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Digital Image Management Program

The Seattle City Council recently passed Ordinance 122415 officially establishing the Digital Image Management Program within the Seattle Municipal Archives. This new law authorizes the City Archivist to promulgate citywide regulations pertaining to the capture and submission of digital photography, and requires City agencies to photographically document their capital projects and other important work. The program is administered by the Photo Archives staff, Julie Viggiano and Jeff Ware.

Recent digital photography accessions include the South Lake Union Streetcar opening, the University Library and Broadview Library re-openings, and construction of the City fireboat, Leschi.



South Lake Union Trolley opening, December 12, 2007

*Item 157084,
Seattle Municipal Archives*



*Broadview Branch Library Reopening, December 8, 2007
Item 157118, Seattle Municipal Archives*

Dorothy Brekke Sails and Trails Photograph Collection

The photographs of Dorothy Brekke, member of the Seattle Parks Department "Sails and Trails Club," were recently donated to the Archives. They depict women in the 1930s enjoying recreational outings and companionship.

Clara Dorothy Brekke was born a twin into a



*Outing of Sails and Trails Club, c. 1932. Some of the signs read "Bad Egg College" and "I am a Nut College."
Item 66961, Dorothy Brekke Sails and Trails Photograph Collection*

Norwegian family on August 9th, 1900. She grew up in Ballard, graduating from Ballard High School. She loved sports of all kinds, and played basketball during her school years. The Seattle Parks



*Outing of the Sails and Trails Club, c. 1932, location unknown. Woman on left is possibly Pearl Powell, founder and leader of the Sails and Trails Club for working women.
Item 66949, Dorothy Brekke Sails and Trails Photograph Collection*

Department Sails and Trails Club, formed in 1929 by Pearl Powell, offered women over 18 an opportunity to participate in low-cost recreational outings, including hiking, boat trips, and skiing. Brekke was a member of the Club for many years. Single, she worked for 20th Century Fox Film Exchange in Belltown until her retirement at age 70.

The photograph collection was donated by her great-niece, Kristi Kefgen, of Anacortes. The photographs illustrate women at play, enjoying each others' company and the outdoors. The individuals in the photographs are mostly unidentified and date from the early 1930s; the exact date is not known for most images. The photographs can be found by searching 9920-01 in the [Photograph Index](#).

Maps Recently Cataloged

About 20 maps showing traffic flow patterns and volume in the city from 1942 to 1962 were recently added to the Map Index, illustrating traffic planning efforts during those years and the growth of the city. Many of the maps were published in the Traffic Engineering Annual Reports, which can be consulted for more information on transportation planning.



1958 Traffic Flow Map
Item 2060, Map Index, Seattle Municipal Archives

One Hundred Years Ago

In the 1908 Annual Report from the Board of Park Commissioners, Woodland Park is described as “the most used and probably the best known park in the city.” One of the improvements made in 1908 was the construction of a cricket field used by the Seattle Cricket Club in their games with Tacoma, Victoria, B.C., and the other cities which composed the league.

Two dirt tennis courts were also completed in 1908. “These have proved most popular, and a demand is now made for the finishing of the balance under construction in order to care for the needs of a tennis club of something over a hundred members now being organized.” Also, 16 band concerts were given at Woodland Park in 1908.



Tennis courts at Woodland Park in 1910.

Item 5008,
Seattle
Municipal
Archives

The east part of the park was known

as the “Stump Pasture,” and in 1908 considerable effort was put towards grading, leveling, and filling of the “swampy part” of the south end of Green Lake.

Recently Cataloged Photographs



New paint machine in use at First Ave S. and E. Marginal Way, September 11, 1957

Item 55292,
Seattle Engineering
Department Photographs,
Seattle Municipal
Archives

Below: As streetcars were replaced by buses, the rails were pulled up on many streets throughout the city. This is at N. 34th and Fremont Avenue on February 27, 1957.

Item 54171, Seattle Engineering Department Photographs, Seattle Municipal Archives



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