

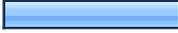
**1. Do you reside in Ballard?**

|                   |  | Response Percent | Response Count |
|-------------------|--|------------------|----------------|
| Yes               |  | 91.6%            | 304            |
| No                |   | 8.4%             | 28             |
| answered question |  |                  | 332            |
| skipped question  |  |                  | 0              |

**2. Do you work or is your place of business in Ballard?**

|                   |   | Response Percent | Response Count |
|-------------------|---|------------------|----------------|
| Yes               |  | 36.7%            | 122            |
| No                |  | 63.3%            | 210            |
| answered question |   |                  | 332            |
| skipped question  |   |                  | 0              |

### 3. How many blocks away do you live, work or is your place of business from Ballard Commons Park?

|                                  |   | Response Percent         | Response Count |
|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| Within 2 blocks of park          |  | 27.4%                    | 91             |
| 3-5 blocks away from park        |  | 22.3%                    | 74             |
| 6-11 blocks away from park       |  | 26.2%                    | 87             |
| 12 or more blocks away from park |  | 24.1%                    | 80             |
|                                  |   | <b>answered question</b> | <b>332</b>     |
|                                  |   | <b>skipped question</b>  | <b>0</b>       |

### 4. Ballard Commons Park is surrounded by many homes and businesses. What is your typical contact with the park? Mark all that apply.

|  |  | Response Percent         | Response Count |
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| I use the park.                          |   | 63.9%                    | 212            |
| I walk by the park.                      |  | 88.9%                    | 295            |
| I drive by the park.                     |   | 62.0%                    | 206            |
| I live next to the park.                 |   | 14.5%                    | 48             |
| I work next to the park.                 |   | 6.9%                     | 23             |
| I patronize a business next to the park. |  | 77.4%                    | 257            |
|  |  | <b>answered question</b> | <b>332</b>     |
|  |  | <b>skipped question</b>  | <b>0</b>       |

**5. The City of Seattle placed a portable toilet at Ballard Commons Park for a trial period. Would you like to continue to see the portable toilet at the park? Please explain.**

|                   |   | Response Percent | Response Count |
|-------------------|---|------------------|----------------|
| Yes               |  | 38.3%            | 127            |
| No                |  | 52.7%            | 175            |
| Not Sure          |  | 9.0%             | 30             |
| Please Explain:   |   |                  | 265            |
| answered question |   |                  | 332            |
| skipped question  |   |                  | 0              |

**6. Please mark your preference:**

|  |   | Response Percent | Response Count |
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| The portable toilet should stay 12 months of the year in Ballard Commons Park.         |  | 39.6%            | 127            |
| <b>The portable toilet should not stay in Ballard Commons Park.</b>                    |  | 53.0%            | 170            |
| The portable toilet should stay at least 6 months of the year in Ballard Commons Park. |  | 2.8%             | 9              |
| The portable toilet should stay at least 3 months of the year in Ballard Commons Park. |  | 4.7%             | 15             |
| Which months?  |   |                  | 66             |
| answered question  |   |                  | 321            |
| skipped question   |   |                  | 11             |

**7. Are you aware of any issues related to the portable toilet at Ballard Commons Park?  
Please explain.**

|          |   | Response<br>Percent | Response<br>Count |
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| Yes      |  | 33.5%               | 108               |
| No       |  | 48.4%               | 156               |
| Not Sure |  | 18.0%               | 58                |

Please Explain: 130

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| answered question | 322 |
| skipped question  | 10  |

**8. Do you feel a portable toilet is needed in the "downtown" Ballard area? Please explain.**

|          |   | Response<br>Percent | Response<br>Count |
|----------|---|---------------------|-------------------|
| Yes      |  | 40.9%               | 135               |
| No       |  | 47.3%               | 156               |
| Not Sure |  | 11.8%               | 39                |

Please Explain: 184

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| answered question | 330 |
| skipped question  | 2   |

**9. Do you feel there are other locations in Ballard where the portable toilet can move to? If so, where? Please provide specific location.**

|                 |   | Response Percent | Response Count |
|-----------------|---|------------------|----------------|
| Yes             |  | 17.3%            | 55             |
| No              |  | 40.9%            | 130            |
| <b>Not Sure</b> |  | <b>41.8%</b>     | <b>133</b>     |

Please provide specific location: 96

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| <b>answered question</b> | <b>318</b> |
| <b>skipped question</b>  | <b>14</b>  |



**Q5. The City of Seattle placed a portable toilet at Ballard Commons Park for a trial period. Would you like to continue to see the portable toilet at the park? Please explain.**

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| 1 | I find it to be an eyesore.  | Nov 16, 2012 12:23 PM |
| 2 | a) The intended users seem to not always use it. b) It looks ugly. c) I am concerned that it provides a place hidden from view for serious drug use (which has been a problem in the area). d) The church across the street to the east has already begun a clinic program on-site -- the Honey Bucket would be better located on their property.  | Nov 16, 2012 6:14 AM  |
| 3 | Public access to toilets helps property pyrenees and inhabitants maintain a more sanitary property as there are places for people either away from home or homeless a place to relieve themselves, other than in a door way, alley our landscaping. Portable toilets are a bandage, and public toilets with attendants are the ideal as that discourages drug use and improves the sense of safety, which leads people to choose that option over a nearby bush or dumpster. Attended facilities in also lead to places that are clean enough that those with higher standards than would regularly use as portable toilet might consider the option. I know some people who in a pinch would rather ' pee behind a bush'. Somebody else might need that bush to sleep in. | Nov 15, 2012 10:56 PM |
| 4 | The park is already a magnet for homeless people who loiter and sleep there. Adding toilets increases this, and detracts from the intended purpose of the park. Services for the homeless are fine, but they should be put somewhere else, and the public recreational space of the park should not be encouraged to become a de facto lounge for the homeless.  | Nov 15, 2012 11:46 AM |
| 5 | There is a considerable homeless population in and around Ballard. Access to basic sanitation resources for these folks is pretty much limited to places like the library or other public locations in the area. These institutions are not open 24 hours a day. Even when the Urban Rest Stop is built that will not provide 24 hour access. Access to a public toilet facility like a portable toilet helps meet a very basic need of our homeless population.   | Nov 15, 2012 10:44 AM |
| 6 | As a community, we need to provide a toilet in a heavily used public space. It is the right thing to do. It also gives those who are homeless a place to use the restroom when they cannot necessarily do hat in many other places.  | Nov 14, 2012 10:22 PM |
| 7 | If the portable toilet is going to stay there, could it be painted more natural colors, so it blends in with the park?   | Nov 14, 2012 10:44 AM |
| 8 | Because I live across the street from it and I walk my dog in the park. I have seen naked people sleeping next to it, kids locking there friends in it and its not a well lit place at night now that it gets dark earlier I feel unsafe. Why not have it over close to the Old Yankee Dinner, and use places that is not being used like that area for the homeless to park instead of taking space from businesses and homes.  | Nov 13, 2012 10:24 PM |
| 9 | I don't understand why the city did a trial placement. I'd like to know more about it. I can think of pluses (convenience, sanitation) and minuses of it being there. It is not as nice looking as a permanent bathroom would be, but the public bathrooms in other local parks (Gilman, Salmon Bay) aren't my first choice, either, especially with my small children. They are not well maintained.  | Nov 13, 2012 3:56 PM  |

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| 10 | Although it may be used by homeless people I think they need resources more than ever to not only try to live a normal life but get back into the life they once had. Many safety nets have been removed and it's harder than ever to get back on your feet. The least we can do is provide toilets so they don't use alley ways, for instance!  | Nov 13, 2012 2:26 PM  |
| 11 | the number of homeless people in the ballard area, and also at the park specifically, have increased over the last couple of years, and i feel the portable toilets only encourage those homeless individuals to be there even more. it makes me feel unsafe, especially being a single woman living next to the park. i will not use the park when there are large groups of homeless people gathered there, as they have been harassing and made lewd comments towards me on previous occasions. there are facilities for the homeless to access here in seattle, so these homeless individuals should be encouraged to utilize those services instead of encouraging them to "house" themselves at this park. | Nov 13, 2012 1:15 PM  |
| 12 | The portable toilet is a huge eyesore to an attractive park. The only people I've ever seen using the portable toilet are the homeless individuals who often hang out in park. It is unnecessary expense for the city. If someone using the park during the daytime needs to use the restroom, the library with a public restroom is only a block away. It often smells when walking by.   | Nov 13, 2012 1:00 PM  |
| 13 | Seen/encountered devious behavior in the honey bucket while walking by late at night. Told by some of the homeless community that sexual acts and drugs are done in there.   | Nov 12, 2012 7:49 PM  |
| 14 | yes, as long as it is regularly cleaned. hopefully will encourage people to use this toilet, rather than outside in public spaces ;-(  | Nov 12, 2012 1:24 PM  |
| 15 | There are many homeless people who congregate in and around the park and use the facility - though the toilet may be for all of the public, I walk by the park everyday and see primarily homeless users of the toilet - it is rare, but I do sometimes see mothers with young children using the facility (in the summer). Walking by the toilet is unpleasant - it smells. People needing a toilet can use the public facility at the Ballard library across the street.   | Nov 12, 2012 12:42 PM |
| 16 | We have a homeless population in Ballard that will relieve themselves somewhere. Having the portable gives them a better option than going on private property. The Ballard Odd Fellows, of which I am currently serving as president, has had a number of issues with homeless people defecating behind our building, and even a few times by our front door. What Ballard really could use is a few permanent public toilets similar to the one at the north end of Pike Place Market.   | Nov 12, 2012 10:40 AM |
| 17 | I would guess, this portable toilet will cut down on some of street people using the Ballard Public Library restrooms. Children are probably frightened by the hobos bathing in the library bathrooms.   | Nov 12, 2012 8:31 AM  |
| 18 | Portable toilets are tacky, to say the least. They may serve a purpose--I have used them in the past--but what we need in our parks are permanent rest room structures, not a cheap, eyesore of a substitute. No money? FIND SOME.   | Nov 11, 2012 4:32 PM  |

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| 19 | I'd rather see a more permanent facility onsite for general use by the public but I think the portable toilet is an acceptable pilot project.  | Nov 11, 2012 10:04 AM |
| 20 | See no need to spend the money. Save the cash for bike lanes or improved traffic flow projects. Heck, just don't spend it.   | Nov 10, 2012 10:03 PM |
| 21 | Clearly this fulfills a necessary function. A permanent washroom would be appropriate here.  | Nov 10, 2012 8:09 PM  |
| 22 | I think providing public toilet facilities is important. Many homeless people use the park and should have facilities available. It is nice that the library and its public restrooms are available. But, it has limited hours. I wish there were the budget and political will to build permanent toilets in all city parks.  | Nov 10, 2012 5:45 PM  |
| 23 | Its not needed.  | Nov 10, 2012 4:25 PM  |
| 24 | It is an eyesore. It encourages a bad element to linger in the park. The park is for kids.   | Nov 10, 2012 1:22 PM  |
| 25 | Because the City of Seattle neglected to design and install permanent facilities, the portable toilets should be in place. It should have a portable hand washing station next to it as well. The City should also be in the process of designing and building onsite washrooms/restrooms and install them as soon as possible.  | Nov 10, 2012 12:32 PM |
| 26 | If not the Honey Bucket, it will be a bush nearby!   | Nov 10, 2012 11:35 AM |
| 27 | Sadly, I think the portable toilet is needed. It would have been better to build a permanent restroom in the park - such as the ones at Magnolia Park and Salmon Bay Park, but we always choose to do things first on the cheap in Seattle. It would make the portable toilet less of an eyesore if it were painted with shades of green and growing things -- trees, bushes, flowers,. Not a mural, but a painting of greenery that would help it blend in .It could be a nice visual addition instead of the eyesore it is now. Please no "almost art" by children and no "alternative art" by the wannabes. It should remain and should be there all year. At the same time, police should be present ON FOOT in the park at irregular intervals to deal with the druggies and the sleeping bodies. It is good for the cops to walk a little -- both for their health and ours. | Nov 10, 2012 11:08 AM |
| 28 | The portable toilet keeps people from doing their business elsewhere. Without the portable toilet, the park itself (skate bowl included) would become one big toilet. I have seen this happen before.  | Nov 10, 2012 9:28 AM  |
| 29 | They are an eye sore and health hazard. Between the lack of sanitation and providing a shelter for hard drugs to be abused, its just not ideal.  | Nov 10, 2012 8:54 AM  |
| 30 | The toilet is ugly. This park is one of Ballards/Seattle's greatest missed opportunities. If only the park was built on top of an underground parking facility. It could have added revenue by being a profitable parking structure, provided the same park as we have now and it could have included a REAL bathroom and an employee to clean it regularly.   | Nov 10, 2012 7:45 AM  |
| 31 | In It's Location it is a eyesore and smells when you walk by.  | Nov 9, 2012 11:51 PM  |

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| 32 | I am not sure that there is a real need for the toilets. There are public toilets located across the street at the library! I might feel differently if there is evidence that during the trial period it has made a real, tangible difference in the community. Is the park cleaner as a result? Not that I have noticed but maybe someone who is responsible for cleaning the park has a different opinion? I am open to hearing the evidence that supports the presence of the toilets. If they are there for the homeless population, it is not a real solution. It is a bandaid. I don't think we should cover our neighborhood in bandaids. But we can talk about real solutions. | Nov 9, 2012 8:23 PM  |
| 33 | I'm in favor of having maintained portable toilets for a seasonal time of year. I use the park on warm days for water fun with the kids. It is VERY inconvenient to pack up all the soaking wet kids and walk to a nearby business if one of my young children needs to use the restroom. What about a June-Oct contract?   | Nov 9, 2012 5:27 PM  |
| 34 | I have chronic illnesses that sometimes make it difficult for me to get to a restroom in time, so having access to a public restroom makes me more willing to leave the house.  | Nov 9, 2012 4:51 PM  |
| 35 | If the park needs restrooms... build a restroom. Portable toilets are for temporary endeavors, the park is going to be there forever.   | Nov 9, 2012 4:46 PM  |
| 36 | There are many homeless people and drug dealers that hang around the park, I feel as though the portable bathroom is just another reason for them to be there.  | Nov 9, 2012 3:43 PM  |
| 37 | It is ugly. The public library is available close by, as are many businesses, if anyone needs to use the toilet. I also think it encourages loitering and possible illegal activities.  | Nov 9, 2012 1:06 PM  |
| 38 | Were I to program Sim City, I would want the capacity to include public toilets (NOT portable) as they are benefits to everyone. It is the sign of public health promotion and encouraging well being to have, maintain and properly care for public toilets. I hope these are temporary measures awaiting upgrade. The library is not always open.   | Nov 9, 2012 1:04 PM  |
| 39 | It is not being used by the people who are supposed to be using it.   | Nov 9, 2012 11:16 AM |
| 40 | While I appreciate there is a public restroom in the form of honey buckets in the park, during the open hours at the public library there are facilities available in very close proximity. I am a fan of having permanent honey buckets in a public space so if public toilets are left in the park, it would be nice if it could be a permanent structure.  | Nov 9, 2012 8:42 AM  |
| 41 | Who is this toilet for? Is it there to "fix" a problem/address an issue? Is it for the homeless population? If it is to become a permanent fixture, I think it could be set up with perhaps an aesthetically pleasing surround in lieu of just plunking it down wherever. Perhaps there is another location that would be better?   | Nov 9, 2012 7:42 AM  |
| 42 | It appears to leak. There is a liquid coming from the bottom that my dog is drawn to. I also believe that there is drug activity in there as well. I have watched many "hand shakes" followed by someone going in to the toilet. The crime and nuisances in the park have been getting pretty bad. I have a lot of neighbors  | Nov 9, 2012 6:57 AM  |

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scared to walk their dogs as we get harassed and all the liter. I would prefer for it to be removed.

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| 43 | It seems that families can access the restroom at QFC next door, or library, as well as several other family friendly businesses within a block or two of park. Many parents are concerned about having their children share a portable toilet with the homeless and drug users in the park as well. There is already a huge issue with the people living in vans on 57th, the toilets seem to enable their staying in the area. Especially because it provides access after other restrooms are closed. I live and work from home on 57th, just half-block from park and it's a constant issue with littering and fights and obvious drug behavior. It would be nice if there was a toilet available for families during peak summer months with park if more frequented by families, if there was some type of access control by time of day or monitoring. | Nov 8, 2012 9:51 PM |
| 44 | The toilets are an eyesore and detract form the park experience   | Nov 8, 2012 9:14 PM |
| 45 | Looks terrible.   | Nov 8, 2012 8:41 PM |
| 46 | I enjoy taking my son to the park and making use of the water park, and watching other patrons at the skate park. If we needed to use the restroom we would cross the street and make use of the Public library facilities, or one of the local cafes. There has been a history of substance use within this site, drinking, and harassment of park patrons. I had to phone 911 due to finding a injured, intoxicated, and unconscious man in a heavy rainfall. This required me to leave my son a safe distance away; so that I could check the mans pulse, and stay there until the fire department could respond. We have had a friend of his step on a broken beer bottle in the water park which required the friend to receive stitches. I mention this because I have seen individuals drinking around that site at nite.                              | Nov 8, 2012 8:00 PM |
| 47 | They're ugly. During the day (most days) people can use the library restrooms.  | Nov 8, 2012 6:52 PM |
| 48 | I do not use the park and I would never take my children to the park. Be honest with yourself people. The park, along with the park next to QFC, is filled with troublemakers, druggies, and people who continue to make very poor decisions. Keeping a porta potty present simply makes it more convenient for them to hang around. It also gives them a very convenient secluded place fr a quick fix or drug deal. Toilets did not work at Steinbruck park by the Pike Street Market for the same reasons.   | Nov 8, 2012 6:15 PM |
| 49 | Ballard Commons Park was designed without permanent bathrooms. If bathrooms had been determined as a need, would that not have been incorporated into the design and construction of the park? Not only does the portable toilet spoil the design intent of the park, it provides the perception of a deterioration in cleanliness for the park. Portable toilets are designed for temporary events, especially at construction sites and for events. As the Co-Chair of a cancer research run every year, I am responsible for securing our portable toilets for use at Seward Park. Never would I imagine Seward Park with one of those toilets year-round.   | Nov 8, 2012 5:10 PM |
| 50 | Two reasons: (1) Would rather have people using the toilets than going  | Nov 8, 2012 4:54 PM |

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elsewhere (on the street, etc.) -- there just aren't enough (any) public toilets accessible all day in Ballard. (2) The library toilets are over-used by those who might alternately use the portable toilets. As a frequent library user, any increased toilet access outside the library is positive.

