



Find It, Fix It Community Walks Post Walk Update

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On September 28, 2016, Mayor Ed Murray led the 19th Find It, Fix It Community Walk in Georgetown. Over 55 community members and representatives from 13 City departments attended the walk to discuss public safety issues and highlight positive aspects of the neighborhood. This report summarizes the City's current response to community concerns and questions brought up during the Find It, Fix It Community Walk process.



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LETTER FROM MAYOR MURRAY



City of Seattle

Mayor Edward B. Murray

December 9, 2016

Dear Georgetown 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 Georgetown Find It, Fix It Community Walk in September. 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 City of Seattle.

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 Georgetown Find It, Fix It Community Walk: the Georgetown Community Council and Georgetown Merchants Association for providing time during meetings to discuss and plan the walk; community members Matt Pearsall, Kelly Welker, Kevin Byers, Kristina Wicke, Crystal Campbell, Gale Myles and Emilie Shepherd 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 Georgetown Find It, Fix It Community Walk; and King County Metro and Georgetown Neighborhood Green Space Vision Framework partners for sending representatives to the walk.

Thanks also to our Find It, Fix It Community Walks partners who helped make the Georgetown walk possible: Cities of Service, Starbucks, School of Acrobatics and New Circus Arts (SANCA), Fran's Chocolates, Machine House Brewery, Friends of Georgetown History, The Herbert H. Warrick Jr. Museum of Communications, Fantagraphics, City Arts Magazine, Public Health - Seattle & King County, King County Metro, and Puget Sound Energy.

I look forward to continuing to build upon the partnerships made and strengthened through the Georgetown Find It, Fix It Community Walk.

Sincerely,

Edward B. Murray
Mayor, City of Seattle

SERVICE REQUEST STATUS

Below are the updates for the Find It, Fix It Mobile Application requests and Customer Service Bureau service requests via phone or web sent in during and following the walk in Georgetown. The yellow updates signify fixes that are still in progress and the green updates mean that the fix is complete.

Don't have the Find It, Fix It App? Android users can download the app from the Google Play Store:

play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gov.seattle.searequests and iPhone users can download it from the

App Store: itunes.apple.com/us/app/find-it-fix-it/id568509551?mt=8.

Request	Department Responsible	Updates	Status
Illegal Dumping - 7690 8th Avenue S - 500 S Myrtle Street - 8301 Military Road S - 701 S Myrtle Street	Seattle Public Utilities (SPU)	11/10/16: Illegal dumping removed.	Complete
Streetlight Report 700 S Othello Street	Seattle City Light (SCL)	10/4/16: Fixed the streetlight pole that was damaged by a truck.	Complete
Streetlight Report 6701 Carleton Ave S	SCL	10/4/16: LED lights installed.	complete
Maintenance Report Leaning no parking sign: 5637 Airport Way S	Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)	10/4/16: Signage stabilized.	Complete
Sign and Signal Maintenance 5950 Corson Avenue S	SDOT	9/30/16: A broken street sign pole was fixed.	Complete
Maintenance NW corner of Flora Ave S and S Warsaw Street	SDOT	SDOT has investigated the location and a work order for the repair has been created. SDOT is scheduling the repair to coincide with various other repair requests in the neighborhood and will inform the community when work is completed.	In Progress
Sidewalk Maintenance 5929 Corson Avenue S	SDOT	10/3/16: A sidewalk shim was installed. A shim is typically a wedge or a small layer of asphalt used to fill a gap or bridge a difference in elevation between two surfaces.	Complete

FIND IT, FIX IT COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANTS

Find It, Fix It Community Project Grant Application REOPENED

Due to the original quick window of the grant application, the City is reopening the Community Project Grant application to provide an opportunity for additional Georgetown neighbors to apply for up to \$3,500 in funding for community projects. The application is open until **Friday, December 23**. If you have an idea for a volunteer-led community project, please apply today!

You can find the application online at www.seattle.gov/finditfixit.

Community members submitted one Find It, Fix It Community Project Grant application for Georgetown during the original application period. The selection committee granted funds to this project. Over the next few months, the project lead will collaborate with the City and the community to complete this project. The following project description is taken directly from grant application submitted by the community member.

Project: Install a Community Bulletin Board

Who: Georgetown Community Council

What: Install a community bulletin board in an active public space in Georgetown. This board would serve as an important tool to help community organizations communicate events and announcements to local residents, as well as a central place for residents themselves to post notices and announcements.

