

Live: Residential Community



The Carlton



Alycove apartments face Cascade Park



Denny Park Apartment

The initial non-native residents of South Lake Union were the people employed by the mills, warehouses, laundries and maritime industries. Housing has been concentrated in the Cascade neighborhood, while the flatter valley between Fairview and Aurora Avenues became a prime site for industry. The residential community continued to grow until the 1950s when the area was designated for manufacturing activities and new housing was prohibited. A reversal of that rule in the 1990s means housing is again permitted in much of the area. The neighborhood has recently become one of the fastest growing residential areas in the city.

Growing Once Again

- The US Census counted 850 housing units in South Lake Union in 2000.
- 1,200 units have been built in the neighborhood since 2000.
- 1,300 units are currently being proposed.
- The City is planning for 8,400 units to be built between 2004 and 2024 including the 2,500 units already built or planned.

St. Spiridon Cathedral



Lively and Diverse

Opportunities for the neighborhood to come together are growing as more residents move to the area.



Uptown Espresso on Westlake (above) and Neighborhood Block Party in 2005 (left)



Affordable Housing

The City has partnered with low-income housing agencies to preserve over 400 affordable apartment units in the neighborhood.



Grandview Apartments 2006

1870s-1930s Housing developed for workers in the neighborhood

1940s-1980s Area designated industrial, new housing prohibited

1990s-2000s Housing permitted again, live-work neighborhood develops

Cascade Neighborhood 1953