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| 51 | Are you kidding? Get rid of the damn thing!!!  | Nov 8, 2012 4:43 PM |
| 52 | I think it's probably a good idea, since there are so many homeless people that spend their time there, and obviously they need to use the bathroom just like everyone else. Personally, I will never use it due to fears about sanitation. I doubt there's much risk of criminal activity inside it, but honey buckets themselves are rather unsightly and suggest a scene that is temporary, not permanent. Is there such a thing as a honeybucket that blends more easily into its surroundings but it still as temporary? a neutral color, etc.  | Nov 8, 2012 4:28 PM |
| 53 | If it's maintained and used for the purpose it's meant for I am okay with it remaining.  | Nov 8, 2012 4:24 PM |
| 54 | If people are given a space to use the restroom, they are less likely to use outside spaces.   | Nov 8, 2012 4:13 PM |
| 55 | People should have a toilet available 24 hours per day without having to buy a cup of coffee. There are people living outside without access to toilets at night. Without a toilet they will have to use a doorway, or landscaping. This is unsanitary and unpleasant for all.   | Nov 8, 2012 3:55 PM |
| 56 | I do not know how to best provide services to the homeless. I know that the stench in the nearby Ballard library (especially the restrooms) is sometimes unbearable. So, if the HoneyBucket in the commons alleviates that, I suppose it is worth it. On the other hand, I doubt it will accomplish this and thus is just an eyesore. I know the city has unsuccessfully tried public toilets, sometimes at great cost. It is unfortunate that the planning of the commons did not include a restroom structure as many other parks do.  | Nov 8, 2012 2:53 PM |
| 57 | There are limited public toilets and, with increased foot traffic in Ballard, this is a better solution than relying upon local businesses for bathroom access. Alternatively, more public restrooms (park type restrooms) would also help.  | Nov 8, 2012 2:21 PM |
| 58 | *Placing a portable toilet at the park is unnecessary. -Subissue of hygiene<br>Subissue of appropriate use. Explanation: There is a public library catacorner to the park. Real bathrooms with running water are more appropriate for hygiene. Access to the bathrooms and appropriate use of the bathroom is better monitored with staffed businesses. *Placing a portable toilet at the park is aesthetically displeasing. Explanation: Portable toilets are designed for ease of installation. They are plastic and typically grey or bright blue -- sometimes with a metal vendor sign on them. They get scuffed, wet and dirty or graffiti tagged. They do not flush and therefore have a propensity to smell bad. Cleaning the toilets is going to mean additional noise to neighboring residences.<br>*Placing a portable toilet at the park may encourage illegal activity Explanation: Having a toilet available encourages use after hours when the park is closed. It could be used for sexual activity or drug use. It might also present a place where a person could be mugged or raped or a hiding place where a sexual | Nov 8, 2012 1:32 PM |

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predator could watch children playing in the park to include in the fountains (although obviously the fountains are closed for year).

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| 59 | The toilet is really unappealing -- it makes the park more gross. And it masks a larger problem: that homeless people are congregating in the park and don't have access to decent sanitation services. The city seems to be pushing and luring people to Ballard. Throwing up a port-o-potty is not a responsible way to deal with the population that you're pushing into our neighborhood.   | Nov 8, 2012 1:15 PM  |
| 60 | If a restroom is needed in the park, it should be a permanent structure, that is monitored & cleaned on a regular basis.  | Nov 8, 2012 12:33 PM |
| 61 | Does it have to be placed right in the middle of the sidewalk in plain view? Why not tuck it away so it doesn't hit in the face. People come to the park to relax and enjoy. To be constantly reminded of poo is not enjoyable.   | Nov 8, 2012 12:25 PM |
| 62 | I believe the idea of providing public toilets in areas of high public use and limited public toilets, like parks, is good. However, the Ballard Commons park is relatively small, an open venue, and in the middle of a urban area. The toilet that was provided was not aesthetically pleasing or even neutral -- it stuck out and was an eyesore. I recommend either a different design (screened off? People will find toilets -- the city does not need to advertise them with visibility) or different location. Corner of public parking lot?  | Nov 8, 2012 12:21 PM |
| 63 | no. It is at the least ugly, Ballard is not a street fair, we live here 24/7. If the park needs bathrooms, Build Them. The port-a-pot makes Ballard look like a third world disaster site.  | Nov 8, 2012 12:00 PM |
| 64 | It's filthy and ugly. Why would I want to support a toilet that I wouldn't let my three year old use? A place for my toddler to go to the bathroom while hovering over an open pit of feces and urine is not my idea of effective use of city resources.  | Nov 8, 2012 11:05 AM |
| 65 | The good Lord made us too function like human beings so if we are too have homeless living alongside us we need to let them have there bathrooms . Bares and resonant owners are not letting them use theirs so lets keep them right there  | Nov 8, 2012 10:55 AM |
| 66 | Portable toilets are very unsightly..they have a specific use and that is temporary. Rarely is it a pleasant experience to use a portable toilet. I have seen some much nicer versions of portable toilets that were 'self cleaning' in other cities however even with those I find they invite the certain clientele and not necessarily what parents want to have around a family park. There is already enough drug use/dealing around that park and having a portable toilet may just increase more of that type of activity. Back in 2004 the city of Seattle installed high tech portable toilets and abandoned the project in 2008 due the increased drug and prostitution activities. | Nov 8, 2012 10:18 AM |
| 67 | It brings down the overall appearance of the park and neighborhood.   | Nov 8, 2012 10:16 AM |
| 68 | I walk by the park. I do not stop to enjoy the park. Why? Because it is constantly full of vagrants who are loud, often inebriated and swearing. The honeybucket is   | Nov 8, 2012 9:59 AM  |

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encouraging this behavior and is an eyesore. Please stop making such a lovely community park a convenient place to be taken over by those not contributing to this community and instead trashing it.

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| 69 | This is a large park used by all kinds of us. We need to go to the bathroom! We should not have to patronize a business to take care of this most basic human function while we're away from a home, and the library bathroom should not have to accomodate everyone who's out and about in Ballard or using the park. Public bathrooms - especially at gathering places! - are a must. We could doll up the Honey Bucket or install a different kind of bathroom option, but don't take it away if it means there would be nothing for us to use.  | Nov 8, 2012 9:38 AM |
| 70 | Yes, only because I assume the portable toilets will discourage the homeless from using the Ballard Library toilets, which has become a huge problem in my opinion. The biggest issue for me is that I feel the Ballard Commons Park is now primarily a place for homeless, alcoholics, and drug users to hang out. There is a lot of loitering and garbage as a result, and I feel much less inclined to want to use the park as a result. I feel the Ballard Commons Park is poorly designed and does not use the space in a way that could benefit the Ballard community. Why is there no substantial play structure for kids to play on? Why is there so much concrete that surrounds the fountain areas? I'd love to see this entire space re-designed so it could truly enhance and benefit the surrounding neighborhood (think Cal Anderson Park on Capitol Hill). Sincerely, Paul Edmondson | Nov 8, 2012 9:10 AM |
| 71 | Not only are they an eyesore, but they will encourage more drunks and addicts to use the park and these will be the only people using the portable toilet. Ballard is becoming a dumping ground for services for the homeless and unfortunately a lot of the people using the services need help with addictions and aren't getting it. And there is so little police presence that I often see open drinking in the park and people passed out on the lawn. I feel really sorry for the Ballard merchants.   | Nov 8, 2012 8:51 AM |
| 72 | You must be kidding? Let's keep this part 'clean' and family friendly.  | Nov 8, 2012 8:49 AM |
| 73 | It attracts too many homeless and I have seen drug deals and use in the honey bucket.   | Nov 8, 2012 8:28 AM |
| 74 | I have never seen anyone other than vagrants using this facility. It's presence assures that this park resource is a magnet for those choosing to sleep, linger for many hours and basically use the park as their daytime residence. This has the unavoidable effect of causing uneasiness in others who would desire to use the park as well.   | Nov 8, 2012 8:20 AM |
| 75 | I've never used the toilets because I'm usually there during normal business hours and therefore either use the facilities at the Ballard Library or one of the nearby coffee houses that I frequent often. However, I think the portable toilets would likely be used by many of Ballard's homeless who live around the park. Our homeless community need toilet-access beyond the limited hours available at the public library. However, if you're finding that people are not actually using these portable facilities then I am not against them being removed though you may want to put a sign up that says there are publicly available toilets at the library (I don't think many people realize this).  | Nov 8, 2012 8:15 AM |

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| 76 | Unnecessary expense.  | Nov 8, 2012 8:15 AM  |
| 77 | The only people who use the toilets in the park, are the homeless and transients that sleep and or hangout in the park, day and night. Part of me feels as though this keeps them in the park, and at the same time if it wasnt there, would they be using parts of the park for their waste disposal?  | Nov 8, 2012 8:12 AM  |
| 78 | It smells bad. The people using it smell worse and they hang around the area harrassing people.   | Nov 8, 2012 8:09 AM  |
| 79 | who's paying for it? maybe they can pay for my sanitation bill too.   | Nov 8, 2012 8:02 AM  |
| 80 | It is so sad to see the atmosphere of the park destroyed by the rude homeless drunks who have taken over. Mothers and tots attempt to play in the park only to be harassed with foul language by this crowd. Having portapotties here only encourages them to stay longer.  | Nov 8, 2012 7:58 AM  |
| 81 | public toilets are a great idea. however, there has been a lot of unsavory activity with their presence, including public drunkenness, drug activity, and sexual activity. i am not able to say for certain, but my feeling is since the toilets were installed, there has been a strong increase in homeless folks being in the park. their presence degrades the experience of tax-paying citizens and needs to be addressed. this also holds for the public library. | Nov 8, 2012 7:51 AM  |
| 82 | Really? How much time and money and effort went in to making that great park and now it has an outhouse in it? Stick it in the crappy park always filed with homeless with the mural across the street from the bell (Bergen Place?). Those bushes and that area by the bell and old thaiku always have homeless and drug activity hanging out. Better yet, stick the outhouse under the Ballard bridge off leafy way, always homeless there.                           | Nov 8, 2012 7:46 AM  |
| 83 | Its pretty gross in the park lately.  | Nov 8, 2012 7:09 AM  |
| 84 | Eyesore and over time they will not be maintained. Find a better solution.  | Nov 8, 2012 5:30 AM  |
| 85 | A temporary facility should be just that... temporary. If there is no intention of running a sewer line to a permanent facility, then scratch the whole idea. Honey Buckets should never be considered as a long-term solution. It cheapens the experience of going to a park and being outside.  | Nov 8, 2012 5:16 AM  |
| 86 | It encourages vagrants to take up residence at the park. There are numerous businesses in the area with bathrooms for people who patronize them and there's a portable toilet at the farmers market every Sunday, just a block from the park.   | Nov 8, 2012 12:57 AM |
| 87 | I find it an eyesore and anticipate disgustingness. I don't go to the park as much since the toilet has been placed there.  | Nov 8, 2012 12:06 AM |
| 88 | I think it is great in the summer, but after Sept. 30th, it should be removed. Then it is just for the the loser drug dealers and drunks that hang out in the park drinking and doing drugs. I see this happening a lot! I am not talking about the homeless people in need. I am speaking of that idiot who goes by Random and   | Nov 7, 2012 11:19 PM |

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his band of idiots that make the park less hospitable.

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| 89 | It smells and is an eyesore. Also promotes homeless to stay in park for extended periods  | Nov 7, 2012 11:14 PM |
| 90 | It attracts homeless for longer periods of time and becomes a hang out.   | Nov 7, 2012 11:03 PM |
| 91 | ugly but perhaps necessary as opposed to soiling the park grounds   | Nov 7, 2012 11:02 PM |
| 92 | This looks like crap...literally.   | Nov 7, 2012 10:51 PM |
| 93 | ONLY if it is serviced regularly. Until the new Compass building with the toilets and showers for the homeless people is completed, the homeless people only have the Ballard Public Library to use. I'd like to take some of the pressure off the Library. Part of me wants to set up a portable toilet close to the train tracks where homeless people cluster in good weather and tend to camp in the blackberry bushes. If the City of Seattle and the people of Ballard decide to adopt a zero tolerance policy toward loitering in Ballard Commons Park, I would set up a 12-month-per-year port-a-toilet close to the Marvin Oliver sculpture at the West end of the Ballard Locks somewhere. I've often wished we as a society were less tolerant of drunken and disorderly behavior. I stood and watched a very dirty homeless man wash his armpits in the fountain less than 18 inches away from a toddler. We have seen several shouting matchesMy daughter (9 years old) prefers not to spend time there, but we pass through for various reasons. If she doesn't feel safe, I believe her. I am working on my level of tolerance because I know many people don't have that much choice. But I do have standards of behavior that are often violated by people who loiter at the park. I don't like the drug dealing, I don't like the open drinking or the loud swearing. Would removing the toilet make it less tolerable for the vagrant types? Yes. However, if there is no strategy or plan in place to encourage them to move or discourage from staying, I'm for a toilet--for now. | Nov 7, 2012 10:49 PM |
| 94 | homeless guys are aggressive and creepy and take up all the places to sit and it is disgusting to have kids in the park with these guys smoking crack and drinking. Everyone in Ballard knows that the cops don't care and won't do anything about it.  | Nov 7, 2012 10:29 PM |
| 95 | Don't see a need for it. There are plenty of other places nearby that have bathrooms. I am concerned that it would further encourage the use of the park by homeless and others that make it less pleasant for me to use it with my 2 year old.   | Nov 7, 2012 10:26 PM |
| 96 | The toilet encourages transients to use the park as a permanent day time residence. In the summer I have two young daughters that like to use the water park and the existence of the toilet creates an environment with transients that is not safe or clean. It is inconsistent with a kid's park and should be removed.  | Nov 7, 2012 10:23 PM |
| 97 | This is an essential service for the homeless in the area. While I think that the toilet is an "eyesore" where it currently sits, I would rather have it available for people to use when they have no other toilet facilities to use.  | Nov 7, 2012 10:20 PM |
| 98 | The park has become a magnet for a large group of homeless people. The toilet   | Nov 7, 2012 10:14 PM |

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will exacerbate the problem.

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| 99  | There are restrooms at the Seattle Public Library. There is no need for a Honey Bucket at the Ballard Commons Park.   | Nov 7, 2012 10:13 PM |
| 100 | I think it is a total eyesore in a very nice park. I mainly just see homeless people using it and I wouldn't touch it with a 10 foot pole.  | Nov 7, 2012 10:12 PM |
| 101 | It is encouraging a bad element to linger near my home.   | Nov 7, 2012 10:08 PM |
| 102 | It looks cheap compared to the nice design of the park. If you feel there should be a bathroom for sanitary reasons then build a real one. I have children that use the park occasionally, but would take them else where to use the bathroom.  | Nov 7, 2012 10:00 PM |
| 103 | Rather than using a temporary structure for a permanent solution, I would prefer to see a public restroom enclosure built at the park. Since many people who do not have another restroom option available to them spend time in the park, it's necessary to provide a public restroom. Take it from someone who used to live one block off of the main drag in Fremont: when a neighborhood does not have a public restroom available, the public will use the neighborhood as a restroom. However, if a portable structure is the only option available, I am in favor of keeping it in the park. Thank you for your time.  | Nov 7, 2012 9:59 PM  |
| 104 | Totally detracts from the park-placement could have better placement. Necessary for park patrons, but also an attraction for the drug users in the area which is a safety issue.  | Nov 7, 2012 9:45 PM  |
| 105 | I'd rather see a more permanent solution.   | Nov 7, 2012 9:36 PM  |
| 106 | Toilets are located close by at the public library. There is also a public toilet at QFC  | Nov 7, 2012 9:33 PM  |
| 107 | Portable toilets are NOT a solution. If the city feels public toilets are required then it should build real public restrooms. And we all know why the toilets are there. The city needs to disperse homeless services around the city not just in Ballard!   | Nov 7, 2012 9:25 PM  |
| 108 | The portable toilet is unsightly and is primarily used by the homeless community that congregates in the park. On numerous times, I've seen what appears to be suspicious behavior and it makes me worried that it is used for drug deals. I once saw a man helping a woman so drunk she was barely able to walk in there to use the restroom (again a homeless couple). The portable toilet seems so unsanitary and it keeps that population congregating in the park. I know we all need to live together, but sometimes I think Ballard looks so run down and ghetto with people sleeping in vans, cars, parks, streets, doorsteps, etc. Having a portable toilet in the middle of what is suppose to be a nice park looks horrible! | Nov 7, 2012 9:09 PM  |
| 109 | It has driven a haven for drug deals and provided a residence for more homeless loitering. They hover by it, use it and throw their trash next to it. I would be scared to use it because who knows what happens in there. I am moving out of my apartment becausee the park feels more unsafe and walking my dog in the park is not fun.I think it was the dumbest idea to place them especially next to   | Nov 7, 2012 9:08 PM  |

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| 110 | The park has become a bastion for people under the influence. People that live in Ballard do not feel as if the park is for our use anymore.   | Nov 7, 2012 9:07 PM |
| 111 | The portable toilet is providing more of an incentive for all the drunk, homeless transients to congregate in the Commons.   | Nov 7, 2012 9:00 PM |
| 112 | Of course it would be more attractive to have a small building in the park with a men's and women's lavatory in it, but that didn't get into the Ballard Commons Park plan; so the portable toilet seems like the next best thing for folks who "have to go, and go NOW!" If this is helpful to whomever's hanging out in the park, I'm all for it.  | Nov 7, 2012 8:59 PM |
| 113 | Why is Ballard the dumping growing for the homeless and why is this there to help them. Magnolia or queen Anne would not allow this so why is it here and why are the homeless in the park allowed to drink and do drugs? This park is great for my children but don't use it due to the homeless congregation, drinking, and fighting. Oh and why are couches allowed to stay and have homeless sleep on them under Ballard bridge?   | Nov 7, 2012 8:54 PM |
| 114 | It makes the area even more attractive to the homeless people, mostly men, who hang around the park all the time. The toilet is very prominent and ugly.   | Nov 7, 2012 8:43 PM |
| 115 | I didn't even really realize that there was a toilet there, and I walk through the park multiple times every week. So it's not an eyesore. And I am sure it is convenient for the people experiencing homelessness who often hang out in the park.   | Nov 7, 2012 8:29 PM |
| 116 | Unless similar units are placed in the neighborhoods of Queen Anne, Magnolia, Bell Town, Madison Park, Lauralrust, etc then no, I don't want to create a magnet and home for drug dealers, rapists, alcoholics and others dirt bags where I live and work and where my children live and play. It's bad enough now that the commons and water park is unusable in the summer due to high drug trafficking and public drunkenness. I know several Ballard dads that are tired of the Seattle police ignoring this area and may see the need to one day help expedite their re-location unless the police step up patrols around the park. | Nov 7, 2012 8:25 PM |
| 117 | While the existence of the Honey Bucket itself is not a problem, it is not very clean inside, and I choose to use other places for the same purpose. I would rather go in and purchase something from a neighboring business and use their bathroom, if necessary, than choose the portable one.   | Nov 7, 2012 8:20 PM |
| 118 | It creeps me out. Several times I have seen strung out people going in it to probably shoot up.  | Nov 7, 2012 8:12 PM |
| 119 | With the drug use at that park already, these just make it easier for drug transactions to take place. At some point they will be used for prostitution.   | Nov 7, 2012 7:28 PM |
| 120 | We do not need a portable toilet in the park because that park is designed for folks that live in Ballard and have access to their own toilet or can visit the library or one of the neighborhood businesses, if necessary. That park is not a new   | Nov 7, 2012 7:28 PM |

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place to live for all the homeless coming out of Belltown, but the city seems to think it is, and they need to stop. I am tired of being afraid to take my little kids to the spray park because of the drunkenness, foul language and threatening/crazy behavior of the homeless people in the park.

