

May 29th, 2014 Program Michael Sullivan to Speak on North Slope Secrets

Michael Sullivan, a long-time Tacoma preservationist, will be speaking to us at our **General Meeting, May 29th, 2014, at 7 pm**, at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, entrance on North 9th. Coffee hour at 6:30 for conversations and mingling.

Grab a chair and join us to hear Mr. Sullivan talk about his subject, "Little Known Secrets of the North Slope." You will soon understand why he is a sought-after speaker in historic preservation circles, since he has many entertaining stories about Tacoma's history. Join us for fun and enlightenment!

Mr. Sullivan has been at the forefront of local preservation issues, policies and projects in Tacoma and our State for many years. He directed preservation policy for the City of Tacoma during a period when more than \$250 million in rehabilitation activity occurred, and is past president of the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation. Currently, he is a principal at Artifacts, Inc., an historic preservation and architectural conservation studio in Tacoma, and serves on the Executive Committee of Advisors to the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

July 4th Is Approaching!



And so is the annual **North Slope Historic District Children's Parade**. The parade starts at 10 a.m. in front of St. Patrick's church, at N. 12 and N. J. St. Come and have fun!

Only non-motorized vehicles are allowed, but strollers, wagons, tricycles and bicycles are appropriate, as is just strolling along. Many children and vehicles sport red, white and blue clothing and decorations.

Parents are stationed at each of the intersections as the parade meanders

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June 14th Free NSHD Clean-up Day

The NSHD, Inc. is working with Tacoma Neighborhood and Community Based Services to clean up the neighborhood again. This is a chance for City Solid Waste customers who own or rent a single-family home or duplex in NSHD to dispose of items that don't fit in the garbage bin or blue recycle bin, for free.

Saturday, June 14th, 10am - 1:45pm

Jason Lee Middle School parking lot, 602 N. Sprague Ave.

ID required: driver's license or recent TPU bill to prove NSHD residency

Bring electronics, lawn equipment (empty liquids first), tires, carpet, furniture, exercise equipment, barbecues (no propane tanks), strollers, metals.

Do NOT bring items that go in your green trash bin, blue recycle bin, or brown yard and food waste bin; materials from a business or apartment building, vehicles including motorcycles, RV's, campers, truck canopies, boats, trailers, riding lawnmowers, etc.; animal carcasses,

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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 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Here's how it works:

Maps listing participating homes are handed out the day of the sale at 515 North M Street; 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 \$8** 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 Trolley Times newsletter.

Contact Judy Martin with any questions, 572-3059.

NSHD Garage Sale 2014

Your Name

Address

Where will you stage your sale? Circle one:

Parking Strip Alley

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

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Trolley Tales

Folklore from Tacoma's North Slope

By Karen May

The Corner of Division and N. L Sts.

A Story in Three Parts

Part 1 The house at 304 N. L Street was built around 1891, and David A. Gove was living there in 1892, according to the City Directory. It was later demolished, in 1928. (In 1928 architect George E. Gove designed a house at 311 N. L Street, and was still living there in 1955).



Photo courtesy of Tacoma Public Library

Part 2 A gas station was built in 1929. Preston Gifford was the operator of Gifford's Service Station, listed in 1930, at 1201 Division Avenue, on the same property. The photo below, taken in 1940, shows a Texaco sign on the roof, gasoline pumps on the front, and a drive-through for store customers. This gas station was demolished in 1944.

Part 3 Perry W. Smith was the architect, and Elmer Hauge was contracted to build a

Googie type building we now know as the Frisko Freeze. Mr. Smith had a grand opening of his concrete block and brick ice cream shop in the summer of 1950. He said he named it after a California city, but changed the spelling. The popular hamburger and milkshake stand has many stories to tell, but has survived all to become an historical part of the North Slope Historic District.

In 1982, Frisko Freeze was shut down because of fire, but was later reopened. Governor Booth Gardner, who lived nearby, was a fan of Frisko Freeze. Perry Smith died in 1990, and his widow carried on the business. One year later, Roberta "Bobbe" Smith died. Penny Smith Jensen, daughter of Perry and Bobbe, and her husband Mark Jensen became co-owners until Mark died in 2012. Penny Jensen continues to run the shop.

Burger and a shake? Can't be beat!

**REMEMBER: CALL ABOUT EXTERIOR PROJECTS...
...BEFORE YOU HAMMER!**

In our historic district, most exterior changes to your house, other than painting, such as replacing windows, changing siding, or adding or replacing a porch or deck, **may** require review by the City's Landmarks Preservation Commission or the Historic Preservation Officer.

Before starting any exterior work, contact Reuben McKnight, our Tacoma Historic Preservation Officer, at Reuben.McKnight@ci.tacoma.wa.us, or call 591-5220. He can tell you if your project needs a design review and how to proceed if it does.



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slowly east on North J to North 8th and turns south to the North Slope Historic District Park. There, children can play and adults can visit with NSHD neighbors.

If you have questions about the parade, please call NSHD Board member Judy Martin, 572-3059, no later than July 1st.

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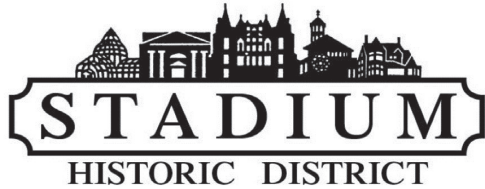


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Watch for our fall & winter events: Street of Treats & Dickens Festival

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hazardous materials, liquids or dirt.