Why: The purpose of this project is to facilitate better communication between local organizations and the Georgetown community, as well as to facilitate better direct communication between residents. Even in our digital world, physical communication—through flyers—is still the most effective way to reach people.

When: Anticipated installation in Winter/Spring 2017

TRANSPORTATION

SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (SDOT)

Pedestrian Accessibility and Drainage on 8th Avenue South

SDOT will be kicking off the Georgetown Mobility Study in mid-January and it will last through summer 2017. The Mobility Study is a response to the City's earlier work on the Freight Master Plan when Georgetown voiced interest in further examining the street right of way for pedestrians and cyclists as well as freight. SDOT will work with the community to propose, analyze and develop concepts for potential Georgetown multimodal circulation and safety improvements. It will also build on the recent Georgetown Open Space Framework's recommendations for pedestrian and bicycle connectivity and enhancements. If you have additional questions about the Georgetown Mobility Study, please contact Diane Wiatr, SDOT Urban Planner, at Diane.Wiatr@seattle.gov.

Are there ways to make the streets safer for pedestrians?

SDOT has been working on an update to the Pedestrian Master Plan (PMP). The PMP identifies priority locations for pedestrian improvements over the next 20 years based on a citywide analysis of data related to the Plan's 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.

The updated PMP includes a "Priority Investment Network" (PIN) which identifies streets where SDOT proposes to direct pedestrian improvements. The PIN was developed based on input from residents across Seattle who told us that we should focus pedestrian investments on:

- Streets connecting families and children to schools
- Streets connecting people to transit stops
- Sidewalks and crossings on busy arterial streets
- Residential streets where sidewalks are missing
- Locations where pedestrians are injured

As such, the PIN includes all streets (both arterial and non-arterial) that provide walking connections to public schools and frequent transit stops. The maps within the PMP will identify the streets that provide these key walking connections, which will be prioritized for pedestrian improvements during the 20-year planning timeline.

SDOT collected public input until August 22, 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 seattle.gov/transportation/pedMasterPlan.htm, 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 later this year or early next year. In addition to sidewalk development called for in the PMP, there are several other options that neighbors can pursue to make streets safer for pedestrians in their neighborhood, including:

1) Get in touch with your local neighborhood/community council

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

2) Report incidents to the police

Improving safety drives the decision-making around traffic calming. We use collision data that is reported to the police to prioritize projects.

3) Conduct a speed study

Residents have access to radar equipment available for checkout at our neighborhood service centers (seattle.gov/customer-service-centers). More information about checking out the radar gun can be found at Neighborhood Traffic Calming page at seattle.gov/transportation/ntcp_calming.htm.

4) Consider applying for Neighborhood Parks and Street fund in 2017

The Neighborhood Parks & Street Fund Program is a great resource for residents and businesses. If you determine that there is a collision or a speeding concern, you would apply to the Neighborhood Park and Street Fund. Find more program information and an application here: seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/neighborhood-park-and-street-fund.

5) Consider applying for Neighborhood Matching Fund

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. For more information, visit: seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/neighborhood-matching-fund.

Carleton Avenue S and S Eddy Street “Sinkhole” Repair

The sinkhole at Carleton Avenue S and S Eddy Street created issues for both public and private commuters in the Georgetown neighborhood. Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) and Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) employees worked together to repair the sinkhole by November 4.



BEFORE

September 2016



AFTER November 2016

Possibilities for Overgrown Area by I-5 Entrance at Airport Way S and Corson Ave S

SDOT has determined that this is a great site for its Tree Ambassador partnership. SDOT will schedule a work party here which will include ivy control, litter pickup, and shrub pruning. This will happen on both sides of Airport Way, including the area around the bus stop. The large oak trees and other trees within the landscape will also be maintenance pruned, but that will be scheduled separately. This work will be completed in the first quarter of 2017 so the Tree Ambassadors have time to outreach and schedule an event. For more information about the Tree Ambassador program, please visit the website: <http://www.seattle.gov/trees/treembassador.htm>.

