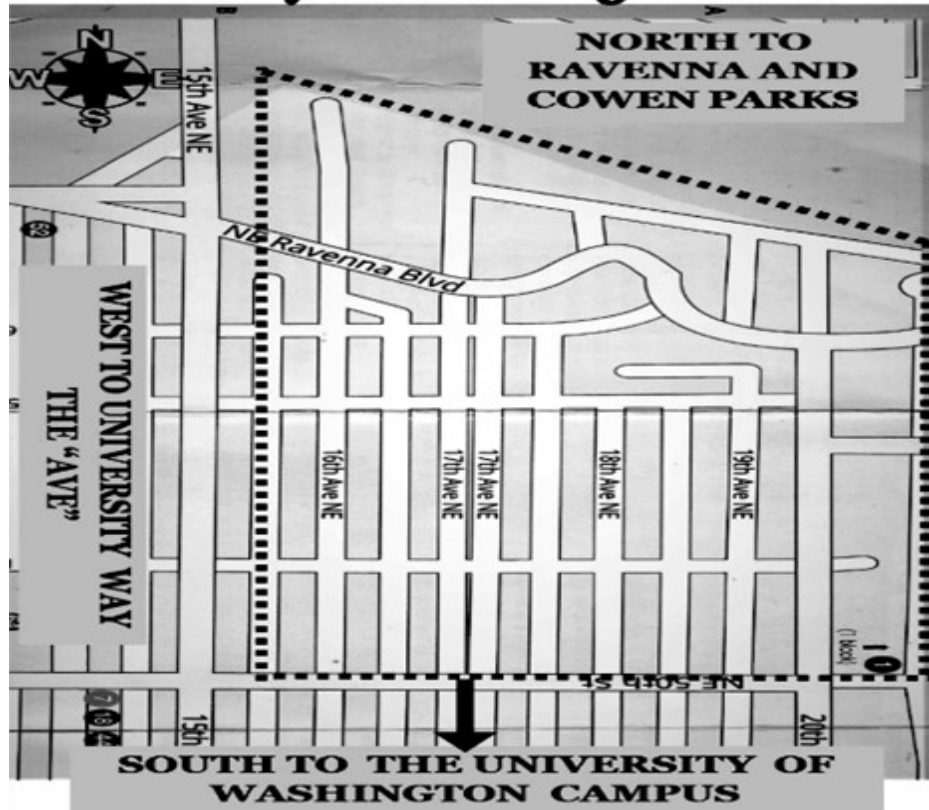


# **UPCC NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2020 EDITION**



## **University Park Neighborhood**



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# IMPORTANT UPCC NEWS

## HOW TO REPORT NUISANCE STUDENT PARTIES, TO WHOM, AND WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT!

Although the Covid19 pandemic has shut down most on-campus class attendance at the University of Washington, there continue to be problems with off-campus student parties in rental homes. There has been a sudden uptick in complaints by our family neighbors for such activity along 18th, 19th, and 20th Ave NE. University Park Neighborhood is a family neighborhood, not a student party neighborhood. You can help keep it that way by reporting these parties.

Here are some resources provided by the City of Seattle and the UW:

- ◆ For information regarding noise ordinances, please refer to the University Park Information Booklet or visit the Seattle Police Website. The residential noise ordinance is enforced beginning at 10 p.m. Sunday – Friday and 11 p.m. on Saturday and applies if the noise can be heard beyond 75 feet from the property.
- ◆ For UW regulations, please visit the UW Community Standards and Student Conduct page. There you will be able to access the Student Conduct Code section, which includes a specific sub-section, titled: “WAC 478-121-120 Creating a public nuisance in neighboring communities”. Here is the content in its entirety:

To create a paper trail and documentation of each incident, the UPCC and the UW offer this approach to reporting and following up on any chronic student behavioral issues:

- ◆ Make a formal report to the Seattle Police Department. Even if there is no active response, this action will still provide a documented record of the issue. (call 911 or 206-625-5011)
- ◆ Contact the following UW departments and provide them with the specifics listed above:
  - ahoard@uw.edu
  - dhotz@uw.edu
  - cssc@uw.edu
- ◆ Contact the UPCC board member in charge of safety issue and nuisance properties: raykraft@gmail.com

