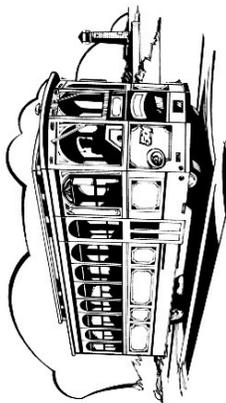


TROLLEY TIMES



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FEBRUARY PROGRAM FEATURES “GETTING TO KNOW NSHD”

NSHD’s February Program Meeting will feature Reuben McKnight, the City’s Historic Preservation Officer, Robert Thoms, City Council Member for our area, District 2, and Shirley Schultz, from Tacoma’s Development Services. They will give an overview of services, issues and ideas important to new and old residents in NSHD.

Reuben McKnight will talk about the Guidelines under which the NSHD operates, as determined by the Landmarks Commission’s oversight. These Guidelines (see* below) are designed to meet the National Park Service requirements for historic preservation and restoration.

Shirley Schultz is with Development Services of the Planning and Development Department, and she will talk about such things as zoning and general information about new regulations.

Mr. Thoms, the City Councilman who represents us, will give a brief overview of neighborhood issues, and projects on track for 2016 in Tacoma.

[*http://www.tacomaculture.org/historic/design%20review.asp](http://www.tacomaculture.org/historic/design%20review.asp)

Please join the Board of Directors to welcome these public servants to our meeting on:

**Thursday, February 18, 7 pm,
Basement of Immanuel Presbyterian Church,
Entrance on No. 9th St.
Coffee Hour at 6:30**

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.



THERE'S ROOM FOR YOU ON A COMMITTEE

At the November, 2015 NSHD, Inc General Meeting, a new Board of Directors was elected. Actually, the current members and a new member, Marilyn Sabo, were all elected by acclamation. An organizational Board meeting held in January resulted in Board Committees being formed for 2016.

The Committees do the work of the Board, and more volunteers are always needed. Read on and see if there's a place where you'd like to lend a hand.

Beautification Committee: Geoff Corso, Chair, needs help with projects throughout the NSHD – litter pick-up, traffic circle clean-up, park maintenance and the annual NSHD/Community Services Clean-Up. Call: 253-627-4408

Communications Committee: Julie Turner, Chair, needs writers for the newsletter and someone to serve as Assistant Editor. Call: 253-383-2329

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Fundraising and Programs: Judy Martin, Chair, needs help planning and setting up for programs and devising fund-raising projects. Call: 253-572-3059

Neighborhood Outreach: Lynda Shepherd and Amber Bailey, Co-Chairs need help delivering NSHD info to new home owners; rallying NSHD residents for special projects. Call: 253-579-7942 or 206-898-8686

Public Works/Historic Preservation: Marshall McClintock, Chair, needs residents interested in interactions between City government and NSHD. Think about last summer's issues with NSHD's zoning code. Call: 253-627-4408

Safety: Todd Shepherd and Jarett Bailey, Co-Chairs, need help with setting up Safe Streets Block Watch groups here. Call: 206-510-8457, or 360-649-5212.

You are invited to join your neighbors to help keep our neighborhood safe, beautiful, informed, livable and historic. Call today to volunteer!



FROM THE ARCHIVES...

1012 North 9th St.

Edited from Historic Tacoma Newsletter, by M. McClintock, 2013

Although altered, this 1888 residence is one of only two remaining houses known to be designed by Katherine Lockwood Squire, architect for the Tacoma Building Association. Squire was Washington's first professional female architect and designed more than two-dozen buildings in Tacoma. Of those homes, only two remain that are clearly identified with Squire: 1012 North Ninth Street in the North Slope Historic District and another at 1010 South Seventh Street. The North 9th St. home was built for \$1200.



Kate Lockwood Squire, as she was known in Tacoma in the 1880s, was among the earliest women in America to practice architecture. She was the first woman to study architecture at the Cooper Union in New York City, the first woman



residential designer on the West Coast, and the first woman to be “architect of record” in Washington State.

