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Pathways, Seattle Parks Foundation's quarterly newsletter, provides updates and information on our projects and green space issues in Seattle.

## Community Picnic at Waterway 18

MAY 30 12-2 pm  
2199 N Northlake Way



Join Friends of Waterway 18 and Seattle Parks Foundation for a community picnic!

The picnic will provide an opportunity for neighbors and friends to get to know this hidden gem and learn about what's happening to improve public shoreline access and habitat restoration.

Call 206.332.9900 for more information.

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## Lunch at Lake Union Park

Just beyond the construction at Lake Union Park, visitors continue to enjoy the 1.6 acres that opened one year ago. The Terraced Steps (pictured) and Great Lawn are popular spots for everything from leisurely picnic lunches to jogging along the waterfront. Come see for yourself, or become our fan on Facebook for weekly updates.



PARKS ADVOCACY

## Seattle's Waterfront Moves Ahead

Great News! The bored tunnel is approved, opening up Seattle's central waterfront for a future public space that is active, safe, and inviting. Seattle Parks Foundation advocated strongly for an open waterfront, and will continue our involvement as a member of the City's Central Waterfront Working Group.



NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

## Denny Park's New Playground

Neighbors of Seattle's first park celebrated the addition of a new playground at the annual *Denny A Go Go* on May 2. Featuring a climbing structure (pictured) and a zip line, the playground was tested by dozens of kids while area residents, businesses, City dignitaries, and descendants of David Denny dedicated the new project. Seattle Parks Foundation is the fiscal sponsor for Friends of Denny Park, who continue to raise funds to complete this park renovation.

## Stim Bullitt: A Champion of Vibrant Communities



Stim Bullitt speaks at a Parks Foundation event in 2008.

By Karen Daubert

Lifelong Seattle resident, outdoorsman, and Downtown Seattle visionary, Stim Bullitt, passed away in April, leaving a void in our city's civic landscape. Shortly after his passing, we were deeply honored to learn that Seattle Parks Foundation had been named as one of two beneficiary organizations in Stim's will. In this document Stim wrote about how he wished he could have given more to the city he loved and that he hoped this gift would do just that. It was yet another testament to his dedication to Seattle and to the importance of parks to our great and green city.

I first met Stim in 2002 when he called and asked for a meeting. At the time, we were raising money for the first manmade climbing rock in the nation and knowing that Stim was an avid climber, I hoped that he would be interested in that project. He was not. However, on that memorable day, I learned of his love of vibrant communities, parks, bringing people together, and great public spaces. We bonded immediately and he remained a close friend of mine and of the Parks Foundation.



The late Stim Bullitt included Seattle Parks Foundation in his will.

Learning of Stim's recent death hit many in our community deeply. He was universally admired and had an inspirational spirit. He stewarded the vision for Harbor Steps, a prelude to our future waterfront. He spoke eloquently of the importance of great parks to great cities. Stim believed that parks helped build strong communities and he led by example.

Stim will be missed, but he has ensured that his legacy will live on through Seattle Parks Foundation.

Stim's family has designated Seattle Parks Foundation to receive gifts made in his honor. To make a memorial gift online, visit [www.seattleparksfoundation.org](http://www.seattleparksfoundation.org).

Learn more about Planned Giving inside!

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Seattle Parks Foundation improves, expands, and creates parks and green spaces, building a more vibrant community.



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## Community Gets Behind Junction Plaza Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS



Business and community support for Junction Plaza Park in West Seattle continues to grow.

For the past year, Seattle Parks Foundation has been fiscal sponsor for the community group that is transforming a vacant West Seattle lot into vibrant community green space. Partners West Seattle Junction Association, Friends of Junction Plaza Park, and the Junction Neighborhood Organization have galvanized broad-based support and gathered over 1,700 hours of pledged volunteer time for the project. These volunteers are committed to helping in a variety of ways, from creating a park Facebook page to installing native plants during construction. We are thrilled to see so many community members and local businesses supporting this park!

Now is the time to join in this wonderful project! Your donation today will help meet the fundraising goal needed to start construction by the end of 2009. This new green space is a vital part of creating a sustainable community in the Junction and supports Seattle Parks Foundation's efforts to create vibrant neighborhoods across Seattle.