**We are a family community, and we can be most effective working together to keep our neighborhood safe and family friendly.**

**(FULL UPCC STATEMENT CAN BE FOUND ON  
OUR WEBSITE: [www.upcc.org](http://www.upcc.org))**

**KEEP THESE CONCTACTS  
HANDY  
FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**



## NEW NEIGHBORS TO UNIVERSITY PARK? Are there new neighbors on your block?

Invite them to learn more about our wonderful neighborhood by offering them a copy of our very practical and informative booklet. Note that it covers all sorts of information for the entire neighborhood, for both homeowners and renters.

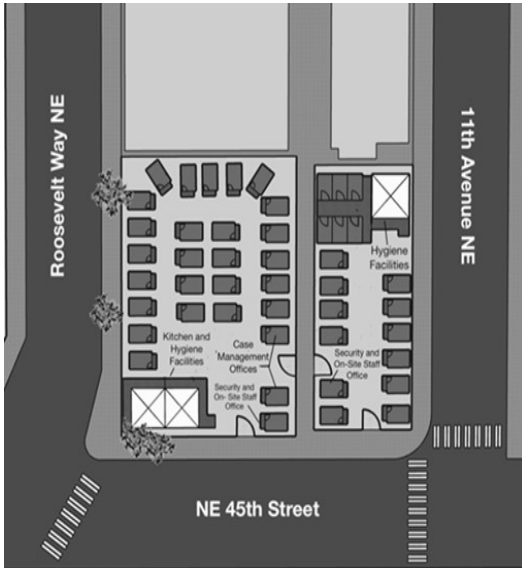
Just contact our secretary, Aileen M. Langhans at [upark.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:upark.secretary@gmail.com) to obtain some copies of this booklet.

**NOTE: a pdf version is available on our website: [www.upcc.org](http://www.upcc.org)**

# IMPORTANT CITY NEWS

*From the office of Council Member Alex Pedersen, District 4*

## ♦ NEW TINY HOUSES IN THE U DISTRICT



To help respond to what appears to be an increase of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, I have worked with a local nonprofit and submitted an amendment to the budget to set aside funds necessary for a temporary new Tiny Home Village in our University District. The selected property, which is centrally located and has good access to public transit, is presently used by Sound Transit for field offices during the construction of the Brooklyn Avenue light rail station.

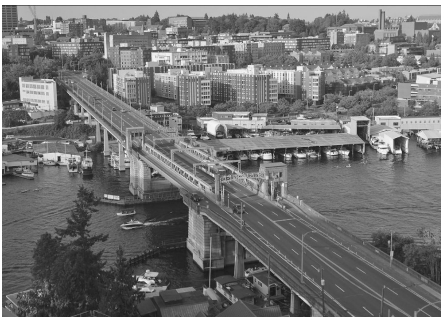
Within the next 1-2 years, permanent affordable housing will be constructed on this site. Given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and homelessness crisis, I'm hopeful that a well-organized "village" of 30-40 "tiny homes" can be a cost-effective intervention as long as it is operated by a nonprofit group that is experienced in exiting

people to permanent housing in conjunction with case management and a performance-based contract with our Human Services Department. Our district has been home to various iterations of temporary and approved encampments and has generally been welcoming if the location makes sense and there is a plan.

We have seen a sharp rise in homelessness in our district and I'm hopeful this option will help address the chronic issue, until shelters throughout our region can be restored to their capacity and until the new [Regional Homelessness Authority](#) is fully capable of addressing this regional problem-- all while our Seattle Office of Housing continues to fund the construction of permanent affordable housing as fast as it can. **Results instead of rhetoric!** If you have comments or concerns about this partial solution, please contact my office at [Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov](mailto:Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov)

## ♦ SEATTLE - WE HAVE A BRIDGE PROBLEM

Alex Pedersen raised the following concerns and warning:



The University Bridge was among the bridges ranked in "poor" condition.

