



Friends of JUNCTION PLAZA PARK

About the Friends

Friends of Junction Plaza Park is a community group dedicated to creating a lively, green, and pleasant plaza park in the busy West Seattle commercial and residential district known as The Junction. Formed in 2008, this all-volunteer group sees Junction Plaza Park as a central piece to a vibrant and livable neighborhood. Through strong community, business, and government support, Friends of Junction Plaza Park is working to ensure The Junction has an urban green space for people to gather in.

About Junction Plaza Park

Junction Plaza Park is an undeveloped corner lot to the east of the intersection of SW Alaska Street and California Avenue SW. The site was acquired by Seattle Parks and Recreation in 2005 with funding from the Pro Parks Levy, a Department of Neighborhoods Matching Fund Grant and generous contributions from the community. This project will create a community gathering space in the heart of the West Seattle Junction business district for people of all ages to enjoy. A conceptual design has been created and the site is now ready for development.

This park comes at an opportune time when West Seattle Junction is growing rapidly. New developments are planned or under construction across the street on two sides of the park and will greatly increase the need for this vital green space. Among the future neighbors are QFC, Whole Foods and several housing developments with approximately 1,000 new residents who will soon set down roots within walking distance of Junction Plaza Park.

According to the 2001 Gap Analysis report by Seattle Parks and Recreation, the *West Seattle Junction* village has significant deficiencies in usable open space. In addition to the businesses and new residents moving into The Junction, the Alaska House, a nine-story residential facility for low-income seniors directly adjacent to the park on its north side, will greatly benefit from this new community space.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering for the park is easy and fun. Plus, every hour you volunteer could be matched by the City of Seattle through the Neighborhood Matching Fund Grant if you **pledge your time by April 6th**. Please sign up for one or more of these opportunities.

Sunday Farmers Market Outreach

Host the Friends of Junction Plaza Park info table at the Farmers Market! Two people at a time will share news about the Park with our community and hand out informational flyers and fundraising envelopes. Either 2-hour or 4-hour shifts.

Suggested volunteer commitment for 2009: 6-10 hours

The 5 Hour/\$100 Pledge

If you can ask 10 friends for \$10, you've done a great thing for West Seattle! This is an easy, low-pressure pledge that can be done anytime. Just by talking to your friends, family, co-workers and neighbors, you are helping build support for green space and a much-needed public area in The Junction. And most Junction-goers would be happy to donate \$10, so don't be shy to ask!

Suggested volunteer commitment for 2009: 5 hours



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Friends of Junction Plaza Park – Support Team

Building a park is a community effort. Hands are needed to help with the community organizing. We need to schedule Farmers Market volunteers, send email alerts, make phone calls, lead a clean up day – and we need help to make this all happen. This can be a small or large commitment; whatever suits your interests.

Suggested volunteer commitment for 2009: 5-20 hours

Park Maintenance

Let's keep our future park looking great while we raise funds for construction. It's amazing how bits of trash can accumulate and create a shabby look. Not our park! Join a monthly clean up of the park and feel good that you did.

Suggested volunteer commitment for 2009: 1-6 hours

Park Construction

Hopefully starting in late fall 2009, we'll have a fully funded park to build. Volunteer opportunities will be determined, but now is the time to express your interest.

Suggested volunteer commitment for 2009 and 2010: 4-8 hours

Make Your Pledge!

Every hour of volunteer time is a gift to the park.

Please submit your volunteer pledges by April 6th, 2009 so that your support will help in the Neighborhood Matching Funds Grant!

We'll need to collect the following information to supply materials and to satisfy the Neighborhood Matching Funds Application.

Please submit the following...

Your name:

Business or Organization:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Volunteer activity(s):

Numbers of hours pledged:

Please submit via...

Email: junctionplazapark@yahoo.com

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Thank you for being of Friend of Junction Plaza Park!