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October Coalition Meeting to be held in Evening

A question was posed recently to a NSNC Steering Committee member, "Why don't we hold our Coalition meetings in the evening, rather than on a Saturday morning"? That's a very good question and the answer that comes to mind is "tradition". They've always been on a Saturday morning and it didn't occur to us to change it. With this suggestion and the low turnout we've been experiencing lately, this provides us an opportunity to experiment and by doing so, will hopefully increase the attendance and participation of our neighborhood.

The October Coalition Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 12,**

7-8:30 p.m. at Immanuel Presbyterian. Gerry Eysaman, a local architect doing research for the Historic Preservation Office, will give a slide presentation/talk on the historical aspects of the North Slope. Some people have heard his presentation previously and say it is really fascinating and interesting – plan to attend the October 12 evening meeting!

Depending on the feedback we receive, we may look at changing some or all of our future Coalition meetings to an evening timeframe. Let us know your preference. And as always, look for the Trolley Times to notify you of any schedule changes.

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 Tuesday evening, **October 12** at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 9th & J St. Refreshments will be provided.

Dates to Remember:

October 6 - Historic District Expansion hearing
October 12, 7 p.m. - North Slope Neighborhood Coalition Meeting
November 4, 7 p.m. - Police/Community Meeting
November 6 - Progressive Dinner
November 16/17 - Crime-Free Housing Class
December 4, 9 a.m. - December Coalition Meeting

Historic Home Tour, 2000

Tacoma Historical Society is looking for a few good homes. The committee is getting ready for the May 6-7 event and we need more special addresses to check out. Yes, we have some, and are grateful for the owners who have offered; we'd prefer a few more, however, before making the final selection. We will soon touch base with the generous owners who are willing to put their homes on display in 2000.

Julie Turner has some of the handouts of information from the last Coalition meeting. Or you may call Tacoma Historical Society at 472-

3738 and leave a message. Better yet, if you are interested and haven't submitted your address yet, call me at my home at 566-4995 (and leave a message) and I will return your call immediately.

A couple points of interest:

- Homes should have historical interest or architect or design of interest.
- Homeowners will receive a plaque similar to historical markers, and
- all homes will be provided with shoe covers for the patrons to use inside.

Each home will be assigned a Head Docent, plus the number of docents needed to answer questions during that weekend.

We are particularly interested in homes in the *upper* North Slope area (Job Carr's farm property).

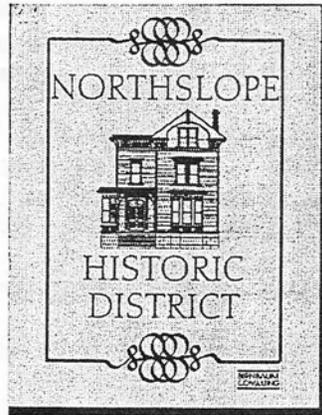
Our thanks for your cooperation.

Babs Weston, THS 2000 Tour Committee

Historic District Expansion, Part 2

Have you received a notice letting you know of the date for the hearing before the Planning Commission? What hearing, you may ask? This is the public hearing before the Planning Commission – the second of the three required public process hearings.

In September, Elizabeth Anderson, Historic Preservation Officer, presented the North Slope Historic District expansion to the Planning Commission and requested a date for the public hearing. There was



no public participation at that particular meeting, but some hardy souls attended to show continued

interest. (If you feel left out, it's because I didn't meet up with you to beg your attendance. You are not safe at the grocery market, any parking lot, or office!)

The Planning Commission has accepted the possibility of the proposed expansion and set the hearing date for **October 6**. We need to attend the hearing! If you have small children, it's fun to bring them. No one objects to knowing that young families actually live in the North Slope neighborhood!

Velda McDonald

Crime-Free Housing Seminars

Tacoma has been offering a 15 hour class on crime-free housing for property managers of single family, small multi-plex rentals, and larger apartments. The monthly program has three parts: training that helps owners and managers reduce criminal activity; site evaluation principles that reduce physical risks; and tenant education focusing on crime and safety.

The program works to support efforts to eliminate criminal activity and blight through code enforcement and community pride. The next class will be October 19 and 20, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. each day at the Russell Conference Center, 1321 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. There is a \$45 fee for the class.

