



Find It, Fix It Community Walks Post-Walk Update Report

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On October 7th the Find It, Fix It Community Walk in North Beacon Hill brought together community members and representatives from 7 City departments to discuss public safety issues and highlight positive aspects of the neighborhood. This report summarizes all of the City's current responses to North Beacon Hill community concerns and questions brought up during the Find It, Fix It Community Walk process.



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LETTER FROM MAYOR JENNY A. DURKAN



City of Seattle
Mayor Jenny A. Durkan

January 2018

Dear Beacon Hill Neighbors,

I am happy to be able to share with you the report back to the community on what has taken place since the North Beacon Hill Find It, Fix It Community Walk in October. 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 to also identify successfully completed issues with helpful resources on how to properly address those concerns in ongoing collaboration with the City of Seattle.

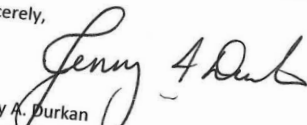
This walk was a success due to the consistent support of community members and the Find It, Fix It Community Walk Partners who provided input during the planning stages, invited neighbors to the event, joined the walk or contributed in other ways.

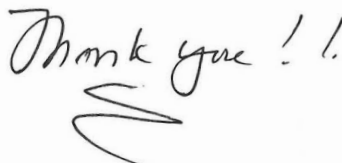
I would like to recognize and thank all of the people and organizations who participated in the North Beacon Hill Find It, Fix It Community Walk; community member Willie Weir for speaking and sharing his experience as a dedicated local volunteer; City of Seattle department directors and staff who attended the walk, and who have worked to answer the community's questions and address the needs brought up at the walk; and the departments of Finance and Administrative Services, the Mobile Customer Service Center, Department of Transportation, Seattle City Light, Seattle Police Department, Department of Neighborhoods and Seattle Public Utilities for providing information at the event and going out into the community to help conduct a litter pick-up.

Thanks also to our Find It, Fix It Community Walk partners who made the North Beacon Hill walk possible: Cities of Service and the Centilia Cultural Center.

I look forward to strengthening the partnerships made and strengthened through the North Beacon Hill Find It, Fix It Community Walk as we work together towards solutions.

Sincerely,


Jenny A. Durkan
Mayor of Seattle



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FIND IT, FIX IT COMMUNITY GRANTS

In partnership with national nonprofit Cities of Service, the City of Seattle is offering a \$3,000 community grant to North Beacon Hill for community volunteer projects. The purpose of these projects is to improve the safety and maintenance of the neighborhood through volunteerism. These funds can be used on a single project or multiple projects, as long as the combined cost of all projects are within the total grant funds available. If you are interested in applying or would like more information, please contact Hailey Oppelt at Hailey.Oppelt@seattle.gov or 206-386-1907.

An online copy of our application can be found here: www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/Neighborhoods/FindItFixIt/2017-Community-Project-Grant-Application.pdf



SERVICE REQUEST STATUS

Below are the updates for the Find It, Fix It Mobile Application requests and Customer Service Bureau service requests submitted via phone or web during and following the walk in North Beacon Hill. Yellow status updates signify fixes that are still in progress and green status updates signify a fix that is complete.

