

# BALLARD LOCKS 2014 ON-STREET PARKING CHANGES

July 2014

## Changes Planned for July 2014: Install Seasonal Rates

- Change hourly rate to \$2.00 per hour from May through September
- Change hourly rate to \$1.00 per hour from October through April

Paid parking will continue to be in effect between 8 AM and 6 PM, Monday through –Saturday, with a time limit of four hours.

## Data

The changes are based on results from paid parking data analyzed over the past several years between 1 PM and 3 PM:

Parking Occupancy October–April	Parking Occupancy May–September
20-40%	60-100%

Upcoming changes to parking rates correspond to the seasonal parking occupancy data, which is consistent with the seasonal hours of operation of the Ballard Locks Visitor Center. The Visitor Center is open 10 AM to 6 PM from May through September, and 10 AM to 4 PM from October through April.

## Street Parking in Seattle: Using Data to Make Parking Management Decisions

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) uses data to set on-street parking rates by neighborhood. The goal is to have 1 to 2 available spaces per block throughout the day. This means parking is well used, but visitors can reliably find a space near their destinations. This performance-based parking pricing program, called SeaPark, started in 2010.

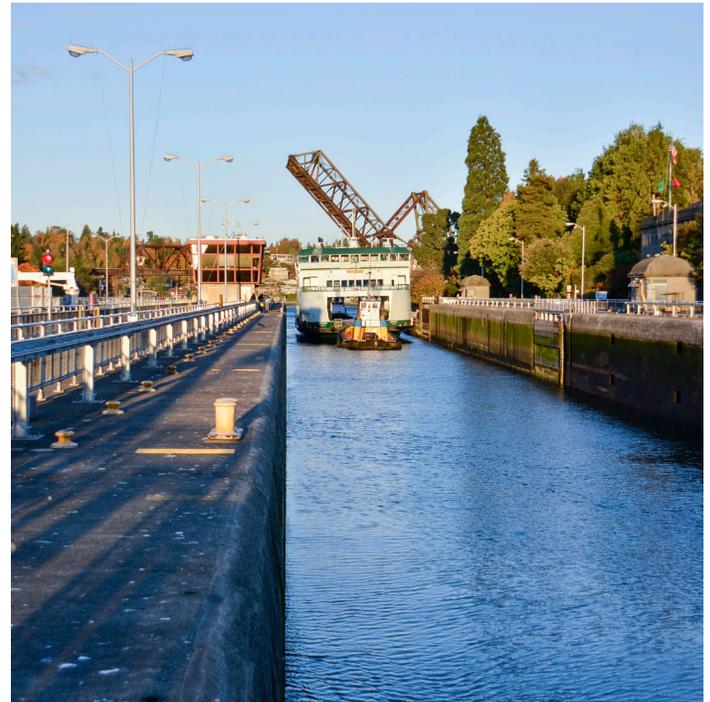


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SeaPark provides neighborhood visitors and shoppers convenient access to on-street parking. This program improves the parking experience by helping people find parking faster, which also means less traffic congestion and vehicle emissions.

Using data collected in each neighborhood with paid parking, SDOT has made over 50 adjustments to neighborhood rates, hours of operation and time limits based on the specific parking conditions in each area. Parking rates and rules are different around the city because conditions are different. To find out more, please visit:

[www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/paidparking.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/parking/paidparking.htm)

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