

HISTORY: The first European settlers, led by Arthur Denny, landed in this area in 1851 at the mouth of the Duwamish River in what would later become West Seattle. In what might be known as the first modern instance of Seattle weather laying claim to someone’s emotions, the landing party split into two factions after weathering (pun intended) a harsh winter. The settlers who stayed named their new home New York Alki. The residence of both parties competed for dominance for a number of years. During that time West Seattle’s unique community was born.

Of the original settlers, only Charles C. Terry and John and Lydia Low and their families remained. With the slow growth of the area, they dropped New York and kept only Alki, a Hudson Bay trapper jargon word meaning “by and by” or “in a while,” but eventually even they would give up and move on to Seattle. By and by, rail lines were gradually added, the first of several incarnations of the West Seattle Bridge was built, and then finally a steam-powered side-wheeler allowed an 8-minute crossing to Alki. An area that was, at first, considered too harsh an environment became one of the most exciting developments in Seattle.



OUR FAVORITE SPOTS TO EAT, DRINK, AND BE MERRY

- Fiori
- Admiral Bird
- Local
- Cactus
- Jak’s
- Mashiko
- Wildwood Market
- Pho Aroma
- Ma’ono
- Easy Street



WHO LIVES HERE? Though it doesn't bare the title of a "historic district," West Seattle is most certainly historic. Perhaps this is why many of its residents still tout its independence and separation from downtown to this day. Truthfully, many of the residents live here and work there; enjoying the town-like feel of home with the benefits of urban living and working just moments away. Because of this, you will find many professionals of all ages and in all stages of life. From young professionals just starting out to retired folks with deep roots to the area whose families have grown and moved on. There are fewer students, though you do see them too, since West Seattle is a bit farther from the colleges and universities.

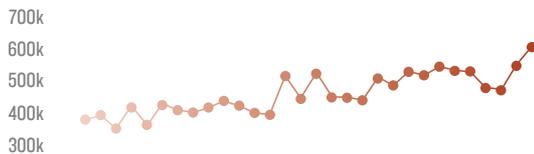
CULTURE. West Seattle's vibe comes in the abundance of micro-communities which include the beach condos and restaurants of Alki & Beach Drive, the integrated community of High Point, the Junction (considered the heart of West Seattle), the Westwood Village shopping area, Fauntleroy (where you can find the Fauntleroy Ferry, Lincoln Park, and amazing views of the Key Peninsula and the Olympic Mountains), and the more affluent neighborhoods of the Arroyos, Arbor Heights, Shorewood by the Sea, and Seola Beach.

MARKET DATA. All figures are based on single-family home and condo sales. Graphs were created by METROPOLIST using Trendgraphix, but information was not verified or published by NWMLS. Data reflects all new and resale condos sold.

SINGLE FAMILY HOMES



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