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| 121 | I live so close by that I don't need access to a toilet in this park (and if I did I would go to the QFC just a block away). While I don't think it's an eyesore, I would probably not even think of using it... the presence of intoxicated people at this park makes me assume the toilet has cleanliness issues -- vomit etc. (Just a gut feeling -- I might of course be completely wrong). Why was this toilet placed in the park? To entice the drunk and homeless people to not pee in the bushes? Because businesses complained about increased bathroom use? I would need to know more before I form an opinion. | Nov 7, 2012 7:22 PM |
| 122 | The park is already fairly un-usable thanks to the aggressive and sometimes ill people camping in the area. A portable toilet will encourage camping there over the long term. If you want people to be able to camp there you should make it legal and add more than one portable.   | Nov 7, 2012 7:20 PM |
| 123 | If the park needs a toilet it should be a real one that can be locked at nightl like at greenlake.  | Nov 7, 2012 7:14 PM |
| 124 | The lack of public toilets in United States cities is ridiculous. Everyone needs a toilet at some time and the pressure on private businesses to provide access to those in need is unwarranted. Providing public toilets should be a basic service, just like streets and police and fire protection. One might consider the toilets at the nearby public library to be "public" but that creates unwarranted extra use on the library facilities. Furthermore, the library is not open 24/7. Providing a toilet at this park (and many other parks) should be considered NORMAL. Please continue providing it.          | Nov 7, 2012 7:13 PM |
| 125 | I would prefer not to 'see' a portable restroom in the park, although a more permanent solution would be nice. People use the park for many different purposes, such as skating, playing with kids in the water feature, picnicking, or simply gathering with friends. I have always been surprised that a permanent restroom was not part of the original plan of the park.  | Nov 7, 2012 7:10 PM |
| 126 | It would be nice for the kids to use but it is always extremely dirty! I believe the homeless or other unsavory people/teenagers use it and half the time miss the hole! Horrible, smelly and unusable!   | Nov 7, 2012 7:05 PM |
| 127 | I think it's helpful for the residents to have a safe place to relieve themselves. I think it would help alleviate any outside public urination (if that happens around that area).   | Nov 7, 2012 6:52 PM |
| 128 | There needs to be a public toilet for those who use the park and the homeless shelter, feeding program across the street. The library is not an acceptable alternative.   | Nov 7, 2012 6:43 PM |
| 129 | Because as you can expect, it is used by many as their washing, laundry and who knows what facility.  | Nov 7, 2012 6:25 PM |

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| 130 | <p>It stands out like a sore thumb in this open and sparsely designed park. This is Ballard Commons, which was intended to be a center of pride for the community. Frankly, the placement of this honey bucket is insulting to the community that lives, works, and pays taxes here. This strikes me as something the city did to appease a vocal minority of folks who would rather enable homelessness and vagrancy in our community rather than push the city to make meaningful, results-oriented homeless policy. I have seen all manners of unsavory behavior around the bucket. It smells of chemicals as you walk by it on the sidewalk. If the city also places honey buckets in community parks in Laurelhurst and upper Queen Anne then we can talk. Otherwise, this thing needs to go. Ballard deserves better.</p>  | Nov 7, 2012 6:20 PM |
| 131 | <p>As much as I prefer the "clients" of Ballard Commons to use a portable than the alternative I do not like it for many reasons. 1) I think this just tolerates the unsavory people and level of crime in this area. I have seen IV drug use, drug sales, fights, public intoxication, and just overall annoying behavior in this park at all times, usually with my children. I think the city should do more to deter these people from hanging out here and making arrests for criminal behavior. There is a skate park and spray park here which are intended for children and families. This behavior isn't tolerated near schools, why is it ok in a park? 2) it's an eyesore. 3) Please stop inviting homeless criminals to hang out in Ballard. Please crack down on their criminal behavior. Instead of a portable toilet, put that money into getting them into shelters that have indoor toilets. The tolerance and near celebration of criminal homeless behavior in this neighborhood is sickening. Please get the afro guy out of here. I have seen parents confront him and his gang to be harrassed and threatened. We just don't want them doing their illegal activities blatantly in front of kids. I am sick of it.</p>                                 | Nov 7, 2012 6:18 PM |
| 132 | <p>It seems to be only used by homeless people and drug dealers. I see multiple people using it a the same time.</p>   | Nov 7, 2012 6:03 PM |
| 133 | <p>I find it very handy to use the toilets when I am running enjoying the park, or simply passing by the park. I find it to be a good use of public resources. Please keep the toilets in the park.</p>  | Nov 7, 2012 6:03 PM |
| 134 | <p>I have had occasion to use the outhouse myself several times. I find it convenient to use specially if I have my dog with me since he barks too much to be left outside while I run into the library. Also, I think that the outhouse is better maintained than either the library bathroom or the permanent bathrooms at the community center. If an outhouse is too severely damaged by vandals, it is far simpler to replace it than it would be for a permanent bathroom. The Honeybucket company has staff that are well trained and paid to maintain the outhouses so it doesn't fall to an otherwise unwilling state employee to maintain it. The outhouses are also easily maintained with minimal contact or danger to the personnel. Lastly, I believe the outhouse does cut down on the amount of illicit outdoor urination and defecation. The homeless people who do use it will have little or no other options if the outhouse is removed and the library is closed. I do not believe that removing the outhouse will make homeless people go away any more than providing one makes homeless people come. If the Urban Rest Stop is indeed built, then perhaps it will be time to revisit the subject, but for now, I think the outhouse should stay.</p> | Nov 7, 2012 5:59 PM |

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| 135 | The toilet frees up use of the public restrooms at libraries and stores.   | Nov 7, 2012 5:31 PM |
| 136 | A portable toilet makes sense for temporary events. If there is a concert or block party where there is an expectation that more people will be at the park and use the facilities. Leaving a portable toiler there permanently just means real facilities are needed at the park.   | Nov 7, 2012 5:20 PM |
| 137 | The toilet brings the homeless to the area. I live next to a store who doesn't allow customers the use of their bathroom so they urinate and poop in my yard instead. Having toilets available inside a store is a good idea, but outside portable toilets are not. They are not being used by the people who you are putting them there for.  | Nov 7, 2012 5:16 PM |
| 138 | the portapotties are helpful in that they are available longer hours than those kitty-corner from the park at the library. i like hving restroom facilities available when using a park facility and i appreciate that the city has placed the honey buckets in ballard commons park. perhaps a composting toilet or two could be in the park's future???  | Nov 7, 2012 4:58 PM |
| 139 | There needs to be adequate facilities for homeless people to go to the restroom. I would prefer an attractive permanent facility within the park.  | Nov 7, 2012 4:50 PM |
| 140 | Looks bad. Attracts crime.   | Nov 7, 2012 4:49 PM |
| 141 | I think it encourages the homeless in Ballard to use the park more. As it is, you can't really use the park without being harassed for money or food. The homeless make the park unsafe with the broken glass from their bottles and dirty from all the trash they leave lying around. If people want to use the bathroom and are at the park then they can go home and use their own or hold it. If the city thinks the park really does need a bathroom like the Salmon Bay park up the road, then they should make a permanent structure. | Nov 7, 2012 4:36 PM |
| 142 | They really, really are an eyesore. I don't have any problems with adding public toilets, even portable ones, but is there really no way to paint them or do anything that might make them (and the surrounding neighborhood by association) look a little less cheap?   | Nov 7, 2012 4:32 PM |
| 143 | Eyesore  | Nov 7, 2012 4:29 PM |
| 144 | The toilet has become a draw for the homeless as well as car dwellers. It's become a haven for drug use and its also leaked on several occasions. I walk by it at least twice a day and its become a huge issue.   | Nov 7, 2012 4:25 PM |
| 145 | My guess is that the homeless are the primary users. They need a toilet and it is certainly preferable to peeing on the street. Once the Urban Reststop is in place, the City and people should reconsider the need for the portable toilet.   | Nov 7, 2012 4:23 PM |
| 146 | Confirmed drug use and dealing in the bathroom along with prostitution. I see multiple people using this bathroom frequently that have been associated with the elevation of crime in this neighborhood. People are not going to go to the bathroom in the park because it's gone. That bathroom is disgusting and I would never use it. It only facilitates to people that are not using the park and it is in a  | Nov 7, 2012 4:15 PM |

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suspicious poorly lit area of the park.

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| 147 | Because the park attracts so many homeless people who do not conduct themselves in an appropriate manner for a family friendly public park, I feel the portable toilets would be an "attractive nuisance" The people who congregate in the park would not be respectful of the facilities-leaving them unuseable for the reat of the public. However, because the park does attract families, it would certainly be beneficial for small children to have sanitary facilities. I believe the problem stems from our(police) inability to remove the people who are not respectful of the property and who do not conduct themselves in a civil manner. If we could address that issue, the public toilets would not be an iisue. | Nov 7, 2012 4:01 PM |
| 148 | Great for children's emergency potty visits! Would be even better to have real bathrooms.  | Nov 7, 2012 3:45 PM |
| 149 | I think a toilet is probably a great benefit to the homeless community, but other people can easily use facilities at neighboring businesses such as QFC and the public library. Honey Buckets are an eyesore. The ideal solution would be a built-in/permanent public restroom.   | Nov 7, 2012 3:44 PM |
| 150 | Besides it being an eye sore, I am concerned about the safety of it. I have spoken with several homeless citizens in the area and even they won't use it, due to drug activity.  | Nov 7, 2012 3:43 PM |
| 151 | Yes, we need more public toilets for people to use all over the city. As long as there are people there will be a need for toilets. Go past most businesses and they have locked bathrooms and a big sign in front that says "No public restrooms." When this is the case and people need to go we end up with people using the bushes, using alleys, going between cars, etc. None of these are good. I have received many complaints from people visiting the city about how inhospitable it feels due to the lack of public restrooms in places like Ballard, downtown, Belltown, Queen Anne, Pioneer Square, etc. I think we can do better as a city.  | Nov 7, 2012 3:38 PM |
| 152 | We don't need this. Our money could be spent in better ways.   | Nov 7, 2012 3:33 PM |
| 153 | Attracts Homeless. Suspected Drug Use Going On Inside Toilets.   | Nov 7, 2012 3:33 PM |
| 154 | There is a public library right next to the park as well as several businesses nearby. I do not understand why there needs to be a portable toilet when there are other facilities readily available. I prefer to frequent the businesses and then use the restroom if neccessary. I have never had an emergency where I need to use this restroom.  | Nov 7, 2012 3:32 PM |
| 155 | I think it is an eyesore. It is also very disrespectful that it is sitting on the sidewalk where we have to walk by seeing drunkards and low life's pulling up their zippers. Or better still, walk out putting their works away. Let's face it. It was not put there for anyone but the low life's who sit/sleep in the park. My guess is that it is meant to limit traffic I. The Library toilets. Smarten up Seattle. Keep catering to low life's and that's all you will have here in Ballard.   | Nov 7, 2012 3:27 PM |
| 156 | I am ok with the toilet. I see it only being used by the homeless population and I   | Nov 7, 2012 3:25 PM |

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think it's very progressive for the city to provide that. There's no restroom at the park and those that use the park either live/work nearby so they're close to nice, clean restrooms. If the toilet wasn't there, what are the other options for the homeless? There's the the public library and the restrooms in local businesses but those are only open during business hours. There's also the homeless clinic and I'm not sure when they operate. I think it's an ugly, cheap solution though. Perhaps it should be moved or there should be a more permanent restroom.

157 It is a benefit for the community. It keeps the alleys and parks free from human waste. It is logical and needed. Nov 7, 2012 3:20 PM

158 The portable toilets are useful to me because I have medical condition and sometimes I need to go. However, I think the city is ridiculous of they think these units will not require routine cleanup and maintenance, probably daily. Some of the people using them are chronically drunk, on hard drugs, or mental ill or socially isolated. Curing them is another issue, but this is not someone's home and it is ridiculous to expect it to be treated as such. I would also recommend the toilets be the same single person units, not wheelchair accessible. the big ones that are like a studio apartment just invite trouble. By the way, I lived next door to the park for almost 3 years until just recently. Nov 7, 2012 3:19 PM

159 The current location on a busy sidewalk seems unacceptable. I would be okay with its presence if it were located in a more discrete location. Nov 7, 2012 3:18 PM

160 Going to work everyday i walk by the honey bucket maybe in the winter it can be left somewhere else but I have to say it does stink sometimes. I feel that is does attract more homeless people but maybe I am wrong. Nov 7, 2012 3:17 PM

161 People need to use restrooms! While permanent facilities would be an improvement (and less of an eyesore), it's hard to understand what a reasonable alternative would be. Nov 7, 2012 3:11 PM

162 I think a permanent bathroom (versus a portable toilet) would be a good addition to this park. I realize this probably requires additional maintenance and money, but there are so many people that use the park, particularly during the months with nice weather. The people that I see using the park most heavily are families with small children, skateboarders who skate in the bowl for hours on end, and people who lay in the grass to read a book or have a picnic. All of these people stay in the park for long stretches of time, and I think they would appreciate a bathroom. I realize that some people may have issue with transients (mis)using the bathroom, but I think it's good for these folks to have a place to use the bathroom too. The number of negative incidents is likely to be small in the grand scheme of things... If a portable toilet is the only solution, then I guess having it there for the half of the year would be optimal. It would probably be little used in the winter months. Nov 7, 2012 3:09 PM

163 I'm more likely to walk around Ballard for a long period of time if I know I have a place to run and use the restroom if needed. I do not like to use a business restroom unless I am actually a customer, and I don't always want to buy something just to use the restroom. As long as they are frequently maintained and police patrol nearby to deter needle drug users, I am totally for it. Nov 7, 2012 3:08 PM

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| 164 | As a 65 yo senior I have used the portable toilet many times. As long as it is cleaned regularly I believe it is an asset for the park and surrounding area.   | Nov 7, 2012 3:06 PM |
| 165 | I understand that the homeless benefit from using the facility. But it is an eyesore where it is placed. Why???? would it be placed so publicly? It was better in the Northwest corner where it wasn't the first thing you see. Please consider moving it. I am now embarrassed of the park that I used to be proud of. It's not the fact that there is a portable toilet in the park. It's that it isn't in a more discreet location. I tried to pretend it wasn't right there on the front sidewalk all summer, but it could not be ignored. Marie Witherell Ballard resident  | Nov 7, 2012 3:04 PM |
| 166 | I understand the need for public restrooms however the port potty there is a bit out of place. It makes the park look like construction is going on and I am not sure how many non vagrant park users even use it. I guess I really don't know.  | Nov 7, 2012 3:01 PM |
| 167 | I work right across the street from the Ballard Commons Park and walk by the portable toilet at various times between 5 am-1030pm. I have seen many people go in and out of the toilets. Most of them appear to be homeless or have no toilet in their home/vehicle where they live. I would love to see the toilet go, but not until it is replaced by something better. I strongly support the opening of an Urban Rest Stop in the area and wonder if there is a way to include access to a 24 hour, single toilet as a replacement? If not, I think that it is well used and I would rather walk by a stinky Honey Bucket in one spot then have people use the park as a toilet. | Nov 7, 2012 2:53 PM |
| 168 | I live one block away and I pass by this toilet at least four times a day. 90% of the time, it smells REALLY bad. This morning there was liquid leaking out of it. It also makes me feel uncomfortable to think that someone could be lurking inside that would approach me suddenly. Not to mention the fact that it's placed in such an obvious spot, it takes away from the beauty of the park.   | Nov 7, 2012 2:46 PM |
| 169 | They are an eyesore and I'm not certain what the activity was exactly, but I have seen suspicious activity around the Honey Bucket. There are clean, accessible restrooms across the street at the library.  | Nov 7, 2012 2:46 PM |
| 170 | I've heard that the toilets have been placed there because otherwise the homeless people who frequent the park will defecate on the sidewalk. Not only is the outhouse an eyesore, I think it's not getting at the root of the problem. Money would be better spent finding a way to keep vagrants out of the park. It's a beautiful community spot that I'm terrified to even walk by because of being harassed by derelicts. They leave their trash everywhere and pass out in a drunken stupor. I can't believe the city turns a blind eye on this behavior. Perhaps a security guard would be a better idea. Sad that it has to come to this.                                    | Nov 7, 2012 2:40 PM |
| 171 | My family (me, husband, 10 month old baby) likes to take walks from our home to the business near the park (Bartell Drugs, Jo-Ann fabrics, sunday farmer's market). It's super convenient to have a public restroom at Ballard Commons Park. It's easy for the kids running through the water park in the summer, or the kids/adults practicing sweet moves in the skate park, or pregnant ladies with notoriously small baldders, or the occasional runner/walker out for a stroll. It's great to have an option for people in the park. Making the portable toilets available means park-goers don't have to bother local businesses with requests                                 | Nov 7, 2012 2:37 PM |

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to use the bathroom. As long as the toilets stay clean, they're a great resource for a busy neighborhood.

172 I think it provides yet another reason for unsavory people to congregate in the park. Nov 7, 2012 2:37 PM

173 - The portable toilets need to be maintained. I observed them leaking several times over the last few weeks. - I would be more likely to support the portable toilets if I knew that their use reduced the use of the Library's toilets (non-patron). - What is the cost/month of having the toilets? - Do any other portable toilet companies offer a less eye-catching color? (Such as a tan or dark green?) - Could a shelter/surround that is more aesthetically pleasant to neighbors be built around three sides of them? (This could also reduce vandalism, tipping them over, etc.) - What is the cost of actually building a public bathroom vs. long term rental of a portable toilet? Nov 7, 2012 2:35 PM

174 Can you please remove the honey bucket you have placed in the Ballard Commons park. It has become a magnet for illegal drug use and drinking. On more than one occasion I have smelled marijuana coming from the unit while my kids were playing in the park and have seen several people using the unit at the same time, coming out with open alcohol. It has clearly become a magnet for illegal activity and it will only be a matter of time before a child or adult gets stuck with a needle dropped inside or near the unit. Do you have the liability for that? Also, the Ballard Commons park is like an open ashtray with hundreds of cigarette butts scattered all over it that are NEVER picked up except by curious two year olds like mine. This park is being ruined for the general public. Please take action immediately and please ban smoking in the city's SMALL parks. Ballard Commons is now unusable for anyone who does not want their children exposed to the dozens of smokers who have taken over the park. I fail to see how adding a ugly, plastic latrine that reeks of chemicals and, as I and several other people I know have witnessed, attracts illegal drinking and drug use, adds anything to Ballard Commons. If you want a bathroom in the park, build a proper structure that maintains the parks purpose and plan as a public space FOR ALL. That would include my young kids not having to breath in marijuana smoke (let alone the clouds of cigarette smoke that fill the air already) coming from the latrine or witnessing drunks stepping out of it with open liquor containers. Do you spend any time in the park? It's littered with cigarettes, I witness fights constantly and had the pleasure of one of your latrine's clients yelling 'bitch' right in front of my daughters as he stepped out. Calling the police does nothing, they never come. May I refer you to Swift and Co.'s original proposal for the park and can you please explain to me how a plastic Honey Bucket fits into this design plan your department accepted: "The Ballard Commons Park is meant to be the heart of the community for the next 50-100 years, and the materials used in the park are durable, supporting of the civic nature of this community gathering place. Elemental materials of stone, concrete, wood, water, plants and light are used throughout the park in a simple elegant manner. Design influences include the natural environment and culture of Ballard, the Ballard Civic Center Master Plan, the Ballard Library, and the modern tradition of Scandinavian design." Source: [http://courses.washington.edu/gehlstud/WEBSITE\\_CONTENT/Winter2010/ballardlibrarycommons.pdf](http://courses.washington.edu/gehlstud/WEBSITE_CONTENT/Winter2010/ballardlibrarycommons.pdf) Please explain to me how a plastic Honey Bucket is "durable, supporting of the civic nature of this community gathering place' or Nov 7, 2012 2:24 PM

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uses 'elemental materials of stone, concrete, wood, water, plants and light' and reflects 'the modern tradition of Scandinavian design'?

