LAKE COURT APARTMENTS HISTORIC LANDMARK NOMINATION

SUBMITTED BY THE FRIENDS OF LAKE COURT APARTMENTS

THE LAKE COURT APARTMENTS

The Lake Court Apartments are three adjoining properties located at 2012-2020 43rd Avenue East, on the shorefront of Lake Washington in the Madison Park neighborhood of Seattle.

The distinctive community is on a 1.33-acre lot with 180 feet of waterfront & is comprised of five buildings housing a total of 63 unique units.

ON THE LAKE



The Shoremont Apartments, 2012 43rd Ave. N., are receiving reservations for summer guests, according to William Doxy, manager. These beautiful apartments, situated on Lake Washington, offor an ideal summer home with beating, private beaches and putting greens available for the guests.

SITE & SETTING

Historic Maps & Aerial Views + Site Plan



1912 Baist Map

1912 Baist Map - Detail





1917 Sanborn Fire Map

1917 Sanborn Fire Map - Detail













2024 – Site Overhead

2018 – Site Plan (Todd Kilburn)

Buildings I & 2: Shoremont (North & South) – 1925-1926, William Bain, Sr Building 3: Lakecrest East & West wings (Originally named "Beauville") – 1928-1929, Paul Thiry & James Taylor Jr Building 4: Anhalt Apartments – 1952, Frederick Anhalt (contributing)

NEARBY LOCAL AND NATIONAL LANDMARKS





Samuel Hyde House Est 1909 NRIS #82004238 Pioneer Hall Est 1910 NRIS #70000645 McGilvra Elementary Est 1918 Seattle Landmark #124777

ARCHITECTURAL CONTEXT

Exteriors, Interiors & Blueprints



...EMBODIES THE DISTINCTIVE VISIBLE CHARACTERISTICS OF AN ARCHITECTURAL STYLE, OR PERIOD, OR A METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION

> Gabled, shingled roofs Round or square towers Intricate brickwork Stucco exteriors Dormered windows Arched doorways Faux shuttered windows Ornamental ironwork

THE SHOREMONT

2020 43rd Avenue East



















Shoremont (S) Single-story single entry





Shoremont (N) Single-story recessed double entry



Shoremont (S) Single-story windows & lighting



Shoremont (N) Single-story double entry with ironwork















Shoremont South multi-story bedroom (facing E)



THE LAKECREST

2012 43RD AVENUE EAST













Lakecrest Upper Courtyard - Dormered Windows (facing S)





Upper Courtyard Archway to Lower Courtyard (facing E)

Upper Courtyard Archway to Lower Courtyard (facing E)

Archway to Lakecrest Upper Courtyard (facing W)























Lakecrest Exterior Light Fixture (West Wing entry arch)





304 . C. Lakecrest West Wing interior entry











Lakecrest East – Townhome, First Floor Living Room

Lakecrest East – Townhome, First Floor Living Room (facing S)



Lakecrest East - Townhome Entry (facing S)
















Each apartment is arranged differently, yet each is furnished with every modern convenience. Frigidaire, Monarch electric ranges, radio, automatic hot-water heating system ... Rooms are finished in glazed rough finish plaster, with wroughtiron lighting fixtures. All have casement windows. The floors are of dark antique hardwood ... Each apartment is an harmoniously blended individual home ... even bathrooms, are attractively finished in orchid and black, or green and black, with rosetile floors.

ANHALT ADDITION

2020 43rd Avenue East











Lake Court Apartments courtyard from 43rd Avenue E (facing E)













NEIGHBORHOOD & SITE HISTORY

Madison Park, Owners & Buildings



The Duwamish

The Duwamish people inhabited the shores all along Lake Washington.

A game trail ran the length of what later became Madison Street. The Lake Washington terminus of this trail was known as "where one chops" to the Duwamish.

In addition, longhouses dotting the shoreline, including one near the future site of the Lake Court Apartments.

A Duwamish burial ground stretched from the site of the Edgewater to the Washington Park Arboretum.

MADISON PARK HISTORY & LAKE COURT APARTMENTS



1917 – 1925 THE DOXY FAMILY HOUSEBOATS





OPEN for summer lesse, houseboat "Kibo," completely furnished, conveniently located, at Madison Park. Suitable for club, East 3562.

MODERN and convenient houseboat "Kibo," will accommodate large family or club; fireplace, gas range, nicely furnished; one block from car; also modern cottage. East 2562, after 6, or 2022 43rd Ave. N.

MODERN houseboat, suitable for club or large family: practically new, warm and comfortable; conveniently located half block from end of Madison car. Doxy, 2022 43rd Ave. N. East 2562.

