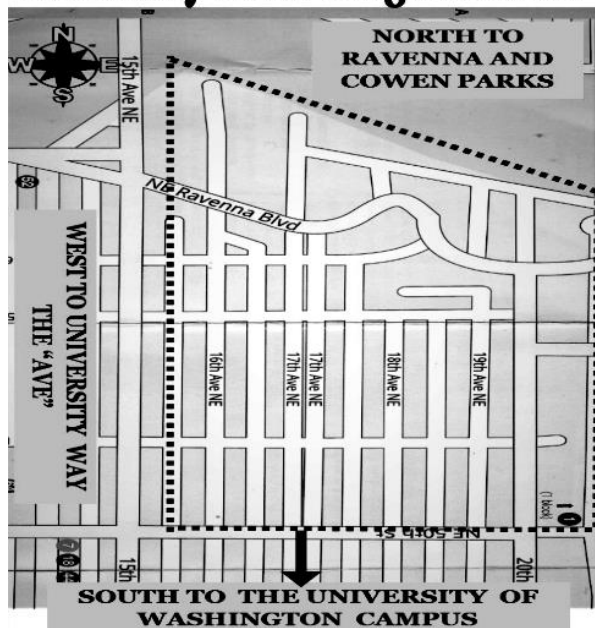




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**University Park Neighborhood**



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## **PARTY GUIDELINES FOR OUR STUDENT NEIGHBORS**

**Courtesy of the North of 45th Working Group, here are a set of guidelines for student residences in our neighborhood:**

**Party planning - Make your party fun,  
safe and a good time for everyone**

- Only invite the number of guests your house or apartment can hold. Open invitations on Facebook or random texts to everyone in your cell can result in an unruly & unwanted crowd.**
- Designate a sober greeter for the door. This person can regulate the number of people and help deal with problems of gate crashers. Most problems in the U District at parties arise from non-UW students crashing. Know whom you invited and stick with the plan.**
- Keep the noise level down, check out our section on noise for more info about the law and the penalties. Getting a citation or visit by the police is sure to be a party downer and could cost you \$269 or more! Give your neighbors**

**your number so they can call you before they call the police.**

- Drink responsibly. It is against the law for anyone under the age of 21 to consume alcohol. Minors can receive Minor in Possession Citations which can result in fines ranging from \$250-\$1000. If you provide the alcohol to a minor, you can be charged with Unlawful Furnishing of Liquor to a minor and also face criminal prosecution.**
- Have food and snacks as well as non-alcohol drinks, as well as plenty of drinking water. Stay away from salty snacks as they can make people drink more. Remember as a rule of thumb, it takes your body about an hour to process one beer, glass of wine or standard shot, so even after you stop drinking, you are still becoming more intoxicated.**
- Friends don't let friends drive drunk. You have heard it a thousand times, but do you want your friend killed in an accident because of a party at your house? Use the bus, call a cab and take away keys. Who cares if your friend gets a bit mad, at least they are alive!**
- Things getting out of hand? CALL 911!!! Don't try to deal with it yourself. SPD and UWPD would rather help deal with a problem before someone gets hurt.**
- Clean up after your party. Remember, UW Students are good neighbors. Don't leave bottles, cans and other debris in your yard. Recycle and sustain your neighborhood.**

## **CRIME REPORTING**

**Historically, residents in University Park have been reluctant to call the Seattle Police 911 number regarding various issues in the neighborhood. This ranges from large out-of-control**

parties, residential noise ordinance issues, possible on-going drug activity, suspicious activity, such as possible car prowling, etc. Bottom line: if you feel a police presence is needed to resolve a safety issue, call 911!

The dispatcher will ask a variety of questions, but don't be intimidated as the information is needed for the responding officer(s). Our North Precinct Commander routinely tells us to call, because these reports document safety issues in a particular area, even if priority-wise, the police arrive time-late.

If it is a UW-student related issue, such as noise, after calling 911, it is imperative that you also alert the following, in a timely manner:

- UW Community Standards and Student Conduct Office at <https://www.washington.edu/cssc/>
- UPCC board member who coordinates with the SPD and UWPD: Ray Kraft at [raykraft@gmail.com](mailto:raykraft@gmail.com).

Practical advice by the North Precinct Advisory Council:

When calling suspicious activity, please understand that the dispatchers will need to ask questions to determine if there's an actual crime. For instance, looking into car windows is not a crime, but pulling on door handles can escalate it to reasonable suspicion that officer needs in order to detain someone. And officer needs as much info as possible when they're dispatched.

Crime prevention tips from the Community Police Team:

1. Don't leave laptops on a table by an open window.
2. Lock windows and doors.
3. At malls, don't leave packages visible in car, and don't leave your laptop or purse on the seat when you leave the car.

