

A HANDY REFERENCE OF IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS



CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER (an official City office):
<http://www.seattle.gov/customer-service-centers/university-customer-service-center>

Location: 4534 University Way NE; **Phone number:** 206-684-7542

Hours: Tuesday–Saturday: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. **New hours!**

Services include: passports, bill pay (water/power) - to name a few

DEPARTMENT	MISC. INFORMATION	PHONE #
Customer Service Bureau	To assist you in accessing the right department	206-684-2489
City of Seattle Police	Non-emergency and illegal parking issues	206-625-5011
UW Office for Community Standards & Student Conduct (CSSC) <i>"Students are encouraged to REFLECT on their actions to understand their impact on the community, and to DEVELOP an understanding of their decisions to work toward success."</i>	email: CSSC@uw.edu; 206-685-6194; link to the CSSC website and indecent report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ https://www.washington.edu/cssc/for-students/student-code-of-conduct/ ♦ https://washington-advocate.symplicity.com/public_report/index.php/pid817432 	
Drug activity Get help—free resource	On-going suspected activity Suicide & Crisis Lifeline	911 988
Safe disposal of unwanted medicine	www.TakeBackYourMeds.org for locations	
Abandoned Vehicles	Hotline	206-684-8763
SDCI Code Complaint	Hotline	206-615-0808
RPZ Parking Permits	Restrictive Parking Zone under the Transportation Department	206-684-5086
Garbage Customer Service	Trash, recycling, yard waste	206-684-3000
Graffiti & Illegal Dumping fines under the Graffiti Nuisance Ordinance.	Report line: (206) 684-7587 (note your responsibility for not removing the graffiti)	Seattle Police (206) 625-5011
Street Issues	Use Find It/Fix It (see page 15)	206-684-7623
SPU Water/Sewage/Drainage	Emergency Service	206-386-1800
Street Lighting	Outages (please provide the two series of numbers found on the specific pole)	206-684-3000
King County 2-1-1	Comprehensive information on social services in King County	211

Welcome to University Park

Look for this sign ... all around ... our neighborhood!



**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, NEIGHBORS!

Now that you have moved into University Park, we wish to welcome you to the U District's only '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 U District called a "city within a city" and the "second downtown of Seattle"; well, this might explain this odd description of our neighborhood.

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, another city or town, 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!)

As you walk about our pedestrian-friendly city blocks, we hope to greet you with a warm "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, e.g., alleys and 17th Ave NE
- ◆ 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. For instance, when turning left at the circle, proceed counterclockwise around the circle, except when blocked by park cars.



SIMPLE RULE: KEEP RIGHT!

Remember...

- ♦ Yield to the cars who have reached the roundabout before you! They legally have the right-of-way over those on the straightaways.
- ♦ Please don't park your cars illegally near or around the corners; extra space is needed for delivery truck and emergency vehicles.

VARIOUS ALERT SYSTEMS

- ♦ **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".
- ♦ **The Emergency HUB system in Seattle: (not the building on the UW Campus):** Prior to a disaster, the hub's responsibility is to encourage citizens to be individually and collectively prepared for any disaster. By prior planning, preparation, and practice, volunteer citizens will have the capacity to activate, as soon as possible after a disaster, a network of pre-located neighborhood emergency communications hub sites. **Our neglected HUB is at University Heights and we need help from our long-term residents!**

THE HISTORY OF UNIVERSITY PARK



As defined on City Maps, University Park is bordered 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. After the streets were drawn up between 1896 and 1905 and lots were platted, our beautiful homes were constructed starting in 1904. Initially designed as a residential suburb in the treeless NE corner region of the University District, its existence was made possible by the expanding streetcar system then serving Seattle and it eventually became established by the trains taking bathers from the city out to the health-infused springs of Ravenna. Recently, however, newer houses are being built, some incompatible with our history, especially now that accessory dwelling units are being pushed by the City and State.

