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Crime Trends & Police Blotter

Last year, Tacoma Police responded to 680 robberies, 1,233 aggravated assaults, 142 rapes, and 3,601 motor vehicle thefts. So, with all the crime, how do you protect yourself and your property?



Come to the North Slope's Crime Trends & Police Blotter program at **7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, at Immanuel Presbyterian Church.**

Representatives from the Tacoma Police Department will talk about recent crime trends, how to spot and report drug activity, and how to safeguard our neighborhood. It will a terrific time to meet Officer Mike Fields, the new Community Liaison Officer (CLO) assigned to this area.

Put it on your calendar:

NSHD General Meeting
Program: Crime Trends & Police Blotter
6:30 p.m. social/ 7 p.m. program
Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007
Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 901 N. J St.
Free babysitting available

City Connections

A last-minute invitation to a government conference kept Mayor Bill Baarsma from attending the North Slope's January meeting as was previously scheduled.

At-large City Council Member Julie Anderson kindly agreed to fill-in for the mayor and provided updates on topics ranging from potholes and the city's nuisance law to downtown development. Many thanks to Councilor Anderson for attending our meeting.

Celebrate March-toberfest

Want to get to know more of your neighbors in a relaxed, fun atmosphere? Come celebrate **March-toberfest** with the North Slope Historic District.



Our second annual beer tasting event will be held **Sunday, March 11 at the Parkway Tavern.** Come any time between 1 and 4 p.m. to sample a handful of beers. Light snacks will also be provided. Bring your friends – whether or not they live in this neighborhood!

Tickets for this adult-only event cost \$10. They are available by calling Kyle Price at (253) 396-9047 or emailing postmaster@tacomanorthslope.com. Proceeds benefit the North Slope Historic District's safety and beautification efforts.

Put it on your calendar:

NSHD Social Event
March-toberfest Beer Tasting
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 11, 2007
Parkway Tavern at 313 N. I St.

Weatherizing Workshop

Want to learn more about keeping the cold out? Tacoma Power is offering a free workshop on "Weatherization and the Early 1900's Home." The workshop will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the Tacoma Public Utilities Administration Building Auditorium, 3628 S. 35th Street.

The workshop is free but pre-registration is required. Call (253) 502-8377 to register or for more information.

2007 NSHD Programs/Dates

- 2/22 Police Blotter/Drug Activity Alerts * #
3/11 March-toberfest Beer Tasting (Parkway Tavern, \$10 per person in advance)
4/26 Historic Preservation Q&A with Michael Sullivan and Reuben McKnight *#
May TBA North Slope Walking Tours (various times TBA)
6/28 Adding Curb Appeal: A Realtor Panel *#
7/4 J Street 4th of July Kiddie Parade (10 a.m.)
7/14 North Slope Garage Sale (districtwide)
7/26 Meet the Candidates *#
8/7 National Night Out (6 p.m. K Street Park)
10/18 Architectural historian Caroline T. Swope *#
11//4 Progressive Dinner (various times TBA, tickets available closer to the event)
12/13 Cocoa and Carols (6 p.m.)

* Indicates these programs begin with social time at 6:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7p.m. Programs generally include a short business meeting to update residents on relevant issues/concerns.

Indicates free babysitting will be provided at these events.

Unless otherwise noted, programs will be held at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 901 N. J Street. Check our website (www.tacomnorthslope.com) and watch future editions of this newsletter for updates.

Kids' Safety & Health Fair

You can spring into safety at a Kids' Safety & Health Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5 at Foss High School, 2112 S. Tyler St. The event offers attendees the chance to crawl through the smoke tunnel and learn to call 911, learn about water safety and free life-jacket loans, get car seat safety inspections and more.



Custom-fit helmets will be available for sale (\$7 for bike and \$10 for multi-sport). Also available for purchase: custom-fit life-jackets (\$12). Wearers must be present for all custom-fit sales.

The **FREE** safety fair is presented by Mary Bridge Children's Hospital, Safe Kids and Tacoma Fire Department. For more information call 253-591-5705, ext. 2.