Concern	Location	Dept.	Updates	Status
Poor drainage, large puddles	South Grant & 13th Ave S	Seattle Public Utilities (SPU)	The SPU drainage team is looking into a possible fix	In Progress
Additional trash cans requested	14th Ave S	SPU	SPU is reviewing the location to determine feasibility of installing a litter can along 14th Ave S	In Progress
Litter	14 Ave S; S Holgate St to S McClellan St	SPU	SPU is reviewing this site to determine the feasibility of installing litter cans in this area. In the meantime, please report graffiti, illegal dumping, and/or sharps to the SPU hotline at 206-684-7587	In Progress
Pedestrian stairs in poor condition	Massachusetts Ave	Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)	Repair completed 1/9	Complete
Overgrown and invasive plants along pedestrian stairs	15th Ave S & S Atlantic St	SDOT	Vegetation trimmed 12/13	Complete
Graffiti	3058 Beacon Ave S	SPU	Sent to King County Metro on 10/7/17	Complete
Graffiti	Beacon Ave S	SPU	Notice sent to private property owner.	Complete
Graffiti	3322 24th Ave S	SPU	Removed 10/16/17	Complete
Illegal Dumping	1821 Rainier Ave S	SPU	Sent to Customer Service Bureau (CSB) for encampment 10/9/17	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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Concern	Location	Dept.	Updates	Status
Request to repaint center line at Massachusetts and Rainier to give buses that are turning right onto Massachusetts more room to turn	Massachusetts Ave & Rainier	SDOT	Concern given to King County Metro for review	In Progress
Adjust timing at light to allow more gaps for cross traffic	Either end of 15th, Columbian Way and S Dakota St	SDOT		In Progress
Trash and weeds in fenced off parcel of land by the Light Rail Station	Beacon Ave S & S McClellan St	SDOT	A work order was created to evaluate this location.	In Progress
Trees falling over stairs	Greenspace stairs, Hill St. & 17th Ave	SDOT	Inspection completed 12/18, work order for maintenance	In Progress
Tree down and blocking sidewalk	2501 S McClellan St	SDOT		In Progress
Crossing light does not work	1923 15th Ave S	SDOT		In Progress
Vegetation on sidewalk	3049 19th Ave S	SDOT		In Progress
Streetlight report	2919 Beacon Ave S	SDOT		In Progress
Streetlight report	3300 Beacon Ave S	SDOT		In Progress
Potholes, uneven surface	14th Ave S; S Atlantic St. to Beacon Ave S	SDOT	Please refer to pages 21-22	In Progress
Potholes	17th Ave S between S. Massachusetts and S College St	SDOT	Potholes filled 12/12	Complete
Potholes	1111 S Atlantic St	SDOT	Please refer to pages 21-22	In Progress
Potholes	2119 15th Ave S	SDOT	Please refer to pages 21-22	In Progress
Potholes	1420 S Walker St	SDOT	Please refer to pages 21-22	In Progress
Potholes	2116 15th Ave S	SDOT	Please refer to pages 21-22	In Progress
Construction signs left in right of way	1820 S Massachusetts St	SDOT	Signs removed 1/9	Complete
Signal Maintenance	3434 Beacon Ave S	SDOT		In Progress
Signal Maintenance	1501 S Dearborn St	SDOT		In Progress
Poor lighting	Roundabout at 16th by El Centro de la Raza	Seattle City Light (SCL)	Work order created for street-light installation	In Progress

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Concern	Location	Dept.	Updates	Status
Illegal Dumping	3215 18th Ave S	SPU	Removed 10/10/17	Complete
Illegal Dumping	1216 S Charles St	SPU	Sent to CSB for encampment 10/9/17	Complete
Illegal Dumping	2107 13th Ave S	SPU	Removed 10/10/17	Complete
Illegal Dumping	1616 S Spokane St	SPU	Inspected 10/10/17, no debris found	Complete
Litter at triangle park	S Stevens St & Beacon Ave S	Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR)		In Progress

For more information on 'In Progress' concerns, please contact Hailey Oppelt at Hailey.Oppelt@seattle.gov or call directly at 206-386-1907

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Overgrown Bushes by the Beacon Hill Red Apple

Seattle Department of Construction and Inspection will deliver notices to property owners if vegetation on their property obstructs the public right-of-way; a review of this property was conducted on November 29th and no such obstruction was found. Maintenance of these bushes is the responsibility of Red Apple. To contact the business please call 206-323-1325.

Speeding: 16th St

Vision Zero is Seattle's plan to end traffic deaths and serious injuries on Seattle's streets by 2030. Traffic collisions aren't accidents - they're preventable through smarter street design, targeted enforcement, and thoughtful public engagement. Together, we can make Seattle a safe city for all travelers. In late 2016, speed limits on all residential (non-arterial) streets changed from 25 to 20 MPH. Downtown streets and many arterials around downtown changed from 30 to 25 MPH. Slower speeds are key to achieving Vision Zero. In addition to reducing speed limits, there are options that neighbors can pursue to make streets safer for pedestrians in their neighborhood. For more information, please visit page 22.

More Sidewalks: Across Neighborhood

SDOT is aware of the deficit in sidewalks across the city and understands your concerns. Unfortunately, given available funding for sidewalk projects, which allows for approximately 25 blocks of sidewalks each year, and the fact that 28 percent of Seattle streets (45,000 blocks) are missing sidewalks, completing the sidewalk network will be a very gradual process.

The Pedestrian Master Plan (PMP) was updated earlier this year. For information on how SDOT prioritizes locations for improvements and which locations throughout the city are included in the Priority Investment Network (PIN), please visit: <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/document-library/modal-plans/pedestrian-master-plan>.

One way for neighbors to fund pedestrian improvements that would not otherwise be prioritized for funding is through the Your Voice, Your Choice Program. More information is available here: <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/your-voice-your-choice>.

