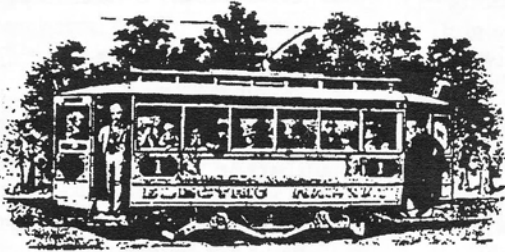


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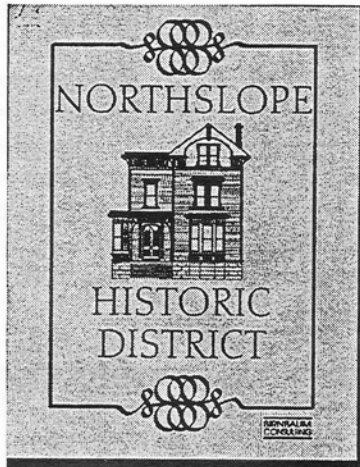
On November 3, the Planning Commission voted to recommend the expansion of the North Slope Historic District to the Tacoma City Council. The Planning Commission hearing was the second in a series of three public hearings. With their recommendation, the expansion request will now be heard before the Tacoma City Council in January (date to be announced). This is the last step in the process. Watch for your hearing notice and **plan to attend!** We need to show our continuing support for the Historic designation.

Velda McDonald
627-4192

Calling All Volunteers!

The North Slope Neighborhood Coalition is thanking all of its volunteers by having a special celebration at the December 4 Coalition Meeting.

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. Please plan on attending so you may be recognized for your time, ideas and most often the leg work that helps keep the coalition going!

Annobee Apartments Undergo Renovation

Have you noticed work has started on the Annobee Apartments at North 4th and I Streets? Environmental work is ongoing and reconstruction starts in

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, **December 4** at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 9th & J St. Refreshments will be provided.

Dates to Remember:

- December 4**, 9 a.m. - December Coalition Meeting
- December 4**, Happy Hannukah!
- December 11**, Historical Society Book Signing
- December 12**, Tacoma Bed & Breakfast Tour/Benefit
- December 25**, Merry Christmas!
- January 1**, Happy New Year!
- March 9**, tentative police/community meeting

December. The completion date is scheduled for late May.

The 43 units will rent to lower income seniors over 55 years old. Anyone who is interested in getting on their waiting list may call Dobler Management at 253-475-2405.

Bed and Breakfast Holiday Tours to Benefit Tacoma Rescue Mission

Reserve Sunday, December 12 to cruise around and visit many of the beautiful Tacoma Bed & Breakfast Inns, with the entire ticket price of \$10.00 benefiting the Tacoma Rescue Mission. Tours begin at 12:00 p.m. and will go until 6:00 p.m.

TACOMAINNS.COM, a Bed and Breakfast Association, will host the open houses; the seven participating inns will be decked out in their holiday finery to welcome the season. Many inns have holiday themes and have unusual holiday decor and decorations. The tour will be inspirational to the viewers as well as beneficial to the recipients of the Tacoma Rescue Mission. The majority of the participating inns are located in the North End, which should be especially fun for North Slope residents. The Holiday Open House tour includes these bed and breakfasts:

Austrian B&B
723 N. Cushman

Bay Vista
4617 Darien Drive

Chinaberry Hill
302 Tacoma Avenue North

DeVoe Mansion
208 E. 133rd St.

The Green Cape Cod
2711 North Warner

Plum Duff House
619 North K Street

The Villa
705 North 5th Street

All of these inns are very differ-

ent from one another and all of them are very successful at making guests to Tacoma feel welcome and pampered. Many of them are your neighbors. Support a good cause and your neighbors in welcoming in the holiday season and donating to the Tacoma Rescue Mission.

