

Squire Park Community Council

Our Central Area Neighborhood Quarterly Newsletter

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October 2026

SPCC Quarterly General Meeting

Saturday, October 17, 2026

10:00 a.m. to Noon

Byrd Barr Place
722 18th Ave

Agenda includes

1. Introductions
2. Seattle Transit Ballot Measure
3. Meet the Cherry Street FarmS
4. King County Property
5. Community Updates
6. Candidate Intros and Meet and Greet

THE TRANSIT BALLOT MEASURE, VACANT COUNTY PROPERTY, CHERRY STREET FARMS, AND CANDIDATES ARE ON THE AGENDA.

Enjoy a coffee and snack with your neighbors at the SPCC Quarterly Meeting on October 17.

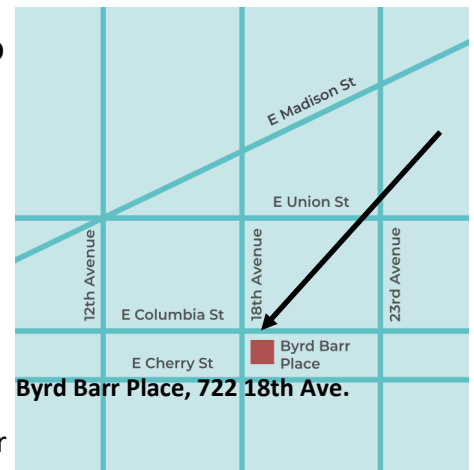
Find out what is in the **Seattle Transit Measure** and ask questions. (See p.4)

Learn about the **Cherry Street Farms** Hydroponic Growing Lab and Kitchen at 1911 E. Cherry Street that was developed and sponsored by Hip Hop is Green and focuses on hands-on food education for youth and promotes plant-based diets, food

justice, fitness, sobriety, mental health, and more. See www.hiphopisgreen.com.

Then let's talk with **King County Council Member Teresa Mosqueda** and other King County facilities representatives about that vacant county property. (See p.3)

All candidates for the local King County offices and the 37th District Representatives and Senate have been invited to meet and greet.



EXPLORE THE GARFIELD EMERGENCY HUB

A Seattle Community Emergency Hub is a pre-determined gathering spot where neighbors support one another and share information during major emergencies that cause prolonged city service disruptions.

This summer, neighbors established the Garfield Emergency Hub on the east side of Garfield High School, near the faculty parking lot. While the hub provides a physical meeting point, our best asset is in

each other—neighbors helping neighbors. We've hosted info sessions on household preparedness, hub operations, and survival skills so we can all prepare.

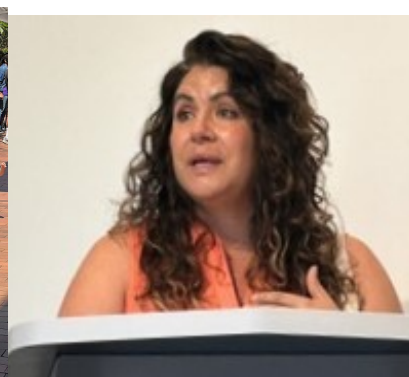
Please note: Hubs are volunteer-run coordination points—not shelters or supply stockpiles—and every neighbor has valuable skills, knowledge or resources to contribute. We hope you'll - stay in the loop by joining our mailing list: <https://groups.google.com/g/garfieldhub>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What is clearly not a herculean task, this note always catches me by surprise when due. My school age kids have had their first round of colds; they've started making new friendships, and they've even gone on their first rollercoasters! Adventure follows them (maybe precedes them?) wherever they go. It isn't so different for us parents as we live vicariously through their eyes. There are new things everywhere: new stop signs, new turn lanes, new businesses, new

entrepreneurial endeavors, new coffee shops, new fields, new playgrounds, etc. It's amazing. I always talk about how Squire Park is always reinventing itself, but maybe it's just the relentless wheel of time; something novel arrives, something familiar passes. My advice: welcome the new and cherish what was once here! And hope to see everyone at the meeting for both!

Stefan Schachtell, **President**



Thank you, Joy Jacobson, Lauren Vorona, and volunteers, Department of Neighborhoods, and Byrd Barr Place, for the July celebration of neighborhood!



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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 JOct. 17, and Jan. 23, 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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**Thank you, Brad Barber and
Stefan Schachtell,** for the
SPCC Website.

