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Where can I get a vaccine?

If you're currently eligible, the FindYourPhaseWA.org will help you find out where you can get vaccinated in Seattle.

Prefer phone? WA State COVID-19 Assistance Hotline: Dial 1 (800) 525-0127, then press #. The hotline is available from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Phone interpretation is available.

The Seattle Fire Department is currently vaccinating highly vulnerable, eligible Seattle residents and workers by invitation only.

GCC Elects New Board & Plans Spring Clean

At last month's GCC meeting held via Zoom on February 22, 2021, the Georgetown Community Council elected the 2021 Board of Directors. The Board elected at the meeting includes: Greg Ramirez (chair), Heather Carney (vice-chair/treasurer), Robin Schwartz (secretary), Clint Bergquist, Marianne Clark, Marty Cortez, Derrick Elsea, Holly Krejci, and Andrew Schiffer. The new Board met for the first time on March 1 and elected Board officers, as noted.

The Board also reflected on the want/need to create ways for us to come together in community. Georgetown is known for our neighborhood events! Our annual event season usually kicks off with a neighborhood Spring Clean. To honor this tradition, and in looking forward to the renewal Spring brings, the GCC is hosting a **Spring Clean** event on **Saturday, April 24**. Let's practice social-distancing and keep masked up, as we pick up trash and spruce up traffic circles.

A big thank you to outgoing GCC Board members: Dominick Daemen, Jim Hill, John Krull, and Michael Nelson (treasurer). We appreciate you!

Duwamish Valley Events

Join your 11th District legislators on **Wednesday, March 17 at 6 p.m.** for a live, **virtual town hall**

Reps. David Hackney and Steve Bergquist and Sen. Bob Hasegawa will share their thoughts on their legislative priorities and answer your questions on the issues you care about. Online link: <https://senatedemocrats.wa.gov/event/11th-legislative-district-virtual-town-hall/>

On **March 31, 10—11 a.m.**, join representatives from the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition (DRCC), Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) and the Seattle Port Community Action Team (PCAT) for an engaging, **community-focused discussion on fostering healthy communities** and the advancement of social justice in the face of climate change. <https://adsradio.org/radio>

April 3 from 9 a.m.—1 p.m. —Community clean-up! Meet at Hat n Boots 6400 Carleton Ave S. Come grab tools and snacks and let's clean up the neighborhood!

April 17 from 9 a.m.—3 p.m. Duwamish Alive! Check www.duwamishcleanup.org for details

Spring Clean Time!

Saturday, April 24
9 a.m.—noon

Stop by Old City Hall (6200 13th Ave S) to pick up tools and supplies.



For more info go to:
Georgetowncommunitycouncil.com

Connecting to the River: Gateway Park North/Anarchy Point/8th Ave S

Conveyance swales along 8th Ave S starting at Othello and headed south, were recently added to the parking strip to capture and filter polluted stormwater before it reaches the Duwamish River. The swales are lined with milled logs pulled out of the river and donated by the Port. Another set of swales will be added in the coming months, which will specifically drain the giant lake that forms in front of the park. The Port of Seattle will also be starting their construction soon, regrading and repairing the shoreline for less erosion and more river access. In the coming months the Georgetown Open Space Committee will be reaching out for design input on the remaining areas of the park, and we'd love to hear what you have to say. Check out the new swales now, and add your voice to the next steps.

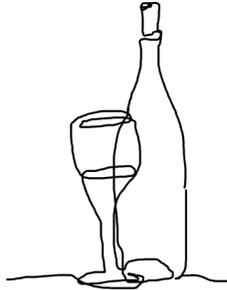
The GCC is an independent, non-profit organization of residents, property owners, and businesses of Georgetown. Contact: directors@georgetownneighborhood.com

GCC Meeting: Monday, March 15 @ 7 p.m. on Zoom - georgetowncommunitycouncil.com

Wining about Georgetown

An occasional column about tasting rooms, wineries and purveyors of wine in Georgetown, by local enologists.

Last month, we introduced you to **Pheno155**, a bespoke wine storage facility in the old Rainier Beer building on Airport Way. Perhaps you thought, “How can I accumulate so much wine that I would need to store it in its own space?” Or, “On-demand wine storage, kept in a safe, climate-controlled environment - what a great idea! I’d like to build my wine collection and now I need more wine!”



