

Welcome to New Rainier Vista and the Columbia City neighborhood!

We are very pleased to welcome you to the neighborhood! The Rainier Valley has an extraordinary assortment of unique local businesses, delicious and diverse restaurants for all tastes, a wonderful network of parks and green spaces and easy access to transportation via train, bus and car for those few things you can't find in our community! All the landmarks below are located on [this map](#).

Neighborhood Websites

<http://newrainiervista.com>: NRV website which provides news and announcements.

<http://www.columbiacityseattle.com>, <http://www.therainiervalley.com>,

<http://shop.therainiervalley.com>: A comprehensive list of businesses, restaurants and services in Columbia City and the Rainier Valley.

<http://columbiacitizens.net>: Local wiki for community discussions and information

<http://columbiacitizens.net/calendar>: Calendar of Columbia City events

<http://www.rainiervalleypost.com> & <http://beaconhill.seattle.wa.us>: Local news blogs for the Rainier Valley and Beacon Hill

HOA Committees – Be involved in your community

The Homeowners Association Board has elections each March. There are usually two or three positions open for those interested in running. In addition, HOA has several volunteer committees which are tasked with specific work important to the community. We encourage participation in the HOA and hope you will consider serving your community in some way. On average, committee members give between 2-3 hours per month and HOA board members 10 hours per month.

Design Review Committee: Works with homeowners to review all home or yard modification requests based on the neighborhood design standards. More information is available on the NRV website. Email: drc@newrainiervista.com

Finance Committee: Constructs and manages the budget in conjunction with our management company. You can download a copy of the budget on the homeowners section of the CWD website. Email: finance@newrainiervista.com

Landscape Committee: Works with our landscaping company and Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) to maintain community standards for common areas and homeowners yards. Email: landscape@newrainiervista.com

Website Committee: Maintains community website. Email: website@newrainiervista.com

Multicultural Committee: Goal of building bridges with the diverse group of neighbors in our community, renters and homeowners alike. Email: multicultural@newrainiervista.com

Traffic & Safety Committee: Reviews traffic and safety issues in the community and acts as a liaison with Seattle Police, SDOT, Metro and Sound Transit. Email: trafficsafety@newrainiervista.com

Other volunteer opportunities in the community

Neighborhood House: Volunteers play a critical role at Neighborhood House, helping immigrants, refugees and low-income people overcome the challenges they face in everyday life. For more information, visit <http://www.nhwa.org/makeadifference/volunteer.php>

Rainier Vista Boys and Girls Club: Interested in working with children and/or teenagers? There are a variety of volunteer opportunities from administrative support to tutoring and coaching, and

there's an opportunity to match your skills and interests. For more information, visit:
<http://www.rainiervistabgc.org>

Community Contacts:

HOA Board: Email: board@newrainiervista.com

Rental Property Manager: Email dwright@seattlehousing.org

On-Site Security: Securetrans, LLC: 206-510-0903 (on site) or 206-762-2823 (24 hours) for non-emergency concerns. Please note that their on-site availability is generally seasonal and tends to follow the schools' calendar; they have longer hours during the summer than in the winter.

HOA Management Company: The CWD Group. For homeowners, if you don't know who to contact about something, start with CWD and our NRV property manager Ken Beebe: ken@cwdgroup.com

Utilities

Garbage, compost and recycling: <http://www.impactpropertyservices.org> (SHA)

Electric: <http://www.seattle.gov/light/>

Water and sewer: <http://www.seattle.gov/util/services/>

Gas: <http://www.pse.com>

Local Supermarkets and Grocery Stores

Safeway: 3820 Rainier Ave S

QFC: 2711 Rainier Ave S

PCC: 5041 Wilson Ave S

Red Apple Market: 2701 Beacon Avenue S

MacPherson's Fruit and Produce: 4500 15th Ave S

Viet Wah Super Foods: 6040 MLK Way S

Shill Grocery: MLK and Columbian: NRV's local halal grocery

Bob's Quality Meats: 4861 Rainier Ave S

Weekly Farmers Columbia City Farmers Market: May – October, corner of Edmunds and Rainier
<http://www.seattlefarmersmarkets.org/>

Local Services

Columbia Library: 4712 Rainier Ave S

Post Office: 3727 S Alaska St

Shopping Centers/Malls/Box Stores

Westfield Southcenter: 633 Southcenter Blvd, Tukwila <http://westfield.com/southcenter>.