Private Landscaping Encroaches onto Sidewalk, Limits Accessibility for Wheelchairs and Strollers: Beacon Ave and Side Streets

The Seattle Department of Construction and Inspection needs a specific address to issue notices to private property owners, so it is best to report these issues through the Find it, Fix It App or the Customer Service Bureau's online service request form, found here: <https://seattle-csrprodcwi.motorolasolutions.com/ServiceRequest.mvc/SRIntakeStep2?id=CSGENINQ>

Dangerous Intersection, Multiple Accidents: 14th Ave S and S College St

Speeding and Aggressive Cut-Through Traffic: Roberto Maestas Festival Street

The Seattle Department of Transportation follows the national standards presented in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) for the review and installation of all-way stops. The MUTCD has two standards for installation of all-way stops. One is based on safety and the intersection's collision history. If the intersection has five or more reported collisions per year, the first standard is met. Thankfully, these intersections do not meet this standard. However, that does not mean these locations are not a priority for you and your neighbors. To improve traffic and safety in your neighborhood, there are two grant programs the City offers. The Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF) is highly recommended for developing neighborhood or street plans. It can also be used to install traffic calming devices, which may help deter cut-thru traffic, if there is a documented problem. To determine if there is a problem with cut-thru volumes and speeding, conduct a speed study. Residents have access to radar equipment available for checkout at our neighborhood service centers. More information about checking out radar guns can be found on our Neighborhood Traffic Calming website here: www.seattle.gov/transportation/ntcp_calming.htm.

More information on NMF can be found here: www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/neighborhood-matching-fund.

Community members can also consider the Your Voice, Your Choice Program through Seattle Department of Neighborhoods. 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 crosswalks, medians, flashing beacons, sidewalk repair, curb ramps, park benches, trail improvements, etc. More information can be found here: <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/your-voice-your-choice>.

Request for Increased Crosswalks and Improved Crossings: Along Main Streets between Beacon Hill International School and Jefferson Park

Without knowing the specific location for a marked crosswalk request, SDOT cannot provide a follow-up response at this time. If residents have concerns about a particular location, please contact the department directly at (206) 684-0353 or at neighborhood.traffic@seattle.gov. In the meantime, neighbors may find the following information helpful: unless otherwise signed legal crosswalks are in place at all intersections, though only some of these crosswalks may be marked. A marked crosswalk generally indicates a preferred pedestrian crossing point. Some of the most significant factors that go into a decision about whether to mark a crosswalk are the characteristics of the roadway itself. Features such as the number of lanes that pedestrians must cross, the proximity of the location in question to existing traffic signals, and the number of pedestrians who cross the street consistently at that location, all help to answer the question that SDOT asks: "Will a marked crosswalk benefit pedestrians?"

For a crosswalk to be useful, drivers must expect pedestrians at that location. Therefore, the number of pedestrians crossing at a given location is important. When marking a crosswalk, twenty pedestrians crossing an hour is preferred. This ensures that drivers become accustomed to stopping for pedestrians and do not grow accustomed to seeing an empty crosswalk on a continual basis.

Damaged, Buckling Sidewalks: Beacon Ave S, S McClellan St to S Spokane St

SDOT needs a specific address to conduct an inspection, so it is best to report these issues through the Find It, Fix It App by selecting the "Other Inquiry" category. Other ways to report locations in need of sidewalk maintenance are by calling (206) 684-ROAD (7623) or by filing a report online at <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/potholereport.htm>

SDOT crews will perform any temporary repairs needed at the location and, depending on the extent of the damage, notify the property owner of their responsibility to repair the sidewalk. For more information on sidewalks, please visit pages 23-24.

Safety Issues Due to Blindsided Curved Road: Cheasty Blvd S to Martin Luther King Way

Without knowing the specific safety issue or exact location, SDOT is unable to provide a follow-up response for this concern. If residents have concerns about a particular issue or location, please contact the department directly at (206) 684-0353 or neighborhood.traffic@seattle.gov.

Request for Stop Sign: 15th Ave S and S Nevada St

15th Ave S is classified as an arterial; a street designed to move people and goods efficiently through Seattle, provide a route for quick and efficient emergency response, and also serve as a neighborhood street. For this reason, stop signs are not generally installed on arterial streets.

Prevent Parking from Occurring: S Nevada St

The street parking at this location provides a benefit to the community and removing it is not expected to substantially reduce the risk of collisions at this location. Therefore, no changes will be made at this time. Parking is not allowed within 20 feet of a crosswalk. If you feel that cars are parked too close to the intersection, you can contact the Seattle Police Department (SPD) at 206-625-5011 to have the next available parking enforcement officer dispatched.

Dangerous Corner Near School: 12th Ave S & Hill St

SDOT occasionally receives requests to install mirrors at driveways and intersections. These devices can be, and sometimes are, installed on private property at the discretion of the property owner. SDOT does not install or allow the installation of mirrors in the public right-of-way for several reasons; 1) light could strike the mirror and the resulting glare can blind drivers; 2) these types of mirrors can grossly distort the image and it can be very difficult to judge the distance to an oncoming vehicle; 3) mirrors are a maintenance concern as they are frequently damaged by vandals; 4) mirrors are not approved as a traffic control device by the Federal MUTCD (Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices) standard, by which the City of Seattle abides.