Beacon Hill to Georgetown via Swift Avenue S - Street Resurfacing

In October, SDOT had originally planned several paving spot improvements on S Albro Place at multiple locations from Stanley Avenue S to Swift Avenue S. This job was originally scheduled for the weekend of October 15th. Unfortunately, the threat of inclement weather forced SDOT to cancel this work (that was the weekend of the windstorm). SDOT has not been able to reschedule yet due to prior commitments. It is unlikely this job will get done this year, but it will be on the priority list for next year. There are a couple of factors which could impact that timeline, such as weather (this is a thin overlay that will need to be performed during dry conditions to achieve adequate bonding with the underlying pavement section), and WSDOT coordination.

Beacon Hill to Georgetown via S Lucile Street - Street Sweeping

Lucile was most recently swept on November 11. Street Maintenance crews sweep major arterials on a regular basis, ranging from daily to every two weeks, depending on the need. Most minor arterials are swept once a month; some are swept only when requested.

The crews do not routinely sweep non-arterial streets, but do limited leaf cleaning in the fall. If you live on a non-arterial street and you feel there is litter and debris that is causing a public health concern, you can contact SDOT to request an inspection to determine if sweeping can be performed. You can call us at (206) 684-ROAD (7623).



Neighborhood Park and Street Fund Airport Way S Crosswalk Update

SDOT is currently looking at a larger improvement than a simple marked crosswalk, most likely at S Doris Street because Doris is closer to the mid-way point between the two signalized crossings currently in place. The Neighborhood Park and Street Fund (NPSF) request was for pedestrian crossing improvements, but the volume and speed of vehicular traffic on Airport way, combined with the lane configuration indicate that a simple marked crosswalk is not an appropriate solution, and SDOT wants to ensure that we build a project that reduces the risk of pedestrian collisions. SDOT is talking with WSDOT because SDOT has a partnership with them regarding the corridor, but SDOT has full authority on this roadway and has responsibility for the decisions we make. WSDOT indicated they were supportive of the ideas proposed when SDOT and WSDOT met last month and provided some useful background information.

SDOT is on schedule to deliver this project next year once the funding allocated through this year's NPSF process is available, and crews are working to make sure that are ready to hit the ground running. SDOT expects a more refined estimate from our designers by the middle of next month, and would be happy to provide the community with an update when that information is available.

Airport Way S and Corson Avenue S Intersection

This intersection was recently improved. The new operation will split the eastbound and westbound movement apart and run them separately. This will create an eastbound / eastbound-left turn and a westbound / westbound-left turn phase. The advantage of this operation is to create more protected pedestrian movement for the North and South Crosswalks.

Improving Street Ends by the Duwamish River

Improving a street end is a fantastic way to enhance a neighborhood. Many of Seattle's most appreciated and enjoyed street ends came about as the result of residents and groups partnering with SDOT. At any time, a community organization or a group of neighborhood residents may request a permit to open and develop a street end for public use.

Street end improvements should be designed for quiet enjoyment of the waterfront open space. Improvements can include pathways, small benches, and low-maintenance, drought-resistant plantings. All improved shoreline street ends will include public waterfront access signage.

Local community groups or sponsors provide ongoing stewardship and maintenance.

When an application is approved by SDOT, any private use that conflicts with the plan must be removed at the expense of the property owner.

To learn more about how to improve your local shoreline street end contact: Brian Henry, Manager of the Public Space Management Program at Brian.Henry@Seattle.gov.

SOUTH PRECINCT UPDATES

SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT (SPD)

Car Prowls

In November, South Precinct officers completed nine emphasis patrol shifts focused on car prowls.

