

# Trolley Times

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## NOV. 17th PROGRAM FEATURES HOLIDAY SOCIAL

Holidays are right around the corner, bringing up festive parties and celebrations. Join the NSHD Board and neighbors for a social evening of treats, coffee and conversation about holiday activities and North Slope happenings. The Board will co-host with all the sponsors of the Trolley Times, those invaluable supporters who make printing the newsletter possible.

Come and relax among friends, bring a neighbor, chat with Board members and sponsors, catch up on what's going on in NSHD. Questions? Call Judy Martin, 572-3059.

**Join us November 17<sup>th</sup>, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 901 N. J.  
Enter on North 9th. Social starts at 6:30**

## CITY UPDATING RESIDENTIAL PARKING ZONES

By Lynda Shepherd, NSHD Neighborhood Outreach

The City intends to offer an updated Residential Parking Permit Program for residential areas that regularly experience high parking density caused by an influx of non-resident vehicles. An example of such parking in NSHD would be hospital employee parking on streets near Division. The City Council had the first reading of the ordinance on October 11, with the final reading scheduled for October 18.

The objective of the program is to establish parking priority for residents and their guests. Non-permit vehicles will be allowed to park for short terms (typically 90 minutes or 2 hours.) Parking Services will enforce the new regulations for non-compliant vehicles.

This program is not intended to guarantee residents a space in front of their homes, but rather to ensure that longer term non-residential vehicles don't prevent residents from finding convenient parking near their own home.

### Highlights of the new program's features:

- Minimum zone size will be 4 contiguous block faces. This could be four block faces in a straight line, or four block faces surrounding a block making a square or some combination of both.
- Zones will be considered by Resident request. Residents will be able to go to the program's website to see if their address/area is eligible and learn how to get a petition started if they do want to propose a Zone.
- A more consistent enforcement effort will be supported by permit fees.

**If you're interested in learning more about the new Residential Parking Zone plan, or how to make a zone, go to this website:**

[www.cityoftacoma.org/residentialparking](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/residentialparking)

**or call 253-591-5371**

# Trolley Tales - Folklore from Tacoma's North Slope

By Karen May

## The Illustrious Colonel Fife

A prominent figure in the political, military and social circles of Tacoma was William J. Fife, better known as Captain Fife, the eldest son of W.H. Fife. Born in Ontario, Canada in 1857, he spent his early days in the states of Michigan and Iowa. In 1874, he moved with his parents to Tacoma, which had a population of less than 100 people.

In May, 1882, Mr. Fife married Flora J, the eldest daughter of Senator L.F. Thompson.



Among other accomplishments, W.J. was for a time secretary of the New Tacoma fire department. During the great Seattle fire of June 7, 1889, Captain Fife and his company were called upon for assistance. They responded promptly and remained constantly on duty night and day for two weeks.



William J. lived at 718 N. K until 1897. The house was built in 1890 in the Italianate style. In 1897, his wife suffered a tragic death. She contracted typhoid fever and died, leaving him with their three children, Anna Flora, Norman and Chalmers. His daughter Anna was an actress, having inherited the ability from her father, who was known on the Pacific coast for his adaptation of Shakespeare and other roles.

Colonel Fife was a well-known resident of Tacoma at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war. He was a member of the Elks, Knights of Pythias and Red Men, among other things. He founded what is now the Washington National Guard. In April 1898 the First Washington Volunteer regiment was called out for United States service. Herbert Hunt wrote about W.J. Fife: "It was a thrilling day. Tacoma was decorated with fluttering bunting and waving flags and the line of march through the streets was thronged with thousands of cheering people. From the dock the soldiers boarded the steamer, and then came a great cry for Fife. He was popular with the people and as he stepped forward on the bridge of the vessel a great shout arose. He thanked the people for their demonstration of friendship and said he hoped he and his men would return in safety; 'But should I never return, I leave you, citizens of my city, a sacred legacy - one dear to my heart. I leave in your care, friends, three motherless children and only ask that you be to them fathers and mothers both.'" Fife went to the Philippines with the regiment and served with them until the conclusion of the war.



The Washington State Historical Society has the boots worn by W.J. Fife during the Spanish-American war. He had platted the city of Fife and was proprietor of a hotel. He would eventually move to California, where he died in 1911, at the age of 53.

# TACOMA MUST FOCUS ON REDUCING CRIME; HELP ME PUT THIS IN FOCUS IN OUR BUDGET

Robert Thoms, City Councilman, District 2

In my view and after listening to you, a top priority for citizens is the safety of their family and homes. Property crimes violate peoples' sense of safety. It must be dealt with better than it is currently - period.