By 1887 she established her architectural practice in Tacoma when the new Tacoma Building and Savings Association hired her as a “draughtsman” to modify modest, ready-made plans for its working and middle-class members. She quickly gained fame and received several independent commissions for middle-class family homes and a commercial building.

<http://www.historictacoma.org/ht/katherine-l-squire.html> - Full article link.

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Earthwise Architectural Salvage's mission is to help preserve our region's architectural heritage by salvaging reusable building materials. They provide a resource, through retail stores in Tacoma and Seattle, for historically-significant materials that would otherwise be headed to the landfill.

Earthwise works with everyone: homeowners, contractors, designers, builders, architects and the general public. At the stores, you'll be inspired by more than 15,000 square feet of salvage displays. The company also provides expertise and educational demonstrations on the benefits of salvage, as well as restoration, adaptation, and ideas for reuse of architectural elements.

Earthwise's Salvage Specialists can assist with help your with project by providing free bids for your remodel, salvage, or interior demolition project. In addition, EWS can also provide salvage assessments to meet permit or accreditation requirements, as well as many forms of reimbursement for the materials recovered. Our crew members expertly and efficiently remove materials with care so that they are more likely to be reusable.

Earthwise's Tacoma store manager, Elise Myhre says, **"Come by and see what we're all about. Help us respect the past and sustain the future."**

Information on Proposed Methanol Plant at Port

A multi-billion dollar plant to convert natural gas to methanol is proposed for the Port of Tacoma, on the Tideflats. The City is currently focusing on the Environmental Impact Statement, and is taking comments about the scope of the EIS. There are a couple of informational sources you can use to find out what this is, who is proposing it and potential impacts on the environment around Tacoma. Info from City: cityoftacoma.org/planning and click on "Proposed Methanol Facility"

Written comments for the Environmental Impact Statement can be made **no later than Feb. 17th** to: tacoma.methanol.sepa@cityoftacoma.org

Early comments at a hearing on 1/21/16 indicate this is a controversial project.

Two groups in Tacoma oppose the plant, and are working on methods to stop it.



Whoever said,
"They just don't make things like they used to."
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Use Tacoma's 311 System to Report Street Lights Out

Street light outages can easily be reported by dialing 311, and asking for "street light outage repair." Be aware, however, that it may take several weeks for the replacement to actually happen. Repeat your message if the light is not replaced in 3 or 4 weeks.



Want to Receive the Trolley Times by Email?

If you would like to receive the Trolley Times and other North Slope News as an email, just send your email address to the Editor at juliejayturner@gmail.com



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Spring 2016 is near! This unbelievable sellers market, is likely coming to a close. Take advantage of this amazing time to sell, and when you are ready, go to tkrei.com, where you will find all the real estate resources to get started!

North Slope 2015 Sales Statistics:

High: \$625,000 Average \$/ Sq Ft: \$139.80

Median: \$295,000 CDOM: 57

Homes Sold For Average 101.16% Listing Price!

PARKING ENFORCEMENT IS ON-REQUEST ONLY

By Geoff Corso

The City of Tacoma has parking enforcement regulations for residential neighborhoods. These regulations, if enforced, could help reduce illegal parking on the streets in NSHD, and make driving and walking safer for us all.

Here's the catch: enforcement is only done when a complaint is received. This is an important detail that most residents don't yet understand: without a complaint, no officer will enforce parking regulations in residential neighborhoods.

So, read on about the easy way you can report parking violations.

Want to report an illegally parked vehicle?

Dial 311 to speak with a city customer service representative, **or**
Press the "Make a Request" button on the "Tacoma First 311" page.

Scan the list and you'll find the following forms:

Abandoned vehicles on the street

Commercial vehicle parked in a residential neighborhood

Numerous vehicles parked on private property

Parking issues (for reporting parking on the park strip, in crosswalks, on sidewalks, within 15' of fire hydrants, etc.)

RV/Boat (for reporting RV's, boats, trailers, etc. being stored on the street or park strip)

Someone living in a motor home

Someone living in vehicle on street

Although not required, including a photo of the vehicle will help the parking enforcement officer locate the vehicle.

