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## Change of Meeting Location

Due to a conflict at Wells Halls and since El Toro is still undergoing remodeling, the Coalition Meeting on April 4 will be held at:

**Immanuel Presbyterian Church**  
**901 N. J**

We will enter the building off of the back parking lot (this is where many of you go to vote).

The church has graciously given us this space to use for the meeting. Thank you, Immanuel Presbyterian - we appreciate it!

See back page for Coalition meeting agenda

## Historic District Plaques Available From City

The Landmarks Commission of the city of Tacoma have plaques available to homeowners in the North Slope Historic District. The plaques denote historic status and are made of porcelainized steel with the city seal and the words, "This property is on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places".

The plaques actually cost \$65.00, but the Commission is asking for donations only; pay what you can so that the money raised can go toward more plaques. Send donations to: City Treasurer, Historic Preservation Office, 747 Market Street, Tacoma,

98402.

To order a plaque, call the Historic Preservation Office at 591-5220 and give your name and address. Plaques may be picked up in Room 836, Municipal Building, when the order comes in.

## Northwest Kinetics Update

The request for modification to Northwest Kinetics' Special Use Permit was the subject of a Public Meeting on March 30. Notification of this meeting was sent on March 9 to all property owners within 400 feet of that facility (located on 5<sup>th</sup> & Sheridan). They asked for modifications that would

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, April 4 at Immanuel Presbyterian Church. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.

change the nature of study participants to include "special populations" (their term for people with preexisting diseases) other than "healthy" subjects as required now; relaxation of some restrictions on parking in the area; relaxation of restrictions on delivery hours; deletion of a condition that requires them to talk with their immediate neighbors prior to seeking major changes in their operations; and for permission for a catering operation to operate out of their kitchen.

If you have any feelings on this matter one way or the other, please write a letter expressing your opinion to: Mr. Tom Dolan, Building and Land Use Services Division, Public Works Department, 747 Market Street, Room 345, Tacoma, 98402.

A final update and an opportunity to sign a letter to the city from our Coalition on the subject will be provided at the next Coalition meeting on April 4.

"Tom" Tomberg



## Grand Homes of Tacoma Tour

Saturday and Sunday  
May 2 and May 3, 1998

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Presented by:

The Tacoma Historical Society

Location: Job Carr Hill (see related article on Page 3)  
between North I Street and Sprague Avenue  
Division Avenue and North Prospect

Tour starts at Trinity Presbyterian Church  
1619 Sixth Avenue

Available at church: Church Tour, Tickets,  
Refreshments, Photo Display, Historical Materials

Tickets - \$12.00 each  
Available at Stadium Thriftway and  
Pacific Northwest Shop

## 1988 Grand Homes Tour

1619 Sixth Avenue - Trinity Presbyterian Church

624 North I Street - William B. Anderson Residence, 1908  
(current owners - Robert & Machele Beilke)

710 North I Street - William R. Nichols Residence, 1907  
(current owners - Pat & Martha Mendenhall)

912 North I Street - Henry O. Geiger Residence, 1889  
(current owners - Skip & Jane Easley)

523 North J Street - George W. Bullard Residence, 1895  
(current owners - Jason & Angela Kors)

806 North J Street - Louis G. Parsons Residence, 1907  
(current owners - William & Kimberly Graves)

817 North J Street - John Q. Mason Residence, 1889  
(current owners - Jay and Julie Turner)

1202 North J Street - Alfred F. Metzger Residence, 1901  
(current owners - Gregory & Deborah Zimmer)

902 North K Street - Dwight Phelps Residence, 1903  
(current owners - Perry Brown & C. P. Britt)

Tacoma Historical Society  
1998 Grand Homes Tour  
May 2 and 3

## Docents Needed!

Call Ron Banick - 984-7079; 360-895-4952

## The Tacoma Historical Society

Founded in 1990 for the purpose of documenting, preserving and presenting the heritage of Tacoma and its people. The Tacoma Historical Society meets the second Monday evening of every month at the historic Carnegie Library, 1102 Tacoma Avenue South, unless otherwise announced.

Past programs have included Murray Morgan, Historian & Writer; Alan Liddle, Architect; Mrs. Samuel H. Brown; Dr. Ronald Magden, Educator. Events include the Grand Homes of Tacoma Tours, Walking and Water Tours, Historic Building Tours and Monthly Historical Lectures. Activities include Library Displays, Special Historic Projects, Newsletter and Social Events.

Join the Historical Society and help preserve Tacoma's distinctive history!

### Annual memberships:

Individual .....	\$25.00
Family .....	\$35.00
Corporate .....	\$75.00

The Tacoma Historical Society  
P.O. Box 1865  
Tacoma, WA 98401  
253-472-3738

Internet: <http://www.powerscourt.com/thhs>

## Flower Decorating Tips

For a Victorian look this summer, snip your viola, pansy and rose buds when they are still fresh, dry them in Silica Gel, and display them on your delicate dishes. They keep their color and shape very well and can also be used in



flower arrangements.

To make a lovely cake, do not dry them, but cut them fresh and decorate a cake top with them, using baby breath for a beautiful look of yesteryear.

Be sure that there are no chemical sprays on flowers that you decorate food with.

