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Safe disposal of unwanted medicine	www.TakeBackYourMeds.org	206-296-4692
Abandoned Vehicles		206-684-8763
SDCI Code Complaint	Hotline	206-615-0808
RPZ Parking Permits	Restrictive Parking Zone	206-684-5086
Garbage Customer Service	Trash, recycling, yard waste	206-684-3000
Graffiti & Illegal Dumping	Including litter	206-684-7587
Street Issues:	Potholes Sidewalk repairs Street Signs/traffic signals	206-386-1218 206-684-5253 206-684-1206
SPU Water/Sewage/Drainage	Emergency Service	206-386-1800
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King County 2-1-1	Comprehensive information on social services provided in King County	211

Welcome to University Park



**AN INDISPENSIBLE GUIDE
TO THE UNIVERSITY DISTRICT'S
SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD:**

**Where things are
and how stuff works**

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HI THERE!

Now that you have moved into University Park, we wish to welcome you to the U District’s Single-Family Residential Neighborhood. You might think that the University District is our neighborhood, and that would be true. But, the District is so big that it even has its own suburbs. If you’ve heard the District called a “city within a city”, well, this is one of the ways in which that description fits.

This booklet, provided by the University Park Community Club (UPCC), is designed to answer your many questions as you settle in, whether you moved from another neighborhood in Seattle or from another state or country. It will try to provide you with an overall impression of your new community, and where you can find the essentials like parking stickers, entertainment, and hidden shortcuts down the hill. It also has information on our parks and other local amenities here in one of Seattle’s oldest “Streetcar Suburbs”. (What is a “Streetcar Suburb” anyway? Find out inside!)

We hope to greet you with a friendly “Hello”!

PRACTICAL APPS FOR SMART PHONES

HOW TO KEEP UNIVERSITY PARK CLEAN AND SAFE

"Find It, Fix It" is a smartphone app offering mobile users one more way to report selected issues to the City of Seattle. This is an important tool for University Park Neighborhood, where we have chronic issues with trash and illegal dumping. Note that it is illegal to just move an old couch on the planter strip and put a "Free" sign on it—a popular habit of students as they move in and out of their housing units. This city app is so easy to download, it is FREE and it is effective; simply access this website for more information: <https://www.seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau/find-it-fix-it-mobile-app>.

With *"Find It, Fix It"*, reporting an issue is as easy as snapping a photo with your smartphone, adding detailed information, and hitting submit. The map's "drag and drop" feature or the phone's own technology can be used to pinpoint the location. So, what can you report? Here is a partial list:

- ◆ Abandoned vehicles (more than three days)
- ◆ Graffiti
- ◆ Illegal dumping on any public property, including alleys
- ◆ Parking enforcement
- ◆ Potholes
- ◆ Sign and signal maintenance
- ◆ Streetlight maintenance

REAL-TIME ACCESS TO THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

King County provides free, and very practical, apps for public transportation, including real-time updates: <http://kingcounty.gov/depts/transportation/metro/travel-options/bus/app-center.aspx>

- ◆ **Puget Sound Trip Planner:** Plan your transit trip, find your best stops, and see your next departures no matter where you are in the Puget Sound region, or where you want to go. The Puget Sound Trip Planner app does it all and more!
- ◆ **Metro Transit Trip Planner:** Plan a trip by typing in an address, choosing a landmark or clicking a point on a map. Find route maps, schedules, stops, next departures and information about your transit service for trips around the region.
- ◆ **Mobile Trip Planner:** The Mobile Trip Planner provides tools to help you plan your transit trip easier, faster and more accurately using your mobile device.
- ◆ **One Bus Away:** Here is an excellent and practical resource for real time and scheduled bus arrival information in the Puget Sound area. Website: <http://pugetsound.onebusaway.org/>

MIND THE TRAFFIC CIRCLES!

Traffic Circles: Traffic circles are effective at reducing speeds at intersections as well as the number and severity of collisions. So, stick to the right: when turning left at the circle, proceed counterclockwise around the circle, except when blocked by park cars. Remember to yield to the cars who have reached the roundabout before you.

