



# Trolley Times



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Tacoma's North Slope Historic District

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## Meet Your City Manager on 9/24



You are invited to meet City Manager – and North Slope resident – Eric Anderson at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, at Immanuel Presbyterian Church.

This is your chance to ask questions about street repair, zoning issues, safety concerns, parking, historic preservation and more.

Don't be shy – come hear what Mr. Anderson has to say about the future of Tacoma.

### Put it on your calendar:

**“Meet City Manager Eric Anderson”**

**Thursday, September 24**

**6:30 pm: Coffee/Social**

**7:00 pm: Program**

**Immanuel Presbyterian Church**

**901 N. J St.**

## Bungalow Owners Head North

If you own a house built from about 1890 to 1925, get ideas and meet interesting vendors at the **12th Annual Bungalow Fair**, September 26 & 27 at Town Hall Seattle.

For more information, and admission details, visit: [www.historicseattle.org](http://www.historicseattle.org)



## Wine Tasting with the North Slope

Join the North Slope Historic District on **Friday, November 20, at 6:00pm** for a sampling of wine at Vino Aquino, one of Tacoma's local wineries.

There is limited space for this neighborhood fundraiser and tickets must be purchased in advance for this special night. **Tickets are \$20 per person and this event is sure to sell out fast, please contact Kyle Price at 396-9047 if you want to attend.** You may also contact Kyle if you are willing to donate bottles of wine for a wine raffle at the event.



Vino Aquino is located on 6th Ave. They will be at their new location, 4417 6th Ave, for our event. Please stop by to see them for all of your beer and wine-making interests or to purchase one of their tasty creations.



**Reach more than 1,000 North Slope homes by sponsoring/advertising in The Trolley Times for as little as \$200.**

**For details e-mail: [news@tacomannorthslope.com](mailto:news@tacomannorthslope.com)**

## ***Free Trees for Parking Strips***

The city of Tacoma is offering free street trees to property owners through April 2010. The catch is that the minimum number of trees that can be ordered is 10.

Geoff Corso, of our park and beautification committee, has again volunteered to act as our North Slope coordinator. No—he won't plant the trees 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 to water the trees during the next two summers, etc.

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



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## ***Call Before You Hammer***

Exterior changes to your house or garage, other than painting and minor repairs, 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, at 591-5220 or Reuben.McKnight@ci.tacoma.wa.us He can tell you if your project needs a design review and how to proceed if it does.

## ***Roll out the bale! North Slope to host hayride on October 25th***

Time for a hayride! Join Scott from Calendula Landscaping and Nursery as he drives his tractor and bale-laden wagon through the neighborhood. Then join your neighbors for cider and goodies afterward. Costumes are encouraged! **The fun starts at 4 pm on Sunday, October 25.**

You may remember Scott and his tractor from the 2008 4th of July parade. He's also a vendor at the Proctor Farmers' Market. Check out his website, [www.calendulanursery.com](http://www.calendulanursery.com), for all of your landscaping and garden needs.

**Because details for this event are still being finalized, please make sure you are signed up to receive neighborhood email updates. As soon as we have the final details, we'll send out an e-mail! Not on our email list? It's easy to sign-up at [www.tacomnorthslope.com](http://www.tacomnorthslope.com)**



## ***Celebrate 100 This Fall***

Our friends at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, who continue their long-standing support of the North Slope Historic District, will be having a 100-year celebration starting in September.



While the Immanuel congregation was formed in 1888, its distinctive Spanish Mission-style sanctuary at 901 North J Street was completed in April 1909, under the direction of prominent local architect Ambrose Russell. The church building is a part of the North Slope Historic District.

The Centennial Celebration will kick off with a musical extravaganza in the sanctuary and a Chocolate Social on Sunday, September 27, beginning at 6 pm.

A spiritual pilgrimage through the sanctuary and church building will take place on Saturday, October 3, from 10-11 a.m.

The big celebration will be a special Centennial worship service on Sunday, October 4, at 10:30 a.m., followed by a celebratory luncheon. Then, on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> at 5pm, the church will host a special Blues Vespers, featuring Bill Sims Jr. to raise funds for the Peacemaking Program of PCUSA.

Immanuel invites neighbors and friends to join their celebration. The sanctuary was renovated over the summer and the community is welcome to attend all events.

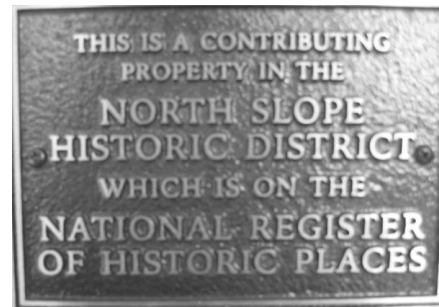
For more information contact the church office at 253.627.8371, [immanuelpc@harbornet.com](mailto:immanuelpc@harbornet.com) or visit the church website at [www.ipctacoma.com](http://www.ipctacoma.com).

## ***A Few Plaques Still Available***

We still have a handful of North Slope plaques available for purchase by district property owners.

These bronze, 5-by-7-inch plaques identify your home as part of the North Slope Historic District and National Register. The locally produced plaques cost \$75 each and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

To purchase your plaque, send an email to [news@tacomanorthslope.com](mailto:news@tacomanorthslope.com) or phone Mary at 272-0165.



## ***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



**Tacoma North Slope Historic District**  
**1102 N. Fifth Street**  
**Tacoma, WA 98403**

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### ***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.

