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Be Part of the North Slope's Annual July 4th Parade



Children of all ages are invited to participate in the North Slope's Fourth Annual Fourth of July Kiddie Parade beginning at Noon on Sunday, July 4. Participants should gather beginning at 11:45 a.m. at the corner of N. 12th and N. J streets, near Saint Patrick's Catholic Church.

Once everyone has assembled, we'll call upon parents and spectators to help carefully move our parade participants down J Street to N. 8th. At 8th, we'll turn right and travel one more block to the North Slope Park.

All modes of non-motorized transportation are allowed: You can walk, jump rope, bike, rollerblade, skateboard ... younger residents may want to catch a ride in a stroller or wagon. If you play an instrument, bring it! Decorations and patriotic apparel are encouraged. The North Slope will provide free stick flags to participants. Well-behaved pets on leashes are welcome. We also need lots of spectators to line the route.

A prize will be awarded for the best float. Gather your friends and neighbors to create a non-motorized (yes, that means it will be powered by you!) float that speaks to the spirit of the holiday.

At the park, following the parade, we'll have donation containers; we hope you might consider donating a few

dollars to help the non-profit North Slope Historic District with costs associated with this event, neighborhood beautification and the publication of this newsletter.

NSHD Fourth of July Parade
Noon, Sunday, July 4,
(gather beginning at 11:45 a.m.)
Starts near St. Patrick's Church at N. 12 and J
Ends at the North Slope Park on N. 8th and K
Non-motorized participants only!

Be Part of the July 10th Garage Sale

It's time to clean your closets and organize your attic in anticipation of the annual NSHD Garage Sale: Saturday, July 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Here's how it works: Each family sets up their items to sell in their own yard/garage. Maps listing participating homes are handed out the day of the sale; shoppers won't receive the maps until 9 a.m., so you won't have any early bird shoppers.

To Participate: Fill out the form below. Attach \$5 cash or a check made out to NSHD. This fee helps cover the cost of advertising and flyers; any additional funds go toward North Slope beautification and safety projects.

Drop forms off at Judy Martin's home (515 North M) by July 8. Questions? Call Judy @ 572-3059 or: judithkmartin@aol.com

NSHD Garage Sale 2010

Your name _____

Address _____

Where will you stage your sale? Circle one:
Parkway Alley

What one item would you like to feature in the map and advertising? (example: baby clothes, antiques, etc.)

Mail or drop off by 7/8 (with \$5) to 515 N. M St.

Celebrate National Night Out with the NSHD on Tuesday, August 3rd



The North Slope will join more than 10,000 communities in all 50 states in celebrating National Night Out.

Our neighborhood gathering begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday, August 3, at the North Slope Park. Those attending are asked to bring a finger food to share; we'll supply plates, napkins, flatware and drinks.

There's always a chance for a visit from the fire department, police officers or other surprises. Most of all, it's a chance to celebrate our neighborhood and chat with friends – new and old.



Put it on your calendar:

**“NSHD National Night Out”
Tuesday, August 3
Starts at 6 p.m.
North Slope Park
Corner of North K & North 8th**

Learn About the Arts & Crafts Movement in the Pacific Northwest

Many homes in our district are closely tied to the Arts & Craft period. Learn more when a new exhibition comes to the Washington State History Museum from August 7 to November 28.



The Arts & Crafts Movement in the Pacific Northwest showcases significant buildings and interiors, furniture, glass, metalwork, ceramics, textiles, fine art, graphics and book arts, and photography with more than 100 objects drawn from public and private collections.

Get more information by visiting the museum's website: <http://www.wshs.org/wshm>

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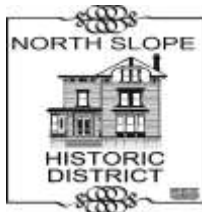
Call Before You Hammer

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.



An Update from Our Park & Beautification Committee

Thank You Volunteers!

The Park and Beautification Committee was busy during 2009. Volunteers included Pam Boyles, Bill Connolly, Jean Hoard, Kris Johnston, Nick and Cassidy Kristensen, Marshall McClintock, Kyle Price, Dave Root, Mike Sabo and Barbara Tomberg.

Altogether they spent 18 hours combing the neighborhood for litter, filling 20 grocery-size bags, and 76 hours planting, weeding, pruning and mulching traffic circles and the park. In cooperation with the Public Works Committee, we reported 250 potholes and the city filled most of them.

Our thanks also goes out to Immanuel Presbyterian Church, John Sandstrom, and the Turner family who have adopted N. I St., N. J St. and N. L St. respectively through the Tacoma Cares program and conduct litter patrols at least semiannually. If you're interested in adopting your street, traffic circle, dead-end, etc., call 591-5634 or direct your browser to <http://www.cityoftacoma.org/Page.aspx?hid=1768>



Two Neighborhood Council Innovative grants, awarded to us through the North End Neighborhood Council, have enabled us to improve the aesthetics of our beautiful historic district. One grant enabled us to landscape the traffic

circle at the intersection of N. L St. and N. 5th St. Many thanks go to Don and Chris Brosnan for keeping the newly-planted traffic circle irrigated during the summer.

The second largest Spanish Chestnut tree in the state is located in the historic district at 423 N. Sheridan Ave., and the second grant was been used to hire an arborist to prune it.

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

Save the Date!

Join us for a special fundraiser to benefit the North Slope Historic District at the beautiful Rhodes Mansion, Saturday evening, August 21st. Sign up for our email list at www.tacomannorthslope.com to be notified of details.





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Be part of the 4th of July Parade and July 10th Garage Sale! Details inside.

Get Ready for Art on the Ave

Join our friends from the 6th Avenue Business District for the 12th annual “Art on the Ave” to be held this year on Sunday, July 11, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The event, which takes place on 6th Avenue between Cedar and Trafton streets, features art exhibits, music stages, food, lots of family activities and the always popular dunk tank.



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