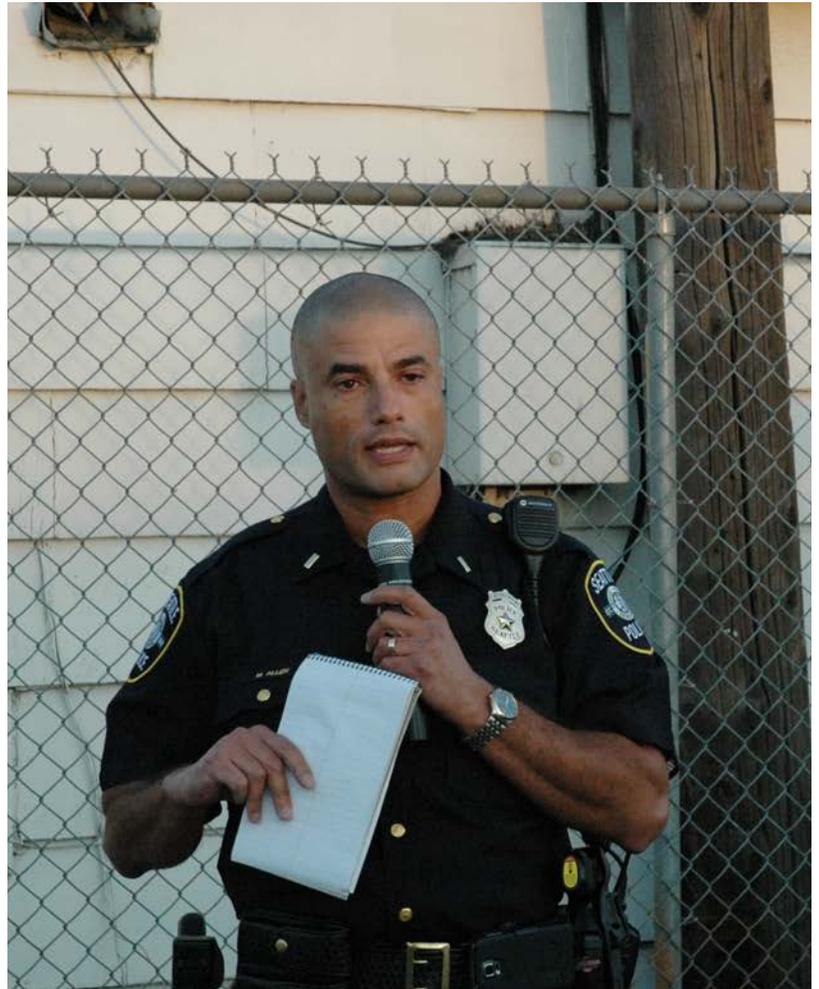
For tips on reducing car prowls, please visit <http://www.seattle.gov/seattle-police-department/carprowls>.

South Precinct Action Against Illegal Activity

Over this last month, Micro Community Policing Officers consulted VICE units in 11 cases to reduce prostitution and drug activity. Officers completed 132 patrols and clean-ups in Georgetown addressing metal thefts, residential burglaries, and narcotics complaints.

Abandoned Vehicles

There were 11 reports of abandoned vehicles from September 28 to October 4. Of those reports, SPD chalked/tagged seven vehicles, four were gone after the first contact and six vehicles were moved after being tagged. There is still one recorded vehicle with no action possible or necessary after being tagged.



Police Presence at Community Meetings

South Precinct Officers are continuing to attend community meetings in the neighborhood. If you would like to have a police officer attend your community meeting please contact South Precinct Community Police Team Sergeant Heidi Tuttle at Heidi.tuttle@seattle.gov or (206) 233-7144.

Safety at Bus Stops

Seattle Police Officers have connected with King County Sheriff's Office - Metro Transit Police to increase safety at the bus stops in Georgetown. The Metro Transit Police are responsible for law enforcement at metro facilities (including bus stops). To learn more about the Metro Transit Police, visit: <http://metro.kingcounty.gov/safety/transit-police.html>

GEORGETOWN PARKS

SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION (SPR)



Request for a Community Center in Georgetown

At this point, with 26 underfunded centers not operating at full capacity, seven centers in need of major renovation totaling upwards of \$100 million, and no money available other than through small rehab budget, a Georgetown Community Center is not a feasible option in the near future. SPR will be exploring partnerships that may serve the same need in a different way. If you have suggestions, questions, or would like more information on the current state of SPR's community center program, contact Kelly R. Guy, Recreation Director with SPR at Kelly.Guy@seattle.gov or visit <https://www.seattle.gov/parks/about-us/policies-and-plans/community-center-strategic-plan>.

Camping at Georgetown Parks

South Precinct Officers cleaned up three encampments over the last three months. Officers completed eight emphasis patrols to identify chronic offenders.

Georgetown Pump Station - Park at the End of 8th Avenue S

The park at the end of 8th Avenue S is owned by SPR. SPR made the park's webpage live last month. Visit this link for more information on the Georgetown Pump Station: <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/find/parks/georgetown-pump-station>.

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES

Requests for Public Litter and Recycling Receptacles

Community members requested a public recycling receptacle be installed at 5517 Airport Way S and public garbage and recycling cans at 5909 Airport Way S, 5800 Airport Way S, the corner of Airport Way S and Corson Ave S, and 6007 12th Ave S. Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) is currently reviewing these possible installation locations with can placement criteria that exists for public trash and recycling cans. For more information on public litter cans and for a complete list of can placement criteria, visit: <http://www.seattle.gov/Util/EnvironmentConservation/OurCity/PublicLitterCans/index.htm>.

