



# TROLLEY TIMES

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## Everyone Loves a Parade!

North Slope residents of all ages can celebrate the Fourth of July with the District's first official **KIDDIE PARADE!**

Children of all ages – and their adults – are encouraged to participate in this patriotic parade. Decorate your bike or stroller, dust off your roller skates, dress up in a silly outfit – just come and be part of the fun. Well-behaved pets on leashes are allowed but, please, no motorized vehicles of any sort.



Parade participants should meet at 9:45 a.m. (be prompt!) on Tuesday, July 4, at the corner of Steele and N. J Streets. North Slope volunteers will be on hand to help you line up and to hand out tiny American flags.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. and will proceed down J Street to North 8<sup>th</sup> Street. We'll then turn and march one block to the North Slope Historic District Park, where the parade will end. Once there, kids can play, adults can chat, and everyone can enjoy lemonade courtesy of the NSHD.

Residents are encouraged to line the route and cheer on our youngest residents. Invite your friends and family to participate and/or watch. This should be the beginning of a terrific neighborhood tradition!

### Put it on your calendar:

**NSHD Fourth of July Kiddie Parade  
Tuesday, July 4, 2006**

**9:45 a.m. meet at corner of N. Steele and J Sts  
10 a.m. parade marches down North J to 8<sup>th</sup> St**

## NSHD Garage Sale

That old exercise bike might look like trash to you, but it could be someone else's treasure.

The North Slope Historic District invites all residents to clear out their clutter and have a little fun at the same time at our **DISTRICT-WIDE GARAGE SALE** on **Saturday, July 8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Here's how it works: Each family sets up its individual sale at their own home. We share the cost of advertising (just \$5 per family) and take advantage of all the folks who flock to our dozens of sales. **PLUS:** Shoppers won't get maps showing all participating houses until 9 a.m. on July 8, so you're assured of having **NO EARLYBIRD** shoppers.

If you'd like to participate: Fill out this form and drop it off (with \$5 cash or a check made out to North Slope Historic District) at Judy Martin's home (515 North M St) by Friday, June 30. Questions? Call Judy at 572-3059.

### Garage Sale 2006

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Where will you stage your sale? Circle one:  
Parkway      Alley

What one item would you like to feature in the map and advertising? (example: baby clothes, antiques, tools, etc.)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mail or drop off by 6/30 (with \$5) to 515 N. M St.

*Clip and Save:*

## 2006 NSHD Programs/Dates

- 7/4 NSHD Fourth of July Kiddie Parade (10 a.m. gather at the corner of Steele and N. J Street by 9:45)
- 7/8 NSHD Garage Sale (all day at individual homes throughout the district)
- 7/12 General Meeting to address neighborhood issues including street repair, sale of NW Kinetics properties, formation of Historic Tacoma, etc. (6:30 p.m.) \* #
- 8/1 National Night Out (6 p.m. North Slope Park / rain location is Immanuel Presbyterian Church)
- 8/30 Q&A with City Manager Eric Anderson (7 p.m.) \* #
- 10/18 Weathering Your Home (7 p.m.) \* #
- 11/5 Progressive Dinner (ticket price and host homes will be announced soon)
- 12/13 Cocoa and Carols (6 p.m.)
- 12/18 Judging for NSHD Holiday Home Decorating Contest

\* Indicates these programs will include a short business meeting to update residents on relevant issues/concerns. Social time begins 30 minutes prior to scheduled start for these events.

# Indicates free babysitting will be provided at these events.

Unless otherwise noted, programs will be held at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 901 N. J Street.

Additional events may be added to the schedule. Check the website ([www.tacomnorthslope.com](http://www.tacomnorthslope.com)) and watch future editions of this newsletter for updates.

## Protect Yourself

In early June, the *News Tribune* reported about a scheme in which a group of burglars was using a youth to check on whether anyone was inside Key Peninsula homes they wanted to raid. The article quoted Pierce County Sheriff's deputies who said the group drives around checking for homes that appear to be vacant. They then send the youth to the front door. If there's no answer, the group burglarizes the place. If someone answers, the youth makes an excuse for having the wrong address and leaves.