Most of the houses in University Park are between 80 and 110 years old; and 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. We even had an authentic Chinese Apothecary filled with the aroma of herbs and spices. Reportedly, one particular house was the Red House mentioned in a song by Jimi Hendrix... or was 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 its historical quirks, University Park has long been the most family-oriented suburb of the University District (Note: are we really in the District or a carved-out corner of the District per city maps?). The neighborhood was initially downzoned to single family in the mid 1970s (traditionally with one house/living space per lot), although many grandfathered duplexes and triplexes remain. Recently, through various swift moves, our zoning lost the title "single" and then "family", in order to open the flood gates for aggressive speculators and to meet new demands from the State. Currently our new title is "Residential Neighborhood".

Our residents, including long-term renters, are primarily those who were/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; easy access to downtown Seattle and the Eastside, libraries, churches, and a local YMCA (Unfortunately, one family asset is gone: no local K-8 schools!). However there is a growing number of more transient residents, especially those who express NO long-term commitment to our community, its long-term residents, and its historical significance. This may not seem to bode well for our identity, but remember the future is ours and ours alone to shape, not the City's or the speculators'!

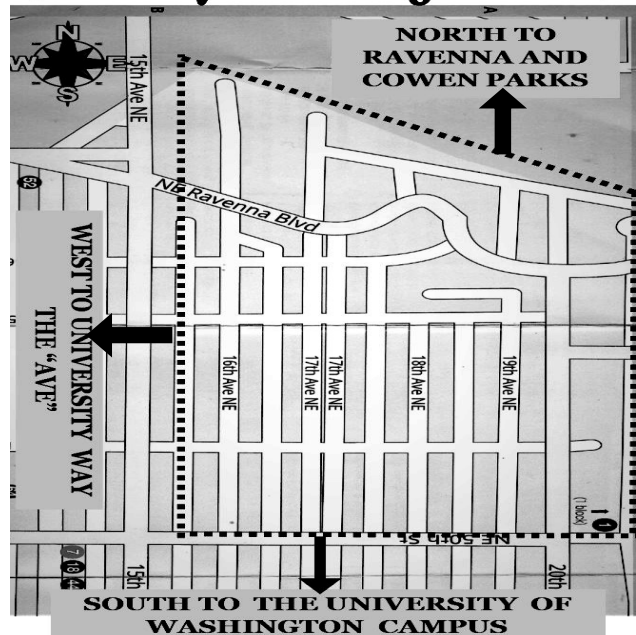
Let's continue to keep our community inviting, clean, and safe for all, including the passersby; as Seattle claims to be a pedestrian-friendly town, let's make University Park the most pedestrian –friendly neighborhood of the entire city!

HOW SEVERAL 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 boulevards 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/professor 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 was the intentional platting of very narrow lots, specifically designed to maximize profits and density. Fairly substantial houses were especially oriented to fit these relatively small lots. However, they were also designed to grace the wonderful streetscapes and invite the passersby to enjoy their journey— features we hope will be honored by future development.

University Park Neighborhood



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; fun, casual 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 electric-bike and scooters for a quick errand, a trip to the light rail station, an all-day adventure, and everything in between. Your choices are from 3 scooter brands and 2 bicycle brands, signified by color. You pick up the vehicle closest to you, ride it to where you want to go, and leave the bike for the next person to ride. You will need to download the company's app, and follow the instructions provided." (for more details and updates, please visit the city website: How to Use Scooter Share and Bike Share - Transportation | seattle.gov!)

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. Note such signals near the University Village.

BIKE REGULATIONS AND RULES OF ETIQUETTE - BUT SELF-DEFENSE TOO!

City regulations for cyclists SAFETY FIRST!

