

Trolley Times

North Slope Historic District Inc. May 2023
 YOUR HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD Volume 106

May 24th Program to Feature Homelessness Forum

May's Program at Immanuel Presbyterian Church's basement meeting room will feature a forum on "Homelessness in Tacoma." The Forum will begin at **7pm**, with a social time before it at 6:30pm. Please join us as we learn about what Tacoma's City departments are doing to address homelessness issues such as encampments, clean-ups and camping bans.

May 24th Immanuel Presbyterian Church
901 N J St. Enter on N 9th St.
Social Time begins at 6:30, Forum at 7 pm

Members of the Forum who will speak will be: Kristin Brazil, Community Liaison Officer of the Tacoma Police Dept. and her partner Officer Luke Wallin; representatives of the city's Neighborhood and Community Services Department, and a member of the Homeless Engagement Alternatives Liaison group.

These representatives are actively working on the issue of homelessness in Tacoma.

NSHD Garage Sale on July 8th

The annual Garage Sale is back on for July 8th! It's time to clean out your closets and attic in anticipation of the annual NSHD Garage Sale:

Saturday July 8th from 9am to 4 pm.

1. Sign up by filling out the form, take it to Judy Martin's house along with **\$10 cash** and the form filled out, **no later than July 5th.**
2. Judy puts an ad in different spots and people who want to attend a garage sale come by her house at 9am on July 8th and get a map of places in NSHD that have a garage sale on July 8th. Looking for treasures is a great way to spend the day.

Maps listing participating homes are handed out the day of the sale at 515 North M St. Shoppers won't receive the maps until 9 am so you won't have early birds.

NSHD GARAGE SALE ON JULY 8TH

Fill out the form and attach **\$10 cash** or check made payable to NSHD. Mail or deliver to:

Judy Martin, 515 N.M St.

Contact Judy Martin with questions 253-307-7949

Name _____

Address _____

Where is the sale? Circle one: Parkway or Alley

One item you like to feature in the map and advertising.

(example: baby clothing, plants) _____

Mail or drop off by 7/5/2023 (with \$10) to

Judy Martin 515 N.M St.

BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU PARK YOUR CAR IN TACOMA

By Eric Huseby, Interim Assistant Division Manager, City of Tacoma

The public right of way is a busy place - with pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists all needing to use the right-of-way to move from one place to another. The right-of-way is also where vehicles are parked and stored. The rules of the road are in place to make sure our neighborhoods and business districts are safe for all users of the right-of-way.

Proper parking practices increase the quality of life for all our residents. As a refresher here are some of the rules that you will want to be mindful of to avoid a potential citation down the road (pun intended.)

Stopping, Standing, Or Parking in Specified Places:

Sidewalks Revised Code of Washington, RCW 46.61.570.1A11 states that parking vehicles "on a sidewalk or street planting strip" is *prohibited*.

Driveway Parking RCW 46.61.570.1B1 *prohibits* parking "in front of a public or private driveway or within five feet of the end of the curb radius leading thereto."

Storage of vehicles on street The Tacoma Municipal Code, TMC11.05.230 mandates that:

"No person shall park a vehicle, boat trailer, recreation trailer, camper, or other licensed or unlicensed vehicle or device for a period of time longer than seven calendar days on any public street or alley right-of-way."

Other regulations to be mindful of to keep our streets safe:

Be sure to park -

- 30 feet from a stop sign (about two car lengths)
- 20 feet from a crosswalk (about the length of a large extended cab truck)
- 15 feet from a fire hydrant (about one car length)

If you ever have a parking issue that you would like to report, there are several ways to reach us.

You can go old school and give us a call at **253.591.5095**.

If it's easier, shoot us a quick email at parking@cityoftacoma.org.

For the more tech savvy of us, you can provide feedback via our **TacomaFIRST 311 mobile app** available for both Apple and Android devices.

Or just bend our ear when you see us out and about and let us know how we are doing, ask a question or just say "hi."

Obeying the above rules greatly enhances the safety of all our residents! Until next time...