Most vineyards offer wine subscriptions and will ship, and would love you to sign up for their exclusive offers, but this can get a bit pricey and limit variety. A great way to try new wines, build a little collection, and support the local wine scene is to join a local Wine Club that curates selections from Washington State and beyond. There are some nationally recognized Wine Clubs in South Seattle that will ship direct to you, allow on-site pickup, or deliver to Pheno155.

Left Bank in South Park (8526 14th Ave S) lays claim as the “oldest, smallest natural wine shop in South Seattle.” Ordinarily a nice little neighborhood hang, they’ve gone virtual during the pandemic and offer pickup & delivery services and several options for Wine Club memberships, to suit any budget or palate. Check out their Friday Night Wine club option! <https://www.leftbankseattle.com/>

Full Pull Wines, listed as of America’s 50 Best Wine Retailers by Wine Enthusiast magazine, “offers the best boutique wines of the world to members of our mailing list, with special focus on our home, the Pacific Northwest.” With no monthly fee and no minimum purchase, you just can’t go wrong. They have temporarily closed their tasting room at the UrbanWorks complex (3933A 1st Ave S.), but offers the same great wines for pickup by appointment or shipping. <https://fullpullwines.com/about.php>

The brainchild of Milwaukee native Jon Rimmerman and his partner Shira Young, **Garagiste** created a niche with its email list of value-minded special finds from around the world. Garagiste started in their basement in 1996, grew in SoDo and is now located in Renton. Dubbed “the Sub Pop Records of the wine trade” by Daniel Duane in his New York Times article from 2012, Rimmerman and Young created quite a cult following around a simple email distribution notice that would allow customers to cut out the middle merchant to access great wines. Based on the enviable destination photos on their Instagram account, they continue to travel the world in search of the most delicious wine bargains to bring to subscribers. Sign up for their email newsletter at <https://app.garagiste.com/>

Finally, a shout-out to a former Georgetown businessowner, the Hitchcock group (we miss the Hitchcock Deli, which used to be located on 12th Ave S). In a pandemic pivot, they now offer a wine subscription service, the **Essential Wine Club**. Sign up on their website (where you can also learn about their CSA service) at <https://wineisessential.com/>. Cheers!

Nature Nurtures: Where to Go Outside Without a Crowd

By Amy Kate Horn

Many scientific studies have demonstrated the mental and physical benefits of walking in nature. It boosts immunity, dampens depression, improves memory, reduces anxiety, and more. And it’s free! Seattle’s most popular walking routes have been extra crowded during this pandemic, which can work against your effort to social distance. Below are five less popular paths to get you out into nature. All are dog-friendly and none are more than a 20-minute drive from Georgetown.

Saltwater State Park south of De Moines has two miles of forest trails, a half-mile ADA accessible trail, a playground, and a wide beach. Parking: \$5 or Discover Pass.

Duwamish Hill Preserve in Tukwila has two short trails with big views, and much of the hill is accessible by wheelchair. The Duwamish Hill itself is dome of bedrock that survived the ice age. Cross E Marginal and check out the sweet little Duwamish Gardens riverfront park while you’re there. People triggered by gunshots should skip this one, as the nearby SPD gun range provides a near constant audio intrusion. Parking: free.

Seahurst Park in Burien has more than three miles of lightly traveled deep green forest trails to explore, plus a beach and picnic area. Download a trail map from the City of Burien website before you go; the trails are not well signed here. Parking: free.

Pritchard Beach and Wetlands in Rainier Beach has four acres of wildlife habitat to explore on a gravel path. This is a good place to take your curious kids and look for muskrats and herons in and around Pritchard Pond. Parking: free.

Kubota Garden in Rainier Beach is 30 acres of stunning Japanese landscapes and one of Seattle’s most beautiful public parks. The gardens can be crowded, so save this one for a weekday or a rainy day. Parking: free.

Democracy Voucher 411

So what is a Democracy Voucher, anyway? Free money!

