

# UNIVERSITY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD SEASONAL EDITION 2025

Seasons may come and go,  
but not our  
University Park Community Club?



Representing our neighborhood  
since 1975 - 50 years

## UPCC BOARD MEMBERS 2026?

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Where is your name? How do you want to contribute?  
Can we count on you?

# University District in the Past



**Share your memories of  
our Neighborhood!**

Source of photo  
An early Seafair Kiddy Parade,  
looking east on 45th.  
<https://pauldorpat.com/>

## How many of you recall these treasured memories?

- ♦ **Who remembers Homecoming Week in the 60s?** The sororities and fraternities would create large displays and fun activities in their front yards every year during Homecoming Week. There were competitions among the various exhibits. Families came from all around for these events, walking up and down the various streets to enjoy the displays. Some of the displays looked like GIANT RUBE GOLDBERG CONTRAPTIONS. No problem with drinking and rowdiness. Just fun times.
- ♦ Professor Trevor Kincaid (He has a campus building in his honor): He was an entomologist who studied the bugs that were attracted by his wife, who was a botanist.
- ♦ The Seattle-Lake Shore-Eastern Snohomish Rail travel past the University Village during the 50s and early 60s. We often had to wait for the train to pass by before we could drive or ride our bikes along 25th Ave NE to the Village shops.  
**Question: Do you know what has replaced it? Send me your guesses!**
- ♦ How many of you remember that we had a beautiful Cafeteria on University Way? It was called Mannings Cafeteria—part of a chain that was started in Pikes Place in 1908. It had the most delicious dessert! (I ought to know, because my Armenian grandpa always took me there!)

**A place for your  
own memories!**



**By the Way... HOW DO YOU "PEDISTRIAN"?**

**Skipping? Hopping? Dancing? Pausing to watch? Check out the next three pages.**



# U Park - in Spring and Summer

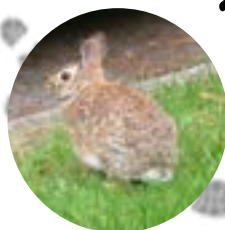
## - An excellent time to walk our neighborhood!



**Professor Trevor Kincaid,  
bug specialist,  
lived on our block!**



**19th Ave NE  
& NE 52nd Street  
OVER  
1200 steps!**





# U Park - the Most Pedestrian Friendly Neighborhood in SEATTLE!

**Dean Reilly**  
dean of arts and sciences  
in the 1970s  
lived on this block!



**19th Ave NE  
& NE 50th Street  
OVER 1000 steps!**





# Autumn in University Park

## SPLASH SPLASH

Jump for joy!

Love the Colors!!

*"Who has seen the wind?*

*Neither I nor you:*

*But when the Leaves hang trembling,  
The wind is passing through."*

Don't Slip!

Breathe in the fresh air!

STOMP

INTO FUN!

Smile - you are a  
U Park neighbor





# WINTER

a good time to reflect on  
**HOW TO...**

**... encourage  
families  
to move into  
our family-friendly U Park?**

**QUESTION:  
What is the  
sound of  
one hand  
clapping?**

**No sound at all?  
No action at all?**

**Let's instead  
lift up our HANDS  
and work together!**



**... preserve our  
Neighborhood's  
history,  
character,  
and architecture?**

**... reenergize  
and refocus  
our Communnity  
Club???**



## A personal message from Secretary, Aileen M. Langhans

### How can we celebrate our neighborhood in 2026?

Place a sign in your yard -  
the year your house was built!

Encourage families and long-term tenants  
to move in!

Let's keep our neighborhood

the most pedestrian-friendly!

Let's decide on a neighborhood  
plant for everyone's yard?

The FUTURE is ours to determine?

Keep our entrances inviting to  
all passersby!

**Now let's get serious!**

Dear University Park neighbors,

After attending numerous open houses regarding the Latest Update of the Seattle Comp plan, three things became clear to me:

- ♦ Given recent history, these revisions will never end. Every year there is a new effort. Thanks to an aggressive takeover by the State Government giving it statewide control of zoning and code regulations plus oversight, Seattle is now forced to abide by its top-down, centralized, and uniform legislation (or did Seattle fold willingly), through intricate, convoluted and unending regulations! It's a power grab!
- ♦ We cannot rely on obtaining the truth from Planning Department employees who fail to refer to actual regulations; rather, they express their own interpretations/speculations in real time and inconsistently from one another. I have observed this several times. For instance, there seems to be no hard fast rule regarding Transition Zones. This vagueness (or loophole) allows the City to make conflicting determinations regarding various proposed developments—those that further their own priorities.
- ♦ In spite of the new OneSeattlePlan grid of complexities that are to direct future growth in U Park, we still have more control than we knew: We just need to realize that the City cannot force us to abide by these latest maximum density, height, and bulk models. Even a Planning Department employee inferred this when I spoke with him.

