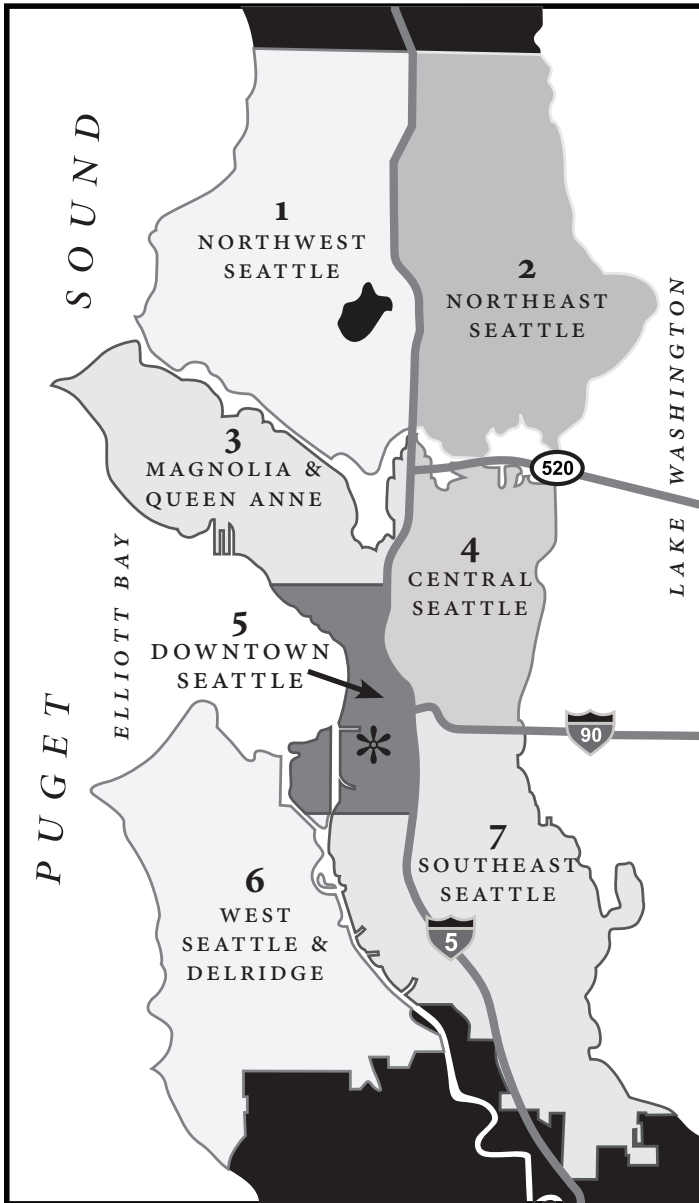




Housing Choice Voucher Program

NEIGHBORHOOD GUIDE NO. 5

A neighborhood guide to Downtown Seattle



SEATTLE IS A DIVERSE CITY made up of many distinctive communities offering a variety of features and benefits to consider when making your housing choice.

We have provided this neighborhood information to get you started in your search for the right community for you and your family. In each of these Neighborhood Guides you'll find information about schools, parks, libraries, community gardens, and community services. And you'll find out which parts of this neighborhood are consid-

DOWNTOWN SEATTLE is bounded by Denny Way to the north, Spokane Street to the south, I-5 to the east, and Elliott Bay to the west. It incorporates Belltown, the Business District, the International District, the Pike Place Market, SODO, and Westlake.

*To live downtown is to be at the very center of Seattle's bustling urban experience. Attractions for residents and visitors alike include the waterfront, the Pike Place Market, the Seattle Art Museum, the central branch of the Seattle Public Library, Benaroya Hall (home of the Seattle Symphony), and the city's football and baseball stadiums. Even here, in the heart of the busy city, there are parks where one can reflect and gather one's thoughts; one is the waterfront Olympic Sculpture Park, which adjoins the waterside Myrtle Edwards Park. **

ered most "walkable"—that is, which allow you to run many errands without driving.

To gather additional information about the neighborhood, consider visiting it to get a feel for the area and talk with residents about the community.

Your voucher can be a tool that gives you access to quality housing and communities that you may not have been able to afford before.

One of the goals of the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) is to provide households the opportunity to move to communities that provide greater opportunity for stability and self-sufficiency.

Use your voucher to choose a home in a neighborhood that improves your family's access to schools, employers and amenities that support your goals and needs.

Before you choose a rental unit, check out Seattle's many neighborhoods. Take care to find a home you will enjoy and stay in for a long time.

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOGS

www.belltown.org/
www.belltowner.com/
www.thesouthlake.com/

SCHOOLS

www.seattleschools.org

Elementary

Bailey Gatzert Elementary School
www.seattleschools.org/schools/gatzert/index.html
1301 E Yesler Way
☎ 252-2810

Coe Elementary School
www.seattleschools.org/schools/coe
2424 7th Avenue W
☎ 252-2000

Middle School

Washington Middle School
www.wmsptsa.com/
2101 S Jackson Street
☎ 252-2600

High School

Garfield High School
<http://ghs.seattleschools.org>
400 23rd Avenue
☎ 252-2270

Community College / Higher Education

Cornish College of the Arts
<http://www.cornish.edu>
1000 Lenora Street
☎ 800-726-ARTS

Seattle Central Community College
www.seattlecentral.org
1701 Broadway
☎ 587-3800

