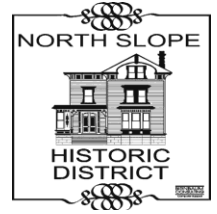




# Trolley Times



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Tacoma's North Slope Historic District

April 2011

***You Don't Want to Miss This!***  
***Thursday, April 28 7:00-8:00pm***

**Neighborhood Safety in the  
North Slope Historic District  
Thursday, April 28th**

**Doors open: 6:30 pm (refreshments provided)**

**Presentation: 7:00- 8:00 pm**

**Where: Immanuel Presbyterian Church  
901 North J Street**

We live in a great neighborhood, and yet nearly every block in our district has been affected by crime, vandalism, graffiti, blight, or code violations at some time during the last year. We are gearing up to begin a Neighborhood Watch program for our North Slope Historic District to help reduce these issues.

Here's your chance to meet and talk with staff from a variety of support services available to us in the North Slope Historic District. Have your questions answered by the experts, get referrals for free services available to you,

***Code Enforcement***

Karl Berner  
City of Tacoma, Building Inspector

***tacomacrime.org***

Christine Clifford  
City of Tacoma, Community Based Services Program

***Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design***

Mike Teskey  
City of Tacoma, Community Based Services Program

***Tacoma Police Department***

Officer Jennifer Terhaar, Community Liason Officer (CLO)

***Safe Streets***

Wanda Rochelle, Pierce County Mobilization and Prevention Services Manager

***NSHD Neighborhood Watch***

Erica Nelson, NSHD Neighborhood Watch Committee Chair

***Take Advantage of the FREE North Slope Historic District Community Clean-up!***

Saturday, June 11th from 10a-2p

Behind 901 N. J St., in the Immanuel Presbyterian Church parking lot

**Required: Driver's license or recent utility bill to prove residency**

Owners and renters of single-family houses and duplexes who live in the NSHD are invited to unload unwanted items for **FREE**.

Accepted items include non-working electronics (e.g., TV's, computers, monitors, appliances, vacuum cleaners, etc.), lawn equipment (empty fluids), tires, carpet, furniture, exercise equipment (e.g., bikes, skis, treadmills, etc.), barbecues (no propane tanks), strollers, metals.

Unaccepted items include daily household garbage that fits in your green trash bin, recyclables that fit in your blue recycle bin, yard and food waste, sod, hazardous materials including their containers, liquids, roofing materials, hot water heaters, cars/motorcycles/RV's/campers/truck canopies/trailers/boats/riding lawn mowers or vehicle parts, concrete, bricks, rocks, dirt, animal carcasses, items from apartment buildings, businesses or construction sites.

Want to Volunteer or Need Assistance unloading due to disability? Contact Geoff Corso, NSHD Park and Beautification Committee at [corso1965@live.com](mailto:corso1965@live.com) or (253) 572-5474

Questions? Contact Allyson Griffith, City of Tacoma Community Based Services at [agriffith@ci.tacoma.wa.us](mailto:agriffith@ci.tacoma.wa.us) or (253) 591-5119

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

**Free Community Clean-up for North Slope**

**Historic District Neighborhood**

**Saturday, June 11**

**Starts: 10:00 a.m.**

**Ends: 2:00 p.m.**

**Where: Immanuel Presbyterian Church**

**In the parking lot**

**901 North J Street**

## ***Make a Splash- Get a Rain Barrel?***



The City of Tacoma Environmental Services awards up to \$50,000 a year in environmental grants to help educate residents and protect and restore our surface water resources. In conjunction with this, the North Slope Historic District Parks & Beautification Committee is re-applying for a grant on behalf of NSHD residents

who want a rain barrel.

For more general information, go to:  
<http://cityoftacoma.org/makeasplash>.

If you want to try to obtain a rain barrel through the Tacoma Environmental Services Make-A-Splash grant program, contact Geoff Corso, the chair of our Parks & Beautification Committee by emailing him at: [corso1965@live.com](mailto:corso1965@live.com) by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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@tacomanorthslope.com](mailto:news@tacomanorthslope.com)**

## ***This Summer Will Be Full of Events for NSHD!***

Stay tuned and keep your eyes out for this summers' activities. We will be having our 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, Neighborhood Garage Sale, and take part in National Night out again this summer. Watch for the Trolley Times or sign up for the NSHD email blasts and have reminders sent right to you! Go to [www.tacomanorthslope.com](http://www.tacomanorthslope.com)

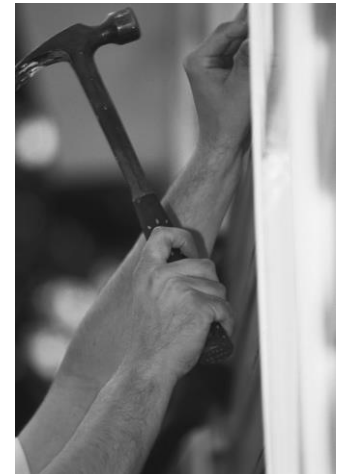
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## ***Call Before You Hammer***

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](mailto:Reuben.McKnight@ci.tacoma.wa.us) He can tell you if your project needs a design review and how to proceed if it does.