\$25-3-ROOM cottage.
\$30-4-room housebont.
On lake shore at Madison Park; close to car; modern and convenient. 2022 43rd Ave. N. East 3562.

1919 – 1922 Classified Advertisements placed by William Doxy



Doxy houseboat rentals included "Kibo" and "Cherokee"



The Doxy family were respected as contributing members of the Madison Park community





1925 Classified Advertisements posting houseboats for sale

1925 – 1926 The shoremont William Bain, Sr





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for occupancy on or about April 1. The cost will be approximately The Shoremont will be the only lakeside apartmont in Seattle, and the novel features of design and arrangement have attracted considerable attention. It is being constructed in two units, and the architecture is the French type. The east end of the court opens on the lake shore where swimming and boating accommodations will be provided for tenants: The two units will contain twenty-four apartments, a total of one hundred rooms, divided into two six-room apartments and twenty-two four-room sultes. A large concrete basement will provide storage facilitles and space for an oil-burning heating plant, which will supply hot water heat to both units. The block in which the Shoremont is situated is the only one in the vicinity where apartment houses are authorized by Seattle's zoning ordinance. ' The property on which the buildings are being constructed faces on 43rd Avenue North and comprises an area of 31,200 square feet, fronting 120 feet on the street and extending 220 feet to the lake shore. The construction of the Shoremont will be financed in part through the proceeds derived from an issue of 7 "...the only lakeside apartment in Seattle [and] the only [block] in the vicinity where apartment homes are authorized..."

1926-1927 RENTAL CLASSIFIEDS

"...conveniences of the most modern apartment {...] including ice chests, coolers, parcel delivery closets, electric ranges, electric fireplaces, Murphy door beds and vanity dressers, vacuum steam heat and laundry. Another Shoremont feature that is different is the individual front and rear entrances to each apartment - just like a detached home."

SHOREMONT. 2020 43rd North, Madison Park. Seattle's distinctive lakeside apartment court offers for lease 3 rms., unfurnished......\$62.50 3 rms., beautifully furnished 90.00 Also 4 rms. and large view porch, avail-able May 1\$100 Swimming and vacation pleasure privileges combined with a de-lightful, modern apartment make for an ideal home at DISTINCTIVE SHOREMONT APARTMENT COURT 2020 43rd North One block north of Madison Park. Shoremont. Something different in a home com-bining all the conveniences of an up-to-date apartment together with the unusual features of vacation pleasures being situated on the shore of Lake Washington. Oak floors, hand painted walls, tiled bath, electric fireplace, Murphy bed, dressing closet with vanity; elec-tric range, built-in refrigerator, abundance of closet space, dinette with set, spacious lawn and accom-modations for swimming, are a few of the features. 3-rooms \$65. on lease. Open Sunday for inspection. SHOREMONT ON THE LAKE If you desire to live in a real distinc-tive apartment and at the same time enjov your summer outing ou lovely Lake Washington then come to the Shoremont at the confluence of East Madison St. and Lake Washington and live in the pretti-est cottage group on the Pacific Const. Const. FURNISHED or UNFURNISHED. 2015 43d North. Caretaker on Premises.

1927 LOCAL & NATIONAL RECOGNITION

1927 AIA Seattle Chapter Honor Award Honor: William Bain Hotels & Apartments Under Two Stories in Height

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1928 - 1929 LAKECREST **THIRY & TAYLOR**

April 1929 Opening Day



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Lakecrest Opening Is Expected During Forthcoming Week

WORK on the new Lakecrest Anartments at 2020 48rd Ave. N. is rapidly nearing completion, and it is anticipated that this attractive twenty-six apartment structure will be ready for formal opening during the coming week. Occupying a generous front footage on Lake Washington, advantage has been taken of this circumstance in planning by running the building down to the water edge on one side of the lot, while the other has been landscaped attractively with a formal garden which slopes gently to a sandy beach.

Space for an open courtyard adhering to the style of Normandy French has been allowed between two wings of the building, and the management has arranged this space so that informal gatherings may be served from the room which adjoins it.

"In constructing this type of a multiple dwelling structure it has been our idea to offer to Seattle another arrangement similar to that of Shoremont, giving the advantage of

vacation pleasures along with metropolitan convenience," said William Doxy, owner and manager of the new establishment.



The Lake Crest Inn operated from 1929-1930

1936-1938 CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP

John Doxy passed away in 1936.

In 1938, notices of foreclosure against the Shoremont and Lakecrest properties were posted in the Seattle Municipal News.

New ownership was transferred to the Seattle Trust Company in 1938, at which point the apartments were renamed "The Lake Court Apartments".