4. **Don't fall for Craigslist scams, such as home rentals where you are supposed to send a deposit and meet them for the key – scam!**
5. **Remember Social Security never phones you and asks for personal information - scam!!!**
6. **Microsoft doesn't call to tell you your computer has a problem - scam!!!**
7. **Keep your car key button protected**

### **ILLEGAL DUMPING - AN UPDATE**

**At the recent North of 45th Working Group meeting, a Husky Neighborhood Clean-up representative reviewed their efforts to collect garbage, recycle quality items, and reuse materials at 17th Ave NE and NE 47th Street in June and August/September 2019. Coordinated with the Goodwill and Seattle Public Utilities (SPU), this effort resulted in many tons of material collected that otherwise may have been illegally dumped into our neighborhood.**

**Concurrently, as part of the on-going efforts started in the North of 45th Working Group, the SPU now has a special illegal dump task force, which patrols the blocks north of NE 45th Street to pick up material in early June and late August/early September.**

**A UPCC board member counted forty (40) mattresses and countless couches and other illegally dumped material just on 17th Ave NE between NE 50th Street and Ravenna Blvd. on one weekend in August. It was all picked up within 24-48 hours and this roving patrol continued for a number of weeks.**

**The University Park Community Club board sent a letter of**

■ appreciation to the Director of SPU and certain key SPU  
■ members directly involved in this extensive cleanup effort.

■ **U DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP**  
■ **BUSINESSS IMPROVEMENT AREA (BIA) TO**  
■ **BE RENEWED**

■ The University District Partnership (UDP) is in the process of  
■ reestablishing and expanding the BIA for the next twelve (12)  
■ years. The BIA ordinance must be officially submitted by the  
■ UDP to the Seattle City Council for approval. BIAs, special  
■ assessment districts regulated under state-wide legislation, are  
■ established to maintain and enhance neighborhood business  
■ districts.

■ Property owners choose to assess themselves to fund cleaning,  
■ safety, marketing, and other programs designed to keep the  
■ entire district vibrant and to increase the property values for  
■ each owner.

■ Recently, the UPCC board received a presentation from Mark  
■ Crawford, Interim Director of the UDP, detailing the revised  
■ boundaries of the assessment area, the decision to make a 12-  
■ year commitment, and many new challenges and goals of their  
■ pending ordinance. He explicitly reassured us that the  
■ boundaries have been altered to exclude those areas of the  
■ University Park Neighborhood originally included, specifically  
■ 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Ave NE between NE 50<sup>th</sup> and NE Ravenna Blvd., as  
■ these city blocks contained no significant ratepayers.

■ After this informative discussion, the UPCC board voted to  
■ submit a formal comment letter in support of the new BIA  
■ ordinance. Our letter requested that UDP make a commitment  
■ to work with the U District Advocates to represent the concerns

of the business owners who are renters and therefore are not directly assessed by the BIA. The letter was sent to Mr. Crawford and to the City Council whose approval is pending in 2020.



**'FIND IT/FIX IT' APPS**  
**SEATTLE'S REQUEST MOBILE APP**

The 'Find It/Fix It' City app, which is free to download to any smart phone, is a practical tool for reporting selected issues to the City of Seattle, such as street lighting, storm water drainage, illegal dumping, and illegal parking. Reporting an issue is as easy as snapping a photograph with your smart phone, 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. Go to this website for more information: <https://www.seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau/find-it-fix-it-mobile-app>.

**15<sup>th</sup> AVE NE PAVING PROJECT UPDATE**

Project Overview

The Seattle Department of Transportation will pave 1.3 miles of 15th Ave NE between NE 55th St and Lake City Way NE. The work will make it safer for all users and extend the useful life of the pavement. The City will remove parking from one side of the street for a safer design and introduce 24/7 parking to the remaining parking spaces, so people don't need to move their cars daily.

In addition to paving, the project will include:

- Sidewalk repair and curb ramp upgrades
- Removal of peak-hour parking restrictions to make parking available 24/7 on 1 side of the street
- New protected bike lanes
- New exclusive left-turn lanes
- Stormwater drainage improvements
- Parking removal
- Safe Routes to school and neighborhood greenway crossing improvements at Roosevelt High School

For more information, visit the website (<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/programs/maintenance-and-paving/current-paving-projects/15th-ave-ne-paving-project>), contact the project team via email at [15thNEpaving@seattle.gov](mailto:15thNEpaving@seattle.gov) or call (206) 256-5563.





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**Learn more and sign up at *alert.seattle.gov*. While AlertSeattle is an excellent system, notification in all cases cannot be guaranteed. Possible disasters and emergencies are chaotic and unpredictable, and notification depends upon external providers, such as your wireless provider or email delivery service.**

**NE 43rd STREET**

**& BROOKLYN AVE NE -**

**A METRO PLANNING UPDATE**

**As part of the planning for opening of the Light Rail Station on Brooklyn Ave in 2021, there have been extensive grass roots efforts to identify and formalize a mobility plan for the U District. While the very practical and detailed Mobility Plan has been completed and presented to the City Council and the Mayor for approval, there has been little effort to implement its recommendations.**

**Recently, a letter was sent from the District 4 City Council and**

**King County Council representatives to Sound Transit board with encouragement from the U District Mobility Group. The letter states their commitment to collaborate with Sound Transit on a streamlined update to make Brooklyn Ave NE compatible with bus service in both directions. All this requires is widening Brooklyn between NE 43rd Street and NE 45th Street by six (6) inches on each side of the street, in order for buses to be able to maneuver their turns.**