To volunteer, or to request help transporting items, contact Geoff Corso at 572-5474 or parkandbeautification@tacomanorthslope.org. We particularly need volunteers with pickup trucks to help transport items from the neighborhood to the dumpsters at the school.

To get answers to questions, contact Cindy DeGrosse at cindy.degrosse@cityoftacoma.org or 591-5026.

Goodwill or St. Vincent de Paul will likely be onsite to accept resalable items.



Sponsor's Corner

Each issue of the Trolley will highlight one of the sponsors of the newsletter. This issue it is:

North Slope Coffee House

North Slope Coffee House, at the entrance to Stadium Thriftway, is just the latest of the food-related ventures of **Denny Faker**. Not only is Denny a long-time NSHD home owner, but he was, for years, the operator of the popular Bavarian Restaurant, at North K and Division, before moving on to selling coffee at Stadium Thriftway.

It was Denny and Bill Johnston who actually started the neighborhood meetings, held upstairs at the Bavarian in the mid-1990s, that eventually became the neighborhood organization that we have today. His support of NSHD has always been unwavering.

In addition, he has spent years promoting the Stadium Business District, and years working on the New Tacoma Neighborhood Council. He is also a great barbecue chef with a great line of palaver to sell the goods!

We thank Denny for his sponsorship of the NSHD newsletter, Trolley Times, and the NSHD neighborhood.

NSHD Needs \$\$\$\$ Donations!

Our neighborhood organization, NSHD, Inc. needs donations to fund the activities of our group. These activities include:

- ◆ Children's Parade on July 4th, where we buy flags
- ◆ Quarterly meetings, for which we have refreshment costs
- ◆ Projects at the NSHD Park at North 8th and K Streets
- ◆ Costs for our web and email sites to communicate news, alerts and reminders

- ◆ Annual garage sale advertising for the NSHD Garage Sale
- ◆ Annual free neighborhood clean-up, in conjunction with the City of Tacoma

To contribute to the North Slope Historic District, send your contribution to:
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Making Changes to Your Home – the Right Way

By Marcie Osborn



I moved into my North Slope home in August of 2012. I knew before moving in that any changes I wanted to do to the exterior of my house would require approval from the Landmark Preservation Commission. I wasted no time putting this process to the test.

My project was to expand my existing very tiny deck (2' x 10') into a more reasonably sized deck. I started by going to the Landmark Preservation website <http://www.tacomaculture.org/historic/about.asp> and read about the required historic standards, design reviews, and I downloaded the *Application for Design Review*. This application walks you through the necessary steps. If you still have questions, Reuben McKnight, Landmarks Preservation Officer and his assistant are happy to answer your questions.

After I completed the application I submitted it to the Permit folks in the Planning & Development Services. This was a crucial step for me. My design was to extend my deck out 10', however after meeting with this department I learned

about set-backs, and the maximum the deck could extend was 7' without going through a variance process. I was not interested in applying for a variance so I changed my design to the smaller size. I next met with the structural folks at the city. They told me the types of structural reinforcement that was needed to ensure the balcony did not fall down in an earthquake.

After I had the necessary signatures I was scheduled to attend the next Commission meeting to present my plans. The Landmarks Commission meets twice a month so it is usually fairly easy to get on the agenda. My plans were presented to the Commission and they had questions and recommendations but it was an easy process.

With the Commission approval I was ready to start the actual project. My balcony was built and I love it. My builder assured me that with the structural recommendations made by the city, the house would fall down before the balcony.

Bottom line, this process, although not painful, did take some time. I really appreciated the resources available online at tacomaculture.org. Also, both Reuben and Tonie Cook, (since retired), were always willing to answer my many questions.

So, you have a project you want to do? Go for it! Just remember we live in a historic neighborhood and we want to keep it that way!

“From the National Archives ...”

The following is from the archives of NSHD nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.



1015 North 5th Street

This 1905 home in the North Slope Historic District is an American Foursquare constructed by the Cornell Brothers Contracting firm of Tacoma. In fact, it was the home of Ernest C. Cornell, and the house next door, (visible to the left,) was the home of his brother Daniel, his partner in the contracting firm bearing their name. The brothers were born in Knox County, Ohio, and learned the contracting business from their father, Julius Cornell.

The brothers came separately to Tacoma in the late 1880s, and within a year or two Ernest started a contracting firm, taking his brother as a partner the following year. The partnership was to last over 50 years, and resulted in their building numerous residences besides their own. Both brothers married and raised daughters in Tacoma.

Besides homes, the brothers constructed many prominent buildings in Tacoma, such as the First Presbyterian Church, the Port piers and grain elevators, the Elks Temple and the Stone-Fisher Building. Homes, besides their own, included the Chester Thorne and Weyerhaeuser residences, as well as 1319 N. 4th in our North Slope neighborhood.



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| May 29th - |
| Program @ Immanuel Presbyterian Church |
| Michael Sullivan speaks on "North Slope Secrets" |
| Social Hour 6:30pm Program 7:00 pm |
| June 14th - |
| 10am-1:45pm - Tacoma Community Services |
| Cleanup at Jason Lee Middle School |
| July 4th - |
| North Slope Historic District 4 th of July Parade |
| July 12th - |
| North Slope Garage Sale 9-4pm |
| August 5th - |
| National Night Out |
| Watch for details regarding upcoming programs & events in future issues of the Trolley Times |