VARIOUS ALERT SYSTEMS Accessible by subscription

- ◆ **Watchdawg:** The University of Washington, in cooperation with the Seattle Police Department, established a method to advise the surrounding community about crime issues called WatchDawg. The WatchDawg notification system is open to any individual, business or group who would like to receive information regarding crime issues, safety tips and security issues affecting the community surrounding the UW campus.

This service was created by the North of 45th Working Group, brought together to address safety concerns and other issues north of 45th Street. To subscribe, visit the WatchDawg signup page: <https://mailman1.u.washington.edu/mailman/listinfo/watchdawg/>

- ◆ **UW Alert (for those affiliated with the UW only):** The University of Washington provides emergency notification of significant threats to people's health and safety, and that's where the UW Alert system comes into play. To speed the process, an on-call campus committee convenes to quickly assess whether or not the circumstances represent a serious or continuing threat. An incident that could disrupt normal operations or threatens the health or safety of members of the UW community can trigger an alert. **UW Alert is offered on a voluntary self-subscription basis for current UW faculty, staff and students at the University of Washington.** To sign up, visit the UW Alert website: <https://www.washington.edu/safety/alert/>
- ◆ **Alert Seattle:** AlertSeattle is the official emergency notification system used by the City of Seattle to communicate with city residents during emergencies. Examples of alerts include: winter storms, outages—major disruptions, extreme temperatures and preparedness, natural gas leaks, and major traffic disruptions. To sign up, visit this website: <https://alert.seattle.gov/>
- ◆ **Sound Transit Service Alerts:** Sound Transit offers e-mail and text alert subscriptions. This service is free (text message charges may apply depending on your mobile service plan) and you can unsubscribe at any time. Visit: <https://www.soundtransit.org/ride-with-us/service-alerts> and click on "SUBSCRIBE NOW" at the bottom of the page.

THE HISTORY OF UNIVERSITY PARK

From a geographical standpoint, University Park is the area in the University District which is bounded by NE 50th Street to the south, Ravenna Park to the north, 16th Ave NE to the west, and 21st Ave NE to the east. The streets were laid out between 1896 and 1905; houses in the area first started being built around 1904, with two newer houses being built in the last few decades. Designed as a residential suburb of both the University District and Seattle, the secluded oasis it offered—away from the hustle and bustle of downtown—was made possible by the new streetcar system then serving Seattle, and the train taking bathers out to the health-infused springs of Ravenna.

Most of the houses in University Park are between 80 and 110 years old; some have seen many uses over time. A house on 20th was a chocolate factory in the 1940s; another, on Ravenna Boulevard, has been a small grocery store as long as anyone can remember. Reportedly, one particular house is the Red House mentioned in a song by Jimi Hendrix... or is it? We kind of doubt it, but it is a good story either way. And there are several student boarding houses, some documented all the way back to 1926; at that time permits from the University of Washington were required when renting to students!

Despite the historical quirks, University Park has long been the most family-oriented section of the University District. The neighborhood today is zoned single-family (with one house and living space per lot), although many grandfathered duplexes and triplexes remain. Our residents are primarily Seattleites who are drawn here by so many enticements: the amazing architecture, parks, and views; the close proximity to the University of Washington and its many opportunities; the many conveniences and amenities; and the easy access to downtown Seattle and the Eastside, via bus, bike, light rail or automobile. The majority (52%) of the houses are owner-occupied, and most of the remainder have long-term renters, although there is also a significant transient population made up primarily of students, whose addresses change over short time intervals.

We like to think of our neighborhood as a varied, comfortable, and safe residential area, and hope you'll come to like it as well.



Photograph courtesy Seattle Municipal Archives

HOW THREE EVENTS LED TO THE CREATION OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

In 1903, The City of Seattle contracted with the Olmstead Brothers to create a comprehensive plan that would guide future park possibilities: **The Olmsted Plan**. This effort was partially motivated by Seattle's preparation for **The 1909 Alaskan-Yukon-Pacific Exposition**, which took place on **the new campus for the University of Washington**. The resulting vast network of tree-lined boulevard became known as the "Emerald Necklace" long before Seattle received the nickname, the "Emerald City". The impressive rows of chestnut trees and the circuitous and meandering NE Ravenna Blvd are part of that extensive network, around which University Park was platted. The University Parkway (now 17th Ave. NE) remains noteworthy as the formal entry to the north end of the university campus.

