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MAPLE LEAF HOMES - APRIL 2006

The following are the homes that SOLD in the Maple Leaf neighborhood in the months of January and February, 2006.

Do you wonder what a home is worth? The decor, features and condition all have a bearing on the price a home will command. We have seen the interiors of most of the homes on the list. If you are considering selling your home, **please let us help you.** By discussing the details with you, viewing your home and preparing a market analysis, we can provide you with useful information, such as a sale price that might realistically be expected in today's market.

Address	Beds/Baths	Style	Year Built	Sale Price
411 NE 94th St	1/1	1 Story w/Bsmnt.	1947	\$275,000
9420 17th Ave NE	3/1.75	1 1/2 Stry w/Bsmt	1940	\$302,000
1219 NE 100th St	2/1	1 Story w/Bsmnt.	1926	\$323,500
1715 NE 97 St	2/1.5	1 Story w/Bsmnt.	1960	\$326,000
9200 5th Ave NE	3/1	1 Story w/Bsmnt.	1941	\$350,000
9420 8 Ave NE	3/2	2 Stories w/Bsmnt	1928	\$357,500
8620 5th Ave NE	2/1	1 Story w/Bsmnt.	1946	\$358,000
353 NE 94th St	3/2	2 Story	1940	\$430,000
9513 5th Ave NE	3/2	1 1/2 Story	1925	\$527,000
9155 20th Ave NE	4/2.5	2 Story	1926	\$575,000
1046 NE 88th	3/2	2 Stories w/Bsmnt	1928	\$580,000
846 NE 97th St	4/3.5	2 Stories w/Bsmnt	2005	\$680,000
1252 NE 98th St	4/2.5	2 Stories w/Bsmnt	1923	\$685,000
1225 NE 91st St	4/2.5	2 Story	2005	\$729,500
534 NE 81st St	3/2	1 1/2 Stry w/Bsmt	1926	\$540,000
8501 8th Ave NE	4/3.5	2 Stories w/Bsmnt	2005	\$786,000
1221 NE 103rd St	4/3.25	2 Stories w/Bsmnt	2005	\$790,000

**Information courtesy of NWMLS & is subject to change without notice*

Seattle Parks Names 2 New Parks In Pinehurst and Maple Leaf Neighborhoods

Pinehurst Pocket Park, NE 117th St. and 19th Ave. NE

The Pinehurst Community Council originally nominated this .19-acre site through the Pro Parks Levy Opportunity Fund, and Seattle Parks and Recreation completed the purchase in 2004. King County Conservation Futures Tax supported the purchase. The Levy Opportunity Fund will also fund the development of the site. The goal of the Pinehurst community is to create "a quiet, easily accessible, pedestrian-oriented park." The design process began in 2005 through a Neighborhood Matching Fund grant, and construction will begin later this year. <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/proparks/projects/PinehurstPocket.htm>

Maple Leaf Community Garden, NE 103rd St., east of 5th Ave. NE

In 2003, Seattle Parks and Recreation bought this property with funding from the Pro Parks Levy Opportunity Fund, community contributions, Neighborhood Matching Fund, and King County Conservation Futures Tax. The Levy Opportunity Fund will also help fund park improvements. The park will feature a P-Patch community garden with 24 plots, additional landscaping and paths. Construction will take place later this year. <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/proparks/projects/MapleLeafDev.htm>

Seattle Celebrates 20th Annual Spring Clean

Seattle's Premier Cleanup Event Runs April 1 – June 4

It's time again for community, school and business volunteers to sign up for Seattle's 20th annual Spring Clean. Part of Mayor Greg Nickels' Clean & Green Seattle Initiative, Spring Clean marshals community resources to improve the environment of Seattle's neighborhoods. Last year, nearly 10,000 volunteers helped make Seattle one of the cleanest cities in America." Spring Clean runs from April 1 through June 4. Past Spring Clean activities included painting out graffiti, picking up litter and illegally dumped materials, stenciling storm drains, cleaning school yards, removing invasive plants in watersheds and planting trees. The City of Seattle supports these neighborhood efforts with bags, free disposal, tools, and help with project design, publicity, and recruitment. Spring Clean information, including neighborhood cleanup activities and sign-up packets, is available by calling (206) 233-7187 or visiting <http://www.seattle.gov/util>.

In addition to providing more than 1.3 million customers in the Seattle metropolitan area with a reliable water supply, Seattle Public Utilities provides essential sewer, drainage, solid waste and engineering services that safeguard public health, maintain the City's infrastructure and protect, conserve and enhance the region's environmental resources.

More Single Women Buying Their Own Homes

Last year, single women snapped up one of every five homes sold. That's nearly 1.5 million. If you're counting more than twice as many as single men bought, according to the National Association of Realtors. The trend is striking, because in 1981, the number of single women and single men home buyers was virtually the same. Since then, the percentage of buyers who are single has almost doubled, while the percentage of single men buyers slipped one percentage point to nine percent last year. The rise of single homeowners is part of a greater social and economic shift that is reshaping American life.

