



FIRST HILL

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Read the Latest About the Updates for the Madison Rapid Ride G Line

On Monday, November 2nd, the First Hill Improvement Association hosted an online Transportation Committee Meeting. At that meeting, we received a presentation from the Seattle Department of Transportation about the updated timeline and construction of the proposed Madison Rapid Ride G Line. [You can view the presentation given to FHIA's Transportation Committee here.](#) As it stands currently, construction is anticipated to begin in the Spring of 2021. You can also check out [SDOT's resource library about the project](#) going all the way back to 2014.



A Brief History of the New Bear Cub Sculptures in First Hill Park

Late last month, the new sculptures for First Hill Park were installed! The names of the bears are Johnnie and Irish. The two black bear cubs were orphaned due to logging in the area in 1906, but they were promptly adopted by 8 year old Dorothy Stimson, who lived in the Stimson–Green Mansion at the time.

Johnnie and Irish were First Hill staples, and they would go on walks with Dorothy throughout the neighborhood, without a leash! Sometimes, they liked to climb trees or poles. When they got a little too big for the Stimson–Green Mansion, they took up residence at the Woodland Park Zoo.

If you're curious, you can read all about Dorothy Stimson Bullitt in the biography, [Dorothy Stimson Bullitt: An Uncommon Life by Delphine Haley](#).



Attend the Freeway Park Association's Bulb Planting Party!

The Freeway Park Association will be hosting their annual bulb planting party on Saturday, November 14th at 10am at Seneca Plaza (6th Ave & Seneca St) in Freeway Park. This event is a great way for those of you itching to get active outdoors and get your hands dirty!



The Frye Art Museum is Reopen to the Public!

On November 5th, the Frye Art Museum reopened to the public. Previously, the Frye was open to members only from October 22nd through November 1st. The hours of operation are Thursday – Sunday from 11am – 5pm. Please keep in mind that if you plan on visiting, 4pm is the cut-off time for entrance and reservations are required. You can [reserve a timeslot to visit at this link](#). As always, admission is free.



Think First Hill First!

Despite the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak, many of our neighborhood businesses remain open, with some operating at reduced schedules. In previous community newsletters, we have provided a list. Our website now provides a list that is updated weekly with the latest information about open businesses in the neighborhood. You can find that list on our website [here](#).



First Hill Scavenger Hunt – Round 15

The rules are quite simple. The next time you go outside for a walk, keep your eyes peeled for painted rocks in the neighborhood. When you find a painted rock, pick it up and take it with you. Each painted rock has a number associated with it. Then, email doug@firsthill.org and include the rock number in the email and we can coordinate how to get your prize to you.

The prizes are gift cards to various local, neighborhood businesses impacted by the pandemic. The prizes are guaranteed to be worth your time, so tell all your friends and neighbors! We've already had 38 winners so far, but there are plenty more out there to find! New painted rocks will be hidden every week.

The First Hill Improvement Association would like to thank our partners at the [Office of Economic Development's Only in Seattle Grant](#) for helping make this possible.

The First Hill Scavenger Hunt will end when the prizes run out. Get to it!



New Trees on 9th Avenue

One of the aspects that make First Hill great is the dense and mature tree canopy throughout the neighborhood. Earlier this week, three new trees were planted in the right-of-way on 9th Avenue near the intersection at Marion Street.

The First Hill Improvement Association is always looking for spaces in the right-of-way where new trees can be planted, so if you know of a spot, let us know!



Support Our Work

First Hill Improvement Association (FHIA) is committed to working alongside residents, businesses, organizations, and institutions to address the needs and concerns of the community. Over the years FHIA has been dedicated to addressing issues of housing affordability, high-rise development, construction impacts, insufficient public space, accessibility, homelessness, and a growing residential population.

FHIA is dedicated to serving the First Hill neighborhood and we need your support now, more than ever, to continue this work. Please [join FHIA today!](#)