A similar tactic was employed in May at a residence on North 5th Street. The effort failed and the resident reported the incident. A neighbor called 911 when a similar group was seen in the

same area. Further, both NW Kinetics buildings were broken into during the same time period; nothing was taken.

Be aware. If you suspect any sort of criminal activity in your neighborhood, call 911 immediately.

## Policing the Neighborhood

Eleven Tacoma police officers are designated as Community Liaison Officers serving four different sectors within the city. The North Slope Historic District falls within Sector Two, which is served by two Community Liaison Officers who provide specialized services to our citizens and businesses, and serve as a focal point for community concerns. The sector office recently moved to its new location at 5136 N. 26th Street. The Sector Two police staff includes:



**Lt. Alan Roberts 591-5697**  
**CLO Eric Kothstein 591-5290**  
**CLO Steve Thornton 594-7837**

## Meet Your City Manager

You are invited to meet City Manager – and new North Slope resident – Eric Anderson at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 30, at Immanuel Presbyterian Church.



This is your chance to ask questions about street repair, zoning issues, safety concerns, parking, historic preservation and more. Don't be shy – come hear what Mr. Anderson has to say about the future of Tacoma.

### **Put it on your calendar:**

**Meet Your City Manager: Eric Anderson**  
**7 p.m., Wednesday, August 30, 2006**  
**(social/coffee time begins at 6:30)**  
**Immanuel Presbyterian Church**  
**901 N. J Street (use the 9<sup>th</sup> Street entrance)**  
**Free babysitting provided!**

## Summer in the City

The following is just a partial listing of Tacoma's summer festivals and events ... Get out ... Enjoy!

- 6/30-7/2 Taste of Tacoma, Point Defiance Park;  
[www.tasteoftacoma.com](http://www.tasteoftacoma.com)
- 7/4 Freedom Fair, Commencement Bay;  
[www.freedomfair.com](http://www.freedomfair.com)
- 7/4 Dragon Boat Races, Commencement Bay;  
[www.washingtondragonboat.us](http://www.washingtondragonboat.us)
- 7/6 Puget Sound Bead Festival, Sheraton;  
[www.pugetsoundbeadfestival.com](http://www.pugetsoundbeadfestival.com)
- 7/8 Blues Festival, Old Town;  
[www.tacomaoldtownbluesfest.com](http://www.tacomaoldtownbluesfest.com)
- 7/9 Art on the Ave, Sixth Avenue Business District;  
[www.artontheave.org](http://www.artontheave.org)
- 7/29 - 30 Ethnic Fest, Wright Park; [www.co.pierce-wa.us/pc/services/arts/ethfest.htm](http://www.co.pierce-wa.us/pc/services/arts/ethfest.htm)
- 8/26 - 27 Ride Around Puget Sound, bicycle tour starts and ends near Tacoma Dome;  
[www.rapsodybikeride.com](http://www.rapsodybikeride.com)
- 9/3 - 4 Point Defiance Music Fest, 51<sup>st</sup> and Pearl;  
[www.pointdefiancemusicfest.org](http://www.pointdefiancemusicfest.org)

## General Meeting July 12

It's time to bring together North Slope residents to talk about issues affecting our neighborhood. So, gather the family and bring along your neighbors - we'll meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, at Immanuel Presbyterian Church. Among topics we'll address:

- preservation of Wilkerson sandstone streets within the District.
- sale/future of Northwest Kinetics buildings (on North 5<sup>th</sup> Street).
- installation of new street lights on L Street.
- formation of Historic Tacoma organization.

Come with questions or updates on topics of interest to other residents.

