

NORTH K STREET LINE - WSHS 1895 Image

# *Trolley Times*

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YOUR HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD

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## Are You Prepared for Emergencies? Learn More at February Meeting

**Feb. 26 Immanuel Presbyterian Church  
901 N J St. Enter on N 9th St.  
Social begins at 6:30, Program at 7 pm**

How many times have you viewed a disaster on TV in another state, country, or just a county away from you and thought, "I should consider a plan in case this happens in my backyard?" Natural disasters fueled by epic weather events have been in the forefront recently and aren't going away anytime soon. Are you prepared?

Come join us on Thursday, February 26th for a presentation on the "who, what, when, where, and why's" of being prepared in case of a natural disaster in the Tacoma area. A representative from the Emergency Management Outreach will be on hand to coach us through scenarios of the hazards and mitigation efforts happening within the city limits.

Doors open at 6:30 pm with dessert and beverages. Program starts at 7pm.

### **Save The Dates 2026**

**February 26--** General Meeting - Emergency Preparedness Program

**May 28--** General Meeting; Program on the famous and infamous that grew up in the NSHD

**July 11--** NSHD Annual Garage Sale 9-4 pm; watch for registration form in May Trolley

**August 4--** National Night Out

**August 27--** General Meeting; Tacoma Tree Foundation program

**November 19--** Holiday Party

## February Meeting Includes Election of Board Members

February is when we elect board members, both those currently serving who want to be re-elected as well as new members. Board members produce the quarterly Trolley Times, monitor changes that the City makes to zoning and historic preservation regulations that affect the neighborhood, maintain a contact with our Tacoma Police Department community liaison officers, organize neighborhood cleanups, and plan the quarterly neighborhood meeting programs. We've had a couple of board members move out of the neighborhood, and we could use more help! In addition to the activities listed here, we'd like to have one or more board members who can be more involved with posting neighborhood-related information on social media. If you're interested, please come to the February meeting and talk to some board members and see if it sounds like something you'd like to do. We'd love to have your help. Or call one of the board members listed on the back of the newsletter.

And if you've previously served on the Board and are still in the neighborhood, we'd like to have you back! Please come to the February meeting and talk to us!

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## Tacoma Historical Society: An Opportunity to Participate in the 2026 Historic Homes Tour

The Tacoma Historical Society is planning its next big fundraiser for the first weekend in May, the 2026 Grand Tour of Homes, and is looking for homes in the North Slope neighborhood to showcase on this tour. Currently, THS has had trouble identifying homes whose owners are willing to participate, and the 2026 tour is in danger of being cancelled. THS would prefer to know about homeowner's decisions to participate by the end of February at the latest. If you're interested in having your home included on the tour, please email [info@tacomahistory.org](mailto:info@tacomahistory.org) or call 253-472-3738 during THS museum open hours, Wednesday through Saturday, 11 to 3. If you have questions, contact Jessica Smith, Managing Director, at [director@tacomahistory.org](mailto:director@tacomahistory.org). For example, if you're concerned about recruiting volunteer docents for your home, contact Jessica with your questions.

This is THS's main fundraiser. Proceeds from the fundraiser enable THS to train and employ staff to operate its free museum, care for the artifacts in its collection, and create educational exhibits, programming, and events that are relevant to its audiences.

The 2025 Historic Homes Tours was a record-breaking success, demonstrating that this is a popular community celebration of Tacoma, its history, and historic preservation.

There are many reasons to volunteer to open your home. Among them, you will receive a history of your house, researched by museum staff, and a metal plaque commemorating your participation in the fundraiser. You will also meet people who love Tacoma, its history and the architecture of its buildings. Please consider participating!



## Tacoma Public Schools: Proposition #1 and #2 are on the February 10th Special Election Ballot

The current school levies that supplement the state funding of Tacoma Public School's (TPS's) operations, maintenance, and technology are expiring this year, and TPS is asking voters to renew our commitment to helping fund public education for another four years.

