



Find It, Fix It Community Walks Post Walk Update

Northgate/Pinehurst



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On April 25th the 22nd Find It, Fix It Community Walk was held in the Northgate/Pinehurst neighborhoods. Over 20 community members and representatives from 9 City departments attended the walk to discuss public safety issues and highlight positive aspects of the neighborhood. This report summarizes all of the City's current responses to Northgate/Pinehurst's community concerns and questions brought up during the Find It, Fix It Community Walk process.



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LETTER FROM TIM BURGESS



City of Seattle
Mayor Tim Burgess

October 3, 2017

Dear Northgate and Pinehurst Neighbors:

I am pleased to be able to share with you the report back to the community on what has taken place since the Northgate/Pinehurst Find It, Fix It Community Walk in April. My goals for this report are to not only provide information on issues that were brought to the City's attention on the walk but also identify the successfully completed issues with helpful resources on how to properly address those concerns in ongoing 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 Northgate/Pinehurst Find It, Fix It Community Walk; The Pinehurst Community Council for providing time during meetings to discuss and plan the walk; Community members Nancy Rauhauser, Xavier Natallanni, Dai Toyama, Lisa Dalude, Jim Johnson and Garth Ferber for speaking and sharing their experience 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 at the Northgate/Pinehurst Find It, Fix It Community Walk; Council member Debora Juarez for representing this neighborhood and for attending the event; and the departments of Finance and Administrative Services, Animal Shelter, Public Utilities and King county Metro for providing informational material at the event.

Thanks also to our Find It, Fix It Community Walks partners who made the Northgate/Pinehurst walk possible: Cities of Service, Mike's Barbeque, Safeway, Starbucks, Northgate Mall and TownSquared.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tim Burgess'.

Tim Burgess
Mayor, City of Seattle

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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 Northgate/Pinehurst. Requests with “status” marked in green means that fix has been completed.

Request	Location	Department Responsible	Updates	Status
Sidewalk cracked and sunken in	West side of 3rd Ave and Northgate Way	Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)	Sidewalk shimmed (5/4)	Complete
Potholes	Between 8th & 9th on 115th St	SDOT	Pothole filled (4/22)	Complete
Potholes	15th Ave NE to 92nd on Pinehurst Way	SDOT	Pothole filled (4/24)	Complete
Insufficient signage at intersection: resulting in driving into ditch	19th Ave NE & NE 115th St	SDOT	Completed (5/15)	Complete
Sign and signal maintenance	11701 19th Ave NE	SDOT	Completed (5/1)	Complete
Sign and signal maintenance	551 NE Northgate Way	SDOT	Completed (4/28)	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.

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Graffiti	1735 N 107th St	Seattle Public Utilities (SPU)	Sent to Parks Dept 4/26/17	Complete
Graffiti	11736 Pinehurst Way NE	SPU	Sent to Solid Waste Contractor 4/26/17	Complete
Graffiti	16th Ave NE	SPU	Sent private property enforcement letter 4/26/17	Complete
Graffiti	5th Ave NE	SPU	Sent private property enforcement letter 5/1/17	Complete
Graffiti	10300 5th Ave NE	SPU	Sent to Parks Dept 4/26/17	Complete
Graffiti	525 NE 104th St	SPU	Sent to Parks Dept 4/26/17	Complete
Graffiti	NE 104th St	SPU	Sent private property enforcement letter 5/2/17	Complete
Graffiti	520 NE 104th St	SPU	Sent to Parks Dept 5/3/17	Complete
Illegal Dumping	Pinehurst Way NE	SPU	Complete	Complete
Illegal Dumping	10th Ave NE	SPU	Complete	Complete
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FIND IT, FIX IT COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANTS

Community members submitted a Find It, Fix It Community Project Grant application for Northgate/Pinehurst. The selection committee granted funds to the project. The project lead collaborated with the City and the Northgate/Pinehurst community to complete their project.

COMMUNITY PROJECT

Who: Pinehurst Community Council

Contact: Pinehurst Community Council, 206-386-4283, info@pinehurstseattle.org

What: New plants in the Pinehurst Pocket Park (11700 19th Ave NE)

Why: To revitalize and introduce more native species into the park

When: October 21, 2017



Photo courtesy of Nancy Rauhauser

TRANSPORTATION

Speeding on Streets Adjacent to Arterials—

Pinehurst Way & 17th Ave NE between NE 120th St. & NE 125th St.

Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) has had a fairly substantial traffic calming program and has often been able to design and deliver on projects identified through their community process and constituent requests. However, demand has outpaced their ability to construct calming devices like speed humps and traffic circles, they have partnered with the Department of Neighborhoods to help keep options open to neighborhoods seeking traffic calming. Each year, SDOT now proactively looks at locations that have shown a pattern of injury collisions, speeding, and high pedestrian use. To ensure that all residents in our city have equitable, fair and consistent treatment, they prioritize these improvements using city-wide data and focus resources on locations with the highest need. While this street does not prioritize highly for a traffic calming devices through SDOT's program, the neighbors can still pursue traffic calming devices in a variety of ways.

