

BALLARD | Community Information



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BALLARD | A City Within A City

While its blue collar Scandinavian foundation is still an important part of the district, new businesses and housing construction is booming to accommodate the growth Ballard is experiencing. The close proximity to the burgeoning tech industry in neighboring Fremont makes Ballard an extremely convenient place to call home, lending credence to its moniker as a “city within a city.”

Ballard enjoys a healthy microbrew industry, and contains several industrial brew pubs. The district is home to local tasting rooms, trendy restaurants and new multiuse buildings that include both residential and retail. In Ballard, the sidewalks are bustling with people walking their pets, strolling down the street window shopping and groups of people meeting up for a meal. Ballard Avenue, a nationally registered historic district, hales back to the area’s blue collar roots. Visitors are treated to plaques lining the avenue that tell this district’s story. Ballard Avenue now contains shops, restaurants, boutiques and features an active nightlife. The year-round Ballard Farmers Market also calls this avenue home. Ballard’s Market Street, on the other hand, is the neighborhood’s modern business district. It also contains shops and restaurants (many with sidewalk cafes), the Majestic Bay movie theatre and urban green spaces. The monthly Second Saturday ArtWalks is an event showcasing the wares of local artists being sold at galleries, studios and shops that line Market Street. Ballard houses a vibrant working waterfront. Fisherman’s Terminal is home base for the North Pacific Fishing Fleet. The terminal also offers a collection of delicious dining options and is a great place to purchase the freshest seafood. The Ballard locks, officially named the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks, were built in 1916. The Ballard locks enable boat traffic to move from freshwater Lake Union to the salt water of Puget Sound--- this is a 26-foot grade change. A popular tourist destination, the Ballard locks contain a salmon fish ladder that is fun to visit when the fish are moving from the Puget Sound back to freshwater. Shilshole Bay Marina offers moorage space for 1,500 recreational boats, plus a boat ramp and sailing schools. The marina includes a waterfront promenade, which features fabulous views of Puget Sound and the Olympic Mountains beyond. Promenade users can stroll over to Golden Gardens, a popular beachfront park.

The neighborhood’s Nordic Heritage Museum is internationally acclaimed, and features both historic and fine art exhibits. In addition, musical performances, children’s activities and other cultural events are held at the museum. Ballard’s Sons of Norway Leif Erikson Lodge is still going strong after 100+ years old--- Sons and Daughters of Norway lodges work to promote the history, culture, and language of Norway. Ballard’s Scandinavian culture is also celebrated annually on May 17th, when the neighborhood celebrates Syttende Mai (Norwegian Constitution Day). Syttende Mai includes a parade, possibly the largest one outside Norway, and is highly anticipated every year.

BALLARD | Parks and Green Spaces

Golden Gardens: waterfront park with beach, playground, grassy area, public restrooms and walking trail.

Salmon Bay Park: children's play area that includes sand play pit, zip line swing, monkey bars and toddler play area. Grassy knolls, public restrooms, picnic areas.

Sunset Hill Park: small park, best view in Seattle! Watch the sun set over the Olympics and Puget Sound. Sit on a bench and drink in the view.

Ballard Commons Park: contains a splash pad for summer water play, skate park and green spaces.

Bergen Place: in the heart of Ballard's business district. Close proximately to coffee cafes and restaurants. Grab lunch to go and eat at Bergen Place.



BALLARD | Tech Industry In Our Backyard

Tech industry a stone's throw away from Ballard, nestled on "Silicon Canal"

Google

501 N. 34th St.

One of Seattle's two Google offices, the Fremont campus features amazing perks-- including kayaks for a quick paddle on the Ship Canal, outdoor seating that faces the canal and step off the campus right onto Burke Gilman Trail

Adobe

801 N. 34th St.

Adobe is the largest technology presence in Fremont with approximately 500 employees working in the neighborhood.

Getty Images

601 N. 34th St.

Getty Images, the photo/imaging technology company, employs a few hundred people at its Fremont headquarters.

AdReady

936 N. 34th St.

AdReady provides software that allows businesses to build display ads and traffic them online.

Tableau Software

400 N. 34th St., Suite 200

Tableau creates software that morphs data into visually pleasing displays.

Blue Flavor

920 N. 34th St., Suite 300

Blue Flavor is a design and development company for both web and mobile.

Graphiti

421 N. 36th St.

Graphiti Associates is a brand identity, design and development firm.

Impinj

701 N. 34th St., Suite 300

Impinj creates radio frequency identification (RFID) devices.

Netmotion Wireless

701 N 34th St.

Netmotion provides VPN solutions for mobile workers.

FIZX

3518 Fremont Ave. #102

FIZX installs WiFi hotspots at businesses and apartments.

Serials Solutions

501 N 34th St # 400

Founded by a librarian, Serials Solutions offers e-resource access and management services for more than 3,000 libraries.

Übermind, Inc.

118 N. 36th St.

Custom enterprise solutions for businesses.

Brightdream Creative

Brightdream is a web design and development company.

ContactPro

206 N 39th

ContactPro offers email marketing solutions.

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BALLARD | Top Rated Restaurants

Paseo

4225 Fremont Ave N
Seattle's best sandwiches and Caribbean food

Thai Siam

8305 15th Ave NW
Thai Cuisine

Senor Moose

5242 Leary Ave NW
Mexican Restaraunt

Monkey Bridge

1723 NW Market S
Traditional Vietnamese

Red Mill Totem House

3058 NW 54th St
Burgers & fish and chips

Veraci Pizza

500 NW Market St
Pizza restaurant

La Isla

2320 NW Market St
Seattle's best Puerto Rican

Ray's Boathouse

6049 Seaview Ave NW
Local Seafood

Ballard Brothers Seafood and Burgers

5305 15th Ave NW
Popular seafood and burgers

La Carta De Oaxaca

5431 Ballard Ave NW
Mexican Restaurant

Cocina Esperanza

3127 NW 85th St
Mexican Restaurant

Hattie's Hat

5231 Ballard Ave NW
One of Ballard's most beloved dives

Palermo

2005 NW Market S
Pizza Restaurant

Ristorante Picolinos

6415 32nd Ave NW
Fine Italian Cuisine

Moshi Moshi

5324 Ballard Ave NW
Sushi

The Hi-Life

5425 Russell Ave NW
Popular new American and pizza place