If voters approve Proposition 1, the Educational Programs and Operations Levy, Tacoma property owners can expect to pay a property tax of approximately \$2.23/\$1,000 of assessed value of their property. In 2025, the Pierce County Assessor estimated that the average value of a single-family Tacoma home is approximately \$517,526, so a typical homeowner would pay approximately \$432.00/year (or \$1.18/day). If approved, Proposition 1 would fund approximately 17% of TPS's daily expenses including:

- Salaries for approximately 500 staff including teachers, nurses, counselors, librarians, paraeducators, coaches, and custodians.
- Materials for the classroom (e.g., updating text books).
- Programs for students with wide-ranging needs and interests including students who:
  - Need help staying on track to graduate.
  - Are interested in career and technical education in a wide-range of fields including maritime, healthcare, culinary, skilled trades, technology, and robotics.
  - Need help physically accessing programs.
  - Are high-achievers and need more challenging programs.
  - Want to attend college and need to take entry exams.
  - Want to participate in extra-curricular activities before and/or after school including the arts, music, and athletics.
- Maintaining an environment conducive to learning by maintaining buildings including:
  - Replacing roofs when needed.
  - Maintaining mechanical systems including heating, ventilation, air conditioning, plumbing and electrical systems.
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## **We Need a New Beautification Committee Chair**

Our longtime Beautification Committee chair, Tom Giske, is moving out of the neighborhood. We want to take this opportunity to thank him for the organizational effort he has put into our neighborhood beautification committee, including recruiting and organizing a large group of "beauty buddies" who have participated in neighborhood cleanups and who regularly maintain the various traffic circles. In addition, Tom has been instrumental in groups that are seeking to increase and maintain the city's tree canopy, and he will continue with that work. Those of you who have attended city council meetings in the last couple of years have heard Tom's advocacy for more trees, and protection of our existing trees, presented to the council (sometimes in poetic form!) While we'll miss Tom's presence on our board, we have greatly appreciated his tireless work in support of a greener and more beautiful neighborhood.

So this means we need someone to take on the role of beautification committee chair on our neighborhood board. This person's responsibilities mainly include organizing a neighborhood cleanup day a couple of times a year, and coordinating the volunteers who participate in cleanups and who maintain the traffic circles. We have a terrific group who have been involved in neighborhood beautification efforts. Please let us know if you want to get involved in carrying on this work.

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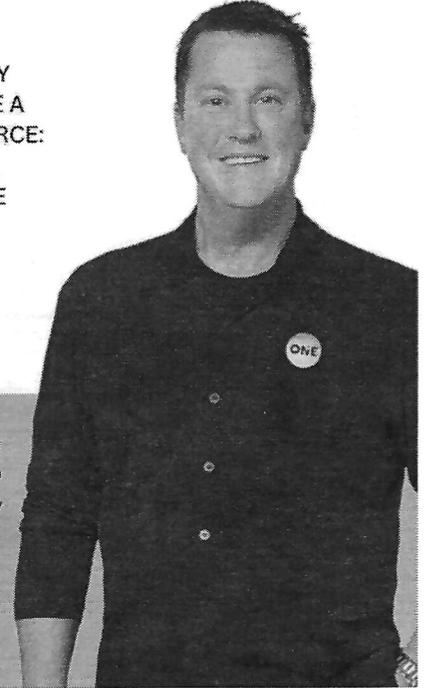
## **Consider Supporting the Trolley Times with an Advertisement!**

Do you have a local business that might benefit from some neighborhood advertising? The ads you see at the back of the Trolley Times help to pay for our printing costs. We don't mail; we have volunteers who deliver the newsletters throughout the neighborhood. But printing isn't cheap! Each issue costs about \$400, and we print four issues per year. We also pay a small amount to Immanuel Presbyterian for the use of their church hall four times per year, and we have incidental costs such as Secretary of State filings for our nonprofit corporation. A quarter-page ad is currently \$245 for four issues. We currently have a quarter page slot available. Right now, the newsletter reaches about 900 homes; once our website is in more workable shape (coming soon!) it will reach more. If you are interested, please contact Judy Martin at 253-307-7949 or Geoff Corso at 253-627-4406.

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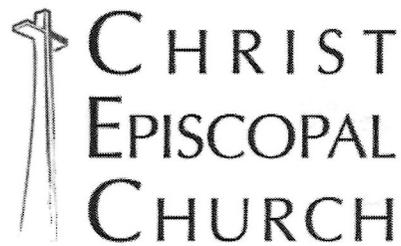
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