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Holiday Gathering for NSHD November Program

The Holidays are right around the corner and there is no better way to get your “Holiday Groove” on than by attending the North Slope Historic District Holiday Gathering November 15th at Immanuel Presbyterian Church.

The Board of Directors will be hosting this event, showcasing their Holiday Appetizers and Desserts. Deb Freeman, on the Board of Tacoma Historical Society, will test your knowledge of Tacoma history with an audience participation game about Tacoma in 1918, along the lines of “Trivial Pursuit.”

If you would like to join the Board, or just a committee that helps make our group work, you will have the opportunity that night to speak with the Chair of the available committees to learn about the work.

Join us on Thursday November 15th at Immanuel Presbyterian, 901 N J St
Basement Meeting Room, Entrance on North 9th
Coffee Hour at 6:30, Board Election at 7pm, Program at 7:15pm

DADU Code Update

By Julie Turner, Editor, *Trolley Times*

The Planning Commission has developed, and passed on to the City Council’s Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability Committee, a proposed code to permit detached accessory-dwelling units (DADU), or basically “garage” apartments, in *all* single-family zoning categories. The IPS Comm. will review it before the Council hearing and vote in early 2019.

This is the final element left of the 2015 Residential Infill Project. Citizens have an opportunity to comment to Council Members on possible changes they’d like to this code for detached accessory-dwelling units.

The NSHD Board’s Zoning Committee is concerned about the allowed **size of units**, as well as the adding of density to our neighborhood. But we are unable to find much opposition to these units, nor do we feel they

are a great threat to NSHD. **Owner occupancy** is required in one unit, and any DADU built in NSHD or the Wedge, must meet the **design guidelines** of the historic districts. One lack is no provision for off-street **parking** for a DADU.

*We invite you to send specific comments to our Council Member, Robert Thoms, and to the IPS Committee Members, by **December 12th**.*

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Board Election of Members Slated for November Meeting

The Board of Directors of NSHD, Inc. has a limited number of openings available for new members. We are especially looking for people who have an interest in neighborhood events and projects, preservation of our architecture, or helping with the newsletter, or with the website and email blasts. We need volunteers who have enough time to devote a few hours or days each quarter to helping on one of our Committees:

1. **Beautification**
2. **Historic Preservation/
Public Works,**
3. **Neighborhood Outreach.**
4. **Programs**
5. **Communications**



Board Meetings are held once a quarter, in members' homes. We discuss issues we need to address, upcoming projects, subjects for programs. Program Meetings are once a quarter in the month after Board Meetings.

Communications includes writing, editing and formatting the newsletter, and managing/ changing content on the website, as well as sending

We who live in Historic Districts have the obligation to preserve our homes, block, street and historic district, for the future.

Historic Preservation matters!

out informational emails via our commenting service. If you like to write, edit or format material, we need you! Additionally, we need a member who can see that sponsor payments and their quarterly ad changes are sent in in a timely manner.

Outreach is in need of able-bodied people for our occasional campaigns for signatures or input on issues . The committee also helps with newsletter delivery by counting out newsletters for each route, and delivering them to our volunteers. Two people take on delivering info to all new home owners in NSHD.

Beautification looks for help for events such as the yearly Clean-Up Day, traffic circle care (N. 9th & J needs help now), and litter patrols.

Program Committee always needs help of one kind or another, from coordinating a program to arranging for treats for Program Meetings.

Historic Preservation/Public Works deals with issues or opportunities within the City government.

The NSHD was started by a group consisting mostly of retired people who donated a portion of their time to helping improve our neighborhood. And, it did improve! The best benefit of all was the making of new friends and working with old ones on a common goal - making our neighborhood better every day, every year.



Good neighborhoods don't just happen - people make them happen. So, please join us if you have time to spare.

To volunteer for the Board, call the Secretary, Julie Turner, 253-383-2329, give your name and state your interest. At the meeting, when your name is called, stand and tell the group just a few sentences about why you'd like to join, and what you'd like to do to help.

Julie Turner, Secretary
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Neighborhood Advocates Needed in Time of Change

by Greg Griffith, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

As this is written in spring 2018, Tacoma, metropolitan Puget Sound, Washington State, and much of the nation are experiencing unprecedented growth and development. After the devastation from the 2008 recession, economic growth and low unemployment is a welcome change.

However, as we know all too well, economic good times also bring development pressures, increased housing prices, and conversion of natural resources to urban land uses. All of these issues have a direct effect on our communities. The NSHD is certainly not immune to these impacts.