*"In a city defined by its many waterways and ravines, our bridges connect us and we must ensure they are maintained to stay safe and strong.... The recent independent audit of Seattle's bridges proves city government must do a better job investing in this basic infrastructure, including bridges that serve public transit. The audit concluded that our city government has been substantially under-investing in the maintenance of our bridges. The result of underfunding our bridge infrastructure increases the risk of harm and disruption — failing to invest at adequate levels today means taxpayers might have to bear even larger replacement costs later. Pay now or pay more later." (11/17/2020)*

## ♦ ALEX PEDERSEN'S REFLECTIONS ON THE 2021 BUDGET

Please read the most informative and insightful article by CM Pedersen in [The Seattle Times](#) on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 (page A14 –OPINIONS): *"Positives, Negatives of Seattle Council Budget"*

## 2021 CITY BUDGET

November 23, 2020, the City Council passed the new 2021 budget, with only one vote in opposition. Is it a measured and deliberate response or a bold initiative? Only time will reveal.

Here are some of the more substantial decisions made by Seattle as it moves forward to address the many chronic challenges facing this rapidly growing city:

**OVERVIEW:** *"The Seattle City Council adopted a 2021 budget today that reduces the Seattle Police Department's budget while funding investments in alternatives to policing; repurposes most of Mayor Jenny Durkan's proposed \$100 million "equitable investment fund" to Council priorities; and replaces the encampment-removing Navigation Team with a new program intended to help outreach workers move unsheltered people into shelter and permanent housing."*

- ◆ **SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Although the 2021 budget does cut police spending by around 20%, the bulk of that reduction comes from shifting some police responsibilities, including parking enforcement and the 911 dispatch center, out of the department. The rest of the cuts are largely achieved through attrition — taking the money allocated to vacant positions and spending it on other purposes."
- ◆ **COMMUNITY SAFETY:** The Council's budget puts \$32 million toward future investments in community-led public safety efforts that would begin to replace some current functions of the police department, such as responding to mental health crises and domestic violence calls.
- ◆ **HOMELESSNESS: HOPE** to replace the Navigation Team (See next page); use of federal Covid19 funds for shelters in hotels; trash service expanded for encampments; expansion of nighttime shelters to operate 24 hours/day. Goal: move people quickly into permanent supportive housing or market-rate housing
- ◆ **RENTAL PROCESS—2 AMENDMENTS:** The first requires the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) to study the creation of a rental history database that could eliminate the need for renters to pay landlords for multiple background checks; the second requires SDCI to draft standard lease terms with the goal of preventing landlords from including abusive or exploitative requirements in their leases.
- ◆ **BRIDGE REPAIR FUNDING:** The Council passed a new \$20 vehicle license fee, which will fund about \$3.6 million in transportation improvements next year and \$7.2 million annually beginning in 2022. Drivers will actually pay \$40 less next year than they currently do, thanks to the expiration of a voter-approved \$60 vehicle license fee
- ◆ **HEALTH ONE PROGRAM (SEATTLE FIRE DEPARTMENT):** The program will be expanded to third vehicle, with funding for three new case managers. Health One, which is staffed by specially trained firefighters and social workers from the Human Services Department, responds to non-emergency 911 calls that don't require a full fire or police response.
- ◆ **FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET:** \$1.6 million restored for recruitment and testing, to address attrition.

For the complete article, including input from individual council members and the mayor view the entire article @ <https://southseattleemerald.com/>: "City's Recession-Era Budget Includes Modest Cuts to Police..." 11/23/2020, by Erica Barnett

## NORTH PRECINCT REINSTATES ITS LIAISON ATTORNEY

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Prosecutors and police came to realize that some public safety and neighborhood livability problems can be better addressed through proactive community-oriented problem solving rather than traditional "case-by-case" prosecution. The city established this office as a partnership among the prosecutor's office, law enforcement, public and private organizations, and the community to solve neighborhood problems, improve public safety, and enhance the quality of life of community members. Although these liaison attorneys work for the City Attorney's Office, they work out of the various precincts to help local communities as they navigate the legal issues regarding public safety concerns.