Eric Huseby

NO CLEAN-UP THIS YEAR — INSTEAD, USE CALL-TO-HAUL

The City of Tacoma will not do neighborhood clean-ups this year, but they encourage everyone to use the Call-to-Haul Service to save on trips to the dump.

Solid Waste Management makes properly disposing of unwanted items easier by offering Call-2-Haul services to its customers.

Residential customers can use Call-2-Haul included in their existing service, and commercial customers can use Call-2-Haul for a small fee.

Call 573-2468 to schedule a pick up or to get more information.

There are certain things they do not take, so look up the website or call to ask.

The North Slope Historic District Legacy

By Roger Johnson

The hillside above Old Town, now the NSHD, used to be a wilderness of mature Douglas Fir, Hemlock, Alder and Maples that covered the entire area. Wild animals made it their home until they were hunted and driven out by the coming development. This area is now houses constructed primarily of trees that once stood here.



Those magnificent trees captured carbon from the atmosphere for perhaps hundreds of years. In just a short time the forests were cut down and milled into useable lumber.

However, most of the NSHD homes are built of old growth Douglas Fir that still holds all that captured carbon. When a tree falls in the forest and begins the decay process the carbon begins to escape into the atmosphere. When a home made of wood is torn down and taken to a land fill the captured carbon is released into the atmosphere. A home constructed of old growth lumber can last at least 100 to 200 years, and when adding the

life of the harvested tree, results in long term sequestering of carbon. The old growth timber grew much slower and more dense, thus making it stable and strong, so what is built would last.

The Weyerhaeuser Timber company developed a Hemlock tree dubbed "Super Tree" because it grew very fast and straight. Some new homes built of wood today are built of the second growth of "Super" trees. The wood is not as dense, strong or stable, so the homes built with it will not be as strong or stable; consequently, they will not last as long as the old growth homes.

Replacing one of the old growth homes with a structure made of new lumber or man-made materials contributes to the loss of a healthy atmosphere. Timely and careful maintenance of these old homes will insure that the old-growth carbon remains out of our atmosphere.

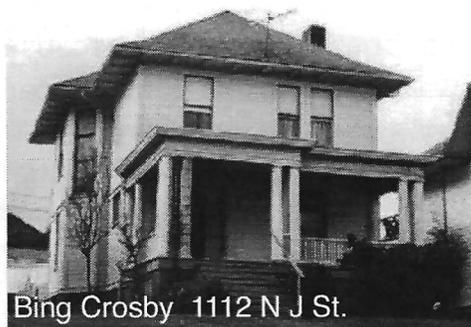


Make a NSHD Walking Tour for May's Historic Preservation Month

By Jay Turner

Make a walking tour of the NSHD by starting with houses near where you live, and expand out as you find houses of interest. To get started go to our NSHD website.

1. TacomaNorthSlope.org click on **NSHD Map** and print out a NSHD map
2. Then, from the home page, click on **History, Articles, & Photos**
3. Go to **Chapter 11 - Walking Tour.**



Bing Crosby 1112 N J St.

The Walking Tour comes in 2 parts: The first one is in a booklet put out by Historic Tacoma and the North End Neighborhood Council. Print your own copy or print parts of it. It is way too long for one walking tour, so you may want to make it a driving tour. Or, split it up and walk it in stages. Be selective and go to those of most interest to you.

The second way to do a walking tour is to use the houses that have been highlighted in the *Trolley Times* in the selection called "From the Archives." There are almost two dozen homes there, and they will make a different type of tour; the articles concentrate on **who** lived there, rather than on the house style.

For instance, Bing Crosby lived at 1112 N. J when he was a small child.

My favorite on this list is one at 1224 N. I St., where a wealthy Gig Harbor woman moved her entire house by barge - in two pieces - to Tacoma so she could live next door to her daughter!

