

# **Post Walk Updates**

Belltown Find It, Fix It Community Walk June 28, 2016









# **Letter from Mayor Murray**



September 7, 2016

Dear Belltown Neighbors:

I am happy to be able to share with you this first report back to the community on what has taken place since the Belltown Find It, Fix It Community Walk in June. My goals for this report are to not only provide information on successes that we have achieved to date but also identify ongoing issues and helpful resources to address those issues in continued collaboration with the

This walk was a success due to the consistent support of community members and Find It, Fix It Community Walk Partners who provided input during the planning stages, invited neighbors to the event, joined the walk, or contributed in other ways.

I would like to recognize and thank all of the people and organizations who participated in the Belltown Find It, Fix It Community Walk: the Belltown Community Council and Belltown Business Association for providing time during meetings to discuss and plan the walk; community members Dean McColgan, Terique Scott, Jane Savard, Charlotte Wheelock, David Levinson, Chris Gorley, Carolyn Geise, Evan Clifthorne, and Tom Graff, for speaking and sharing their experiences along the walk; City of Seattle Department Directors and staff who attended the walk and who have worked to answer the community's questions and address the needs brought up at the Belltown Find It, Fix It Community Walk; Councilmember Sally Bagshaw for representing this neighborhood and for attending the event; and Public Health -Seattle & King County and Downtown Seattle Association's Metropolitan Improvement District for sending representatives to the walk.

Thanks also to our Find It, Fix It Community Walks Partners who helped make the Belltown walk possible: Cities of Service, Starbucks, City Arts Magazine, Green Seattle Partnership, Public Health - Seattle & King County, Puget Sound Energy, Street Bean, and the Belltown Community Center.

I look forward to continuing to build upon the partnerships made and strengthened through the Belltown Find It, Fix It Community Walk as we work together towards solutions.

Sincerely,

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On June 28, 2016, Mayor Ed Murray led the 16th Find It, Fix It Community Walk in Belltown. Over 75 community members and representatives from 15 City departments attended the walk to discuss public safety issues in the neighborhood and to highlight positive aspects of the community. This report summarizes all of the City's current responses to Belltown community concerns and questions brought up during the Find It, Fix It Community Walk process.

# Find It, Fix It Mobile App Fixes

Below are the updates for the Find It, Fix It Mobile Application requests sent in during and following the walk in Belltown.

Don't have the Find It, Fix It App? Android users can download the app from the Google Play Store: <u>https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gov.seattle.searequests</u> and iPhone users can download it from the App Store: <u>https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/find-it-fix-it/id568509551?mt=8</u>.

Democrad Cidewall		C/20/4C. Acabaltabias	
<b>Damaged Sidewalk</b> Repair damaged sidewalk 55 BELL ST, SEATTLE, WA 98121	Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)	<b>6/30/16:</b> Asphalt shim completed. A shim is typically a wedge or other small layer of asphalt used to fill a gap or bridge a difference in elevation between two surfaces.	Complete
<b>Parking</b> Incorrect sign. Conflicting restrictions. 69 EAGLE ST	SDOT	<b>8/2/16:</b> Complete. Upon inspection, it was determined that the sign information did not conflict.	Complete
Inspection Sidewalk segment needs grinding on corner. Trip hazard. 2235 2ND AVE, SEATTLE, WA 98121	SDOT	<b>7/27/16:</b> We installed an asphalt shim for safety and topped off a tree pit with rock at this location.	Complete
Maintenance Overgrown vegetation severely dimin- ishing already dangerous sight lines entering Highway 99 northbound into Battery St. Tunnel 2319 1ST AVE, SEATTLE, WA 98121	SDOT	<b>7/21/16:</b> The overgrown vegetation was trimmed by a hand mower to improve sight visibility.	Complete
<b>Graffiti Report</b> Remove graffiti 2313 3RD AVE, SEATTLE, WA 98121	Seattle Public Utilities (SPU)	<b>7/8/16:</b> Created a work order and mailed 1st letter to property owner. Due for in- spection 7/13. <b>8/3/16:</b> Graffiti removed.	Complete
<b>Graffiti Report</b> Remove graffiti 2505 2ND AVE, SEATTLE, WA 98121	SPU	<ul> <li>7/8/16: Sent out 1st letter to property owner. Inspection of property due 7/13.</li> <li>8/3/16: Inspector sent customer 2nd notifi- cation on 7/15.</li> <li>9/7/16: Graffiti removal confirmed.</li> </ul>	Complete
Unauthorized Camping Trespassing and vandalizing public art area with fence destroyed 2302 WESTERN AVE, SEATTLE, WA 98121	Seattle Police Departments (SPD)	<b>8/4/16:</b> This encampment was cleaned up by the West Community Police Team (CPT) in mid-July and a check on 7/25 showed that it had not returned.	Complete
Dim lighting and overgrown foliage at 1 <sup>st</sup> and Vine	Seattle City Light (SCL)/SDOT	<ul> <li>6/30/16: SCL converted the lights to LED on 1st from Vine to Cedar and on Vine from 1st to 3rd.</li> <li>8/22/16: All tree related illumination issues in the vicinity of 1st and Vine were cleared by the SDOT Urban Forestry crew.</li> </ul>	Complete