**Relatedly, we now know that traffic flow on NE 43rd Street will be limited to westbound only, between 15th Ave NE and University Way; bus services will also be westbound only between University Way and Brooklyn Ave NE. A left turn lane will be incorporated on 15<sup>th</sup> Ave NE at the corner of NE 43<sup>rd</sup>, for bus use only.**

## **ROOTS YOUNG ADULTS SHELTER RELOCATED**

**ROOTS, a shelter for young people, which currently operates out of the Temple United Methodist Church, is expected to be relocated to 4541 19th Ave NE sometime in mid-June 2020. As we recently learned, the Urban Rest Stop will be joining them at that new location.**

**The Methodist Church announced in 2019 that it was selling its property. Its building will be demolished and replaced with new student housing; however, a small element will be preserved for the Church.**

**In addition to ROOTS, the following services will also have to be relocated: the Needle Exchange, the Urban Rest Stop, and the Child Care Operation. It soon became a cause for concern**

to your UPCC Board that the Needle Exchange might also move to 19th Ave NE, within the Greek/Student housing area. Fortunately, those fears were soon allayed.



## **UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH DEMOLISHED**

The University Christian Church membership and leadership have vacated their home of over 100 years at the SW corner of 15th Ave NE and NE 50th Street and have merged with the Lake City Christian Church to form a new congregation. The property has been sold to a developer from the Atlanta, Georgia area, after the church processed the demolition permit paperwork. The new owners/developers have two active Master Plan proposals: 1) a 6-story complex with 171 apartment units and no on-site parking; 2) an 8-story complex with 199 apartment units and 60 off-site parking spaces.

Unfortunately, neither the city nor the developers revealed on the additional sign posted on the lot that the second option

requires a site-specific up-zone to allow for the additional height. The UPCC board has officially gone on the record in opposition of this rezone with a formal comment letter on behalf of the neighborhood. We believe that it is important to challenge this effort, especially in light of the recently passed U-District wide Up-Zone, which was to be the guiding blueprint for all development within our district going forward. The city must not allow the piecemeal destruction of the transitional zone - a layer of reduced density and height along the perimeter of the district implemented to protect the surrounding residential neighborhoods such as ours. If this localized up-zone receives approval, it will create a destructive precedent, which will ripple throughout the area and put our neighborhood at risk for aggressive development.

### **TEMPORARY LOSS OF THE U DISTRICT'S ONLY SUPERMARKET**

The Safeway Grocery Store at 4732 Brooklyn Ave NE plans to temporarily close its doors in the 3rd quarter of 2020 for demolition and redevelopment. It will reopen in approximately two years as the ground floor supermarket within a 7-story, 188-unit apartment building. Underground parking for 204 vehicles is part of the proposal.

The new design will include a large, 10,000 square foot public open space, developed in coordination with the adjacent M Tower at NE 47th Street and Brooklyn Ave NE - a 24-story apartment complex.

Although the local residents will temporarily lose a valuable asset, it is good to know that Safeway is committed to returning

and continuing its service to the rapidly growing population of the U District.



## **YET ANOTHER RECYCLING REGULATION - WATCH OUT FOR PLASTIC BAGS!**

**New city regulations for recycling: plastic bags may no longer be placed in the recycle container due to problems associated with the recycling processors: Specifically, they get entangled in the equipment resulting in shutdowns.**

**The preferred option is to drop off the clean and dry plastic bags (including plastic produce bags, bread bags, zip-lock bags, sandwich bags, shipping pillows, and bubble wrap) at selected locations.**

**Please go to the website, [www.plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org), for the nearest locations. Although various CVS, QFC, and Safeway stores, among others, provide this service, it would be wise to consult the website to confirm those stores and locations.**

**The second option is to place these plastic bags in your garbage container.**

**THE OFFICIAL UPCC WEBSITE: [www.upcc.org](http://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 and special meetings.

The website also contains this practical guide:

- ***"WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY PARK - Where things are and how stuff works."*** (PDF Version) This handy dandy booklet put together by the University Park Community Club (UPCC) and available on our website, provides a gambit of useful information about our neighborhood. Even better, it provides a brief summary of our history and our architectural features, along with useful reference phone numbers and websites, and a list of local parks, convenience stores, schools and so much more. We also have hard copies available which can be useful tool to get to know your new neighbors, whether owners or renters.

- **PLEASE KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP ACTIVE**

Don't forget to become a member or renew your membership - it is so easy to do online @

<http://www.upcc.org/membership>. You may pay your dues with PAYPAL or simply select the debit/credit option. Alternatively, you may also pay by check.

**It's only \$20 per year - oh, what a deal!**

Remember to invite your neighbors, especially those new to University Park, to visit our website and sign up for membership.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



**HAPPY 150th BIRTHDAY, SEATTLE!**

**As of Dec. 2, 2019, the City of Seattle is 150 years old.**

**On that day, in 1869, Seattle was officially incorporated. Although she has faced many challenges, she has also been blessed with boundless opportunities and graced with a multitude of natural beauty.**

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