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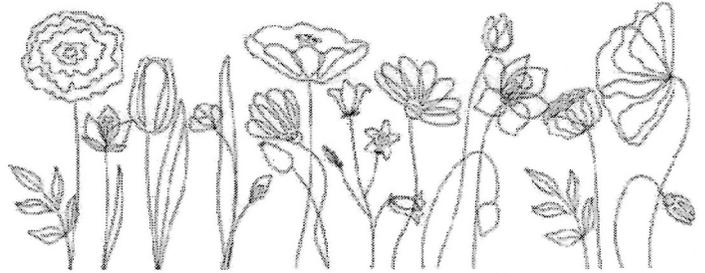
by Angie Clark, Master Gardener, 2007-Emeritus

Those of us lucky enough to have had gardens as children, fondly remember the birds and buzzing of bees and other insects and the sighting of butterflies flitting among the flowers. Sadly, due to the rampant use of chemicals in our gardens, those are but a distant memory. But wait there is hope! That comes in the reduction of toxic chemicals and the planting of more pollinator friendly plants that encourage the creatures to hang around our plants and gardens and take up residence.

If you are concerned about some of the damaging creatures that may be attacking your plants you can always contact a WSU Master Gardener @ 253-798-7170 or pierce.mg@wsu.edu or your favorite on-line website for 'safe' organic pest treatment.

Birds, insects and caterpillars love many annuals, perennials, herbs and shrubs. The following lists

are some that I recommend and suggestions from a talk I recently attended by local design gardener **Sue Goetz***, when she spoke at the Tacoma Home and Garden show this year. These plants are all great for flower beds and pots.



PERENNIALS: Asters, Black-eyed Susan, Dianthus, Digitalis, Goldenrod, Salvia, Sedum, Yarrow.

ANNUALS: Calendulas, Cosmos, Nasturtiums, Pumpkin, Squash, Sunflower, Squash.

HERBS: Agastache, Bee Balm, Coneflower, Hyssop, Lavender, Rosemary, Sage and Thyme.

SHRUBS: (which provide shelter, bloom and nectar) Mock Orange, Ceanothus, Cotoneaster, Elderberry, Mahonia.

CATERPILLAR HABITATS - TREES AND PLANTS: Douglas Fir, Willows and Pines, Hollyhocks, Kinnikinnick, Sedge Grasses, Veggies, and herbs like Broccoli, Cabbage, and Carrots, Dill, Fennel and Parsley.

Happy Pollinating Gardening!

*Sue Goetz is a local Garden Designer and Coach. To contact her: sue@thecreativegardener.com or SueGoetz.com or call 253-265-2209



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Coming Events in 2023

May 25 - General NSHD Meeting

Forum on Homelessness in Tacoma

Held at Immanuel Presbyterian
Entrance on N. 9th

Social Time starts 6:30pm; Program starts 7pm

July 8 - North Slope Garage Sale

Saturday 9-4pm

Registration for event in May *Trolley Times*

August 1 - National Night Out

Gather with neighbors on your block

August 24 - General NSHD Meeting

Speakers:

Susan Johnson,
Historic Preservation Coordinator

Michael Sullivan
Public Historian

Nov 16 - General NSHD Meeting

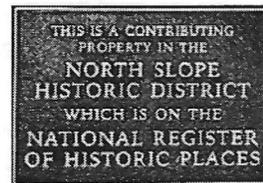
NSHD Holiday Party

FOR SALE - NSHD BRONZE PLAQUE

If you would like a bronze plaque to mark your house as part of the NSHD National Register of Historic Places, the NSHD, Inc. Board has them for sale. To order your plaque call or email:

Judith Martin at 253-307-7949 judithkmartin@outlook.com

Plaques are 5 x 7 and cost \$100.00 each.



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CALL BEFORE YOU HAMMER!

Within NSHD boundaries, **all exterior changes** to the structure of a house, other than painting and minor repairs, **MUST** be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Officer to determine if the changes need a Landmarks Preservation Commission review. Before you start, calling the Historic Preservation Office and talking to either Reuben McKnight or Susan Johnson might save you time and trouble because sometimes your project can be approved by an administrative approval process, instead of a formal review.



