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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS, JOY TO  
THE WORLD, PEACE ON EARTH  
GOOD WILL TO MANKIND**

## A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Progressive Dinner & Walking tour was a Huge Success. We had a full house 105 people. Everyone had a fabulous time. The food, 'Well', "It was to die for". Of course the real shining Stars were our tour home Hosts.

First home - Lidia Garcia & Bruce Doughty

Second - Tom Oswald & Peter Herpst

Third - Sandy & Bob Thomas

Fourth - Coleen & Mike Carney

Plus all the 'behind the scenes' help.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH**

**DON'T MISS OUT ON NEXT  
YEAR'S DINNER.** Its never to

early to toss your helping hand in for next year. We need "Host homes and Helpers" for Saturday Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 1999.

Please feel free to call and volunteer.

Judy Martin, Co.Chairman, 572-3059

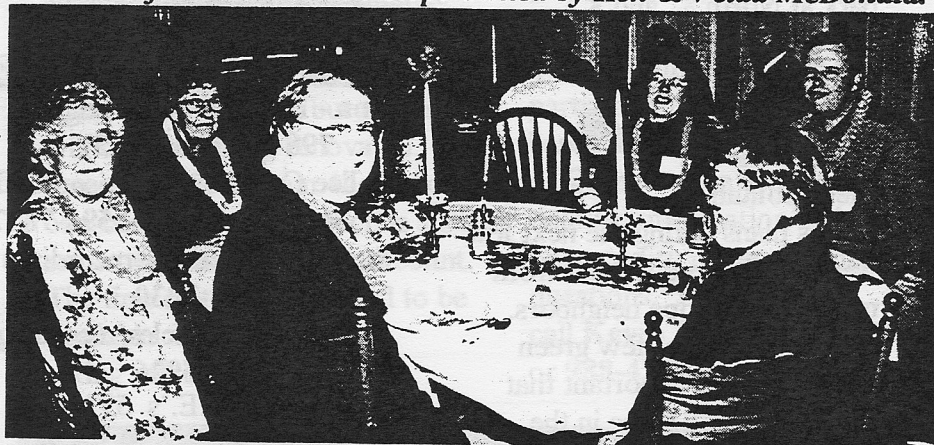
## LET OUR JOY SHINE

Let's clean up our streets and alleys. If you notice abandoned cars, major appliances, trash or blight issues please write down a description of the problem and exact address. Then, give our Coalition message line or Tacoma Cares a call at 591-5072

## HOLIDAY LIGHTS COMPETITION

### CENTURY 21 MAGIC Specializing in North End

*Is Hosting a Festive House Decorating Contest. To Enter, Call In Your Name/Address @ 274-0839 YOU MUST ENTER to be eligible to win the Grand Prize, which is a Night Stay for Two at the "Dutch Embassy", bed & breakfast in the North Slope owned by Ken & Velda McDonald.*



## DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> COALITION MEETING

**ST. PATRICK CHURCH**  
North 12<sup>th</sup> & J Street

The meeting will be held in the basement hall. Please use the parking lot. Handicap spaces are in the alley.

See back page for meeting agenda



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### TACOMA CARES NEWS

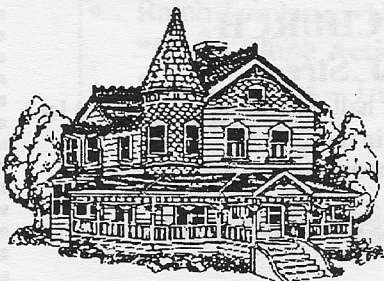
The first reading of the minimum building and structure code will be before the city council in January.

A major component of the code will be education. Signage is being improved for dangerous building that will let neighbors know when hearings will be and who the owners are. Larger signs will be posted on the property 30 days before the hearing. For Information call Lisa @ 591-5267

### PARK UPDATE

Residents living near the projected park at North 8<sup>th</sup> and K will be given the opportunity to study the Metropolitan

Park's plans during the next few weeks. We need to hear from more North Slope neighbors. This is one of our few green spots, and it is important that our community share in the decision making process. Anyone who is interested in having input may phone Walter Evanishyn at 272-2425

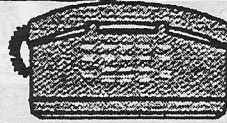
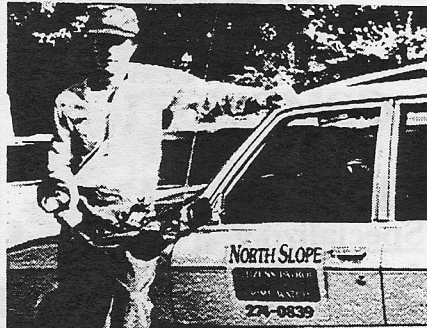


## Citizens' Patrol Update

GOOD NEWS. WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

As we enter this Holiday Season, remember we are providing GOOD CHEER to our neighbors by being seen on patrol. Let us encourage each other to be A Blessing To Our Community.