If you believe that there are other ways to improve the safety of this intersection, consider submitting your idea to the Your Voice, Your Choice Program. 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 crosswalks, medians, flashing beacons, curb ramps, park benches, trail improvements etc. More information can be found here: www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/your-voice-your-choice

If you have other traffic questions, please feel free to contact the office directly at: neighborhood.traffic@seattle.gov

Car Prowls Frequent: Across Neighborhood

Break-ins and Vandalism: Across Neighborhood

Consider filing a report online for non-emergency Seattle Police Department concerns. Crimes that can be filed online usually do not require an in-person police response.

To file online, the following criteria must be met:

- This is not an emergency situation
- The incident occurred within Seattle City limits (exception– identify theft)
- There are no known suspects or information about the crime that can be followed up on

To file a report, please visit: <https://secure.coplogic.com/dors/en/filing/selectincidenttype?dynparam=1513195417582>

What happens after I file a report?

1. Report your crime online. After you complete your report you will see “Your Online Report Has Been Submitted”.
2. Receive a temporary report. You will immediately be given a temporary transaction number. This is your confirmation number but not your official police report number.
3. Approval of your report. If your report is approved, you will receive an email with the official police report number. This is the number you need to file with your insurance company.

If it is an emergency or you see a crime being committed, please **call 911**.

Illegal Dumping/Litter: Across Neighborhood

Report Illegal Dumping

It is considered illegal dumping when any junk, garbage or debris is left on public property—including road-sides, open streets, and paved alleys. The items most commonly reported are TVs and computers, furniture, paints, solvents and other potentially hazardous liquids, tires, garbage, yard waste, and construction debris.

Report problems

Fill out and submit the Illegal Dumping Report Form, found here: <https://seattle-csrprodcwi.motorolasolutions.com/ServiceRequest.mvc/SRIntakeStep2?id=PUILDUMP>

Or call 206-684-7587 to report problems on public property. Reports will be resolved in 10 business days.

Status of illegal dumping reports

SPU provides a map to show reports of illegal dumping on public property that are currently under investigation at: <http://www.seattle.gov/util/environmentconservation/ourcity/reportillegaldumping/>

The map does not show reports made for private property. Data on this map is updated weekly and may not show recent reports you've made. If you reported illegal dumping over a week ago and do not see it on this map, the report has been closed and you should receive an email notification.

Issues on private property

To report junk stored in or around private property, contact the Seattle Department of Construction & Inspections Code Compliance Division through their Code Violation Complaint Form at: <http://web6.seattle.gov/DPD/ComplaintForm/>

Or call the Violation Complaint Line at 206-615-0808.

Why report illegal dumping

Accumulation of rotten, decaying garbage attracts rats and other disease-carrying creatures. Dumping hazardous waste puts people's health at risk and can harm the environment. Illegal dumping can be associated with other forms of illegal activity. If tolerated, it sends a message to violators that it is allowable to dump garbage in your neighborhood or community.

How to resolve other problems

Report abandoned vehicles through the Abandoned Vehicle Report Line at 206-684-8783.

Report illegal camping by contacting the Customer Service Bureau at 206-684-2489.

Or report either online at: <https://seattle-csrprodcwi.motorolasolutions.com/ServiceRequest.mvc/SRIntakeStep2?id=PDAVSVS>

Graffiti: Across Neighborhood

Report Graffiti in the Following Ways:

- Use the Graffiti Report Form at <https://seattle-csrprodawi.motorolasolutions.com/ServiceRequest.mvc/SRIntakeStep2?id=PUGRAFFI> , use the Find It, Fix It Mobile App, or call the Graffiti Report Line at 206-684-7587 to report graffiti for removal on public property, or graffiti that has not been removed from private property.
- Call the Seattle Police Department at 206-625-5011 to file a police report when graffiti appears on your property.
- Call 911 to report graffiti in progress. Graffiti vandals must be caught in the act to be prosecuted.
- Property with graffiti that has not been removed in a reasonable amount of time may be subject to fines under the Graffiti Nuisance Ordinance found here: <http://www.seattle.gov/util/EnvironmentConservation/OurCity/GraffitiRemoval/GraffitiNuisanceOrdinance/index.htm>

Want to Check on your Graffiti Report?

You can use the confirmation number to track the status of your graffiti report at <http://servicerequest.seattle.gov/>. A “Closed” status indicates that the report has been accepted by the City of Seattle but its removal may still be pending. You can expect the reported graffiti to be removed:

- Within 10 business days for public property
- Within 45 to 60 days for private property

COMMUNITY IDEAS

At the North Beacon Hill Find It, Fix It Walk, ideas were gathered from community members on what changes they would like to see in their neighborhood. These ideas are compiled here, along with information on how they can be accomplished and what City programs are available to help with these efforts.

