



November Program to Feature Realtor Tips for Selling

Come and listen as local realtor Craig Tuttle, owner of Turn Key Realty, talks about the real estate market this past year, what's happening now, and winter projects that can help your house sell next spring.

Mr. Tuttle is the owner and broker of Turn Key Realty, located on the corner of N. 13th and I Street, at one corner of the NSHD. Turn Key is a sponsor of the newsletter, as well a provider of up-to-date information on new home owners in our District. A life-long resident of Tacoma, Craig knows the town like the back of his hand!

"We take great pride in our knowledge and experience in all facets of the real estate industry," he commented. He will talk about this past year's sales, what's the trend for lending, and how to prepare your home to trigger a buyer to purchase.

November 20th, Immanuel Presbyterian Church basement, (enter on N. 9th)

- ◆ **6:30 for Coffee and Social Time**
- ◆ **7 pm sharp for the election process**
- ◆ **Program at 7:15**

NSHD BOARD ELECTIONS NOV. 20TH

Our neighborhood organization, NSHD, Inc. is an all-volunteer group of property owners in the North Slope Historic District. Each year the Board elects half of its membership to serve two-year terms. The group of about 16 people meets quarterly to plan activities and programs for our neighborhood and its residents. We have committees for specific aspects of our mission; the committees are listed under "Board Members" in this issue.

If you'd like to help your neighborhood, meet some interesting people and plan activities to engage residents, please consider seeking a position on the Board. To do this is simple: just call the Board Secretary, and say you are interested.

Call Julie Turner, NSHD, Inc. Board Secretary, 253-383-2329 about being a candidate.

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Trolley Tales

Folklore from Tacoma's North Slope

By Karen May

Tacoma's First School - Part One

In 1888, author Emma Hildreth Adams wrote about Old Town Tacoma:

"Of the quaint place this story is told: One day, in 1864, a party of gentlemen from the Indian Reservation, at the head of the bay, floated down past this picturesque recess in the bluff, on a fishing excursion. Of the number was one Job Carr, recently arrived from the East. Observing the rough little dale, he remarked: 'That would make a fine location for a town.' His impressions were so deep that he soon after took up the section of land that included the pretty nook, and forthwith laid out a town thereon, and called it 'Tacoma City.'... the settlement in the romantic vale becoming simply the First Ward of the new city... and contains a public school house..."

In 1867 there was a flood, arguably the worst ever in the area. The pioneer schoolteacher, J.P. Stewart, told about the big flood and the little old log schoolhouse. The first day,

the Puyallup River was out of its banks, and by the second day, the water was a couple of feet over the schoolhouse porch. When the water receded, Stewart's house had been destroyed, so the family lived in the schoolhouse while a new house was being built on higher ground. According to Herbert Hunt, in this log schoolhouse, "J.P. Stewart... was teaching the first school in Tacoma, with about 13 children, all of whom belonged to the Baker, A.W. Stewart and Fleetwood families." There were five Baker children under 12, and in the lean-to next to the schoolhouse little Lena Tacoma Baker was born, with no physician within miles of the place.

In 1869, the first school district was established.

According to Hunt: "The town site owners gave for school purposes a lot at Starr and 28th Streets, and citizens contributed \$ 300 to build a schoolhouse. A.W. Stewart erected it." J.P. Stewart moved his school from the old log schoolhouse into the new building. From TNT 10-05-1952: "Job Carr was, you might say, head of the earnest thinkers of the town. He had a little library of great books, was postmaster and naturally was one of the strong supporters of a right place for youngsters to study." From Hunt: "A few years later the schoolhouse, which was a simple affair, was set on fire, and the ten pupils lost all their books. It is supposed that this was done in order to get rid of the teacher, John Hipkins, whose habits were not consistent with his profession. He chewed tobacco while hearing his classes, and spat with frequency but with admirable precision. It was said, too, that he even appeared in the schoolroom after too many visits to the bowl. In any case he was not an ornament to education. The fire, however, did not dispose of him. He moved the school to another building."



Ron Karabaich Photo of children on marker of 1869-1875 First Ward School

SPONSOR'S CORNER

Highlighting Trolley Times' Sponsors

Stadium Thriftway

When you think Stadium Thriftway, what comes to mind is its long-time part in the fabric of life in the North End of Tacoma, its great staff who makes one feel at home in the store, and the local owners, the Hargreaves family, who give the place the local feel. "In fact," says Angela Desjardins, "I am the third generation, so it was my grandfather who started the business in 1985."