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| 175 | Not only is it an eyesoar, it also smells horrible and encourages the homeless to hang around that area.  | Nov 7, 2012 2:22 PM |
| 176 | Place a permanent toliet. A small comfort station would look better.  | Nov 7, 2012 2:19 PM |
| 177 | I live in the apartment building right next to the park with my 5-year-old son. The park is filled with homeless people on a daily basis and I'm guessing they are there in part due to the toilet. The homeless are there day and night, and in many cases, I've seen them and others use drugs out in the open. With so many kids and parents there, especially during the summer time, I'm stunned to see this type of activity. There is no other park in Ballard that has this problem with homeless and open drug use.  | Nov 7, 2012 2:18 PM |
| 178 | It really is an eyesore and is not needed. I understand wanting to put a public toilet in parks that get heavier traffic like Golden Gardens, but Ballard Commons Park is not the same kind of park. I live next to the park with my patio facing it, so I had good visibility to its use this summer. Not many people spent more than an hour there. The majority of those that did were homeless or the youth "gangs" that had no place to go. Because of that, I wouldn't even want to use it if I were in a position of needing to due to its questionable cleanliness.   | Nov 7, 2012 2:18 PM |
| 179 | If there is a demonstrated need for the portable toilet, it's placement in the park is fine with me. I prefer to use the library restrooms, but they aren't always open. My hunch is that the portable toilet is used primarily by the transient folk that hang out in the park/live in cars/trucks/RVs around the area? If removing the portable toilet is going to result in people using the bathrooms in doorways or alleyways, that isn't acceptable or sanity or humane. In that case I would want to keep the portable toilet. Are portable toilets ugly? Yes, but human feces on the sidewalk is even uglier. | Nov 7, 2012 2:16 PM |
| 180 | Of the number of times I've been by the park recently, the portable toilet has been used by transient people for drinking and other non-intended use. I don't think this is a wise use of public money.   | Nov 7, 2012 2:16 PM |
| 181 | It's a park frequented by children...they need a place to go to the bathroom without having to wander into businesses to find one.  | Nov 7, 2012 2:14 PM |
| 182 | As long as it is serviced frequently. I live next to a parking lot that is not viewed easily from the street, because of that my vagrants use it as a toilet late at night. Although I know that the portapotty is an imperfect solution at least it is something.  | Nov 7, 2012 1:51 PM |
| 183 | I understand that there may be a need for a public restroom at the park, and more generally in downtown Ballard. But portable toilets are eyesores and should not be permanent public infrastructure. I'd like to see the City determine whether a permanent public restroom is needed in downtown Ballard, and if there is such a need, let's construct something that is visually appealing, functionally appropriate and permanent.  | Nov 7, 2012 1:51 PM |

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| 184 | It is both an eye sore in the current location (right on a big sidewalk), and it constantly smells like it needs to be clean.  | Nov 7, 2012 1:49 PM |
| 185 | Permanent toilet is better.  | Nov 7, 2012 1:49 PM |
| 186 | Attracts too many homeless to squat there  | Nov 7, 2012 1:46 PM |
| 187 | It's unattractive and I'm not sure how much use it gets. It's not something I would use if I could help it (portable toilets are usually quite dirty).   | Nov 7, 2012 1:43 PM |
| 188 | I have a toddler and it is nice to have a toilet available, especially in the summer when we are there most often. If you have to choose, the summer is a good time to have them there - when more people are using the park   | Nov 7, 2012 1:43 PM |
| 189 | I have kids and it is convenient to use with them, provided that it is maintained properly (hand sanitizer has been missing on many occasions)   | Nov 7, 2012 1:37 PM |
| 190 | I have a young child - I often avoid parts of Ballard Commons because of the vagrants that are often drinking, swearing, or clearly inebriated. I think having the porta potty makes it easier for that population to frequent the park, making others uncomfortable. I also worry that it facilitates drug deals and drug use, as well as prostitution. I believe we should provide resources for the homeless, but I don't think this is an effective delivery of services.  | Nov 7, 2012 1:34 PM |
| 191 | My kids always need to use the restroom at random times; this helps us not wander into random businesses...  | Nov 7, 2012 1:21 PM |
| 192 | Seems to have attracted more illegal activity.   | Nov 7, 2012 1:21 PM |
| 193 | Portable toilets are an eye sore and a cheap/short-term solution to a almost non-existent problem - the need to 'go to the bathroom' while at the park. Unfortunately this park has historically attracted alcohol/drug abusing vagrants that make the park uncomfortable and at times dangerous for individuals, families and especially children. Stalls are an eyesore that will undoubtedly increase injectable drug use in the park and promote more misuse of the space. We have to acknowledge that helping a few (with stalls) will harm the many long-term. Just ask your self if you would like a portable toilet in front of your house or a favorite urban park that you and your family visit. Regards, Michael Teppner | Nov 7, 2012 1:15 PM |
| 194 | only during special events where you have higher than normal attendance/traffic to the park (special events and festivals)   | Nov 7, 2012 1:14 PM |
| 195 | There should be a bathroom available there, but I really think the city made a mistake not building in a permanent bathroom. Short term thinking caused this problem.  | Nov 7, 2012 1:12 PM |
| 196 | As the parent of a toddler (who loves Ballard Commons Park) public restrooms are always welcome. While I'd love to see a more permanent restroom facility constructed, the portable one is a welcome addition.   | Nov 7, 2012 1:03 PM |
| 197 | 1. A portable toilet is just that - portable. This is not a permanent solution. 2. It smells even walking by leading me to believe it's unsanitary. 3. It is an eye sore   | Nov 7, 2012 1:02 PM |

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and embarrassing to have a giant porta-potty in the middle of our neighborhood park. 4. It encourages loitering in the park and provides a place for people to more easily consumer illegal drugs.

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| 198 | They are an eyesore and should be replaced with something permanent and more inline with the surrounding neighborhood.  | Nov 7, 2012 1:01 PM  |
| 199 | This toilet is simply an attractive nuisance. It will simply encourage drinking at the park.  | Nov 7, 2012 12:55 PM |
| 200 | I understand the need for a public toilet, but it looks pretty terrible and the park is already attracting disruptive homeless. I'm sympathetic to the homeless, however I'm seeing increased drinking, littering, and folks with questionable stories of needing a few bucks because they ran out of gas. Someone hanging out on the park bench, sleeping, asking for change I understand is part of living in a city. I still feel safe when that happens. Now, I'm so often approached by intoxicated people at this park that my daughter and I no longer use the park as often as we used to.  | Nov 7, 2012 12:50 PM |
| 201 | It is an eyesore and it smells. It attracts an undesirable element to the park and to the neighborhood around it. It attracts car campers, which I've witnessed. It attracts drug activity, which I've witnessed. There are already public facilities near the park at the library. PLEASE REMOVE IT.   | Nov 7, 2012 12:50 PM |
| 202 | I would like to see "Downtown Ballard" cleaned up a bit and not attract the amount of homeless people that hang out around the area between Market and 24th - 15th and just north of that area. I paid a lot of money for my condo, only to have a group of homeless people hang out outside my door and all along my street on 56th AVE NW. This portable toilet will attract those sorts of people. If it was the intention to have it for families or people who frequent the park as an "in case of bathroom emergency" the thought was nice and well intentioned, but I would like the "riff-raff" to go away. Thank you!  | Nov 7, 2012 12:49 PM |
| 203 | I'd like to qualify this by saying that I would much rather see a permanent toilet structure in that space--perhaps something like the public toilets that are common on the streets of Paris. Realizing that this probably isn't economically feasible, I would rather see a portable toilet there than no facility at all.  | Nov 7, 2012 12:47 PM |
| 204 | No it's VERY ugly. Ballard Commons is such a nice park and this is an ugly eyesore. I know the City has ventured into permanent outdoor toilets in Victor Steinbruck Park w/ bad results. But I think the City should look into the permanent outdoor toilets that Portland is now using. They look much better than some Honeybucket and do solve some of the problems the Spaceship toilets were having. Also I do know that a low income senior housing development is being built in Ballard and to my understanding there will be a place for homeless to go to use a shower/toilet. When will this be completed? Couldn't this replace the need for a toilet in the park? If it can replace the need for a toilet in the park then I would be ok w/ a portable toilet until this new place would be finished. | Nov 7, 2012 12:45 PM |
| 205 | They are an eyesore and encourage homeless and drug activity in the park.   | Nov 7, 2012 12:39 PM |

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| 206 | I support public toilets, though my preference would be for the installation of something permanent. I would support a pay-per-use system on it as well.  | Nov 7, 2012 12:36 PM |
| 207 | My children and I can easily head over to the library restroom or a nearby friend's house if necessary.   | Nov 7, 2012 12:28 PM |
| 208 | Because you know who uses them (and abuses them). Please do not give the homeless a reason to come to the park.   | Nov 7, 2012 12:28 PM |
| 209 | Actually it would be nice to have a wheelchair accessible portable toilet with a hand washing station. They do make those you know! Have one at each end of the park (East/West). Thank you.  | Nov 7, 2012 10:55 AM |
| 210 | Only upside to the toilet's presence. Improves overall sanitation and health of the community while fulfilling a fundamental need.  | Nov 7, 2012 9:29 AM  |
| 211 | For special events, sure. Year round? No.   | Nov 7, 2012 12:15 AM |
| 212 | No. The park is not big enough to have a portable toilet in it. It completely ruins the park and my desire to spend any time there.   | Nov 6, 2012 10:17 PM |
| 213 | Hopefully cutdown on the people relieving them selves around town. This happens often in and around my condo / parking area.  | Nov 6, 2012 7:41 PM  |
| 214 | So it'll cut down on the people peeing in our garage  | Nov 6, 2012 7:41 PM  |
| 215 | I support as many portable toilets as they will place in Ballard. I live in a Condo on Market Street and our premisses is urinated and defecated on, on a regular basis. During winter, several times a night.  | Nov 6, 2012 6:12 PM  |
| 216 | The Honey Bucket is obviously there for the transients that congregate at the new city park. It makes it look like Ballard is becoming a cesspool for the city's transients. The public toilet issue has been a fiasco starting with the outrageously priced self-cleaning toilets the city bought many years ago. The Honey Bucket in that location where there is open drug dealing will be no different. The transients are not even using it -- during the daytime they head to the library which is right across the street and they won't be bothered after dark when they can't be seen. | Nov 6, 2012 5:09 PM  |
| 217 | Portapotties are not suitable replacements for permanent restrooms facilities. If the city is unwilling to provide a restroom like other city parks have, then there should be nothing. It just trashes the park. It's like having trash bins that aren't emptied. If people need to use a restroom, they can use the library, it isn't far away. Or the city should open up the bathroom used by city employees in the Seattle community office that's in the same building as the library. It's just a general ick factor that ruins the whole idea of a nice neighborhood park.              | Nov 6, 2012 5:01 PM  |
| 218 | Even though having a facility like this can't "eliminate" issues of bodily functions in the public eye, we need to have toilets for all of us to use.   | Nov 6, 2012 2:57 PM  |
| 219 | Working across from the park, I have seen mothers with children and homeless adults using the facility. It seems to be much needed. Certainly, mothers with young children could find other alternatives were the honey bucket removed, but   | Nov 6, 2012 2:22 PM  |

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the homeless adults cannot. Keeping the portable toilet in place is important from a public health standpoint.

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| 220 | There has been an increase in homeless people in the park since it has been put in. I see many homeless people congregating around the toilet, sometimes multiple people going into it. There has also been an increase in illegal activity and calls to police. There has been an increased police presence in the park as well, due to the increasing number of homeless people there. It has brought more problems to an already problem plagued park. Please remove it.  | Nov 6, 2012 12:44 PM |
| 221 | I'm afraid it will attract more homeless people to the park.   | Nov 6, 2012 12:15 PM |
| 222 | I have seen homeless people at Ballard Commons Park for as long as I've lived in Ballard (2.5 years now), so a recently available portable toilet has in no way "attracted" homeless. There must be a place for these people to attend to their needs with dignity, especially when the public library is closed. I've lived in New York City; I've seen first hand what happens when people don't have access to public bathroom facilities, and I don't want that for a good community like Ballard. Also, as a mother of small children, it's a matter of health and safety for my family. When we use the park, I don't want them to come in contact with human waste. I see a number of families with young children using the park every day, and I'm sure they would have similar concerns. | Nov 6, 2012 12:09 PM |
| 223 | Ultimately I would like to see permanent toilets there.  | Nov 6, 2012 11:45 AM |
| 224 | I do not think it is a good idea to place the portable toilet in our community park-- it only brings a rough crowd to the area and makes me feel unsafe in my own neighborhood. The police seem to have to spend a lot of time there as well, and I am sure there are better things for them to do than bring a gathering of crime to our parks.   | Nov 6, 2012 11:33 AM |
| 225 | I feel it's an aesthetic eyesore that diminishes the beautiful job down to the park. Additionally, I feel it attracts vagrants and loiterers that blatantly use illegal and alcoholic substances in the park. I don't mean to be critical of the homeless people that sit there and enjoy the park, I believe everyone should have that right regardless if you're rich or poor, but I feel the portable toilets perpetuate drinking and inappropriate behavior especially when there's family and kids around. By providing access to a toilet it makes it more convenient for people to get drunk in the park.   | Nov 6, 2012 11:14 AM |
| 226 | Not only does it reduce the aesthetic of the park, but I see first hand almost every day how it attracts even more questionable characters to the park. We need to focus on helping these people participate in society.   | Nov 6, 2012 10:47 AM |
| 227 | There are too few public restrooms in the Ballard area, especially at night. While I understand that many residents are concerned about people coming into and staying at the park as the result of a restroom, it is much better than the alternative -- people being forced to urinate or defecate in public, on the ground, in alleyways, etcetera. We don't want our neighborhood to become a literal "dumping" ground, and if it means a few more "shady" people at one of our beloved parks, then so be it.  | Nov 6, 2012 9:58 AM  |

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| 228 | People were going to the bathroom on our proerty in the bushes before it was available.  | Nov 6, 2012 7:33 AM  |
| 229 | There is a library with a public restroom across the street. There is 24 hour grocery store across the street.   | Nov 5, 2012 10:35 PM |
| 230 | Why not? People congregate in the area, and may need to use it.  | Nov 5, 2012 10:21 PM |
| 231 | People without homes need a place to relieve themselves, or we only leave the option of alleys and other open public spaces. I'd rather see a day center or hygiene center with other resources, too.  | Nov 5, 2012 10:12 PM |
| 232 | Don't let NIMBY's take away simple resources that everyone from the homeless to single mom without means to buy coffee everytime her kid needs to pee.   | Nov 5, 2012 8:12 PM  |
| 233 | I think it's a good idea to provide public restroom facilities.  | Nov 5, 2012 8:11 PM  |
| 234 | It is needed for public use  | Nov 5, 2012 3:47 PM  |
| 235 | The only people I see using the portable toilet are people who are doing & dealing drugs. It also has increased transients to camp out at the park.  | Nov 5, 2012 1:25 PM  |
| 236 | If this is used by park users, that's great. I'm sure that it is also used by the permanent homeless in our community. Their access to toilet facilities is abysmal. There need to be more mobile toilets in the Ballard community, not just in the park. Also, I don't know if these toilets are contributing to hanging out in the park. There are a lot of calls to the police regarding individuals who hang out in the park--drinking, drugging, selling drugs, fighting, etc.  | Nov 5, 2012 12:37 PM |
| 237 | I have witnessed on numerous occasions inappropriate usage of the toilet, most commonly men and women using the toilet at the same time. I also believe the toilet is an eye sore.   | Nov 5, 2012 12:24 PM |
| 238 | Having a portable toilet at Ballad Commons Park provides facilities for the homeless people and also for those using the park. With 4+ car campers on NW 57th St., between 20th & 22nd NW, having a toilet is essential. Otherwise, thees individuals must use the Ballard Library branch during its hours. It keeps the neighbor cleaner and shows that Ballard cares about all its citizens.   | Nov 5, 2012 12:15 PM |
| 239 | I think providing public toilets is critical to making a city livable. Otherwise people have to rely on businesses or places like the public library. That's awkward for people and unfair to businesses. The portable toilet seems like a poor means of providing this necessity, but if that's the best we can do, so be it.   | Nov 5, 2012 11:30 AM |
| 240 | While necessary to provide toilet availability, I feel the location at Ballard Commons encourages loitering (unpleasant use) in the park. Additionally, the park is in close proximity to another free restroom at the library that is open for much of the day, reducing the need for a daytime toilet in the park during that time. Also, there are many homeless and very-low-income services near 57th & 22nd (homeless shelter, care clinic, and future LIHI), and providing this addition service adds to the stresses that providing these services brings to the adjacent community; just slightly spreading out some of these services can reduce | Nov 5, 2012 11:03 AM |

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negative effects on this area. Finally, aesthetically, the current portable toilet does not fit in well with the design and feel of the modern park.

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| 241 | On the assumption it was kept clean and maintained regularly.   | Nov 5, 2012 11:00 AM |
| 242 | The library next to the park has public restrooms, as does QFC. The portapotty has enough odor that my pregnant wife wants us to walk on the other side of the street.  | Nov 5, 2012 10:51 AM |
| 243 | Having a "rest room" available is vital for most of the people who use the park - kids and adults as well as the homeless. IMHO having a place to pee is human right.   | Nov 5, 2012 10:49 AM |
| 244 | I assume the purpose is to provide services for the homeless population. If so, there should be a permanent, full-service hygiene station, rather than a portapotty.  | Nov 5, 2012 10:48 AM |
| 245 | If you don't provide a place for the bums to urinate and defecate they will use the sidewalk and bushes. For example, walk past Fred Meyer on the Burke Gilman trail, it smells like the men's room after the fourth quarter of a Sea Hawks game--always.   | Nov 5, 2012 10:45 AM |
| 246 | It would decrease the use of the private business bathrooms in the area by the homeless community.  | Nov 5, 2012 10:00 AM |
| 247 | I see many people using the portable toilet during the day, and sometimes there are people waiting to use it. Children often use it when playing at the park. I often see the elderly using it and since they have packages in their hands, I assume they live in the neighborhood, went shopping and unable to get back to their home without using the toilet. There are homeless people in the neighborhood that probably don't have other access to a bathroom so it is very valuable for them. If it was no portable toilet, they would be using the toilets in the local businesses. The Ballard population has increased a lot in recent years and we often walk in the area. I am not comfortable asking if I can use a toilet at a business (and many only allow patrons to use it) if I am not spending money at the business. Please keep the toilet at the park. Thanks | Nov 5, 2012 9:44 AM  |
| 248 | much needed for hygiene reasons   | Nov 5, 2012 7:12 AM  |
| 249 | It's a basic public service that should be there---   | Nov 4, 2012 9:12 PM  |
| 250 | The portable toilet can help maintain reasonable sanitation and safety in the area. It is a humane solution on a shoestring budget.   | Nov 4, 2012 5:50 PM  |
| 251 | Aren't there more aesthetic options? I think many may view it as an eyesore within the aesthetic environment of the park. If there were a sculpture incorporating it, or maybe a wooden structure around it, visitors might be more accepting of the portable toilet.   | Nov 4, 2012 2:50 PM  |
| 252 | I'm not homeless nor a park user, but I do walk and bike all over the city from Shilshole Marina. Public restrooms are few and far between. I'm not aware of other restrooms available 24hrs in Ballard.  | Nov 4, 2012 1:32 PM  |

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| 254 | Having toilets is a basic need....businesses don't allow use of theirs in buildings and the Library (and businesses) have limited hours. Is sure is nice to have one available. This is for me and for those that don't have a home right next door to go to.... It would actually keep some people in downtown Ballard to 'shop' more since they would be more 'comfortable'. Looking at the side of people that are currently homeless....This is also a basic essential for them. People have to 'go' somewhere. A portable toilet is a much safer situation regarding health of individual people and the community. I could certainly see a design competition in the future for simple permanent toilets using daylight tubes and solar....they just hook up to sewer....OR leave the library lobby open at all times for the use of those bathrooms. This would be less costly, but perhaps less desirable for security reasons. | Nov 4, 2012 9:42 AM  |
| 255 | A permanent public bathroom should have been built in the park. The porta potty should remain.  | Nov 4, 2012 7:25 AM  |
| 256 | other parks have bathrooms, by design   | Nov 4, 2012 7:04 AM  |
| 257 | It's a basic public service that has to be part of any public gathering place, especially a park like Ballard Commons that has so many people of all ages using it. Ideally there would be a permanent structure at the park for restrooms. But if that cannot be done, and given the fact that there is no other place around the park that offers the public access to a restrooms, the portable toilets are a second best and must stay.   | Nov 3, 2012 11:39 PM |
| 258 | I think it helps keep the homeless from urinating in parking lots and yards near the park. I work in Ballard and used to see it all the time. It still occurs occasionally, but not like before the toilet was installed.   | Nov 3, 2012 7:44 PM  |
| 259 | Proper sanitation is essential to a healthy community. Access to clean reliable facilities is a community responsibility, easy to do, and a vital service to anyone away from home. Facilities are often unavailable without paying to be seated in a restaurant or during late night and early morning hours. The park facility also serves families with children using the park in the daytime.  | Nov 3, 2012 12:01 PM |
| 260 | There are few public restrooms that are open at all hours.  | Nov 2, 2012 11:37 AM |
| 261 | There are no public restrooms in Ballard, besides the library, and with the growing population of residents, visitors and homeless it is vital to the well-being of the community.  | Nov 2, 2012 11:27 AM |
| 262 | that park is turning into a homeless encampment. Its a beautiful park designed for (among other things) kids to play and splash in the water fountains. i am an advocate of homeless people getting the services they need to survive and thrive. however, this park doesnt seem like the right space for homeless to sleep all day and litter their trash. providing a toilet seems to only encourage them to hang out longer. its already at a point where i question whether i should let my kids play there. swigning the balance to more homeless, would make my   | Nov 2, 2012 10:24 AM |

**Q5. The City of Seattle placed a portable toilet at Ballard Commons Park for a trial period. Would you like to continue to see the portable toilet at the park? Please explain.**

decision easier. wouldnt a permanent or temporary toilet turn into what happened at Salmon bay park? a restroom that is constantly locked to prevent drug use, homeless sleeping, etc?

