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Seattle Parks and Recreation briefs community on improvements at Gas Works Park

Seattle Parks and Recreation and the Wallingford Community Council invite the community to the Good Shepherd Center, 4649 Sunnyside Ave N. on Wed., August 3, 2016 at 7 p.m. to learn about upcoming renovation projects at Gas Works Park. Jay Rood, Seattle Parks and Recreation's project manager, will present at the Wallingford Community Council monthly meeting. He will provide a briefing and answer questions on the renovation of the playground, comfort station and east entry.

To use resources more efficiently, Seattle Parks and Recreation combined the play area renovation, comfort station renovation, and east entry improvement project into one construction period. All these park components were constructed in 1974 and opened in 1975, making them over 40 years in age and all in need of repair and improvement. The play area renovation project will improve the play area by replacing play equipment, improving access and providing additional play area improvements. The comfort station renovation will provide a new or revived facility that improves safety and meets accessibility and operational requirements. It will adapt the new guidelines for universal restrooms and provide five stations at a minimum. The east entry improvements include addressing ADA citations in parking area, and provide accessible routes into the park.

The 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy allocates \$1.4 million for planning, design and construction for the Gas Works Park Play Area renovations.

Gas Works Park, located at 2101 N Northlake Way is one of the City of Seattle's premier city, regional, statewide and even nationally renowned parks. The park was listed as a Seattle Historical Landmark in 1999 and it is listed on the Washington State Historic Register and the National Register of Historic Places.

For more information about the play area project visit http://www.seattle.gov/parks/projects/gas_works/ or contact Jay Rood at 733-9194 or jay.rood@seattle.gov.

Thank you to the Wallingford Community Council (WCC). The WCC is a neighborhood voice representing the greater Wallingford community in interactions with city government on land use, transportation, and parks. They host their monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at the Good Shephard Center.

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