

# Central Neighborhood Service Center Records, 1977-2011

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Seattle (Wash.). Dept. of Neighborhoods
<b>Title</b>	Central Neighborhood Service Center Records
<b>Dates</b>	1977-2011 (inclusive) 1977 2011
<b>Quantity</b>	1.6 cubic feet, (4 boxes)
<b>Collection Number</b>	5752-09
<b>Summary</b>	Records documenting the activities of the Central Neighborhood Service Center.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">Seattle Municipal Archives</a> Seattle Municipal Archives Office of the City Clerk City of Seattle PO Box 94728 98124-4728 Seattle, WA Telephone: 206-233-7807 Fax: 206-386-9025 <a href="mailto:archives@seattle.gov">archives@seattle.gov</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	Records are open to the public.
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Sponsor</b>	Funding for processing this record series was provided through a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

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## Historical Note

Seattle has a network of Neighborhood Service Centers located throughout the city to provide citizens with information about Seattle services and programs. The customer service representatives assist more than 225,000 residents each year to obtain pet licences, pay City Light and Combined Utility bills, pay traffic tickets, apply for U.S. passports, and find information about city jobs. District coordinators are involved in neighborhood planning processes, serve as staff to the neighborhood district councils, and provide a wide range of information services to the community.

Seven Community Service Centers were established in 1973 under the direction of the Citizens Service Bureau to provide decentralized local government services to Seattle's neighborhoods. The program was inspired by Boston's successful "Little City Halls" concept, but budget constraints made it impossible to create as comprehensive a system. The original sites of the community centers were in the neighborhoods served by the Model City Program.

In 1974, the service center program was transferred to the Department of Human Resources (DHR). Under DHR, the service centers continued to provide decentralized City services, but also expanded

into community-based social service delivery. In 1978, four of the centers were designated collection centers where citizens could pay utility bills and resolve billing issues. In addition, senior services, voter registration, animal licensing, and low income energy program assistance were instituted at the centers. During the 1980s and 1990s, the various service centers offered neighborhood legal clinics, IRS tax assistance, health and nutrition services, and a wide variety of other services.

The Department of Neighborhoods (DON) was created in 1991 and jurisdiction over community service centers was transferred from DHR. The Community Service Center Division was created within DON; in 1992 the division name was changed to the Neighborhood Service Centers (NSC) Division. In 1999, the Neighborhood Matching Fund and P-Patch Programs were merged with the NSC to create the Community Building Division. From the 1990s through 2010, the NSC program included staff in thirteen centers, including seven collection centers. Budget cuts forced the closing of six service centers in early 2011.

## Content Description

The Central Neighborhood Service Center Records document the activities of service center staff, primarily Central Neighborhood Service Center Manager and Central Community Council Director Ted Divina. Records include meeting minutes and reports, correspondence, newsletters and newspaper clippings. The records document community issues and citizen concerns including crime prevention; land use planning and development; I-90 construction in to the neighborhood; the mayor's neighborhood evaluations; housing; block watch programs; Latino, Asian American, and African American communities; and area history. The Central Neighborhood area covers the neighborhoods of Madrona, Squire Park, Judkins Park, Central District, Leschi, Madison Valley, and Yesler Terrace.

## Use of the Collection

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## Administrative Information

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

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1/5	Central Area	1998-2008
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2/1	Central Area Neighborhood District Council	2004-2006
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2/6	Central Neighborhood Service Center	1990-1991
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2/11	Commercial Land Use	2006-2007
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2/13	Dearborn Street Coalition	2007
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2/16	Engineering Department Projects	1989-1993
2/17	Filipino American Newsletter- FaceNews	1991-1996
2/18	Good Neighbor Agreements	2007
3/1	Judkins Park Community Council	2000-2005
3/2	Judkins Rejected I-90	1984-1993
3/3	Judkins Rejected Community	2007
3/4	Judkins Rejected Community	1977-1983
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3/9	Judkins Rejected Community	1989
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3/12	Letters of Appreciation	1980-1989
3/13	Letters of Appreciation-Ted Divina	1993-1996
3/14	Madison Valley	2007-2008
3/15	Madrona	2008
3/16	Mayor's	1985-1993
3/17	Mayoral Briefings	2002-2003
3/18	Neighborhood Issues	2004
4/1	Neighborhood Matching Fund Project Information	2007-2008
4/2	Neighborhood Plan Implementation and Priority Report 2004	2004
4/3	Neighborhood Plan Implementation and Priority Report 2004	2002-2005
4/4	Neighborhood Plan Implementation and Priority Report 2004	2002-2004
4/5	Neighborhood District Coordinator- Neighborhood Plan	2004
4/6	Neighborhood Plan Implementation and Priority Report 2006	2006
4/7	Neighborhood Plan Implementation and Priority Report 2006	2006
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4/9	Personnel	1985
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4/11	Plum Tree Park Community Council	1988-1989

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4/13	Small Sparks And Neighborhood Outreach Project Information	2005-2006
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4/15	Squire Park Community Council	1986-1991
4/16	Street Fund Project Information	2007-2008
4/17	Workplan 2006	2005-2006
4/18	Yesler Terrace Community Council	1980-1987

## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Citizens' associations--Washington (State)--Seattle  
 Community development, Urban --Washington (State)--Seattle  
 Interstate 90  
 Neighborhood government--Washington (State)--Seattle

### Personal Names :

Divina, Ted

### Corporate Names :

Seattle (Wash.). Dept. of Neighborhoods  
 Central Area Community Council (Seattle, Wash.)

### Geographical Names :

Central District (Seattle, Wash.)  
 Seattle (Wash.)

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