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Join us for 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 Monday, 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, Monday, 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 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.

We Cleaned Up Big Time!

Tacoma Community Based Services, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, and the North Slope Historic District, Inc. joined forces to clean up the district this month. Nearly 13% of the NSHD property owners and residents (107 of the 847 qualifying Tacoma Solid Waste customers) took advantage of the free service and discarded nearly 13 tons of garbage and recyclables (i.e., metals, tires, and refrigerators)! In addition, participants filled up a Goodwill truck with resaleable items. CBS surprised us by arranging for 4 Code Compliance Officers to help us collect garbage, a Community Service Supervisor and a crew of 5 workers to help us offload garbage into dumpsters, 2 Police Officers to issue parking tickets and warnings, and a street sweeper to clean up Immanuel Presbyterian's parking lot afterwards. Join me in thanking Allyson Griffith of CBS for directing the attention of all of these services to our neighborhood on June 11th!

Community Based Services' mission is as much about building community as it is about cleaning up Tacoma's neighborhoods. Many volunteers contributed their time, vehicles, muscles and culinary talents to this cleanup including Geoff Corso, Julie Turner, Marshall McClintock, John Butler, Mike and Marilynn Sabo, Mitch Robinson, Patrick and Martha Mendenhall, Bill Connolly, Diane Mikhlin, Don England, Wanda Rochelle, and Kathy Martin. These neighborhood volunteers brought this free service to the NSHD and made it happen. Thank you volunteers!

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 2, 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 2

Starts at 6 p.m.

North Slope Park

Corner of North K & North 8th

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

For details Call Troy Axe

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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.



Reporting Non-Emergency Issues to Police.

It's been a while since this contact information was distributed. There are always some questions about how to report non-emergencies to the police in the most appropriate manner. Here is a quick synopsis.

Examples of non-emergency issues include:

- Minor vandalism
- Illegally parked cars
- Vehicles with expired tabs in the city right-of-way
- Motorists driving over curbs
- Commercial vehicles parked on the street overnight
- Noise pollution

Using your computer: Instructions

- In your browser's Uniform Resource Locator (URL) field, type:

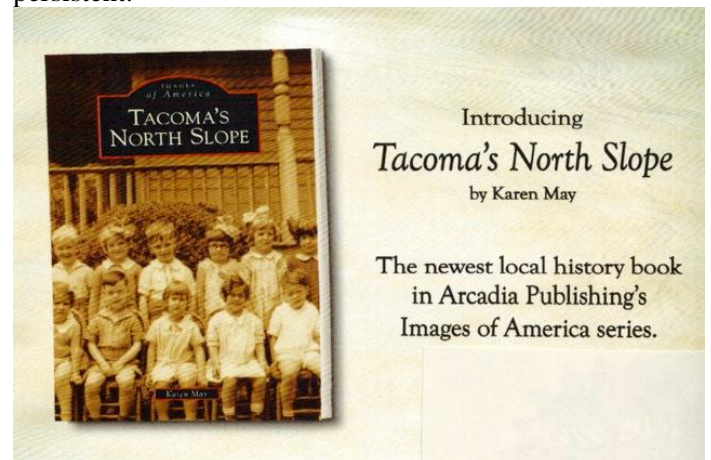
<http://www.cityoftacoma.org/Page.aspx?hid=12604>

- Read the instructions on the screen.
- Click on the map where the issue or concern exists.
- Type:
 - Your name.
 - Your address.
 - A description of the problem.
 - The address of the problem.
 - The way you want the police to resolve the problem.
 - Your phone number.
 - Your email address.
- Select the way that you prefer to be contacted by the police.
- Press the "Submit Your Report Now" button.

Or Use Contact Information Below for Sector Two Community Liaison Officers:

Name	Telephone Number	Email Address
Officer J. Terhaar	(253) 591-5290	jterhaar@cityoftacoma.org
Officer S. Thornton	(253) 594-7837	sthornto@cityoftacoma.org
Officer M. Field	(253) 594-7904	mfield@cityoftacoma.org
Officer D. Skaanes	(253) 594-7961	dskaanes@cityoftacoma.org

NOTE: The police don't respond to non-emergency issues until all of their emergency work is complete. Consequently, the police may not address your non-emergency issue promptly or even at all. If your issue hasn't been addressed after a week, report it again. Be persistent.



Keep an eye out for the new Arcadia history book, Tacoma's North Slope, which will be published this July, 2011



Tacoma North Slope Historic District
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Be part of the 4th of July Parade and July 9th Garage Sale! Details inside.

Get Ready for Art on the Ave

Join our friends from the 6th Avenue Business District for the 13th annual “Art on the Ave” to be held this year on Sunday, July 10, 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.