**Visit their website: <http://www.seattle.gov/cityattorney/about-us/precinct-liaison-division>**



## Seattle Replaces the Navigation Team with HOPE (Homelessness Outreach & Provider Ecosystem)

The new HOPE team will coordinate with service providers to provide administrative support and data analysis with the goal of improving outreach to people experiencing homelessness and getting people inside. It will replace the Navigation Team, which was developed in 2017 as a blend of homeless outreach professionals and specially trained members of the Seattle Police Department (SPD).

While it was touted as a group that would help manage unauthorized encampments and refer people to shelter, critics said that it was a traumatizing force that swept homeless encampments and destroyed people's belongings.

Now that Seattle's navigation teams has been defunded, little is being done to respond to the homeless crisis in across the city. *"We are on the forefront of a new collaborative model centering outreach and the needs of our neighbors living unsheltered,"* said Andrew Lewis who introduced legislation for a new city approach to encampment outreach.

This new approach is the culmination of months of discussions with service providers, outreach workers, unhoused neighbors, and the broader community. It builds upon the work conducted by the Council during the summer exercise to rebalance the budget and to shift resources to outreach providers. Morales' approach also aligns with ongoing discussions held between the Executive and service providers to create a collaborative outreach strategy.

*"The HOPE team is an idea built with community, and not just presented to it,"* said Morales. *"We've heard from our neighbors that Seattle must keep moving forward with a new team, new roles, new structure — and to end the Navigation Team discussion once and for all. The HOPE team represents that desire by proposing a team that responds to concerns felt by providers, the unhoused community, and neighbors who want to see folks connected to help and services."*

HOPE is designed to reverse, undo, and correct the unproductive and inefficient efforts of the Navigation Team - a model that involved an hours-long process, with the city acting as a gatekeeper to tangible services; a model that required the team to first find their client, identify what they need, contact the Human Services Department, ensure the spot is still available and then find the client again to get them inside. The new approach will be more direct: the HOPE team will allow service providers to offer their clients shelter directly. (source: Real Change, November 4, 2020)

## THE NEW FACES OF POLICING IN SEATTLE



*"We're supposed to be able to assist. We should be an entity that people can lean on. Also, when things are going wrong, we should be the first ones stepping up, making it right."*

- Sergeant John O'Neil (left)



*"Systemic racial oppression is extremely real and that's not something that's going to be fixed overnight. We have to start fixing things at a local level."*

- Officer Mia Nguyen (right)

# HOW TO PROMOTE A HEALTHY AND SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD

**ADOPT A DRAIN:** Join volunteers across the city to keep our local storm drains clear, which in turn will reduce flooding and protect our waterways. You can help:

- ◆ Prevent flooding in our neighborhood by keeping drains free of debris.
- ◆ Prevent pollutants from entering streams, creeks, and Puget Sound; this will afford greater protection of fish and other wildlife.
- ◆ Maintain our city infrastructure, especially during fall months when rain increases and falling leaves block drains.

**STENCIL A DRAIN:** Have fun and help raise awareness in order to protect our water quality. Schools, families, community organizations and individuals are all welcome to paint stencils next to storm drains in their neighborhood with one of these messages:

- ◆ Dump No Waste
- ◆ Drains to Stream, Lake or Bay

**PLANT A TREE:** Since 2009, Trees for Neighborhoods has helped Seattle residents plant over 10,300 trees in their yards and along the street. That's 10,300 more trees working to clean our air and water, make our streets more walkable, and our neighborhoods healthier!

- ◆ Visit this website to sign up for email notification in 2021: <http://www.seattle.gov/trees/planting-and-care/trees-for-neighborhood>. The application process will reopen in July 2021. Stay tuned for more information from the UPCC board.

## A Special message from Seattle Public Utilities

**Dear Community Partner,**

Trees make our city beautiful but fall leaves can be a safety hazard and cause street flooding. We would appreciate your help encouraging people to manage their leaves to keep them off the street and out of the storm drain. If your community includes people who have a yard or landscaped areas to maintain, please pass along this information to them via email and social media.