## ***7th Annual Plant Exchange Comes to North Slope on May 1st***

### **FREE PLANT EXCHANGE #7 - Mark your calendar for May 7, 2011**

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An annual event that is fun for all ages!

"Don't throw me away" said the daffodil bulb,  
and the strawberry plant and the lilies of the valley.

"We don't belong in the recycle can  
that sits by the house or out in the alley.

**On May 7<sup>th</sup>**, at the church(see below), they'll find a new  
home;

a new yard to live in and call all their own.

As you put on your gloves to pull out and dig

You may not want some of them, little or big,

But someone will at the **FREE PLANT EXCHANGE!**"

### **2011 FREE PLANT EXCHANGE**

**Saturday, May 7, 2011**

**9:30a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**at**

**Immanuel Presbyterian Church**

**North 9<sup>th</sup> and I street**

**Tacoma, WA 98406**

**Information call:**

**Chellis Jensen 253-759-9348**

**Becky Wulfestieg 253-582-3615**

**Church: 253-627-8379**

## ***2011 Tour of Homes! April 30th***

This year's Tacoma Historical Society Tour of Homes features three homes in the North Slope Historic District, plus three homes on North 30th Street, Jason Lee Middle School, First Evangelical Lutheran Church (524 South I St.), and First Church of Christ, Scientist (902 Division Ave).

The 2011 Tour of Homes is on Saturday, April 30, from 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday, May 1, from 1 pm to 5 pm. Tickets can be purchased at Stadium Thriftway, the Pacific Northwest Shop, and the Fircrest, Pearl Street, and Union Ave. branches of Columbia Bank. Tickets can also be purchased on the weekend of the tour at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, which is both on the tour and serving as the Tour of Homes reception center. Tickets are \$20 each (\$15 for Tacoma Historical Society members).

North Slope homes have been frequently featured on the Home Tour. And many North Slope residents participate as docents. This year's North Slope homes are diverse, and are typical of the diversity of styles found throughout the district: the Queen Anne style home at 414 N. J St., the Craftsman style bungalow at 1302 North 8th St., and the Foursquare style home at 1208 North I St. Call Jim Hoard with questions, 253-272-7222

## ***What Do NSHD Historic Designations Mean?***

The Washington State Heritage Register and the National Register of Historic Places are official lists of places important to the history of our state and nation. These honors are given to neighborhoods and buildings deemed worthy of preservation. About 1600 places in Washington are listed on the state and the national registers.

The Tacoma Register of Historic Places falls under a city ordinance administered by the Landmarks Commission, with guidelines based on those required by the National Park Service for the National Register. The ordinance includes protections for individual properties against exterior alterations that would degrade the structure's historic architectural integrity.

Our neighborhood of 900-1000 properties is included under all three registers; in addition, several individual homes in NSHD are on the registers as individual properties.

For more information about the Tacoma Register, contact the City's Historic Preservation Officer at 253-591-5220.

Learn more about the Washington Heritage Register at: [www.dahp.wa.gov/pages/historic\\_sites/Washington\\_Heritage\\_Register.htm](http://www.dahp.wa.gov/pages/historic_sites/Washington_Heritage_Register.htm)

The National Register's website is: [www.cr.nps.gov/NR/](http://www.cr.nps.gov/NR/)

*What is the zoning category of our neighborhood?*

In 2006, the Tacoma City Council passed an ordinance forming a new zoning category that had been requested by the North Slope Historic District. This new zoning category was called Historic Mixed-Residential Special Review District, or HMR-SRD and was a single-family zone based on the requirements for the R2-SRD category. The new zone was designed for neighborhoods on Tacoma's Register and incorporated the protections from demolition contained in the Historic District ordinance, as well as protections from conversion of single-family homes to multiple units.

The new zoning category made the neighborhood safer from demolition of historic buildings to build large apartment units, since an historic district is just an overlay on top of the underlying zoning category. Now, we have a zoning category specifying single-family homes, as well as an overlay indicating historic value.

For more information on HMR-SRD, consult Land Use Regulatory Codes 13.06.100 of the City of Tacoma's Municipal Code.

Julie Turner, March 2011



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

### ***Be Part of the NSHD Garage Sale!***

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

**Here's how it works:** 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. Contact Judy Martin with any questions.

NSHD Garage Sale 2011

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 7/7 (with \$5) to Judy Martin at 515 N. M St.

### ***Get Your North Slope Historic District Plaque Today***

Mark your home with pride. We have a supply of North Slope plaques.

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, call Marilyn Sabo at 253-627-4735.