The store has grown and changed, as has Tacoma. After enlarging the space, STW increased the variety and quality of fresh and unique products it carries, but it's the staff that really makes shoppers feel comfortable. The store is a meeting place, where you catch up with your neighbors and friends, including the staff. You never know who you'll run into at STW!

The holidays are nearly upon us, and Stadium Thriftway guarantees it has everything you need to make your holidays the best they can be. In case you're not sure what to serve, just visit the Open Houses where you can taste all the unbelievable products Stadium Thriftway features for the holidays.

Thanksgiving Open House is November 14th and Christmas Open House is December 12th.

Stadium Historic District Business Association

The Stadium Historic District Business Association has been an active business district association in Tacoma for over 25 years. As a City-recognized Association, it promotes member businesses, and the vitality of the entire District.

Members businesses work with the association's manager, Denny Faker, volunteering their time to work on projects and events throughout the year. Those events include the Dickens Christmas in December, the Street of Treats at Halloween, The Art & Wine Walk, and Stadium's Saturday market, Stadium Fare.

The Association recently played a key role, working with the City, in the selection of the Light Rail Extension route that will come through the business district. In addition, Association members have been working with the City to partner with Metro Parks to re-create public access trails along the Bayside and Schuster Parkway.



NSHD Neighborhood Watch Email Updates

- ◆ Neighborhood Watch broadcast email is still active and updates begin in November on a monthly basis.
- ◆ Intermittent *ALERT* emails will also be distributed should the incident be of critical timeliness.
- ◆ Monthly updates will attempt to select incidents reported by NSHD NW, as well as from [Nextdoor North Slope](#), [NSHD facebook group](#), public records, and other available resources.
- ◆ **To report crime or safety incidents yourself, you may email directly:**
watch@tacomanorthslope.org
- ◆ Alternatively, go to [NSHD Community](#) page and report noteworthy incidents via email link found there.

*Mark Codispoti
NSHD Neighborhood Watch, Tacoma, WA*

Tacoma Studying New Residential Parking Permit



Tacoma's residential parking permit program is undergoing an update; the current program is suspended and no new permits are being issued at this time.

The City's Traffic Division is partnering with a group called Parking Technical Advisory Group. They are using a community-based approach to assess the current program, and design a new one which includes street parking users, businesses, residents and City departments.

A recent public meeting at UPS included residents from the North Slope Historic District, Proctor, Stadium, 6th Avenue and Annie Wright neighborhoods, as well as representatives of Multi Care and Annie Wright School. Ideas were collected about what is needed now, and what works and doesn't work, as well as suggested enforcement measures. About 30 neighborhood residents attended, plus City employees and volunteers.

The focus was on making any new program flexible enough to fit different neighborhoods and different situations. At the end of the meeting, a consultant summed up the collected ideas up by saying that "**one size does not fit all**" neighborhoods or parking situations. So, Tacoma needs to design new residential parking programs to adapt to these neighborhoods and residential parking needs.

For instance, the problems in NSHD with health-care workers taking up street parking near Division differ from the problems residents near the Proctor business district may find – the hours shoppers use residential streets are different than the hours when shift workers at Tacoma General use street parking. And, on 6th Avenue, and near the Parkway on North I St. and the Corner Bar on No. K. St., the parking difficulties occur during evening and nighttime hours.

Stay tuned for details in coming months. Contact Eric Huseby at ehuseby@cityoftacoma.org, or 253-591-5437 for more information, or to be added to the project distribution list.

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Staff at time of order.

Effective December 14th-25th, 2014.

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Enjoy everything the Historic Stadium District has to offer!



Historic Stadium is home to the dazzling architecture of Stadium High School, Seymour Conservatory, and beautiful Wright Park. Stop by and shop specialty stores, get your car serviced, enjoy a salon treatment, and eat your way through great restaurants.

For more information about these and other Stadium events, contact Denny at (253) 278-8463

Brought to you by The Stadium Historic District Business Association.



10th Dickens Festival at Stadium
Fun for the whole family!
Saturday December 6th
Luminary Parade at 5:00 pm



Horse & Carriage rides to Victorian Christmas at Wright Park and so much more!