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| 263 | There should be 24-hour access to a public toilet in Ballard. It does not have to be at the park, but I think that having a toilet at the park is a big advantage for park users, including and especially kids. I think permanent toilets should have been included in the park design, then we wouldn't need a portable toilet. Did the planners really think that people in Ballard wouldn't need to go to the bathroom? I am disappointed in the attitude of the parks department over the past decade that bathrooms are too much work to maintain.  | Nov 2, 2012 10:22 AM |
| 264 | Although it is not the best solution, I believe it is necessary to offer a place for people to relieve themselves. The park is used a lot by area residents, visitors and transient populations; all of which have needs to relieve themselves.   | Nov 2, 2012 9:57 AM  |
| 265 | Ballard has virtually no public toilets. The only one besides the one in Ballard Commons that I'm aware of is in the Ballard Library which has limited hours of operation and sometimes is closed for days at a time. As a senior citizen, there are times when I am in downtown Ballard when I simply need to find a toilet right away and the one at Ballard Commons is a godsend. I hear complaints from other Ballard residents that some people are relieving themselves in inappropriate places. The obvious solution to this is to provide a public toilet in proximity to where people are. | Nov 2, 2012 9:53 AM  |



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| 1  | May through October   | Nov 14, 2012 10:44 AM |
| 2  | June-August   | Nov 13, 2012 3:56 PM  |
| 3  | summer months   | Nov 12, 2012 7:49 PM  |
| 4  | It should stay as long as there are no other public options.  | Nov 12, 2012 1:24 PM  |
| 5  | June July August  | Nov 10, 2012 4:02 PM  |
| 6  | The portable toilet should stay the whole year, unless a permanent one is added to the park.  | Nov 10, 2012 9:28 AM  |
| 7  | 5 months: June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct  | Nov 9, 2012 5:27 PM   |
| 8  | If anything - summer  | Nov 9, 2012 3:43 PM   |
| 9  | I support permanent toilets in public places.   | Nov 9, 2012 1:04 PM   |
| 10 | High peak summer months for fountain area.  | Nov 8, 2012 9:51 PM   |
| 11 | Get rid of it!!!  | Nov 8, 2012 4:43 PM   |
| 12 | if it should stay, it should be year-round  | Nov 8, 2012 4:28 PM   |
| 13 | Summer  | Nov 8, 2012 4:24 PM   |
| 14 | Throughout the year to determine if there appears to be a greater need during any particular part of the year. More people are out in the Spring and Summer, but there may well be more access to facilities during that period of the year | Nov 8, 2012 4:13 PM   |
| 15 | year round. The traffic remains throughout the year.  | Nov 8, 2012 2:21 PM   |
| 16 | Not as designed   | Nov 8, 2012 12:21 PM  |
| 17 | none  | Nov 8, 2012 10:16 AM  |
| 18 | June-August   | Nov 8, 2012 8:12 AM   |
| 19 | April through Sept.   | Nov 7, 2012 11:19 PM  |
| 20 | Keep it there only until the Urban Rest place opens.  | Nov 7, 2012 10:52 PM  |
| 21 | Develop a strategy to remove the toilet when Compass Housing is developed. Or make an agreement with the church across the street to host the portable toilet and have it serviced by the City for now.                                     | Nov 7, 2012 10:49 PM  |
| 22 | No need for the portable toilet.  | Nov 7, 2012 10:13 PM  |
| 23 | March -October  | Nov 7, 2012 9:45 PM   |
| 24 | Maybe in summer   | Nov 7, 2012 9:33 PM   |
| 25 | Make it a year-round fixture. Better yet, build a small "field house" in the park   | Nov 7, 2012 8:59 PM   |

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|    | with a men's and women's lavatory.   |                     |
| 26 | July, August and September where there is more frequent use of the community at the park.  | Nov 7, 2012 7:28 PM |
| 27 | None, get it out of there!   | Nov 7, 2012 7:28 PM |
| 28 | Let's look at the toilet use over the next year and see if it gets used or generates problems for the neighborhood.  | Nov 7, 2012 6:43 PM |
| 29 | July August Sept For the kids that hopefully use the park. I know mom's who will not bring their kids here due to the folks that like to drink, sleep, drug, urinate and generally disrupt the park. | Nov 7, 2012 6:25 PM |
| 30 | Get rid of it.   | Nov 7, 2012 6:18 PM |
| 31 | All year round.  | Nov 7, 2012 5:59 PM |
| 32 | There should be a permanent facility in the park rather than the honey bucket.   | Nov 7, 2012 4:50 PM |
| 33 | The warmer half of the year  | Nov 7, 2012 4:32 PM |
| 34 | As noted earlier, once Urban Reststop is available, revisit the "need" for the toilet.   | Nov 7, 2012 4:23 PM |
| 35 | Get it out   | Nov 7, 2012 4:15 PM |
| 36 | none   | Nov 7, 2012 3:43 PM |
| 37 | none.  | Nov 7, 2012 3:32 PM |
| 38 | All 12   | Nov 7, 2012 3:20 PM |
| 39 | July, Aug, Sept  | Nov 7, 2012 3:17 PM |
| 40 | May to October   | Nov 7, 2012 3:09 PM |
| 41 | Only if hidden   | Nov 7, 2012 3:04 PM |
| 42 | If it stays it should be there year round. The need to use the restroom does not know months.  | Nov 7, 2012 3:01 PM |
| 43 | All of them.   | Nov 7, 2012 2:53 PM |
| 44 | What difference does 3 or 12 months make?  | Nov 7, 2012 2:46 PM |
| 45 | Maybe June - August, during the summer months when children and families are playing at the park.  | Nov 7, 2012 2:46 PM |
| 46 | I would prefer 12 month access, but if budget is an issue, it would be best to keep the portable toilets during the busy spring/summer months April-October.   | Nov 7, 2012 2:37 PM |
| 47 | Summer Months. July - Sept (in line with the spray park, when use goes up)   | Nov 7, 2012 2:35 PM |

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| 48 | If you want a public toilet for the park, consider a general Ballard community toilet in a permanent building.   | Nov 7, 2012 2:18 PM  |
| 49 | My response to this question is heavily dependent on question #5.  | Nov 7, 2012 2:16 PM  |
| 50 | all 12 of them   | Nov 7, 2012 1:51 PM  |
| 51 | Summer Months  | Nov 7, 2012 1:47 PM  |
| 52 | Summer   | Nov 7, 2012 1:43 PM  |
| 53 | should be replaced with a permanent building   | Nov 7, 2012 1:12 PM  |
| 54 | Please remove ASAP.  | Nov 7, 2012 1:02 PM  |
| 55 | Special event periods only.  | Nov 7, 2012 12:15 AM |
| 56 | Why just part of the year??  | Nov 6, 2012 7:41 PM  |
| 57 | All, unless all the homeless stay in Shelter every night.  | Nov 6, 2012 6:12 PM  |
| 58 | If there is a proven need, the city should build an appropriate building to house a bathroom, well lit, secure, hooked to sewers, etc. No other family-oriented park in the middle of a business district has a Honey Bucket for transients. | Nov 6, 2012 5:09 PM  |
| 59 | We have car campers year round here.   | Nov 6, 2012 7:33 AM  |
| 60 | as long as it is cleaned frequently  | Nov 5, 2012 10:21 PM |
| 61 | all  | Nov 5, 2012 10:12 PM |
| 62 | all  | Nov 5, 2012 8:11 PM  |
| 63 | summer   | Nov 5, 2012 12:37 PM |
| 64 | There should be a permanent public toilet presence in Ballard Commons Park. I think they should exist throughout the city.   | Nov 5, 2012 11:30 AM |
| 65 | Do the bums stop urinating in the winter? No. Provide a toilet or start enforcing open container and vagrancy laws.  | Nov 5, 2012 10:45 AM |
| 66 | All months....build permanent more aesthetic toilets.  | Nov 4, 2012 9:42 AM  |



**Q7. Are you aware of any issues related to the portable toilet at Ballard Commons Park? Please explain.**

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| 1  | a) The intended users seem to not always use it (they have relieved themselves in the stone fountain area, even with the Honey Bucket in place). b) It looks ugly. c) I am concerned that it provides a place hidden from view for serious drug use (which has been a problem in the area).  | Nov 16, 2012 6:14 AM  |
| 2  | See comment above.   | Nov 15, 2012 11:46 AM |
| 3  | I know that residents closer to the park/portable toilet have raised concerns about the location of the toilet and the fact that it attracts the homeless. But the homeless used the park even before the toilet was located there.  | Nov 15, 2012 10:44 AM |
| 4  | I would like to know if there are any though as well as to know why it was put there in he first place and what the use has been like.   | Nov 14, 2012 10:22 PM |
| 5  | I walk by the park often and have not noticed any problems with the portable toilet. The park has become a gathering place for the homeless, especially with the clinic across the street. As a middle-aged woman, I am comfortable walking by the park. If I was a young girl or young woman, I would not walk by the park by myself at certain times of the day.                       | Nov 14, 2012 10:44 AM |
| 6  | Why not have it over close to the Old Yankee Dinner, and use places that is not being used like that area for the homeless to park instead of taking space from businesses and homes.  | Nov 13, 2012 10:24 PM |
| 7  | The portable toilet is a huge eyesore to an attractive park. The only people I've ever seen using the portable toilet are the homeless individuals who often hang out in park. It is unnecessary expense for the city. If someone using the park during the daytime needs to use the restroom, the library with a public restroom is only a block away. It often smells when walking by. | Nov 13, 2012 1:00 PM  |
| 8  | Seen/encountered devious behavior in the honey bucket while walking by late at night. Told by some of the homeless community that sexual acts and drugs are done in there.   | Nov 12, 2012 7:49 PM  |
| 9  | There is a considerable homeless population in Ballard. These folks need to defecate somewhere.  | Nov 10, 2012 8:09 PM  |
| 10 | The homeless stay in it when it rains.   | Nov 10, 2012 4:25 PM  |
| 11 | vandalism of the toilet  | Nov 10, 2012 4:02 PM  |
| 12 | It is causing the homeless to linger where children play.  | Nov 10, 2012 1:22 PM  |
| 13 | Not seen any problems whatsoever!  | Nov 10, 2012 11:35 AM |
| 14 | People of various ages seem to be using it without problem at all times of the day.  | Nov 10, 2012 9:28 AM  |
| 15 | Homeless people spend a lengthy amount of time camping out in it. As far as I can tell, only homeless people use it. I believe that even if a person were using the park, they would be afraid to use the portable toilet. These things have a stigma of being unclean.  | Nov 10, 2012 7:45 AM  |
| 16 | drug use takes place in the portable toilets.  | Nov 9, 2012 4:46 PM   |

**Q7. Are you aware of any issues related to the portable toilet at Ballard Commons Park? Please explain.**

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| 17 | There are issues of access and security at many public toilets. Personally, I think we need to address these and maintenance issues. Providing them costs more, but is very much worth it in public health terms. Ditto re: library not always open.  | Nov 9, 2012 1:04 PM  |
| 18 | Other than the drug activity  | Nov 9, 2012 6:57 AM  |
| 19 | There is a constant gathering of homeless and drunk/drugged people hanging around close to the toilet. I pass through here several times day, there is a consistent proximity. I have never used it myself, but often overhear parents discouraging their kids from trying to use it due to cleanliness concerns. Not general hygiene phobias, but because the homeless people or van people had just been hanging out in it. | Nov 8, 2012 9:51 PM  |
| 20 | There are obvious signs of young adults, vagrants, and teens frequenting the site and making use of the toilet to cover activities. This can be observed throughout the day, depending on police presence.  | Nov 8, 2012 8:00 PM  |
| 21 | Homeless and drugs  | Nov 8, 2012 7:38 PM  |
| 22 | Though I understand the concerns, I think there should a publicly available. I have kids who often need to use the potty while at the park.   | Nov 8, 2012 6:22 PM  |
| 23 | Drug dealing. Stand there for 45 minutes and watch.   | Nov 8, 2012 6:15 PM  |
| 24 | While I am not aware of specific issues related to the portable toilet, because it is there, I purposely walk on the opposite side of 22nd Avenue NW. Its presence does not provide a sense of security or safety, especially at night. Since the introduction of the portable toilet, I have witnessed young people loitering in the area nearby.  | Nov 8, 2012 5:10 PM  |
| 25 | Eyesore in a nicely redeveloped area.   | Nov 8, 2012 4:43 PM  |
| 26 | not yet, but I haven't been through there in a couple of weeks, due to travel, etc.   | Nov 8, 2012 4:28 PM  |
| 27 | I am sure that there is a concern that this will increase the use of the portable toilets for drug use/dealing and sleeping. It is also a likely concern that this will increase the number of vagrants in the area, since there is a place to use the restroom. Also, if there is a portable toilet in the area, we want to make sure that it remains clean and safe for individual use by any citizen.                      | Nov 8, 2012 4:13 PM  |
| 28 | There are usually issues of people using the toilets to use drugs. Drug use happens with or without toilets, it is just less obvious. We should not trade a sanitary bathroom to try (unsuccessfully no doubt) to stop drug use in Ballard.   | Nov 8, 2012 3:55 PM  |
| 29 | I am not aware of any "issues" aside from the fact that it is an unpleasant eyesore that stinks. The presence of the portable toilet is very offputting and significantly reduces the quality of the immediate environment. If public restrooms are really needed in this location, the city should build them. A permanent portable toilet is not an appropriate solution.   | Nov 8, 2012 1:08 PM  |
| 30 | I believe much of the controversy would die down if the toilet was not visible. It is a poor location for a portable toilet -- other parks and locales that use portable toilets have more discreet corners, side areas, etc. for good placement. The   | Nov 8, 2012 12:21 PM |

**Q7. Are you aware of any issues related to the portable toilet at Ballard Commons Park? Please explain.**

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|    | Ballard Commons park lacks those features. Perhaps a screening of some kind can be built on public property near the park? The park is unique space that I believe is too open for the aesthetically happy inclusion of a portable toilet.   |                      |
| 31 | It is ugly, smelly, and people seem to use it in pairs.  | Nov 8, 2012 12:00 PM |
| 32 | It's filthy and ugly. Why would I want to support a toilet that I wouldn't let my three year old use? A place for my toddler to go to the bathroom while hovering over an open pit of feces and urine is not my idea of effective use of city resources.   | Nov 8, 2012 11:05 AM |
| 33 | Drug use, transients.  | Nov 8, 2012 10:18 AM |
| 34 | The toilet only seems to encourage the homeless to spend more time at the park and live on the grounds. They drink excessively and this only seems to facilitate the issue.  | Nov 8, 2012 10:16 AM |
| 35 | The homeless who generally use it do not care to take care of it. It can not be used by anyone else because of the condition they leave it in, both inside and outside of it.  | Nov 8, 2012 9:12 AM  |
| 36 | Lots of drug and alcohol use by homeless in the park and near the toilet.  | Nov 8, 2012 9:10 AM  |
| 37 | Odor, it is used as a public toilet by those who could care less about the park.   | Nov 8, 2012 8:49 AM  |
| 38 | It attracts homeless and drug users and dealers  | Nov 8, 2012 8:28 AM  |
| 39 | Majority of the public do not use the toilet. Homeless sleeping, drug use and selling has been seen in and around the toilet.  | Nov 8, 2012 8:12 AM  |
| 40 | It is a source of drug use and the homeless people harrass others walking by. The stink of the area is really bad.   | Nov 8, 2012 8:09 AM  |
| 41 | the types of people it attracts. why not solicit the church that feeds them to offer their bathrooms 24/7 to these people.   | Nov 8, 2012 8:02 AM  |
| 42 | however, there has been a lot of unsavory activity with their presence, including public drunkenness, drug activity, and sexual activity. i am not able to say for certain, but my feeling is since the toilets were installed, there has been a strong increase in homeless folks being in the park. their presence degrades the experience of tax-paying citizens and needs to be addressed. this also holds for the public library. | Nov 8, 2012 7:51 AM  |
| 43 | The issue is, a beautiful park with friggin outhouse. I understand the cost benefit feature, but its got water features, kids there all summer, and no one planned for a toilet. I understand space vs money for real bathroom, but it just screams typical government decision making cliché. Here, enjoy this great park, oh, and lets plop an outhouse next to it.  | Nov 8, 2012 7:46 AM  |
| 44 | A friend found a needle there over the summer.   | Nov 8, 2012 5:16 AM  |
| 45 | No, because I don't use it or go there much any more.  | Nov 8, 2012 12:06 AM |
| 46 | It smells horrible while walking by it.  | Nov 7, 2012 11:14 PM |

**Q7. Are you aware of any issues related to the portable toilet at Ballard Commons Park? Please explain.**

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| 47 | only aware of my personal experience; I needed to use once  | Nov 7, 2012 11:02 PM |
| 48 | I have not personally seen people shooting up or that kind of thing. I do agree that all people need a sanitary place to go to the bathroom.  | Nov 7, 2012 10:49 PM |
| 49 | It has been extremely nasty at times, but when you have no other choice (ie the library is closed) it is better than nothing.   | Nov 7, 2012 10:20 PM |
| 50 | Too many people are living in the park.   | Nov 7, 2012 10:14 PM |
| 51 | There are a lot of transients hanging out in this park. The convenience of a public toilet is really more of a benefit to this crowd than anyone else. A public toilet in this park doesn't really benefit the Ballard community at-large. There's really no need for it.   | Nov 7, 2012 10:13 PM |
| 52 | It is encouraging a bad element to linger near my home.   | Nov 7, 2012 10:08 PM |
| 53 | it will encourage people to stick around that need to move on people don't need to be hanging out in this park long enough to need a dedicated bathroom, and there are businesses nearby that already have bathrooms if it was really an emergency the park is overrun with homeless folks who spend day and night there as well as teens gathering there to do drugs and drink alcohol when I used to live close to there, I had to call the police at least once a week regarding activities in the park between that and the fact that the apartment dwellers use the grassy areas as their dogs' toilets and don't pick up after them, I would never consider actually using this park as a park it's disgraceful | Nov 7, 2012 9:24 PM  |
| 54 | Yes - see above - since placed it has made hanging out longer easier for the troublemakers.   | Nov 7, 2012 9:08 PM  |
| 55 | Well, it does look pretty tacky!  | Nov 7, 2012 8:59 PM  |
| 56 | Homeless drug use   | Nov 7, 2012 8:54 PM  |
| 57 | Why were the public toilets removed from Pioneer Square? Seriously?!  | Nov 7, 2012 8:25 PM  |
| 58 | There are several groups of people who spend the day (all day) in Ballard Commons Park, possibly because of the convenience of the portable toilet. These groups are not always respectful to other users of the park, and can be loud, messy, and aggressive at times. This usually happens in Fall through Spring, when the fountain is off.  | Nov 7, 2012 8:20 PM  |
| 59 | There are two young girls in their teens who hang around the park. They use it to do drugs in.  | Nov 7, 2012 8:12 PM  |
| 60 | The library is having a hard time with the homeless. So im sure they are asking for these.  | Nov 7, 2012 7:28 PM  |
| 61 | It is encouraging the homeless to congregate in that park so it needs to go. Why don't you ask people if they have personally used that portable toilet as part of your survey? I would bet that not one person has because it is obviously there to keep the homeless drunks from pooping on the grass and peeing in the bushes. I see people using drugs and selling drugs. I see public drunkenness. I hear swearing and yelling and see behaviors that scare me and will ensure that I  | Nov 7, 2012 7:28 PM  |

**Q7. Are you aware of any issues related to the portable toilet at Ballard Commons Park? Please explain.**

will not be able to take my kids to the water park ever again.