Decorate the Intersection Like the One in Wallingford

Street murals, such as painted intersections, help add color and express a neighborhood's unique identity on residential streets, while also promoting community building. Although street murals are not considered traffic calming devices, they can have an indirect impact on traffic speeds by encouraging drivers to be respectful of neighbors who live in the area.

Street murals are completely community-driven and community-designed projects. Funding is available through the Department of Neighborhood's Neighborhood Matching Fund Program, found here:

www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/neighborhood-matching-fund

If you are interested in painting a street mural in your neighborhood, Client Assistance Memo 2506 provides all the information you need to know for your project, found here: www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/SDOT/PublicSpaceManagement/CAM2506.pdf

Free Community Cooking Lessons

Although cooking classes are not currently provided by the Jefferson Community Center, new classes and instructors are always welcome. Community members interested in teaching a class can contact Sara Marckx Russell at Sara.MarckxRussell@seattle.gov. For those who are low-income, scholarship applications are available. Funds are limited but available.

Grocery chain PCC also offers need-based scholarships for their cooking classes for fixed or low income community members. To discuss these opportunities, call 206-545-7112. For more information on the classes: www.pccmarkets.com/classes/

Edible Fruit Plants on Sidewalks

Many people in Seattle are interested in installing vegetable gardens, ornamental plants, or rain gardens in the planting strip adjacent to their properties. These efforts are encouraged, as gardens in planting strips provide a natural buffer between pedestrians and vehicles, beautify the streetscape, and collect and filter storm water runoff.

Seattle Department of Transportation will:

- Provide support and guidance for individuals and community groups interested in gardening in planting strips adjacent to their properties.
- Issue free permits for planting trees, creating voluntary rain gardens, or installing raised beds in planting strips.
- Provide guidance for applying for streamlined street improvement permits for voluntary bioretention.
- Facilitate individual and community-based projects devoted to greening undeveloped or unimproved right-of-way areas, like community gardens.

For general questions, please visit: www.seattle.gov/util/environmentconservation/mylawngarden/foodgardening/plantingstrips/

For specific requirements, please visit: www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/SDOT/CAMs/cam2305.pdf

If you are interested in planting in a public space, consider the Find It, Fix It Grant for this project. The Find It, Fix It Grants are designed to help community members improve the safety and maintenance of their neighborhoods through volunteerism. For more information, please visit page 5.

Beautifying Our Town Center with Lights and Landscaping

Restore Katie Black's Garden

Consider the Find It, Fix It Grant for these projects. The Find It, Fix It Grants are designed to help community members improve the safety and maintenance of their neighborhoods through volunteerism. Projects such as litter pick-ups, plantings, graffiti paint-outs, and murals (all of which could take place in the neighborhood center or Katie Black's Garden) are funded by our program. For more information, please visit page 5.

Mass Transit Before Reducing Street Capacity and Parking

The City of Seattle is actively working to bring our community faster and more accessible public transit. For more information on these efforts, please visit: <http://soundtransit3.org/>

Rapid Flashers at Crosswalks on College and Spokane Crossings and the Beacon Hill Greenway

Car-Traffic Dividers

Consider The Your Voice, Your Choice Program for these projects. 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. Residents can cast their ballots for their top three choices in the district where they live, work, go to school, receive services, or volunteer.

There are four key steps to this participatory budgeting process:

1. Idea Collection
2. Project Development
3. Voting
4. Funding and Implementation

To submit your idea, please contact Kraig Cook at Kraig.Cook@seattle.gov 206-256-5944

For more information, please visit: www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/your-voice-your-choice

More Trees Along Rainier Ave.

Consider Trees for Neighborhoods for this project. Since 2009, Trees for Neighborhoods has helped Seattle residents plant over 7,300 trees in their yards and along the street. When you participate in Trees for Neighborhoods, you receive:

- Help selecting the right tree and planting location
- Free trees (up to 4 per household, lifetime max of 6)
- A watering bag & mulch for each tree
- Training on proper planting and care
- Assistance applying for street tree planting permits
- Ongoing care reminders and future pruning workshop opportunities
- Tree delivery & planting assistance if you need physical help or lack access to a vehicle
- Street tree evaluations for the first couple of years to let you know how your trees are doing

If you are interested in planting a tree in 2018, sign up to receive notification of the 2018 application process.

2018 applications will open in July. The sign up sheet can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K6K3N7J>

More Trees Along Rainier Ave. (Continued)

The 2018 process will follow these steps:

- Evaluate your planting site and tree options. Select the tree best suited for the space.
- *Under power lines?* Select one of the power line approved trees.
- *Planting along the street?* Review the minimum planting strip width requirements before selecting your tree.
- *Backyard space?* Choose the largest tree appropriate for your site.
- In the fall, pick up your trees and attend a planting workshop to learn how to plant and care for them.
- Bring your trees home and plant them. Stay connected to Trees for Seattle and receive tips and tree care reminders to keep your trees healthy.

