Trolley Times

News of Tacoma's North Slope Historic District
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Find Those Bavarian Roots!

The North Slope is hosting an Oktoberfest Beer Tasting! The event will be held at a NSHD establishment, the Parkway Tavern (located at 313 N. I) on October 22. Stop in between 2:30-5:30 p.m. for 5 beer tastes of your choice! Get to know your neighbors, enjoys some tasty beverages, and eat light fare. Tickets are $12 and can be purchased by calling Tiffany Price at 396-9047 or Mary Boone at 272-0165. Proceeds go towards beautification and safety projects in the neighborhood. See you there!

The North Slope Goes a-Caroling!

What: Holiday Fun
When: 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2005
Where: Meet at Immanuel Presbyterian Church
901 North J Street
Bring: Cookies to share

Gather the kids, bring along the neighbors - the North Slope is going caroling. We will gather at Immanuel Presbyterian Church (use the 9th Street entrance) beginning at 6:15 p.m. Then, promptly at 6:45, we will venture out through the rain or snow or under the stars to serenade neighbors and strangers. Everyone is welcome, but remember we will be singing those patriarchal, non-degenderized, potentially offensive, yet wonderfully traditional Christmas carols. Song sheets will be provided. Absolutely no musical ability is required. After our cold feet can take us no further (probably around 7:30), we will return to our gathering place and feast on cocoa, cider, and assorted sweets. Please bring cookies or another dessert to share.
For more info or encouragement, call Mary at 272-0165.

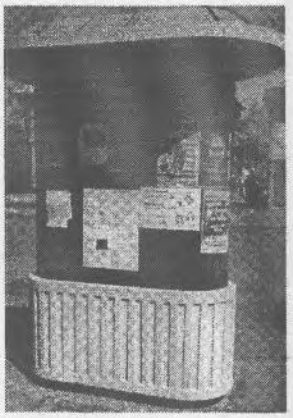
Make a Difference Day

Saturday, October 22 is "Make a Difference Day," sponsored by Point of Light Foundation, USA Weekend Magazine, and Paul Newman. Millions of Americans participate in volunteering for projects that help others. For ideas go to makeadifferenceday.com or call 800-416-3824.

Kiosk Gets a Makeover

North Slope neighbors volunteered to assist artist Lynn DiNino in beautifying our North 6th and K Street kiosk as part of a Neighborhood Council Innovative Grant. Work parties took place in early August, as groups pressure washed the cement kiosk, painted it yellow, and attached the dark green covering. The finished kiosk, with our NSHD logo colors of yellow and green, will be a more attractive addition to that commercial corner. Issues of the quarterly newsletter have been posted on the kiosk, available to be read by neighbors who haven't received a copy.

Thanks to volunteers Marshall, Geoff, Patty, Jim, Jean, Ellen, John, Karen, Ed, Kyle, Chet and Marilyn! Thanks also to neighbor Jeff Simmons whose water faucet we used for pressure washing, and Jay Turner and Leroy Turnbull for the loan of their pressure washers!
If you haven't seen the "new look," stop by North 6th and K!



ZONING CHANGE WAITING FOR PLANNING COMMISSION VOTE

The zoning project of the NSHD's Public Works Committee has prepared and submitted documents to the planners and the Commission; we are now waiting for a vote on Oct. 5th from the Commission to reject our proposal or send it to the City Council for approval.

On August 3, over 40 North Slopers came to testify or stand to support our proposal to unite the NSHD under one zoning category. To accomplish this, two items need to be added to the "uphill" area, zoned R2-SRD, to give it the "historic" wording of the "downhill" MR-SRD zone, and two items need to be removed from MR-SRD. Then, both areas would be equal in zoning protections.

Many thanks to those who spoke and to those brave souls who came to stand and be counted as supporters of the NSHD proposal. You are all representative of what makes our neighborhood successful!

Julie Turner, Chair
NSHD Public Works Committee

Need Info?