### Put it on your calendar:

#### **NSHD General Meeting**

**7 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, 2006**  
*(social/coffee time begins at 6:30)*

**Immanuel Presbyterian Church**

**901 N. J Street (use the 9<sup>th</sup> Street entrance)**

***Free babysitting provided!***

## NSHD Board of Directors

Mark Bardwil	759-3878
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Kathryn Longwell	627-0423
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Ralph Tomberg	572-1532
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The North Slope Board of Directors meets on the fourth Wednesday of odd numbered months at 7 p.m. at Immanuel Presbyterian Church. The meetings are open to all district residents and/or property owners. If you have an item you'd like included on the board's agenda, please phone President Marshall McClintock.

## Historic Tacoma Organizing

A public meeting to discuss the state of preservation in Tacoma will be held at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, July 20, in the Olympic Room of the Tacoma Public Library, 1102 Tacoma Ave. South.

Organizers want citizen input to identify community needs, determine methods to address these needs, gauge the level of support, and identify potential volunteers and projects. For additional information, contact Sharon Winters at [swinters@nventure.com](mailto:swinters@nventure.com).



## Info via email

Would you like to receive electronic updates about North Slope news and programming? Sign up by emailing [postmaster@northslope.com](mailto:postmaster@northslope.com).

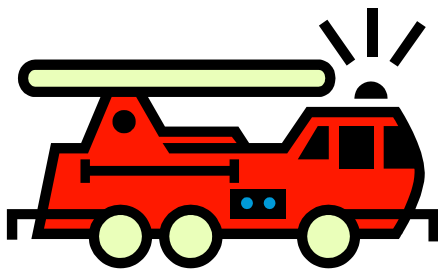
Your email address and personal information will not be shared with other organizations and/or businesses.

## National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 1, the North Slope Historic District will join with almost 10,000 communities from all 50 states, Canada, and military bases around the world to celebrate "National Night Out - America's Night Out Against Crime."

National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness.
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts.
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.
- Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.



The North Slope's gathering begins at 6 p.m. at the North Slope Historic District Park and will include a dessert

potluck. We'll supply plates, napkins and flatware - just bring an appetite and something to share. Children will thrill at getting an up-close look at a visiting fire truck and police car.

We're hoping for sunshine, but in the event of rain the North Slope's National Night Out event will be held at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 909 North J St.

### **Put it on your calendar:**

#### **National Night Out**

**6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2006**

**North Slope Historic District Park  
(Corner of North K and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets)**

***Rain location: Immanuel Presbyterian Church***

## Emergency Preparedness

The NSHD's Public Safety Committee is looking for residents who'd like to become part of a Neighborhood Emergency Response Team. The team will help train residents to work together in

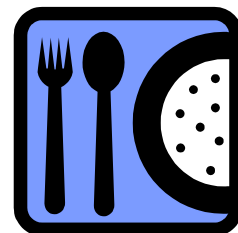
the first few minutes or hours following a disaster - before professionals can get to the scene.

For more information, contact Thomas Hudson at 973-3700 or [thomas@mrhistory.net](mailto:thomas@mrhistory.net)

## Progressive Dinner

Yes, the North Slope's popular Progressive Dinner is BACK!

This fundraiser allows participants to enjoy a delicious four-course meal as they travel to four lovely historic homes in the North Slope Historic District. This year's dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4. Tickets are \$35 per person.



Four seatings of 26 people each are available, at 4 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 5:15 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. Only 104 tickets are available. In the past, this event has sold out EARLY.

### ***To make reservations:***

Contact Judy Martin at 572-3059.

***To volunteer:*** (we need hosts/hostesses, kitchen help, greeters, etc.)

Contact Angie Klein at 272-0938 or email [angieklein@harbornet.com](mailto:angieklein@harbornet.com)

## Exploring Options

The North Slope Historic District is currently researching the possibility of delivering *The Trolley Times* through the mail. The cost to do so would be underwritten by sponsors who, in turn, would receive a small amount of space within the newsletter to promote their businesses.

If we move forward with this effort and you would like to be notified of this sponsorship opportunity, please send a brief email to: [postmaster@tacomnorthslope.com](mailto:postmaster@tacomnorthslope.com)