For more information, please visit: www.seattle.gov/trees/treesforneighborhoods.htm

Or contact: TreesForNeighborhoods@Seattle.gov 206-615-1668

Community Garden/Park at the Abandoned Parcel by the Light Rail Station

Unfortunately this property is not available for public use. However, Beacon Hill has two P-Patches that are available to community members; the Beacon Bluff P-Patch and the Beacon Food Forest P-Patch. For more information, please visit:

Beacon Bluff: www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/p-patch-community-gardening/p-patch-list/beacon-bluff

Beacon Food Forest: www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/p-patch-community-gardening/p-patch-list/beacon-food-forest

More Crosswalk Flags around Kimball Elementary School

In 2008, SDOT received funding from the Seattle City Council to launch a pilot program measuring the effectiveness of pedestrian crossing flags. Pedestrian crossing flags are hand-held flags used by pedestrians to be more visible to approaching traffic; they are not formal traffic control devices.

SDOT installed pedestrian crossing flags at 17 locations under the pilot program. The pilot program ran for three years. After evaluating the results at the 17 pilot locations, which included measuring motorist compliance at these crosswalks, SDOT ended the pilot program. Overall, having a flag available does seem to make pedestrians more visible to motorists, however there was not a consistent pattern of improved compliance observed, and some locations were not able to be evaluated due to frequent theft of the flags.

More Crosswalk Flags around Kimball Elementary School (Continued)

Because of the limited effectiveness of the flags and the ongoing maintenance associated with them, SDOT will no longer provide replacement pedestrian crossing flags at the pilot locations, and will not install any new locations. SDOT will allow community sponsors to maintain existing locations, which means the community sponsor will provide replacement flags and flag holders as needed. SDOT will also allow new locations to be installed under the guidelines below.

SDOT's current policy allows residents and neighborhood organizations to provide crossing flags where the following guidelines are met:

- Flags may only be placed at legal crosswalks—the crosswalk does not need to be a marked crosswalk, as legal crosswalks exist at every intersection unless otherwise signed.
- Flag holders must be attached to poles / posts using zip-ties or other temporary mounting materials. Holders that obstruct existing signs or cause damage to objects in the SDOT right-of-way are not allowed and will be removed.
- Flag holders should be located within five feet of the crosswalk.
- Flags should be a minimum of 10 inches by 10 inches in size and made with orange or fluorescent yellow-green material.

Please be aware that SDOT may remove flag holders at any time.

Flags can be purchased from a variety of suppliers. Try an online search for “high visibility flags” to find some potential vendors.

Financial assistance may be available through the Department of Neighborhoods' Neighborhood Matching Fund (www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/neighborhood-matching-fund) or through SDOT's Safe Routes to School mini-grants (www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/safety-first/safe-routes-to-school/mini-grants).

Remember that using a crossing flag does not guarantee that you will be seen. Make sure to keep these other tips in mind:

- Always attempt to make eye contact with approaching drivers
- Wear bright clothing when walking at night
- Don't be distracted—turn off headphones and pay attention when crossing the street

Pedestrian Signage Outside the Light Rail Station that Shows where the Park, Library, and El Centro de la Raza are Located

Consider the Neighborhood Matching Fund for this project. The Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF) program was created in 1988 to provide matching dollars for neighborhood improvement, organizing, or projects that are developed and implemented by community members. Core to the fund is the community match, which requires awardees to match their award with contributions from the community (volunteer time, donated materials, donated professional services or cash).

Who is funded?

Neighborhood groups, community organizations, informal groups, and business groups who want to do a project to build stronger community connections are encouraged to apply. All applicant groups must be open and inclusive, actively engage diverse community members, and be significantly composed of people who live and/or work in Seattle.

What is Funded?

An array of unique and creative community projects that meet these requirements:

- Involve community members in creating and completing the project.
- Create community improvements.
- Be free and open to all members of the public.
- Are feasible and ready to begin within 1-2 months from award date.
- Demonstrate community match.
- Occur within the Seattle city limits. Community events every 2 years.

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

WHAT CAN I DO TO IMPROVE STREET SAFETY?

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. More information on First Hill community contacts can be found on page 24.

2) 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.

- If you are involved in or witness an auto accident where medical or police assistance is needed, call 9-1-1.
- If you pass an auto accident and it does not appear that assistance is needed, or you see involved parties on a wireless phone, or emergency personnel have already arrived, please do not call 9-1-1.
- If the collision is minor and you don't need police response: You should exchange insurance information.
- You can report collisions online via the [Collision Report with Washington State Patrol](#)

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 the Neighborhood Traffic Calming page at: seattle.gov/transportation/ntcp_calming.htm.