**How to manage fallen leave, reduce flooding, and protect our storm drains:**

- Rake leaves and put them into your yard waste cart. If you have more than will fit into the cart, place extras in a compostable lawn and leaf bag or a reusable container with a lid. Put them out next to your yard waste container on collection day – no plastic bags.
- Place raked leaves on bare soil as mulch in your landscape and garden. This conserves water, controls weeds and fertilizes the soil. Contact the Garden Hotline to learn more (206) 633-0224 or visit [www.gardenhotline.org](http://www.gardenhotline.org)
- If you use a leaf blower, please collect the leaves to use as mulch in garden beds or bag them for collection. If you hire a landscaper to help with fall cleanup, make sure they are collecting the leaves and keeping them out of the street.
- Stand on the curb, not in the street. Please do not clear drains on major streets or arterials.
- If possible, clear the drain before it starts raining.
- Never use your hands to remove debris.
- Use a long-handled dustpan, shovel or a trash can lid to pick up debris. Gloves are recommended.
- Avoid items that have the potential to be hazardous or cause injury.

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### **Safety hints for winter:**

- Keep snow and ice from blocking drains: After snowfall, melting snow and rain can block storm drain inlets and cause localized flooding.
- ♦ Remove snow and ice from your local storm drain with a snow shovel, garden shovel, rake or other strong tool. to prevent flooding or ponding in your neighborhood.
- ♦ Clear a channel for runoff if an inlet or street drain appears to be blocked by snow or debris.
- ♦ For serious flooding, please call 206-387-1800. For non-urgent plugged storm drains, please submit a service request at [www.seattle.gov/utilities/your-services/sewer-and-drainage/flooding-response](http://www.seattle.gov/utilities/your-services/sewer-and-drainage/flooding-response)
- ♦ **For more information, visit [www.seattle.gov/utilities/StormDrains](http://www.seattle.gov/utilities/StormDrains) or contact [susan.harper@seattle.gov](mailto:susan.harper@seattle.gov)**

## **THE TREE WALK FOR DECEMBER IS THE UNIVERSITY DISTRICT**

Did you know about the awesome Trees for Seattle? You can subscribe for their newsletter at [www.Seattle.gov/trees](http://www.Seattle.gov/trees). Make sure you visit the following website for this and other tree walks; it includes maps, photos, and activities for children, along with a pdf and on-line version of our district's rich tree canopy:

**[www.seattle.gov/trees/get-involved/tree-walks?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](http://www.seattle.gov/trees/get-involved/tree-walks?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)**

## **2020 URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT**

### **What is involved in managing the urban forest?**

- ♦ Nine City Departments engaged in urban forestry work; each brings important expertise, perspective, and resources to this commitment
- ♦ The City urban forestry team plants and cares for street trees, provides free trees for residents, protects and restores forested parklands, regulates the removal of trees, and promotes stewardship of the urban forest.
- ♦ Interdepartmental coordination is essential for effective management and consistent delivery of urban forestry programs.

### **Urban Forest Management Plan Goals:**

- 1. Racial and social equity
- 2. Ecosystems and human health: air quality, human well-being, public health and water quality, providing beauty, environmental and economic benefits, fish and wildlife habitat, food, outdoor fun, and help restore rainwater.
- 3. Human safety and property protection
- 4. Climate change
- 5. Community care
- 6. Balance competing priorities:
  - - balance tree shade with light, public safety, recreation, transportation and utility provision
  - - balancing economic development with environmental protection and social justice

**Strategies:** In order to meet the goals of this plan, these seven overarching strategies were developed:

- 1. Consider the needs of environmental justice communities
- 2. Prepare for climate change impacts by building a resilient urban forest
- 3. Understand the condition and complexity of the urban forest research, including its past and potential future changes
- 4. Coordinate communication, cooperation, and decisions among various agencies
- 5. Inspire, inform, and work with the community to care for the urban forest
- 6. Preserve, restore, and enhance the urban forest on city property and rights-of-way
- 7. Regulate and provide support to the community for keeping, removing, replacing and planting trees

