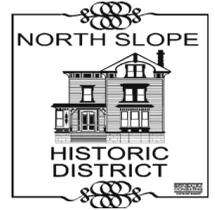




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Parks And Beautification Update

Thank you Volunteers!

The Park and Beautification Committee was active in 2012. Volunteers included Pam Boyles, Bill Connolly, Nick Kristensen, Dave Root, Julie Turner and many anonymous volunteers who helped maintain the public right-of-way within the district and the North Slope Historic District Park. Altogether, they spent at least 88 hours maintaining the landscaping in the traffic circles and the park and picking up litter in the city ROW. If you want to join the Park and Beautification Committee, contact Geoff Corso at 572-5474 or corso1965@live.com.

We especially thank 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're interested in adopting your street, alley, traffic circle, etc., call 591-5634 or direct your browser to <http://www.cityoftacoma.org/Page.aspx?nid=191>.

Thanks.

Geoff

Volunteers are so appreciated!

Folklore of Tacoma's North Slope – Then and Now ***By Karen May***

When this issue arrives at each doorstep, North Slope residents will know that the world did not end, and once again, it is a New Year. To be fair, the Mayans did say it was the end of one era, but the dawn of a new beginning.

The Native Americans, the first people in this land, saw time not as a straight line with a start and an end, but as a circle, always changing. The history of Job Carr's Hill, or the North Slope historic district, shows many changes. Our neighborhood is quite unique.

The Arcadia book, Tacoma's North Slope, tells about the evolution of the neighborhood.

Eighty percent of the houses in the North Slope Historic District were built between the 1880s and the 1930s.

A wide and deep ravine, Garfield Gulch, came up from the park near Annie Wright Seminary and divided the neighborhood. Bridges, later removed, crossed the Gulch at North I and K Streets. Eventually the Gulch was filled in.

Two trolley car lines crossed the North Slope, on North K and N. I Streets.

Job Carr lived in a two-story farmhouse on his 166-acre homestead, where he raised fruit trees in a large orchard.

At one time, the governor, lieutenant governor, chief justice, and speaker of the House were all neighbors on Job Carr's Hill.



Governor Ernest Lister (photo courtesy Sherry Munson)

A wealthy widow moved her house by barge from Gig Harbor to the North Slope to be near her daughter, who lived there.

Lumber barons, railroad men, and business tycoons lived in the North Slope while their business was in Old and New Tacoma.

Bing Crosby was born here, and was baptized in St. Patrick's church. The date of his birth is a mystery.

From 1918 through 1960, Temple Beth Israel on N. J served the Reform Jewish Community.

An icon of the '50s, the Frisko Freeze hamburger stand still serves happy customers with shakes and fries from its Google or Populuxe building, which is on the Historic Register.



photo courtesy Gyda May

Next time: the Alaska Connection.

Got an Idea For a North Slope Historic District Neighborhood Event?

Get in touch with board member Troy or Judy or Julie and share your thoughts. We are always looking for new and fun things to make happen in the neighborhood.



North Slope Board

The North Slope board is made up of volunteers exclusively. Some of your friends and neighbors get together one evening every other month and spend an hour or so discussing the matters of the North Slope.

We are always on the look-out for more members to lend their perspectives and contributions to the issues that concern us all. If anyone is interested in becoming a member, the positions are for 2 years and the end of this month is when new members are elected. Please call or get in touch with a current member of the board to find out more. We are all happy to share the experiences we've had with this great and committed group!

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From One Historic Neighbor to Another Pantages and Rialto Theaters Built in 1918

Upcoming Events

Zoe Keating & Portland Cello Project

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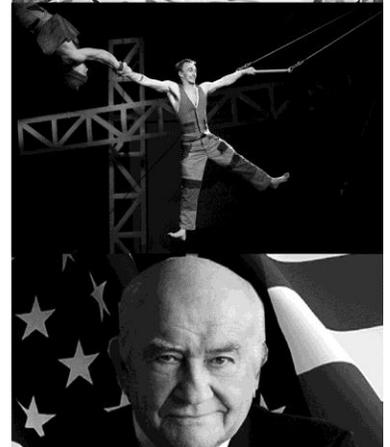


Australia's National Circus:

Friday, February 1, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday February 2, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Pantages Theater | Tickets: \$39 - \$129*
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Ed Asner as FDR

Friday, February 8, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.
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* \$74 ticket includes meet and greet after the show with Mr. Asner.



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The North Slope Historic District Board recently decided to change to hand delivery of the Trolley Times, our District newsletter, from mailing it. Tough times make for tough calls, as we all know, and the Board is trying to save our dwindling funds. We hope some of you can help us get the Trolley to your doorstep four times a year.

Needed: People who can spare 30-45 minutes every three months to hand deliver the newsletter to 7 or 8 blocks in the North Slope. The newsletters cannot, by federal law, be put anywhere near a US Mailbox; that means not on, hanging from, under or inside!