4) Vote for a Park or Street Improvement in your Neighborhood with Your Voice, Your Choice

Your Voice, Your Choice: Parks & Streets is an opportunity for community members to directly decide how to spend \$2 million of the City's budget on small-scale physical improvement projects in Seattle's parks & streets (i.e. crosswalks, medians, flashing beacons, sidewalk repair, curb ramps, park benches, trail improvements, etc.). Each project must be under \$90K. For more information, please visit:

www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/your-voice-your-choice.

5) Consider Applying for a Neighborhood Matching Fund Grant

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, please visit:

seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/neighborhood-matching-fund.

SIDEWALKS

SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (SDOT)

Damaged Sidewalks

A little known fact about sidewalk repair in Seattle is that maintenance is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner unless the sidewalk has been damaged by the City (a City-maintained tree or City crews). Like many other cities, Seattle's laws require that adjacent property owners keep their sidewalks in good repair and safe for public travel. This means keeping the sidewalk clear from vegetation overgrowth, snow and ice accumulation, as well as making repairs to the sidewalks when damaged. Additional information can be found here: seattle.gov/transportation/cams/CAM2208.pdf.

In addition to sidewalk repairs by property owners, SDOT carries out a large number of projects through our Sidewalk Repair Program. More information on this program is available here: seattle.gov/transportation/sidewalkrepair.htm.

If you would like to report specific locations that are in need of maintenance, you can report them by calling the SDOT Road Line at (206) 684-ROAD (7623) or by filling out an online form at seattle.gov/transportation/potholereport.htm. SDOT crews will then perform any temporary repairs needed at that location and notify the property owner of their responsibility to repair the sidewalk.

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.

Ways to Make the Streets Safer for Pedestrians (continued)

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 have been 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.

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. Please see page 16 for further details.



POTHoles

SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (SDOT)

Does The Department of Transportation (SDOT) Fill Potholes in Alleys?

Property owners are responsible for the alleys next to their property. SDOT fills potholes on alleys paved to City standards (typically concrete), but unimproved alleys (those not paved to City standards) are not considered part of the City's street system and are not maintained SDOT. Alley maintenance funds are scarce. If a paved alley is damaged to the extent that there is a safety or mobility problem, SDOT will make pothole patch repairs as possible. More extensive repairs are likely to be conducted by the abutting property owners.

Does SDOT Fill Potholes on Residential Streets?

SDOT fills potholes on paved residential streets. On streets that are not paved with concrete or asphalt, such as gravel roadways or streets with chip-sealed surfaces (emulsion embedded with crushed rock) repairs may need to wait until the street can be graded or resealed.

Reasons Why SDOT May Not Have Made the Repair Requested:

Weather conditions have created a backlog: There are seasonal variations in the amount of new potholes that are created. When there is a significant backlog, SDOT will put extra crews on the job of filling potholes until the backlog is gone.

Can't find the pothole: Sometimes insufficient information is given or there may be a car parked over the pothole, hiding it from view. SDOT can call the reporter for a better description of the location if their name and number are provided with the request.

Utility cuts: Some of the potholes reported are the responsibilities of other parties to fill. The agencies or private contractors who dig into the street to work on underground utilities must either repair the street pavement or pay SDOT to make the final, permanent repair. If the "utility cut" is not properly repaired, the area of the excavation can sink, leaving what can appear to be a pothole. When these are reported, SDOT may require the utility to return and correct the paving. This may take longer than three business days.

Utility covers: When entrances to underground utilities become worn, the owners of the utility must repair cracked or damaged pavement around the rim.

Reasons Why SDOT May Not Have Made the Repair Requested (Continued):

Railroad Tracks: SDOT is not allowed to work within four feet of railroad tracks. This area must be repaired by the railroad. Repairs in the area SDOT is responsible for within 25 feet of railroad tracks may take longer than 72 hours in order to coordinate with the railroad.

Off to the side of the road: Sometimes a pothole forms off to the side of the roadway, especially when drainage is inadequate and the area is used for parking. These areas are usually the responsibility of the adjacent property owner to maintain. An SDOT Street Use inspector can verify if the pothole is in the part of the right of way that is the responsibility of the property owner.

Can't be repaired as a pothole: Some defects that are reported as potholes are really some other kind of problem that can't be repaired as a pothole. Sometimes it is a rough or rutted surface of a road that needs to be repaved or totally rebuilt from the base to the surface. Other times it is a void or sink-hole, a crumbled street edge, or pavement with layers of asphalt that have become separated (delaminated), or a long fissure or crack. While most defects can be repaired, it may take longer, and some processes, such as crack seal or chip sealing are only done in the summer. If there is a safety hazard, SDOT crews will set barricades around the problem area or they may close a lane.