If you are registered to vote in Seattle, you should have received an envelope in the mail recently, containing four \$25 Democracy Vouchers, worth \$100 in total. If you didn’t assume this was junk mail and throw it away, you may wonder what these vouchers are for, and how to use them. These vouchers are for you to give to eligible candidates for election to Seattle municipal offices. In 2015, voters passed a citizen-led initiative called “Honest Elections Seattle” (I-122), which included a number of election reforms aimed at making our elections more fair and equitable. A property tax costing the average homeowner about \$8 a year adds up to about \$3 million per year of funds for the Democracy Voucher Program. Each Seattle voter receives four vouchers that can be applied toward eligible candidates on the election ballot for that year. So your 2021 vouchers can only be used in 2021, for candidates running for office in Seattle in 2021; assigning your Democracy Voucher to a candidate is the same as donating to his or her campaign, and you can donate to your selected candidate(s) by mail or online. Learn more about Democracy Vouchers and candidates who are accepting them at <https://seattle.gov/democracypoucher/>

Finally, Spring! Already?

Something to Look Forward To by KB

Whether you feel that the days are flying by, or a week is passing at the rate of a month, we are approaching the Spring Equinox of 2021 on Saturday, March 20th. To some, this will mark a new year or an unsavory anniversary of sorts, but traditionally the first day of spring is celebrated as a beginning, awakening, and a return. Associated with fertility, cleaning, and allergies, this season has already flecked our neighborhood with short royal purple crocuses, early daffodils, a new menu at 91b Hammer and will be met with our next full moon on March 28.

In an uneventful year, winter at this latitude can feel as slow as it is dark. Some could argue this last year felt like a perpetual winter with the restrictions and stress, but today we are presented with an opportunity to embrace a fresh start. The wonderment of seasonal tides retreating and granting us brighter grey mornings, with a wave of returning pollinators who are long-tethered to the sun, can transform despair into ambition. Acknowledge your winter rest and tribulations, and move forward with the resilience grown in the patience of the last 12 months. Finally, it is the beginning of a 243-day Pacific

Northwest growing season.

Starting your Georgetown Garden from your Windowsill: According to The Old Farmer’s Almanac 2021, Seattle’s last predicted spring frost is March 17th and since most seeds can be started indoors approximately 4-8 weeks before the last frost, you can start growing from seeds today. Many of our neighbors are familiar with growing tips and schedules, as demonstrated in the prized annual Georgetown Garden Walk, but here are small lifting reminders for a successful yield.

- Outdoor soil preparation: Now is the time to prepare soil with regular weeding and amendments such as alfalfa meal, blood meal, fish meal and kelp.
- March indoor seed starts: Broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, peppers, herbs and tomatoes
- April indoor seed starts: Basil, cucumber, melons, pumpkins, summer squash, sunflowers
- Containers: Clean and sanitize (1:1 water to bleach) containers that are at least 2 inches deep
- Placement: The brightest windowsill in your home that receives the maximum duration of daylight
- Watering: Water from the bottom up, allowing the seedlings to slowly soak up water from the drainage holes.

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- Beer Shamrock
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- Brains Umbrella
- Caffeine Vaccinate
- Cereal Water
- Equinox Wildlife
- Flowers Women
- Idea

Spring Cleaning with a Garage Sale

As you are gearing up for slightly warmer weather and seasonal chores, consider reinforcing your spring cleaning with a garage sale. While following covid-safe parameters, save Saturday March 20th as your chance to sell extra household items, TVs, gardening tools, bikes and exciting regifted items to your neighbors. Create and post fliers around Georgetown to advertise your sundries. (There will be a substantial sale in the alley behind Deep Sea Sugar and Salt; grab a slice of cake on your way!)

What to do with stuff that doesn't sell? Donate! Georgetown Tiny House Village (1020 S Myrtle St), accepting adult-size clothing, shoes, bedding, and towels in good condition daily from 9am - 9pm. (Just pull up outside the gate and knock or holler.)

Providence Regina House in South Park (8201 10th Ave S #6), accepting all of the above and kids clothing and toys in good condition daily from 8am - 3pm

Goodwill on Dearborn (1400 S Lane St), accepting the rest of your furniture, kitchenware, art, etc, daily from 10am - 8pm.

Internship at King County International Airport

King County International Airport is excited to announce they will be hosting three paid internship opportunities this year – one summer high school finance internship, one year-long college-level engineering internship and one year-long graduate-level public administration internship.