November's session will be held on the 16 & 17. If you own or manage rentals and are interested in the program, phone Mary Beth

Riggs, 591-5160 for registration or further information.

Keep Tacoma Safe's website is www.ci.tacoma.wa.us/keepsafe/

Community Police Meeting

Sector 2 of the Tacoma Police Department held its quarterly community meeting August 26. A detective from Criminal Investigations Division discussed registered sex offenders (presently 987 in Tacoma). Other concerns involved traffic, party and drug houses, and theft.

The North Slope has been prone to car prowls. The officers again urged residents not to leave anything of value visible in a parked car. Belongings should be taken in

For information about the new fall clean-up regulations, watch your mail and local newspaper. The City is changing from the April and October pick-ups to a twice-a-year call-in. Let's take advantage of free clean-ups to keep our properties in better condition.



Encourage your neighbors to join in on getting rid of trash and junk in our yards and alleys!

the house or at least locked in the trunk.

Sector 2 has a new commander, Lt. Miller. Liaison officers are PPO Kothstein at 591-5290 and PPO Stark at 594-7837. The next quarterly meeting is planned for November 4, 7:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Park Headquarters on South 19th.

Volunteer Appreciation

At the December 4 Coalition meeting, we will have Volunteer Appreciation for all of you who help keep our Neighborhood Coalition going! If you've helped deliver the newsletter, participated in the citizens patrol, have knocked on doors asking for support of the historic district expansion, helped with the progressive dinner, or have volunteered in any capacity for the neighborhood, please plan on attending the December Coalition meeting.

We want to thank YOU and show our appreciation for all your much needed efforts.

Update on Mini-Casinos in Tacoma

The Tacoma City Council will be considering a ban or approval on mini-casinos. Seven licenses are pending for enhanced social card room mini-casinos. One is already open, on 6th Avenue.

They can remain open 20 hours a day. Licenses can be transferred from one establishment to another under the same ownership. They could be opened as any "accessory use" in any place selling food and/or drink for on-site consumption. Three licenses are pending for Ruston Way.

To talk to your councilmember about mini casinos, call Kevin Phelps at 952-6927, Mike Crowley at 759-3982, Bill Baarsma at 759-

6765 or Sharon McGavick at 566-3121. The moratorium has been extended. For more information, call Ralph Tomberg, North End Neighborhood Council member, at 572-1532.

Adopt-a-Spot

The North Slope Coalition collected litter on North I Street after the August 7 meeting, bagging about 50 pounds of trash. During 1999 there were three pick-ups, April, June, and August, collecting almost 200 pounds along the mile of I Street.

We will take a winter break and participate in Tacoma Cares Adopt-a-Spot program again after the February Coalition meeting, weather permitting.

Many North Slope residents clean up in front of their houses, and often on their block. Perhaps more of us can carry a plastic trash bag when we're out walking and pick up trash along the way. Every bit helps to keep our neighborhood clean!

Thanks to the 14 neighbors who volunteered on the litter pick-ups: Julie, Velda, Tom, Lynnrae, Chet, Marilyn, Patty, John, Stephen, Thomas, Kent, Cassidy, Paul and Perry.

Let's keep the North Slope clean!

Washington WaterWeeks 1999

For more than a decade, Washington WaterWeeks has brought together residents of all ages to celebrate, learn about and protect our state's waters. You can join neighbors in planting streamside trees, counting returning salmon, learning about water quality, and monitoring local watersheds. Here are some activities and events in Tacoma and surrounding areas:

Puyallup River Watershed Stewardship. Thursday, September 30, 7-9 p.m., Tacoma. Volunteers: Come and find out about the Puyallup River Watershed and opportunities to get involved in monitoring, restoration, and education activities from Mount Rainier to Commencement Bay. For location and registration, call Karen Dinicola, 383-2429. Sponsor: Citizens for a Healthy Bay.

Kids' Day at OysterFest. Friday, October 1, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Mason County Fairgrounds, 751 West Fairgrounds Rd., Shelton. FREE! Fourth grade students! Join

us as we trek through the world of water. Displays, activities, and games designed especially for students to experience the importance of water quality and watersheds. Bring a sack lunch and your enthusiasm. Registration required. Priority given to Mason County schools. For details, call Teri King, 360-427-9670, ext. 396. Sponsor: Washington Sea Grant Program.