If you want a dramatic touch to your food display, try a beautiful lily or bird of paradise. There are tons of flowers you can use and they grow right outside your door!

Experiment with flowers - you will love the result!

## North Slope Area First Called Job Carr's Hill

Job Carr, a Civil War veteran and Tacoma's first resident, came west to Commencement Bay from Indiana in 1864. He learned the Northern Pacific Railroad would be building a line to Puget Sound

bringing growth to the area. His sons, Anthony and Howard, joined him and together they helped him build his cabin in 1865 near present-day 2212 North 31<sup>st</sup> Street. This home became Tacoma's first post office in 1969.

The cabin was located on part of Job Carr's preemption claim of over 160 acres, which he purchased from the federal government for \$1.25/acre (the recorded total price was \$210.10). A portion of this claim was sold to General M. M. McCarver and Lewis Starr and platted as Tacoma City in December 1869. This is the area now known as Old Tacoma or Old Town.

At the same time Job filed for his preemption claim, he also filed a separate Homestead Claim. This consisted of over 166 acres, for which he paid \$6.00 total. This claim included the area from North I to Sprague and Division Avenue, westward to North Prospect - an area known as Job Carr's Hill. His farm was located near the west

boundary on North N (Sheridan) Avenue. The land was subsequently platted as additions to the city and here thousands of citizens have made their homes. Some are very prestigious with outstanding views of Puget Sound; many are very ordinary. A good number of the early houses still remain.

Job Carr, Tacoma's pioneer, was the city's first postmaster and mayor. He was also Justice of the Peace for a time, clerk for one term of the Washington Territorial Legislature, and first Commander of Custer Post No. 6, Grand Army of the Republic. By the time of his death on August 10, 1887, he had sold most of his heavily forested acreage. His cabin, Tacoma's first residence, was "resurrected from ruins" in 1917 by the Woman's Club of Tacoma and reconstructed in Point Defiance park. An organization entitled Job Carr Cabin in Old Town now has plans underway to relocate the building near its original site.

## Citizens' Patrol Update

We have lost six and added three new patrol members since the December newsletter update. We now have the capability to field 25 patrols a month, six



short of our objective. We still need more volunteers.

Our additional free cell phones are still "in process". I have followed up on our request to see what is causing the delay; no answer as yet. I still have hopes that we will get them eventually so that our patrol schedule can be more flexible.

I would like to be able to give you some solid data on how we are doing, but because our function is to see and be seen and in that process

hopefully cause the bad guys to do their thing somewhere other than our neighborhood, our success is very difficult to quantify. I can say our patrol members are reporting far less suspicious activity since November but I cannot correlate that with a corresponding drop in crime statistics in our area. All I can say is that perhaps, because we are out there, things are not getting any worse.

The problems with the Red Maple Apartments are again becoming an issue. For about two months things there were very quiet but now they are becoming somewhat troublesome again. I really don't know what we can do about this except to report every difficulty, on 911 if possible, as soon as it is observed. Maybe the weight of a number of complaints from other than their immediate neighbors will cause some action to be taken, either by

the policy or the property owner.

If there is something you would like our patrol to emphasize, some area that needs a little closer watch or some suspicious activity that you may have noticed, give me a call so I can incorporate it in our patrol schedule. It may be that we are not looking at or for the things you think we should - let us know!

Once again, we ask your cooperation on placing your house number on the garage or fence that faces the alley to the rear of your home. It would help keep us oriented on our exact location and would speed up our reporting of any suspicious activity.

"Tom" Tomberg  
572-1532

Note: Gordon Stark is our new Section 2 Community Liaison Officer. Officer Stark is replacing Jay Stafford.



## Committee Contacts

Coalition Office @ 274-0839

**Historic District Expansion** (Sheridan through Ainsworth/Grant):  
Velda McDonald @ 627-4192

**North End Neighborhood Council:** Bill Johnston @ 627-6860  
Dan Klein @ 272-0938  
"Tom" Tomberg @ 572-1532  
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**Crime Patrol:** "Tom" Tomberg @ 572-1532

**Newsletter:** Angie Klein @ 272-0938  
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Don & Chris Brosnan @ 272-4290

**North Slope History Project** (temporarily on hold) Kim Moreland @  
593-4319

**Other:** Monica McKnight, **Safe Streets:** 272-6824 (office) 208-3550  
(cell);

Lisa Wojtanowicz, **Tacoma Cares:** 591-5267

## June Edition Article Deadline

If you have an item to submit for the June edition of Trolley Times, please get it to Angie Klein no later than Monday, May 11. This allows adequate time to get the newsletter ready to go, get it printed, and then get it delivered. It would really help and make things go a lot smoother if articles are submitted by the requested date.

Thanks!

Angie Klein  
272-0938

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

**Next Coalition Meeting**  
**@ Immanuel Presbyterian:**  
**April 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:

- Crime Patrol Update
- Historic Preservation/Historic Plaques
- Report on Northwest Kinetics
- New Reports

## 1998 Coalition Meeting dates:

Saturday, February 7  
Saturday, April 4  
Saturday, June 6  
Saturday, August 1  
Saturday, October 3  
Saturday, December 5