Are you a new resident of the North Slope? We have a folder of information about the district available for new homeowners. Please call 627-4537 to request the materials.

Stop By For A Visit!

www.tacomanorthslope.com

-the official website of the North Slope Historic District-

The website is a great place to find new news about our neighborhood as well as look back over developments in recent years. Features include:

* History of the founding of the district and our recent addition to the National Historic Register
*Links to Tacoma city services and related local historic preservation sites
*Details on recent neighborhood programs
*Archive of many past issues of "The Trolley Times"

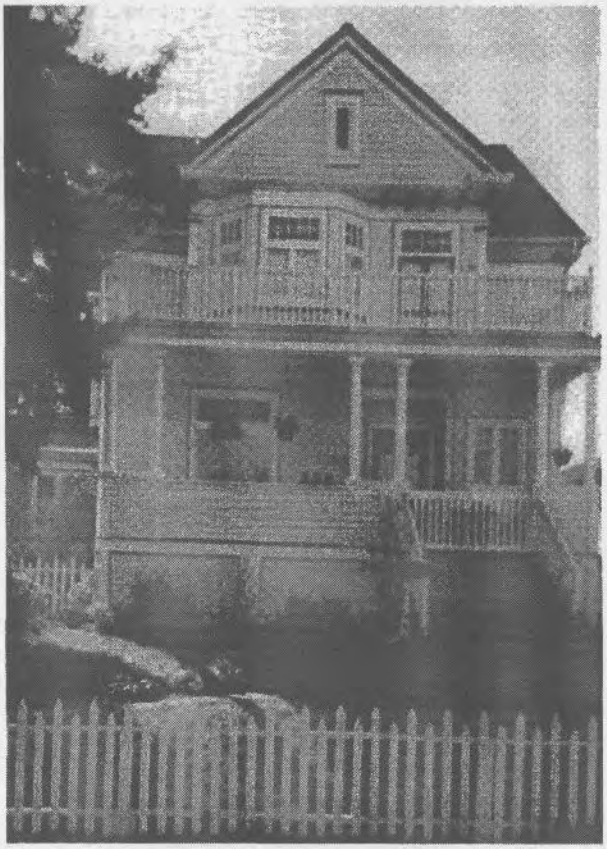
When visiting the site you can also sign up for e-mail updates, so you'll be the first on your block to know about upcoming programs and social activities.

It's all at: www.tacomanorthslope.com

FROM THE ARCHIVES . . . .

of the National Historic Register

Carl Darmer, a noted Tacoma architect, in 1900 built his family home , a 2 1/2 story Queen Anne house, at 520 North L. Centered on front is a pedimented gable dormer supported on decorative brackets. A shallow roofed porch extends across the front of the house and is supported on double round columns. Darmer was born in 1858 in Germany, apprenticed as a carpenter and builder, came to San Francisco in 1882, and Tacoma in 1884. He also designed the Harmon Building, First Presbyterian Church, and Peoples Store.



North Slope Plaques

Great for holiday gift giving--here's your chance to buy a spiffy bronze 5x7 plaque identifying your property as part of the North Slope Historic District/National Register. Plaques cost $75 and must be pre-ordered by November 1. Plaques will arrive in time for the holidays. To order your plaque, download the form at www.tacomanorthslope.com and attach it with your check for $75 made out to "The North Slope Historic District." Full details and mailing information are on the form. For questions, or if you don't have access to our website, call Mitch at 272-0165.

Neighborhood News

Several "Trolley Times" deliverers have moved, and we need more volunteers. It takes about an hour to deliver approximately 50 papers in a 3-6 block area, We have four issues a year. If you would like to help deliver, please call 627-4537 to leave your name and phone number. It's another way to meet neighbors as well as get some exercise! Thank you!

City of Tacoma asks us to rake, sweep, or blow leaves and debris from the storm drains near our homes to prevent flooding after heavy rains that clog drains.