Call early for your ticket(s) and come see the high quality Bed & Breakfast Inns of Tacoma. Only a limited number of tickets will be sold at these locations:

Northwest Shop, 2702 N Proctor

Starbucks Coffee: 30th &
McCarver, 26th & Proctor, 2405
N. Pearl

Washington History Museum
Store, 1900 Pacific Avenue

The participating inns will also have receptacles to accept cans of food for the food drive. For more information, please call 593-6098 or online at

<http://www.tacomainns.com>

Kip Duff
Plum Duff House

Holiday Decorat- ing Contest

Last December, a sponsored holiday outdoor decorating contest, garnered many entries and lit up the dark December skies. There will be a contest again this year, sponsored by Century 21 Magic, Eagle Hardware & Thomas Hudson. For more information on how to enter, contact Thomas at 272-8699.



Thank you to:

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for the printing of the
newsletter. We appreciate
your support!

Historic Footnotes

The North Slope Historic District is established. The final expansion is awaiting approval of the City Council.

What does it all mean? For one thing, the city agrees with us that his District is unique and deserves recognition and protection. It means that the design and layout of the neighborhoods and the varied architectural styles throughout the district deserve preservation and respect when new construction occurs. It means we have taken steps to preserve our history – tangible, visible and spiritual links to the people who lived here before us.

802 North J Street is a good example: it is on the original 1892 Sandborn map. It was the only house on the even number side of the J Street. It faced “J” and had a shake roof. We removed the shakes in 1987 when reroofing (100 years!!)

802 was built in 1889 by the Wheeler family. Henry Wheeler was born in the house in 1892. He later became an important leader in the Tacoma timber industry. Eventually he gave his sawmill to his employees when he retired! In 1982, Mr. Wheeler drove up, quickly walked up the front steps, asking to tour his boyhood home. We were delighted to show him around. We had a million questions to ask! He couldn't remember too many details. His family moved when he was eight. He did remember sitting on a granite retaining wall early in the mornings, waiting for the horse

drawn milk wagon. They had horses of their own out back. He remembered ornate woodwork inside and outside: a fancy widows' walk and gable ornaments.

The Wheelers sold to the McKees in 1900. The McKee name is imbedded in the concrete steps leading up to the front of the house. They owned the meat market at 1006 S. "K" Street and the "United Market" (phone # Main 878). The McKees were listed in Tacoma society's "Blue Book". Records show that in 1928 Louisa McKee (widow) lived in the house until 1932. McKees lived in the house for 32 years; raised a family and had dreams for the future. They lived through WWI and the Great Depression. What was it like at 802?

The house sat vacant in 1933. Then Albert Hill and Mrs. Leffingwell were here until 1936. Vacant again in 1937 and 1938. The bank repossessed and made 802 N. J into a duplex. Mrs. Charnley (advertising manager at Totem Stores) and Walter Fawcett (timekeeper at Concrete & Steel Pipe Co.) with wife Jane occupied the apartments. In 1939 the central heat was installed, a very modern oil fired forced air furnace (the size of a truck).

In the '40's, various people came and went. A salesman for Wakefield Motors, a salesman for Consolidated Dairy, a music teacher and some post WWII widows: Mabel Dodds and Daisy Adams.

In 1951 Murry Marshall (salesman for Forrester & Lee) with wife Lena purchased 802. He later ran the "International Accountants Society Correspondence School" from the home. In 1971 the Marshall's sold to the current owners.

These are the simplest facts: names, occupations and dates – a small window to the past, an identity – real people occupying the same space we occupy for now. What were their hopes and dreams? Was there love and joy, loss and grief,

success and renewal? Are they a part of us? We a part of the future?

Roger Johnson
NSHD Representative to the
Historic Landmark Preservation
Commission

Police/Community Meeting

The quarterly community meeting for North End Sector 2 Tacoma Police Department was held November 4. A representative from the Clandestine Lab Team presented an interesting, informative program about methamphetamine labs, showing slides of various Tacoma area labs. He displayed samples of meth lab equipment and supplies and spoke of the dangers of the labs during the production process and the environmental damage done to the neighboring areas.

