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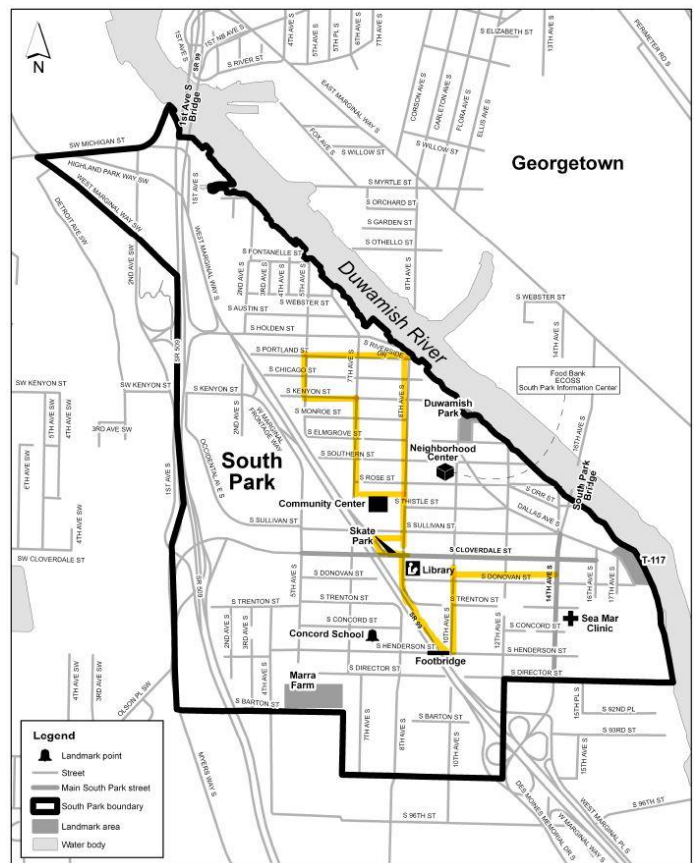
Mayor Durkan recently launched a pre-summer emphasis program in seven neighborhoods, including South Park, to improve public safety and address community maintenance needs. The Seattle Police Department (SPD) and City departments are deploying additional resources and taking immediate steps to enhance SPD response and address small scale maintenance needs, like replacing streetlights, trimming trees, removing graffiti, and removing illegally dumped debris. Directors from numerous City departments joined business and community members for a business area walk to identify ongoing issues.

Today, I'm happy to update you on what has taken place since the walk on May 9th. Below is an issue tracker, compiled from comments gathered from walk participants, detailing issues raised and reviewed and the current status of each. You'll also find resource tips and links to City services at the bottom of this document, so you can access available services to help keep your neighborhood safe, clean, and vibrant.

## Public Safety:

The Seattle Police Department recently has worked with various components of the city to address problem locations and properties that are driving many of the criminal issues in the South Park community. The recent intensification of additional city resources offers a strong opportunity to make long-lasting changes.

- In the most recent 28 days, officer proactive work was up 167% compared to same period in 2018.
- Through the first half of 2019, officer proactive work was up 155% compared to the same period in 2018
- During this specific initiative, officers have made 16 contacts in the South Park area, including work primarily by the Emphasis resources and the Southwest Precinct Anti-Crime team. This work has resulted in:
  - 14 jail bookings
- 8 Traffic contacts, including 2 citations
- In the most recent 28 days, the police beat that includes South Park has reported that overall crime was down 46 incidents (-29%), while major property crime was up 12 incidents.
- Over 220 emphasis hours have been used since the beginning of May.



*Planned community walk route in South Park.*

# COMMUNITY WALK UPDATE | South Park | July 2019



Before and after photos of cleanups in South Park.

## Community Clean Up:

Issue/Request	Location	Timeline	Notes
Signs have gang graffiti	12 <sup>th</sup> Ave S & S Donovan	Completed	Cleaned signs. (SDOT)
Gang graffiti on trees	Trail – 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave S to Donovan St	Completed	Painted out graffiti. (SDOT)
Walking lane dirty; curb bulbs markings worn; truck limit sign worn	8 <sup>th</sup> Ave and S. & Sullivan St	Completed	Pressure washed legends; installed new decorative material and installed new tuff posts; replaced sign and post. (SDOT)
Low cost sidewalk is dirty and has leaves	8 <sup>th</sup> Ave S & S Sullivan St	Completed	SDOT nightshift rented small sweeper and cleaned the entire three blocks. (SDOT)
Pavement to Parks area is dirty	8 <sup>th</sup> Ave S & S Donovan St	Completed	Pressure washed all decorative materials. (SDOT)