# **Community Project Grants**

Community members submitted four Find It, Fix It Community Project Grant applications for Belltown. The selection committee granted funds to three projects. Over the next few months, the project leads will collaborate with the City and the Belltown community to complete these projects.

### **Project 1: Increase Vibrancy of Belltown P-Patch Community Garden**

Who: Belltown P-Patch Gardeners

What: The goals of this project are to:

- 1. Increase the healthiness of the soil and increase the number of plants bordering the P-Patch.
- 2. Keep stairs on the north border of the garden swept.
- 3. Restore the small garden mural without greatly altering original gardener/artist's painting.

Why: The project aims to help the Belltown P-Patch by making the boundaries immediately around it more organic and green with healthy soil and more plants near the boulders and cement alley. The intent is that the greenness will overpower the cement.

When: August and September 2016

#### **OPPORTUNITY TO GET INVOLVED:**

WORK PARTY — SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 10:00AM-1:00PM AT THE BELLTOWN P-PATCH

### **Project 2: Bell Street Park Banners**

Who: Friends of Belltown Parks

What: Sixteen wayfinding banners designed by Art Institute students will be installed on light poles in Bell Street Park.

Why: According to research, defining a community strengthens the connection between people and the places they share. It is more than just promoting better urban design. Placemaking facilitates creative patterns of use, paying particular attention to the physical, cultural, and social identities that define a place and support its ongoing evolution. The outcome will create quality public spaces that contribute to people's health, happiness, and well-being.

When: Fall 2016 (or) when permits are approved

## **Project 3: Belltown Emergency Hub**

#### Who: Belltown Community Council

What: A storage container holding portable shelters, administrative supplies, limited emergency supplies, a tamper-resistant storage unit, installation of that storage unit, and appropriate signage permanently located in Belltown.

Why: The intent of Emergency Hub is to provide a place for the community to gather in the event of a disaster in order to exchange information about needs and resources.

When: Fall 2016 (or) when appropriate location is confirmed

Updated 9/14/2016

# Sidewalks

Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) released a draft of the **Pedestrian Master Plan (PMP)** for public comment in early July. The Plan identifies priority locations for pedestrian improvements throughout the city over the next 20 years based on a citywide analysis of data related to the plan goals of Vibrancy (demand), Safety, Equity, and Health. Because SDOT can only afford to build or improve a certain number of sidewalks or crossings each year, the intent is to focus resources in areas where conditions are difficult and where people need to be able to walk the most.

SDOT collected public input, including feedback on the Plan's proposed prioritization methodology, the Priority Investment Network, and other strategies included in the Plan (including low-cost walking improvements). The full public review draft (as well as additional project information) is available online at <u>http://</u> <u>www.seattle.gov/transportation/pedMasterPlan.htm</u>, as well as at all public libraries. You can also sign up to receive project notifications at the webpage listed above. Public comments will be used to develop the Mayor's recommended plan that will go to City Council for review and adoption.