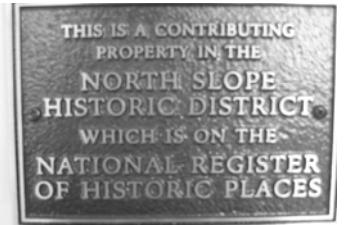
Plaques for Sale

A handful of North Slope plaques are still available for sale. Hurry! They won't last long.

The 5x7-inch brass plaques are available for purchase for \$75 each. Plaque text indicates your home is

a contributing property in the North Slope Historic District which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

To reserve your plaque, call or email Mitch at boonrob@msn.com or 272-0165.



Response Team Training

The Tacoma Fire Department invites citizens who live or work within the Tacoma city limits to attend its next session of CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams) classes. Aimed at preparing citizens to prepare for and respond to disasters, the classes follow a model developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The **FREE** series of six classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings for three weeks, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., March 13 to 29. The program culminates in a practical exercise from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 31. The classes are held at several different locations; students will receive details upon enrolling. The series is limited to 25 students; participants must be able to attend all sessions. To enroll or for more information call Patti McQuillin at (253) 591-5705, ext. 2.

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Historic House Forum & Tea

Historic Tacoma will hold its Historic House Forum & Tea from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24.

Meet architectural historian and historic preservationist Caroline T. Swope, author of *Classic Houses of Seattle*, as she discusses the challenges encountered in



restoring the original charm of her 1906 Tacoma house. Swope and her house will be featured in the March 2007 edition of *Sunset Magazine* and on the Tacoma Historical Society's Tour of Historic Homes in May. The house is currently nominated to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places.

Talk with experienced trades people involved on this year long renovation, and discuss tricks of the trade. See work in progress and ask questions about appropriateness of lifestyle upgrades, code requirements, and energy efficiency.

Call (253) 370-6984 or email the group at info@historictacoma.net to reserve your spot at the event. Tickets are \$25 for non-members. Join Historic Tacoma online at www.historictacoma.net and save 20 percent off the admission price. Proceeds benefit Historic Tacoma.

Rose Pruning Demonstration

Consulting rosarians from the Tacoma Rose Society and Metro Parks staff will demonstrate rose-pruning techniques at a **FREE** Rose Pruning Demonstration Saturday, March 3, from 9 a.m. to noon.



Guests will be able to observe various rose-pruning and care techniques up-close, and try their hand at pruning in the garden. Rosarians will also share information on how to care for roses and get them ready for the growing season.

Those who wish to attend should bring a notepad and pen for taking notes, any rose gardening implements they'd like to try out (pruners, gloves, etc.), and weather-appropriate attire, since the demonstration will be held outside, regardless of the weather. The demonstration is free of charge.

Enter Point Defiance Park through the main park gate at the end of Pearl Street and look for the large wooden gazebo on the left beyond the pond. Call (253) 591-5328 for more information.

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The North Slope Board of Directors meets 3/27, 5/22, 7/24, 9/25 and 11/27 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, phone President Marshall McClintock.

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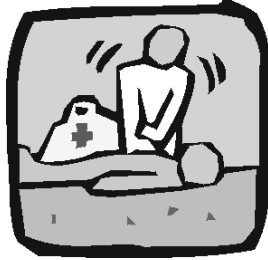
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Free CPR Classes

Free CPR classes are being taught by the Tacoma Fire Department to citizens living within the city limits of Tacoma, Fife or Fircrest. Classes are taught with funds from the EMS levy. All classes are taught by firefighters who bring real life experience to the class



Upcoming classes are scheduled for:

Saturday, March 10, 9 a.m. to noon, Fire Station #8, 4911 S. Alaska

Thursday, March 22, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Fire Station #8, 4911 S. Alaska

Saturday, April 14, 9 a.m. to noon, Fire Station #16, 7217 Sixth Ave.

Saturday, May 12, 9 a.m. to noon, Fire Station #8, 4911 S. Alaska

Thursday, April 26, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Fire Station #16, 7217 Sixth Ave.

Thursday, May 24, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Fire Station #8, 4911 S. Alaska.

Classes are free but pre-registration is required by calling (253) 594-7979.

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Look inside: Learn about our Feb 22 program on Crime Prevention!