In 1906, as the student and faculty populations increased, the 20-block University Park Addition north of campus was filed. It became the most affluent and exclusive area in the district, when the extension of additional streetcar lines stimulated speculation and housing development north of NE 45th Street. One distinctive feature of the University Park neighborhood is its very narrow lots, which maximized profits. Fairly substantial houses were still built on these relatively small lots and still grace the inviting streetscapes.



- ◆ **University Heights Center** and its diverse programs
- ◆ **The Ravenna Tree Walk:** download the pdf from: [www.seattle.gov/trees/docs/Ravenna Tree Walk.pdf](http://www.seattle.gov/trees/docs/Ravenna%20Tree%20Walk.pdf)
- ◆ **University Branch Public Library:** 5009 Roosevelt Way NE
- ◆ **History and Nature:** The Arboretum; The NW room in the Suzzallo Library on Campus; The Burke Museum on campus (new museum to open the Fall of 2019); Green Lake; Woodland Park Zoo; and MOHAI (Museum of History and Industry)
- ◆ **Cheshiahud Lake Union Loop:** Named for a Duwamish chief who led a village on Lake Union, this six-mile, mostly-paved urban loop connects pocket parks and multi-use paths around Lake Union in Seattle. Right in our backyard, here is a fun, family-friendly way to explore; there are various picnic and view spots along the way. For more information, visit: <https://www.wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/cheshiahud-lake-union-loop>
- ◆ **The Northeast Ravenna Boulevard Bike Path:** From Brooklyn Ave, ride through the park and wooded Ravenna Ravine, with its shady, hard-packed trail. Or continue on the curving boulevard, which narrows so you must take over the lane, down to its connection with Northeast 55th Street near University Village shopping center and the Burke-Gilman Trail.

HOW TO GET AROUND SEATTLE BY BICYCLE

BIKE PATHS: The City of Seattle has made bike paths a high priority, as it improves its infrastructure. These paths are designed to accommodate a variety of needs, such as: commuting to and from work or school; running specific errands, such as shopping; reaching destinations, such as Green Lake; safe family biking; and opportunities for those who simply wish to explore. In order to promote bike safety, bike lanes are brightly marked and separated from car and bus traffic. For city-wide maps: request a paper copy from SDOT; or visit *this website:* <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/getting-around/bicycling>

BIKE SHARE IN SEATTLE: "Bike share lets you borrow a bike for a quick errand, a trip to Link light rail, an all-day adventure, and everything in between. You pick up the bikeshare bike closest to you, ride it to where you want to go, and leave the bike for the next person to ride. Bike share in Seattle is run by three private vendors, Jump, Lime, and Lyft. In order to operate any of the bikes from the three vendors, you will need to download the company's app, and follow the instructions provided." (for more details and updates, please visit the city website: <https://www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/programs/bike-program/bike-share>)

BIKE SIGNAGE: Trail markers: Along various city paths, the city has created signage pointing to various popular destinations, along with the approximate distance; and **Traffic safety alerts:** At places of increased danger, the city has traffic signals or special signage specifically for cyclists.

HOW TO GET AROUND THE GREATER SEATTLE AREA

THE ORCA (and we don't mean the killer whale): The Puget Sound's regional transportation options are being integrated and coordinated through the ORCA CARD. The various components include buses, light rail, and the ferry system. The card operates like a debit card that can be refilled and reused. For more information, go to the website: <https://www.orcacard.com>

SOUND TRANSIT LIGHT RAIL: The first light rail station in the University District to go into service is located at the Husky Stadium; it leads to all points south, including Capital Hill, downtown, and Sea-Tac airport. The light rail network will extend through three counties. Opening in 2021: the U-District (on Brooklyn Ave NE, between NE 43rd and NE 45th streets); Roosevelt, and Northgate Stations.

BUSES: Bus service throughout the City of Seattle, and especially in the University District, is in a state of flux. As light rail service expands and new stations are opened up, the City will be altering most of the N-S bus routes in order to best serve its commuters, by providing frequent, convenient and reliable access to these stations. Presently, many of the southbound buses transiting the Ave and 15th Ave NE are being diverted to the University/Husky Stadium Transit Station, to connect riders to the downtown area in both direction. Bus stop times, organized by specific routes: Click on the "Tracker" ns. King Co. internet resources. There will also be changes to bus routes from the Eastside:

- ♦ For routes: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/transportation/metro.aspx>
- ♦ Rat <http://tripplanner.kingcounty.gov/>, or go straight to <http://tripplanner.kingcounty.gov/hivire?.a=iRealTimeDisplay>.

