



# TROLLEY TIMES

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Tacoma's North Slope Historic District

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## ***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 third annual beer tasting event will be held **Sunday, March 9, 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 [news@tacomanorthslope.com](mailto:news@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 9, 2008  
Parkway Tavern  
313 N. I St.**

## ***Choosing a Family Pet***

Von Martin, prominent local “musher” and dog team trainer will present a program exploring the special qualities of the human/canine relationship in today's urban family environment.



Come join Von Martin as he presents a short series of topics ranging from amazing little known facts about the modern “Family Dog” to health tips, diet, safety, and ideas for fun activities to do with your “canine best friend.”

Von is a member of the Pacific Northwest Writers Association and is Vice President of the Northwest Sled Dog Association. Von divides his time between his North Slope Historic District home and his Lewis County ranch where he cares for his team of 14 rescued and adopted huskies.

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

**NSHD Social Event  
Choosing a Family Pet  
6:30 p.m. social/ 7 p.m. program  
Thursday, April 24, 2007  
Immanuel Presbyterian Church,  
901 N. J St.  
Free babysitting available**

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## 2008 NSHD Programs/Dates

- 3/9 March-toberfest Beer Tasting (Parkway Tavern, \$10 per person in advance)  
4/24 Choosing A Family Pet with Von Martin \*#  
6/26 Historic Tacoma & Tacoma Historical Society: A Preservation Panel \*#  
7/4 J Street 4th of July Kiddie Parade (10 a.m.)  
7/12 North Slope Garage Sale  
8/5 National Night Out (6 p.m. K Street Park)  
10/23 Tacoma City Councilman: Jake Fey \*#  
11/1 Progressive Dinner (various times TBA, tickets available closer to the event)  
12/6 Holiday 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](http://www.tacomnorthslope.com)) and watch future editions of this newsletter for updates.

## Washington's 1<sup>st</sup> Female Architect

Tacoma's premier architects built the North Slope, and many lived here as well: Russell (1222 N. 4th), Sutton (301 N. I), Darmer (520 N. L), Bullard (523 N. J), Blair (524 N. Cushman), Borhek (715 N. Sheridan), and Heath (several locations). However, one of our historic district's crown jewels is the modest house at 1012 North 9th, built in 1887-88 for \$1,200. It is one of only two remaining houses that we know were designed by Kate Lockwood Squire, Washington's first woman architect.

Squire is a mystery. We know little about her or where she received her training. She was the architect for the Tacoma Building and Savings Association (TBSA), which was similar to a "savings and loan" of today. Building associations were the way most working and middle class homes were built at this time. Squire worked for the TBSA only 6 months but designed 28 buildings in Tacoma, mostly modest houses. Only 1012 North 9th and another at 1010 South 7th remain. Between 1889 and 1890, TBSA also built 920, 924, 1212 and 1214 North I, but we don't know if Squire's plans were involved.

Squire arrived in Tacoma in 1887, just as the building boom began. She may have been married to F.O. Squire, but the city directory has them living separately. Suddenly in 1888 a brief newspaper notice appeared saying she had left for California for her "husband's health." No other information has been located about her. Tacoma was a bustling frontier town. People came and went, and no one asked too many questions.

K. Lockwood Squire can keep her mystery, and we will preserve her legacy.

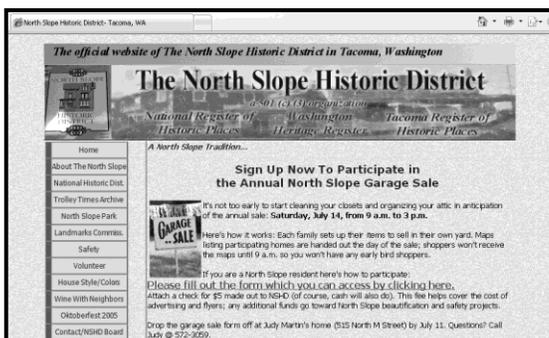
## The North Slope is Wired

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.



*Thanks go to Bill Johnston, who has graciously taken on the role of "Refreshment Chairman" for North Slope Thursday night programs. Keep that coffee coming Bill!*

*Special thanks to Bryan Johnson who served as our neighborhood barista for a number of years.*

## 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) . He can tell you if your project needs a design review and how to proceed if it does.

## 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, March 8th at the Tacoma

Public Utilities Administration Building Auditorium, 3628 S. 35<sup>th</sup> Street.

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

## North Slope T-Shirts For Sale

Just in time for the warmer weather—get your own North Slope Historic District t-shirt! Cost is \$12 for small and medium, \$15 for large and XL, and \$17 for XXL. Don't delay as quantities are limited. To order, e-mail: [news@tacomanorthslope.com](mailto:news@tacomanorthslope.com) or call 272-0165.



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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.

## Plant Exchange in May



Immanuel Presbyterian Church Announces the Fourth Annual Free Plant Exchange on **May 3, 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

The event will be held in the Immanuel Presbyterian Church Parking Lot, at the corner of N. I Street and N. 9th Street in the North Slope. For more information, call 627-8371

## July NSHD Garage Sale

The annual all-North Slope garage sale will take place on Saturday, **July 12**. It's never too early to start sorting through your attic and basement in search of treasures to sell. Look for more information in the next issue of The Trolley Times





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***Meet us at "March-toberfest: Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>!"***

### ***Get Involved with the NSHD***

Do you have an idea for a future neighborhood event? Looking for a way to make a positive impact on your community? Consider joining one of the North Slope committees. The time needed to be involved is minimal but your contribution could be huge! Current committees are:



- **Social**
- **Communications**
- **Public Works/Historic Preservation**
- **Park/Beautification**

For more information, e-mail us at:  
**[news@tacomanorthslope.com](mailto:news@tacomanorthslope.com)**.



*Last summer, hundreds of people took part in the annual North Slope 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Be part of the fun this year. You may even want to make your own float such as the boat pictured above!*