

University Park Neighborhood Outreach April 2026

Welcome Sweet
Springtime
We greet thee
in Song



Let's support the
University District
Food Bank!

FOOD & FUNDS DRIVE

EVERY SECOND SUNDAY
03.08.26 TO 06.14.26

2 TO 5 PM
RAIN OR SHINE

DROP-OFF LOCATION

University Unitarian Church
6556 35th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98115

March 8
April 12
May 10
June 14



Pop-Up Food Drive in Support of the University District Food Bank

Due to the recent increase in demand, food banks are facing significant challenges. Join us in our effort to ensure that our neighbors have access to essential food supplies. Remember, no one should have to face hunger!

Can't make it?
You can always donate!
udistrictfoodbank.org/donate



ITEMS NEEDED

- Canned Food
- Baby Formula & Food
- Canned Vegetables
- Kid's Food
- Canned Fish
- Grains & Pasta
- Nuts & Seed Butters
- Cooking Oil
- Menstrual Products

A NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE:

An idea to help foster a sense of community

Seeking Volunteers to organize
another yard sale this Spring
and help spread the word
(call me at 206-595-0656)



An Open House Invitation to our Neighborhood from the University Lutheran Church

Our church has been wrapped up as we completed our \$11 million building refurbishment of meeting spaces and community spaces. From the exterior, you'll see that we have changed our entrance by adding a new courtyard and bell tower. On the inside, we have beautiful new spaces for meetings, presentations, concerts and other events, such as wedding receptions--with audio/visual support and a commercial kitchen. The church hosted monthly UPCC meetings for a long time in past. We are excited about these renovations and would like to share what we have done with the University Park community. We really would like our building to be a gathering place and source for the neighborhood. We'd love to have our neighbors drop by.

More information to come!

Let's revitalize our University Park Community Club

Dear neighbors,

It is so past the time when we need to rejuvenate our Neighborhood as a true community. The Covid years caused much separation, but let's not waste any time reuniting and reaching out to new residents. Now that we have a place to connect at the University Lutheran Church, let's create a group to determine future meetings, especially our long-overdue Annual Meeting and Board Election. But fear not, the future of the club is in all of our hands--its purpose, its goals and its outreach.

As secretary of the UPCC, I can no longer do this by myself. That is why there are so few newsletters. SORRY!

Here are some new and old ideas: our traditional picnic; membership meetings each quarter, to include children and perhaps the UW students. One idea I have is to have a HOPSCOTCH weekend. Everyone is invited to draw a complex Hopscotch Design in front of their homes, and have all passersby try to master them and have fun at the same time~. **The most creative design will receive a prize. Let's get to know each other at the same time. We could even combine this with a yard sale and picnic, too! What do you think?**

*Send your ideas to me, Aileen Langhans, UPCC secretary, aileenmargaret@yahoo.com! Think BIG!
Be CREATIVE! (send me your address and I will mail you a copy of our neighborhood booklet)*

A Message from University Heights: Our Playground Needs a Refresh. Can You Help?

Our outdoor playground has brought joy to kids ages 2-12 for over a decade, and now it's time to give it some love. We're collecting donations to upgrade the space with new equipment and furnishings, and we'd love your help making it happen.

We're accepting the following donated items (gently used is welcome!):

- ♦ **Jungle gym or outdoor playsets**
- ♦ **Sandbox**
- ♦ **Outdoor toys**
- ♦ **Outdoor furniture for kids**



To coordinate a good drop-off or ask questions, please email Angela Mercado, our Executive Director, at angela@uheightscenter.org. To make a monetary donation online, visit uheightscenter.org/donate-26 and designate your gift with the word "playground".

OUR LOCAL YMCA Needs our help!

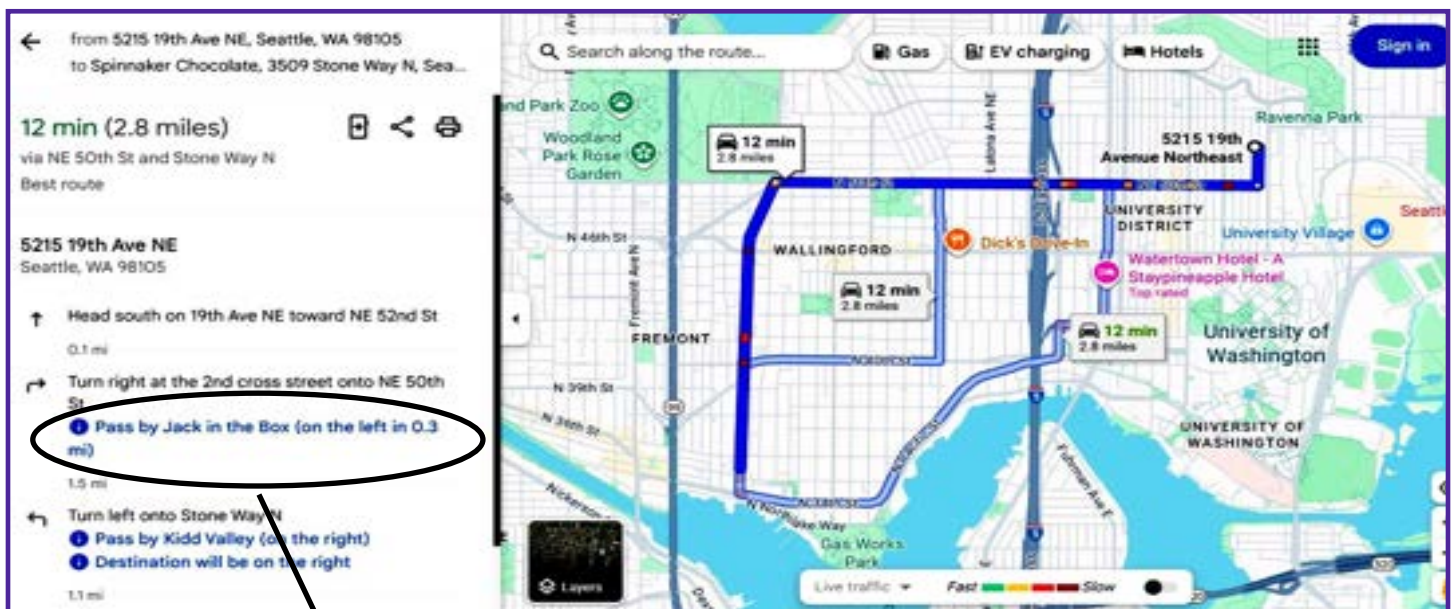
- ♦ **Did you know that the local YMCA has not been expanded significantly since our youth? The worst in the City!**
- ♦ **Did you know that its block was generously upzoned along with the U District years ago for major improvements, including a pool?**
- ♦ **Do you realize how stable, community-based organizations, such as the YMCA, could become a wonderful asset for families seeking neighborhoods, such as ours, in which to raise their children?**
- ♦ **Why weren't the major developers in the new U District encouraged/required to contribute to these efforts?**

Now, how can we successfully promote this cause by encouraging the City of Seattle and the Seattle YMCA to follow through on any planned expansion, thus providing permanent amenities for incoming families, and not just benefits for UW students?

How will this achieve a greater diversity of local residents beyond the current transient population?



The Silly Corner



**NOTE: Previous search directions had Jack-in-the-Box as a landmark!
Now what will they do?**

UPCC BOARD MEMBERS 2026

Dave Rodgers

Ray Kraft - Treasurer and Website Manager

Aileen Langhans - Secretary

Kent Wills

Mary Louis

Where is your name?

How do you wish to contribute?

Can we count on you?