Includes Macys, Sears, JC Pennys, and Nordstrom. Near the mall: Target, Best Buy, REI

Lowe's: 2700 Rainier Ave S, Seattle

Home Depot: 2701 Utah Avenue S, Seattle

Costco: 4401 4th Ave S, Seattle

Drugstores

Rite Aid: 2707 Rainier Ave S

Walgreens: 4412 Rainier Ave S

Bartells: 2345 Rainier Ave S

Transportation

Link Light Rail: Columbia City Station, Corner of MLK and Alaska. Easy access downtown (18 minutes to Westlake Station, ballparks (10 minutes to Safeco/Qwest Fields) and SeaTac Airport (20 minutes). Trains run every 7 minutes during morning and afternoon rush hour and every 10-15 minutes at other times, 5am – 1am. <http://www.soundtransit.org>. You'll want to get an *ORCA card* for riding just about any public transit in Western Washington. More information on the ST website.

Metro buses: <http://metro.kingcounty.gov>

#8 runs down MLK, thru Central District & Capitol Hill to Seattle Center. Stops along MLK.

#39 runs E/W from Seward Park over Beacon Hill and downtown. Stops at MLK & Alaska.

#42 runs infrequently down MLK from Columbia City to Pioneer Square. Stops along MLK.

A great tool for real-time bus arrival: <http://www.onebusaway.org>

Freeways

I-90: E/W freeway. Eastbound entrance on Rainier Ave. About 5-10 minute drive.

I-5: N/S freeway. N/S entrances on Columbian Way on the Westside of Beacon Hill. About a 5 minute drive.

Parks

Seward Park: 5902 Lake Washington Blvd.

Within the Seattle city limits, Seward Park boasts 300 acres of beautiful forest land - home to eagles' nests, old growth forest, a 2.4 mile bike and walking path, an amphitheater, a native plant garden, an art studio, miles of hiking trails, and more. <http://www.sewardpark.org>

Genesse Park and Playfield: 4316 S Genesee St.

Genesee Park and Playfield is a broad, rough meadow that stretches for about 5 blocks north from Genesee Street to Stan Sayres Memorial Park on Lake Washington Boulevard. It contains a huge and open grassy area for a playfield. Genesee also has a fully fenced 2 1/2 acres off-leash area with double gates, a doggie drinking fountain and a kiosk for community notices.

Kubota Gardens: 9817 55th Ave. S

Hidden in South Seattle, Kubota Garden is a stunning 20-acre landscape that blends Japanese garden concepts with native Northwest plants. The Gardens are a spectacular setting of hills and valleys, interlaced with streams, waterfalls, ponds, bridges, and rock out-croppings with a rich array of plant material. <http://www.kubota.org>

Colman Park: 1800 Lake Washington Blvd. S

Colman Park is located just south of the old Lake Washington Floating Bridge. The beach features grass, big drooping willows, and picnic tables. If you've brought along your Frisbee, football, soccer ball, or volleyball, the grass to the north makes a friendly playing ground.

Jefferson Park Golf Course: 4101 Beacon Ave. S

Jefferson Park Golf Course is situated in the Beacon Hill, measures over 6,200 yards and features vistas of the city's skyline and Mt. Rainier. Jefferson Park also includes a nine hole Executive golf course, a restaurant with banquet facilities, a driving range and instructions are available for individual or group lessons for any level of golfer. <http://www.seattlegolf.com>