- **Report incidents to the police.** Improving safety drives the decision-making around traffic calming. SDOT uses collision data that is reported to the police to prioritize projects.
Seattle Police North Precinct: 206-684-0850
- **Conduct a speed study.** Residents have access to radar equipment available for checkout at SDOT's Customer Service Centers. More information about checking out the radar gun can be found at: http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/ntcp_calming.htm
- **Submit idea to Your Voice, Your Choice program.** Once it has been determined that there are collision or speeding concerns, you could submit your project idea to Your Voice, Your Choice: Parks and Streets. This program is an opportunity for community members to brainstorm and submit potential project ideas to be funded throughout the city. The small-scale physical improvement projects must be under \$90K and can range from medians, flashing beacons, sidewalk repair, curb ramps, park benches, trail improvements etc. More information can be found here: <http://seattle.gov/yvyc>.
- **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. More information can be found here: <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf/>.

Request for Sidewalks on 17th Ave NE from NE 90th St. to NE 91st St.

Given available funding for sidewalk projects, which allows for approximately 25 blocks of sidewalks each year, and the fact that 28% of Seattle streets (45,000 blocks) are missing sidewalks, completing the sidewalk network will be a very gradual process. This year, the City of Seattle is updating the Pedestrian Master Plan (PMP), which identifies a Priority Investment Network used to make difficult choices about where to focus new sidewalk investments. The network includes streets with high traffic volume, multiple destinations to walk, and frequent transit service, as well as streets within a quarter mile of public schools. 17th Ave NE between NE 90th and NE 91st Street is not within the Priority Investment Network, which means there are no plans to build sidewalks there anytime soon.

That is not to say that it's not a priority for you and your neighbors. It simply means that, due to limited funding, other areas of the city currently have higher priority for sidewalks.



Children’s School Route Safety—NE 90th St. & 20th Ave NE

Stop signs were installed here last year. Since they were installed, no collisions have been reported at this intersection.

If you are involved in or witness an auto accident where medical or police assistance is needed, call 9-1-1. If a collision is minor and does not need police assistance a Collision Report can be submitted with Washington State Patrol at: <https://fortress.wa.gov/wsp/wrecr/OMVCR/>

Traffic Calming Needed—Lake City Way from NE 90th St. to 17th Ave NE

SDOT installed radar speed signs at this location a few years ago and does not have additional traffic calming projects scheduled for this segment of Lake City Way. SDOT is working on some large scale infrastructure improvements just north of this location to enhance the pedestrian environment. This includes sidewalks on the west side of Lake City Way (from roughly NE 89th St. to NE 95th St.) with signal improvements and curb ramps. As Lake City Way is currently un-curbed, this project will likely provide some traffic calming effects.

Request	Location	Updates	Status
Crosswalk across 15th Ave NE at NE 123rd Street. Many people cross here to get to Safeway and access the bus stops at that intersection.	NE 123rd St & 15th Ave	SDOT is currently getting data to evaluate the crosswalk request.	In Progress
Stops need warning mechanisms to act as impending warnings of approaching stop sign. Injuries happening at the intersection.	NE 130th St & 30th Ave NE	Improvements are planned at this intersection as part of the 30 th Ave NE sidewalk project. This includes a curb bulb and new ADA ramps. Construction is scheduled to begin late 2017.	In Progress
Striping on the new pavement has faded and is unclear.	Meridian Ave N between N Northgate Way and N 150th	Due to the timing of the completion of the Meridian paving project last year, temporary striping was applied to the street in the interim. Striping crews plan to complete the striping with permanent materials that will last longer.	In Progress
Unfinished sidewalk	SW side of NE 115th St between 8th Ave NE & 9th Ave NE	SDOT is planning a new sidewalk on NE 115th St between 12th Ave NE and Roosevelt Way NE; construction could begin as soon as 2018. SDOT does not have any plans for NE 115th between 8th Ave NE and 9th Ave NE.	In Progress

YOUR VOICE, YOUR CHOICE

Your Voice, Your Choice: Crossing Improvements near Hazel Wolf School

Your Voice, Your Choice: Parks & Streets is a participatory budgeting initiative in which Seattle residents democratically decide how to spend a portion of the City's budget on small-scale park and street improvements.

