



Laurelhurst Community Club

Serving Seattle's Laurelhurst Community since 1920

Hi Neighbor!

Welcome to Laurelhurst and congratulations on your new home. Whether you are new to Seattle, the neighborhood or have just moved a few blocks, we want to send you an official welcome from the Laurelhurst Community Club (LCC).

Established in 1920, the LCC's mission is to foster an inclusive sense of community in the Laurelhurst neighborhood. In addition, the LCC works to identify and address community concerns and to provide a forum to promote solutions by working with the community at large, other civic organizations and local and state governments.

LCC trustees and many others serve on committees, represent the community in other organizations, and work on community improvement or special projects or specific issues such as crime prevention, transportation, the environment, or land use. These neighbors contribute hundreds of hours each year to maintain the livability and vitality of our community.

Our website, *Laurelhurstcc.com*, will provide you with more information and you will be receiving our monthly newsletter (funded by voluntary LCC dues) which will give you the latest information about a number of issues. In addition, we would love to see you at our LCC monthly board meetings which take place on the second Monday of each month (except August) at 6:30pm. Meetings are currently being held via Zoom until further notice and login information can be found on our website as well as in the monthly newsletter.

There are a number of activities and assets in our neighborhood that you may not be familiar with. They're listed below and we encourage you to look into them because they can add so much to your experience as a Laurelhurst resident.

- The Laurelhurst Playfield was given by the Laurelhurst community to the City for park and playground purposes. Generations of Laurelhurst families have gathered and played there!
- For information about the Laurelhurst Community Center at the playfield see: <https://www.seattle.gov/parks/find/centers/laurelhurst-community-center>
- You'll find SUN Park at the corner of NE 47th Street and 47th Avenue NE. It's on a little lot that Laurelhurst neighbors (and some former residents) saved from development, then created a unique pocket park. SUN stands for "Saving Urban Nature," and you'll find there a collection of native plants with helpful identification signs.
- Public access to Lake Washington and Union Bay is available from a number of locations in the neighborhood:
 - Belvoir Place, at 3659 42nd Avenue NE, is a small park on Union Bay that was created through the efforts of Laurelhurst residents.
 - Waterway #1, at 43rd Avenue NE and NE 35th Street, provides access to Union Bay and it has a basketball court.

- There are four little spots that provide public shore access to Lake Washington. The first is at NE 31st Street and W. Laurelhurst Drive NE, reached via a gravel path to the left at the bottom of the driveway. The second is at NE 31st Street and E. Laurelhurst Drive NE. A third is next door to the Beach Club, at 5100 NE Laurelcrest Lane, where you'll find a picnic/game table. The fourth is down the stairs at NE 43rd Street and 55th Avenue NE.
- The Yesler Swamp walk, accessible at 3905 Surber Drive NE or next to the Urban Horticulture Center parking lot, was created through the efforts of Laurelhurst residents and others.
- The UW Center for Urban Horticulture is a botanical garden with landscaped grounds, a public library, and free "Ask a Master Gardener" consultations (virtual until further notice).
- Just beyond the Center for Urban Horticulture is the Union Bay Natural Area, which is great for walks and observing birds and wildlife. Ospreys nest there, and Bald Eagles, Great Blue Herons, beaver, muskrat and otters are just a few of the other creatures you might see during a walk.
- The Laurelhurst Beach Club (LBC): Membership is available to those within the neighborhood boundaries as defined in the Club's website. See laurelhurstbeachclub.com for more information.

Annual events

- Husky Sports – Your neighborhood provides wonderful access to games and a remedy to somewhat challenging parking. It's an easy walk to the events on Wahkiakum Lane through the Union Bay Natural Area.
- Opening Day of the Boating Season – a 100-year-old tradition that takes place on the first Saturday in May and includes shell races and a boat parade. You can watch it all from a boat or sit for free along the Montlake Cut.
- The Annual Neighbors Meeting of the LCC, is held on the second Monday in June.
- The Laurelhurst Salmon Bake is held every September at the Laurelhurst Playfield. All Laurelhurst neighbors are welcome.
- On the morning of Thanksgiving day, you can join your neighbors for the annual Turkey Trot – a 3-mile neighborhood run/walk and food drive that begins at Laurelhurst Playfield.
- Christmas Ships – Every year there is a boat parade and caroling that can be observed throughout the neighborhood, and the Laurelhurst Beach Club is open to members and nonmembers alike to observe this festive event.

Other resources:

- The Laurelhurst Emergency Action Plan ("LEAP") was established by Laurelhurst residents to help plan for and manage responses to earthquakes and other emergency situations. For information see: LEAPlaurelhurst@outlook.com

Congratulations again on your new home. Please feel free to reach out to any of the LCC Board Trustees (contact information listed on our website and in our monthly newsletter).

We look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood!

Laurelhurst Community Council