## Staff and Board Transitions



Welcome to new board members Charles Nolan and Jackie Kotkins! Charles is a physician working with the Gates Foundation and others on a variety of international health issues, and with his wife was a founding donor to Seattle Parks Foundation. Jackie is an incredibly active civic leader, having served on over 20 boards and bringing a wealth of experience, including extensive event planning expertise.

We would like to extend special thanks to Woody Wheeler, who served as Program Director at Seattle Parks Foundation from 2006 to 2009. Woody is a passionate advocate for parks and green spaces and was fundamental to the success of the Cheshiahud Lake Union Loop, Counterbalance Park, Bailey Gatzert Elementary School, and the Bands of Green report.

## Parks & Green Spaces Levy News

PARKS ADVOCACY

The first round of park projects funded through the Parks and Green Spaces Levy are underway! Boosted by early funding from the City, these "shovel-ready" projects can take advantage of reduced construction costs and keep our community strong by improving green space and creating jobs.

Seattle Parks and Recreation has also begun public meetings to inform citizens about the projects and process for the levy. If you have any questions regarding the Parks and Green Spaces Levy, or are seeking a fiscal sponsor for your neighborhood park project, please call our office.

## Lake Union Park Takes Shape!

Phase 2 construction continues at Lake Union Park! Shoreline re-grading was completed this spring, habitat restoration is well underway, and the new beach is taking shape. Large mature trees have been transplanted, utilities laid, and the ground prepared for the final stage of work. This time next year, we'll be getting ready to open this entire 12-acre waterfront park!



Get weekly updates on Lake Union Park and our other park projects by becoming our Fan on Facebook!



An April panorama from the top of the Armory shows the progress on construction of Lake Union Park, for which the Parks Foundation raised \$20 million.

## Plan Ahead for Great Parks

GIVE TO PARKS

### Preserving Seattle's Beauty: Brian Giddens & Steve Rovig



Brian and Steve included the Parks Foundation in their will.

Many people think about leaving a legacy to their favorite organizations, but often they put off doing one simple thing to make their wishes known: writing a will that spells out their good intentions.

When Brian Giddens and his partner, Steve Rovig, updated their wills a few years ago, they both decided to include Seattle Parks Foundation in their estate plans. In determining organizational beneficiaries, certain criteria had to be met.

As Brian explained, "We wanted to contribute to a local organization that would preserve and expand the beauty of Seattle, had a solid reputation, and had the creativity to leverage funds wisely to maximize contributions. While Seattle Parks Foundation is relatively new as an organization, what they have accomplished so far has been impressive."

Brian and Steve have appreciated the improvements made to Volunteer Park, near their home, have hiked and run around the Cheshiahud Loop, and look forward to enjoying Lake Union Park when it is completed in 2010.

### Let Us Welcome You into the Planned Giving Society



Remembering Seattle Parks Foundation in your will is the best way to contribute significantly to future green space throughout our entire city.

If you would like to know more about planning a charitable gift to Seattle Parks Foundation or have questions about your options, please call. Or let us know if your plans already include a bequest to Seattle Parks Foundation. We would love to hear about it!

For more on planned giving, contact:

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## Cheshiahud Loop on the Go!

BANDS OF GREEN



With a master plan, community support, and \$1.6 million from the City, the Cheshiahud Loop is off to a great start.

Work to create the safe and connected Cheshiahud Lake Union Loop is in full swing. Project partner, the City of Seattle, has already filled in two missing links identified during last year's Loop planning. In the fall, 500 feet of new mixed use path were built at the south end of the Fremont Bridge, and at Peace Park in the University District a sidewalk was created to make a safe connection between the Burke Gilman Trail and the University Bridge for pedestrians and cyclists. These projects exemplify the work that will take place all around Lake Union, filling in missing links and improving safety for all Loop users.

Seattle Parks Foundation is actively advocating for Cheshiahud Lake Union Loop projects and is working with City staff and community members to select the next improvements. We are also continuing to implement green space projects around Lake Union that will be connected by the Loop, including Lake Union Park, Waterway 18, habitat restoration south of the Fremont Bridge, and the Lake to Bay Trail.

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