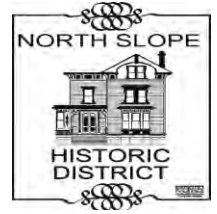




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First North Slope Program of Year is Thursday, January 22nd

Join us for our first North Slope program of 2009, when our president, Marshall McClintock, reveals "Secrets of the Garfield Gulch." Plus- our all-important elections will take place for the North Slope Historic District Board.

During "Secrets of the Garfield Gulch," you'll learn tidbits including:

- Why North Tacoma Ave curves around the tennis club.
- Why there's no North 7th street past North J St.
- The reason behind the wooden deck used to enter the Corner Bar on North K Street.

Also on the 22nd, our elections will be held for our board. If you love our North Slope neighborhood and are looking for a way to make a difference, please consider running.

There are eight board openings. To run, you can simply show up at the general meeting and declare your interest.

All NSHD residents and property owners are invited to vote in this election. For more information, contact: news@tacomanorthslope.com.

Put it on your calendar:

**"The Secrets of Garfield Gulch"
& Board Elections
6:30 p.m. social/ 7 p.m. program
Thursday, January 22, 2009
Immanuel Presbyterian Church
901 N. J St.**

Progressive Dinner Tickets on Sale!

Tickets are now on sale for the North Slope Historic District's Progressive Dinner & Home Tour.

This terrific event allows folks to tour (and eat dinner in) four of this neighborhood's most stunning older homes. Those attending will enjoy



hors d'oeuvres, salad/soup, an entrée, and dessert. This year's homes are all located along North "I" and 5th Streets, making the tour very

walkable (weather permitting, of course!) The Progressive Dinner is an adults-only event; proceeds benefit the North Slope's safety and beautification efforts.

This year's event will be held Saturday, March 21, 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. Bring a group of friends and show off our fabulous neighborhood.

To purchase tickets, phone Kim Bardwil at 759-3878 or e-mail: bardwil33@msn.com.

To volunteer (we need hosts, kitchen help, greeters, etc.), phone Mary Boone at 272-0165 or email: mary@boonewrites.com

Put it on your calendar:

**NSHD Progressive Dinner & Home Tour
Saturday, March 21, 2009
Ticketed Guests Only**

Ask the North Slope House Doctor

Q: Can I remove asbestos siding from my house or do I have to hire an abatement company?



A: Homeowners can legally remove asbestos siding from “an owner occupied, single family home.”

You'll need a state permit (\$25) and a city permit (contact Reuben McKnight at 591-5220 and he can give you more information). Washington State's Puget Sound Clean Air Agency also has an excellent 16-page guide on how to remove asbestos siding yourself, including information about state permits, how to tell if your siding has asbestos (not all cement board does), and the best removal options. It's available at www.pscleanair.org and on the NSHD website.

Be forewarned that asbestos siding removal is a messy job and potentially hazardous to your health if not done correctly. However, on the positive side, often the original siding is still underneath the newer siding and is usually in very good shape as it's been protected over the years.

Do you have a question for the North Slope House Doctor? Send your comments or questions to news@tacomnorthslope.com.

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

2009 NSHD Programs/Dates

- 1/22 "Garfield Gulch" & Board Elections *
- 2/26 "The Wonderful World of Rain Barrels & TAGRO"*
- 3/21 NSHD Progressive Dinner (various homes)
- 4/23 "Antique Appraisers Live" *
- 6/25 "Tacoma Urban Forester" *
- 7/4 Annual North Slope 4th of July Parade (J St.)
- 7/11 Annual North Slope Garage Sale (various homes)
- 8/4 National Night Out (K St. Park)

* 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.

Unless otherwise noted, programs will be held at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 901 N. J Street. Check our website (www.tacomnorthslope.com) and watch future editions of this newsletter for updates.

Thank You Volunteers!

Our Park and Beautification Committee was busy during 2008. Volunteers included Mark Bardwil, Pam Boyles, Bill Connolly, Jean Hoard, Kris Johnston, Nick and Cassidy Kristensen, Marshall McClintock, Kyle Price, Dave Root, and Mike Sabo. Altogether they spent 15 hours combing the neighborhood for litter, filling 18 grocery-size bags, and 64 hours planting, weeding, pruning and mulching traffic circles and the park.

Our thanks also goes out to Immanuel Presbyterian Church and John Sandstrom who have adopted N. I St. and N. J St. respectively through the Tacoma Cares program and conduct litter patrols at least semiannually. Consider following their lead and adopting your street, traffic circle, dead-end, etc. For more information, just call: 591-5634 or visit the city of Tacoma website: www.cityoftacoma.org

Our park has a few new amenities thanks to volunteer efforts. Metro Parks set aside \$25,000 from the voter-approved 2005 Capitol Bond for an electric service, security lighting, and receptacle. Nick Kristensen was Metro Parks' primary neighborhood contact during this project. Thanks

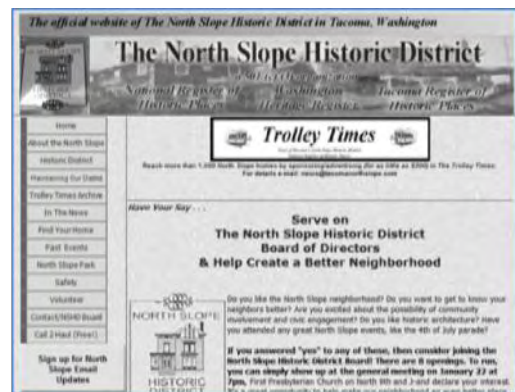
also to Jay Turner, who negotiated with Metro Parks for a long-sought-after picnic table.

If you have questions about our Park and Beautification Committee, call Geoff Corso at 572-5474.

Lots of New Resources on North Slope Website

No, we can't claim to take credit for inventing the Internet, but every once in a while our untrained, unpaid staff of one has some time to make improvements to our website:

www.tacomnorthslope.com



Here are some of the new features (all areas appear in the far-left column of the site):

Historic District:

Learn how the North Slope became a nationally recognized historic district

Maintaining Our District:

It's a great start to help you learn the advantages, resources and responsibilities of living in the North Slope.

In The News:

Read articles that have written about the North Slope as well as some of our favorite pieces that have run in "The Trolley Times" and other publications.

Find Your Home:

Find the description of any North Slope property listed in the National Historic Register.



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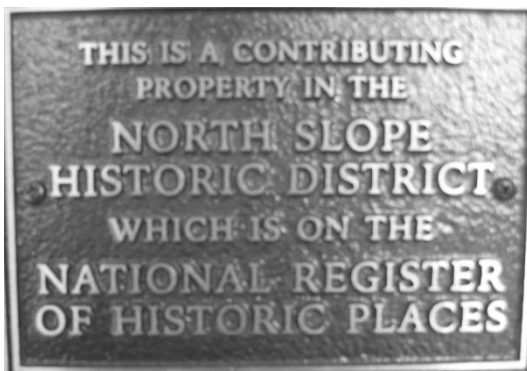
Next Program is Thursday, January 22nd- Details Inside!

New Shipment of Plaques Is In

We've just received a new – but small – shipment of North Slope plaques. They're now available to property owners on a first-come, first-served basis.

These bronze, 5-by-7-inch plaques identify your property as part of the North Slope Historic District and National Register. Plaques cost \$75 each.

To purchase your plaque, send an email to news@tacomanorthslope.com or phone Mary at 272-0165.



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 Sewer Utility Department at (253) 591-5585.