Photo Credit: Councilmember Sally Bagshaw's Office

#### **Damaged Sidewalks**

A little known fact about sidewalk repair in Seattle is that maintenance is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner unless the sidewalk has been damaged by the City (a City-maintained tree or City crews). Like many other cities, Seattle's laws require that adjacent property owners keep their sidewalks in good repair and safe for public travel. This means keeping the sidewalk clear from vegetation overgrowth, snow and ice accumulation, as well as making repairs to the sidewalks when damaged. Additional information can be found here: <a href="http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/cams/CAM2208.pdf">http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/cams/CAM2208.pdf</a>.

In addition to sidewalk repairs by property owners, SDOT carries out a large number of projects through our Sidewalk Repair Program. More information on this program is available here: <u>http://www.seattle.gov/</u> <u>transportation/sidewalkrepair.htm</u>.

If you would like to report specific locations that are in need of maintenance, you can report them by calling the SDOT Road Line at (206) 684-ROAD (7623) or by filling out an online form at <a href="http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/potholereport.htm">http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/potholereport.htm</a>. SDOT crews will then perform any temporary repairs needed at that location and notify the property owner of their responsibility to repair the sidewalk.

# **Pedestrian Safety**

### Are there ways to make the streets safer for pedestrians?

Yes, in addition to the 2nd Avenue Safety Project and the 3rd Avenue Transit Corridor Improvements currently scheduled for construction in Belltown, there are several other options that neighbors can pursue to make streets safer for pedestrians in their neighborhood, including:

#### 1) Conduct a speed study

Residents have access to radar equipment available for checkout at our neighborhood service centers (<u>http://www.seattle.gov/customer-service-centers</u>). More information about checking out the radar gun can be found at Neighborhood Traffic Calming page at <u>http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/ntcp\_calming.htm</u>.

#### 2) Report incidents to the police

The decision to make traffic calming measures is made around the need to improve safety. SDOT uses collision data that is reported to the police to prioritize projects.

#### 3) Get in touch with your local neighborhood/community council

Connecting with your neighborhood council is a great way to gauge what type of support you have for proposals and to gain support from others as you begin to strategize solutions moving forward. Contacts can be found here: <u>http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/neighborhood-districts/downtown</u>.

#### 4) Apply for a Neighborhood Parks and Street Fund (NPSF) in 2017

The Neighborhood Parks & Street Fund Program is a funding resource for projects created by residents and businesses. If you have an idea for a project that addresses collision or speeding concerns, you can apply to the Neighborhood Park and Street Fund. This program funds requested and prioritized projects. Find more program information and an application here: <u>http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/neighborhood-park-and-street-fund</u>.

#### 5) Apply for a Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF)

This fund is highly recommended for developing neighborhood or street plans. It can also be used to install a traffic calming device if there is a documented problem. These funds help provide neighborhood groups with City resources for community-driven projects that enhance and strengthen their own neighborhoods. All projects are initiated, planned and implemented by community members in partnership with the City. Every award is matched by a neighborhood's or community's resources of volunteer labor, donated materials, donated professional services or cash. For more information, visit: <u>http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/neighborhood-matching-fund</u>.

#### 6) Apply for a Neighborhood Street Fund (NSF) in 2018

The NSF program pays for transportation projects identified and prioritized by the community. Projects range from crossing improvements to creating unique public spaces. NSF applications will be available again in 2018. Find out more information on this year's proposed projects at: <u>http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/nsf\_projects.htm</u>.

# Transportation

### Traffic

Seattle is experiencing an unprecedented amount of construction which boosts the economy in the longterm but can create difficult near-term challenges. We hear your frustration and want to share that SDOT is building a new program to better track and manage cumulative construction impacts.

