

Hello, Neighbors and Friends,

We would like to share additional information for getting around the area during the West Seattle 5K Run/Walk and Alki Summer Streets Party.

In August 2009, West Seattle High School PTSA partnered with the City to hold the first combination West Seattle 5K /Summer Streets event and it was a great success. This fundraiser race is held prior to Memorial Day weekend, which marks the beginning of the summer season for many businesses and restaurants in the area and before school is out.

As you may have heard, we changed the length of the Summer Streets portion of the 5K Run/Walk and Summer Streets Party. The decision was made after meeting with the Alki Community Council; talking with some of the businesses along Alki; and discussion with the management of the Water Taxi shuttle. Folks preferred a shorter route that could be fully closed over a longer one that required a travel lane remain open (in order to provide local condo and transit shuttle access). Here are the details:

From 9 to 11 AM:

Alki Avenue SW will be **fully closed** from 63rd Avenue SW to the Don Armeni Boat Launch Ramp for the 5K run/walk. All parking will be restricted from 63rd to 56th and along the waterside from 56th to the boat ramp.

For safety purposes the street must be closed entirely to motor traffic for approximately two hours during the West Seattle 5K Run/Walk portion (as has happened in past years). The city requires this for other runs and bicycle rides throughout the Seattle as well. Door hangers were delivered two weeks prior to the event to help residents plan around the closures.

From 9 AM to 5 PM:

Alki Avenue SW will be fully closed from 63rd Avenue SW to 56th Avenue SW for the 5K run/walk and then the Summer Streets Party. Parking will be restricted on both sides of the street during this time.

Please note – There will be no eastbound travel lane open during the 5K or Summer Streets. Access exceptions will be made for emergency vehicles and people with disabilities.

This means after 11 AM local access to condos will be allowed along Alki Ave SW from 56th Avenue SW east. As in the past, SPD will detour those who do not live in the vicinity from Alki on to California Ave SW until 5 PM (we do not detour general traffic onto residential streets). Those who need to access their condos by car, will be allowed by police to drive to their condos from the Harbour Ave / California detour.

We are encouraging the use of transit. To minimize impacts to transit, the Water Taxi Shuttle And Metro bus route 56 will detour at 63rd and Alki during the event. In order to help get attendees down to the area, the first FREE Water Taxi Shuttle Route 775 will leave Seacrest Dock at 8:00 am. Shuttle's will run every 20 minutes until 5:00 pm, depending on traffic and weather conditions. SDOT will also have additional bike racks for participants to use on Sunday.

Whatever activity you are engaged in leave at least four feet of space free on sidewalks so wheelchairs can move through safely.

On Sunday get outside and be a part of a several-thousand-strong community celebration complete with a 5K Run/Walk, tons of kids' activities, face painting, henna tattoos, skateboarding ramps and competitions, live music, Alki Community Council Animal Attractions, Irish dancers, an Ultimate Frisbee demo, free test rides on eMoto electric bicycles, Brazilian music, a surf machine, children's photography, pet massages, free stand-up paddleboard demos, Seal Sitters, a kid's talent show and so much more. Alki Beach is going to be packed with sunny fun and entertainment for Seattleites of all ages.

Come out and play and enjoy the fun and peaceful day on Alki!

Find us on Facebook, or visit www.seattle.gov/summerstreets

For more information about the 5K go to www.westseattle5k.com

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