Salmon Interpretive Walk with Sound South Green. Saturday, October 2, 1-2:30 p.m., Bayview Market deli, Fifth Ave. and Water St., downtown Olympia. FREE! Learn about the fall Chinook and Coho salmon and watch as they make their way from Budd Inlet to Capitol Lake and beyond. Take home a salmon kit that shares ways you can help protect local salmon and their habitat. Registration is required. For details or registration, call Kathy Jacobson, 360-754-4253. Sponsor: South Sound GREEN.

H2O Detectives Black Lake. Saturday, October 2, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Kenneydell County Park Lodge, Olympia. FREE! Have you ever collected water and taken a very close look to see what's living there? Join us as we take a look at

stream and lake water from our community. Learn why it's so important to keep pollution out of our water for wildlife and humans. For details, call 360-786-5595. Sponsor: Thurston County Parks and Recreation.

Wetland Wonders. Saturday, October 2, 10: a.m.-noon., Tacoma Nature Center, 1919 South Tyler, Tacoma. Cost: \$3/person, \$10/family. Discover the wonderful world of wetlands and explore this special preserve. Take a guided walk around Snake Lake and watch for waterfowl, songbirds, squirrels and small mammals. Over 100 species of birds inhabit the preserve. Examine living plankton and learn about animal adaptations. For details, call Chris Holland, 491-6439. Sponsor: Tacoma Nature Center.

A WET Puyallup River Watershed. Saturday, October 2 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Tacoma. Cost: \$28. Teachers: Looking for ways to introduce students to our watershed? Wondering about flooding, water supply and quality, or salmon issues? Here's a great 6-hour workshop which includes the Project WET Activity Guide. For details or to register, call Karen

Dinicola, 383-2429. Sponsor:
Citizens for a Healthy Bay.

Newaukum Creek Salmon Habitat Restoration. Saturday, October 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Enumclaw. FREE! Help restore salmon habitat by planting native trees and shrubs along Newaukum Creek in Enumclaw. Wear gloves and boots. Tools, materials and lunch provided. For directions and to register, call Pam Jerpe, 425-881-1100. Sponsors: Montgomery Watson, Midsound Fisheries Enhancement Group.

Naturefest. Sunday, October 3, noon-4 p.m., South Puget Sound Wildlife Area, 7801 Phillips Rd. SW, Lakewood. FREE! Outdoor fair! Big Fin, wildlife encounters, guided tours of salmon-rearing pool, viewing of the Western Pond Turtle, native plants for sale, food for sale and interactive fun for kids of all ages. For details, call Sally Palm-Larson, 582-6601. Sponsor: Tahoma Land Conservancy.

Soils for Salmon: The Urban Environment. Wednesday, October 6, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Pacific Lutheran University, University Center, Tacoma. Cost \$50/person. Learn about the relationship between soils, hydrology, and salmon habitat and how to aid salmon recovery efforts by improving disturbed soils to conserve water, increase water retention and improve water quality. Pre-registration required. To register or for details, call Connie Allison, 360-754-5162. Sponsor: Washington Organic Recycling Council.

Salmon Tour. Saturday, October 9, Puyallup River Watershed. FREE! Come see salmon spawn! Tour of streams within the Puyallup River watershed. Also highlighted will be past salmon improvement projects. For details, call Jeannie Udd/Jayme Gordon/Isabel Ragland, 845-2973. Sponsors: Pierce Conservation District, Pierce County Surface Water Management, Cities of Tacoma, Puyallup, Fife, and Sumner.

Washington WaterWeeks is an

annual statewide series of events designed to help residents of all ages understand and take action to protect Washington's waters and habitats. Your group or organization can join this exciting program by planning an activity for WaterWeeks 2000. For more information call WaterWeeks at 360-943-3642, or visit www.waterweeks.org.

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Next Coalition Meeting @ Immanuel Presbyterian Church: October 12, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for an informative evening! Meeting begins at 7:00 and promptly ends at 8:30. On this month's agenda:

- Gerry Eysaman, architect and researcher for the HPO, Slide Presentation & Talk on North Slope
- Announcements:
 - Planning Commission Hearing Update
 - Historic District Signs Update
 - 1999 Progressive Dinner - Volunteers Needed