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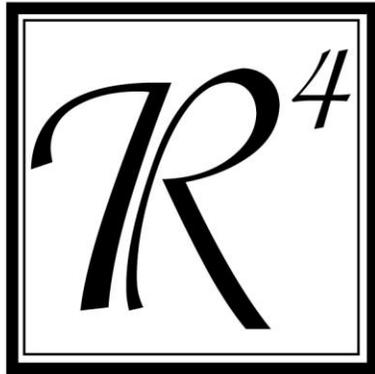
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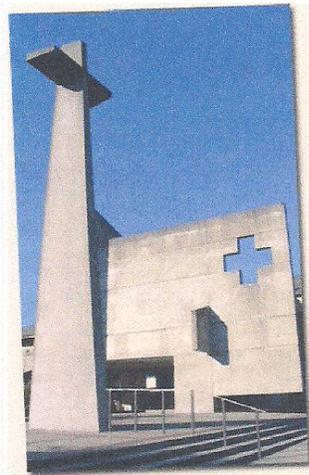
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You're Invited to Worship With Us!

Holy Eucharist at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. on Sundays,
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Music greatly enhances the 10:30 a.m. worship experience at Christ Church, provided by Dr. Mark Brombaugh, organist, and a 40-voice choir, under the direction of The Rev. Kathryn Nichols. Are you interested in singing with us? Newcomers are welcome in all sections of the choir! For more information, contact: music@ccptacoma.org

Join us at 12:10 p.m. on the **Third Friday of every month** for an organ concert featuring noted guest organists from the Puget Sound region (donations accepted at the door). The next concert will be Friday, January 18, 2013.

We offer **Bible Study** twice a week. On Sundays at 9:15 a.m., we reflect on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel lesson, connecting its message to our daily lives. On Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m., we offer a study focused on the Book of Genesis, in our Chapel. All are welcome!

Lent, Holy Week and Easter Sunday Eucharists:

- ASH WEDNESDAY, Feb. 13, 12:00 & 7:30 p.m.
- MAUNDY THURSDAY, Mar. 28, 7:30 p.m.
- GOOD FRIDAY, Mar. 29, 12:00 & 7:30 p.m.
- EASTER VIGIL, Saturday, Mar. 30, 8:00 p.m.
- EASTER SUNDAY, Mar. 31, 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

LENTEN EVENSONG, Mar. 17, 5:00 p.m.
 A choral service with hymns, scripture and anthems

Christ Episcopal Church Sanctuary

The Christ Church Sanctuary is located on North K Street between N. 3rd Street and N. 4th Street. The massive concrete building was designed by Paul Thiry, who is credited with bringing architectural modernism to the Pacific Northwest. Twelve years after the Sanctuary was built in 1969, he was awarded the prestigious American Institute of Architecture award for the design of Christ Episcopal Church.

The design as described by Lawrence W. Cheek in his article "Paul Thiry: pioneer of architectural modernism in Seattle":

One of Thiry's strongest designs is Tacoma's Christ Episcopal Church, and it serves well to illustrate the enduring disconnect between modernist theory and public affection.

It's a tough, raw concrete building that draws at least spiritual inspiration from Le Corbusier's chapel at Ronchamps, a building Thiry admired. Like Ronchamps, it walls out the world, creating a dark cocoon where the only admitted daylight squeezes through tiny stained-glass windows and one knee-high ribbon window beside a reflective pool and garden wall.

A great structural curve in the concrete embraces the chancel where the liturgy takes place, symbolically affirming its central importance. It's an easy building to respect but a tough one to like, and the difference between the two verbs, one connecting with the intellect and the other with emotion, sums up the problem with even the best buildings of that era (the worst are neither respectable nor likable).

The architectural style is often called brutalism. The docomomo web site (www.docomomo-wewa.org) provides this explanation of the architectural style.

The term Brutalism is derived from the French word for rough concrete or "beton brut." Brutalist structures have a heavy mass and scale, and their highly sculptural blocky shapes are often stacked together in various ways, creating an unbalanced look. Common design features include the "Russian Wedge," in which a wall plane projects outward on a sloped angle. Broad surfaces are often interrupted by deep-shadow penetrations of the building's mass; vertical slots may contrast with broad oblong openings or tall openings with horizontal slots, while "egg-crate" effects are also much employed. The exterior treatment, as the name suggests, is usually exposed concrete, which is left rough to show the wooden formwork. Fixed windows are set deep into the walls and are often small in relation to the size of the structure. As the name implies, this cast-in-place building system utilized a continuous pour of concrete with a coffered underside to reduce the weight of the slab. Such slabs were often left exposed.

One feature that is not described in these articles is the excellent acoustical qualities of the interior. The curved wall behind the altar offers cathedral-like sound reverberations.