As you know, I called for the City to create a Property Crimes Task Force that completed its work in May of this year and provided over 35 recommendations. I found the report to be a good start, but I criticized it in the paper for not directly calling for more police and not focusing more on how the City should increase the budget of the Tacoma Police Department.

Most troubling from the report was the fact that as much as 92% of property crimes are not investigated. I do not know how this can be happening when we know property crime is the number one crime in our City and State. I asked for an increase in the police budget to reflect more investigators and police, and, as released recently it does have up to 18 more positions being added. However, I think we can do more and I need citizens and my council colleagues to help me ensure these officers stay, and that the additional funding remains a priority.

I know spending money on other programs and projects is more exciting for politicians in general, but I believe Government must get the

core services right first, before money is spent on other programs; and safety is my top priority. We have an issue that begs more attention, more funding for investigations and our police force, and I for one won't stand for less.

Tacomans deserve to feel safe and the vast majority of crimes are nonviolent, but aren't getting the investigative priority they deserve.

I am fighting to change this trend and I need your help. Please weigh in with our City Council as we develop the 2017-2018 budget we are currently working on.

*If you could send an email, write a letter to the Tacoma Weekly or TNT or come speak in support of more resources to combat crime at City Council meetings on Tuesdays at 5 pm, I would greatly appreciate your support.*

Thank you for helping make Tacoma a better place to live, work and raise a family. It is an honor to serve you on the City Council.



Councilman Thoms email is: [robert.thoms@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:robert.thoms@cityoftacoma.org)

Here is the website to find phone numbers and emails for all 9 City Council Members:  
[http://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/city\\_council](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/government/city_council)

# Ask the North Slope House Doctor

From *Trolley Times*: Oct./Nov. 2008

Q: I'd like to repair -- rather than replace -- my wood windows. Any ideas?

A: Excellent choice! Replacement windows are called that because you keep replacing them! Restoring and maintaining your original wood windows makes sense in a number of ways. Contrary to what window manufacturers advertise, you lose relatively little energy through windows and tuning up your old sashes will stop most of that energy loss.



The density of the wood in your old windows can't be matched today, which means they are stronger and more rot-resistant. As well, it is generally less expensive to repair wood windows than to replace. Even windows that are quite deteriorated can be repaired with excellent results. It's also not environmentally responsible to replace old windows with new ones that will have to be junked and replaced every decade or two.

*Finally, once original material is removed from a building, it's gone forever.*

If you don't want to do the work yourself there are local firms that repair old wood windows. If you would rather do the work yourself there is an informative article in October's 2008 issue of *This Old House Magazine* that describes the process.

Also—get on the **internet** and search for: “repairing old windows” for a number of articles that show the process, step by step, with photos.

Lastly, don't forget **Tacoma Public Library**, where these two good books are examples of the help a do-it-yourself person can find:

“Working Windows -A Guide to the Repair and Restoration of Wood Windows,” by Terry Meany, 1998

“Repairing Old and Historic Windows, A Manual for Architects and Homeowners,” 1992

*Do you have a question for the North Slope House Doctor? Send your comments or questions to [news@tacomanorthslope.org](mailto:news@tacomanorthslope.org)*



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# FROM THE EDITOR ....

## HOW THE TROLLEY TIMES IS MADE

The current editor of the **Trolley Times** is always looking for material to include in the next and future issues. A publication has more life if it includes writing from different voices. If you have ideas for the Trolley Times, or you are willing to write, I would love to hear from you.

Several authors already write for the **Trolley**; some for every issue and some write when articles are needed. Karen May is a local resident who writes the *Folklore* articles found in every issue. Bernard Bates writes occasionally on different subjects. Bernie wrote the one on "Little Libraries" that are springing up in the NSHD. Geoff Corso and Marshall McClintock write about issues current with their responsibilities on Board. Lynda Shepherd has an article this time, too, about residential parking permits.

New authors and fresh ideas are always wanted and needed. Marcie Osborn wrote her first **Trolley Times** article on "Making Changes to Your Home – the Right Way". Ruth Tweeten wrote about Christ Episcopal Church's historic organ.

### **More authors are wanted!**

There is always an article or two on current events. Some of these repeat every year, like the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, some are a one-time events. I usually write these articles myself, with help from my partner of many years, Jay Turner, who effectively serves as Assistant Editor. He does the formatting for each article, the sponsor ads and the final product. Proof readers vary, with Board Member Angie Clark being the most faithful one.