- ♦ **Okay to yield at STOP signs.** In Washington, it's acceptable to treat stop signs as yield signs when biking. People biking must still fully stop at traffic lights, stop signs on school buses, and stop signs at railroad crossings. This is to improve both safety and intersection efficiency.
- ♦ No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents him from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars, nor shall he operate the bicycle at any time without keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars.
- ♦ **Lighting:** a lamp on the front, visible for 500 feet and a red reflector on the seat, visible for up to 600 feet to the rear.
- ♦ All cyclists on a roadway or crosswalk must yield to pedestrians upon and along a crosswalk and must not dangerously cross the path of a vehicle. NOTE: Watch out when exiting or entering alleyways for cars, animals, and pedestrians!
- ♦ **Use of hand signals for turning is required, not suggested.** (ATTN: more information at <https://www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/programs/bike-program/rules-of-the-road>)

Is 2.7 miles across Lake Washington, from Montlake in Seattle to Medina on the Eastside. It also extends further east to Kirkland via bike lanes. The trail offers scenic views of the water, the Seattle skyline, and Mount Rainier on clear days.

- ♦ **THE AVE and its Underappreciated features (Part of the UDP—U District Partnership):**
 - University Heights Center and its diverse programs
 - Unexpected murals around many corners.
 - A comingling of multiple cultures/flavors/ sights/sounds/aromas
 - Year-round events, such as the Annual Street Festival; the \$4 Food Walk, the Cherry Blossom Festival; Seattle Boba Fest; and other smaller events.
 - Outdoor sidewalk cafes and eclectic shops by local owners.
- ♦ **University Branch Public Library:** closed for updates in 2025
- ♦ **History and Nature abound and surround:**
 - **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)
 - **The Arboretum:** a welcome oasis on the shores of Lake Washington. Jointly managed by the University of Washington Botanic Gardens and the City of Seattle, its 230 acres contain a dynamic assortment of plants, some found nowhere else in the Northwest. It also includes a Japanese Garden, which features stroll through gardens of the formal (shin) type built during the Momoyama Period (late 16th century) and early Edo Period (early 17th century).
 - **The NW room in the Suzzallo Library on Campus**
 - **The Burke Museum on campus:** With working labs you can see into, one-of-a-kind objects all around you, and galleries filled with curiosity and conversation, at the Burke, you see—and feel—a world alive. The Burke Museum is located on the University of Washington campus in Seattle with a focus on dinosaurs, fossils, Northwest Native art, plant and animal collections, and cultural pieces from across the globe.
 - **Woodland Park Zoo:** 5500 Phinney Ave N, Seattle, WA 98103
 - **MOHAI (Museum of History and Industry):** By collecting and preserving artifacts and stories of the Puget Sound region's diverse history, MOHAI highlights our tradition of innovation and imagination. Through compelling exhibits, scholarship, education, public programs, and community engagement, MOHAI bridges the past, present, and future. 860 Terry Ave N, Seattle WA, 98109
 - **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; and 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>

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 may be uniform in scale, but NOT in design, making for lovely and inviting streetscapes. It is interesting to note that while Seattle now views our single family residential area as low density and underutilized, it fails to recall that, early in the 19th Century, its lots were purposefully made narrow to increase the density per city block. One example of a style found here is the Dutch Colonial style; these homes were actually turned on end to fit the limited widths of their properties.

Even the City Map website summarizes the University Park and the University District thusly: *“The University District, a group of neighborhoods in Seattle, was named after the main campus of the University of Washington (UW), when it rose up two years after the area was seized by Seattle, (on land that was clear cut forest or stump farms.). “The neighborhood district grew alongside the institution to resemble a miniature version of major American cities.”* (Source: <https://www.mapofseattle.com>)

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: playgrounds, tennis courts, ballfields and a large picnic area. The trails are open to walkers, hikers, runners, pets, and cyclists. Fauna include sparrows, seagulls, finches and crows, as well as the urban squirrel, the bunny rabbits, and coyotes. The heavily forested ravine is crossed high above by a pedestrian-only bridge on 20th Ave NE. now closed off, since it can support no 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: A fantastic new waterfront park, running along Portage Bay at the foot of Brooklyn Ave NE.