**For the full Draft Plan, please visit: [www.seattle.gov/urbanforestrycommission/](http://www.seattle.gov/urbanforestrycommission/)**

## U DISTRICT SAFEWAY - AN UPDATE

The city has recently granted a SEPA determination of non-significance for the planned redevelopment of the old Brooklyn Ave NE Saway: a new 7-story, 186 unit apartment building, with retail and underground parking for 172 vehicles. That decision clears a path to a master use permit. Other permits are in process, including demolition. No start date has been announced for the University District project.

Safeway closed at the end of November and the new development, which will include a Safeway on the ground floor, will take approximately two years to complete.



**The public plaza on the building's south end effectively merges with that of its neighboring skyscraper, the M.**

## LIGHT RAIL STATIONS - AN UPDATE

### ◆ UW STATION (at the Huskies Stadium)—Update on the escalators (October 1, 2020)

Two years ago, the poor performance of the escalators became a significant problem for our passengers and Sound Transit pledged to fix the problem by replacing the existing escalators.

The good news is that we have fixed the problem this time. The changes include: 1) opening up the back stairs on March 2019 to provide passengers an additional way of exiting the station; 2) changing vendors for maintenance of escalators and elevators, with the new contract placing special emphasis on preventive maintenance. There are now technicians on site M-F 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., for quick response to outages; 3) An additional investment of \$100,000 in on-site spare inventory parts to reduce the need to wait for spare parts to fix a problem. The performance of vertical conveyances (escalators and elevators) is generally high throughout the Link system.

### ◆ U-DISTRICT STATION ON BROOKLYN AVE NE: EXPECTED OPENING DATE: 2021

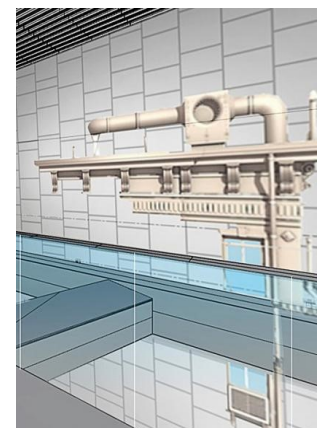
#### Project Description

Located on Brooklyn Ave NE between NE 45th St and NE 43rd St, U District Station will serve the surrounding residential community, the "Ave" business district, other employment sites, UW Tower, and the northern part of the University of Washington campus.

Originally known as "Brooklyn Station" during earlier planning stages, its official name is now U District Station. Riders will board trains underground. The station will have 100 bike parking spaces and two entrances along Brooklyn Ave NE, each with elevators, escalators, and stairs. The site is designed to accommodate future development above the station. When the station opens, riders will be able to travel to the airport in 41 minutes and to Northgate in about 5 minutes.

#### ART:

Lead Pencil Studio's sculptures evoke the architectural ornament once seen on historic buildings. The artworks are a focal point of the underground station. Made from hammered aluminum, the sculptures, visible from the mezzanine and the platform, represent architectural fragments (window frames, rooflines, and fire escapes) developed from the artists' collection of 3D scans made in cities around the world. The window-like objects contain video screens with a slowly changing collection of ethereal films that, according to the artists, depict "ordinary apartment life, historical events from the University District, the natural environment, UW student life and the Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition."





## **PARKS—NEW AND RENEWED IN THE U DISTRICT**

### **U DISTRICT'S CHRISTIE PARK (at 817 NE 43rd St.) GETS A MAKEOVER AND REOPENS!**

The Christie Park renovation project has been completed! The project was undertaken by the City of Seattle to renovate the park and add additional open space for the University District. The new park features an open lawn, plantings, trees, a multi-use plaza with donated art, a loop trail, and fitness area. The Explorer Voyage art piece by Paul Sorey donated by Friends of Christie Park, celebrates the community's connection to the Taiwanese Community, James Christie, and University of Washington. The U District Partnership served as Fiscal Sponsor for the Friends of Christie Park during their procurement of the art installation.



