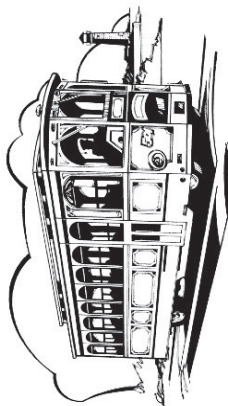


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MAY PROGRAM FEATURES HOW TO RESEARCH AN HISTORIC HOME

Join us on Thursday, May 21st, at 7 pm for a Program Meeting featuring local author and history buff Deb Freedman. Deb is a retired librarian who now volunteers at Tacoma Historical Society's downtown museum.

She will present some of the many resources available in the library's Northwest Room to help NSHD residents research their home's history. In addition, Deb will highlight what the Tacoma Historical Society's new downtown museum has to offer about the history of people, homes and buildings of

Tacoma's past.

She will conclude with what she calls, "A rousing audience-participation game of Tacoma History Jeopardy!" Come and have fun with us!

Join us May 21, 2015, Immanuel Presbyterian Church Basement

Coffee House at 6:30, Program at 7 pm

Entrance on N. 9th between N. I and N. J. Sts.

July 4th is A-Coming!

And so is the **North Slope Historic District Children's Parade**. It starts at 10 a.m. in front of St. Patrick's church, N. 12th and N. J. Sts.

Come and have fun on the 4th of July!

This year's parade is sponsored by:

Turn Key Realty, at N. 13th and N. I. Sts.

Turn Key is providing flags for the marchers, and treats at the Park. Parents are stationed at each of the intersections as the parade meanders slowly east on North J to North 8th and turns south one block to the North Slope Historic District Park. There, children can play and adults can visit with NSHD neighbors.

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 decorations. Turn Key will supply small flags for marchers to carry.

Questions about the parade? Please call Board member Judy Martin, 572-3059.

Thanks, Turn Key!

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Free Clean-up Day Coming August 8th

The NSHD, Inc., with Tacoma Neighborhood and Community Based Services, will be cleaning-up the neighborhood again this year. In the past 4 years, we've disposed of 50 tons of garbage during this event. This is a chance for city residential solid waste customers, who own or rent a single-family home or duplex in the NSHD, to dispose of items that don't fit in their garbage or recycle bins, for free.

Saturday, August 8th, 10am-1:45pm

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

ID required: bring driver's license or recent TPU bill

Bring electronics, lawn equipment (empty fluids first), tires, carpet, furniture, exercise equipment, barbeques (no ash or propane tanks), strollers, metals, etc.

Do NOT bring items that fit in your trash bin, recycle bin, or yard and food waste bin; materials from a business, apartment building, or construction site; vehicles including motor cycles, RV's, campers, truck canopies, boats, trailers, riding mowers, etc.; animal carcasses; hazardous materials; liquids; dirt, etc.

To volunteer, or request help transporting items, contact Geoff Corso at 627-4408 or at parkandbeautification@tacomanorthslope.org. We need volunteers with pick-up trucks to help transport items from the neighborhood to the dumpsters at the school.

Questions, contact Cindy DeGrosse at cindy.degrosse@cityoftacoma.org or 591-5026.

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 11th, 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: Parkway or Alley

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

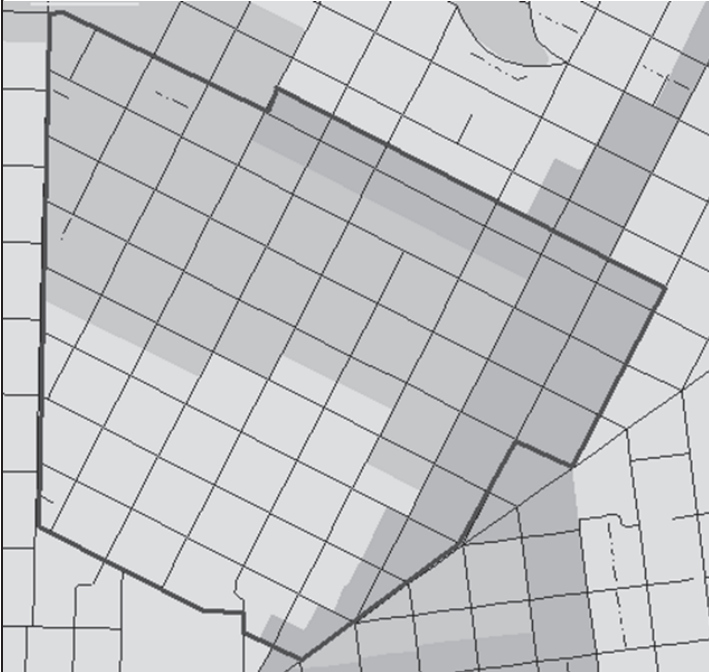
Mail or drop off by 7/8 (with \$8) to Judy Martin at 515 N. M St.

CHANGING LAND USE DENSITIES IN NSHD

By Marshall McClintock



ack in 2005, after much work by North Slopers, we got the city to create one zoning category for all of the residential areas of our Historic District. That category, Historic Mixed Residential – Special Review District (HMR-SRD) allows only single-family residences in the District and limits multi-family residences to those in existence in December, 2005. In addition to creating the Historic District itself, this was a major achievement in preserving our neighborhood.