Our printing is done by Bentson Printing Co. They are in the Stadium District on North Tacoma Ave. When 900 newsletter copies are ready, they are picked up,

and delivered to Neighborhood Outreach Committee Board Members Lynda Shepherd and Amber Bailey. They count out the newsletters and deliver them to the 15 or so volunteers, who then deliver the **Trolley Times** to your door. Most volunteers deliver about 50 copies, but some routes run up to 100 newsletters. The **Trolleys** are delivered to single-family homes and duplexes, but not larger apartment buildings.

The current issue of the newsletter then goes on the website. From the home page, click on **Trolley Times** to get to the current edition and past newsletters. For you who are online with the *North Slope News*, you will get a sneak-peek of the **Trolley Times** sent to your email inbox.

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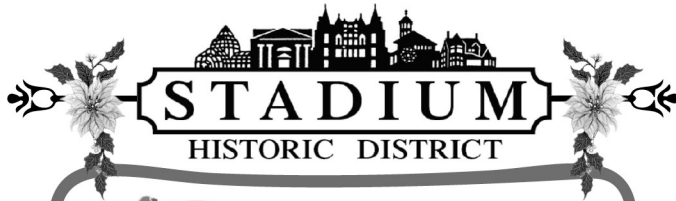
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# Looking Back

## November 1996

The first issue of the Trolley Times was delivered 20 years ago to all the homes in the neighborhood. Residents in what is now the North Slope Historic District had begun meeting at the Bavarian Restaurant to deal with a couple of neighborhood problems.

The group decided a name would be good, and "North Slope Neighborhood Coalition" began. The group made another big decision: to pursue adding to the Historic District, which in 1996 consisted only of North J. St. And, so they did. They went door-to-door, completing the District in 2000.

## Greetings, Neighbors!



For those of you who are new to this neighborhood, a sincere and hearty WELCOME! The North End is a great place to live, work and socialize. If you have not met your next door neighbors, please do! Sometimes just a quick hello is all it takes to get acquainted. And on the flip side, those of us who have been here for a while need to avail ourselves to the new people on the block and make an effort to introduce ourselves.

But what about those of us who have lived here for a while and still don't know many of our neighbors? Sometimes it's uncomfortable to introduce yourself to someone you "should" know by now, but for reasons too many to list, you don't. But, it is still a very good

idea to get to know one another. A tight neighborhood is also a very good crime deterrent. That, along with simple porch lighting is a good start towards gaining control over "unsafe" people who come into our areas.

So, get out there and get to know who lives on your street. You will be surprised at how much safer you will feel.

Oh, and you may actually find that you really do like your neighbors! There are some really wonderful people that live in this end of town.

Next Coalition Meeting @  
Bavarian: December 7  
9:00 a.m.

That's how NSHD all began.



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## TROLLEY TIMES

The current issue of the *Trolley Times* can be found on the NSHD Web page. In fact, all past issues of the *Trolley Times* can be found there, too. There are 20 years of the *Trolley* and 80 issues.

<http://tacomanorthslope.org/newsletter.php>



Before the Park

## NORTH SLOPE HISTORIC DISTRICT PARK

The “little park,” as some of us call it, is located at N 8th and N K St. It has not always been there. Find out about its history and why it was created in Chapter 6 of the NSHD Library. <http://tacomanorthslope.org/library/Archives.php#chapter6>

## PLANNING ON MAKING CHANGES TO YOUR HOUSE?

Chapter 3 in the web page NSHD Library is devoted to the Landmarks Preservation Commission’s function, and the Design Guidelines for NSHD. Take a look at the material available in Chapter 3 before you start your work. <http://tacomanorthslope.org/library/Archives.php#chapter3>

## CALL BEFORE YOU HAMMER

Before you start *any* project on the *exterior* of your house, you should review the Community tab in the NSHD web page. Talk to the Historic Preservation Officer, Reuben McKnight, whose number is in the Frequently Called Phone #'s and is 253-591-5220. Or, email him: [reuben.mcknight@ci.tacoma.wa.us](mailto:reuben.mcknight@ci.tacoma.wa.us)

## HOME OWNER INFORMATION - FOR NEW OWNERS AND OLD TIMERS

Included here is a collection of articles about owning a home in the NSHD. The information is on the the Home Page, along the right hand side. Clicking on the link takes you there: <http://tacomanorthslope.org/library/ownerinfo.php>

## HOW DID THE NSHD START?

The story is told in the articles in Chapter 1 of NSHD Library, <http://tacomanorthslope.org/library/Archives.php#chapter1> The story continues in Chapter 4 when the NSHD was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. <http://tacomanorthslope.org/library/Archives.php#chapter4>



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