Washington's Growth Management Act (GMA) of 1990 was enacted to provide jurisdictions and residents with a tool to anticipate the fiscal and infrastructure needs of growth while enhancing local character and quality of life. In doing so, the GMA requires jurisdictions to plan for projected population growth and for how the community will provide housing, schools, water/sewer, public safety, and other municipal services.

To respond to the GMA and be proactive in managing anticipated growth, the City of Tacoma has proposed changes to its zoning codes that would allow for increased densities in all single family residential zoning categories including construction of accessory dwelling units (ADUs).

Designation as a local Historic District provides an appropriate and effective tool for protecting historic character while balancing city-wide needs to provide housing for new arrivals in the city. Local historic designation brings protection by requiring that proposed changes be reviewed by Landmark Commission and staff members in order to receive a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA).

Also, the NSHD's Design Guidelines provide property owners and designers with specificity in terms of what are allowable design approaches for rehab and new construction in the district.

So, in the event that proposed zoning changes are adopted, a few tips that neighborhood residents should keep in mind to preserve the NSHD's historic character include:

1. Make sure that **design guidelines are updated** and address site planning issues such as building exterior, lot coverage, setbacks, landscaping, design character, parking, access, etc.
2. Make sure that the **City keeps its end of the bargain** by enforcing code compliance and maintaining integrity of the design review process and the issuance of COAs.
3. Make sure that the City's **Historic Preservation Office is staffed** at appropriate levels and with qualified personnel and that its work is closely integrated with other City departments, decision-making bodies, and procedures such as transportation, public works, community development, etc.
4. **Remain proactive and creative advocates for the NSHD**, for Tacoma, and for preserving the city's rich architectural and historic character.

Growth, development, and change are coming to Tacoma, the Puget Sound region, and Washington State. That does not mean we have to compromise the values and qualities that we seek in our neighborhoods and cityscapes. Preservation of heritage resources effectively balances protecting community character that we value, with the demands of a changing region.

ARTIFACTS FROM ORIGINAL NSHD UTILITIES

By Roger Johnson

The North Slope Historic District is rich with classic architecture from the early years of Tacoma's infancy. Trees line the narrow streets first designed for horse and buggy and narrow trolleys. Beneath the pavement are the original utilities, installed shortly after the turn of the century. Water, sewer, storm drains and industrial gas pipes all reside under the surface. The industrial gas was produced by a coal distillation plant located on the Foss waterway. The coal gas provided fuel for gas lights, cooking and heat. The gas plant closed when natural gas became available and proved to be cleaner and cheaper. The water lines, sewer lines and storm drains, however, are still in use.



The city has moved forward with some select repaving of streets in the NSHD and before the paving they are replacing those original utilities.

At the corner of N. 8th and N. J St. they removed an original sewer manhole dating from 1906. The cast iron lid at the street level hid a brick cylinder 4 ft. in diameter that was 12 ft. deep. It was made in-

place by masons, brick by brick. As it neared the surface it tapered to the size of the manhole cover. A graphic reminder that in the early days, manual labor built this city.



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Rail spikes are 5 5/8 long

As the crew replacing the sewer reached N. K St. they came across another reminder of the past - rail spikes from the North K Street Trolley Line that ran out to UPS. They were found in the dirt beneath the old road surface, an historic reminder that before the private car dominated our streets, public rail transportation was available in the NSHD.

The obvious historic reminders are visible here, but there is history beneath our feet too.

"Plogging" with your Neighbors ... Keeping Our Historic District Clean!

On Saturday, September 1st, nine neighbors gathered at the North Slope Historic District Park to "plog," picking up litter while jogging or walking. In fact, our neighbor, Molly, came dressed to pick-up litter during her morning *jog* while the rest of us arrived in our street clothes prepared to collect litter during our morning *walk*. We're flexible that way.

We dispersed throughout the district, picking up litter on I, J, K, L, and M streets. Many thanks to Isaac Schafer for organizing our first plogging event.

Clearly, you can plog any day and every day. However, if you like to have company, the next plogging event is scheduled for **Saturday, November 17th, at 9 am**, weather permitting. We'll meet at the North Slope Historic District Park. Bring your gloves, a garbage bag, and dress for the weather.

Join Us
Nov. 17th 9 am
NSHD Park, N. 8th and N. K St.



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FROM THE ARCHIVES...

Taken from the National Register of Historic Places, NSHD Nomination

The home at 1721 N. Steele, on the corner of North K and Steele, is an American Foursquare, built in 1909 for William W. Glenn and his wife Ethel whom he married in 1906. The family eventually consisted of the parents and five daughters and one son, and the commodious house had room for them all.