But there was something else we needed to change in 2005, and didn't do. So, the NSHD, Inc. Board is asking the Tacoma's Planning Commission to do that now: make the land-use densities match the single-family zoning category.

The City's Comprehensive Plan determines where and how much future development the City expects across the Tacoma. It has not been updated to reflect the change of our new HMR-SRD zoning. Specifically, sections of our district are still designated as Low and Medium density instead of Single-Family.

These Low and Medium densities would allow small to large apartment buildings, contrary to our current zoning. The NSHD Board has asked the

City, in what is called a "Comprehensive Plan Amendment," to remove the Low and Medium densities and apply the Single-Family density to the entire District. Just as our current zoning allows, multi-family residences in existence as of 2005 would be allowed to continue, but no new ones would be allowed.

With this requested change, the densities for our neighborhood in the Comprehensive Plan would conform to what our zoning allows. Currently, Medium density is allowed along N. I from N. 3rd to N. 10th and east of N. 5th. Low density is allowed along N. J, N. K, N. L and parts of N. M.

Changing these densities to Single-Family in the Comprehensive Plan to be consistent with the current zoning is a fairly simple, non-controversial request. But at some point, property owners in the NSHD will get a notice about our requested change, and then you will have an opportunity to voice your support for the change to all of NSHD to Single-Family density.

Medium density (dark grey) allows medium-rise apartment buildings with a density of 15-45 units/acre, limited commercial, high traffic volume, and greater noise levels

Low density (light grey) allows low-scale apartment buildings up to 15 units/acre, tri- and duplexes, community facilities and institutions

Single Family (white) allows single-family dwellings, large setbacks, private yards, limited traffic, and small-scale buildings.

Bee Smart

By Kathryn Longwell

In the past summers your neighborhood beekeepers have lost entire colonies due to pesticide poisoning. Since bees fly up to 5 miles seeking nectar and pollen it is important that everyone understands the impact of their pesticide use.

Bees collect and ingest nectar and pollen contaminated with residues from insecticides/fungicides applied as seed coatings, foliar sprays, ground drenches, granular applications, or dusting. Some insecticides can remain in plant tissues and in soil for years. It may surprise you that systemic insecticides like the granules you scratch into the soil under your roses can last for years in the nectar and pollen of the plant and harm bees.

Powders/dust formulations adhere to the hairs on the bee and may be carried back to nests along with pollen. Residuals from sprays and systemic applications are consumed with pollen and nectar and carried back to the hive where other bees are exposed. Products intended for homeowner use on ornamental plants are not required to include precautionary statements for bee protection so you'll have to research how toxic the product is to bees.

Here are some ways you can help:

Choose the least hazardous insecticide formulation whenever possible.

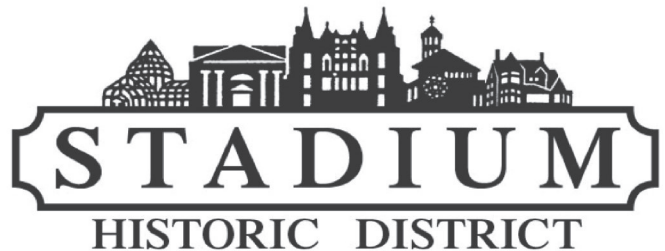
Do not apply insecticides to blooming plants, including blooming weeds.
Apply insecticides in the late evening after bees have stopped foraging (7 pm).

Choose insecticides with shorter residuals (how long the product stays toxic after application)
Granular formulations are the least hazardous to honeybees but may kill ground nesters such as bumblebees.

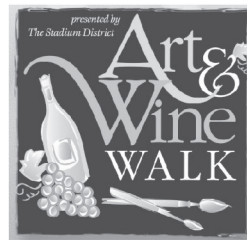
Wettable powders remain toxic on the plant longer than liquid's.

Dust and microencapsulated formulations are most hazardous to bees because these materials are similar in size to pollen and tend to stick to bee hairs. These materials can be taken to the hive, where they may affect the brood or queen.

The full article and references to websites with lists of pesticides and toxicity to bees is available on the NSHD website: tacomanorthslope.org AND at: *Pest/Disease Solutions from Master Gardener Foundation: pep.wsu.edu/hortsense*



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Folklore from Tacoma's North Slope

by Karen May

Tacoma's First School - Part Three



Miss Berg's first grade class at Lowell School in March, 1923 (TPL photo)

On January 24th, 2015, five days before her 94th birthday, Griselda "Babe" Lehrer died peacefully at home, 501 N. Stadium Way. The "babe" of the

Lyon family, she attended Lowell Elementary a few years after the above photo was taken. Babe later studied at Mason Jr. High, Stadium High School and the College of Puget Sound (now UPS). She started Lyon's Apparel with a few coats in a small shop downtown at 1151 Broadway. Her life story is of a generous and loving person who was also a successful businesswoman and author.

