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LOW RADIATION LEVELS FROM JAPAN DETECTED IN WASHINGTON; NO HEALTH RISK

OLYMPIA A Department of Health air monitor in Seattle has detected trace levels of radiation in connection with Japan's nuclear emergency. The minuscule amounts of radioactive iodine are millions of times lower than levels that would be a health concern. Despite these very small amounts, the state's overall background radiation levels haven't risen.

The positive results are consistent with findings reported by federal and Canadian partners, and by independent researchers. As expected, because of the distance from Japan and air mixing, radiation reaching our state is so diluted there is no health risk here, making protective action unnecessary.

People in Washington shouldn't take potassium iodide, also known as KI, because of what's happened in Japan. Only people who work in or around nuclear power plants during an emergency, or who live near such a plant and can't get away, should take KI.

The agency's information page for the disaster in Japan (www.doh.wa.gov/Topics/japan2011.htm) is updated daily to provide the latest information about radiation monitoring in Washington, including air monitoring data (www.doh.wa.gov/Topics/japan/monitor.htm).



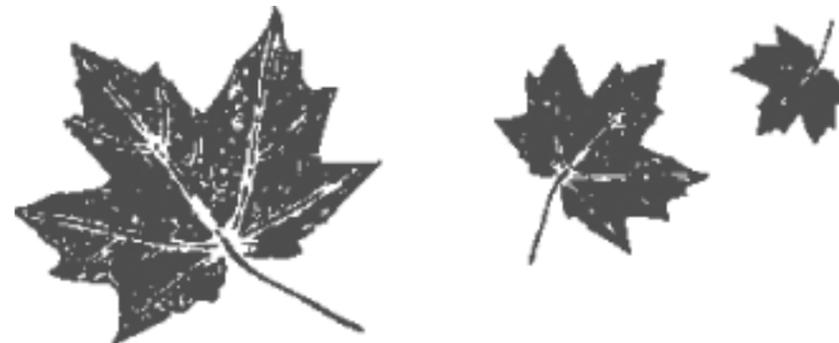
LAND USE NOTICE

Decision

**Area: Northeast Address: 1431 NE 86TH ST
Project: 3011891 Zone: ARTERIAL WITHIN 100 FT., LOW-RISE-2, NORTHGATE OVERLAY DISTRICT, SALMON WATERSHED, SPECIAL GRADING REQUIREMENT**

Land Use Application to subdivide one development site into five unit lots. The construction of residential units has been approved under Project #6252301. 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 following appealable decisions have been made based on submitted plans:
Conditionally Grant - Short Subdivision to create five unit lots.



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NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISOR
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SOLD HOMES

The following is a list of homes that sold in our Maple Leaf Neighborhood over the last month. Do you wonder what your house is worth? The décor, the features and condition all have a bearing on the price a house will command. We have seen the interiors of most of the homes in this list. If you are selling your home, please let us help you. We would be happy to view your home, prepare a market analysis and discuss the details with you. We can provide you with useful information, such as a sales price that might be realistically expected in today's market.

Address	Bed	Bath	Style	Year	Price
9721 8th Ave NE	4	1	1 1/2 Story w/Bsmnt.	1930	\$320,000
9112 12th Ave NE	2	1	1 Story w/Bsmnt.	1946	\$330,000
7533 Roosevelt Wy NE	4	2.5	Split Entry	1980	\$350,000
9619 Roosevelt Wy NE	3	3	Townhouse	2008	\$390,000
1035 NE 95th St	3	1.75	1 Story w/Bsmnt.	1939	\$450,000
825 NE 91 St	4	1.75	1 Story w/Bsmnt.	1929	\$465,000
227 NE 94th St	4	2.75	1 Story w/Bsmnt.	1942	\$545,000
8240 14th Ave NE	3	3.5	2 Stories w/Bsmnt.	2008	\$731,000



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MAPLE LEAF MONTHLY HOME SALES E-MAILED DIRECTLY TO YOU!

Sign up now for a free monthly service. You can have Maple Leaf home sales e-mailed to you every month. The e-mail will contain all of the homes that sold in Maple Leaf for that month. With this e-mail you can see interior pictures of the homes that sold as well as get data on each home such as the price it sold for, BR, BTH, SQ FOOTAGE, ETC.