**SDOT worker pruning tree limbs.**

### Small Scale Maintenance:

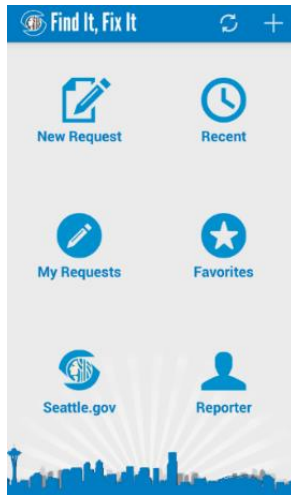
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Maintenance of walking trail. SDOT volunteered to let them use the tool trailer and schedule a cleanup work event with some staff.	S Portland St	In process	SDOT is prepared to setup the supported volunteer maintenance of this landscape. We are waiting to hear what date works best for the community. (SDOT)
Overgrown vegetation.	Scary Trail (8th Ave S Trail)	Completed	SDOT Maintenance and UF mowed the 4-6 feet off the right of way for the entire length of the trail. (SDOT)  It appears that the pending private Developer is putting in a new street at this location as part of their building permit for new houses. SDOT will monitor to see if additional maintenance is needed after construction.
Crosswalk worn; Pavement to Parks areas are dirty; faded sharrows EB & WB; Fire station driveway needs new crosshatch	8th Ave S & S Cloverdale St	Completed	Replaced all crosswalks and stop bars; pressure washed all decorative materials; remarked faded legends; asked Fire if they wanted cross-hatching in front of station/if so then install. (SDOT)

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Bike signs have gang graffiti	10 <sup>th</sup> Ave S & S Henderson	Completed	Replaced signs. (SDOT)
Crosswalks worn	14 <sup>th</sup> Ave S & S Cloverdale	Completed	Remarked all crosswalks. (SDOT)
Metro zone faded and worn	12 <sup>th</sup> Ave S & S Cloverdale	Completed	Repainted zone. (SDOT)
Stop sign missing from ramp replacement	10 <sup>th</sup> Ave S & S Cloverdale	Completed	Replaced stop sign. (SDOT)
Campers parking in unimproved right-of-way (ROW)	7 <sup>th</sup> Ave S & S Rose St	Completed	Navigation team notified, SDOT confirmed clear and placed water filled barricades; placed 6-8 ecology blocks to block unauthorized vehicles from entering area. (SDOT)
Overgrowth in right-of-way (ROW)	S Henderson to S Trenton on 10th Ave S	Completed	Mowed one swath. (SDOT)
Overgrowth at top of stairway	10 <sup>th</sup> Ave S & S Trenton	Completed	Cut back overgrowth. (SDOT)
Overgrowth on planting strip in front of house that had a fire	12 <sup>th</sup> Ave S & S Donovan St	Completed	Mowed planting strip to improve access, one time only. (SDOT)
Ivy blocking sidewalk	8 <sup>th</sup> Ave & Rose St	Completed	Trimmed ivy from sidewalk, one time only. (SDOT)
Overgrown vegetation, unmaintained and dense trees on abutting property	River City Skatepark 736 S Cloverdale St	In Process	Parks and SDOT are seeking permission from the private property owner of the skate park to do vegetation maintenance. Coordinate with community, Parks, and Sea Dru Nar on maintenance and tree thinning. (SDOT)
RV Parking	Eastside of 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave S & southside of S Portland St	Completed	Installed 4-hour time limits to activate nearby park. (SDOT)
Blackberry in Traffic Circle growing into roadway	10th & Donovan Traffic Circle	Completed	Cut back or dug out unwanted vegetation. (SDOT)



## Community Resources:



### Find It, Fix It -- Service Request Mobile App

<https://www.seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau/find-it-fix-it-mobile-app>

"Find It, Fix It" is a smartphone app offering mobile users one more way to report selected issues to the City of Seattle including illegal dumping, street light outages, potholes, and sharps/needles, among others.

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 technology can be used to pinpoint the location.

### Neighborhood Traffic Operations – Seattle Department of Transportation

<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/neighborhoodtraffic.htm>

Neighborhood Traffic Operations (NTO) helps ensure safe traffic operations on Seattle's neighborhood streets. Staff respond to resident's questions and concerns regarding speeding, traffic safety, traffic signs, and similar issues. More information is available on the [Traffic Circle Program](#) page.

**Crime Prevention Coordinators** – are experts in crime prevention techniques. You can talk to them about outgoing crime problems in your neighborhood, getting involved in Block Watch and setting up a meeting to train you and your neighbors on crime prevention tips.

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**Block Watch** – <https://www.seattle.gov/police/community-policing/block-watch>

**AlertSeattle** – <https://alert.seattle.gov/>

The official emergency notification system used by the City of Seattle to communicate with city residents during emergencies. Sign up to receive free alerts from the City via text message, email, voice message, or social media.

**Adopt-A-Street – Seattle Public Utilities (SPU)**

<http://www.seattle.gov/utilities/environment-and-conservation/our-city/adopt-a-street>

Promotes civic responsibility and community pride as well as enhances Seattle's quality of life through clean streets and beautiful neighborhoods.

**Report discarded needles, syringes, and other sharps – Customer Service Bureau**

<http://www.seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau/hazardous-materials-reporting>

If you find discarded needles, syringes and other sharps in *Seattle city limits*, you can report it to the City by calling the [Customer Service Bureau](http://www.seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau), 206-684-2489 (CITY), for advice or report it on the Find It Fix It smartphone app.

## Next Steps:

This is just the beginning! There's more work to be done. In the weeks ahead, City departments will continue to work on issues raised at each walk. The Seattle Department of Neighborhoods remains committed to connecting people to needed services and programs. Over the next few weeks, we'll be updating and sharing this tracker as more issues are completed.

Again, thank you for your commitment to improving your community. Please reach out to me at [andres.mantilla@seattle.gov](mailto:andres.mantilla@seattle.gov) if you have any questions.



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