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.
- ♦ **A HIDDEN SURPRISE - OUR 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? (A P Patch also!)
- ♦ **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, and NE 45th and NE 47th streets, just north of Campus. Note that one old Sorority is in our U Park Neighborhood! (17th & NE 50th)

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 a Seattle's city dump turned it into landfill in the 1960s.
- ♦ **Whole Foods at 1026 NE 64th:** The last word in upscale natural foods, it is located in Roosevelt Square.
- ♦ **Safeway on Brooklyn Ave NE:** Newly reopened with an apartment complex above it and a main staple for local residents, within walking distance.
- ♦ **Trader Joe's at 4555 Roosevelt Way NE:** They have natural foods at bargain prices. Lots of unique Christmas treats and decorations, plus inexpensive greeting cards.
- ♦ **University District Food Bank @ 5017 Roosevelt Way NE:** In addition to a wonderful healthy array of food, it links customers to important resources and services, helping them toward self-sufficiency.

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 have been 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. Three nearby stations include the U-District station (on Brooklyn Ave NE); the Roosevelt Station (on NE 65th); and the Northgate Station—all of which lead south, to Capital Hill, downtown, and Sea-Tac airport; and north, to Northgate, Lynnwood, and places beyond!

- ♦ For Routes: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/transportation/metro.aspx>
- ♦ For Planning: <http://tripplanner.kingcounty.gov/>, or go to <http://tripplanner.kingcounty.gov/hiwire?.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/ They are a valued part of the ORCA system.

FUN DESTINATIONS TO EXPLORE

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 rail of the Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern Railway (SLS&E); and these trains continued to roll past the University Village and around Lake Washington into the 1960's, stopping traffic at the University Village and providing fun Christmas trips with local personalities.
- ♦ **The 520 Bridge Trail:** This pedestrian and bicycle pathway has been completed across the 520 floating bridge and trail users can ride from Montlake Boulevard near the University of Washington, across Lake Washington. 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.

Did you know that... The 520 Bike and Pedestrian Trail is part of the loop of recreational trails that connect Seattle, Bellevue, Redmond and Bothell. The path goes past several local parks, residential areas, commercial centers and also past corporations such as the Microsoft campus. The 520 Bike and Pedestrian Trail is 11 miles long. It stretches from the eastern side of Seattle to Downtown Redmond. The trail

VEHICLE LICENSING (cont.) The nearest office in our district is at the University License Agency: 5615 Roosevelt Way 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 are the following: near fire hydrants, on the front or side yards (off the driveway), in disability spaces (the fine is well over \$400, even with partial infringement), and too close to 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 (now digitally recorded—no more 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. Also, guest passes area available. For more information, please visit this website: <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/programs/parking-program/restricted-parking-zone-program>

TRASH, YARD WASTE, AND RECYCLING: Trash and yard waste are collected on Mondays, 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—to keep our alleys and streetscapes safe and clean. BEWARE of crows, seagulls, racoons, etc.!

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, continuing 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

- ◆ **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>
- ◆ **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
- ◆ **University District Farmers (founded in 1993):** 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> (sign up for e-newsletters of special events and classes)

MOVIE THEATRES/RENTALS

- ◆ **The Varsity (206-632-2267) on NE 43rd and the Ave:** The Varsity Theatre, located in Seattle's University District, has been operating as a movie theatre since 1940, when it only had one screen. The Varsity Theatre prides itself on showing a variety of contemporary and mainstream movies, independent films, documentaries, and avant-garde art performances, and also offers showings from Fathom Events. Here is their website: <https://farawayentertainment.com/location/varsity-theatre/>
- ◆ **Scarecrow Video (www.scarecrowvideo.org/) 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; and educational and culturally relevant programming. (Please show your support for their worthy cause.)
- ◆ **Floyd and Delores Jones Playhouse at 4045 University Way:** Originally a storehouse, it was remodeled into a theater in 1930 as the Seattle Repertory Playhouse—the very first state-sponsored theater in the nation. It was also home to WPA projects and the Negro Federal Theater Projects. Its website through the University of Washington: drama.washington.edu
- ◆ **The Meany Center on the UW Campus:** website: www.meanycenter.org. The Meany Center for the Performing Arts fosters innovative performances that advance public engagement, cultural exchange, creative research, and learning through the arts.