The opening celebration will occur next July during the Tribal Canoe Journey along Pacific Northwest coast when many Taiwanese Native Tao people come to Seattle and can join the celebration.

### **FRITZ HEDGES WATERWAY PARK A NEW PARK ALONG PORTAGE BAY IN THE U DISTRICT**

The U District's newest park is officially open for enjoyment on Portage Bay: Fritz Hedges Waterway Park. The 3.5-acre park, which is located on the bay South of the U District Business Improvement Area, is named after Fredrick "Fritz" Hedges, a long-term Seattle Parks and Recreation professional. The park provides water access for hand-carried boats, shoreline restoration, open lawn space for passive recreation, and interpretive elements that tie into one of two historical narratives - the use of the Portage Bay Trail by Native Americans and the more recent maritime history (elements to be installed in late 2020).

The site began as a lumber mill owned by Puget Sound Box & Lumber Co. until it was purchased and turned into Bryant's Marina and boat sales. The UW then purchased the property in 1970's and it was used for various activities including the UW Police Station and recycling center. During the development of the park, Seattle Parks and Recreation completed extensive shoreline restoration and enhancement to support native species including juvenile salmon. The building on site was demolished and building elements were re-used throughout the park.

**New Open Space  
for the  
U District  
Urban Village!  
Watch for its  
grand opening  
in 2021!**





# ARCHITECTURE 101: THE TUDOR HOUSE

**Find some more examples  
in University Park**

**Source:** [https://  
www.housebeautiful.com/  
design-inspiration/  
a24516941/tudor-style-house/](https://www.housebeautiful.com/design-inspiration/a24516941/tudor-style-house/)

**First of all, let's make one thing clear: this is not a house with only 2 doors!**

You don't have to be a design expert to spot a Tudor house. Their distinct appearance that makes them easily recognizable and unique among their more symmetrical, lighter colonial neighbors. These homes come in all sizes, and while smaller versions might have a quaint storybook appearance to them, larger Tudors more often embody the romantic ideal of an English country manor. That charming, old-world feel has appealed to many Americans over the last century and a half.

These houses, with their myriad materials, solid masonry, elaborate forms, and decorations were expensive to build and mostly appeared in wealthy suburbs. They were even nicknamed "Stockbroker's Tudors" in reference to owners who gained their wealth during the booming 1920s.

Tudor homes are recognizable by several distinguishable features: They have a steeply pitched roof, often with multiple overlapping, front-facing gables (the triangular portion of the roof) of varying heights. The majority of their exteriors are brick, but they're accented (often in those triangular gables) with decorative half-timbering: essentially a mock frame of thin boards with stucco or stone filling in the spaces between the boards. The windows used in Tudor houses are also a unique nod to medieval architecture. Windows are tall and narrow with multiple panes—sometimes rectangular, sometimes diamond-shaped. Though often not in the center of the house, the front door is still a significant architectural feature on Tudor homes.

## University Park's Secret Staircase NE 52nd Street Access

This hidden stairway takes you away from the busy University District, as you escape onto side streets. The route climbs four blocks up the 52nd Street stairs.

Start counting the 233 steps at Ravenna Ave NE until you arrive at 20th Ave NE. When you reach the second flight at 22nd Ave NE, you will see a small plaque at its base commemorating Seattle Department of Transportation's rehabilitation of these stairs: "Bridging the Gap". Midway up that flight on the south side you can spy a small house, nestled among cedars and below a large stand of bamboos, giving it a sort of treehouse effect.



**So, step outside the hectic world and pause on the  
flight of your own imagination!**

**Source:** "Seattle Stairway Walks—an up and  
down guide", By Jake and Cathy Jaramillo



## Have you sighted these creatures in University Park?

**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.

■ The website also contains the following information:

- ♦ Our bylaws and membership information
- ♦ Our recent newsletters and flyers
- ♦ **"WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY PARK - Where things are and how stuff works." (PDF Version)** This is an introductory booklet to our unique neighborhood. Be sure to share this valuable resource with your neighbors, especially those new to University Park.

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