THE WASHINGTON STATE FERRY SYSTEM: These ferries had their start as the mosquito fleet, private boats that darted across the sound until the 1940s. Visit the official website for routes, fares, schedules, and regulations: www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/

FUN STUFF TO EXPLORE IN OUR AREA: Many wonderful destinations exist in our area for all ages and interests:

- ♦ **The Burke-Gilman Trail:** A popular local path is the Burke-Gilman Trail for cyclists, joggers, dog-walkers, commuters, and even those out for a stroll—So, watch out for others! Note that, until the mid 1900s, this trail was the active rail of the Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern Railway (SLS&E), as trains continued to roll past the University Village and around Lake Washington.
- ♦ **The 520 Bridge Trail:** The new trail is significantly wide, which makes it much more comfortable for people walking, families and commuters to all mix. There are also a series of viewing areas with benches to allow people to stop and take in the incredible views of the lake without being in the middle of the trail. This makes the bridge a destination of its own.

UNIVERSITY PARK COMMUNITY CLUB (UPCC)

- ♦ **Official website: www.upcc.org— Please visit this site to learn more about our organization and the various issues we are currently addressing, as well as upcoming events.**
- ♦ **Purpose:** The UPCC was incorporated to protect and improve the social and physical environment of University Park in the interest of promoting its character as a low-density residential area.
- ♦ **Membership categories (Please become a member for access to updates through our restricted email service):**
 - All resident homeowners within our boundaries
 - All renters who have lived within our boundaries for at least one year
- ♦ **Annual Dues:** \$20.00 per year, starting on July 1st of each year
- ♦ **Social subgroup for families:** An informal, social group to arrange playdates, to plan family events, such as Easter egg hunts, and to discuss mutual concerns, such as neighborhood school options. Please access the following website and search for "UniversityParkFamilies" to join: <http://groups.yahoo.com>
- ♦ **Community events:**
 - Quarterly community-wide meetings; monthly board meetings
 - Annual Night-Out-Against-Crime Block Party: 1st Tues. of Aug.
 - Annual Picnic in Ravenna Park (in September)
 - Annual University District Clean up: 2nd weekend of May
 - Annual University District Street Fair: 3rd weekend in May
- ♦ **On-going efforts of UPCC:**
 - **Legislation—U District Up-zone and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs):** The City of Seattle recently passed an aggressive up-zone in the U District to address a rapid increase in population and a decline in affordable housing. Another tool to increase density in family neighborhoods, like ours, is the ADU ordinance, which will strip away many protective regulations and encourage aggressive development among the single-family homes. These ordinances, both of which will negatively impact University Park, have been among the top concerns facing the board for the past few years.
 - **Other issues:** The UPCC continues to monitor all potential city legislation that would affect our neighborhood, as well as any specific property violations, such as code compliance issues, and other chronic issues, such as parking and noise violations. **But, we must all remain alert to any suspicious activities within our boundaries.**
 - **UPCC works with these groups on common issues:**
 - The University District Community Council (UDCC)
 - The University District Partnership (UDP)
 - The Northeast District Council (NEDC)
 - The North of 45th Working Group (which works with the UW)
 - City University Community Advisory Committee (CUCAC)
 - North Precinct Advisory Council (NPAC).

WHAT MAKES UNIVERSITY PARK SO GREAT!

ITS ARCHITECTURE

Seattle is blessed with a remarkable number of early 20th century period-revival houses; one such neighborhood with a rich inventory of these homes is University Park. Within our neighborhood, the houses are uniform in size and scale, making for lovely and inviting streetscapes. An excellent resource for more information is [The Bungalow: America's Arts and Crafts Home](#), by Paul Duchscherer and Douglas Keister; it includes an excellent discussion of the various architectural styles existing in our neighborhood. It is interesting to note that while the City of Seattle views single family residential areas as low density regions with much underutilized yards, they also have officially documented that our neighborhood is actually saturated to the full use of its narrow lots by houses created especially to maximize their footprints. One example found here is the Dutch Colonial style; these homes were actually turned on end to fit the limited widths of their properties.