- ♦ **The Neptune Theatre (1303 NE 45th St; (206) 682-1414.** Formerly known as U-Neptune Theatre, this is a performing arts/concert venue in the University District neighborhood and part of www.stgprepresents.org, which includes the 5th Ave. Theatre, etc.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS

Our assigned neighborhood schools are officially (2026) the following:

- Laurelhurst Elementary
- Bryant Elementary
- Green Lake Elementary
- Eckstein Middle School
- Hamilton Intl. Middle School
- Roosevelt High School
- Lincoln High Schools

NOTE: Multiple choices for each school level means that not all children of the same age in our neighborhood will be attending the same school.

**Check out the option schools at
Service and Option Schools - Seattle Public Schools**

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 in 1975 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
 - **\$20.00 annual dues have been suspended.**
- ♦ **On-going efforts of UPCC:**
 - Monitoring city and state legislation: eg, Zoning/code changes.
 - Monitoring violations and suspicious activities.
 - Creating a true sense of community.
 - Period informative and fact-filled newsletters.
- ♦ **Long-term relationships with other organizations:** The University District Community Council (UVDCC); 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) (not recognized by City)
- ♦ **Anniversary: UPCC Marks its 50th Anniversary in 2025. YEAH!**
- ♦ **Seeking new board members, active volunteers and a renewed sense of purpose:** Please email the secretary at upark.secretary@gmail.com.
- ♦ **Chronic UW student issues?:** contact us for a “Student Etiquette” flyer—a product of the “North of 45th Working Group”.

VITAL INFORMATION FOR THE NEW NEIGHBOR

UW Community Standards and Student conduct:
for reporting via 206-685-6194 or cssc@uw.edu (See page 16)

**Be proactive; don’t assume someone else will take care of it.
Contact UW for student parties.**

Website: Noise Complaints - Police | seattle.gov

SEATTLE NOISE ORDINANCE: Seattle Municipal Code, SMC, Chapter 25.08. Loud House Parties (Residential Disturbances)

Noise is unlawful if: there is a gathering of more than one person; noise is frequent, repetitive or continuous; noise can be heard at a distance of 75 feet from the property; noise is coming from property in a residentially zoned area; noise is occurring between the hours of 10 PM - 7 AM on Fridays, or 11 PM - 7 AM on Saturdays.

What can be done legally?: Officers can issue a civil infraction with a fine of \$250; A second noise in 24 hours could lead to criminal charges. For tenants, the landlord will be notified.

Practical advice: For chronic party homes, contact them first, unless it is uncomfortable for you. But DO NOT hesitate to call 911, if there is violence or vandalism. Note that noise calls have a low priority Use the non-emergency number (206-625-5011) for follow-up calls, parking complaints and such. Also, try asking these neighbors for a contact phone number for future parties.

ILLEGAL DUMPING: This chronic issue is expanding throughout our neighborhood. With the initiative of “North of 45th”, the UW and the Seattle Public Utilities are now being proactive in monitoring the more prevalent sites, in order to keep our neighborhood clean and safe. **(see “Find It and Fix It” on page 15 ; or call (206) 684-0228)**

RENTAL PROPERTIES AND THE RRIO: Many of the area’s landlords run responsible rental businesses and maintain their properties. 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. Note that renters must be made aware of their rights by a posted, current RRIO Certificate. **PLEASE help us report violations; but the actual report must come from the tenants themselves!**

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.