Due to COVID-19 currently all three internships will be performed remote. The positions will be posted on the King County Careers website in early to mid-March and open for one month. The King County Careers website can be found at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/kingcounty>.

FAA Invites Comments on the Effects of Aircraft Noise

The FAA recognizes that a range of factors may be driving concerns due to aircraft noise. The FAA is inviting comments on these concerns to assist the agency in assessing how resources should be directed to better understand and manage the factors underlying the concern from aircraft noise exposure. For more info: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/01/13/2021-00564/overview-of-faa-aircraft-noise-policy-and-research-efforts-request-for-input-on-research-activities>



WILD GEORGETOWN

By Jeff Tobin



EAGLES



Omnipresent in American iconology, the Bald Eagle can often be seen high above the Duwamish River and near the greenbelt that borders highway 509.

The living American emblem also frequents much of the Puget Sound. Western Washington is home to the largest population of Bald Eagles in the contiguous United States. They are also a very protected bird and harming one in any way can cost you 10k and some prison time.

Though no longer endangered the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act from 1962 insures that only someone incredibly unintelligent would want to go through the trouble of harming one of these magnificent birds.

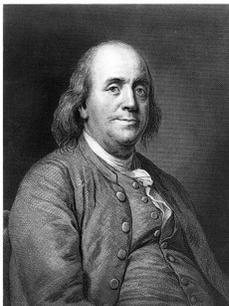
A brief internet search for "eagle recipe" fortunately only yielded recipes that used Eagle Brand Condensed Milk. Whew.

Ben Franklin disliked Bald Eagles and their penchant for scavenging and helping themselves to other animal's food, calling them lazy and "often very lousy". Furthermore, his disdain for this American icon went on: "I wish the Eagle had not been chosen as the representative of this country." "He is a bird of bad moral character; he does not get his living honestly. You may see him perched in some dead tree where, too lazy to fish for himself, he watches the labor of the fishing hawk and when that diligent bird has at length taken a fish and is bearing it to his nest for his young ones, the bald eagle pursues him and takes the fish." Franklin continued his rant, calling the raptor a "rank coward, commonly fleeing birds the size of sparrows." He even went on to suggest that the Turkey would be a better National Bird. "In truth, the Turkey is in comparison a much more respectable bird." Wow ! Maybe lighten up a little Ben.

Thanks to pollution, most notably the chemical DDT, by the 1960's there were only 500 nesting pairs of Bald Eagles in the U.S. Conservation efforts and the declaration of the birds as endangered, has resulted in over 10,000 nesting Eagles in this country.

"I wish the Eagle had not been chosen as the representative of this country."

- Ben Franklin



Ben Franklin: Not a fan of eagles.



1/2 Year



1 1/2 Years



2 1/2 Years



3 1/2 Years



4 1/2 Years



With the resurgence in the Bald Eagle population comes the peripheral bad manners that Ben Franklin observed. The Eagles like to frequent trash dumps and are capable of carrying away an assortment of waste, much of it decaying animal remnants and other foul refuse. As they fly away from their food source they often drop scraps into neighboring yards. So, If you're wondering how that salmon head ended up in your backyard an Eagle could be to blame.

Eagles also like to eat the eggs and young of the area Great Blue Herons enough so that this has reduced their populations as they abandon their traditional nesting grounds.

The free lunch at the dump isn't without consequence as some Eagles have died from eating contaminated waste such as barbiturate poisoning from eating the corpses of euthanized shelter animals.

But hey, Eagles aren't all bad.

They're good at keeping the rodent population in check. Cleaning up that dead raccoon on the shoulder of 599 that the city agencies wouldn't.

They're also cool to watch as they soar like some giant kite through the Seattle skies on a summer day. Oh yeah, and they happen to be the go-to symbol of these here United States.



EAGLE FACTS !

Can fly up to 30 mph and dive at 100mph

Bald Eagles have a 6 - 7 foot wingspan, you do not.

Can live up to 40 years in the wild

Mate for life and return to the same nesting area year after year

CELEBRITY EAGLES !



Classic rock megastars or talentless hacks ? The Eagles are sorta well known.

Ian Eagle - Sportscaster