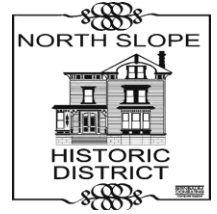




Trolley Times



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Tacoma's North Slope Historic District

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Let's get rid of Those Big, Bad Weeds Lurking in the North Slope!

On Thursday, February 23, 2012, the next North Slope Historic District meeting will be held at Immanuel Presbyterian Church basement at North 9th and J. St. Refreshments start at 6:30 and the program at 7pm. Debbie Ringler from Pierce County Noxious Weed Control Program will present an informational talk about Pierce County's 10 Most Noxious Weeds and how we can get rid of them.

Ms. Ringler says: "Noxious weeds are non-native plants that are proven to have a negative impact on the environment. They may be poisonous to humans and animals, destroy plant and animal habitat, clog waterways, create fire hazards, damage recreational opportunities, or reduce crop yields. Because of their aggressive growth habits and lack of natural enemies, these species can be highly destructive and difficult to control.

The role of the Pierce County Noxious Weed Control Program is to help protect the county's citizens, native eco-systems, agricultural resources, and recreational areas from the economic losses and adverse effects associated with the presence and spread of noxious weeds. PCNWCP needs property owners' help in recognizing and then controlling the non-native invasive plants."

Debbie Ringler (253-798-6802)
Communication/Education Specialist
Pierce County Noxious Weed Control



This photo is of Poison Hemlock, one of our area's Ten Most Noxious Weeds. (Photo from PCNWCP)

Volunteers Always Needed to Help

The Park and Beautification Committee was busy during 2011. Volunteers included Pam Boyles and Rocky Johnson, John Butler, Bill and Susan Connolly, Nick Kristensen, Marshall McClintock, Kyle Price, Dave Root, Mike Sabo, Barbara Tomberg, Jay and Julie Turner and their teenage granddaughter Jennifer Sain.

Altogether, they spent 23 hours combing the neighborhood for litter, filling 26 grocery-size bags, and 44 hours pruning, edging and weeding in traffic circles and in the North Slope Historic District Park. Our thanks go out to Immanuel Presbyterian Church, John Sandstrom, and the Turner family for adopting N. I St., N. J St, and N. L St. respectively through the Tacoma Cares program. If you are interested in adopting your street, a nearby traffic circle, a dead-end, etc., call 591-5634 or direct your browser to <http://www.cityoftacoma.org/page.aspx?hid=1768>. If you would like join the Park and Beautification Committee, contact Geoff at 572-5474 or corso1965@live.com.

Share Your Interests and Help with North Slope Work

- Do you enjoy writing stories or working with websites?
- Do you have a “green thumb” or have a good eye for color?
- Do you enjoy organizing events or speaking to groups?
- Would you like to learn more about public safety?
- Do you like to write grants?
- Are you interested in architectural history?

There is no better way to share your love of something than by joining a committee in the North Slope Historic District. The committee members would love to have you become part of their group. Please contact the chairperson for more information.

Newsletter	Troy Axe	691-8021
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Neighborhood Watch	Erica Nelson	202-5595
Fund Raising/ Social	Judy Martin	572-3059

Calendar of Events

Feb. 23rd	Program: Noxious Weed Control by Debbie Ringler, Pierce County Noxious Weeds
Apr. 26th	Program: Traffic Issues in NSHD
June 28th	Program meeting
July 4th	Children’s Parade to the NSHD Park, 10 th Anniversary
July 14th	Annual NSHD Garage Sale
August 7th	National Night Out
October 7th	Octoberfest
October 25th	Program meeting
Nov. 3rd	Progressive Dinner and Home Tour

Look in future issues of Trolley Times for details of coming programs and events.

Trolley Tales

Folklore from Tacoma’s North Slope, by Karen May



TPL photo

The K Street trolley line entered the North Slope neighborhood from Division Street, ran along North K until North 11th, then came to a dead end just beyond N. Steele St. In the 1892 photo, the trolley is stuck in snow at N. 4th and N. K streets. In the left background is the Benjamin Fisher residence at 401 N. K St. Mr. Fisher was a carpenter with the Western NMI Company. His Queen Anne-style home was built about 1888. There is a round turret at the left, topped by a cupola, which was later removed. To the right of the recessed doorway is a window with a stained-glass upper transom.

Later residents were Frank Allyn, and the Tacoma Daily Ledger of 7/4/1926 stated that Mrs. Allyn, Sr. died suddenly at home. On 8/4/1940, the Tacoma News Tribune headline quipped: "Bees in his belfry and (Herman) Richter is proud of it."

The above photo is very timely, as the North Slope has experienced several inches of snow recently. Posted on the NSHD Facebook page, January 19, 2012 at 1PM: "Two thirds of the 400 block of North K Street was blocked by a downed branch." That area is very close to the location of the picture from the Tacoma Public Library.

For more information, contact Karen May at klmay@harbornet.com

Next time: Job Carr's Hill and the Carr family.

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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.



Abandoned Auto Hotline.....	591-5926
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Building Permit	591-5030
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REMINDER

North Slope Meeting



Feb. 23

Immanuel Presbyterian Church
Basement

6:30 Coffee Hour
7:00 Program

Debble Ringler

“Getting Rid of Noxious Weeds”

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Free govMe Training Offered to Help Research City Records

The software that the City of Tacoma uses to manage city records is called govMe. If you need to research city records for your job or hobby (e.g., researching Tacoma history, genealogy, etc.), and you want to research the city records from your office or home computer, consider signing-up for a free class. The govMe training is divided into 2 classes; an introduction class and an advanced class. The training is held in the Municipal Building at 747 Market Street on a weekday from 8:30am-noon. The date of the training is to be determined. The instructor will schedule the training when we, as NSHD, have a group of 5-9 people who can all attend the introduction class on the same day. If you have questions, or want to sign up, contact Geoff Corso at (253) 572-5474 or corso1965@live.com.