So far in 1999, Pierce County has investigated 108 meth labs. Several police teams work on this problem. If you think there are illegal drug production or sales in your neighborhood, notify the police with an address, auto license or other

information.

The next police/community meeting is tentatively set for March 9, 7:00 p.m. at the park headquarters on South 19th. Our liaison officers are PPO Kothstein (591-5290) and PPO Stark (594-7837). They are available to hear your police concerns.

Coalition Meetings May Go Quarterly

The North Slope Steering Committee is considering changing the current bi-monthly Coalition meeting format to a quarterly format, which eliminates two Coalition meetings from the calendar year. In addition to possibly holding quarterly Coalition meetings, we are also thinking about scheduling all of them in the evening hours, with each meeting having an emphasis, i.e., guest speaker, a special how-to workshop, or any other urgent business at hand.

Please let us know what you think! We want our Coalition meetings to be informative and fun

The Tacoma Historical Society is looking for homes for the May 6-7, 2000 Historic Home Tour. The selection committee is presently making appointments with homeowners who have expressed interest. If you live in the North Slope and would like more information about the home tour, call Babs Weston, 566-4995 or 472-3738.

The Historical Society has just published Volume II of Tacoma, Voices of the Past. It is a book by 19 authors, short stories about early Tacoma. Volume I, 23 stories about homes, neighborhoods, schools and first jobs, has sold out but will have a reprint soon.



The pre-sale price of \$14.95 is available until December 13; it will be \$19.95 after that date. A book signing will be held on December 11 from 10:00-4:00 at 1814 Skyline Drive. For further information about orders, call 752-7722.

and you can help us meet that goal by providing us your thoughts and/or ideas. For example, if there's a do-it-yourself project you're unsure of, let us know and we might be able to line up someone to present that particular subject. Many of our own neighbors are "unofficial" do-it-yourselfers and have a vast knowledge and skill to carry out the task.

What are your interests? How can we help? Are evening meetings better for your schedule than a Saturday morning? Contact any one of us on the Steering Committee - we'd love to hear from you!

Entertaining Guests This Holiday Season? Try this quick appetizer recipe:

Artichoke & Goat Cheese Spread

Serve this tangy spread with a colorful assortment of sliced fresh vegetables or with crostini.

Makes about 1 3/4 Cups

9 ounces of marinated artichoke hearts, well drained (if buying 6-ounce jars, use 1 1/2 jars)
 1/2 tablespoon olive oil
 1/4 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest
 1/2 pound mild, soft goat cheese, such as Montrachet
 1/2 tablespoon finely chopped flat-leaf parsley
 3/4 teaspoons coarsely ground pepper
 Fresh lemon juice (optional)

1. In a food processor, pulse the artichoke hearts until coarsely chopped. Transfer to a bowl and toss with the olive oil and lemon zest.

2. Place the goat cheese in the processor and puree until smooth. Gently fold the goat cheese into the artichokes along with the parsley and pepper. Add a squeeze of

lemon juice if desired. Cover and refrigerate for up to two days. Let return to room temperature before serving.

T was the calm and silent night!
 Seven hundred years and fifty-three
 Had Rome been growing up to
 might,
 And now was queen of land and

sea.

No sound was heard of clashing wars,

Peace brooded o'er the hushed domain;

Apollo, Pallas, Jove, and Mars
 Held undisturbed their ancient

reign

In the solemn midnight,
 Centuries ago.

Christmas Hymn.

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Next Coalition Meeting @ Immanuel Presbyterian Church: December 4, 9:00 a.m.

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

- Volunteer Appreciation!
- City Council Hearing Date for Historic District Expansion
- Historic District Signs Update
- 1999 Progressive Dinner
- North End Neighborhood Council Election Results
- Update on Park at 8th & K