



Mt Baker Story

Courage. Connection. Inspiration. Inclusiveness. Legacy.

These are just a few of the characteristics that have ensured that the Mt. Baker community has risen to great heights from the very beginning. The greatest source of strength in the community comes from the crossroads of Rainier Avenue and Empire Way (Martin Luther King Jr. Way), which has created and perpetuated legacies for the community, the City of Seattle, and the world.

Underpinned by the Olmsted brothers plan for interconnected parks and greenways intended to unite the Mt. Baker "City on the Hill," valley floor, and beyond, the crossroads have been party to some of Seattle's greatest moments, and most profound heroes. The crossroads are home to two of Seattle's prolific baseball stadiums and literally set the stage for performances from two of the greatest music legends. On the other side of the crossroads, Franklin High School has a legacy of producing alumni that, with the support of the community, overcame deeply challenging circumstances and changed the world. Businesses here, too, have a long, richly diverse legacy.

Whether you are walking or riding, we invite you to explore, and become inspired by, the great heights of Mt. Baker.



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Olmsted Legacy

Best known for designing Central Park, the Olmsted brothers worked in Seattle for 34 years, designing 37 parks and playgrounds connected by beautiful boulevards.

The Olmsted Mt. Baker legacy includes Mt. Baker, Frink, and Seward Parks, Lake Washington Boulevard, Mt. Baker Boulevard, Cheasty Boulevard, and Cheasty Greenspace. Their work also includes an unfinished plan to link Lake Washington to Beacon Hill by greenways. *Photo: Courtesy of MOHAI Photograph Collection*



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Mt Baker Community Club

Established in 1909, the non-profit Mount Baker Community Club is said to be one of the oldest continuously active community clubs in the United States.

For over 100 years, the clubhouse has served as a gathering place for neighbors to come together and build community, regularly hosting activities and serving as a forum for neighborhood discourse. Membership is extended to all those that live, work, or play here, and no dues are required. *Photo: Courtesy Mt. Baker Community Club*



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Franklin High School

Franklin High School is one of two major anchors at the Mt. Baker crossroads. In addition to creating legends, the building is itself legendary. A Franklin High scale model was featured at the 1933 Chicago World's Fair as "the most beautiful school in the northwest." A few of its most remarkable alumni are listed below. *Photo: Franklin High School, ca. 1912 Courtesy of MOHAI, PEMCO Webster & Stevens Collection*



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Brice Taylor: Nurtured and encouraged at the crossroads, African American and Native American **Brice Taylor** was a football star at Franklin High.

He earned a scholarship to the University of Southern California where, in 1925, he became USC's first All-American football player. He also went on to become the first African American head coach at any Los Angeles high school. Further, he achieved these things - and more - as an orphan born without a left hand. *Photo: Brice Taylor, ca. 1923: Courtesy of MOHAI Photograph Collection*



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Keye Luke: Best known as Charlie Chaplin's "Number One Son," and "Master Po" on the original Kung Fu series, **Keye Luke** was born in China and emigrated

to Seattle as a boy. He attended Franklin High where his talents as an artist were encouraged, and illustrated the TOLO yearbook single-handedly his senior year. Though he intended to be an architect, Luke went to Hollywood to design movie posters when he was "discovered" as an actor. A founding member of the Screen Actors Guild in 1933, Luke has a star on the Walk of Fame. *Photo: "Keye Luke Master Po Kung Fu" by ABC Television*



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Hutchinson Brothers: **Fred Hutchinson** and his brother **Bill** were both gifted athletes at Franklin High School. Fred became one of Seattle's first professional baseball super-

stars, and came back to manage the Seattle Rainiers. Bill played sports at the University of Washington, but chose to become a doctor. When Fred died of cancer at an early age, Bill devoted his life to developing the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, considered one of the best in the world. *Photo: Fred Hutchinson in Rainiers uniform, 1938: Courtesy of MOHAI, Seattle P-I Collection*



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Dugdale Park & Sick's Stadium

The current site of Lowe's was once the location of both Dugdale Park (1913), and Sick's Stadium (1934), which brought community together at the Mt. Baker crossroads. Home to the Seattle Indians and Seattle Rainiers baseball teams, the location also set the stage for some of the greatest legends the world has ever known. *Photo: Aerial of Sick's Stadium looking southeast, 1969 Courtesy of MOHAI Photograph Collection*



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Baseball legend **Babe Ruth** took Seattle by storm, and famously hit three home runs at Dugdale Park during a single game in 1924. *Photo: Babe Ruth at bat in Dugdale Park, Seattle, October 19, 1924: Courtesy of MOHAI, Seattle P-I Collection.*



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Screaming teen girls and swooning reporters swarmed **Elvis Presley** when he played Sick's Stadium in 1957. In the crowd that night were a young Paul Allen, and 15-year-old Jimi Hendrix. *Photo: Elvis Presley & the Jordanaires, Sick's Stadium: Courtesy of MOHAI Photo Collection*



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As a Rainier Valley native, music legend **Jimi Hendrix** was a frequent visitor to the Mt. Baker crossroads. In 1970, he played his last Seattle show at Sick's Stadium, just two months before his tragic death. *Photo: Uncyclopedia.com*