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| 62 | I am not aware of the specific complaints but I can imagine the usual -- homeless people hang around, people make a mess, drug dealing happens there, it looks ugly, it is a cause of disease transmission, etc.   | Nov 7, 2012 7:13 PM |
| 63 | Complaints of drug use in the Honeybucket.   | Nov 7, 2012 6:43 PM |
| 64 | As explained above, I have seen folks use the Honey Bucket as their home wash room.  | Nov 7, 2012 6:25 PM |
| 65 | I have seen some sketchy people enter the HB in pairs. Again, it smells, it's ugly, and degrades the aesthetics of the block.  | Nov 7, 2012 6:20 PM |
| 66 | Sometimes they are messy, but that is a fact of life when using a public restroom.   | Nov 7, 2012 6:03 PM |
| 67 | Apparently there are some who feel that using the outhouse is somehow below them or an insult to them and they would rather urinate on the fountain stones. Given that there is an outhouse and it is well maintained, I think these people should be prosecuted fully.  | Nov 7, 2012 5:59 PM |
| 68 | I've heard some of the regular users of the park complain that the toilet was "nasty."   | Nov 7, 2012 5:31 PM |
| 69 | I have not witnessed any real issues around the toilet or the park. In the evening the only people who seem to use the park are the homeless population, but they seem to mostly keep to themselves.   | Nov 7, 2012 5:20 PM |
| 70 | The area is filled with homeless people all night long making noise, drinking alcohol, shooting up drugs, sleeping on the grass and going through garbage cans and cars, etc... The homeless prefer to urinate and poop in my yard and on the sidewalks rather than use the portable toilets.  | Nov 7, 2012 5:16 PM |
| 71 | i am familiar with issues in the LIBRARY bathrooms - there are oftentimes people bathing or passing out in there and/or clogging the toilets which is a nuisance!  | Nov 7, 2012 4:58 PM |
| 72 | Attracting illegal behaviors.  | Nov 7, 2012 4:49 PM |
| 73 | The toilet has allowed the homeless and car dwellers to flock to the park where they hang out the ENTIRE day. They have just as much of a right to use the park as anyone however...they lay out fully on the park benches, they pass out face down in the grass with open containers, they deal drugs and cause trouble. The restroom aids in this fully. They are able to hang out all day due the restroom. I've been harassed on several occasions to buy drugs, I've also witnessed drunk men stumbling around the park throwing up in the portable toilet. It's horrible. I don't choose to walk by the park or use it any longer because I'm afraid of all the homeless that hang there. On several occasions I've counted upwards of 25 homeless in the park. IT'S A SMALL PARK!!! At one point a homeless man was swinging a 7 foot whip around. I've seen the astonishing drop off in the numbers of moms and kids that frequent the park. I've also talked with several moms who say they don't feel safe either. The toilet is FULLY helping this burgeoning | Nov 7, 2012 4:25 PM |

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homeless issue.

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| 74 | see above  | Nov 7, 2012 4:15 PM |
| 75 | I can imagine many people consider it an eyesore, but I haven't heard anything specific.   | Nov 7, 2012 3:44 PM |
| 76 | As I said in answer 5, it has been reported to be used as a den for criminal activity, though the proof of this claim is lacking. Not sure who to believe at this point. With the drug dealer on 57th street in the brown Econoline van, this is all too convenient. The park is not a safe place to be anymore and I no longer use the park due to the hostility and drinking/drug problems, many of which filter into our library across the street. | Nov 7, 2012 3:43 PM |
| 77 | As stated previously. Suspected drug use. increased vagrant activity.  | Nov 7, 2012 3:33 PM |
| 78 | I frequently read the MyBallard forum and have heard there was some concern that the homeless people use the toilets to conceal drug use. I haven't witnessed that myself. I suppose it's a little disconcerting to see a group of homeless men gathered around the Honey Bucket when you walk by.   | Nov 7, 2012 3:25 PM |
| 79 | The location along a busy sidewalk is unacceptable.  | Nov 7, 2012 3:18 PM |
| 80 | I am aware of other residents complaining that they will attract drug users and prostitution, but I am not aware of this actually being the problem. I am also aware that many people find them to be unsanitary and just plain gross, but I have yet to see any info on whether they are more or less sanitary than a public restroom or business restroom available to the public.   | Nov 7, 2012 3:08 PM |
| 81 | The homeless population seems to have a problem keeping the toilet and the surrounding area clean.   | Nov 7, 2012 3:06 PM |
| 82 | The visual ugliness and smell of it can't be ignored where it is placed  | Nov 7, 2012 3:04 PM |
| 83 | Obviously the users of the toilet are not the most desirable individuals to have present in a public park. However, they are park of the areas public, so unless they have another option for somewhere to be, it is a public park and they have rights too. I also am aware that there is drug use that happens in the toilet, but I don't doubt if there was no toilet this would still happen.  | Nov 7, 2012 2:53 PM |
| 84 | It stinks.   | Nov 7, 2012 2:46 PM |
| 85 | I've read some of the MyBallard forum thread, but try to avoid that area, so have not experienced anything firsthand.  | Nov 7, 2012 2:40 PM |
| 86 | I have noticed more intoxicated, disheveled people hanging around and sleeping in the park -- now I'm wondering if more people are staying because of the portable toilet.   | Nov 7, 2012 2:37 PM |
| 87 | See my above comments.   | Nov 7, 2012 2:35 PM |
| 88 | Drugs, alcohol consumption, fights. See above answer.  | Nov 7, 2012 2:24 PM |
| 89 | No issues other than the nauseating smell.   | Nov 7, 2012 2:22 PM |

**Q7. Are you aware of any issues related to the portable toilet at Ballard Commons Park? Please explain.**

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| 90  | I live in the apartment building right next to the park with my 5-year-old son. The park is filled with homeless people on a daily basis and I'm guessing they are there in part due to the toilet. The homeless are there day and night, and in many cases, I've seen them and others use drugs out in the open. With so many kids and parents there, especially during the summer time, I'm stunned to see this type of activity. There is no other park in Ballard that has this problem with homeless and open drug use.   | Nov 7, 2012 2:18 PM  |
| 91  | I am not personally aware other than I guess this is a good case of NIMBY.   | Nov 7, 2012 2:16 PM  |
| 92  | It's usually dirty, littered with trash, and generally unsanitary.   | Nov 7, 2012 2:16 PM  |
| 93  | Used for public drinking and drug use. Also it serves as a gathering place for vagrants which causes parents to not feel comfortable sending / taking their kids to the park.  | Nov 7, 2012 1:51 PM  |
| 94  | It doesn't help the homeless-magnet aspects of Ballard Commons Park, which is a well-known problem, and getting worse as visible drug deals, unsavory connections between older homeless and underage teens, and a new set of more violent individuals has moved in. So keeping the Honey Bucket should be coordinated with more emphasis patrols and visible law enforcement presence, with a more rapid response to complaints of noise, illegal substances, harassment, and violence.   | Nov 7, 2012 1:37 PM  |
| 95  | Just more homeless and drug users seem to frequent the park now.   | Nov 7, 2012 1:21 PM  |
| 96  | Portable toilets are an eye sore and a cheap/short-term solution to a almost non-existent problem - the need to 'go to the bathroom' while at the park. Unfortunately this park has historically attracted alcohol/drug abusing vagrants that make the park uncomfortable and at times dangerous for individuals, families and especially children. Stalls are an eyesore that will undoubtedly increase injectable drug use in the park and promote more misuse of the space. We have to acknowledge that helping a few (with stalls) will harm the many long-term. Just ask your self if you would like a portable toilet in front of your house or a favorite urban park that you and your family visit. Regards, Michael Teppner | Nov 7, 2012 1:15 PM  |
| 97  | 1. A portable toilet is just that - portable. This is not a permanent solution. 2. It smells even walking by leading me to believe it's unsanitary. 3. It is an eye sore and embarrassing to have a giant porta-potty in the middle of our neighborhood park. 4. It encourages loitering in the park and provides a place for people to more easily consumer illegal drugs.  | Nov 7, 2012 1:02 PM  |
| 98  | It's a magnet for indigent alcoholics  | Nov 7, 2012 12:55 PM |
| 99  | It is an eyesore and it smells. It attracts an undesirable element to the park and to the neighborhood around it. It attracts car campers, which I've witnessed. It attracts drug activity, which I've witnessed. There are already public facilities near the park at the library. PLEASE REMOVE IT.  | Nov 7, 2012 12:50 PM |
| 100 | Teenage drug dealing. I've seen it right in front of my face. My teenage son is not allowed to go there.   | Nov 7, 2012 12:45 PM |

**Q7. Are you aware of any issues related to the portable toilet at Ballard Commons Park? Please explain.**

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| 101 | There has been an increase of homeless people hanging around the park since the toilet was placed there. There have also been reported drug deals and drug usage in the park and in the toilet. It adds nothing to the park except it enables bad behavior in an area that should be reserved for families and residents  | Nov 7, 2012 12:44 PM |
| 102 | They encourage the homeless to hang out in the park around the young children playing in the splash park.   | Nov 7, 2012 12:39 PM |
| 103 | Some guys go in and stay there for 10 minutes. They tend to hang out by the Honey Bucket and create a gang mentality (can be intimidating to women and kids).   | Nov 7, 2012 12:28 PM |
| 104 | It encourages homeless people to camp out in the park. Some of them are loud, appear to have mental problems, and will harrass people enjoying the park or walking past it.   | Nov 6, 2012 10:17 PM |
| 105 | The transients don't use it. They feel it infringes on their rights to take a leak wherever they want. There are a lot of aggressive transients in the neighborhood, open drug dealing in the park. If the Honey Bucket has not been used for these purposes yet, it will be.   | Nov 6, 2012 5:09 PM  |
| 106 | Occasionally our patients in the clinic will tell us the toilet has been locked from someone sleeping inside overnight, making the toilet inaccessible to the other homeless in the area.   | Nov 6, 2012 2:22 PM  |
| 107 | I witness homeless people congregatin around and in the toilet. I recently tried to park on the street next to the toilet, where 4 drunken homeless people were congregating. As soon as I got out of my car, one approached me and surveyed my car before I even walked away. I had planned to shop in Ballard but I didn't feel comfortable leaving my car next to that group, so I got back in my car and drove away. I took my business elsewhere. I've also witnessed homeless people coming out of the toilet and then going over to the water spray area to clean up. Recently, I saw a homeless man exit the toilet and walk right over to the water spray area, rub his hands together and then stick his head in the water to wash his hair. The toilet and water park combination provide a sort of hygiene for some. I'm glad I don't have small children anymore because I wouldn't bring them to this park. It use to be a great little neighborhood park. I no longer go anywhere near it. | Nov 6, 2012 12:44 PM |
| 108 | There are a lot of people beefing about them, but as far as I'm concerned, if the city isn't willing to put real toilets there, these will have to do.  | Nov 6, 2012 11:45 AM |
| 109 | I don't feel comfortable bringing my grandkids to this area because of the bums that gather.  | Nov 6, 2012 11:33 AM |
| 110 | Depends on what you mean by issues. I have witnessed yelling, bullying, and other activities within feet of the toilet which may or may not be related to its presence.   | Nov 6, 2012 10:47 AM |
| 111 | ...but I assume there is illegal activity that goes on inside. One day I saw 3 people exit the portable toilet. Why would 3 people use the toilet at the same time???   | Nov 6, 2012 10:43 AM |

**Q7. Are you aware of any issues related to the portable toilet at Ballard Commons Park? Please explain.**

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| 112 | I know people are concerned about homeless people, but I wouldn't call that an issue.  | Nov 6, 2012 9:58 AM  |
| 113 | People complain about illicit behavior but I've not seen any, and the behavior would happen anyway, it isn't the cause of the behavior.  | Nov 6, 2012 7:33 AM  |
| 114 | Smell and cleanliness. Open illegal drug use.  | Nov 5, 2012 10:35 PM |
| 115 | I do know there are folks that don't like dealing with the issues of those less fortunate ones who may need to live outside.   | Nov 5, 2012 10:21 PM |
| 116 | I understand that it is usually dirty/disgusting. I don't know how it could be better maintained, but it sounds like it would only get used by those most desperate.   | Nov 5, 2012 8:11 PM  |
| 117 | I attended the Ballard Chamber of Commerce meeting last month and understand that some illegal activity may take place in the portable toilet.   | Nov 5, 2012 3:55 PM  |
| 118 | drug activity  | Nov 5, 2012 1:25 PM  |
| 119 | See above explanation re folks hanging out in the park with nefarious activity. I can be across the street at Bartells, and when the toilet door opens, the stench is overwhelming.  | Nov 5, 2012 12:37 PM |
| 120 | As I stated above, I frequently see the toilet being used for what appear to be sexual purposes.   | Nov 5, 2012 12:24 PM |
| 121 | First, with the addition of the portable toilet to the park and removal of outdoor chairs at the library, I have noticed an increase in the unpleasant behavior in the park, such as loitering, drinking, and "light harassment" (typically after dark) of people walking by the park. These activities occurred before, but I have seen them more frequently and by more people since the changes. Second, the portable toilet has become "dirtier" since it was installed; graffiti and punched-out plastic vents have made the toilet look unpleasant and out-of-place in a clean, modern park. | Nov 5, 2012 11:03 AM |
| 122 | Odor.  | Nov 5, 2012 10:51 AM |
| 123 | I am aware that the portable toilet is felt by some to draw homeless people to the area.   | Nov 5, 2012 10:49 AM |
| 124 | drug use   | Nov 5, 2012 10:00 AM |
| 125 | Safety, making sure that its use is for family's clean and safe.   | Nov 4, 2012 3:06 PM  |
| 126 | It's ugly and smelly. If there's a way to make the toilet more in harmony with the aesthetic of the park, it should stay. If there is no way to do this (which I strongly doubt) then there is a case for its removal to another location.   | Nov 4, 2012 2:50 PM  |
| 127 | People fear it will be used for drug injections.   | Nov 2, 2012 11:37 AM |
| 128 | I know that like any public toilets, the one in Ballard is occasionally abused. We still need a public toilet. Please don't let the misbehavior of the very few, limit access to toilets for many other people. People don't want to go to the bathroom in the bushes and they shouldn't have to do so. People don't want to have to buy   | Nov 2, 2012 10:22 AM |

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something to go the bathroom and they shouldn't have to do so.

129 There will always be issues at public restrooms. The issues here have to do with unsightliness and cleanliness. Nov 2, 2012 9:57 AM

130 I've observed graffiti both inside and outside of the toilet enclosure. Providing maintenance staff with a can of spray paint seems a simple solution to this problem which occurs in many locations all over the City and is not unique to this particular facility. Since the toilet is cleaned on a daily basis it should not be an onerous job for maintenance staff to keep ahead of this problem. Nov 2, 2012 9:53 AM



**Q8. Do you feel a portable toilet is needed in the "downtown" Ballard area? Please explain.**

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| 1  | Without constant supervision on site, such toilets can quickly be taken over for detrimental uses, as we saw with the automated toilets a few years back. On the other hand, if a church or local business wishes to "sponsor" a toilet on or in front of their property and keep an eye on it, I would support that.   | Nov 16, 2012 6:14 AM  |
| 2  | More public facilities are needed through out the city.   | Nov 15, 2012 10:56 PM |
| 3  | Homeless housing and on-site services are being built near 56th and 15th, just north of the Hjarta condos. Make that the center for homeless services in Ballard, not scattered around all over the place.  | Nov 15, 2012 11:46 AM |
| 4  | We need basic sanitation/support services for the considerable population of homeless people that 'live' around the Ballard area. This has been the case since there were homeless camps above Shilshole Bay. We now have some housing options for the homeless and the plans for an Urban Rest Stop will both help address the needs of those without permanent housing. But a basic sanitation solution is needed around the clock for these people and some type of toilet facilities (whether portable or permanent) should be made available for them. | Nov 15, 2012 10:44 AM |
| 5  | We have many homeless people who live in our neighborhood. They need access to a public toilet at all hours, all year. A toilet is needed for community health and sanitation.  | Nov 15, 2012 7:14 AM  |
| 6  | I know they are useful, but it takes away from a town. Do you want a portable toilet next to your house or business? Why not have it over close to the Old Yankee Dinner, and use places that is not being used like that area for the homeless to park instead of taking space from businesses and homes.  | Nov 13, 2012 10:24 PM |
| 7  | There is a public restroom in the library. Many places of business have restrooms for their customers (Starbucks, QFC, church, movie theatre, restaurants). The city does not need to provide a portable toilet for those just hanging around in downtown Ballard.  | Nov 13, 2012 1:00 PM  |
| 8  | We have a homeless population in Ballard that will relieve themselves somewhere. Having the portable gives them a better option than going on private property. The Ballard Odd Fellows, of which I am currently serving as president, has had a number of issues with homeless people defecating behind our building, and even a few times by our front door. What Ballard really could use is a few permanent public toilets similar to the one at the north end of Pike Place Market.  | Nov 12, 2012 10:40 AM |
| 9  | Lots of taverns and drinking equals the "need" to pee.  | Nov 12, 2012 8:31 AM  |
| 10 | We need a restroom structure--in Ballard as in all neighborhoods. Or at least a "pissoir"--won't help the females but they sure are convient for males and wouldn't cost much to construct.   | Nov 11, 2012 4:32 PM  |
| 11 | More specifically, public restrooms at the park would be great. We have a lot of kids there as well as the homeless population. The library restrooms are maintained and convenient but only during operating hours.  | Nov 11, 2012 10:04 AM |
| 12 | Public toilets are a good idea in high traffic areas. Having to buy something in  | Nov 10, 2012 8:09 PM  |

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order to use a toilet creates an unfriendly atmosphere.