**REMEMBER WE ARE TO  
OBSERVE, RECORD  
AND REPORT.**



### USEFUL TELEPHONE #

Non - Emergency Police

798-4721(push #3)

Police Community Liaison Officers

Stark/Kothstein 594-7837

Suspicious Activity(recording)

593-2030

Abandoned Vehicles(recording)

591-5926

Tacoma C.A.R.E.'s 591-5072

Street Lights 591-5294

Sidewalk Repair 591-5270

HAPPY HANUKKAH

JOYOUS KWANZAA

### NORTH END STRATEGY NORTH SLOPE PLAN

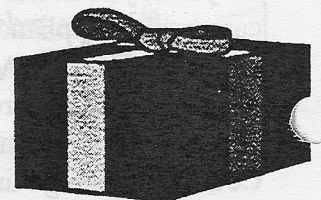
At our last meeting we received a briefing from James Matthews, Tacoma City Planning and Development Services on the North End Action Strategy(see Box) Now that we have had a couple of months to think about it, time has come to provide your input to our own North Slope Action Plan for inclusion in the City's North Action Plan. The last time such a Strategy/Plan was developed city wide was in 1981 and the North Slope Plan was one of the few neighborhood plans included therein. Our neighborhood benefited considerably from it. Now may be your last opportunity for another 17 years to provide input on what you would like your neighborhood to be. Our December meeting will include a short talk on some specifics things included in our Plan to this point. See the insert for types of things the city asked us to contemplate and bring your own thoughts to our December meeting or provide them to **Ralph Tomberg at 572-1532.** by Christmas. **THIS COULD BE THE BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT YOU EVER GAVE YOURSELF.**

#### **What is a Neighborhood Action Strategy:**

A "to do" list of recommended actions for the maintenance and improvement of a given neighborhood. This list will build on the base established by Tacoma's Comprehensive Plan. This strategy is intended to become a working program that reflects neighborhood priorities balanced with citywide responsibilities.

#### **Sample "TO DO" List**

- Add small parks, bike lanes and trail system that build on the assets of the North End.
- Add new policies to better guide future planning and development in our area.
- Adjustment to design of intersections(like adding left turn lanes)
- Cleaning up remaining pockets of unimproved street right-of-ways.







## JOY TO THE WORLD

### PEACE ON EARTH

#### A HERO AMONG US

Don & Julia Ball have lived in our community a long time. For many years they endured and fought the drug dealing/blight of Hank's Tavern. But, almost two years ago, instead of giving up and moving out, they bought out the former owner. They cleaned up the problems from inside. They kicked out the drug dealers/drunks and remodeled Hank's to "A Great Neighborhood meeting place" Stop by for some great coffee, homemade Clam Chowder, hot & cold deli sandwiches and the finest drinks. BUT MOST OF ALL TO SAY "THANK YOU" North 6<sup>th</sup> & K

Bring canned food for HANK'S FOOD DRIVE

#### **LET OUR BEAUTY CONTINUE**

Have you noticed that our North Slope area is looking better all the time? Keep up the good work.



Remember Christmas trees will only be picked up if they are cut in half and put on the front parking strips on designated days. This January let's try to dispose of our Christmas trees in a timely fashion and help our neighborhood remain attractive to both residents and visitors.

#### **SAFE STREETS**

##### **Representatives**

**Patrick McGregor -**  
Safe Schools Coordinator  
**Ed Aviles -**  
School Rep Jason Lee

#### **ANNOBEE UPDATE**

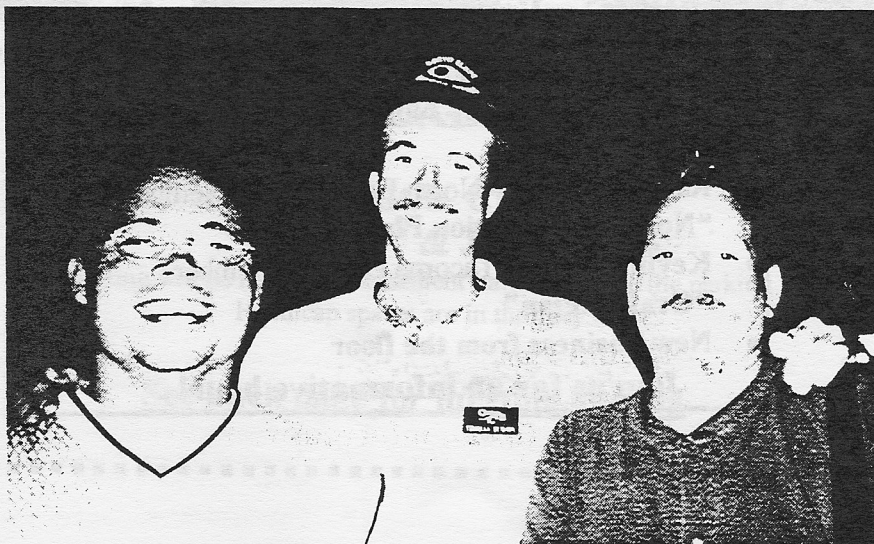
The Annobee Apartments was purchased by two local investors in July 1998. They started negotiations a number of years ago before finally obtaining the property. The new owners plan to restore the Annobee over the next several years. They will renovate the current building and focus on attracting retired persons.