SCHOOLS

- 1 - FRANKLIN PLAYFIELD
- 2 - FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL
- 3 - JOHN MUIR ELEMENTARY
- 4 - HAWTHORNE ELEMENTARY

PARKS

- 1 - BRADNER GARDENS PARK OFF MAP
- 2 - MLK JR MEMORIAL PARK
- 3 - COLLEGE STREET PARK
- 4 - HILLSIDE GARDEN P-PATCH
- 5 - HORTON HILL CORRIDOR
- 6 - YORK PLAYGROUND
- 7 - ESTELLE STREET P-PATCH
- 8 - IGNEOUS ENSEMBLE PARK
- 9 - CHARLESTOWN HILL CLIMB
- 10 - LAKE PEOPLE PARK
- 11 - ADAMS PARK
- 12 - GENESEE PARK & PLAYFIELD OFF MAP

COMMUNITY

- 1 - MT BAKER COMMUNITY CLUB
- 2 - SEATTLE FIRE STATION #30
- 3 - REFUGEE WOMEN'S ALLIANCE
- 4 - RAINIER VALLEY FOOD BANK

HISTORICAL INTEREST

- 1 - ELLSWORTH STOREY COTTAGES
- 2 - DOSE TERRACE STAIRS
- 3 - JAPANESE PAGODA LANTERN
- 4 - JESSE C. BOWLES HOUSE
- 5 - DUGDALE PARK/SICK'S STADIUM (SITE)
- 6 - RIDGLEY C. FORCE HOUSE
- 7 - KRAUS/ANERSSON HOUSE
- 8 - OLMSTEAD HOUSE
- 9 - FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

- LINK LIGHT RAIL STATION
- BUS STOPS
- PUBLIC ART

OLMSTED HERITAGE

- 1 - COLMAN PARK
- 2 - LAKE WASHINGTON BLVD PARK
- 3 - MT BAKER BEACH
- 4 - MT BAKER PARK
- 5 - MT CLAIRE PARK
- 6 - MT BAKER BOULEVARD
- 7 - TRUDY SANDERS TRIANGLE
- 8 - LAKEWOOD TRIANGLE
- 9 - SIERRA PLACE
- 10 - HUNTER BOULEVARD
- 11 - CHEASTY BLVD PARK

- SCENIC WALKING ROUTES
- BIKING ROUTES
- TRAILS AND PATHS
- SOUND TRANSIT LIGHT RAIL
- WALKING OVERPASS



BUSINESSES

- 1 - BORRACCHINI'S BAKERY
- 2 - PEPSI BOTTLING CO.
- 3 - MUTUAL FISH
- 4 - BARTELL DRUGS
- 5 - LOWE'S HARDWARE & NURSERY
- 6 - QFC GROCERY
- 7 - RITE AID PHARMACY
- 8 - MT BAKER COMMERCIAL BLDG
 - MIOPOSTO PIZZERIA • FIDO N SCRATCH
 - VITALITY PILATES STUDIO
- 9 - VIENGTHONG RESTAURANT
- 10 - ARTSPACE/MT BAKER LOFTS
 - TOBYA ART GALLERY • HALAL DELI
 - SEATTLE CAPOEIRA CENTER
 - NATURAL CHILD MODELING AGENCY
 - MT BAKER CENTER FOR THE ARTS
 - URBAN WILDERNESS WORKS
- 11 - STARBUCKS
- 12 - KING'S HALL
- 13 - THE ORIGINAL PHILLY'S
- 14 - WELLS FARGO BANK
- 15 - RV WET WEATHER STORAGE
- 16 - COLUMBIA PHYSICAL THERAPY
- 17 - SEATTLE BEAUTY SCHOOL
- 18 - CAFE IBEX
- 19 - PHO BAC VIETNAMESE RESTAURANT
- 20 - SAIGON PRINTING
- 21 - JACKSON VISION CLINIC
- 22 - CLAREMONT APARTMENTS
 - DENTIST • EMERALD CITY FIRED ARTS
 - XTREME REALTY • TAI KWON DO STUDIO
- 23 - MEKONG SUPERMARKET
- 24 - POWERFUL SCHOOLS
- 25 - WILLIE'S BARBECUE
- 26 - WASHINGTON CARE CENTER
- 27 - TAQUERIA EL ASADERO
- 28 - FANA'S CUISINE
- 29 - RAINIER COURT
 - THE COURTLAND • THE DAKOTA
 - COLUMBIA GARDENS
- 30 - SHAG DISCOVERY CENTER
- 31 - WEST COAST SELF STORAGE
- 32 - PADRINO'S PIZZA & PASTA
- 33 - EMERALD CITY FISH & CHIPS
- 34 - RAINIER VALLEY PLAZA
 - SAFEWAY • STARBUCKS
 - CHASE BANK • ROSS
 - RADIO SHACK • MAGIC DRAGON
 - T-MOBILE
- 35 - DARIGOLD
- 36 - GRANT WONG DENTISTRY
- 37 - MONDO & SONS
- 38 - RAINIER VALLEY CHIROPRACTIC
- 39 - HODGES HAIR QUARTERS