ITS PARKS AND BOULEVARDS

RAVENNA AND COWEN PARKS: University Park is fortunate to have these two parks, which meet each other through the contiguous urban nature area and green space containing Ravenna Ravine and Ravenna Creek. There are amenities for all ages, for family gatherings and for community events; this includes playgrounds, tennis courts, ball-fields and a large picnic area. The trails are open to walkers, hikers, runners, pets, and cyclists. Fauna include sparrows, seagulls, finches and crows, not to forget the urban squirrel, the bunny rabbits, and the increasing population of coyotes. The heavily forested ravine is crossed high above by a pedestrian only bridge at 20th Ave NE. In the past it carried automobile traffic, but it is now closed off, since it can no longer support any cars larger than a Model A.

UNIVERSITY PLAYGROUND on NE 50th and 9th Ave NE. Amenities include: a baseball diamond, tennis courts, a children's playground, and exercise equipment for adults.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON: Its campus has many wonderful walks and views of Mt. Rainier, as well as a cherry blossom lane and an arboretum, which is dedicated to the preservation of native plants.

OUR AMAZING BOULEVARDS: Two grand boulevards were designed by the Olmsted brothers to add grace and elegance to our neighborhood: 17th Ave NE and NE Ravenna Blvd. The chestnut trees that line 17th were planted in memory of those who died in World War I.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS PLAZA: A new small park on the University Heights School block, it includes benches and a basketball hoop.

NEW PORTAGE BAY PARK: Stay tuned for this new waterfront park, to run along Portage Bay at the foot of Brooklyn Ave NE.

PARKING AND RPZ (RESTRICTED PARKING ZONE) PERMITS:

Seattle limits parking on a single-family zoned lot to three cars, as enforced by tickets and fines. Parking on "planting strips" (between the sidewalk and the street) is always illegal, as is parking on the wrong side of the street, near fire hydrants, on the front or side yards (off the driveway), in disability spaces (the fine is over \$400), and near alley or driveway exits. Specific UW football game day parking restrictions also apply (as posted on Zone 6 signs); this is aggressively enforced and the fines are hefty for non-Zone 6 cars parked during the listed hours. University Park residents are eligible to obtain RPZ permits for Zone 6, allowing them to park for more than 2 hours. These permits, in the form of stickers, are available from the city and expire on September 30th of each year. The initial registration **must** be done in person or by mail; renewals can be done on line. You **must** provide proof of residency and a copy of your current Washington State Vehicle registration; your permit **must** be registered in your name and at your Zone 6 address. Note that permits do NOT guarantee a specific space, only access. For more information, please visit this website: <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/programs/parking-program/restricted-parking-program>

TRASH, YARD WASTE, AND RECYCLING: Trash and yard waste are collected on Monday, so the cans should be taken out Sunday evening, unless you get up early. Please retrieve your empty cans from the curbs or alleys as soon as possible after pickup. This city ordinance regulation is designed to keep our alleys safe and our streets clean and safe; it also cuts down on litter and the lively bin diving enjoyment of our crows, seagulls, possums, and raccoons!

Please separate yard and food waste from regular garbage: Place all food and yard waste in the designated green Food & Yard waste cart—not in the regular garbage can. Composting food and yard wastes keeps a valuable resource out of the landfill.

Recycling is collected on alternating Mondays, along with the trash and yard waste; a schedule is provided to all homeowners by the city. When putting recycling out, it is important to remember what can and cannot be recycled. The current schedule and complete list of various recycling rules can be found at this website: <http://www.seattle.gov/utilities/services> **Note that the rules are in constant flux, are quite complex, and require on-going education.**

DANGEROUS INTERSECTIONS: Beware of the several steep hills, especially NE 54th, and be alert for pedestrian and bicyclist traffic and blind alleys. Dangerous intersections within University Park include:

- ◆ NE 50th & 20th Ave NE
- ◆ 20th Ave NE & NE 54th
- ◆ NE 55th & 17th Ave NE
- ◆ 21st Ave NE & NE 54th
- ◆ NE 55th & 15th Ave NE