Now is the perfect time for a retrospective assessment of our past and a recommitment to the future integrity of our neighborhood. But, we are only able to accomplish our goals when we are committed to working together. Therefore each of us must answer this question: Should we reorient our future priorities to simpler causes, such as safety, a community spirit, and social gatherings? OR, should we remain proactive as we guard our neighborhood against outside intrusions from the City, the UW and developers seeking to change the identity and character of University Park? Are you willing to actively participate in these efforts—perhaps even as an elected board?

**One person ( me) cannot carry on alone anymore. So please reflect on the future of UPCC at this pivotal point, as we butt up against not just the City Government, but also the University of Washington and aggressive speculators.**

Thank you for your support and enthusiasm, Aileen M. Langhans, secretary and editor  
Contact: upark.secretary@gmail.com or 206-595-0656 (my landline)

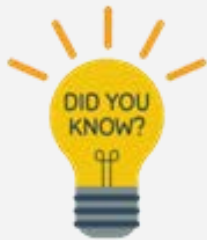




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## PLEASE REMAIN ALERT we need more LERTS!

As you should realize, the small board of UPCC cannot be everywhere or hear everything, so we need all members and residents to keep eyes and ears alert to their surroundings and be proactive to protect the safety for ALL:



Did you know that UPCC (University Park Community Club) has a guide for life in the University Park neighborhood covering all sorts of topics? Make sure you have the latest 2025 edition. ( or more for new friends.)

Here below is a directory of information from the last page, including the directions for informing the University of Washington about unruly behavior (even if the SPD and UWPD won't assist us).



DEPARTMENT	MISC. INFORMATION	PHONE #
<b>UW Office for Community Standards &amp; Student Conduct (CSSC)</b>  <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>	<b>email: <a href="mailto:CSSC@uw.edu">CSSC@uw.edu</a>; 206-685-6194; link to the CSSC website and indecent report</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <a href="https://www.washington.edu/cssc/for-students/student-code-of-conduct/">https://www.washington.edu/cssc/for-students/student-code-of-conduct/</a></li> <li>♦ <a href="https://washington-advocate.symplicity.com/public_report/index.php/pid817432">https://washington-advocate.symplicity.com/public_report/index.php/pid817432</a></li> </ul>	
RPZ Parking Permits for parking violations	Restrictive Parking Zone under the Transportation Department	206-684-5086
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
Find it—Fix it - report in real time: pot hole, sign damage, abandoned vehicles, etc.	<a href="https://www.seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau/find-it-fix-it-mobile-app">https://www.seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau/find-it-fix-it-mobile-app</a> . <b>This REALLY Works!</b>	Use your cell phone and camera to report



## The 2025 Season of Cheer: Candy Cane Lane in Ravenna

The lights and decorations of Candy Cane Lane are here already!!! Candy Cane Lane is a circle of houses all decked out for the holidays, located on Park Road NE off of NE Ravenna Blvd.

The first night of lights is Saturday, December 6, and the last night is Thursday, January 1, 2026. The hours for viewing the lights are from 4:00 PM to 9:30 PM, with extended hours until 11:00 PM on Fridays and Saturdays.

You are encouraged to bring food donations (canned food or dry food like spaghetti boxes) for the Food Bank barrel at the end of the lane.

These beautiful houses on Park Road NE, were developed in the 1920s under a master architectural plan, which gives the area a sense of purpose and historical perspective that continues to this day. The site was owned by the Beck family who developed the Ravenna neighborhood.

Come with family and friends, new and old, to enjoy this decades-long tradition during the Festive Season. Perhaps snowflakes will grace the trees and bring rosy cheeks to our children.



### 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. **Contact the secretary, Aileen Langhans, by email to receive all the copies you need (see below)**

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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**Remember: University Park is NOT part of the U District or the UW!  
We are a unique residential neighborhood, with our OWN future to secure.**