Some of the most critical demographic changes that have opened up the real estate market to women include:

- **Women (and men) are marrying later.** On average, women now wait until they're nearly 26 to walk down the aisle, about 6 years later than in 1960, according to Census data. On average, men today marry at age 27, an increase of 5 years in that same period.
- **Divorce.** A Census study showed that 73% of women who married between 1980 and 1984 reached their 10th married between 1945 and 1949. Still, as many as half of the new marriages end in divorce.
- **Women tend to live longer than men.** The average man will die at 74, giving the average widow (who'll die at 79) five more years to buy a home on their own. Before 1974, when Congress amended the Fair Housing Act to stop sex discrimination, it was hard for single women to get a mortgage, or even a credit card, in their own names.

Women in particular, benefit because 25% of single mothers spend more than half their income on housing, compared with 10% of single fathers who do, according to the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University. Because of new government loan criteria, many lenders will now help single women in several ways. They will:

- **Let women count child support from an ex-husband as income to help qualify for loans.**
- **Consider divorced women as first time buyers,** even if they bought homes with their former husbands, so women can qualify for further help. First-time home buyers can often receive down-payment assistance or low-downpayment loans.
- **Let women use some alternative forms of credit history such as their phone bill record,** in case they never had credit in their own names, says a representative of the Mortgage Bankers Association.

Single women home buyers often need help because their median income is \$47,315 a year – 20% less than for single men buyers.

How Single Home Buyers Compare

Single, female home buyers tend to be the same age as single, male buyers, but they make about 25% less and buy less-expensive homes.

Single Women		Single Men	Single Women	Type of Home Purchased	Single Men
\$47,315	Median Income	\$58,936	60%	Detached Single Family	62%
42	Median Age	42	17%	Townhome	17%
\$159,966	Purchase Price	\$167,844	14%	Condo in Large Bldg	11%
			4%	Dupl/Condo in Sm Bldg	5%
			6%	Other	5%

Land Use Notices

The following are public notices of Seattle land use activities from the Department of Planning & Development regarding applications, decisions, and other actions affecting the GreenLake neighborhoods. For a complete list of all public land use notices and information on public comments visit <http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/notices/>.

Address: 6503 57th Ave NE **Zone:** SF5000 **Project Number:** 3003732

Land Use Permit to subdivide one parcel into two parcels of land in an environmentally critical area. Proposed parcel sizes are: A) 5,579.1 sq. ft. and B) 5,002.5 sq. ft. Existing structures to be removed.

Address: 7362 56th Ave NE **Zone:** SF5000 **Project Number:** 2504117

Master Use Permit for future expansion of existing carport to increase the height of a 7.5 ft. flat roof to 12 ft. pitched roof.

Address: 5800 Sand Point Way NE **Zone:** LDT **Project Number:** 3003179

Land Use Permit to subdivide one parcel into eight unit lots. This subdivision of property is only for the purpose of allowing sale or lease of the unit lots. Development standards will be applied to the original parcel and not to each of the new unit lots. The construction of townhouses has been approved under Project #2501711.

Address: 4527 NE 55th St **Zone:** L1, LDT **Project Number:** 3003380

Land Use Permit to approve a three-unit townhouse and two single family residences (total of five units) with parking for seven vehicles located within the structures. Existing four-unit multifamily structure to be demolished.

Address: 5013 40th Ave NE **Zone:** L2 **Project Number:** 3004168

Land Use Permit to subdivide one parcel into three unit lots. The construction of townhouses has been approved under Project #2505833. This subdivision of property is only for the purpose of allowing sale or lease of the unit lots. Development standards will be applied to the original parcel and not to each of the new unit lots.

Address: 5021 40th Ave NE **Zone:** L2 **Project Number:** 3004067

Land Use Permit to subdivide one parcel into six unit lots. The construction of townhouses has been approved under Project #2503021. This subdivision of property is only for the purpose of allowing sale or lease of the unit lots. Development standards will be applied to the original parcel and not to each of the new unit lots.

Address: 7400 Sand Point Way NE **Zone:** L2 **Project Number:** 3004253

Land Use Permit to allow construction of four athletic fields with 24 light poles (approved under Project 2400368) in an environmentally critical area (Warren G. Magnuson Park). Project includes wetland restoration and 165,000 cu. yds. of grading (72,000 cu. yds. cut and 92,000 cu. yds. fill). Review includes demolition of commissary and two related structures. Environmental documents prepared by Seattle Department of Parks & Recreation.

Address: 2316 NE 65th St **Zone:** NC2 40', L2 **Project Number:** 3003490

Land Use Permit to install a minor communication utility (Clearwire) consisting of four panel antennas (four sector, one antenna per sector), two dish antennas and equipment cabinet on the roof of an existing apartment and commercial building.

Address: 855 NE 98th St **Zone:** L2 **Project Number:** 3003386

Land Use Approval to subdivide one parcel into three unit lots. The construction of a two-unit townhouse and a single family residence has been approved under Project #2502165. Development standards will be applied to the original parcel and not to each of the new unit lots.

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When you want to sell a home, we can:

- Help you establish the best sales price based upon sales information from similar properties that have recently what buyers are willing to pay for similar properties).
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