Drainage Fixes

S Homer Street and 7th Avenue S: SPU completed the work partially on October 17 and needed to install two additional inlet structures because of the grade of the road to pick up the water more effectively. This drainage project was completed in the end of October.

S Vale Street and Corson Avenue S: SPU employees installed a direct catch basin with a concrete box trap on October 29 to resolve the ponding/flooding issues on S Vale Street.

Graffiti at Georgetown Pump Station Park (8th Avenue S)

An SPU crew removed the graffiti in October.

Air Pollution near 8th Avenue S in Industrial Area

The City Attorney's Office continues to convene an interdepartmental group that has come up with near-term and will come up with long-term actions to mitigate fugitive dust from 8th Avenue S.

Barbed Wire Over Sidewalk on S Myrtle Street and 8th Avenue S

An SDOT Street Use inspector spoke with the private property owner - United Rentals - and they committed to making the necessary repairs to the fence.

Motorcycle Parking Sign Added on 12th Avenue S

No signage existed for the motorcycle parking spots on 12th Avenue S which caused confusion in the area. A sign for motorcycle parking was installed on October 26.

Tree Limbs Blocking Flashing Light on the S Michigan Street Onramp

A Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) crew trimmed the trees blocking the flashing meter light in the end of September.

Rail Spurs on West Side of Airport Way S

Maintenance of the pavement at these crossings is the responsibility of the railroad. SDOT has contacted Union Pacific Railroad (UP) and is providing an update on the condition at this location to UP. SDOT is actively looking for partnership opportunities to improve this location for residents and travelers.

Union Pacific Update

Georgetown neighbors and business community members walked through Georgetown with UP representatives on December 13 to echo concerns that were brought up on the walk in September. The group discussed the dangers of the active rail spur near Airport Way S and noise pollution from trains on E Marginal Way S. This walk-through provided the UP representatives, including Aaron Hunt—Union Pacific Director of Public Affairs for Washington and Oregon, with the chance to hear from community members and see railroad related issues in Georgetown first-hand. Over the next few months, Aaron will be connecting with other UP representatives to gather information, answer questions, and provide updates on UP's response to Georgetown's requests.



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 www.seattle.gov/util/environmentconservation/ourcity/reportillegaldumping/.
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: www.seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau/find-it-fix-it-mobile-app.
4. **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.

WHAT DO I DO WITH NEEDLES, SYRINGES, AND OTHER SHARPS?

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.

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."
- Syringe drop boxes are available 24 hours a day at the following locations:
 - Downtown Public Health Center (2124 4th Avenue, Seattle)
 - The Auburn, Eastgate (Bellevue), and Federal Way Public Health Centers
- Check with your pharmacy or healthcare provider to dispose of sharps containers.

Near Georgetown, bring full sharps containers to the South Recycling and Disposal Station (130 S Kenyon Street) from 8:00am-5:30pm, 7 days a week. It is free to dispose of one sharps container per trip.

Questions on Sharps Disposal?

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

COMMUNITY CONTACTS AND RESOURCES

Georgetown Community Council

Website: www.georgetownneighborhood.com, Email: directors@georgetownneighborhood.com

Georgetown Merchants Association

Website: www.georgetownmerchants.org, President: Larry Reid - larryjreid@comcast.net,
Executive Director: Emilie Shepherd - emilieshepherd43@gmail.com

Friends of Georgetown History

Website: <http://www.georgetownhistory.com/>, Email: gthistory@yahoo.com

Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition

Website: <http://duwamishcleanup.org/>

Lower Duwamish Waterway Group

Website: <http://www.ldwg.org/>

Seattle Police Department South Precinct

Website: <http://www.seattle.gov/police/precincts/south/about.htm>

Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT)

To submit WSDOT related service requests, fill out the online form at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/contact/feedback.htm> or contact WSDOT's main office in Shoreline at (206) 440-4000.

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. To submit service requests online, visit <https://seattle-csrprod.cwi.motorolasolutions.com/Home.mvc/Index>.

Mobile Customer Service Center

The City unveiled the Mobile Customer Service Center at the Georgetown Find It, Fix It Walk. For more information or a Mobile Customer Service Center destination schedule, please email mobilecsc@seattle.gov.



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