Seattle University
www.seattleu.edu
901 12th Avenue
☎ 296-6000

Neighborhood Office

Downtown Neighborhood Service Center
www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nsc/downtown.htm
201 Yesler Way, Suite B
☎ 684-CITY

DSHS/Customer Service Office

www.dshs.wa.gov

Washington Capitol Hill CSO
1700 East Cherry Street
☎ 341-7431

WorkSource offices

www.access.wa.gov

<https://fortress.wa.gov/esd/worksource/Employment.aspx>

WorkSource Affiliate Downtown Seattle
2024 3rd Avenue, 2nd Floor
☎ 436-8600

Food bank

Downtown Food Bank
<http://pikemarketseniorcenter.giving.officelive.com/default.aspx>
1531 Western Avenue, Fifth floor
☎ 626-6462

Hospitals/Medical

Seattle Cancer Care Alliance
www.seattlecca.org
1354 Aloha Street
☎ 800-804-8824

Virginia Mason
www.virginiamason.org
1100 Ninth Avenue
☎ 223-6600

Swedish Medical Center – First Hill
www.swedish.org
☎ 747 Broadway
386-6000

Harborview Medical Center
<http://uwmedicine.washington.edu/Patient-Care/Locations/HMC/Pages/default.aspx>
325 Ninth Avenue
☎ 744-1000 *appointments*
☎ 744.3000 *general information*

Public Libraries

www.spl.org

Central Library
1000 4th Avenue
☎ 386-4836

Talking Book & Braille Library
www.wtbbl.org
2021 9th Avenue
☎ 615-0400

Public Computer Labs

Public computer access is offered at every branch of the Seattle Public Library and also at the following facilities.

King County Law Library
Legal Research Training Library
www.kcll.org/index.phtml
King County Courthouse
516 3rd Avenue, Room W621
☎ 296-0940

Metrocenter YMCA
www.seattlemca.org/page.cfm
909 4th Avenue
☎ 382-5003

YWCA of Seattle
www.ywcaworks.org
1118 5th Avenue
☎ 682-0450

Chancery Place
910 Marion Street, Suite 105
☎ 343-9415

Community Center

www.seattle.gov/parks/centers/

Metrocenter YMCA
www.seattlemca.org/
909 4th Avenue
☎ 382-5003

Yesler Community Center
www.seattle.gov/parks/centers/yeslercc.htm
917 E Yesler Way
☎ 386-1245

YWCA of Seattle
www.ywcaworks.org
1118 5th Avenue
☎ 461-4443

Public Transportation

Sound Transit Central Link Light Rail Service
www.soundtransit.org
☎ 1-800-301-4900

Monorail
www.seattlemonorail.com
☎ 905-2620

Buses
www.metro.kingcounty.gov
Metro routes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 41, 42, 43, 49, 54, 55, 56, 57, 64, 66, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 76, 77, 79, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 98, 99, 101, 102, 106, 111, 113, 114, 116, 118, 119, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 132, 134, 143, 150, 152, 157, 158, 159, 161, 162, 175, 177, 179, 190, 192, 196, 202, 210, 211, 212, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 225, 229, 250, 252, 255, 256, 257, 260, 261, 265, 266, 268, 280, 301, 303, 304, 306, 308, 311, 311, 312, 316, 355, 358, 401, 402, 404, 405, 406...& more

*Please note that this Guide is not exhaustive.
For additional information about this neighborhood, visit the websites listed.*

Parks and Playfields

www.cityofseattle.net/parks

Belltown Cottage Park
2512 Elliott Avenue
☎ 684-4075

Denny Park
100 Dexter Avenue N
☎ 684-4075

Lake Union Park
860 Terry Avenue N
☎ 684-7254

\Piers 61 & 63
1951 Alaskan Way
☎ 684-4075

Regrade Park
2251 3rd Avenue
☎ 684-4075

Victor Steinbrueck Park
2001 Western Avenue
☎ 684-4075

Waterfront Park
1301 Alaskan Way
☎ 684-4075

Westlake Park
401 Pine Street
☎ 684-4075

P-Patch Community Gardens

www.cityofseattle.net/neighborhoods/ppatch/

Belltown
Elliott Avenue at Vine Street

Cascade
Thomas Street at Minor Avenue N

Pelican Tea Garden
Alley behind 19th Avenue E
and E Mercer/E Roy Streets

Farmers Market

www.seattlefarmersmarkets.org

Cascade Farmers Market
www.cascadefarmersmarket.org
Minor Avenue between
Thomas & Harrison Streets
Open Thursdays from 3 until 7 pm year round

Police Department

☎ *In an emergency, dial 9-1-1*

West Precinct
[www.seattle.gov/police/Precincts/
West/default.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/police/Precincts/West/default.htm)
810 W Virginia Street
☎ 684-8917

Walkability

*The neighborhood walkability website
www.walkscore.com/WA/Seattle
allots “walkability points” to neighborhoods
based on how easy it is to get around on foot.*

Downtown: 97 out of 100

Cascade: 96 out of 100

Belltown: 95 out of 100

Westlake: 75 out of 100

Key to Walkability Scores

90–100 Walker’s Paradise —
Daily errands do not require a car.

70–89 Very Walkable —
Most errands can be accomplished on foot.

50–69 Somewhat Walkable —
Some amenities are within walking distance.

25–49 Car-Dependent —
Only a few amenities are within walking distance.

0–24 Car-Dependent —
Almost all errands require a car.