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*Happy Holidays*

The following is a listing of some of the properties that have sold in our Green Lake neighborhood during the months of October and November, 2005.

Do you wonder what your home may be 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 this chart.

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 sales price that might realistically be expected in today's market.

<u>Address</u>	<u>Bdrms/Baths</u>	<u>Style</u>	<u>Sales Price</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Bdrms/Baths</u>	<u>Style</u>	<u>Sales Price</u>
937 N 80th	2/1	1 Story	\$223,300	8219 Densmore Ave N	3/1.75	1 Story w/bsmt	\$472,000
1200 N 85th St	2/1.5	Townhouse	\$289,000	1151 N 82nd St	3/1.75	1 Story w/bsmt	\$480,000
8503 Stone Ave N	3/1.5	Townhouse	\$300,000	711 N 65th St	3/2.5	2 Story	\$490,000
534 N 68th St	2/1	1 Story w/bsmt	\$309,950	8309 Fremont Ave N	4/1.75	2 Story w/bsmt	\$490,000
539 N 66th	2/1	1 Story	\$327,000	518 NE 70th St	3/2.5	Townhouse	\$520,000
6704 Dayton Ave N	1/1.5	1 Story w/bsmt	\$333,000	718 N 62nd St	5/2	1½ Story w/bsmt	\$520,000
742 N 80th St	3/1.75	1 Story w/bsmt	\$335,000	8111 Stone Ave N	4/1.5	1 Story w/bsmt	\$530,000
934 N 79th St	2/1.5	1½ Story	\$383,000	924 N 70th St	3/1.75	2 Story w/bsmt	\$549,900
321 N 78th St	3/1	1½ Story w/bsmt	\$385,000	1360 N 78th St	4/1.75	1 Story w/bsmt	\$550,000
1142 N 84th St	2/1	1 Story w/bsmt	\$398,500	528 N 66th	4/2.75	1½ Story w/bsmt	\$618,000
522 N 80th St	4/1.75	1 Story w/bsmt	\$400,500	8206 Ashworth	4/2	1 Story w/bsmt	\$619,000
534 N 73rd St	3/1	1 Story w/bsmt	\$408,500	2130 N 63rd St	3/2.75	1 Story w/bsmt	\$620,000
8012 Wallingford Ave N	3/2	1 Story w/bsmt	\$412,000	6523 Latona Ave NE	3/1.75	2 Story	\$649,950
551 NE Ravenna	3/1.5	1½ Story w/bsmt	\$414,950	7545 1st Ave NE	4/1.75	1½ Story w/bsmt	\$649,950
614 N 65th St	3/1	1½ Story w/bsmt	\$420,000	519 N 62nd St	4/3	2 Story w/bsmt	\$735,000
702 N 83rd St	3/1.5	1 Story w/bsmt	\$425,000	7522 Sunnyside Ave N	2/2	1½ Story w/bsmt	\$775,000
8008 Stroud Ave N	2/1.5	1 Story w/bsmt	\$429,000	7582 E Greenlake Dr N	5/3.5	2 Story w/bsmt	\$1,040,000
468 Maple Leaf Pl	2/1	1 Story	\$435,000	7544 Sunnyside Ave N	5/3.5	2 Story w/bsmt	\$1,046,000
938 N 79th St	3/2.5	Multi Level	\$438,500	7805 8th Ave NE	3/1.75	1 Story w/bsmt	\$341,000
925 N 84th St	4/2.75	1½ Story w/bsmt	\$439,900	529 NE 83rd St	2/1	2 Story w/bsmt	\$420,000
2327 N 63rd St	3/1	1 Story w/bsmt	\$467,500	210 NE 85th St	4/2.5	1 Story w/bsmt	\$450,000
929 N 84th St	4/1.75	1½ Story w/bsmt	\$469,500	527 NE 85th St	4/2.25	2 Story	\$499,000
7456 Woodlawn Ave NE	3/1	1½ Story w/bsmt	\$470,000				

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

## Green Lake Branch, The Seattle Public Library

The Seattle neighborhood of Green Lake's community library first opened a reading room in August 1905. Quickly the community outgrew the little library's capacity. In 1908, a group of 40 Green Lake business and community leaders spearheaded a drive to purchase land upon which a new and larger library could be built. The new library, financed by community members and in part by Andrew Carnegie (1835-1919), opened in 1910. By 1999, the Green Lake Branch of The Seattle Public Library had 54,000 catalogued items and quick access to every catalogued item in the Seattle library system through its upgraded, on-line system. In the early twenty-first century, the Green Lake Branch was extensively renovated as part of Libraries For All, a \$196.4 million bond issue passed by Seattle voters in 1998. The branch was closed for more than a year for the renovation, and reopened amidst great celebration in March 2004.

