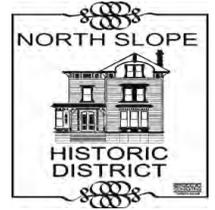




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Meet Jake Fey on October 23rd



Be part of the next North Slope program as we welcome city councilman Jake Fey to the North Slope on Thursday, October 23rd. Jake Fey was elected to the Tacoma City Council in 2005 and represents

Council District 2.

Jake grew up in Port Angeles, Washington, and has lived in Tacoma's 2nd District since 1980. Jake is a graduate of the University of Washington and also holds a masters degree in Public Administration from the University of Puget Sound. Prior to his election to the City Council, Jake was a member of the Public Utility Board and served as its chair in 2004-2005.



Bring your questions about city services,

the upcoming 2009-2010 city budget and why our potholes seem to get bigger and bigger everyday!

Put it on your calendar:

NSHD Social Event

"City Councilman Jake Fey"

6:30 p.m. social/ 7 p.m. program

Thursday, October 23, 2008

Immanuel Presbyterian Church

901 N. J St.

Free babysitting available

Traffic Circle Volunteers Unite!

There are a number of traffic circles in our area and the North Slope Historic District Park & Beautification committee needs your help!

Some of our traffic circles are already graciously taken care of. If you currently work on any of the following, we want to hear from you:

- N. Grant St. and N. 9th St.
- N. Sheridan and N. 7th St.
- N. J St. and N. 3rd St.

We want to learn whether you need help maintaining the traffic circles. For example, committee members might help with labor, applying for grants to purchase plants and rocks, etc. If you're tired of maintaining the traffic circle, we can find a volunteer to assume your duties. Or, if you want to continue caring for the traffic circle on your own, please continue with our gratitude. Just call and let us know your plan.

In addition, the Park & Beautification committee weeds, prunes and mulches the North Slope Park at the corner of K & 9th, picks up litter throughout the neighborhood, and weeds the traffic circles at the following intersections:

- N. L St. and N. 5th St.
- N. J St. and N. 8th St.
- N. J St. and N. 9th St.

Please call our committee chair, Geoff Corso at 572-5474 to tell us about your traffic circle or get involved with this fun and important committee.

Ask the North Slope House Doctor



Q: I'd like to repair -- rather than replace -- my wood windows. Any ideas?

A: Excellent choice! Replacement windows are called that because you keep replacing them! Restoring and maintaining your

original wood windows makes sense in a number of ways. Contrary to what window manufacturers advertise, you lose relatively little energy through windows and tuning up your old sashes will stop most of that energy loss.

The density of the wood in your old windows can't be matched today, which means they are stronger and more rot resistant. As well, it is generally less expensive to repair wood windows than to replace. Even windows that are quite deteriorated can be repaired with excellent results. It's also not environmentally responsible to replace old windows with new ones that will have to be junked and replaced every decade or two.

Finally, once original material is removed from a building, it's gone forever. If you don't want to do the work yourself there are local firms that repair old wood windows. I've heard good things about Legacy Windows (474-5175). If you would rather do the work yourself there is an informative article in October's 2008 issue of *This Old House Magazine* that describes the process. Also—get on the internet and google “repairing old windows” for a number of articles that show the process, step by step, with photos.

Interested in attending a workshop on repairing wood windows or do you have a question for the North Slope House Doctor? Send your comments or questions to news@tacomanorthslope.com.

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Free Trees for Parking Strips

The city of Tacoma is offering free street trees to property owners through April 2009. The catch is that the minimum number of trees that can be ordered is 10.

Geoff Corso, of our park and beautification committee, has volunteered to act as our North Slope coordinator. No—he won't plant the tree for you—but he will batch together neighbors individual orders, so it adds up to a total order of 10, as required by the city. Of course, the property owner must do the planting (or hire someone to do it), agree water the trees during the next two summers, etc.

For general information, visit:

<http://www.cityoftacoma.org/Page.aspx?cid=9760>

For more information and to order your trees through Geoff, give him a ring at 572-5474.



2008 NSHD Programs/Dates

10/23 Tacoma City Councilman: Jake Fey *#
12/10 Holiday Cocoa and Carols (6 p.m.)

* Indicates these programs begin with social time at 6:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7 p.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.tacomanorthslope.com) and watch future editions of this newsletter for updates.

Get Ready for North Slope Caroling

Does your Cub Scout Pack need a fun way to bring in the holiday season? Is your church group looking for a chance to test their vocal chords?

Grab the gang and join us for the North Slope's Third Annual Cocoa and Carols on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 6 p.m.



We'll gather at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, warm up with a song or two ... and then we'll head out for about an hour of caroling. After the last chorus of "Jingle Bells," we'll head back to the church for cocoa.

We'll supply song sheets and cocoa. You need to bring: warm clothes (we'll carol even if it's raining or snowing), a flash light, and cookies to share after the caroling. Families, groups and individuals of all ages are welcome. No singing ability is required – just a lot of holiday spirit.

If you'd like to have the carolers stop by your home on Dec. 10, drop an email to mary@boonewrites.com. We'll do our best to build a route that accommodates these requests.

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Call the Abandoned Auto Hotline

The City of Tacoma offers an Abandoned Auto Hotline which allows citizens to report vehicles that they believe to be abandoned. The Hotline number is **(253) 591-5926** and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Tacoma Municipal Code Section 11.05.230 prohibits parking or storage of any type of vehicle on City right of way for more than 7 days. An abandoned vehicle is a vehicle that has been left on city streets for an extended period and may have one or more of the following conditions.

- Is unused or inoperable
- In a state of disrepair
- Major components missing
- Has flat tires
- Has expired or missing license plates.



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1102 N. Fifth Street
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Meet councilman Jake Fey on Thursday, October 23rd- Details Inside!

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.



Get Involved with the North Slope

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:
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