

Squire Park Community Council

Our Central Area Neighborhood Quarterly Newsletter

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July 2026

SPCC Quarterly General Meeting

Saturday, July 18, 2026

10:00 a.m. to Noon

Byrd Barr Place
722 18th Ave

Agenda includes

1. Introductions
2. Candidate Forum
3. City Councilmember Joy Hollingsworth
4. Casa Latina
5. Community Updates
6. New Board Member Ask

Noon to 2:00 PM

Community Engagement

Celebration & Lunch!
at Byrd Barr Place

immediately following the SPCC Meeting.

Celebrate our community!

Enjoy Music by Michael Powers!

Get to know King County Council Candidates. Welcome City Councilmember Joy Hollingsworth. Enjoy FOOD, FUN & LIVE MUSIC.

All candidates (see p.2.) for for King County Council District 2 will join us for a forum. Let us know your questions via our Facebook page.

Engage with City Councilmember Hollingsworth (See p.3). Share your updates and ideas.

Then Celebrate our Neighborhood!

Join your neighbors for FOOD, FUN & LIVE MUSIC by Michael Powers. Catch up with friends, and welcome new residents Take time to socialize noon to 2:00 PM.

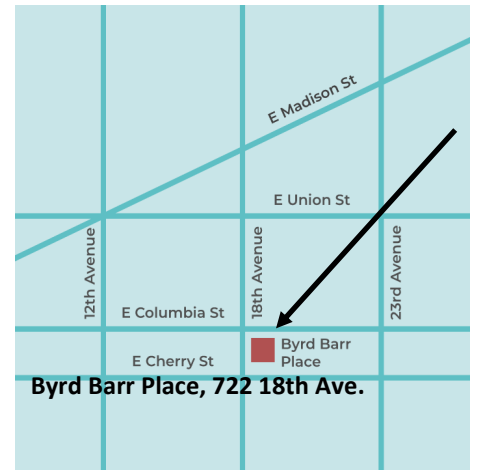
This celebration and the April and July newsletter printings have been made possible by a matching grant from the **Department of Neighborhoods**.

Thanks to DON for the dollars, and to volunteers for the time and work that have made the newsletters and neighborhood event happen.

Thank you to Byrd Barr Place for serving as our fiscal sponsor and for providing the venue for our meetings and community engagement lunch!

Update from Previous Meetings

Seattle Department of Neighborhoods' Landmarks Preservation Board unanimously approved [The People's Wall as an official Seattle landmark](#).



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BYRD BARR PLACE

As we've been living through the World Cup, we've been ambassadors to guests from all over the world. We here in Squire Park can hear the fireworks, helicopters, entertainment, and traffic from the games. Which is great! Our neighborhood is a gift, as our central location gives us access to so much entertainment, so many parks, libraries, cultural institutions, and most importantly a diverse

neighborhood community. Let's not squander it. I encourage everyone to get involved and introduce yourself. Have agency. Expand your community. Join groups. You'll feel the benefits (and responsibility) sooner than you think. Enjoy the summer!

Stefan Schachtell , **President**

Meet the Candidates. Ask Questions.

On July 18 you will have a great opportunity to meet the three candidates in the August 4 primary election to the King County Council District 2.

Toshiko Hasegawa is a Commissioner of the Port of Seattle, elected in 2022. She describes her experience in that post as being a “leader of one of the most complex public institutions the region.” Before her election to the Port Commission, Hasegawa was the Executive Director of the Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific-American Affairs, a cabinet level position in the administration of Governor Jay Inslee. Her campaign website leads with the statement that she is running because “people deserve to afford the place they call home.” (See www.votetoshiko.com)

Miriam Mboya has worked in several roles as an employee of King County and has been active in the social justice community. Her campaign website emphasizes that “as a person exposed to foster care,

food insecurity, and carceral realities early in life I am committed to ensuring that all youth in King County are truly supported in their development.” Mboya says she “has lived through the systems this county controls,” and is running for County Council to make those systems better. (see www.electmiriam.com)

Rebecca Saldaña has been a Senator representing the 37th state legislative district since her appointment in 2016 and then elected in 2017. Previously she had served as executive director of Puget Sound Sage, an advocacy organization for affordable housing, transportation equity, environmental justice, and workers’ rights. Her campaign website states that she is running because she is one who “knows how to take on the system that is rigged against us and win.” She emphasizes her aim to continue the “fight to tax the ultra-wealthy so that those most disadvantaged don’t continue to bankroll billionaires and corporations.” (see www.rebeccasaldana.com)

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Squire Park Community Council Board Meetings

See Squire Park Community Council <https://squirepark.cc/> . Board meetings are generally on the second Tuesday of the month via Zoom .

