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## April 26: Historic Preservation

Michael Sullivan will speak at this month's North Slope Historic District meeting about preservation in Tacoma and some of the preservation do's and don'ts that face homeowners and restorers.



Sullivan has been practicing and teaching Historic Preservation methodology in the Pacific Northwest for more than 20 years. With his Master's Degree in History of the American West and Historic Preservation Planning from Western Washington University, he has been at the forefront of local preservation issues, policies and projects. He directed preservation policy for the City of Tacoma during a period when more than \$250 million in rehabilitation activity occurred, including the restoration of Union Station as a Federal Courthouse and the development of the University of Washington Tacoma in downtown historic warehouse buildings.

Recent projects in Sullivan's portfolio as a principal at Artifacts Consulting, Inc. include investment tax credit applications and nominations to the National Register of Historic Places for the Albers Mill Building in Tacoma, American Legion Building in Olympia, and the Davenport Hotel Building in Spokane. He serves as president of the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation and is an adjunct faculty member at the University of Washington Department of Architecture.

### Put it on your calendar:

#### NSHD General Meeting

Program: Historic Preservationist Michael Sullivan  
6:30 p.m. social/ 7 p.m. program  
Thursday, April 26, 2007  
Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 901 N. J St.  
Free babysitting available

## Get Neighborhood News Online

Want to be alerted if a Level 3 sex offender moves into the neighborhood?

Do you want to know if there's been a rash of burglaries in the area?

Getting this sort of news has become easier than ever.

Yes, you get this fantastic newsletter delivered to your doorstep every other month – but for up-to-the-minute updates that are crucial to your safety and well-being, you'll want to sign up for the North Slope's email news updates.

We won't sell or give your email address to anyone. We simply want to be able to share crucial information about crime, safety and important neighborhood events.

To sign up for this free service, visit [www.tacomanorthslope.com](http://www.tacomanorthslope.com). Simply click on the yellow button on the left side of the homepage – You'll be glad you did!



## Bridging the Narrows

Raging tides and high winds make the Tacoma Narrows a dangerous place for boats – and bridges.

As the new Narrows bridge nears completion, the Washington State History Museum (1911 Pacific Ave., Tacoma) hosts *Bridging The Narrows*, an exhibit that pays homage to the engineering, politics and physical labor behind the bridges.

Developed by the Washington State History Museum in partnership with The News Tribune, the exhibit runs through Nov. 18.

## 2007 NSHD Programs/Dates

4/26	Michael Sullivan: Historic Preservation *#
5/19 & 5/20	North Slope Walking Tours (1 p.m.)
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 7 p.m. Programs generally 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. Check the website ([www.tacomnorthslope.com](http://www.tacomnorthslope.com)) and watch future editions of this newsletter for updates.

## NSHD Garage Sale

Spring Cleaning = **CASH** at the NSHD Garage Sale.

It's not too early to start cleaning your closets and organizing your attic in anticipation of the annual sale: Saturday, July 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



**Here's how it works:** Each family sets up their items to sell in their own yard. Maps listing participating homes are handed out the day of the sale; shoppers won't receive the maps until 9 a.m. so you won't have any early bird shoppers.

**To Participate:** Please fill out the form below. Attach a check for \$5 made out to NSHD (of course, cash will also do). This fee helps cover the cost of advertising and flyers; any additional funds go toward North Slope beautification and safety projects.

Drop the garage sale form off at Judy Martin's home (515 North M Street) by July 11. Questions? Call Judy @ 572-3059.

## Important Phone Numbers

Report Potholes	591-5495
Non-Emergency Police	798-4721
Sector Two Police Staff	573-2508
Drug Activity (Crack TRAK)	475-2725
Abandoned/Junk Vehicles	591-5926
Code Enforcement	591-5004
Landmarks Commission	591-5220
24-Hour Graffiti Line	591-5691
Call-2-Haul	573-2468



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## Garage Sale 2007

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, power tools, etc.)

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*Mail or drop off by 7/11 (with \$5) to 515 N. M St.*

## Historic Home Tour

The Tacoma Historical Society presents its 14<sup>th</sup> annual Historic Homes of Tacoma Tour from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, May 5,

and 1 to 5 p.m.

Sunday, May 6.

Tickets cost \$20 (\$15 for Historical Society members)

and allow their holders access to eight residences and the Epworth LeSourd United Methodist Church. Three North Slope homes are among those being featured: the Shroeder House at 407 North K St., the Nichols House at 710 North I St., and the Albertson House at 808 North I St.



Tickets are good for both days, but allow only one visit per house. Advance ticket sale locations include the Tacoma Historical Society Exhibit Center, 747 Broadway; the Pacific Northwest Shop; Stadium Thriftway; Union Avenue, Fircrest, and Westgate branches of Columbia Bank. For additional information call 253-472-3738 or visit [www.tacomahistory.org](http://www.tacomahistory.org).

## NSHD Board of Directors

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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.

## Call Before You Hammer!

Exterior changes to your house or garage, other than painting and minor repair, must be reviewed by the Tacoma Landmarks Commission. This includes:

- changing or replacing windows.
- changing siding.
- adding, replacing or changing a porch or deck.

Before starting any exterior work, contact Reuben McKnight, our city Historic Preservation Officer (591-5220) or email ([Reuben.McKnight@ci.tacoma.wa.us](mailto:Reuben.McKnight@ci.tacoma.wa.us)). He can tell you if your project needs a design review and how to proceed if it does.

## Tour the NSHD

Last year's NSHD Walking Tours were so popular, we're holding them again.

The 2007 tours, led by NSHD President Marshall McClintock, will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. both May 19 (uphill portion of the District) and May 20 (downhill section). Participants will gain insight about the history and architecture of homes within their own neighborhood.

To reserve your spot on this free tour, contact Marshall at 572-5474 or [marshalm@oz.net](mailto:marshalm@oz.net).

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#### North Slope Neighbor Offer:

Free consultation, exam and x-rays (if necessary) when you mention this ad.

Valid through May 30, 2007

## ***Native Plant Sale***

The Tacoma Nature Center's Native Plant Sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at 1919 South Tyler Street

Landscape your yard with plants that are native to our area. Planting natives ensures the conservation of our precious water resources and provides habitat for local birds, mammals and insects. Shop early for the best selection of plants.



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## ***Prevent Street Flooding***

Each year, Tacoma gets about 40 inches of rain, with nearly 4 inches of it falling within just 24 hours. When that much rain comes down that fast – the City's stormwater system can get overwhelmed and some city streets and low areas can flood.



What can you do about street flooding? If your street is flooding, it is usually caused by a storm drain that is covered with leaves, plastic bags or other debris.

The City Streets and Grounds department suggests using a rake, broom or blower to regularly remove debris from the street storm drain grate near your home or business. With more than 17,000 storm drains to manage, the City can't get to them all during heavy rains – citizens must do their part.

If the storm drain in your street is clear and there is still street flooding, call the City Streets and Grounds department at (253) 591-5495.

***Look inside: Sign up for our May 19 and 20 NSHD Walking Tours!***