The Access Seattle initiative to improve mobility during peak construction periods began with strategy development in late 2013. In early 2014, the Construction Hub Coordination Program launched, identifying areas of concentrated construction and assigning teams to assess public and private projects holistically. Site coordinators regularly check multiple project sites for potential mobility problems or permit violations; meet biweekly with contractors to educate, guide, and enforce as needed; and meet regularly with hub area businesses and residents to tackle specific concerns. The idea is to get everyone talking so potential problems are addressed before they occur.

When approving any permits or traffic control plans, public safety is SDOT's first priority. Regarding specific concerns about the road closure near 1821 Boren Avenue, this detour has been approved by our permitting specialists for underground utility work being done by Seattle Public Utilities (SPU). If you wish to obtain specific information about the project, you can contact SPU by calling (206) 684-3000.

### **2nd Avenue Safety Project**

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) is making traffic signal improvements and extending the two-way protected bike lane from Pike St to Denny Way. These improvements will organize the street and move people through the corridor more efficiently.

#### Features include:

- All traffic signals will be updated with new poles and signal heads and will have timing improvements to increase efficiency for people walking, biking, and driving through and around Belltown
- At the left turn intersections, signals will have a designated phase/arrow for drivers to turn left which separates drivers from people walking and biking
- Three new traffic signals at Cedar, Clay, and Vine streets will make for safer turns on and off of 2nd Ave and will make it easier for people to cross 2nd Ave
- A two-way protected bike lane will be added on the east side of the street including a 3-foot buffer with planters
- East side parking will be relocated outside of the protected bike lane, similar to the existing protected bike lane on 2nd Ave
- Curb bulbs on the east side of 2nd Ave will be removed to create space for the protected bike lane, with landscaping improvements and sidewalk spot repairs throughout the corridor

#### **Project schedule**

2016			2017				
Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall
Des	ign and contra	cting					
			Constructi	on			
Design and	construction o	outreach					

# **Transportation - Continued**

# **3rd Avenue Transit Corridor Improvements**

The 3rd Avenue Transit Corridor Improvements Project is part of a larger plan to create a vibrant, safe and thriving 3rd Avenue. It will improve transit function and create a more welcoming urban environment along the corridor between Denny Way and Jackson Street.



## **Belltown Transportation Questions Asked by You** Could automotive right on red be restricted in Belltown?

While SDOT doesn't have a request based program for right turn on red restrictions, it has programs that do evaluate the trade-offs involved. SDOT evaluated right turn on red restrictions in the urban core last year as one of our Vision Zero elements. Researchers looked at right turn on red restrictions as a potential tool for locations identified as having high pedestrian or bicycle collisions. SDOT also implemented right turn on red restrictions to help with vehicular flow at a few key intersections identified by our signals operation staff. In both cases, we are looking at the specific intersection characteristics including pedestrian volumes on each leg of the intersection, turning vehicle volume, sight lines, typical congestion levels, and collision frequency.

# Are there any plans to improve intersections that are difficult/unsafe to cross including 1st and Cedar, Broad and 2nd, or 2nd and Wall?

At this time, SDOT does not have any immediate plans for short-term safety projects at these locations. We have sent the list of specific locations to our transportation operations group for evaluation.

When we review such requests, we review data that may include, but is not limited to, speed limits, traffic volumes, reported collision history, road width, and visibility. This information is used to make decisions on whether or not new or additional engineering enhancements should be considered.

# Could the bus lane on Broad become a bus and 2+/3+ HOV lane to potentially help cut down traffic on the way to Aurora?

The bus lane on Broad Street extends from 3rd Avenue to 1st Avenue in the southwest direction. Approximately 138,000 annual trips on 11 routes operate along the Broad Street bus lane. This bus lane improves travel time reliability for those buses traveling through Belltown to lower Queen Anne, many of which suffer from on-time performance issues. To allow additional vehicles into that lane could detrimentally affect transit travel times for all trips operating along this pathway.