Currently the new owners are in the process of placing the property on the National Register of Historical Places. Nomination is expected to happen by early spring. After such time, the new owners will finish lining up their funding sources and begin construction in summer of 1999 and complete approximately one year later. The property's exterior will not be significantly altered, but the interior will be completely renovated. The Annobee will contain 42 studio and one-bedroom units, which is a slight reduction from the current count. The first units are expected to be available for renting in the spring of 2000.

#### **GRAFFITI PLAN TO BE INTRODUCED**

Tacoma Council Member - Kevin Phelps will provide information at our next meeting Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> on his plan to help eliminate the problem of graffiti in our neighborhoods and business districts. Mr. Phelps has been working with the City staff, Tacoma police and Safe Streets to create a comprehensive approach to eliminating this continual problem. The goal of the program is to have QUICK and PERSISTENT removal of graffiti. The plan will involve support from: The City of Tacoma, Safe Streets, the Tacoma Police, the Juvenile Rehabilitation Program and Reman Hall. Each will have specific responsibilities that will save property owners over \$200,000 each year. Additionally, the expectation is that each of our city's neighborhood groups and business districts will work with the four partners, thus creating a community based approach to graffiti eradication.

Come to the meeting Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> for detailed information and the opportunity to provide input or ask questions. For more info. please call Kevin Phelps at 272-2042 day or 988-4254 evenings.





## North Slope Contacts

**Coalition Office/Crime Patrol @ 274 - 0839(voice/fax)**

### ***North Slope Coalition Steering Committee:***

Nick Kristensen @ 272-2884  
"Tom" & Barbara Tomberg @ 572-1532  
Julie Turner @ 383-2329  
Dan & Angie Klein @ 272-0938  
Velda McDonald @ 627-4192  
Judy Martin @ 272-0609  
Marie & Will Dudley @ 383-2116  
Thomas Hudson @ 973-3700

### ***North End Neighborhood Council:***

Dan Klein @ 272-0938  
Ralph Tomberg @ 572-1532  
Maggie Kelly @ 272-7102  
Walter Evanishyn @ 272-2425

### ***Crime Patrol:***

Thomas Hudson @ 973-3700

### ***Newsletter:***

Angie Klein @ 272-0938  
Marilyn Torgerson @ 627-4537  
Patty LeBlanc @ 272-2884  
Tom Hubbell @ 593-0749  
Thomas Hudson @ 973-3700

### ***Historic District Expansion:***

Velda McDonald @ 627-4192

### ***1998 Progressive Dinner:***

Judy Martin @ 272-0609  
Angie Klein @ 272-0938

### ***North Slope History Project:***

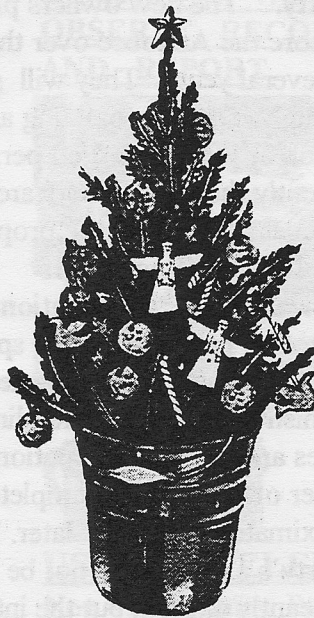
Kim Moreland @ 593-4319

### ***Safe Streets:***

Ed Aviles @ 272-6824

### ***Tacoma Cares:***

Lisa Wojtanowicz @ 591-5267



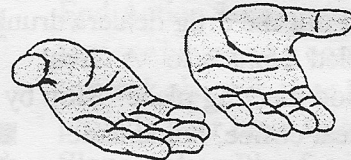
## **February 1999 Edition**

### **Article Deadline**

If you have an item to submit for the February edition of Trolley Times, please submit by **January 15<sup>th</sup>**

Marilyn Torgerson @ 627-4537  
Angie Klein @ 272-0938  
Patty LeBlanc @ 272-2884

**Thank You.** This allows adequate time to edit, print and deliver the Newsletter before the next meeting.



### **MANY HANDS MAKE THE LOAD LITE**

Once upon a time there were four people. Their names were Everybody, Somebody, Nobody and Anybody. Whenever there was an important job to be done, Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it, Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. When Nobody did it, Everybody got angry because it was Everybody's job. Somebody thought that Anybody would do it, but nobody realized that Nobody would do it. So, consequently Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done in the first place. **THE NORTH SLOPE NEEDS YOUR INPUT AND HELP. Please Attend Our Bimonthly Meetings.**

### **BE SOMEBODY**

## **December 5<sup>TH</sup> Coalition Agenda**

- Committee Reports
  - Walter Evanishyn - North End Council Member "8<sup>th</sup> & K Park"
  - Ralph Tomberg - North End Council Member "North Slope Action Plan"
  - Kevin Phelps - Tacoma Council Member "Graffiti Plan"
  - New business from the floor
- Join us for an informative hour!**

### **1999 Coalition Meeting Dates:**

February 6<sup>th</sup>  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>