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| 13 | Well, public toilets are needed - whether or not they are portable is not the issue.   | Nov 10, 2012 5:59 PM  |
| 14 | I don't like portable toilets. They are unpleasant. But I think that is necessary and only barely humane that we provide public toilets that are readily available.  | Nov 10, 2012 5:45 PM  |
| 15 | quite a few homeless   | Nov 10, 2012 4:02 PM  |
| 16 | Toilets are already available for anyone using a local business or the library. There is no reason for the portable toilet. It is encouraging a bad element.   | Nov 10, 2012 1:22 PM  |
| 17 | There needs to be several. There are so many homeless folks who have no restrooms available.   | Nov 10, 2012 12:32 PM |
| 18 | There has to be some facility that is used by those who need it!   | Nov 10, 2012 11:35 AM |
| 19 | We have so many homeless people, I'm not sure one is enough. How far are they willing to walk? I did see a man relieving himself in front of Walgreens at the D Line busstop. Too far for him, I guess.  | Nov 10, 2012 11:08 AM |
| 20 | There is a lack of other toilets which are available to the public.  | Nov 10, 2012 9:28 AM  |
| 21 | If you are going to provide a public toilet, build a public toilet that is well lit and well cared for.  | Nov 10, 2012 7:45 AM  |
| 22 | Only because there is not a toilet at the park.  | Nov 9, 2012 5:27 PM   |
| 23 | It certainly makes life easier for folks like me with health problems, and it might help cut down on some of the issues I have heard of with homeless folks not having adequate access to sanitation facilities.   | Nov 9, 2012 4:51 PM   |
| 24 | if bathrooms are needed... build bathrooms. Don't litter our streets with sub standard replacements.   | Nov 9, 2012 4:46 PM   |
| 25 | I often use private toilets if I'm eating in a food/drink establishment or at my gym. However, with public events, including artwalk and sustainable ballard, it's important to provide public toilet facilities as many merchants demurely avoid making individual toilets available. | Nov 9, 2012 1:04 PM   |
| 26 | There is plenty of shopping and foot traffic in downtown Ballard that would warrant having a public restroom facility.   | Nov 9, 2012 8:42 AM   |
| 27 | Again, who is there to serve? We need to be clear about this.  | Nov 9, 2012 7:42 AM   |
| 28 | If you patron businesses you will have access to restrooms. There are restrooms by the waterfront and golden gardens.  | Nov 9, 2012 6:57 AM   |
| 29 | For children   | Nov 8, 2012 10:10 PM  |
| 30 | There are many friendly businesses within the area that allow people to use the restroom.  | Nov 8, 2012 9:51 PM   |
| 31 | public toilets are necessary, perhaps not of the portable variety.   | Nov 8, 2012 9:14 PM   |

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| 32 | Park patrons have the various cafes, library, and restaurants that are available to bathroom use.   | Nov 8, 2012 8:00 PM |
| 33 | If we need public toilets, they should be permanent and built in. Ideally, they would have an attendant during the open hours to keep them clean and safe.  | Nov 8, 2012 6:52 PM |
| 34 | For foot visitors (general public) and transients who may not have an alternative or are not welcome at local businesses.   | Nov 8, 2012 6:22 PM |
| 35 | In a perfect world, a public toilet would be wonderful. Unfortunately, the reality is the toilets are mismanaged. This leads to misuse, see drugs above, and unsanitary conditions.   | Nov 8, 2012 6:15 PM |
| 36 | Public bathrooms represent infrastructure, and should be designed and built to be incorporated as such. A portable toilet is designed to fill a temporary need. If the City of Seattle feels there is a need for a public bathroom within the "downtown" Ballard area, then location determination, design and construction should be properly undertaken to ensure safety and efficacy. The only purpose for a portable toilet at Ballard Commons Park is to serve the needs of individuals who either do not reside in a home in Ballard nor are a customer at a business in Ballard. Ballard Commons Park is not a "destination" park. It is a community park for the use of local residents and businesses who have access to private bathroom facilities. That is likely why the park was not designed with bathrooms to begin with. Likewise, in the balance of "downtown" Ballard, there should be no need for a portable toilet as business owners, paying customers and residents all have ample access to private bathrooms. If there is a need in an area of Ballard that has been determined for the homeless population, then a permanent solution should be determined, designed and constructed. | Nov 8, 2012 5:10 PM |
| 37 | One on Market street and one on Ballard Ave. They may be somewhat of an eyesore, but the alternative -- urine, etc. on the street and in the park -- is just disgusting and unsanitary.   | Nov 8, 2012 4:54 PM |
| 38 | Due to the # of homeless people, and assuming they would use it, yes. Also, some people who use the park (skateboarders?) might not feel comfortable or be allowed to use facilities inside stores if they're not buying anything.  | Nov 8, 2012 4:28 PM |
| 39 | How many piles of poop do we need to see.   | Nov 8, 2012 4:13 PM |
| 40 | See above. People need somewhere to use the bathroom 24 hours per day.  | Nov 8, 2012 3:55 PM |
| 41 | There is a constant, but relatively small homeless population in downtown Ballard. There seems to be a need for a toilet for them other than the public library, which they have rendered useless without SCUBA equipment.  | Nov 8, 2012 2:53 PM |
| 42 | My place of business is a local bar that is known (I'm assuming by the traffic) as a place someone can potentially use the facilities without buying anything. Or in the winter a chance for a free cup of coffee. That's great, but as a business sometimes this affects other customers which I don't like and I feel like there are many Ballard residents that need other options for a public restroom.  | Nov 8, 2012 2:01 PM |
| 43 | Portable toilets are used for special events and the Sunday farmer's market. No permanent portable toilets are needed. There are toilets in the library and large   | Nov 8, 2012 1:32 PM |

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|    | grocery stores. Other toilets are available for customers of bars, restaurants, health clubs etc.  |                      |
| 44 | Yuck.  | Nov 8, 2012 1:15 PM  |
| 45 | Public restroom maybe, but not a portable toilet.  | Nov 8, 2012 12:33 PM |
| 46 | A public toilet is always a good addition to urban areas, with all the usual caveats re safety and cleanliness. If indeed other permanent facilities are being built nearby that are designed to have 24-hour availability, a plan for maintenance, etc., that should be sufficient and a portable facility is not needed. If there is no plan for a permanent facility then we should decide as a neighborhood what to do.  | Nov 8, 2012 12:21 PM |
| 47 | The last time you installed a portable toilet in the park on Leary and Market, we watched a drunk person urinating in the market street bus shelter just across the street from the toilet. If one wants a toilet in Ballard there are many- the QFC 24 hours, the Fire station and the portable toilet at the church parking lot across the street from the Commons. If you insist a toilet is needed at the Commons then build a bathroom. A port-a-pot reminds us in Ballard what you think of Ballard. | Nov 8, 2012 12:00 PM |
| 48 | Public restroom? Sure. Let's get it paid for and built. Portable filthy eyesore? No thanks. Why would a permanently-placed public toilet need to be "portable" anyway?   | Nov 8, 2012 11:05 AM |
| 49 | There are enough businesses around the area that offer facilities including the library. In addition most of us using the park live close enough to use those in our own homes.  | Nov 8, 2012 10:18 AM |
| 50 | I never witnessed any public urination or other issues before the toilet was installed, why is it needed?  | Nov 8, 2012 10:16 AM |
| 51 | Most businesses have toilets. Patronize/support the business.... use their toilet.   | Nov 8, 2012 9:59 AM  |
| 52 | See above answer; however, a nicer public bathroom is an even better option.   | Nov 8, 2012 9:38 AM  |
| 53 | Sadly not everyone has access to toilets. This isn't an ideal solution, but at least it's something.   | Nov 8, 2012 9:29 AM  |
| 54 | The homeless need their very own toilets and cleaning stations that no one else uses. And they need to be responsible for taking care of it or suffer the mess they bring upon it.   | Nov 8, 2012 9:12 AM  |
| 55 | Shop/store owners accommodate shop customers!  | Nov 8, 2012 8:49 AM  |
| 56 | See explanation above  | Nov 8, 2012 8:15 AM  |
| 57 | People who walk around downtown use the toilets in the business they are frequenting.  | Nov 8, 2012 8:12 AM  |
| 58 | If it is near any business, I will not go to that business.  | Nov 8, 2012 8:09 AM  |
| 59 | it's an eye sore and attracts criminal behavior.   | Nov 8, 2012 8:02 AM  |

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| 60 | most other societies provide public toilet access to improve the everyday lives of their citizens, and it is high time that the US learn from their models  | Nov 8, 2012 7:51 AM  |
| 61 | Under the Ballard bridge or in Bergen park. That place is only used by homeless which is a shame.   | Nov 8, 2012 7:46 AM  |
| 62 | There are plenty of places of business to go to the bathroom. Portable toilets are an eye soar. Perhaps a real public bathroom that is a freestanding building or make one of those new low rises have a public restroom would be best.   | Nov 8, 2012 7:09 AM  |
| 63 | Temporary facilities should not be used as a long-term solution!!! Ballard is a neighborhood, not a rest stop.  | Nov 8, 2012 5:16 AM  |
| 64 | See comment above   | Nov 8, 2012 12:57 AM |
| 65 | People should be able to use Ballard businesses' facilities.  | Nov 7, 2012 11:14 PM |
| 66 | I've lived in Ballard a long time so I'm not sure why we need one now.  | Nov 7, 2012 11:02 PM |
| 67 | There is a right way to do this. Putting a Honey Bucket out there is not it. Invest the money and get a legitimate public toilet built.   | Nov 7, 2012 10:51 PM |
| 68 | It would be alleviated by the Compass Housing group, but perhaps more research is needed about the portable aspect of this issue.   | Nov 7, 2012 10:49 PM |
| 69 | Every business has a toilet. I typically don't go downtown unless I'm going to the library, a shop or restaurant. They all have bathrooms. There aren't that many public places downtown Ballard that would be a destination in and of themselves and possibly need a bathroom while they're there. | Nov 7, 2012 10:26 PM |
| 70 | Depends on the homeless population in a given area  | Nov 7, 2012 10:20 PM |
| 71 | No need.  | Nov 7, 2012 10:13 PM |
| 72 | It is encouraging a bad element to linger near my home.   | Nov 7, 2012 10:08 PM |
| 73 | The park is the public gathering space that needs restroom facilities. The commercial district has many restroom options available.   | Nov 7, 2012 9:59 PM  |
| 74 | A portable toilet us not the answer. Relieving one's self in public is not ok and yet provifding a toilet for public use is not the answer. The public substance abuse issue has exploded in Ballard. A public toilet just masks the problems that Ballard faces                                    | Nov 7, 2012 9:07 PM  |
| 75 | A permanent public toilet facility is needed!   | Nov 7, 2012 8:59 PM  |
| 76 | Why? Do other Seattle neighborhoods have public toilets? If no why does Ballard?  | Nov 7, 2012 8:54 PM  |
| 77 | I'm not in favor of porta potties, however a more permanent, vandalism resistant solution would be welcome.   | Nov 7, 2012 8:51 PM  |
| 78 | I don't personally need a toilet in the downtown Ballard area. But there are a lot of people experiencing homelessness in the area for whom I'm sure the toilet is  | Nov 7, 2012 8:29 PM  |

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very convenient.

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| 79 | I think Magnolia would be more "centrally" located.   | Nov 7, 2012 8:25 PM |
| 80 | A public toilet, regularly maintained, might be useful, especially during Farmers Market times, but the portable ones get disgusting quickly.   | Nov 7, 2012 8:20 PM |
| 81 | only during summer months. Its a waste of tax payer dollars.  | Nov 7, 2012 7:28 PM |
| 82 | No! Are there portable toilets in downtown Seattle? No. Why? Because they encourage homeless to hang out and make themselves at home. We need to protect the image of downtown Ballard as a viable, safe business district where people are safe to bring their families to shop, go out to dinner, etc. A portable toilet is an eyesore. If someone is in downtown Ballard they can use the toilet in Starbucks or another establishment they patronize, just like they do downtown. | Nov 7, 2012 7:28 PM |
| 83 | Again, I don't see the need personally. If I need to use a restroom in another part of town I find a supermarket or buy a cup of coffee and use the cafe's restroom. Portable toilets belong on construction sites and at events that draw large crowds.  | Nov 7, 2012 7:22 PM |
| 84 | Public toilets take the onus off private businesses to accommodate requests to use their private toilets for which they are paying the maintenance. And it reduces the amount of people going to the library and QFC for ONLY use of the toilet.  | Nov 7, 2012 7:13 PM |
| 85 | Not a portable toilet, but a permanent solution would be well utilized by Market-goers, shoppers, bar-hoppers, etc. I spend a lot of time in the downtown Ballard area, and sometimes find it quite difficult to find a place to use the bathroom. Many businesses frown on using their restrooms if you are not shopping, and I'm sure homeless folks get even less sympathy.  | Nov 7, 2012 7:10 PM |
| 86 | It can be difficult to find a business that both (1) has a restroom and (2) allows the public to use that restroom.   | Nov 7, 2012 6:52 PM |
| 87 | Until the Urban Reststop opens, yes there needs to be a portable toilet for the homeless.   | Nov 7, 2012 6:43 PM |
| 88 | Again, not unless this is city-wide policy should this be acceptable anywhere in public spaces of Ballard. We are tired of The Magnolia's of this city successfully fighting homeless 'services' in their community through political connections while we are stuck with shouldering the responsibility.   | Nov 7, 2012 6:20 PM |
| 89 | No. Please address the homeless / vagrant problem instead of tolerating it and giving them more ways to continue to do their illegal activities near law abiding citizens. And the toilet still doesn't deter alleyway and doorway urination, which is still rampant. Until you get rid of the offenders this will continue to be a problem, no portable or not.  | Nov 7, 2012 6:18 PM |
| 90 | There needs to be at least one public toilet in ballard whether at the commons or downtown area. I find it to be absurd that if I need to use the restroom while going about my day I would need to buy something to pee. Having restrooms in ballard is a needed entity.   | Nov 7, 2012 6:03 PM |

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| 91  | I don't think we need to go overboard, but one at the Commons isn't hurting anything.   | Nov 7, 2012 5:59 PM |
| 92  | The area is overrun with people who need access to a portable toilet.   | Nov 7, 2012 5:31 PM |
| 93  | There are many businesses in the downtown area and they all have restrooms. I don't think a portable toilet is really necessary.  | Nov 7, 2012 5:20 PM |
| 94  | There are too many homeless people living in vans, campers, trucks, RVs, etc in the Ballard area. This brings down the property values and creates a sanitation concern. They throw their garbage on the street and sidewalks, go to the bathroom anywhere they feel like it, use drugs and drink alcohol and throw their bottles and needles all over my property and up and down the streets. | Nov 7, 2012 5:16 PM |
| 95  | yes otherwise people (mainly transient men) will urinate anywhere/everywhere  | Nov 7, 2012 4:58 PM |
| 96  | Please consider an attractive permanent restroom as opposed to the temporary honey bucket solution.   | Nov 7, 2012 4:50 PM |
| 97  | There are many toilets available for patrons visiting the Ballard area. Where it be a business or restaurant. Almost all businesses and restaurants will let people use the bathroom if they are buying something. Or even sometimes, like Starbucks on the corner, will let you use their bathrooms, just as long as you don't make a habit out of it.   | Nov 7, 2012 4:36 PM |
| 98  | I feel a non-portable toilet would be preferable.   | Nov 7, 2012 4:32 PM |
| 99  | Enough businesses around that allow use of their facilities.  | Nov 7, 2012 4:29 PM |
| 100 | There are MANY businesses in the area with toilets. Also...remember the downtown high tech talking bathrooms that the city installed? Remember the disaster and waste of money that was? They became drug havens. The same thing is happening here on a smaller level.  | Nov 7, 2012 4:25 PM |
| 101 | It's a more visible and accessible area for many people to use. Store owners should not have to provide restrooms.  | Nov 7, 2012 4:15 PM |
| 102 | Restroom facilities are always needed in public areas. However, Ballard has not been able to properly monitor the misuse that always goes along with enclosed facilities. Our community has not been able to take a step up and address the issue of the "homeless population". Especially the prevalent problems in "Hobo Park".   | Nov 7, 2012 4:01 PM |
| 103 | People need a place to use the bathroom that is available at all times and does not require a "purchase", whether they are homeless or not is beside the point.   | Nov 7, 2012 3:46 PM |
| 104 | Saturday Market Walking traffic families tourists and....local shops dont like to share their bathrooms!  | Nov 7, 2012 3:45 PM |
| 105 | I feel that built-in, permanent public restrooms could be a good solution, but Honey Buckets are eyesores associated with construction. They're just trashy and not a good long-term solution for anything.   | Nov 7, 2012 3:44 PM |
| 106 | Since numerous local business have bathrooms like Starbucks and QFC, in   | Nov 7, 2012 3:43 PM |

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addition to free bathrooms at the Neighborhood Service Center, the Ballard Library, and numerous churches, then why have this one.

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| 107 | Yes, we need more public toilets for people to use all over the city. As long as there are people there will be a need for toilets. Go past most businesses and they have locked bathrooms and a big sign in front that says "No public restrooms." When this is the case and people need to go we end up with people using the bushes, using alleys, going between cars, etc. None of these are good. I have received many complaints from people visiting the city about how inhospitable it feels due to the lack of public restrooms in places like Ballard, downtown, Belltown, Queen Anne, Pioneer Square, etc. I think we can do better as a city. | Nov 7, 2012 3:38 PM |
| 108 | I live in the area and have no use for a portable toilet. I walk my dog by the park regularly and never needed to use the facility. When I frequent places of business in Ballard, then I use the restroom when needed.   | Nov 7, 2012 3:32 PM |
| 109 | See previous answers.   | Nov 7, 2012 3:25 PM |
| 110 | Unless there is a public toilet always available, such as at University Village, or some other shopping areas, there is a need for such a facility  | Nov 7, 2012 3:20 PM |
| 111 | Homeless, drunks, and the mentally ill are using the alleys and areas around buildings. Also, sometimes a regular person like me needs to use one. Again, they will probably require daily maintenance.   | Nov 7, 2012 3:19 PM |
| 112 | Probably. But if it's going to be a permanent "portable toilet", it should be designed to fit in.   | Nov 7, 2012 3:18 PM |
| 113 | Ballard is a population dense neighborhood now and it is profitable for businesses and property owners to encourage foot traffic and safe gatherings in common areas. Having toilets available at all times makes it easier for people of all areas to spend more time in the Ballard business district.  | Nov 7, 2012 3:08 PM |
| 114 | Other than the Library and a few coffee shops, there are no public restrooms in Ballard.  | Nov 7, 2012 3:06 PM |
| 115 | We have a large homeless population that benefit from an accessible public toilet   | Nov 7, 2012 3:04 PM |
| 116 | There needs to be some sort of public restroom in downtown Ballard.   | Nov 7, 2012 3:01 PM |
| 117 | Someone who is homeless does not have the same ability as you and I, to just walk into any store and use their restroom. They need an option and if the portable toilet is the best option right now, then I approve. However I think an Urban Rest Stop with a 24 hour toilet would be better.   | Nov 7, 2012 2:53 PM |
| 118 | I really don't know if public urination is an issue in downtown Ballard and surrounding areas.  | Nov 7, 2012 2:46 PM |
| 119 | I think there are many public restrooms that are indoors and that are monitored and well-lit.   | Nov 7, 2012 2:46 PM |
| 120 | Public restrooms are definitely needed in the Ballard retail core. The portable   | Nov 7, 2012 2:37 PM |

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toilets are a great alternative to a permanent structure. There used to be a portable toilet on Market street sidewalk near the Hi-Life. That toilet was a mess. The toilets in the Ballard Commons park are much cleaner. Maybe this is because maintenance is more frequent, or because the park offers a high traffic/high use environment.

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| 121 | I'm conflicted about it. I think any portable toilet is going to get (mis)used by the more unsavory elements of our neighborhood population. People with homes and jobs have much less need for a portable toilet than those with neither. While I fear that portable toilets will just make Ballard more of a magnet for this population, I also acknowledge the need for some kind of restroom for them, especially when nearby businesses (and the library) are closed. | Nov 7, 2012 2:37 PM |
| 122 | For the homeless people.   | Nov 7, 2012 2:35 PM |
| 123 | We have a public library with public restrooms. If the library wants to push the homeless out of their bathrooms, you might want to ask yourselves why they should be pushed into the park.  | Nov 7, 2012 2:24 PM |
| 124 | But a more permanent public toilet, not a portable.  | Nov 7, 2012 2:19 PM |
| 125 | I see the homeless go to the bathroom in the streets, so yes.  | Nov 7, 2012 2:18 PM |
| 126 | Yes. Any respectable city in this country needs access to a bathroom. PERIOD.  | Nov 7, 2012 2:16 PM |
| 127 | I think it would be better to create a permanent bathroom solution in the park which can be adequately cleaned, maintained, and locked at night.   | Nov 7, 2012 2:16 PM |
| 128 | Many businesses have restrooms for customers only and there is a lot of foot traffic in Ballard...it makes sense to provide a place for people to go to the bathroom, UNLESS the portable toilets become abused by the homeless people in Ballard.   | Nov 7, 2012 2:14 PM |
| 129 | One is enough, we have a high enough population of vagrants here in ballard already.   | Nov 7, 2012 1:51 PM |
| 130 | Permanent toilet is better.  | Nov 7, 2012 1:49 PM |
| 131 | A more permanent public restroom would be more attractive than a Honey Bucket. I still wouldn't use it because it would probably be gross, but I'm guessing the Honey Buckets are no joy to go inside either.  | Nov 7, 2012 1:43 PM |
| 132 | Yes, but not a honey bucket. A high quality, self cleaning, unit with timer-set doors would be better. It would be less of an eye sore, would still serve the homeless population, and would better serve the families with children that frequent downtown Ballard.   | Nov 7, 2012 1:34 PM |
| 133 | When the library is open - possible to use that restroom, but when the library is closed then at the mercy of using a restroom @ a business. Some will permit if not purchasing - but most limit/control or don't allow unless buying something.   | Nov 7, 2012 1:18 PM |
| 134 | Although I admit that a public toilet would be nice to have near the park to serve the park-goers, I don't think a public toilet is the answer. I think a more permanent structure - such as the toilets at Golden Gardens park - would be   | Nov 7, 2012 1:14 PM |

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nicer, but I've also seen them be the target of vandalism. If I need to use a toilet when I am downtown, I've found the ones at the library, grocery store, drug store or coffee shop to be clean comfortable and convenient -- but still enough of an effort to reach them that they stay nice and clean.