VITAL INFORMATION FOR THE NEW NEIGHBOR

SEATTLE NOISE ORDINANCE: Seattle has a Noise Ordinance (Check out the Seattle Municipal Code, SMC, Chapter 25.08 and the Seattle Police website: <http://www.seattle.gov/police/need-help/noise-complaints>). It is unlawful to make Public Disturbance Noises, such as unreasonable motor vehicle sounds or loud music, at any time of the day. In addition, the Residential Disturbance regulations are enforced during the nighttime hours (Sunday –Thursday: 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.; Friday-Saturday: 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.) In the case of frequent, repetitive or continuous noise audible 75 feet away, police officers can issue on the spot citations (**presently \$250 for the first offense**). In addition, there are legal repercussions for the offending landlord under the UW Code of Conduct for students living off-campus. Please visit the Community Standards and Student Conduct Office website: <https://www.washington.edu/cssc/>)

- ◆ **Practical advice:** If you experience problems with neighbors holding noisy parties, it is of course best to talk them into quieting down. If this is uncomfortable, do not hesitate to call 911, especially if the party is open to anyone walking in, or if there is violence or vandalism. Note that noise calls have a low priority and you may be placed on hold. Use the non-emergency number (206-625-5011) for follow-up calls, parking complaints and such. **We need everyone to actively participate in controlling the many issues facing our neighborhood. So, don't just assume someone else will take care of it.**

RENTAL PROPERTIES AND THE RRIO: Many of the area's landlords run responsible rental businesses and maintain their properties. Some renters help by doing work on the houses in exchange for reduced rents or other compensations. Unfortunately, there are owners who are unwilling to manage their properties responsibly or to keep them safe and clean; this not only runs down the neighborhood, but more importantly, it creates poor living conditions for the renters. That is why our neighborhood association (UPCC) supports the RRIO regulation (Rental Registration and Inspection Ordinance). This program requires all landlords of rental properties to register each unit, affirming that it satisfies certain city safety and health codes (not zoning regulations). Periodic and random inspections are part of the law. We support stricter, but enforceable, tenant laws, to protect the renters who otherwise may have no voice. **But we need you to help us by bringing any potential violations to our attention.**

VEHICLE LICENSING: To license your car (or motorcycle) through the government, you have two options: (1) standing in a long line downtown; (2) city-contracted firms that provide the service for a small fee. The nearest is on the west side of Roosevelt Way, just north of NE 54th. Bi-annual Emission Testing has been required for most vehicles between 1995 and 2008 every two years, but the program will end on Jan 1, 2020. www.dol.wa.gov/vehicleregistration/emissions.html

ITS UNIQUE FEATURES

- ◆ **CANDY CANE LANE:** Candy Cane lane, a.k.a. Park Road NE, is at the far north end of University Park. Most of the year, it is a quiet, secluded community, but during Christmas, its residents continue an old tradition of festive holiday decorations around a theme, including their roundabout. People travel miles by car to view the decorations and to listen to the music. But for us, it is just a short walk.
- ◆ **THE SURPRISINGLY CONVENIENT 52nd ST. STAIRCASE:** A little-known and hidden pedestrian detour down the hill toward the east (to the Burke-Gilman Trail and the University Village) is the 52nd Street Staircase. One of many such peculiarities throughout the city, it starts where NE 52nd Street ends just east of 20th Ave NE. A public access staircase, it runs all the way down the hill and is technically a continuation of 52nd Street. Keep in mind that the houses bordering the stairs are private property, deserving of respect. As we walk these stairs and view these homes, we can only speculate about how they were furnished. Just how did the movers deliver the furniture without the having direct street access?
- ◆ **GREEK ROW:** The UW has a unique cluster of sororities and fraternities, unlike other universities, where they are more dispersed. The large Greek community extends from 17th Ave NE to 22nd Ave NE, between NE 45th and NE 47th streets, just north of Campus.