# **Miscellaneous Updates**

#### **Overgrown Vegetation**

Summer is a busy time of year for our Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) Urban Forestry teams. SDOT currently has a large work list of vegetation maintenance requests. While work orders are created when your requests are first submitted to SDOT, there could still be some time before this work occurs. The schedule of vegetation maintenance is dependent on multiple variables including crew and equipment availability. Changes to regulations in equipment and training for vegetation management, much of SDOT's vegetation work is currently on hold while we secure the newly required equipment.

#### The Intersection at 5th and Denny

Seattle City Light (SCL) had one light that was reported as dim and that the general area needed better lighting. The lights have been converted to LED. SDOT is exploring near-term, cost-effective solutions at this location utilizing the adaptive streets program. For more information about these projects, including what they look like, please visit: <u>http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/adaptivestreets.htm</u>.

#### Why is rubberized pavement a good option instead of dirt in tree pits?

The advantages of using this type of flexible porous material for tree pits include:

- Provides a safe, stable surface for pedestrians rather than having to walk around tree pits
- Allows air and water to pass into the soil
- Allows for continued growth of healthy street trees
- Avoids need for weed pulling or debris removal as required by open or grated tree pits
- Costs less than traditional tree grates



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### Seattle Police Department (SPD) West Precinct Updates

#### **Increased Police Presence**

Bicycle squads have been directed to increase deployments to the Belltown area during midday and evening shifts. The precinct is focusing on providing additional police presence on Friday and Saturday nights.

#### Efforts to deter illegal activity on 3rd Ave between Lenora and Virginia

Watch commanders are directing officers to walk to the area on foot to address these issues. Community concerns have been passed on to the SPD bicycle squads, as well.

# **Miscellaneous Updates - Continued**

#### **Affordable Housing**

The Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) encourages your participation in Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda (HALA) discussions. Visit <u>https://hala.consider.it/</u> to voice your opinions related to HALA and see what others have to say.

#### What are the future plans for the Belltown Community Center?

The Belltown Community Center lease runs through December 2018. Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR). is currently exploring options for the future of the center and no decisions have been made. The Center is also part of the larger conversation SPR is having with Seattle community members as part of the development of SPR's Community Center Strategic Plan, which was released September 1. The plan is posted at <u>http://www.seattle.gov/parks/projects/ccstrategicplan/</u>.



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# **Miscellaneous Updates - Continued**



The Wave Cave

The Office of Arts & Culture (Arts) is heading up an assessment of the colored lighting at the Wave Cave (NE corner of Western Ave and Bell St). Representatives will be out at the Wave Cave in September to evaluate the lighting's current state and potentially turn on the lights. Another community request regarding the Wave Cave is for the City to potentially remove the fencing around the art. After the lighting concern has been resolved, Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), Seattle Police Department (SPD), and Find It, Fix It Coordinators will discuss options for next steps for the fencing with the Belltown community.

#### **Exhaust Fan Smoke**

The following complaint was referred to Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) for follow-up: "An exhaust fan on the roof of the Hotel Max spews smoke (blue, gray/white in color) all day long. My office is...two blocks away and I see it every day out the window."

On August 5th, a PSCAA inspector called the Hotel Max general manager to alert her about the issue. The manager said the organization would complete monthly maintenance to ensure there would not be smoke coming from the building.

Photo Credit: Councilmember Sally Bagshaw's Office

#### New Recycling and Trash Receptacles in Belltown

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) surveyed Belltown for areas in need of litter and recycling receptacles. SPU put in a work order in late August to install 6 additional receptacles in Belltown at these locations:

- One litter and one recycling can on NE corner Wall St and 4th Ave
- One recycling can on SE corner of Wall St and 1st Ave
- One litter and one recycling can on SW corner of Blanchard St and 4th Ave
- One recycling can on NW corner of Lenora St and 1st Ave

#### **Growing Vine Street**

The concept designs for the 65 proposed Neighborhood Street Fund (NSF) projects, including the *Growing Vine Street Watershed Repairs and Public Art Landscape Upgrade*, are available online at <u>http://</u> <u>www.seattle.gov/transportation/nsf\_projects.htm</u>. The final selection for projects will take place in October. Stay tuned for more updates on this important project. <u>Updated 9/14/2016</u>

# **Belltown Parks**

## **Bell Street Park**

Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) is working in partnership with the community organization Friends of Belltown Parks (FoBP) to activate Bell Street park. Wifi in Bell Street Park is on FoBP's list of priorities. Implementation is projected for 2017.