You will not receive any other junk e-mail. And your e-mail address will NOT be given to anybody else.

To sign up for this free service just send an e-mail to Steve Laevastu stating that you want to get Maple Leaf home sales e-mailed to you. Steve's e-mail address is sold@windermere.com

This service has been very popular and received numerous compliments from a number of Maple Leaf residents.

AGING GRACEFULLY: WHAT WE ALL NEED TO KNOW

*Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m., registration & continental breakfast
9:30 - 11 a.m., panelists and Q & A (Northaven tours to follow if interested)
Northaven Retirement Dining Room*

Cost: \$10 per person, which includes a continental breakfast

Limited seating - RSVP required by contacting:

Maribeth Martin, (206) 362-8077, mbmartin@northavenfdn.org

Whether you attend for yourself, or with a loved one in mind, you will benefit from presentations by three panelists whose work focuses on older adults and who will share meaningful information to help you more easily navigate considerations of health and financial well-being.

Speakers are Kathryn Barrett, RN, MSN and elder care specialist, Karen Smith, CPA/CFP, and Deb Murphy, CEO of Aging Services of Washington, who will address how state budget cuts might impact you. Aging Services of Washington is an association that advocates for its members, of which Northaven is one, for the advancement of innovation, quality, and social responsibility in aging services.



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Dear Steve

Thank you so very much for your excellent assistance in helping us sell our house and thus buy a new home. Your loyalty, honesty, intelligent strategies, positive attitude and unfailing hard work will never be forgotten. We have never observed anyone else in your industry who is more polite, capable, and considerate of both parties needs. We would not hesitate to recommend you to handle any transaction. Please share these thoughts and feelings with your broker and colleagues, they must be proud to be working with you.

With Sincere gratitude,
Kirk Hanson and Dolly Skow

Dear Roger,

Just a quick note to thank you again for your expertise in selling my house in Maple Leaf. Although this was my fourth house, the process of selling has changed considerably since I bought this one eleven years ago. I may well have died of stress without your help. I appreciate you having those back-up buyers "in the wings" so to speak after the first buyer got cold feet!

Keep up the great work and I'll be calling you as soon as I am ready to buy my next house.

Sincerely,
Don Carlson



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SEATTLE EVENTS CALENDAR

SEATTLE INTL. CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL MAY 10-14, 2011 SEATTLE CENTER

The Seattle International Children's Festival began as a small Arts Event for kids... and has now grown into the largest Performing Arts Festival for families in the United States. The annual Five-Day Event... featuring artists from Africa... Asia... Europe and the America's, has introduced more than 500,000 people to the sights, sounds, music, movement and theatre arts of our brothers and sisters worldwide.

SEATTLE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL MAY 19 - JUNE 12, 2011 VARIOUS LOCATIONS

The 37th Annual Seattle Film Festival promises to be an exciting Viewing Event. Experience 25 Days of intense film viewing, where you can indulge in every type of cinema from the US & around the globe. From 'famous' Directors to Independent Filmmakers, more than 300 Works will be showcased during this popular event.

NORTHWEST FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL MAY 27-30, 2011 SEATTLE CENTER

This is the largest Folk Festival in the Country... drawing thousands of people from all over the world, to come and enjoy the multitude of Ethnic Traditions showcased here, which include: Food... Dance... Art... and Crafts.

ASIAN-PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION MAY 1, 2011 SEATTLE CENTER

Enjoy the rich cultures of the region's Asian-Pacific Islander communities through song, dance, art and displays. The festival launches Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Seattle with spectacular lion dances, colorful costumes and traditional dress, youth drill teams, martial arts, Taiko drums and incredible artists from around the state. It also provides access to community resources and children's arts and crafts.

SPIRIT OF WEST AFRICA MAY 7, 2011 SEATTLE CENTER

Take part in ritual and celebratory African drumming, witness the healing powers of musicians trained since birth to serve their communities, participate in a Guianese dance workshop and search for treasures in the West African marketplace. The traditions of six West African countries come to life through this spirited festival of live music, dance performances, film, art and games.