Historic Preservation Officer, Reuben McKnight, at 253-591-5220 for information, or email reuben.mcknight@cityoftacoma.org

Historic Preservation Coordinator, is Susan Johnson, 253-281-7445, and her email is: sjohnson@cityoftacoma.org

Projects that you need to call about include:

- Changing or replacing windows
- Changing or replacing siding
- Adding, replacing or changing a porch or deck or dormer

Don't forget to check out the Design Guidelines for NSHD. You can find them on the NSHD website, TacomaNorthSlope.org

LOOKING BACK 20 YEARS

From the *Trolley Times*, Apr.-May-June 2003

Twenty years ago we received notice that we were officially on all three historic registers. A lot of hard work went into creating the North Slope Historic District and our neighborhood leaders are still working to maintain our historic homes and neighborhood.

The image shows the cover of a newsletter titled "Trolley Times". At the top, there are two small illustrations of trolleys. The title "Trolley Times" is in a large, bold, serif font. Below the title, it says "News of Tacoma's North Slope Historic District" and "National Register of Historic Places". On the left, it says "Volume # 31" and on the right, "Apr -May-June 2003". The main headline reads "The North Slope Historic District Has It All!" followed by "NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES". Below that, there are two starburst graphics flanking the text "WASHINGTON STATE HERITAGE REGISTER" and "TACOMA REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES". At the bottom, there is a paragraph of text: "Word was received Thursday, April 17, 2003 from Michael Houser, Architectural Historian, Washington State Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation, that our North Slope Historic District has been approved by the National Park Service and is included in the National Register of Historic Places." and another paragraph: "We have every reason to celebrate as the hard work in obtaining this status just proves what we all know, that we live in a neighborhood of great historic homes." There is a small decorative flourish at the bottom right of the page.

If you want more information about this project, check into our web page:

TacomaNorthSlope.org

Go to History, Articles and Photos and then Chapter 4.

The first article tells how it was done and the second article gives the 600 page National Nomination.

Look up your address just for fun.

National Night Out Is Aug. 1st

National Night Out (NNO) started in 1984 as a way of getting neighbors to know each other, and look out for each other and each other's property. Using phone and/or email lists, neighbors can pass on news of break-ins, vandalism, and other items of interest. And, getting together once a year or more to exchange family news, chat about prospective projects - just get acquainted - contributes to safety and cohesiveness in a neighborhood.

*In NSHD the Board of Directors encourages individual block(s) to hold Block Watch gatherings because the purpose of NNO is to get acquainted with **close** neighbors so they can look after each other.*



National Night Out

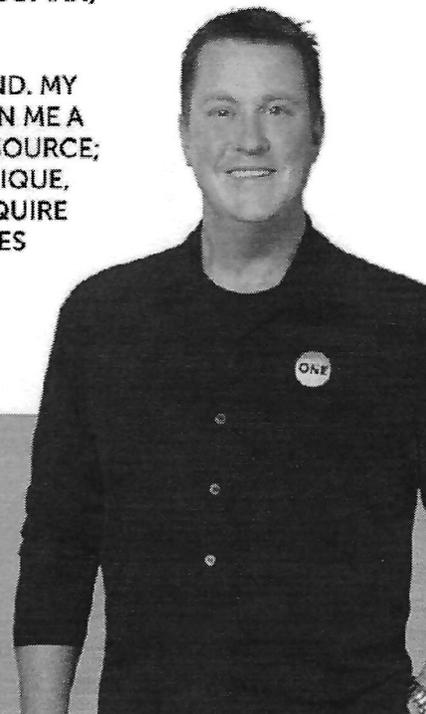
So, get a Block Party together and meet your neighbors. You need each other!

1. Just invite the neighbors in your block, asking them to bring something for a potluck (dessert is easiest), and decide where to have it. Just use someone's front yard.
2. Eat, chat, share *contact info and talk about any problems* you'd like to work on. Choose a chair, and decide who will tackle what. Decide if you want to use emails or phones.
3. Need more information? Call Board Member Julie Turner, 253-383-2329.

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