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 Happy St. Patrick's Day!

The following is a listing of some of the properties that have sold in our Green Lake neighborhood during the months of January & February, 2006.

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.

Recent Market Activity

<u>Address</u>	<u>Bdrms/Baths</u>	<u>Style</u>	<u>Sales Price</u>
350 N 76th St	2/1	1 Story w/bsmt	\$335,000
321 N 84th St	2/1	1 Story w/bsmt	\$357,000
1708 N 85th St	3/2.75	1 Story w/bsmt	\$369,000
513 N 78th St	3/2	1 Story w/bsmt	\$395,000
6320 6th Ave NE	3/1	1 Story w/bsmt	\$400,000
6302 5th Ave NE	2/1	1½ Story w/bsmt	\$424,000
1120 N 76th St	3/1.75	1½ Story w/bsmt	\$538,850
8016 Stroud Ave N	3/1	1 Story w/bsmt	\$543,000
7554 1st Ave NE	3/2	Tri Level	\$620,000
7612 E Green Lake	3/1.75	2 Story w/bsmt	\$750,000
525 N 62nd St	5/2.75	2 Story w/bsmt	\$799,950
8040 Burke Ave N	3/3.5	2 Story w/bsmt	\$800,000

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Green Lake Aqua Theater

One clear starry night in the summer of 1950, the nationally famous Aqua Follies opened Seattle's new Aqua Theatre, an open air stadium on the south shore of Green Lake. The event, on August 11, 1950, was one of the opening attractions of Seafair's first season. A sellout crowd of 5200 came to see water ballet, comedy, and dancers and singers, not to mention high divers plunging from two towers flanking a stage adorned with evergreen. Following a fireworks finale, this first performance of a 10-day stand ushered in a 15-year love affair between summertime theatergoers and Seattle's unique lakeside showplace.

The Aqua Theatre was constructed in only 67 days, at a cost of \$247,000. Its successes through the 1950s led to expansion of the seating area in 1960 to an ultimate capacity of 5,582. The fan-shaped concrete grandstand included 940 box seats, priced at \$3.50 per event. There were four ticket prices; the cheapest seats, high in the upper corners and without back supports, sold for \$2.00.

Jazz, Dance, and Annie Get Your Gun

The Aqua Follies, produced by Greater Seattle, Inc., was only one of the annual summertime productions performed at Green Lake. For several years the Summer Opera Company produced Music Under the Stars under the baton of Gustave Stern, musical director of the Parks Department. The group performed concert versions of popular operettas, complete with ballet, orchestra, and chorus. On a grander scale, elaborately costumed musicals, such as South Pacific, The King and I, Silk Stockings, and Oklahoma made annual visits to the open air stage and its floating orchestra pit.

In 1962, with the Seattle World's Fair drawing large crowds from throughout the country, the Aqua Theatre reached its zenith with five separate productions occurring throughout the summer season. A three day jazz festival began on June 19, 1962, followed in July by week-long performances of Bob Hope; Annie Get Your Gun with Gizele MacKenzie; and Music Man with Bert Parks and Barbara Williams. Capping the bill with a cast of more than 100, the Aqua Follies sustained a 21-day run, ending the Seafair celebration on August 15, 1962.

A Chance of Rain

If Seattle's Century 21 Fair of 1962 boosted the Aqua Theatre to the height of popularity, it also led to its demise. In 1962, as now, Seattle's summer weather was unpredictable. Evening showers or downpours made the stage slippery, causing dancers to improvise steps in order to maintain their balance. Threatening weather frequently led to no-shows at the gate, especially by patrons coming from long distances. The World's Fair brought entertainment opportunities to the Seattle Center, which offered comfortable seating and protection from the elements that the Aqua Theatre could not provide. The Aqua Follies ended in 1964, and after that the white elephant Aqua Theatre could no longer compete for national productions. The facility was used only rarely, mostly for local productions. A Grateful Dead appearance in 1969 was one of the final concerts at the Lake.

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March Events

St. Patrick's Day Dash March 12th
Run, Walk, Jog or Crawl in this 3-1/2 mile jaunt between Seattle Center and Safeco Field starts at 9am sharp on March 12th and will raise funds for the Starlight Starbright Children's Foundation of Washington. To register, visit: www.stpatsdash.com

St. Patrick's Day March 17th

St. Patrick's Day Parade March 18th
Saturday at 12:30 PM, starting from 4th Ave at Jefferson, in downtown Seattle. The Parade travels north on 4th Ave to Westlake and, via the Monorail, on to the Seattle Center. For more information visit: www.irishclub.com

Irish Week Festival March 17-19th
Sing along to Irish tunes, try stepdancing, children's contests, learn about Gaelic games, Irish history or genealogy, or take Irish language lessons. Irish Heritage Club at the Seattle Center www.irishclub.org

Whirligig! March 23-April 16th
Wow is for Whirligig! Seattle Center's annual carnival of fun for kids. Kids can have tons of fun while they bounce, slide, glide and ride on super-size inflatable rides. Arts and crafts, eye-popping decor, clowns, face painters and free entertainment transform Center House into a vibrant kaleidoscope of activity and amusement for all ages. www.seattlecenter.com

Kites on the Fly March 25-26th
From delicate kites made of leaves to unique kites used for fishing to large kites that can actually lift people into the air, kites have played an important role in aviation history. Stop by to learn about these incredible yet simple flyers, then make and decorate your own kite to fly at home! Weekend Family Workshops are free with Museum of Flight. www.museumof-flight.org