How Do I Know if What I am Reporting can be Repaired as a Pothole or Not?

We don't expect everyone to be able to distinguish among pavement defects. We encourage you to report any type of pavement defect that is of concern to you, especially if it appears hazardous. If we can't make an immediate repair, we may be able to repair it later. If needed, we will block off the area to maintain safety.

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

SEATTLE PUBLIC UTILITIES (SPU)

Needles, syringes, and lancets are considered biomedical waste and dangerous litter, and require proper disposal. It is illegal 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 can be found 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.

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 a **sharps container** (i.e. old detergent bottle, coffee tin, other thick plastic container), **gloves**, a **grabber tool** (i.e. tongs, pliers, tweezers), and **closed-toed shoes**.
- Treat all discarded sharps/needles as if contaminated.
- Never pick up discarded sharps/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 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.

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.

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

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.

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



NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

El Centro de la Raza Receives \$25k to Aid DREAMers

Mayor Jenny A Durkan has announced that Beacon Hill Community Center El Centro de la Raza will be receiving \$25,000 in funds to support efforts to provide legal assistance, education, and outreach support to DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) recipients.

In her December 8th statement, Mayor Durkan said that she is “proud that our city will fight for DREAMers, immigrants and refugees, and these organizations will continue to assist DACA recipients.”

El Centro de la Raza, “The Center of People of All Races”, is a voice and hub for the Latino community in Seattle and King County. Through their variety of programs and services, El Centro de la Raza empowers its members and works to raise awareness with the public, government, businesses and civic leaders about the needs of the Chicano/Latino community in the United States. More information on the organization and how to get involved can be found here: <http://www.elcentrodelaraza.org/>

In addition to this award, 6 other organizations were granted funds to provide similar support to DACA recipients.

Mayor Durkan’s full press release can be found here: <http://durkan.seattle.gov/2017/12/mayor-durkan-and-city-attorney-holmes-tell-trumps-department-of-justice-seattle-will-not-be-bullied/>



Upcoming Sidewalk Projects

Last year, SDOT completed a new sidewalk project on S Orcas St between MLK and Beacon Ave S, and will be building a new section of sidewalk on S Cloverdale St between MLK and Beacon Ave S in 2018. Looking ahead, the 5-year Pedestrian Master Plan (PMP) Implementation Plan includes several new sidewalk and pathway projects in North Beacon Hill:

- S McClellan St between 23rd Ave S and 25th Ave S
- 22nd Ave S between S Bayview St and Rainier Ave S
- S Holgate St between 20th Ave S and Rainier Ave S
- 20th Ave S between S Holgate St and S Grand St
- S Grand St between Rainier Ave S and Valentine Pl S

For more information on the Pedestrian Master Plan, please visit: www.seattle.gov/transportation/document-library/modal-plans/pedestrian-master-plan

SDOT will also be evaluating the following intersections for pedestrian crossing upgrades over the next five years:

- 15th Ave S & S Lander St
- Beacon Ave S & S Forest St
- Beacon Ave S & S Stevens St
- 15th Ave S & Spokane Turn Road
- Rainier Ave S & S State St
- Rainier Ave S & S Walker St

All of these improvements are prioritized based on the PMP project selection criteria and funded by the voter-approved, 9-year Levy to Move Seattle. For more information, please visit: www.seattle.gov/transportation/about-sdot/funding/levy-to-move-seattle

Safe Routes to School Projects

In 2018 SDOT will be installing speed bumps in the school zone for Beacon Hill International Elementary. Recently completed Safe Routes to School projects in Beacon Hill include:

- 2016: SDOT completed the multi-use trail along 16th Ave S between S Dakota St and Lafayette Ave S.
- 2017: SDOT installed an additional 20mph flashing beacon on 15th Ave S south of S Columbian Way, installed RRFBs (Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons) at 15th Ave S & S Hill St and 15th Ave S & S Plum St, and installed zig-zag markings for the school crosswalks across 14th Ave S and S College St and S Plum St.



Multi-use Trail

COMMUNITY CONTACTS AND RESOURCES

Community Engagement Coordinator—Central Seattle

Community Engagement Coordinators are your essential link to city government, working with the community to respond to your questions and concerns.

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District 3 Councilmember

Bruce Harrell

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Legislative Assistant: Jennifer Samuels Jennifer.Samuels@seattle.gov

Seattle Police Department— South Precinct

Website: www.seattle.gov/police/about-us/police-locations/south-precinct

Phone: 206-386-1850

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

Beacon Hill Council of Seattle

Website: www.northbeaconhillcouncil.org/about-us.html

Email: BeaconHillCouncil@gmail.com

Meetings: First Tuesday of every month from 7-9pm, located in the Jefferson Park Community Center at 3801 Beacon Ave S



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