PHARMACIES

- ◆ **Bartell Drugs: 3 convenient locations: University Village, 4344 University Way NE, and Roosevelt Square (6401 12th Ave NE):** A local store from the start, its founder made his wealth during the Alaskan gold rush. Besides its pharmacy, it sells health and cleaning products; groceries and snacks; and greeting cards and holiday supplies. It also has a photography department.
- ◆ **Walgreens at the corner of 12th Ave NE and NE 50th:** A local branch of the chain store, it supplies a great variety of items from medicine to clothing to holiday supplies.
- ◆ **CVS: 4315 University Way**—a national chain: refill or transfer prescriptions, shop vitamins, beauty and medicine

GROCERIES AND PRODUCE

- ◆ **QFC/University Village (2623 NE U Village St.):** The University Village is an outdoor mall with clusters of shops, including QFC, a local supermarket chain. Note that its land was once underwater, until it was turned into landfill as one of Seattle's city dumps.
- ◆ **Whole Foods at 1026 NE 64th:** The last word in upscale natural foods, it is located in Roosevelt Square.
- ◆ **H Mart at 4216 University Way NE:** specializing in Asian food.

- ◆ **Seven Coffee Roasters Market and Cafe at 2007 NE Ravenna Blvd., just east of 20th Ave NE (206-517-5572):** This is the only grocery technically located within University Park... since 1922. Although it is not a full grocery, its selection is surprisingly practical and its location is convenient for pedestrians. Plus, they have fresh-baked treats and great coffee. Its hours are generally 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Its website is <https://sevencoffeeroasters.com>
- ◆ **Trader Joe's at 4555 Roosevelt Way NE:** They have natural foods at bargain prices.
- ◆ **Rising Sun Farms and Produce at 6329 15th Ave NE:** A great source of local vegetables and fruits within walking distance. It is open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. www.risingsunproduce.com
- ◆ **Cowen Park Grocery, at 1217 NE Ravenna Boulevard (kitty-corner to Cowen Park):** They provide a selection of groceries, produce, and wine. Their café has an extended menu on weekends.
- ◆ **University District Farmers Market:** Rated as one of the best farmers' markets in the nation by *The New York Times*, it is open year round (Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) and is located on the Ave between NE 50th and NE 52nd, east of the University Heights Center. Many farmers sell certified organic products and all produce is locally grown. For more information, visit the following website: <https://seattlefarmersmarkets.org/markets/u-district>
- ◆ **Safeway (2 locations: the corner of NE 50th & Brooklyn Ave NE; east of the University Village):** a conveniently located chain supermarket within walking distance from University Park.

MOVIE THEATRES/RENTALS

- ◆ **The Grand Illusion 1403 NE 50th St, SE corner of NE 50th and the Ave (206-523-3935):** A silly, crackerbox establishment, it seats about 60 and shows a wildly random selection of film. Note its decorative tin ceiling. Their website is: www.grandillusioncinema.org/
- ◆ **The Varsity (206-632-7218) on NE 43rd and the Ave:** Movies shown: first run, limited engagement, and art films. Consult the schedules at <https://farawayentertainment.com/location/varsity-theatre/>
- ◆ **The AMC Dine-In Seattle 10: 4500 9th Ave NE (1-888-440-4262):** It has multiple screens with varying quality: specifically, theatre 10 is smaller than many projection televisions. As advertised: a modern adult venue (21+) for new releases with reserved seating as well as cocktails, craft beer & unique eats. Become an AMC member for special perks, such as Discount Tuesdays and free popcorn. Their website is <https://www.amctheatres.com/movie-theatres/seattle-tacoma/amc-seattle-10>

- ◆ **Scarecrow Video (blog.scarecrow.com/) at 5030 Roosevelt Way NE (206-524-8554):** Run by a non-profit organization, *The Scarecrow Project*, this amazing store provides access to the world's largest publicly available film collection, along with educational and culturally relevant programming.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS

Our assigned neighborhood schools are currently: Laurelhurst (elementary), Eckstein (middle), and Roosevelt (high). Because that has changed over the years, you'll find many families attending different schools. For those on the north side of Ravenna Blvd., the assigned elementary school is Bryant.

Some families choose to send their children to one of these "Options Schools": (1) The McDonald International Elementary is a language immersion school which teaches Spanish and Japanese; it is located in the Green Lake neighborhood. Its graduates tend to continue on to Hamilton International Middle school in Wallingford. (2) Thornton Creek Elementary takes an expeditionary learning approach; it is located in the View Ridge neighborhood. (3) Hazel Wolf is a K-8 STEM program; it is located in the Pinehurst neighborhood.

University Park Neighborhood