Call 573-2468 to schedule a City pick-up of large throwaway items, boxes, and bags. All Tacoma residents may have two free "Call-2-Haul" times each year.

If you have an abandoned car parked in your neighborhood, phone 591-5926 to leave car make, color, license #, and location on the recording.

Anyone who would like to join a committee (Public Works, Public Safety, Communications, Programs / Fundraising) or become a NSHD board member, please call Ralph Tomberg at 572-1532.

Tacoma City Council District #2 represents the North Slope area. Replacing Kevin Phelps will be either Jake Fey or Denny Faker - to be decided at the November 8 election. Please remember to vote!

Dates to Remember

October 10---Columbus Day
October 22---NSHD Oktoberfest, 2:30-5:30 p.m.
October 22---Make A Difference Day
October 30---Set clocks back one hour
October 31---Halloween
November 8---Election Day
November 11---Veterans' Day
November 24---Thanksgiving
December 14---NSHD Caroling, 6:30 p.m.
December 21---Winter begins
December 25---Christmas
January 1---New Year's Day
January 2006---Next newsletter

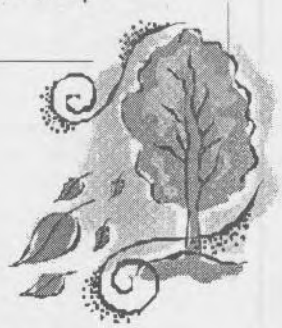
Police/Community News

Tacoma Sector 2 Police held a community meeting September 29 at Wright Park to discuss the June 2006 move from Wright Park to the new substation at North 26th and Baltimore. Traffic issues, Wright Park and other neighborhood concerns were also on the agenda. Sector 2 Staff are:

Lt. Roberts---591-5697 CLO Stark---594-1837
CLO Kothstein---591-5290 CLO Rush---594-7961

Random Acts of Kindness

1. Contribute to a food bank
2. Offer to babysit for a friend
3. Write a note of appreciation
4. Clean off graffiti
5. Renew an old friendship
6. Forgive someone



Handy Phone Numbers

Drugline---475-2725
Humane Society---383-2733
Metro Parks---305-1000
Postal Information---1-800--275-8777
Recycling---565-5955
Sewer, Clogged Drains---591-5588
Solid Waste Utility---591-5543
Traffic Engineering---591-5500
Utilities---383-9600
Voter Registration---591-7430

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North Slope Historic District Board of Directors:

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Deborah Cade	593-4569
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Marshall McClintock	572-5474
Velda McDonald	627-4192
Tiffany Price	396-9047
Mitch Robinson	272-0165
Ralph Tomberg	572-1532
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NSHD Representative on Landmarks Commission:	
Roger Johnson	431-3959
Kathryn Longwell	627-0423
Tim McDonald	572-4512

North Slope Historic District Web Page:
www.tacomanorthslope.com

The North Slope Historic District is a 501(c)(3) organization. NSHD board meetings are open to all North Slope residents. The next meetings will be November 16 & January 25 in the Fireside Room of Immanuel Presbyterian Church starting at 7 p.m.

Thank you to:

Tacoma Cares

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

National Night Out

Nearly one hundred people attended the August 2 National Night Out celebration in our North 8th and K NSHD park. Tacoma Sector 2 Police and Fire Department officers stopped by. Many toddlers enjoyed the play area. North Slope residents visited with new and old friends, and the weather cooperated for a fun evening!

July NSHD Meeting

Landscape designer Anna Thurston presented the Saturday morning North Slope program July 23. She discussed drought resistant plants, soil preparation, irrigation, long term maintenance, and answered many questions from the 25 North Slope residents in attendance. Anna's business, Advanced Botanical Resources, can be reached at 566-3342 or www.a.thurston@worldnet.att.net.

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2:30-5:30 p.m.
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313 North I Street
Tickets---$12

The North Slope Historic District is made up of the people living between "I" and Grant Streets from Division to Steele.