COUNTY EXEC'S BUDGET PROPOSAL INCLUDES PLANS FOR 12TH AVE. AND SPRUCE ST. 80-UNIT TINY HOME VILLAGE

After more than ten years of delay and indifference by King County to unused property it owns near the Youth Services and Detention Center on 12th Avenue, a surprising proposal was recently announced. A supplemental budget introduced by County Executive Zahilay includes a request to spend \$5M for an eighty-unit tiny home village at 12th and Spruce to be operated by the Low-Income Housing Institute. This is on a site in an area where affordable housing and market rate developers have built hundreds of new units in recent years. The zoning allows seven stories or more.

Why should the County spend \$5M or more on temporary housing rather than making its property available for a permanent housing development to serve more people --- either affordable or market rate or both?

Could not the troubled 12th Avenue area benefit from new permanent housing?

How much longer will a permanent solution be delayed? These are questions to ask the County Council as it considers the budget request. King County Council Member Mosqueda, who represents the district in which the site is located, will attend the October 17th SPCC meeting. Join this important conversation.

BIG CHANGES TO SWEDISH CHERRY HILL MEDICAL CENTER CAMPUS TO BE "REIMAGINED"

Medical Center on the neighborhood, learn more at an important meeting on October 14, 6:00 PM at the Cherry Hill hospital campus. (For room location and web meeting address: <https://tinyurl.com/ymmjxe35> on the website of the Seattle Office of Planning and Community Development.

All "major institutions" including Providence Swedish Medical Center and Seattle University are required by the City to listen to a citizens committee, known as the "Implementation Advisory Committee", whose role is to review and comment on developments related to the institution's Master Plan.

The Master Plan of Providence Swedish Cherry Hill was adopted ten years ago and contemplated significant new development on the campus., notably a large new medical office buildings on 18th Avenue. Within the last two years the institution's plans have changed drastically. "Cherry Hill is being reimagined"

For all concerned about the changing impact of Providence/ Swedish Cherry Hill

with the elimination of the Emergency Department, Cardiovascular, Neuro, Medical/Surgical, Inpatient imaging, and inpatient support services.

Therefore, the institution's need for space at the Cherry Hill campus is wildly inconsistent with its Master Plan to target 18th Avenue for a new medical-related development. The Master Plan also does not consider the new availability to Swedish of the now vacated space at the former Northwest Kidney Center building.

Community members have asked why 18th Avenue should not be taken out of the Institution's overlay and returned to the residential zoning that existed before Swedish took it over. The surface parking lot partially used by Swedish, Sabey, and LabCorp could, more productively and appropriately, be the location of new homes for neighborhood residents.

Do come to the meeting (in person or virtually) and hear about the process of planning for a "reimagined Cherry Hill" and to express your opinions on the future of 18th Avenue.

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MEET THE NOVEMBER SEATTLE TRANSIT MEASURE

After Washington State authorized the formation of transportation benefit districts, in 2010 the Seattle City Council established the Seattle Transportation Benefit District, a local taxing district that can raise revenue for specific transportation projects, usually through vehicle license fees or sales taxes.

Seattle voters approved a 2014 proposition to expand the fee and added a sales tax to subsidize Seattle's Metro bus service, which later transitioned into the Seattle Transit Measure (STM). Voters approved a renewal and replacement in a 2020 six-year proposition that included a .15% sales tax and a \$60 vehicle license fee that increased transit service hours and added support for low-income fare programs.

The 2026 Seattle Transit Measure (STM) on the November ballot proposes to increase the sales tax to 0.3% and is expected to add approximately 95,000 more bus trips a year to the current 180,000 funded trips. Support for subsidized transit access program would expand. It would add support for the King County Regional Transit Safety Task Force, provide funding for accessibility infrastructure projects, and prioritize electric transit service in Duwamish Valley and South Seattle.

It also supports city staff to expedite permits. It covers construction oversight for light rail and safety, and improved access to future stations such as Graham Street and Sound Transit's West Seattle and Ballard Link projects. Join the conversation with STM representatives on Saturday, October 17.

CITY GRANT SUPPORTS BLACK LEGACY HOMEOWNERS AND ANTI-DISPLACEMENT

Mayor Katie Wilson announced the award of more than \$4 million in grants under the City's "Equitable Development Initiative" including \$75,000 to the Black Legacy Homeowners Organization for capacity building. The mission of the BLHO, headquartered at the McKinney Center on Jackson and 21st, is to be a

resource for Black homeowners, future buyers, and community members seeking culturally competent tools to protect, expand, and preserve Black-owned property.

To learn more, attend the next monthly meetup: November 22 at 4:00 -6:00 PM. Attend the organization's local government candidate's forum on October 18 at 4:00 – 6:00 PM. Both events are at 2120 S. Jackson. For more information see www.blacklegacyhomeowners.org and the City's Equitable Development Initiative at <https://tinyurl.com/mr7mdbs3>



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