



# TROLLEY TIMES

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Tacoma's North Slope Historic District

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## ***It's Time for a PARADE!!!***

Children of all ages are invited to participate in the North Slope's Second Annual **Fourth of July Kiddie Parade** beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 4. Participants should plan to gather at the corner of N. 12<sup>th</sup> and N. J streets, near Saint Patrick's Catholic Church.



Once everyone has assembled, we will call upon parents and spectators to help carefully move our spirited parade participants down J Street to N. 8<sup>th</sup>. At 8<sup>th</sup>, we'll turn right and travel one more block to the North Slope Park, where lemonade will be served.

All modes of non-motorized transportation are allowed: You can walk, jump rope, bike/trike, rollerblade, skateboard ... younger residents may want to catch a ride in a stroller or wagon. If you play an instrument: Bring it! Decorations are strongly encouraged, as is patriotic apparel. Well-behaved pets on leashes are also welcome.

Think you're too old to march? Impossible! But we also need lots of spectators to line the route and cheer on our little marchers.

Come join us in this low-key celebration of the FOURTH!

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

**NSHD Fourth of July Parade  
Starts at 10:30 a.m.**

**Wednesday, July 4, 2007**

**Gather near St. Patrick's Church at N. 12 and J**

**Ends at the North Slope Park on N. 8<sup>th</sup> and K**

***Non-motorized participants only!***

## ***Garage Sale July 14***

It's time to clean your closets and organize 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:** Fill out the form below. Attach a check for \$5 made out to NSHD (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.

### **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.)

\_\_\_\_\_

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

## 2007 NSHD Programs/Dates

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 *#
11/14	Progressive Dinner (various times TBA, tickets available closer to the event)
12/6	Cocoa and Carols (6 p.m.)

\* Indicates these programs begin at 7 p.m. and 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.

## 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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## 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.

## Auto Row Tour

"Autowalk," a walking tour celebrating Tacoma's historic auto row, is scheduled for Thursday, July 19, from 5 to 8 p.m., beginning at S. 9<sup>th</sup> and Broadway.



The event, free and open to the public, will spotlight the architecture and the dealerships that

brought Tacoma into the automotive age. The route will extend from S. 9th St. along Broadway to S. 7th Street and north on St. Helens Avenue to South 2nd Street. Information booths, route maps, exhibits, and classic cars on display are planned.

The event is co-sponsored by Historic Tacoma and the Tacoma Historical Society with participation by members of the PSC Buick Club, other local car clubs, and the LeMay Museum.

Autowalk is an effort to raise awareness of Tacoma's automotive and architectural heritage by engaging residents and exploring this portion of downtown. At the end of the walking tour, participants are invited to join in a no-host gathering at St. Helens Café for conversation about historic preservation, automotive history, and economic development.

## Meet the Candidates

Voters will head to the polls August 21 for the 2007 Primary Elections. Four City Council seats, two Tacoma Metro Parks Commissioner slots and two Tacoma School District Board seats are among the positions up for grabs in the election.



North Slope residents will have an opportunity to meet many candidates at a neighborhood forum on Thursday, July 26. Come armed with your questions and get ready to learn about the issues facing our neighborhood, city and county.

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

**NSHD Candidate Forum  
Program begins at 7 p.m.  
Social time starts at 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, July 26, 2007  
Immanuel Presbyterian Church  
901 North J Street  
Free babysitting provided!**

## NSHD Board of Directors

Mark Bardwil	759-3878
Mary Boone	272-0165
Deborah Cade, secretary	593-4569
Tim Chen	272-9281
Sandy Farewell	720-9295
Jason Gordon	238-9145
Patty LeBlanc	272-2884
Kathryn Longwell	627-0423
Judy Martin	572-3059
Marshall McClintock, president	572-5474
Velda McDonald, treasurer	627-4192
Erica Nelson	627-4971
Kyle Price	396-9047
Mitch Robinson	272-0165
Barbara Tomberg	572-1532

The North Slope Board of Directors meets 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.

## L Street Lights

The North Slope Historic District Board has lodged a complaint with the City's Public Works Department regarding the recent installation of contemporary streetlights along North I Street. The lights were installed without review by the city's Landmarks Preservation Commission and without notification to affected North I property owners about possible alternatives.

The board has asked that the lights be replaced with historically appropriate ones. Further, the board asked for a meeting with Public Works leadership to ensure that future city decisions coincide with our district's design review process.

## Get Info Electronically

It's easy to get information about your neighborhood online. The North Slope's website ([www.tacomnorthslope.com](http://www.tacomnorthslope.com)) gives you access to electronic versions of The Trolley Times and links to valuable resources.



By visiting the website, you can also sign up to receive reminders about upcoming events (wouldn't want to miss National Night Out, would you?) Via email, we're also able to alert residents about crime trends, scams and more. And, no, we won't sell or give your email address to anyone.



[www.tacomnorthslope.com](http://www.tacomnorthslope.com)

## ***National Night Out***

The North Slope will join more than 10,000 communities in all 50 states in celebrating National Night Out.

Our neighborhood gathering begins at **6 p.m. Tuesday, August 7**, at the North Slope Park. Those attending are asked to bring a finger food to share; we'll supply plates, napkins, flatware and drinks.

Children will thrill at getting a up-close look at a visiting fire truck and police car and adults will enjoy getting to chat with friends – new and old.

We're hoping for sunshine but in the event of rain, the National Night Out event will be held at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 901 N. J Street.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** We're pre-selling North Slope T-shirts to help finance the National Night Out event. Cost is \$12 for small and medium, \$15 for large and XL, and \$17 for XXL. Don't delay, quantities



**Tacoma North Slope Historic District  
1102 N. Fifth Street  
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are limited! Get your shirt by phoning Maria Sevier at 759-5288.

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

**National Night Out  
6 p.m. Tuesday, August 7, 2007  
North Slope Park (corner of K and N. 8<sup>th</sup>)  
Rain location: Immanuel Presbyterian Church**



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**Don't miss our Candidate Forum on July 26!**