

The public is welcome to any of the NENC meetings. They are held at Mason Middle School, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Following is the schedule over the next two months:

October 6 - Board Meeting (nominations will be taken for vacant NENC seats at this meeting)  
October 13 - Committee Night  
October 20 - General Meeting (Tacoma Public Office Candidates Forum is scheduled)  
November 3 - Board Meeting  
November 10 - Committee Night  
November 17 - General Meeting (Board Member elections and Thea Foss Bond overview)

## Doll Making Classes Offered

When my husband and I first saw our 1890 Queen Anne Victorian house at 414 North J Street, I was especially excited about the attic. Here was the perfect place for a doll studio. The attic, except for the addition of lights and heat, is basically the same as it was when it was built for Frederick Low in 1890. The walls, ceiling and turret room of the 1200 square foot attic are raw wood, exposing the craftsmanship of long ago.

I have been a porcelain dollmaker since 1992 when I was captivated by the beauty and lifelike quality of porcelain dolls. Porcelain dollmaking was a booming industry in France and Germany from 1880-1910. The beautiful antique dolls of Bru, Jumeau, Kestner, Heubach, etc. are legendary. Knowing that I could never afford a \$60,000 antique Bru, I have tried to reproduce its beauty. Over the last six years I have studied with the best dollmakers in the country from Vancouver B.C. to New York. Last

July in Oneonta, New York, I received two blue ribbons at an international competition and received my Master of Dollmaking credential. The dolls I entered were reproductions of French dolls from the golden age of dollmaking, 1880-1895.

I would love to share my love of dollmaking with you. Ongoing classes will be held Wednesday evenings 7:30-9:00. The studio will be open Wednesdays from 7:00-9:30 p.m. I will be teaching dollmaking using the best materials and techniques available. I have over 60 antique and modern dolls you can choose from. Greenware, paints, brushes, and supplies are available. I am offering a beginner's project for \$29.95 that includes everything you need to complete a beautiful 18" baby doll with porcelain head, hands, and the cutest feet. The weekly class fee is \$7.00. Call for a brochure.

Porcelain dollmaking is relaxing, challenging and fun. This wonderful old craft will bring you great pleasure and satisfaction. Please call me at 274-8409 for a tour of the Victorian Attic, A Doll Studio for you!

The Victorian Attic, A Doll Studio  
414 North J. Street  
Jean Kinney M.A., Ed.S.  
Master Doll Maker  
274-8409

## What's Your Favorite Holiday Recipe?

Maybe you have a recipe that's been passed down from generation to generation that you'd like to share? Or, a simple, yet delicious dessert that only tastes like you've been in the kitchen all day?

Dig out those recipes and submit them to Angie Klein, 718 N. K St., 272-0938. It can be for anything - a main dish, a cookie, or a special bread. Whatever!

Any recipes received will be published in the December edition of Trolley Times - just in time for your own holiday entertaining!

## Tacoma Trivia Answers:

1. Harry
2. True
3. True
4. 1890
5. Steilacoom

*Happy Thanksgiving!*  
*November 27*