There is no formal plan to remove cars from Bell Street Park between 1st and 5th. Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), however, has drafted a street concept plan in collaboration with the Amazon Block 21 project. The concept plan calls for transit to be phased off of Bell Street after the SR 99 tunnel's future north portal is complete. The phasing plan also takes into consideration short term loading with the assumption that it will be removed in the long term. The removal of transit on Bell Street will open up opportunities to provide additional opportunities for pedestrian focused improvements in Bell Street Park that are not offered today due to transit route accommodations.

## **Bell Street Park Extension**

There is a planned future extension of the Bell Street Park corridor to include the blocks between First Avenue and Elliott Avenue, to add landscaping, lighting, and more open space.

The redevelopment of the Battery Street site is a future partner project led by SPR and the Office of the Waterfront (OW) that will create an additional park space to serve the Belltown neighborhood.

For more information and updates on these OW plans, please visit: <u>http://waterfrontseattle.org/overview</u>.

For schedule and budget charts for current and future OW projects, please visit: <u>http://waterfrontseattle.org/</u> <u>budget-schedule</u>.

To provide input to OW or to sign up for email updates, please visit: <u>http://waterfrontseattle.org/contact-us</u>.

# **Regrade Dog Park**

# Are there any plans to improve the waste system in the summer months at the park? There is a very unpleasant odor especially in August.

Odor is a chronic problem in Off Leash Areas. Removing the concrete areas from the park and replacing them with gravel would likely improve the problem significantly by allowing for better drainage. This is not currently a funded project. However, the Draft Dog Off Leash Area Master Plan is currently available for public review and feedback and all comments are welcome. Go to <a href="http://www.seattle.gov/parks/projects/offleash/">http://www.seattle.gov/parks/projects/offleash/</a> to find out how to provide input.

#### **Planned and Completed Projects**

Minor maintenance work on the northern border of Regrade park will begin this fall. The wood retaining the pea gravel is going to be replaced with a taller concrete curb to provide better support.

Through a long lasting effort of the Downtown Seattle Association (DSA), SPR, Seattle nonprofit The World Is Fun, and Belltown community members, artist Cern aka Cernesto painted a mural in the Regrade Dog Park. The mural, painted in August, adds much needed art and color to the park. Check it out if you have not seen it yet!

# What do I do with needles, syringes, and other sharps?

Needles, syringes, and other sharps are considered biomedical waste and dangerous litter and require proper disposal. If you use or find sharps, information on how to properly dispose of used sharps is below:

### 4 Ways for Seattle Residents to Report Sharps on City Property

- 1. **Complete** an Illegal Dumping Report which you can find online at <u>www.seattle.gov/util/</u> <u>environmentconservation/ourcity/reportillegaldumping/</u>.
- 2. Call the illegal dumping hotline at (206) 684-7587 Monday to Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm.
- 3. **Report** sharps via the Find it, Fix it Mobile App: <u>www.seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau/find-it-fix-it-mobile-app</u>.
- Contact the Parks Maintenance Request Line to report sharps on City of Seattle parks grounds Monday to Friday, 7:00am-3:30pm, at (206) 684-7250. After hours, contact the Park Duty Officer at (206) 982-4583.

City staff can clean up discarded sharps in public areas but are unable to remove sharps from private property. If you are unsure if a discarded sharp is on public or private property call the Customer Service Bureau at (206) 684-2489 (CITY) for advice.

