

# **PIONEER SQUARE MONTHLY**

**May 21, 2021 1:30-2:30p**

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SQUARE**



# TODAY'S AGENDA

## THE FOLLOWING TOPICS WILL BE COVERED DURING TODAY'S SESSION

- General Updates
  - WA State- Phase 3
  - CDC Mask Guidance
  - Occidental Square Pavilion
  - Sounders + Mariners
  - 2021 Cruise Season
  - Construction Impacts: I-5 closures and Metropole
- Alliance Updates
  - Public Realm
  - Public Safety
  - Lunch and Learn: Preservation Board
  - 2021 BIA Inspiration Fund
  - Marketing

### Questions?

Type them into the chat box or state that you have a question and we will address them or call on you to speak intermittently throughout the presentation and at the end.



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# WA STATE- PHASE 3

- On May 13, Governor Jay Inslee [announced](#) that the entirety of Washington State may progress into Phase 3 of the [Healthy Washington](#) plan beginning May 17.
- Inslee also announced a target date of June 30 to fully reopen the state, pending an variation in COVID-19 data.
- The following guidance is now in place for Phase 3:

Activity/Space	Phase 3
Indoor spaces (restaurants, retail stores, fitness centers)	Maximum 50% capacity, or 400 people maximum
Outdoor spaces (dining, etc.)	Table size for indoor and outdoor dining is limited to a maximum of 10 people.
Sporting events	Maximum 25% capacity or 9,000



# CDC / KING COUNTY MASK GUIDANCE

- Last week, the CDC [announced](#) fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.
- Governor Inslee announced that individual business owners may choose to require all customers to wear masks.
- Seattle / King County Public Health [announced](#) that mask wearing is required in public indoor spaces unless they have implemented a state-approved means of checking everyone's vaccination status upon entry
- On May 21, Governor Inslee released a [proclamation](#) further clarifying mask guidance.



# OCCIDENTAL SQUARE PAVILION

- The [Occidental Square Pavilion](#) will open to the public on June 11.
- The fencing on the playspace will also be removed.
- The Downtown Seattle Association will begin activating the pavilion and surrounding park with activities, programming, art installations and staffing on a daily basis.
- The Pavillion is a collaboration between the Seattle Parks Foundation, the Alliance for Pioneer Square, Downtown Seattle Association, and Seattle Parks and Recreation.



# 2021 CRUISE SEASON

- On Thursday, May 20th several cruise lines said they will restart roundtrip cruises from Seattle to Alaska this summer.
- The resumption of sailing is made possible by the recent passage of the Alaska Tourism Restoration Act, which will allow cruise lines to bypass Canada.
- Princess Cruises, Holland America Line and Carnival Cruise Line said they would restart cruising to Alaska.
- All three cruise lines signaled a sail start date of late July through mid September.



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# SOUNDERS + MARINERS GAME SCHEDULES

- Both the [Seattle Sounders](#) and [Mariners](#) seasons have begun.
- Some home games will overlap with the Lumen Field Mass Vaccination site.
- Game-day attendance is expected to increase as Washington State progresses toward the June 30th target date to fully reopen.
- Seattle Police are responsible for directing traffic during game days.
- Report any traffic issues to Sara Pizzo, Public Realm Manager at [sara@pioneersquare.org](mailto:sara@pioneersquare.org).



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# CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS

- [I-5 southbound](#) restoration work between I-90 and Spokane Street is scheduled to start Monday, May 24. Nighttime and weekend lane closures will be needed. Construction is expected to last until fall 2022.
- Construction will begin on the [Metropole Building](#) (423 2nd Ave Ext. S) very soon.
  - Construction is expected to last through August 2022.
  - The building will house nonprofits on the upper levels as well as a childcare center.



# CITY EXTENDS FREE OUTDOOR DINING PERMITS

- Seattle City Council on Monday waived sidewalk- and curb-space permit fees through May 31, 2022.
- The free permits, first approved last summer, were set to expire later this year.
- Permits are available via SDOT's [Public Space Management Team](#).
- The Alliance can assist businesses with permitting. Contact Sara Pizzo, Public Realm Manager at [sara@pioneersquare.org](mailto:sara@pioneersquare.org).
- If you currently hold one of these permits, please take SDOT's [survey](#) to help inform future permitting options.



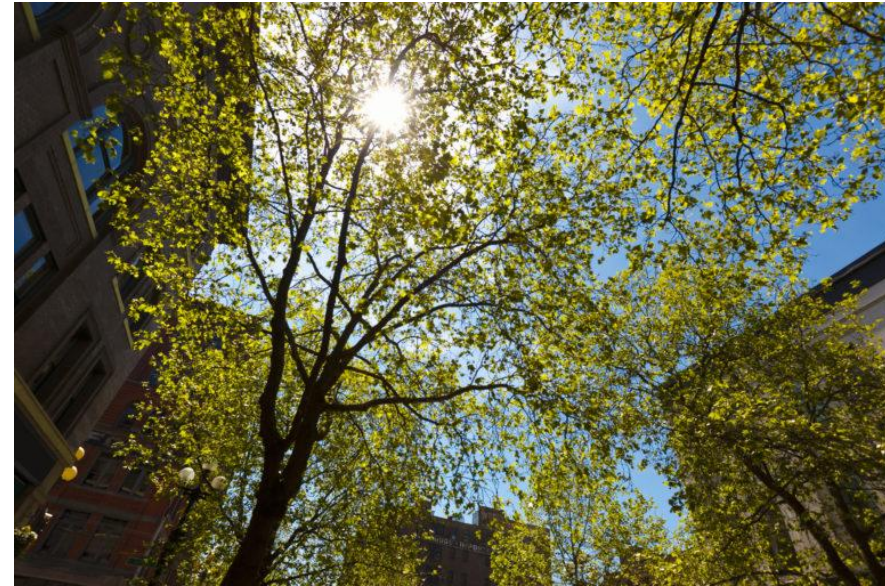
# PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS

- In late May/early June, two new pieces of public art will be installed in Occidental Square Park. The first is a revival piece by Dylan Neuwirth's called "Just Be Your Selfie." The second piece is also a revival by Celeste Cooning.



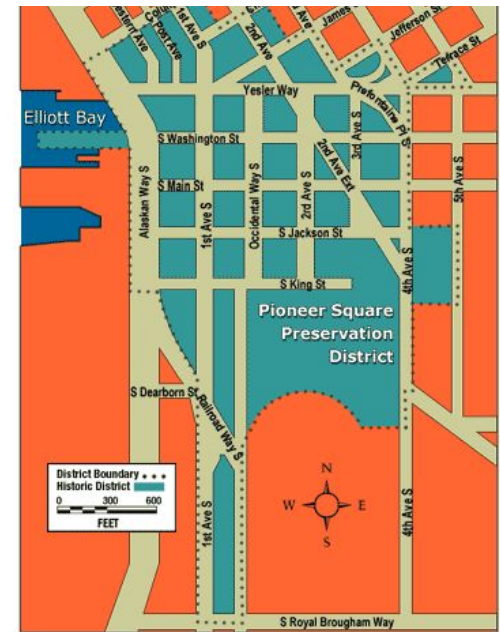
# 2021 BIA INSPIRATION FUND

- The BIA is matching volunteer hours and/or funding up to \$5,000 for community members to implement projects and programs making a positive impact in the Pioneer Square neighborhood as part of the [Inspiration Fund](#).
- The BIA will accept applications for projects ranging from \$1,000-\$5,000. 80% will be funded when the grant is awarded. Remaining 20% funded upon completion.
- Applications are due May 31.
- Award notifications will be sent on July 15.



# LUNCH & LEARN: PIONEER SQUARE PRESERVATION BOARD

- Join the Alliance for Pioneer Square and the Pioneer Square Preservation Board for an update on upcoming preservation district guideline changes.
- The lunch and learn will be held virtually on May 27th from 12-1p.
- RSVP for the lunch and learn [here](#).



# PUBLIC SAFETY

- De-escalation training series:

- The Alliance has partnered with MID, and SPD to hold a series of de-escalation trainings in 2021. This series is a continuation of the trainings held in 2020.
- The de-escalation training we'll be providing is going to be an in-depth training program that teaches how to recognize, reduce, and manage aggressive behavior.
- RSVP for the June 22nd 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM MID/SPD training [here](#).

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- Crime and safety survey:

- Earlier this month, we invited neighborhood business owners to complete a [brief survey](#) regarding their crime and safety experiences over the past 12 months.
- Survey closes May 29.



# PASSPORT TO PSQ: MAY CHALLENGE

- For this [Passport to Pioneer Square](#) challenge, we are asking folks to shop small in Pioneer Square by making three purchases at three different retail businesses in the neighborhood throughout May, online or in person, to win a \$50 Damn the Weather gift card.
- We encourage Pioneer Square businesses to promote Passport to Pioneer Square to their customers. We created a simple [Passport to Pioneer Square media kit](#) to help businesses promote the program.



# STORIES FROM THE SQUARE

- We are excited to introduce a continuation of our series highlighting community members of Pioneer Square called [Stories from the Square: Neighborhood Perspectives](#), we will feature a handful creative neighbors.
- Stories will be shared via social and web, with all stories being captured on the Pioneer Square website.



# 2021-2022 PSQ MAP AND GUIDE

- The 2021-2022 Pioneer Square Map and Guide will be released early this summer.
- The Map and Guide is currently in the design phase.
- The Map and Guide will have a similar look and feel to the 2020-2021 Pioneer Square Map and Guide, including a digital map of neighborhood businesses.
- Stay tuned for more details on the roll out of this year's Map and Guide.



# HOW CAN WE IMPROVE

- The Alliance values the perspective of our stakeholders. We invite you to submit feedback on how we can both improve these sessions to better tailor the content to your interests and how our organization can better respond to the needs of our neighborhood.
- Please take a moment to complete [this brief feedback form](#) to ensure we hear your thoughts.



# NEXT STEPS AND FOLLOW UP

- Today's slides and recording shared after this meeting, along with feedback form.
- Next Pioneer Square Monthly to be held on Friday, June 18th, 2021 1:30-2:30 PM.
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- Email [info@pioneersquare.org](mailto:info@pioneersquare.org) with questions, to reach out for support, and sign up for regular communications.



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