In 1949, Marvin Klegman, eleven years old, was a sixth grader at Lowell School. Wikipedia states: "At the day of his death Klegman had been assigned to noon safety patrol duty... According to witnesses, Klegman left class for patrol at 11:50 a.m. on April 13, five minutes before the magnitude 7.1 earthquake struck. As the temblor began, Klegman shouted to Myrna Phelps, a second grader who was standing in the schoolyard, 'Stop where you are! Stay there!'...Klegman then rushed inside the building to find kindergarten student Kelcy Robert Allen alone in a hallway. Klegman grabbed Allen by the hand and led him outside...Unable to make it clear of the structure, Klegman shielded Allen with his body and was killed by falling bricks. Allen, though injured, made a full recovery." Babe Lehrer and her husband Herman were members of Temple Beth Israel with the Klegman family (for more history on Temple Beth Israel in the North Slope, see pages 37-38 In the Arcadia book "Tacoma's North Slope"). On the day Marvin died, the Lehrers rushed to the family's home to support his parents and their dear friends, Sam and



(TPL photo) In foreground - fallen bricks which covered boys

Thelma Klegman.

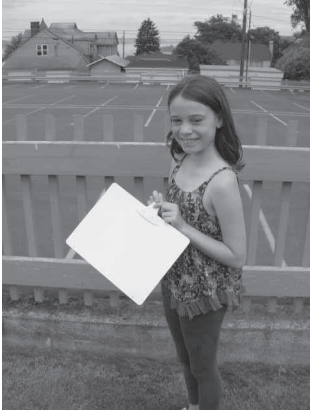
Years later, Babe Lehrer spearheaded a drive to place a bronze statue at N. 12th and N. I Street, near the Lowell Elementary playground, in memory of Marvin Klegman. She approached the sculptor who had created the statue of a traveller in front of old Union Station on S. 19th Street, Larry Anderson of Bon-

ney Lake. Initially, he demurred, since he had too many projects. But Babe was so convincing, he decided to do the sculpture after all. Over 300 people and foundations participated, and 150 thousand dollars was raised. After interviewing people about the event, Anderson chose to present the incident at the moment when Marvin looked up, saw the bricks and made his choice. In 2003 the statue was installed. Before he proclaimed April 13th Marvin Klegman Day, Mayor Bill Baarsma recalled being in kindergarten at Lowell during the earthquake.



Photo from Denise Gill

News Around the NSHD



Ready to try over-the-air broadcast TV? It's FREE!

We in the NSHD are uniquely located to receive free broadcast TV signals from all of the major stations, ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX as well as 45 others. All you need is a low-cost HDTV antenna, (picture shows size,) and a length of coaxial cable. The Mohu Leaf 30 is a popular brand. Antennas are sold at Fred Meyer, Amazon.com, Best Buy or you can buy one directly from Mohu (www.gomohu.com). Cost is about \$40.00. The antennas are paper thin and not very big.

One NSHD, Inc. Board member tried it out: "I connected the antenna directly to the house cable and bam! Fifty-one perfectly clear channels!" For a full "HOW TO DO IT" report go to <http://tacomanorthslope.org/library/TVfree.html>.

Painting curbs at intersections to improve sight clearance is a project of several Board members. If you have an intersection where you think illegal parking limits your ability to see to cross or turn onto a street, please call or text **Kathryn Longwell at 253-627-0423**.

She will forward any request for painting all corners of an intersection to the City, the Traffic Dept. will then mark the curbs, and then Kathryn will forward the information about how to do the painting. The curbs must be cleaned, and we purchase our own paint. The City does not allow painting beyond marked areas on the curbs. Be sure to talk with your neighbors about the project before you ask for marking, to get their okay and to enlist help.

Can you pick up litter on your street? NSHD could use a few resident litter-pickers, especially on such streets as North J., and North K and North M. Streets. Any takers? Call Geoff Corso, 253-627-4408.

Add two more Little Libraries to the list:
1105 N. 5th, on the west alley.
1207 N. K

Send short news items to Julie Turner:

juliejayturner@gmail.com

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Announcements

NSHD program on research materials for your home's history. May 20th, 7 pm, Immanuel Presbyterian, N. 9th & J. St. Entrance on N. 9th.

Available at the meeting: Gardening gloves to support NSHD. \$2 a pair, or \$20 for 12 pair of light-weight, multi-use gloves.

National Historic Preservation Month is May.

Lots of activities are occurring around Tacoma. Check out the website below: <http://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=56093>

Junett Community Garden Barter Faire, N. 15th and Junett Sts. Saturday, June 20th, 11:00 to 1:00 pm.

Trading homemade items, to include food, drinks, sewing and other hand-work. Anything hand-made trades! Cost of admission is two or more non-perishable food items per person for the FISH food bank. Questions? Call Hal at 253-752-6834

National Night Out is Tuesday, August 4th, 2015 □

Early evening (6:00-8:00) Block parties will be held on blocks throughout the NSHD.

How do I get information for holding a block party in my block? □

Contact Board member Jarett Bailey at 206-572-510-8457, or call Safe Streets, 253--272-6824.

To register your party with Safe Streets, see the website: www.safest.org