OUR POPULATION: CENSUS SAYS

- Washington added more than 830,400 residents during the past decade to become the nation's 13th most populous state. Washington grew faster than the nation as a whole and two-thirds of the states, according to 2010 census figures released Tuesday. Its population growth gained the state a 10th seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. The state now is home to 6.7 million people, nearly double its population of 40 years ago. Yet, the state's decade-over-decade rate of growth for 2010 was the lowest in 70 years — mirroring a national trend.
- King County is growing and has a diverse multitude of residents, based on data revealed last week by the U.S. Census Bureau. The census counted 1,931,249 residents in the county. Based on data collected in April of last year, the county gained just under 200,000 residents, an increase of 11.2 percent, since the last complete census in 2000. King County grew faster than the nation as a whole, which grew at a rate of 9.7 percent nationwide.

The data also shows the growing diversity of King County's population: persons of color now make up more than one-third of the population. The number of non-Hispanic white persons is slightly smaller than it was in 2000.

The entire population increase consisted of persons of color. Asian-Americans accounted for nearly half the increase over the decade, and Hispanic or Latino persons accounted for more than one-third. Additionally, there were smaller increases in the African-American, Pacific Islander and Native American populations, and persons who reported more than one race.

Recent Census Bureau estimates indicate that King County is the nation's 14th most populous county, and is larger than 14 states including Idaho, Montana, Alaska, and West Virginia. The the release of Census 2010 is not yet complete; by mid-March officials will know if the county retains its ranking.

King County's population growth comprised nearly one-quarter of Washington state's 830,000 increase during the decade. The state increase of 14 percent was enough to gain an additional seat in Congress, the only state outside the Sunbelt to do so in 2010. The Census data released will be used to redraw congressional, legislative and county council district boundaries during 2011.

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION BOARD DESIGNATES SAND POINT NAVAL AIR STATION AS HISTORIC DISTRICT

First historic district designated in more than 20 years

On March 16, the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board designated the former Sand Point Naval Air Station as the city's newest historic district. The last historic district to be designated in Seattle was the Fort Lawton Landmark District in 1988.

Throughout 2010, Friends of Naval Air Station Seattle Historic District, a group of community members and neighbors, spearheaded the effort to get the historic buildings, structures, and the site recognized as a local landmark district. By being designated as a historic district, modifications to the exteriors of buildings and site elements will be reviewed by the Landmarks Preservation Board to ensure the integrity of the district.

The Sand Point Naval Air Station Historic District was designated because of its unique contribution to the history of not only Seattle, but to the nation as well:

- It was the first naval aviation facility established within the Thirteenth Naval District prior to WWII.
- It is the site of the first around-the-world flight.
- As Seattle's first Municipal Airport from 1920-1926, it was important to the early development of the Boeing Company.
- Its buildings comprise a large collection of WPA built colonial Revival, Art Deco and Art Moderne architecture, and the site has rare examples of pre-WWII aviation hangers.
- As one of only four Naval Air Stations in the nation during WWII, it was important as a supply, training, and maintenance facility for the Pacific front.

The historic district is also listed in the National Register of Historic Places. For photos and a map of the historic district, visit <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/documents/LandmarksPresentationMap03-22-11.pdf>.

Seattle has seven other preservation districts, each with community members working together to protect the characteristics that make their community a unique place. They are the Ballard Avenue Landmark District, Columbia City Landmark District, Fort Lawton Landmark District, Harvard-Belmont Landmark District, Pike Place Market Historical District, International Special Review District, and Pioneer Square Preservation District. For information on Seattle's Historic Preservation Program, visit www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation.

ONLINE CLASSIFIEDS SITE CONNECTS BUYERS, SELLERS, Traders and Donors of Home Improvement Products

Looking for a deal on your next home improvement project, or trying to find an alternative to a landfill for your surplus materials? You might want to check out DiggersList.com.

The free, pioneering online home improvement classifieds site allows homeowners, suppliers, contractors and do-it-yourself (DIY) enthusiasts to buy, sell, trade or donate thousands of excess home improvement and construction materials.