Our Next Community Meetings are scheduled for July 18, and Oct. 17, 10:00 AM to noon at

Byrd Barr Place, 722 18th Ave
SPCC meetings are open to all residents, business owners, and interested parties. Please come. Bring a neighbor.

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BE A NEIGHBOR. MEET A NEIGHBOR

Our happiness, health, and self-esteem are boosted by social behavior; nine of ten scientists agree. (The tenth one didn't want to talk to us about it.) All nine of these scientists confirm that one of the most important ways to take advantage of this path to happiness, health, and self-esteem is *to get to know a neighbor*. As luck would have it there are two great opportunities for us to be neighbors in the coming weeks.

First, the Squire Park Community Council neighborhood get together on Saturday, July 18. One of the most important goals of your community council is to create an opportunity for neighbors to socialize, and July's meeting will include informative discussions from important guests and time to socialize over food. You should do this.

Second, sign up in advance for the annual Neighbor's Night Out event on Tuesday evening, August 4, and you can drag a few chairs, and maybe a grill, into the street and turn your street into a party venue. Since 1984 the City of Seattle has encouraged neighborhood parties (some restrictions apply; registration closes July 27 <https://www.seattle.gov/police/crime-prevention/night-out>)

At this writing, four parties in Squire Park have registered: two on 21st Avenue, one on 22nd, and one on 19th. History suggests there will be more sites. We can do more. Make your street one of them --- for our health, happiness, and well, of course, self-esteem.

Meet Seattle City Councilmember Joy Hollingsworth

Councilmember Hollingsworth is the president of the council and represents our District 3 area. She also chairs the [Governance & Utilities](#), is vice-chair of [Libraries, Education & Neighborhoods](#) and is a

member of the [Finance, Native Communities & Tribal Governments](#), [Land Use & Sustainability](#), [Housing, Arts, & Civil Rights](#), and [Human Services, Labor, & Economic Development](#) committees. **Let's engage.**

The Seattle Black Panther Party Interpretive Center is Open!

It is located at The Metropole 423 2nd Ave, Seattle, WA. For updates and more details on their exhibitions and upcoming permanent installations, check the official [Seattle Black Panther Party Legacy Group](https://www.seattlebpplegacy.com/) site. <https://www.seattlebpplegacy.com/>.

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SPCC Newsletter

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King County Sits on Vacant Property.

HOW MUCH LONGER?

Six years ago, King County opened the new Family Justice Center, replacing the old complex with a new office building, courtrooms, juvenile detention facility, and a new parking structure. Around that development, the County continues to maintain acres of valuable unused land. A large chunk is to the south of the parking garage along Spruce Street, along with a smaller area is to the north of the new building including an asphalt lot lightly used for storage, apparently.

During planning, County officials signaled that the “excess” property could be made available for useful purposes. The northeast corner was to be developed as a park-like open space in consultation with the community, which never happened. For the remainder of the site, County policy requires that the first preference for excess property is for new housing. There is no sign that the County has taken any action on any part of this plan.

This site is located a few blocks from the troubled intersection of 12th and Jackson. Could active stewardship by the County of its large vacant site provide some positive development for the neighborhood and contribute to addressing Seattle’s housing needs?

Candidates for our district representative to the King County Council will attend the July 18 meeting. Let’s ask.

Join the Byrd Barr Block Party!

Support local vendors on July 11th, 2026, 12pm - 5pm, 722 18th Ave Seattle, WA 98122. <https://byrdbarrplace.org/news-events/events/2026-block-party>

Meet the Cherry Street Farm

You might have seen the Farm under construction at 1911 E. Cherry Street – and wondered what it was with a shipping container on site no less! It’s a Hydroponic Growing Lab and Kitchen. The farm focuses on hands on food education for young people promoting a lifestyle of plant-based eating, food justice, fitness, sobriety, mental health, and more.

The Farm has been developed and sponsored by Hip Hop is Green (www.hiphopisgreen.com) (info@hiphopisgreen.com).

The grand opening was June 27th, but visitors are still welcome! Please stop by say hello and find out more about the farm and the program. <https://www.cherrystreetfarm.com/>



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