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## ***Progressive Dinner Tickets***

The North Slope Historic District's Annual Progressive Dinner & Walking Tour is just around the corner – quite literally,

This terrific event allows folks to tour (and eat dinner in) a handful of this neighborhood's most stunning older homes.

This year's event, coordinated by Judy Martin and Angie Klein, will be held Nov. 3 with four seatings of 26 people each (at 4 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 6:15 p.m.). Only 104 tickets are available at \$35 each



How can you participate? Good question!

**To make reservations**, phone Judy Martin at 572-3059.

**To volunteer** (we need hosts, kitchen help, greeters, etc.), phone Angie Klein at 272-0938 or email [angieklein@harbornet.com](mailto:angieklein@harbornet.com)

In the past, this event has sold out. **Make your reservations EARLY!**

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

**NSHD Progressive Dinner & Walking Tour  
Saturday, November 3, 2007  
Ticketed Guests Only**

## ***NW Kinetics Changes***

As a direct result of your Board's zoning change, the North Slope Historic District will soon experience a major shift toward single-family,

residential use as opposed to commercial type use in the District.

You may have noticed activity in and about the former Northwest Kinetics Facility at 1401-1415 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street. This activity is resulting in the deconstruction of all the additions to the two historic homes on the site, the creation of two new parcels for development of single-family homes adjacent to the alley, and the preservation of the original two homes for ultimate restoration. The deconstruction work should be complete this month, when the resulting four parcels will be available for single family residential restoration/development.

The North Slope thanks Glynis Casey at North Pacific Design and the developers, Rush Construction, for making this happen.

## ***Create a Better Neighborhood***

The North Slope Historic District relies on its residents to create programs, host events and improve the overall quality of life within the neighborhood. If you live in or own property within the North Slope and have not been convicted of a felony, you are eligible to serve on the North Slope Historic District Board of Directors or any of the group's many committees (such as public works or programming). The board meets bimonthly; board members also attend committee meetings and general NSHD meetings.

Six two-year board positions come up for election in January. All NSHD residents and property owners are invited to vote in this election. Putting your name on the ballot is easy: just email your nominations to [news@tacomanorthslope.com](mailto:news@tacomanorthslope.com). Please include name, address, telephone number and email address for the individual nominated. If nominating someone else, please ask the individual first if they are willing to serve before submitting their name for nomination

## 2007 NSHD Programs/Dates

11/3 Progressive Dinner (various times, 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

## Seeing the Light

Last spring, the neighbors on 'L' Street, from 6<sup>th</sup> to Steele, received final approval for the LID (Local Improvement District) to fund their new historic-style lamp posts. Since the cobra-style lights needed replacing, the city of Tacoma paid for most of the project. If the neighbors on 'L' had settled for the cobra-style again, the city would have paid for the replacements entirely. But the neighbors voted to improve their streetscape by having an LID to finance the lamp posts, which have a more historic character and will match most of the streets in the rest of the North Slope.

To support the neighbors on 'L' Street, the North Slope Historic District Board of Directors pledged to cover 10 percent of the cost of the lamp posts. A large chunk of the funding will come from an Innovative Grant from the North End

Neighborhood Council (thanks to Kyle Price for writing the grant request) and the rest will come from North Slope fundraising events.

The part that remains for 'L' Street neighbors to pay will be spread over several years, leaving a yearly charge for each property owner that in many cases will be less than \$100. As far as historic home and streetscape improvement goes, that's pretty cheap.

## Seeing the Light, Part II

North I Street may get those horrible modern streetlights changed to a historically-appropriate style like those through the rest of the North Slope.



We had been told the current lights were required because the street is an "arterial," but that was false. Then we were told that property owners had selected the modern lights, but property owners were never asked.

At the July 11th Landmarks Preservation Commission meeting, Public Works officials finally admitted that they had erred in not allowing North I Street property owners a choice of streetlight fixtures as had those along North L, who chose to pay a bit extra for the historic style. At that meeting, Public Works officials said they would offer property owners the option – and switch the streetlights at no extra charge – if the historic style is selected.

The North Slope Historic District Board will continue to monitor this closely.

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## *Fa la la la la la*

It may be too early to start decorating your tree, but it's never too early to start planning the route for this year's NSHD evening of caroling.

Neighbors will gather at 6 p.m. Dec. 6 at Immanuel Presbyterian Church. We'll warm up our voices before heading out to serenade neighbors and unsuspecting strangers. Everyone is welcome. Song sheets will be provided and absolutely to musical ability is required.

If you or someone you know would like to have these spirited and occasionally off-tune minstrels stop by (between 6:15 and 7 p.m.) for a song or two, let us know. Organizers will plan a route that takes carolers past as many "special request" homes as possible. Contact Mary Boone at 272-0165 or mary@boonewrites.com and let us bring some holiday cheer your way.

## *Decorate, Win Prizes*

Hang the greenery and light the bushes – it's NEARLY time to decorate your home for the holidays.



North Slope Historic District Residents are invited to compete with their neighbors for "Best Decked" honors this holiday season. Everyone is eligible, but to

be absolutely certain we make it bash your home, please drop us a note (postmaster@northslope.com) or give a call (272-0165) with your address. Judging (by members of your NSHD Board of Directors) will take place on Sunday, Dec. 16.

In addition to making the neighborhood more festive, those who create the most beautiful holiday displays will receive prizes packs and gift certificates from contest sponsors.

## *Get Info Electronically*

It's easy to get information about your neighborhood online. The North Slope's website (www.tacomanothslope.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. And, don't worry, we won't sell or give your email address to anyone.

***www.tacomanothslope.com***

## *NSHD Board of Directors*

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The North Slope Board of Directors will meet 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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## Progressive Dinner Tickets on Sale NOW!

### *Historic House Program*

On Thursday, October 18th, Caroline Swope will give a talk on historic house styles, focusing on the post-1900 styles common in the North Slope. Caroline holds a Ph.d. in Architectural History from the UW, and is the author of the recent book *Classic Houses of Seattle: High Style to Venacular, 1870-1950*.

Locally, Caroline is a founder and board member of Historic Tacoma and has been the major force in organizing many of that organization's recent educational events. Her talks are always insightful and fun.

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

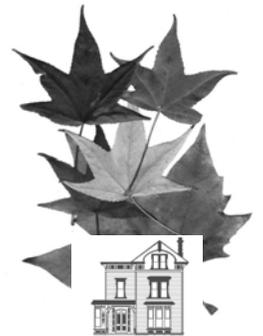
**Historic Home Styles with Caroline Swope**  
**6:30 social time, 7 p.m. program begins**  
**Thursday, Oct. 18, 2007**  
**Immanuel Presbyterian Church**  
**901 N. J St.**

*Free babysitting provided.*

### *City Not Picking Up Leaves*

The City of Tacoma is no longer picking up piles of leaves. Instead, property owners must dispose of leaves by:

- Composting them to use as mulch.
- Disposing of them in your brown yard waste containers, or
- Taking them to the landfill.



Remember: fallen leaves can clog up city storm drains and cause neighborhood streets to flood. Please do your part to prevent flooding by raking or sweeping leaves out of storm drains near your home.

For more information, visit [www.cityoftacoma.org/flood](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/flood).

To report street flooding, call 591-5585.