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HISTORY

Stone Way Rising: Seattle's other 'Up' house

Stone Way Rising is a block-by-block history of Stone Way North.

On the east side of the 3600 block, a 748-square-foot building from 1926 still stands, boxed in on two sides by Public Storage. Now home to Tacos El Lago at 3620 Stone Way, it's Stone Way's own version of the holdout house from the movie "Up" (Seattle's best-known one being Edith Macefield's in Ballard).

The block's past runs through the trades that once defined the street. Local historian Valarie Bunn traces a coal-and-lumber yard run by British immigrant Thomas Hocking, who in 1926 let Swedish immigrant Abraham Branlund build a workshop on his property, the Stoneway Millwork Company. By the 1960s it was a restaurant, and has been one ever since: the French Mill Café, the Stoneway Café, the Rowdy Cowgirl, RoRo BBQ, and now Tacos El Lago.

In 1990, the land was divided in two. Public Storage bought the larger parcel, once owned by former Gov. Albert Rosellini. The small 3620 lot was kept separate. Bunn figures the little building survived because it kept landing successful restaurants, so its owners were never tempted to sell. Its current owner, attorney Ron Bozarth, also owns most of the historic College Inn in the University District.

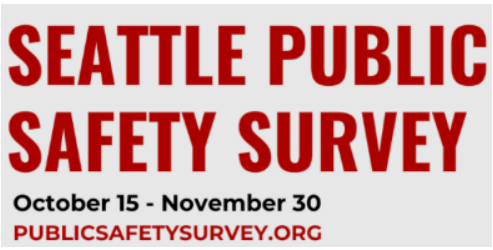
Thanks to historians Sarah J. Martin and Valarie Bunn for their contributions. Read the full story at fremontneighbor.com.



The Stoneway Café at 3620 Stone Way North in 2001, already boxed in by Public Storage. Photo courtesy of the City of Seattle Historical Sites survey.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Tell SPD how Fremont feels, by November 30



The annual Seattle Public Safety Survey is now open and accepting responses through Nov. 30. The survey is part of the Seattle Police Department's Micro-Community Policing Plans and is conducted by researchers at Seattle University's Crime & Justice Research Center.

The survey – which is available in 11 languages – collects feedback from Seattle residents about public safety and security concerns in their neighborhoods. Results are provided to the Seattle Police Department and inform the department's community policing strategies.

Fremonsters can access the survey at publicsafetysurvey.org.

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