### **Tips for Picking up Sharps on Private Property**

If you find sharps on private property in your neighborhood, use these tips to maximize your safety:

- To pick up sharps more safely, you will need at least a **sharps container**, **gloves**, **a grabber tool**, and **closed-toe shoes**
- Treat all discarded sharps/needles as if contaminated.
- Never pick up discarded sharp/needles with your bare hands. Wearing **gloves** can protect against fluid contamination, but not punctures or cuts.
- Use a **tool**, like tongs, to pick up the sharp/needle.
- Always wear **closed-toe shoes** to protect your feet.
- Pick up the sharp/needle by the plastic end, pointing the sharp tip away from your body.
- Do not attempt to recap a syringe if found uncapped.
- Wash your hands with soap and water afterwards.

## **Tips for Disposing of Sharps from Private Property**

- Avoid walking a far distance holding a sharp/needle.
- Do not hold the container while placing the sharp inside. Instead, put the container on a stable surface.
- Place the needle point down into the sharps container.
- Securely place the lid on the container and ensure it is sealed.
- Hold the container by the top when carrying.

# What do I do with needles, syringes, and other sharps?

### Where to Dispose Sharps from Private Property

- In the City of Seattle, it is *illegal* to dispose of needles, lancets, and syringes in your regular garbage can or recycling container.
- If you do not have a sharps container, make one from an empty household container that cannot be punctured, stays upright, is made of heavy-duty plastic, does not leak, and that has a tight fitting lid.
- Do not use a milk container, glass container, water bottle, or soda can to make a sharps container.
- If you make your own sharps container, clearly label the container "SHARPS, DO NOT RECYCLE."
- Bring sharps containers to South Recycling and Disposal Station (130 S Kenyon Street) from 8:00am-5:30pm 7 days a week. It is free to dispose of 1 sharps container per trip.
- Check with your pharmacy or healthcare provider to dispose of sharps containers.

# In Belltown, a syringe container drop box is available 24 hours a day at the Downtown Public Health Center at 2124 4th Avenue, Seattle.

### **Questions on sharps disposal?**

Visit <u>www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/communicable/hiv/resources/disposal.aspx</u> or call Seattle-King County Public Health at (206) 263-2000.



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# **Community Contacts and Resources**

Below are contacts related to this report and to your neighborhood:

# **Belltown Business Association**

Website: <u>http://belltownba.org/</u>

### **Belltown Community Council**

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/belltowncc

### **Friends of Bell Street Park**

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Bell-Street-Park-842378005787096/

#### **Friends of Historic Belltown**

Website: http://friendsofhistoricbelltown.org/wp/

### My Belltown: A Community Managed News Blog

Website: http://mybelltown.com/

## **Questions on Find It, Fix It Community Projects?**

Belltown P-Patch Project: Contact Christine Federhart at <u>federhart@hotmail.com</u>, (206) 379-1519
 Bell Street Park Banners: Contact Jane Savard at <u>jane@janesavard.com</u>, (206) 669-1921
 Belltown Emergency Hub: Contact Andy Peck at <u>smurfjet@netzero.com</u>, (425) 228-7395

## **Neighborhood District Coordinator**

Laurie Ames, <u>Laurie.Ames@seattle.gov</u>, Office: (206) 684-0320, Cell: (206) 510-3033 Website: <u>http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/neighborhood-district-coordinators</u>

## Seattle Police Department West Precinct

Website: http://www.seattle.gov/police/precincts/west/about.htm

### **2nd Ave Safety Project**

Website: http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/2ndavepbl\_belltown.htm#lib

## **3rd Avenue Transit Corridor Improvements**

Website: http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/3rdAve.htm

### **Customer Service Bureau**

For service requests or information on City programs and services, call the City Information and Complaint Line at (206) 684-2489 (CITY) voice or (TTY) 7-1-1.

## Find It, Fix It Community Walk updates and information

Website: <u>www.seattle.gov/finditfixit</u>

## **Questions on this report?**

Please contact Laura Jenkins, Find It, Fix It Program Coordinator at laura.jenkins@seattle.gov, (206) 233-5166