Have a question about parking regulations?

Dial 311 from anywhere within the Tacoma city limits to reach a city customer service representative, or

Direct your browser to <https://www.cityoftacoma.org/tacomafirst311>, then:

Press the "Tacoma First 311 Ask A Question" icon.

Press the "Ask a Question" button.

Type your question and press the Send button.

Receive a ticket and need information, want to request a hearing, etc?

Press the "Make a Request" button on the "Tacoma First 311" page.

Scroll down the list of forms and click on the "Muni Court Traffic/Parking Infraction" form.

Fill out the form and press the Send button.

FROM THE EDITOR ...

The purpose of the Trolley Times is to inform North Slope Historic District neighbors about coming events, and to educate them on what it means to have an historic home in an historic neighborhood. At the present time the Trolley Times is published 4 times per year.

We would like to hear from you about your views of the Trolley Times. Is it meeting the stated objectives? What would you like to see in future editions? How can it be made better?

Of course, the NSHD board is looking for volunteers for the many activities going on in your neighborhood. Please send your information and thoughts or request to volunteer to:

juliejayturner@gmail.com



Sidewalks of Tacoma

[Edited from an article by Velda McDonald; it that can be found in the Trolley Times, April 2005 issue. Velda was a long-time volunteer in NSHD.]

Have you ever noticed the old sidewalks in our neighborhood? Do you know where to find "North N St.?" Or how about "North O or P or even North Q St.?" All of these streets existed at one time.

North Sheridan was formerly North N St and the name was changed in 1908.
North Cushman was formerly North O and the name was changed c. 1915.
North Ainsworth was formerly North P and the name was changed in 1893.
North Grant was formerly North Q and the name was changed in 1903.

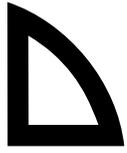
What fascinated Velda the most were the contractor's marks (Is it a Western thing to brand the sidewalk. she wondered?). In some places there will be a different mark on each side of a joint. That happens even in the middle of a block.

The McDonalds had to replace their sidewalk along Ainsworth and lost the contractor's mark near their house. That was when Velda realized that one day all that history would be gone and she started to think of ways to document it.



GARDENING TIPS FOR EARLY SPRING

By Angie Clark, Master Gardener



Did you forget to plant some bulbs like I did? Well, it is not too late to get them in the ground when it is not frozen. It is also a good time to get a grip on those pesky hardy weeds that pop up so early, like shot weed and dandelions, and yank them out of the ground before they bloom and set more seeds.

This is also the time to check for winter damage and prune back any dead, damaged or diseased plants and shrubs, and prune your roses. Remember to wipe pruners with alcohol wipes after pruning diseased plants so you don't pass it on when pruning a healthy plant. *This cleaning pruners tip should be done all the time.*

Preparing your tools for the coming year is a good thing to do at this time. Clean well and remove any rust with fine wire wool or sandpaper, sharpen any cutting tools, and oil for ease of use.

Starting seeds can be done indoors now. Use new potting soil or seed-starting medium and don't let them get too wet or dry for the best success. I make newspaper pots (see below) which can be planted directly in the ground when the plants are ready to go in the garden. Read the seed packets for suggested times. Most say "after last frost," which is usually in early May.

To make newspaper pots, I cut one sheet of newspaper into 3 inch strips and roll into a tube. I sometimes make some a bit larger for bigger seeds like sunflowers, nasturtiums and sweet peas.

Tape seam, then cut around one end 6 times about one inch up. Fold each strip alternately and tape last one creating a bottom for the pot. I remove this tape when planting in the garden to allow roots to spread out. Fill with potting mix and moisten well before planting seeds. Then keep moist while seeds are sprouting; use a spray bottle and just wet the soil and not the seedling.

I will bring samples to the next meeting on February 18th so you can see how they look.

For any gardening landscape questions/problems call for free advice from the Pierce County Master Garden office 253-798-7170 M-F 9a.m. – 3p.m. or visit 3602 Pacific Ave (entrance on D Street) or e-mail county.wsu.edu/pierce/mg.

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