



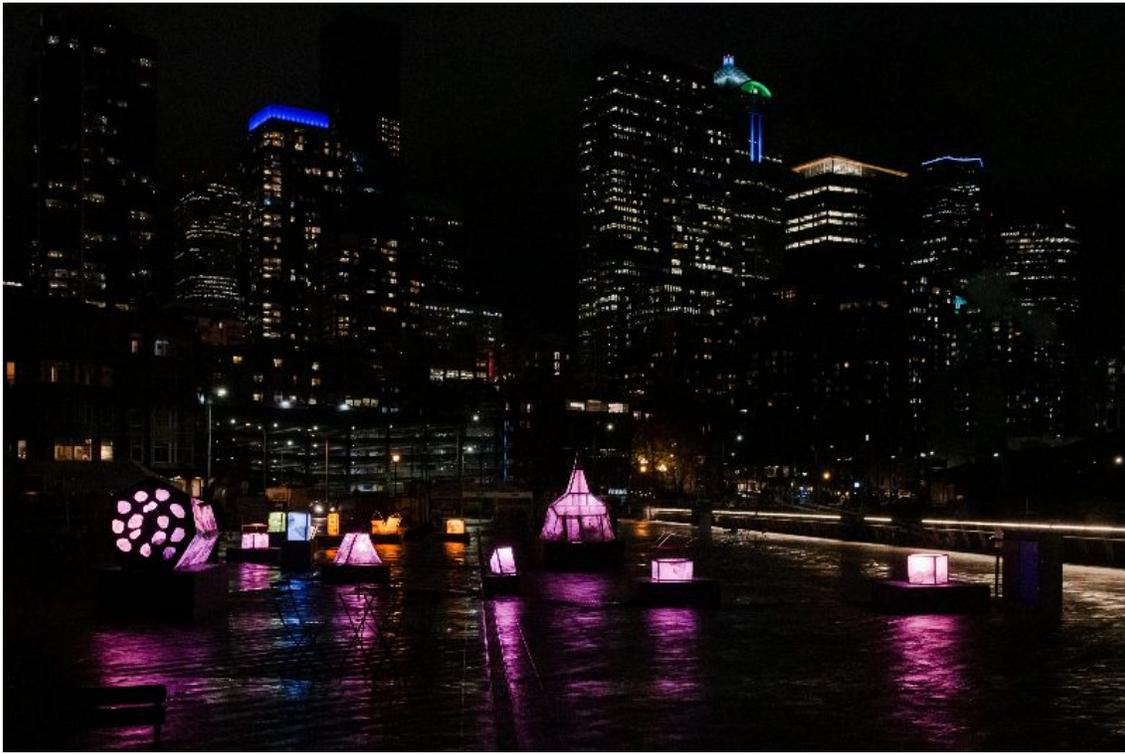
We cannot begin to share news from Waterfront Park in 2021 without acknowledging the tremendous challenges faced by our community this past year. From restaurants and small businesses, to the City's struggling and unsheltered population, to struggling artists and nonprofit organizations, Friends extends a hand to our community partners as we build toward Seattle's recovery.

We wish you peace, comfort, and renewed energy during the continuing COVID-19 struggle. Now, more than ever, Waterfront Park serves as a beacon of hope as our City comes back together to heal, rebuild, and celebrate, once again, our downtown core and the beauty of our cherished waterfront.

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**NOW AT PIER 62: LIGHTING  
INSTALLATIONS AND VIRTUAL  
ART**

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*Image by Robert Wade.*

The opening of the rebuilt Pier 62 created a space for Friends of Waterfront Seattle Artist In Residence Takiyah Ward to reflect on the present and how to be in this moment. She asked local artists, "How do we honor our elders, determine our self, and protect our youth?"

The artist collective **Psych-Pop**, comprised of Devon Midori Hale and Chi Moscou-Jackson, responded by creating an installation of light sculptures now on view at Pier 62. Visit Pier 62 to see the beautiful lights! [Learn more.](#)



*"Blooming Through Concrete," 2020, Marcus Jackson, acrylic & spray paint on canvas.*

We're excited to introduce the next part of the *Future Forward: Artist-In-Residence Program*, FUTURE / Pier 63! Centering youth voices, Future Forward invited five local artists to envision the future through artistic expression. Featured artists include Evelyn Li, Jac Oliver Trautman, Marcus Jackson, Tyler Ung, and Rey Daoed.

Artist In Residence, Takiyah Ward, curated the art for the Pier 63 installation and observed, "The future is a time we all like to envision, but it belongs to the youth. The future will be your moment, your movement, your revolution. The beauty of the future is our ability to dream in the present what a future reality can be."

While Pier 63 is temporarily closed for public safety, we invite you to experience these artworks in our virtual reality waterfront environment [here](#).

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## WATERFRONT COMMUNITY SUPPORT: BY THE NUMBERS



Contracted by Friends to assist unhoused people, Waterfront Park

Outreach Care Coordinator Nichole Alexander said, "2020 has been challenging for everyone, especially for our folks on the waterfront. Friends has done an amazing job in helping our neighborhood, and has been integral in connecting network resources within the community and its members. I have been able to network with businesses and residents so that, even in the middle of a pandemic, we've been able to continually assist our unsheltered folks. The pandemic has opened up conversations and resources in the effort to help each other."

We thank Nichole for her tireless efforts along the waterfront, and our community's help in creating thousands of positive outcomes.

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## IN COMMUNITY



*Photo by Karen Zamm (video) courtesy of [Rainier Avenue Radio](#).*

"In partnership with [Chief Seattle Club](#) and [Tiny's Creole Bistro](#), Friends supported its [REACH](#) Coordinator, Nichole Alexander, in hosting a holiday food giveaway Dec. 21 & 22. Amidst inclement Seattle weather, we were able to provide meals to more than 300 unsheltered people throughout the downtown, waterfront, and SODO corridors. Friends' Sr. Community Engagement Manager Marie T. Kidhe said, "None of us should take for granted — or be denied — access to a hot and healthy meal. Providing this outreach reminded me of the importance of being kinder to one another."

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# WATERFRONT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Waterfront Park continues to take shape. Construction has not stopped during the pandemic, as it has been identified as "essential work." A few key updates on construction progress are:

- Pier 58 removal is almost complete. Remaining work includes removal of the concrete elements from the water and restoration of the adjacent pedestrian walkway. The pier will be rebuilt in 2022.
- On the northern end, work on the support structures for the future elevated roadway progresses with the installation of a retaining wall next to the hillside.
- Construction has been completed on a portion of the new Alaskan Way, from S. King to Columbia Streets, including new utilities, roadway, sidewalks, signals, lighting and landscaping, with shifted traffic to the newly constructed lanes.
- Several structural foundations have been installed to support the future Overlook Walk.

For more updates on Waterfront Park and road construction, visit [waterfrontseattle.org](http://waterfrontseattle.org)

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# What do you want to see, eat, and do on the waterfront?

Want to plan an event? Have an idea for an activity?  
We want to hear from you! Waterfront Park is committed to serving  
the needs of its diverse communities through cultural, educational, and  
recreational activities in a beautiful, welcoming environment.

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