Mr. Glenn was the office manager of Sperry Flour Mills and the Centennial Flour Mills for 27 years. Flour mills spread over the state of Washington as wheat farmers on the eastern side of the Cascade Mountains increased their yield.

At one time, Sperry Flour Co. was the largest milling organization in the West. The Tacoma plant produced 5,000 barrels per day of flour, which allowed for large amounts to get

sent throughout the world. The company underwent regular expansion in order to remain the largest mill in Tacoma.

In addition to his employment, Mr. Glenn was a leader in Tacoma's Boy



SPERRY MILL

Scout movement, serving as Scoutmaster of Troop No. 1 for over 30 years.

He went on to act as district Commissioner for the scouts and was awarded the Silver Beaver Award, as well as the American Legion's Meritorious Service Award for his activities in support of the Boy Scouts.



1721 N STEELE ST, c. 1977

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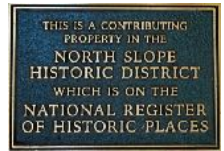
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To purchase, contact Karen May
253-779-0160, or klmay@wamail.net

Is a New Streetlight Bulb Too Bright?

Tacoma is in the process of changing bulbs in streetlights to the LED type. This change will save money that can be then spent on other lighting needs in town. If you have a new bulb bothering you, however, write to Leigh Starr:

lstarr@cityoftacoma.org 253-591-5031

Don't forget you can use Tacoma's 311 for this kind of thing, too. Just call, say what you need.

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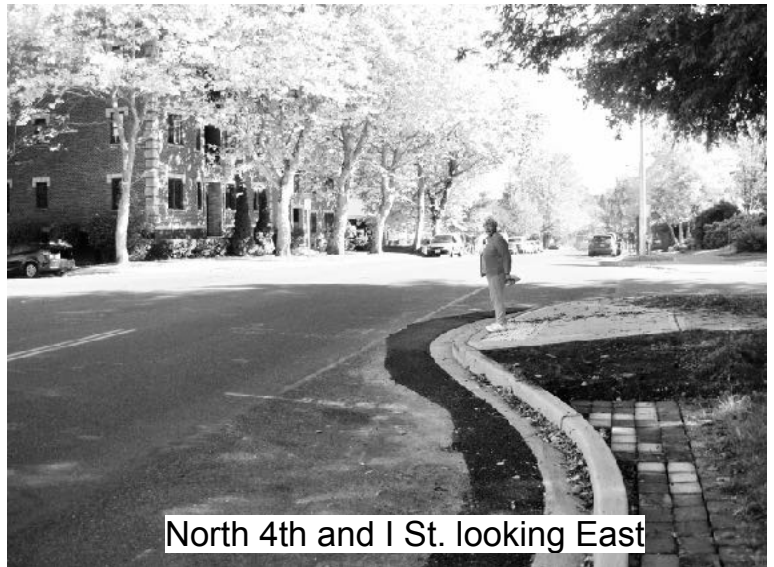
Bump-outs at No. 4th Hoped to Help Crossing No. I St. Safely

The City of Tacoma's Public Works Dept. has finally completed work on two bump-outs on the corners of North 4 & I Street. It is hoped increased visibility will make it easier for pedestrians to cross North I Street to walk north or south, or the catch the bus.

This spot has witnessed many accidents over the last few years, and even one pedestrian fatality because of the difficulty of pedestrians seeing cars, and drivers seeing the pedestrians. These bump-outs may help.

There are only two bump-outs because the bus stops on two corners of N. 4th & I Street prohibit bump-outs where the busses pull in to the stops. So, to cross North I going north, the bump-out is on the southwest corner of N. 4th, as shown in the picture; to cross going South, the bump-out is on the northeast corner of North I St., by the Annobee Apartments. There are new curb ramps, too. Thank you, Public Works Department!

We are expecting painted crosswalks on the asphalt, but have had no indication when. In addition, replacement of the red curb paint to show no-parking areas is needed. A volunteer group of NSHD folks painted the curbs on 12 NSHD intersections - laboriously - a year ago. Stay tuned!



Grand Opening!

November 10, 2018

12PM - 5PM

We are absolutely ecstatic to announce the Grand Opening of Realty One Group Turn Key! While our name and branding has changed, our mission statement remains the same, "Opening Doors" for buyers, sellers and brokers alike!

Come by anytime from 12PM to 5PM November 10th, at our same location, 1302 N. I St. Come check out our revamped new look! Ribbon cutting with the Chamber of Commerce will be at 3pm.

Food and refreshments catered by Dave's Meats & Produce!



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