Since launching in 2009, the site now serves about three dozen cities, including Greater Seattle, with plans to reach 224 cities across the country. It offers more than 70 specific categories that divide home improvement products into easily viewed sections, such as appliances, paint, or tools and hardware.

The site, co-founded by brothers Matt Knox and Johnnie Munger, is winning over cost and eco-conscious homeowners who seek deep discounts (sometimes reaching 50 percent), on pristine or lightly used home improvement materials.

The site has also attracted national media attention, including mentions on The Early Show, Good Morning America, The Huffington Post, The Wall Street Journal, plus a spot on TIME's "10 Neat New Money-Saving Websites Consumers Need to Check Out."

DiggersList works closely with various nonprofits around the U.S. that need donations, including surplus building materials or home improvement items. Partners in the Puget Sound area include Seattle Habitat for Humanity Store and Tacoma/Pierce County Habitat for Humanity Store. Affiliations with Habitat for Humanity ReStores, which sell donated home improvement goods to fund its humanitarian mission, enables DiggersList to offer high-quality fixtures, bathroom sets and kitchen accessories at deep discounts.

The founders say they created DiggersList in response to the national call to reduce the volume of building materials that are overflowing the country's landfills. They cite U.S. Environmental Protection Agency data on waste. An estimated 160 million tons of waste per year is attributed to the construction industry alone, accounting for almost one-third of the nation's solid waste generation and 50 percent of natural resources consumption.

"DiggersList was specifically invented so that homeowners could have a money-making and environmentally conscious alternative to sending their surplus home improvement items to a landfill," said Knox. It might surprise some homeowners, but contractors and do-it-yourselfers are clamoring to get their hands on, and pay cash for, the pile of lumber, stack of tile or extra windows that would otherwise collect dust in a garage or attic", he remarked.

The economic downturn and sluggish housing market are prompting homeowners to postpone moving and instead invest in upgrading their existing home, Knox observed.



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GUYS AND DOLLS MAY 12 – JUNE 5, 2011 5TH AVENUE THEATER

The slickest high rollers are in town, and they're depending on Nathan Detroit to score a secret spot for their floating crap game. Trouble is, he's \$1,000 shy. Throw in Sarah Brown, who's short on sinners at the mission; Sky Masterson, who accepts Nathan's \$1000 bet that he can't lure Sarah Brown to Havana; Miss Adelaide, who's desperate to marry Nathan; the meddling Police Lieutenant Brannigan; and the lively lyrics and music of Frank Loesser, and you've got an evening to remember—you can bet on it!

Music and lyrics by Frank Loesser
Book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows

CHINESE CULTURE & ARTS FESTIVAL MAY 21, 2011 SEATTLE CENTER

Learn Chinese folk dances, create delicate artworks and share in cultural traditions covering 5,000 years of Chinese history in this celebration of one of the world's oldest cultures. The festival showcases the distinct culture of China through visual and performing arts and gift booth exhibitions, including Chinese music, dance and puppet performances, works by nationally acclaimed artists, seminars and interactive activities. Presented by the Washington Chinese Art Culture Committee.

SEATTLE SPORTS SCHEDULE

MARINERS MLB HOME GAMES

<http://seattle.mariners.mlb.com/>

5/3	7:10PM	V.S. TEX
5/4	7:10PM	V.S. TEX
5/5	7:10PM	V.S. TEX
5/6	7:10PM	V.S. CWS
5/7	6:10PM	V.S. CWS
5/8	1:10PM	V.S. CWS
5/16	7:10PM	V.S. MIN
5/17	7:10PM	V.S. MIN
5/18	7:10PM	V.S. LAA
5/19	12:40PM	V.S. LAA
5/27	7:10PM	V.S. NYY
5/28	7:10PM	V.S. NYY
5/29	1:10PM	V.S. NYY
5/30	1:10PM	V.S. BAL
5/31	7:10PM	V.S. BAL

SOUNDERS FC HOME GAMES

<http://www.soundersfc.com/>

5/14	8:00PM	VS. TIMBERS
5/21	7:00PM	VS. SPORTING KC
5/25	7:00PM	VS. FC DALLAS

SEATTLE STORM HOME GAMES

<http://www.wnba.com/storm/>

5/29	2:00PM	VS TULSA (Preseason)
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