### Readers Overcome Mud

In 1905, a boardwalk, built on pilings adjacent to Ravenna Creek at the Lake's outlet, led from the street and streetcar tracks to the library porch to protect users from high water and muddy boots in rainy weather. For the next five years this fledgling library, with its shelving for 5,000 books, served the entire community and its children from Green Lake, Daniel Bagley, and John B. Allen schools. At its peak, an average of 125 books a day were circulated to 1,473 registered borrowers.

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### A Building for Books

The group raised \$3,000 from the business community and from door-to-door solicitations and fundraisers to purchase four undeveloped lots along unpaved East Green Lake Boulevard at 4th Avenue NE. The Seattle Public Library board contributed an additional \$1,000 toward acquisition of this parcel, which constituted part of the 1869 claim of Erhard Seifreid (1832-1899) that Seifried sold in 1888 to Green Lake developer, W. D. Wood (1858-1917). (Seifreid, known as Green Lake John, was the first non-Indian person to settle on Green Lake.) The owners deeded the lots to the city and the city turned them over to the library board.

The Green Lake founders next turned to philanthropist Andrew Carnegie (1835-1919) who was providing ongoing capital funds for The Seattle Public Library's Central and branch libraries. From 1901 to 1915, Carnegie provided \$445,000 in new construction money for Seattle's growing library system. He ultimately funded more than 2,500 free public libraries throughout the world so that everyone might have a means of self-education.

Green Lake's 5,000-square-foot library cost \$35,000 to build. Construction was delayed until February 1909 so that architectural plans for the University and West Seattle branches could be completed and contracts for all three let out to bid at the same time. The libraries would share a common internal floor plan, but differ in their exteriors.

Courtesy of [www.HistoryLink.org](http://www.HistoryLink.org)

## December Events

**Holiday Hayrides** Dec. 22nd  
Seward Park, 5902 Lake Washington Blvd. S., 206-684-4396. \$10 (\$6 children under 12). Every half-hour from 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wed., Dec. 22nd.

**Issaquah Reindeer Festival** Dec. 23rd  
Pay a visit to Rudolph's many relatives at Cougar Mountain Zoo's annual celebration of all that is antlered and shaggy. Cougar Mountain Zoo, 19525 S.E. 54th St. (Issaquah), 425-392-6278. \$9.50 (\$8 seniors, \$6.50 children). 10 a.m.-7 p.m. daily.

**Carolers at Ivar's** Dec 23rd  
Leading up to Christmas, the seafood restaurant hosts carolers during the dinner hour. Ivar's Salmon House, 401 N.E. Northlake Way, 206-632-0767. Free (with purchase of dinner).

**Santa Claus Visits** Dec. 24th  
St. Nick's sleigh makes several stops at the Needle; take the opportunity to ask him for that hybrid car you're currently waitlisted for. Space Needle (Observation Deck), 206-905-2100. \$13 (\$11 seniors, \$6 children). 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Through Fri. Dec. 24th.

**Christmas Day** Dec. 25th

**Winterfest at Seattle Center**  
A massive celebration that extends into the new year, Winterfest features almost every cold-weather amusement imaginable, including an ice rink, a Philippine Christmas celebration, a holiday jazz concert, and a dance for seniors. (Visit [www.seattlecenter.com](http://www.seattlecenter.com) for a full schedule of events.) Seattle Center (various venues), 206-684-7200. Free (excepting certain activities/events). 10 a.m.-7 p.m. daily (10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Christmas Eve; closed on Christmas). Through Sun., Jan. 2.

**New Year's Eve** Dec. 31st

## Happy New Year!