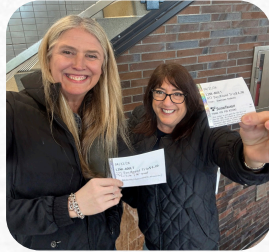


Sound Transit Light Rail Connects Communities Across Lake Washington

The next time you're heading to work, meeting friends, or just trying to get across the lake, the trip is now a whole lot simpler. Trains are now running straight across Lake Washington on the I-90 Floating Bridge, giving Eastside and Seattle commuters a more reliable, less stressful way to move between home, work, and everything in between.



What used to mean planning around traffic or long bus rides can now be a smoother, more predictable part of your day. Whether it's an earlier arrival home, an easier transfer, or just one less headache in your routine, this new connection is designed to fit into daily life.

Innovation Meets Everyday Life

And while a train crossing a floating bridge is a remarkable milestone for Seattle transportation, it matters the most in those everyday moments: getting to work on time, growing local businesses, and helping communities on both sides of the lake feel a little closer.

You're not just commuting, you're part of history.



Honoring the Early Footprints of Seattle: AANHPI Heritage Month

May is Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, a permanent annual celebration recognized since 1992, honoring the contributions of AANHPI communities across the country.

Their roots run deep, from Japanese immigrants arriving in 1843 to Chinese laborers completing the Transcontinental Railroad in 1869, AANHPI communities have shaped Seattle for well over a century and make up about 20.7% of King County's population today. That's not a footnote in Seattle's story. That's the story.

And so much of their story lives on in their food. Steaming bowls of pho. Dumplings folded by hand around a kitchen table. Filipino adobo that tastes a little different at every household and better at all of them. Mochi, spam musubi, bibimbap, banh mi. These aren't just dishes, they're memory and identity on a plate, carried across oceans and kept alive through generations in new soil.

This month, we celebrate all of it. Their history, their resilience, and yes, their food.

Show Up This May

**HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY**

Sunday, May 10th

May 1-31st

AANHPI Community Days at the Seattle Aquarium

May 9th

Multicultural Night: Rediscovering Roots at UW Tacoma, Rooms 303/304

May 9th

Festal: A Glimpse of China, Seattle Chinese Culture & Arts Festival

May 16th

Walk for Rice at Seward Park

May 21st

South Sound Day of Remembrance

May 29-31st

The 14th Annual Seattle Asian American Film Festival



Mother's Day, Slowed Down

Mother's Day is a chance to slow things down and be intentional with your time. It doesn't need reservations, long lines, or a packed itinerary. The most meaningful moments often come from simple, shared experiences with your mom, mother figure, or whoever holds that place in your life: fresh air, unhurried conversation, and being together.

Step Outside, Set the Tone

Skip the rush and start with some grounding. Quiet outdoor settings naturally invite connection.

- Pack a simple picnic and find a peaceful spot in a local park
- Walk through a garden and take your time noticing the details
- Sit under a tree, feel the breeze, and let conversation unfold

Let the Day Be Easy

There's no need to plan every hour. Leave room for spontaneity and small pauses.

- Wander a trail or coastal path without a set destination
- Stop when something catches your attention
- Choose calm over crowded, quiet over busy

Moments That Matter

It's not about where you go, it's how you show up.

- Share coffee or tea outdoors, phones away
- Listen, laugh, and revisit favorite memories
- Be fully present, even in the simplest setting

The Simple Takeaway

This day doesn't have to be expensive to be meaningful. A walk, a view, a shared moment with your mom, your mother figure, or anyone you're celebrating is more than enough. The most thoughtful thing you can give is your attention.