1952 ANHALT ADDITION







Owners of the Lake Court E., were awarded \$40,000 by a Thurston County Superior Court jury vesterday for damages caused by waves washing against the building from the Evergreen Point Floating Bridge.

caused by construction of the bridge, the owners contended, and the waves had informed that alterations to their property. eroded washed away underpinnings and foundations and shaken the apartment buildings violentiv.

The owners, Harold L. Heathman, Esther M. Peister and others, contended bridge." Johnson said. they had lost rental income as a result.

The state, in an answer Apartments, 2012 43rd Av. filed by the attorney general's office, admitted that construction of the bridge had changed the wave action but denied it damaged the apartment buildings.

Delbert Johnson, assistant The wave action was attorney general, who represents the Toll Bridge Authority, said he has been the bridge are being planned by the Highway Deputi-

> ment. "Some sort of baffling probably will be provided to dissipate the waves so they will not reflect off the Johnson said that at least

two other claims against the

Owners of the Lake Court. Apartments, who had asked \$50,000 damages, were represented in the three-day jury trial by Ralph B. Potts and Sten Dagg. Seattle atterneys.

In 1967, the owners of Lake Court were awarded damages caused by the Evergreen Point floating bridge

ARCHITECTS & BUILDERS

Bain, Thiry & Anhalt



... IS AN OUTSTANDING WORK BY A DESIGNER OR BUILDER

The Lake Court Apartments stands alone in that it is the only multi-family housing community in Seattle to be collectively designed by these prominent architects and developers: William J. Bain, Sr., Paul Thiry and Frederick Anhalt.

Each of these men are individually recognized for outstanding achievements and contributions to Seattle architectural design, Pacific Northwestern design and historical significance to our city.

In 2001, SeattleTimes.com listed Anhalt and Thiry as nominated two of the 150 most influential people in Seattle History.

WILLIAM BAIN, SR

- Granted first (#1) architecture license granted by the State of Washington in 1923.
- Camouflage Director for State of Washington in WWII.
- President of the Washington State Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (1941-42); Elected Fellow of AIA in 1947.
- Founded NBBJ (still in operation today) with offices in New York, Boston, London, Hong Kong, & other major cities worldwide.







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*Bel-Roy Apartments (1930-31) 703 Bellevue Avenue E – Bain <u>& Pries</u>



*Yesler Terrace (1939-41) NBBJ (Bain, Principal)

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Hamrick House (1929-30) 1932 Blenheim Drive - Bain & Pries

PAUL THIRY

- Designed Lakecrest while living at Shoremont before he had completed his architecture degree.
- Principal architect for the 1962 Seattle Worlds Fair; Personally designed the Century 21 Coliseum, the Northwest Rooms & the International Fountain Pavilion
- Designed original MOHAI, Frye Art Museum, and St Demetrios Orthodox Church.
- Served under John F. Kennedy from 1963-1964. Served on President's Council on Pennsylvania Avenue (1963-1975).
- Known as "the father of modernist architecture in the Pacific Northwest".









St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church (1964) 2100 Boyer Avenue East Washington State Library (1959) 6880 Capitol Blvd (Tumwater WA)



Museum of History & Industry (1952) Original Montlake Location

FREDRICK ANHALT

- One of Seattle's most well-known apartment developers.
- Built apartments in Capitol Hill, Queen Anne, University District, Beacon Hill, Ballard and West Seattle.
- Active career between 1924 to early 1940's.
- Awarded an honorary membership in the Seattle Chapter of the American Institute of Architects in 1993 citing "valuable service to the profession of architecture [and] excellence in residential design."



*Anhalt Arms Apartments (1928) 1405 E John



Tudor Manor (1929) III 14th Avenue E *La Quinta Apartments (1929) 1710 E Denny Way



1600 East John Street

SEATTLE LANDMARK CRITERIA

- It is the location of, or is associated in a significant way with, a historic event with a significant effect upon the community, City, state, or nation; or
- It is associated in a significant way with the life of a person important in the history of the City, state, or nation; or
- It is associated in a significant way with a significant aspect of the cultural, political, or economic heritage of the community, City, state or nation; or
- It embodies the distinctive visible characteristics of an architectural style, or period, or a method of construction; or
- It is an outstanding work of a designer or builder; or
- Because of its prominence of spatial location, contrasts of siting, age, or scale, it is an easily identifiable visual feature of its neighborhood or the city and contributes to the distinctive quality or identity of such neighborhood or the City.



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Easily recognizable from land, by water, and from the 520 bridge, the Lake Court Apartments is highly distinctive in contrast to the more contemporary surrounding environment due to its scale, location, vintage architectural style, landscaping and layout.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Friends of Lake Court Apartments