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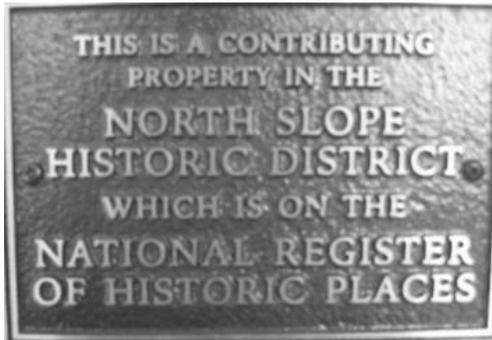
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Call Before You Hammer

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

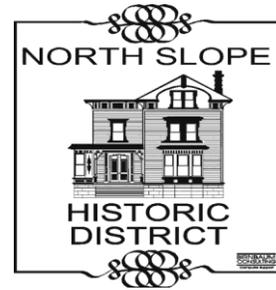


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Reporting Non-Emergency Issues to Police.

NEW CITY LAW HELPS WITH NOISY CAR PROBLEMS

In early May, the TNT published a short article about a new ordinance that makes it easier for police officers to help neighborhoods address noise problems from loud mufflers and stereos on cars. I called our Community Liaison Officer, Jennifer Terhaar, and she emailed me how to report repeating offenders. Officer Terhaar wrote:

“I would suggest that you call in your complaints (when they are occurring) to the 911 Non-Emergency Line. The number is 253-798-4721. The 911 dispatchers answer this (phone) line in-between emergency calls.

Provide as much information about the cars, and their whereabouts. Obviously, you will get a better police response if the cars are stationary when you call, and note that due to call loads, we cannot always dispatch an officer to lower-priority calls like this in a timely manner.”

It was suggested in the TNT that information such as driver's name, make of car, and a license number will facilitate enforcement of loud music coming from cars. CLO Terhaar reported that another ordinance covers loud mufflers, or the lack of one, but you can use the same police non-emergency number, with the same information.

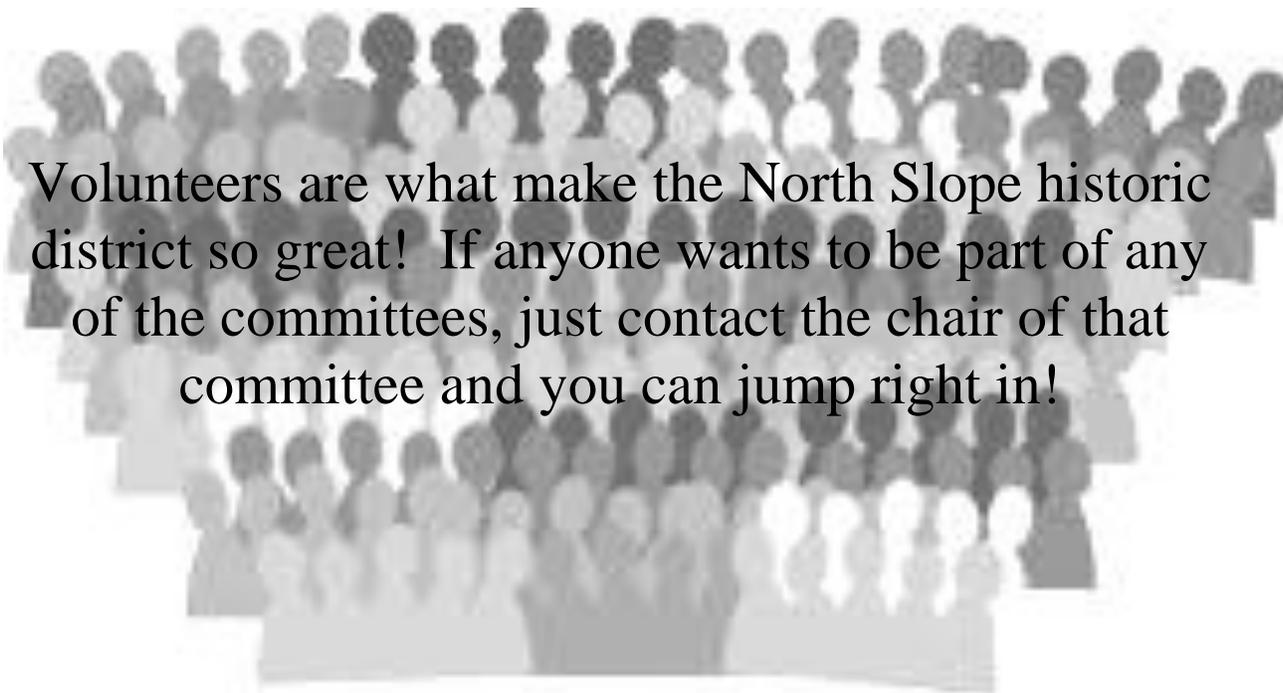
You can reach CLO Terhaar at 253-591-5290, by email: jterhaar@cityoftacoma.org.

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The North Slope Historic District has always been fortunate enough to have fantastic public forums, presentations, and discussions. We have enjoyed visits from members of the City of Tacoma and law enforcement, committed and informed historians, and members of the business community. Our meetings are every other month in the evening and usually last about an hour or two. Keep your eyes open for this years' events.



Volunteers are what make the North Slope historic district so great! If anyone wants to be part of any of the committees, just contact the chair of that committee and you can jump right in!

Don't Forget Our Great Events! Keep up with us at
www.tacomanorthslope.com/