DickensFestival.net

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Building & Land Use - (253) 591-5015

Building Inspections - (253) 591-5004

Building Permits - (253) 591-5030

Call-2-Haul - (253) 573-2468

City Council / Mayor - (253) 591-5100

City Manager's Office - (253) 591-5130

Code Enforcement 591-5001

Community Based Services 591-5001

Domestic Violence - (253) 591-5151

Fire (General Info) - (253) 591-5737

Garbage - (253) 591-5543

Recycle 565-5955

Call-2-Hall

Graffiti Hotline - (253) 591-5001

Illegal Dumping - (253) 591-5001

Illegal Parking - (253) 798-4721

Overgrown Vegetation - (253) 591-5001

Police (Non-Emergency) - (253) 798-4721

Police (Recorded Information) - (253) 591-5950

Crack Track 475-2725

Gang Tip Line 594-7867

Potholes / Street Repairs - (253) 591-5495

Power Outages, Fallen Wires, etc. - (253) 502-8602

Sidewalks (Hazardous) - (253) 591-5270

Streetlights (Burned Out) - (253) 591-5287

Tacoma CARES - (253) 591-5001

Trees in Right-of-Way - (253) 591-5500



Smartphone App for Neighborhood Watch

The Puget Sound "First-To-See" Emergency Support System

By Bernard Bates

If you're like me, you often see neighborhood problems that fall into that gray area - "Not 911 worthy, but should be reported to someone". If you're diligent, you record (or remember) the location, the time and (of course), the nature of the problem.

As an example, I walk my dog early every morning. About one month ago, I noticed that the streetlights between N. 11th and N. 9th on North I Street were out. One of the electrical panels was open and, by the condition of the wires, it was obvious that wire theft had occurred. The dilemma for me was (1) whom to contact and (2) how to remember, later in the day, exactly where and what was the problem?

The Pierce County "First-To-See" Emergency Support System has solved this quandary for smartphone users. There is an app called "First-To-See," (ESS), which allows you to report problems (in my case a non-functioning street lights with associated wire theft), take a picture of the problem (for me, the open electrical panel) and attach the photo to the report, with the location service of your phone relaying the exact GPS coordinates of the photo. You can choose to report anonymously or, if you would like follow-up feedback, sign and address your report.

The app is free and is available on iTunes App Store for iPhone users and at The Google Play Store for Android phone users.

More information about The Puget Sound "First-To-See" Emergency Support System can be viewed at:

<http://firsttosee.org/>.

The website contains information about the federal, state and local collaboration responsible for this app and videos that delve deeply into the further uses of the ESS system (including the ESS work during the Oso landslide). There is an amazing amount of material on this website, and it is well worth a look.



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NEWS AROUND NSHD....

You may have noticed the demolition of a house at 223 N. J. St. **The 200-block of J. St. is not in NSHD** because in 1994 only one property owner wanted into the District. So, the City left the block out of NSHD. The block **is** included in the National District, but there is no protection against demolition for the National Register. The block was also excluded from the new single-family zoning category, HMR-SRD, (completed in Dec. 2006), because the new zoning was to follow the boundary lines of the City's NSHD. A large apartment is rumored to be built since zoning is R-4.



Contrast the demolition with the restoration just a few blocks away. The 1907 Colonial Revival is in the NSHD and is being restored, proving that "Where Yesterday Meets Today," can work.

The Neighborhood Outreach Committee is working hard to keep up with a rapid and large increase in new ownership in our District. For the year, in the NSHD **over 40 properties**, including condos and houses, have sold! The committee has copied and collected material for 50 packets of homeowner information to distribute.

Scott's Landing Condos, on the corner of N. 5th and J. St., has been re-converted to apartments. Owners of the property could not sell enough of the units, so the few purchasers were bought out, and all the units will now be rented.

More "Little Lending Libraries" have appeared outside NSHD buildings; these are in addition to the two mentioned in August's Trolley, at 819 N. J. and 909 N. J. Look for the new ones at 714 No. M; 1107 No. M; 1110 No. 8th (between K and L,) and, just outside the District, at No. 4th and Yakima. Check them all out.

Send short informational items to Julie Turner: juliejayturner@gmail.com



COME SEE US IN NOVEMBER!

HEAR THE REAL ESTATE MARKET'S PAST, PRESENT, & COMING YEAR PROJECTIONS!

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WHAT SELLERS NEED TO DO TO PREPARE THEIR HOME FOR SALE!



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Announcements

November Elections: Volunteer for the NSHD, Inc Board of Directors. Help to organize and present programs and Activities. Election to be held promptly at 7 pm, Nov. 20, 2014. More info? Call Judy Martin, 572-3059

November Program — Hear the real estate market's past, present and future projections and what sellers need to do to prepare their home for sale!

Help Wanted For Trolley Delivery—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. If you would like to be of service to your neighborhood and can spare the time, please call Julie Turner at 253-383-2329 or email to:

juliejayturner@gmail.com.