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New Pier 62 now open on Seattle's waterfront

SEATTLE (September 21, 2020) – The City of Seattle and Friends of Waterfront Seattle (Friends) are pleased to share that the newly rebuilt public park, [Pier 62](#), opened to the public on Sunday, September 20. Pier 62 is located just north of the Seattle Aquarium, at 1951 Alaskan Way. It is the first new park to be completed as part of the City's [Waterfront Seattle Program](#), other construction work is ongoing.

The new Pier 62 provides approximately 40,000 square feet of new park space that will be used for a range of both passive and active recreation, arts and cultural activities. The space will be managed through a partnership with the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation and Friends of Waterfront Seattle.

"The waterfront connects Seattle to our Puget Sound heartbeat. When we build back from the challenges of 2020, the new Pier 62 will be an incredible asset to a completely transformed waterfront. While we are managing many challenges right now, I'm proud our teams and partners have been able to complete an important project to move our waterfront renewal forward," said Mayor Durkan.

"We're excited to open this new pier park for our City. We appreciate the hard work of our contractor, Pacific Pile & Marine, and the dedication of our entire construction management team," said Marshall Foster, Director of Seattle's Office of the Waterfront and Civic Projects. "We are thankful for the support of our partners and the waterfront community and are excited to have this wonderful space for Seattleites to enjoy Elliott Bay."

The City started removing Pier 62 in December 2017. Construction included replacing 884 aging wood piles with 175 steel piles, making the pier safer, and pouring 214 new concrete deck panels. The new pier also improves marine habitat with new shallow water area to help support marine plant life and includes solar-powered LED lights for events hosted on the pier. The newest feature of Pier 62 is a floating dock, which will support special events and educational programs, as well as tribal fishing activities. The adjacent Pier 63 will continue to remain closed to the public.

As part of the City's 1% for Art program, artist [Stephen Vitiello](#) has created [Land Buoy Bells](#), a site-specific, environmentally driven sound installation on the floating dock at Pier 62. The bell-like objects are struck at various moments as energy is stored up in an engineered device driven by the rise and fall of the waters on which the dock floats. This artwork will be installed later this fall.

In partnership, Seattle Parks and Recreation and Friends of Waterfront Seattle will operate and maintain the park. Parks and Recreation staff will provide regular maintenance, and Friends will host community activities and events on the new pier once public health guidance allows.

We are excited to celebrate this milestone along with our partners. We are delighted to see how our community and region embrace all that this park has to offer--as open space to take in the views, a beautiful location for community to gather, and space to prioritize health and fitness," said Seattle Parks and Recreation Superintendent, Jesús Aguirre.

Heidi Hughes, Executive Director of Friends of Waterfront Seattle, said, "Friends is thrilled to partner with the City to open the first piece of the future Waterfront Park with the rebuilt Pier 62. Beautiful, welcoming public spaces for the entire city and region to enjoy are more important now than ever."

For information about the City's Waterfront Seattle Program, including waterfront design and construction, please visit waterfrontseattle.org.

For information about Friends of Waterfront Seattle and future events at Pier 62, please visit waterfrontparkseattle.org/pier-62/.