SDOT Proposed Solution & Comments:

SDOT staff has visited the site and explored design alternatives to facilitate a safer crossing of Pinehurst Way at NE 117th St or NE 115th St. This crossing improvement would improve safety for people walking and biking to Hazel Wolf school. It would also serve as an important connection between the existing Olympic Hills Neighborhood Greenway, the planned Pinehurst Neighborhood Greenway (BMP Implementation Plan 2021), and neighborhoods to the west of Pinehurst Way.

Cost Breakdown & Partnerships:

Design Costs: \$22,000
Construction Costs: \$248,000

Partnership Opportunity: \$90,000 (Your Voice, Your Choice), \$90,000 (Safe Routes to School), \$90,000 (Neighborhood Greenways)

Current Status: This project has been selected for funding, receiving 630 community votes. The project, along with all other selected 2017 *Your Voice, Your Choice* projects will be included in the Mayor's 2018 proposed budget, and SDOT will begin the final design and construction process in 2018.



Your Voice, Your Choice: Parks & Streets: <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/your-voice-your-choice>

WHAT DO I DO WITH NEEDLES, SYRINGES, AND LANCETS?

Needles, syringes, and lancets are considered biomedical waste and dangerous litter and require proper disposal. It is illegal in Seattle to put sharps in the trash, as it is dangerous for sanitation workers. 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. **Report** sharps via the Find it, Fix it Mobile App: www.seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau/find-it-fix-it-mobile-app.
2. **Call** the illegal dumping hotline at (206) 684-7587 Monday to Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm.
3. **Complete** an Illegal Dumping Report which you can find online at www.seattle.gov/util/environmentconservation/ourcity/reportillegaldumping/.
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.

Sharps Collection Pilot Program

Visit www.seattle.gov/util/sharps to learn more about the City's Sharps Collection Pilot Program and to see a map of the nine secure sharps disposal boxes throughout the city. Sharps can also be disposed of at the North and South Transfer Stations.

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 safely, you will need at least a **sharps container** (i.e. an old detergent bottle, coffee tin, or other thick plastic container), **gloves**, a **grabber tool** (i.e. tongs, pliers, or tweezers), and **closed-toed 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.
- Do not attempt to recap a syringe if found uncapped.
- Place the puncture proof container on a flat surface. Do not hold the container while disposing of the sharp. Use your **grabber tool** to pick up the sharp/needle.
- Pick up the sharp/needle by the barrel (the part farthest away from the needle point), pointing the sharp tip away from your body.
- Recap the container, and secure with tape.
- Dispose of the grabber tool or rinse with a bleach solution.
- Wash your hands and other exposed areas with soap and water afterwards.
- Deliver the container to one of the six sharps bins located throughout the city.

WHAT DO I DO WITH NEEDLES, SYRINGES, AND LANCETS?

Tips for Disposing of Sharps from Private Property

- Avoid walking a far distance holding a sharp/needle.
- Place the needle point down into the sharps container.
- 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." Make sure to tape the top on securely.
- Sharps drop boxes are available 24 hours a day at the following locations through Seattle Public Utilities:
 - Dr. José Rizal Park (1007 12th Ave S, Seattle, 98144)
 - Intersection of Airport Way South and South Holgate Street
 - Intersection of 27th Avenue South and Cheasty Boulevard South (center median)
 - Fremont Canal Park (199 North Canal St, Seattle, WA 98103)
 - Freeway Park (700 Seneca St)
 - Licton Springs Park (9536 Ashworth Ave N, Seattle, 98103)
 - Mineral Springs Park (1500 North 105th St, Seattle, WA 98133)
 - Roxhill Park (2850 SW Roxbury St, Seattle, WA 98126)
 - Westcrest Park (9000 8th Ave SW, Seattle, 98106)
- Check with your pharmacy or healthcare provider to dispose of sharps containers. Medical sharps such as lancets may also be placed in one of the disposal bins listed above.

Bring full sharps containers to the new North Transfer Station (1350 North 34th Street) or the South Transfer Station (130 South 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 <http://www.seattle.gov/util/EnvironmentConservation/OurCity/SharpsCollection/index.htm> or call Seattle Public Utilities at (206) 931-5411 or (206) 684-3326
- 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

Community Engagement Coordinator—North Sector

Community Engagement Coordinators are your essential link to city government, responding to your questions and concerns while engaging with the community.

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District 5 Councilmember

Debora Juarez

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Phone: 206-684-8805

Seattle Police Department North Precinct

Website: <https://www.seattle.gov/police/about-us/police-locations/north-precinct>

Phone: 206-684-0850

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-csrprodcwi.motorolasolutions.com/Home.mvc/Index>.

Northgate Community Center

Website: <https://www.seattle.gov/parks/find/centers/northgate-community-center>

Phone: 206-386-4283

Address: 10510 5th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98125

Northgate Library

Website: <http://www.spl.org/locations/northgate-branch>

Phone: 206-386-1980

Address: 10548 5th Ave NE

Pinehurst Community Council

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