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| 135 | there should be a public bathroom option. Many smaller towns that have main street business districts (thinking of La Conner is one) has very well maintained public bathroom building in the downtown area. The portable toilets really just are not the right solution.   | Nov 7, 2012 1:12 PM  |
| 136 | 1. A portable toilet is just that - portable. This is not a permanent solution. 2. It smells even walking by leading me to believe it's unsanitary. 3. It is an eye sore and embarrassing to have a giant porta-potty in the middle of our neighborhood park. 4. It encourages loitering in the park and provides a place for people to more easily consumer illegal drugs. | Nov 7, 2012 1:02 PM  |
| 137 | In a short time an "urban rest-stop" will be constructed, that can be the public/community toilet.  | Nov 7, 2012 12:55 PM |
| 138 | It is an eyesore and it smells. It attracts an undesirable element to the park and to the neighborhood around it. It attracts car campers, which I've witnessed. It attracts drug activity, which I've witnessed. There are already public facilities near the park at the library. PLEASE REMOVE IT.   | Nov 7, 2012 12:50 PM |
| 139 | People need to plan accordingly and there are plenty of business that folks can patronize and purchase items at and use their bathrooms. This just encourages those that are homeless to hang around the park.  | Nov 7, 2012 12:49 PM |
| 140 | I'd like to qualify this by saying that I would much rather see a permanent toilet structure in that space--perhaps something like the public toilets that are common on the streets of Paris. Realizing that this probably isn't economically feasible, I would rather see a portable toilet there than no facility at all.  | Nov 7, 2012 12:47 PM |
| 141 | I've never seen a problem w/ people using the streets as a bathroom. But then again I don't walk around behind businesses or down alleys too often.   | Nov 7, 2012 12:45 PM |
| 142 | As I said previously, I support public toilets. My preference would be for the installation of something permanent over something portable.   | Nov 7, 2012 12:36 PM |
| 143 | If you have a house, you can use your bathroom. If you're visiting Ballard to shop or eat, you can use the bathroom in the business. If you are homeless and use Ballard for a place to hang your hat (because no one here will kick you out), you need a portable toilet.  | Nov 7, 2012 12:28 PM |
| 144 | Most businesses will not let you use there toilet especially if you have kids or you may have to buy something to use there toilet. There should be a public bathroom in all Public areas especailly parks!   | Nov 7, 2012 10:55 AM |
| 145 | I don't know the bathroom situation in downtown Ballard. Maybe it can be placed on a street rather than in a small park.  | Nov 6, 2012 10:17 PM |
| 146 | To prevent Ballard from smelling like a public latrine. You can smell urine and even see human stools from time to time as you walk around. Both the  | Nov 6, 2012 6:12 PM  |

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homeless and the substance abusers urinate freely on streets, buildings, homes, and private property on a regular basis.

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| 147 | Even though I agree with the need for more public toilets -- to put them in for the transients doesn't make sense. You could have a bathroom on every corner and because of the mindset of most of these transients, they won't use them.   | Nov 6, 2012 5:09 PM  |
| 148 | Many of us have a need for a "necessary" stop without using the facilities at retail businesses.  | Nov 6, 2012 2:57 PM  |
| 149 | Having worked with the homeless, the lack of services in Ballard is an issue. Providing toilets for their use is a public health safety measure for everyone.   | Nov 6, 2012 2:22 PM  |
| 150 | It has brought more homeless people to Ballard and more problems associated with homeless people. The city has made it very easy for homeless people to just hang around, cause problems, misuse parks and sidewalks, drink publicly, and generally make it less appealing for everyone else to patronize Ballard. I avoid going to Ballard for the most part anymore. I think the city should be trying to figure out ways to lure shoppers back into Ballard instead of trying to continually accomodate homeless people. | Nov 6, 2012 12:44 PM |
| 151 | I guess it is good to have one for the homeless people.   | Nov 6, 2012 12:15 PM |
| 152 | There aren't enough places for folk to use in emergencies. As stated earlier, I hope the toilets can be made permanent.   | Nov 6, 2012 11:45 AM |
| 153 | Portable toilets are for temporary conditions, such as construction. They do not belong in the middle of a neighborhood. We need to address the larger problem of homelessness, and stop with the temporary band-aids that do nothing to reduce it.   | Nov 6, 2012 10:47 AM |
| 154 | There is a community Library with a mens room and womens room for use in Ballard. There is a Ballard Community Center with public toilets with showers for use. I do not see why we would need a portable toilet in any part of Ballard.  | Nov 6, 2012 10:43 AM |
| 155 | For some people, the alternative would be going to the bathroom on our roads and sidewalks and alleyways, etc.  | Nov 6, 2012 9:58 AM  |
| 156 | Yes we should have some more available. we have a high need population here , if they aren't available you will have people using our bushes again. Since they are available we haven't had this issue.   | Nov 6, 2012 7:33 AM  |
| 157 | There are public accessible restrooms all over Ballard.   | Nov 5, 2012 10:35 PM |
| 158 | People without homes need a place to relieve themselves, or we only leave the option of alleys and other open public spaces. I'd rather see a day center or hygiene center with other resources, too.   | Nov 5, 2012 10:12 PM |
| 159 | But it could be more permanant in the form of a parks restroom facility.  | Nov 5, 2012 8:12 PM  |
| 160 | Do you mean in addition to the one in the park? I think one is probably enough.   | Nov 5, 2012 8:11 PM  |
| 161 | I think access to a toilet is essential.  | Nov 5, 2012 3:55 PM  |

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| 162 | More access for homeless. However, it depends upon where it is placed. Business owners concerns have to be taken in to account.   | Nov 5, 2012 12:37 PM |
| 163 | There are plenty of business and restaurants with bathrooms available for patrons.  | Nov 5, 2012 12:24 PM |
| 164 | It would be useful to also have one on NW Market as well as at the Park. People shopping on NW Market might not know about the toilet at the Park, 2 blocks off NW Market.  | Nov 5, 2012 12:15 PM |
| 165 | For the same reason I outlined above: a city needs public toilets. You can't encourage people to spend time outside their homes, being consumers or participating in the community — basically being citizens — without providing this basic amenity. Such facilities should be well-maintained and not unpleasant to use. You can't just pretend that businesses will take care of this necessity. | Nov 5, 2012 11:30 AM |
| 166 | It is important to provide a 24/7 free toilet in Ballard to support those who do not have easy access to one. This is important for supporting the homeless while also helping to prevent public urination and other issues if not toilet were provided.  | Nov 5, 2012 11:03 AM |
| 167 | It would be helpful to residents, visitors, Commons users and others to have a facility that was accessible throughout the year. Especially when the Ballard Library is not open or when it is open the restrooms are occupied alot.  | Nov 5, 2012 11:00 AM |
| 168 | I feel like there are enough businesses with public restrooms that a portapotty is not needed.  | Nov 5, 2012 10:51 AM |
| 169 | See 5 above.  | Nov 5, 2012 10:49 AM |
| 170 | The bathroom would be used for families during the farmer's market, and the late night "bar scene" as well.   | Nov 5, 2012 10:00 AM |
| 171 | I'm not sure what you mean by 'downtown' Ballard but I think a toilet is needed at a convenient location in Ballard and the park seems like the best location as I doubt many businesses would like it located outside their front door.  | Nov 5, 2012 9:44 AM  |
| 172 | It's nice to have a bathroom at the park. Instead of using the library.   | Nov 4, 2012 3:06 PM  |
| 173 | High proportion of bars + no public toilets = public urination.   | Nov 4, 2012 2:50 PM  |
| 174 | Businesses frown on people using restrooms, yet there are no options if the library or ? is closed.   | Nov 4, 2012 1:32 PM  |
| 175 | Businesses frown on people using restrooms, yet there are no options if the library or ? is closed.   | Nov 4, 2012 1:32 PM  |
| 176 | It is a basic need....Port Townsend does this...for tourists....and people downtown shopping...and all who need them. PUBLIC toilets....a great idea....  | Nov 4, 2012 9:42 AM  |
| 177 | Honey buckets are stinky. People need a place to go. Especially on Sunday.  | Nov 4, 2012 7:25 AM  |
| 178 | humans need bathrooms bathrooms should be available where humans live, work and play  | Nov 4, 2012 7:04 AM  |

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| 179 | Yes. There is a growing number of people using the downtown Ballard area, and they must need to use the restrooms on a regular basis!... While there are some coffee shops in the area that have restrooms with access to the public, not everyone feels comfortable using those unless they are actually spending money at the establishment. Indeed, many of these businesses will not grant access to the bathrooms to people who are not customers. We should not need to have to spend money in a business in order to have a place to use the restroom... Providing public access to (clean) restrooms a basic public convenience and service, just like providing street lighting is, or cleaning the streets. Of course, regular maintenance and cleaning of the portable toilet will ensure that it continues to be a public service and not become a menace to the community. | Nov 3, 2012 11:39 PM |
| 180 | I am for more public restrooms of any kind. Around Ballard Ave when the bars close on the weekends, there is a lot of urinating. The toilets are good for the community.  | Nov 3, 2012 7:44 PM  |
| 181 | Sort of. As a temporary measure until we are smart enough to create safe public restrooms as are found in Europe and other civilized areas. More availability and less privacy would be helpful.  | Nov 2, 2012 11:37 AM |
| 182 | Yes, as I said there should be 24-hour access to a public toilet in Ballard.  | Nov 2, 2012 10:22 AM |
| 183 | Everyone has to go - public restrooms are necessary in a busy area such as Ballard's downtown.  | Nov 2, 2012 9:57 AM  |
| 184 | A public toilet is needed by anyone spending any length of time in downtown Ballard. This includes shoppers, diners, young, old and in between. It doesn't necessarily have to be a portable toilet but I wonder if the City has the resources to build a more permanent facility. In my experience travelling in other countries, most big cities do have these public facilities. It's just here in the U.S. I find them missing.   | Nov 2, 2012 9:53 AM  |



**Q9. Do you feel there are other locations in Ballard where the portable toilet can move to? If so, where? Please provide specific location.**

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| 1  | Golden Gardens could use extra toilets in the summer or maybe something near the Locks.   | Nov 16, 2012 12:23 PM |
| 2  | Church just across street from park to the east.  | Nov 16, 2012 6:14 AM  |
| 3  | Near Fred Meyer for the homeless population who live in their rv's so they don't hanger to dump their bilge in the street, as happens now.  | Nov 15, 2012 10:56 PM |
| 4  | See comment above.  | Nov 15, 2012 11:46 AM |
| 5  | One of the reasons the Park location is good is precisely because it IS in a public place. Relocation would be OK but it should also be in a very conspicuous place for both access and safety reasons. | Nov 15, 2012 10:44 AM |
| 6  | Why not have it over close to the old yankee dinner, and use places like that area for the homeless to park instead of taking space from businesses and homes.  | Nov 13, 2012 10:24 PM |
| 7  | maybe by the Ballard market on Sundays?   | Nov 13, 2012 1:00 PM  |
| 8  | We could use something similar near 15th and Market.  | Nov 12, 2012 10:40 AM |
| 9  | 59th and Phinney Ave. N. in the Zoo playground area. Lots of hobos live there.  | Nov 12, 2012 8:31 AM  |
| 10 | Bergen Park.  | Nov 11, 2012 10:04 AM |
| 11 | salmon bay away from business   | Nov 10, 2012 4:02 PM  |
| 12 | As I said above we may need several, depending on how far the homeless willing to walk to use a l toilet.   | Nov 10, 2012 11:08 AM |
| 13 | The park seems the most convenient and logical. It would only take up space if it were to be relocated to, say, a sidewalk.   | Nov 10, 2012 9:28 AM  |
| 14 | I am opposed to encouraging people to live in their cars. I support establishing programs that will help people transition from living in their cars to finding real housing.                           | Nov 9, 2012 8:23 PM   |
| 15 | I don't advocate moving, rather additional toilets. The licensing building, which has an accessible elevator is ideal. We also need one around Ballard Avenue.  | Nov 9, 2012 1:04 PM   |
| 16 | corner of market and leary  | Nov 8, 2012 9:14 PM   |
| 17 | Sunset hill park, there are no public restrooms within the area   | Nov 8, 2012 8:00 PM   |
| 18 | Public toilets should be where the public is and therefore should not be hideous portables.   | Nov 8, 2012 6:52 PM   |
| 19 | See above.  | Nov 8, 2012 6:15 PM   |
| 20 | If there is a need for a public bathroom, it should be constructed in the area that it is needed, as noted above.   | Nov 8, 2012 5:10 PM   |

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| 21 | With the transient use of the park, soup kitchen, and homeless clinic, that's the best location.  | Nov 8, 2012 4:54 PM  |
| 22 | Yankee Diner parking lot  | Nov 8, 2012 4:09 PM  |
| 23 | There are several places in Ballard for a toilet. I would not move the existing toilet, I would add additional toilets to near foodbank, near the bridge, etc.  | Nov 8, 2012 3:55 PM  |
| 24 | how about at the neighborhood Service Center?   | Nov 8, 2012 12:25 PM |
| 25 | Back side (away from Market) of Bergen Place Park; Marvins Gardens (against building), public land along Shilshole Ave...someplace where can be set back and not such an eyesore.   | Nov 8, 2012 12:21 PM |
| 26 | If any churches want them, they have the option as it is their property and they have exemptions. If I installed a portable toilet outside my home just because, I am sure it would not be tolerated by the city.   | Nov 8, 2012 12:00 PM |
| 27 | none  | Nov 8, 2012 10:16 AM |
| 28 | possibly near the Ballard Food Bank?  | Nov 8, 2012 9:29 AM  |
| 29 | At the locks  | Nov 8, 2012 8:28 AM  |
| 30 | 1: Near the old Yankee Diner location. 2: 15th and Leary. 3: Place it at the corner of 22nd and Market, just to see what happens to that intersection.  | Nov 8, 2012 8:09 AM  |
| 31 | sure, down by the post office annex.  | Nov 8, 2012 8:02 AM  |
| 32 | Under Ballard bridge  | Nov 8, 2012 7:46 AM  |
| 33 | On 57th or 56th. Its near the park and market but it doesn't make the nice park look like a construction zone.  | Nov 8, 2012 7:09 AM  |
| 34 | Somewhere off of Ballard ave  | Nov 7, 2012 11:14 PM |
| 35 | parking lot of old yankee gril  | Nov 7, 2012 11:03 PM |
| 36 | parking lots  | Nov 7, 2012 11:02 PM |
| 37 | The location is fine, the execution is not.   | Nov 7, 2012 10:51 PM |
| 38 | Church across the street. By the Marvin Oliver sculpture West of the Locks. Between the Burger King and Ballard Market on 15th (another homeless cluster there, mostly drunken native americans.) In the parking lot of the low income housing development on 58th and 25th NW. | Nov 7, 2012 10:49 PM |
| 39 | Food Bank   | Nov 7, 2012 10:29 PM |
| 40 | The church across the street from the commons park.   | Nov 7, 2012 10:26 PM |
| 41 | It is encouraging a bad element to linger near my home.   | Nov 7, 2012 10:08 PM |

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| 42 | Move to the warehouse district near Ballard locks/post office where a lot of people live in their cars and mobile homes.   | Nov 7, 2012 9:09 PM |
| 43 | locks  | Nov 7, 2012 7:28 PM |
| 44 | Not Ballard, but how about Magnolia Bluff? Or Magnolia Village? Or Laurelhurst? Or maybe the corner of 5th and Pike?   | Nov 7, 2012 7:28 PM |
| 45 | Does this portable toilet need a new home? I don't understand the question...  | Nov 7, 2012 7:22 PM |
| 46 | City planners should find the best location. We are paying you for such work.  | Nov 7, 2012 7:13 PM |
| 47 | The Ballard Belltowlr or Bergen Square   | Nov 7, 2012 6:43 PM |
| 48 | Away from people and businesses. As far away from where families gather. So, NOT in a park.  | Nov 7, 2012 6:18 PM |
| 49 | Marvin's Park  | Nov 7, 2012 6:03 PM |
| 50 | I think the Commons location is working well for now.  | Nov 7, 2012 5:59 PM |
| 51 | Along Ballard Ave near major intersections such as NW Vernon Pl and 20th Ave. On the weekends there are many bar/concert patrons and extra facilities could be useful.   | Nov 7, 2012 5:20 PM |
| 52 | Get them out of Ballard. Are my tax dollars paying for these toilets? If so, get rid of them.  | Nov 7, 2012 5:16 PM |
| 53 | the bell tower park, the park on market @ leary  | Nov 7, 2012 4:58 PM |
| 54 | I do not feel like we need a portable toilet anywhere in the Ballard area, wither it be downtown or surrounding. Like I mentioned above, if the city feels like they need to put a public toilet in Ballard, then they should be a structure not use a portable one. | Nov 7, 2012 4:36 PM |
| 55 | Honestly, maybe just to another side of the park? Just somewhere near there but a bit less conspicuous.  | Nov 7, 2012 4:32 PM |
| 56 | Next to the ballard food bank  | Nov 7, 2012 4:25 PM |
| 57 | I believe we could provide restrooms like they do in recreational area with actual flush toilets that are monitored by paid employees. Bergen Place would be perfect. It's out in the open and well lite and could be monitored.                                     | Nov 7, 2012 4:01 PM |
| 58 | Construction sites.  | Nov 7, 2012 3:44 PM |
| 59 | just get rid of them. simple as that.  | Nov 7, 2012 3:43 PM |
| 60 | It would make more sense to place them where the RV campers live (across from Big Five Sporting goods, etc.)   | Nov 7, 2012 3:32 PM |
| 61 | Not along 58th where it sits currently. This is a main walking path. If it can be moved away from the park, perhaps somewhere on Market would be better.   | Nov 7, 2012 3:25 PM |

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|    | Bergen Place?   |                      |
| 62 | It eeds to be SOMEWHERE!!!  | Nov 7, 2012 3:20 PM  |
| 63 | near the canal, where the homeless crash  | Nov 7, 2012 3:19 PM  |
| 64 | A more discrete location.   | Nov 7, 2012 3:18 PM  |
| 65 | 57th by old libary  | Nov 7, 2012 3:17 PM  |
| 66 | Bergen Place  | Nov 7, 2012 3:06 PM  |
| 67 | Somewhere were there aren't so many children. Bergen park??   | Nov 7, 2012 3:04 PM  |
| 68 | It could be on a less traveled sidewalk maybe. I am sure you have thought more than I and figured that was the best spot for now.   | Nov 7, 2012 2:53 PM  |
| 69 | Not in an area that has features specifically designed to attract children and young people (the spray portion of the park and the skate bowl). I used to love the Commons but the drunks have totally taken it over and ruined it for me. I'm not comfortable hanging out there with my kids anymore.  | Nov 7, 2012 2:37 PM  |
| 70 | Bergen Square Along 51st/52nd, west of 15th. Near 15th & Leary Near Fred Meyer (car campers)  | Nov 7, 2012 2:35 PM  |
| 71 | How about at the locks.   | Nov 7, 2012 2:22 PM  |
| 72 | Some where that isn't such a popular place for kids to hang out would be good.  | Nov 7, 2012 1:51 PM  |
| 73 | The solution is being solved by a 501c3   | Nov 7, 2012 12:55 PM |
| 74 | STOP MAKING BALLARD A HAVEN FOR DRUNKS, TRANSIENTS AND DRUG ACTIVITY.   | Nov 7, 2012 12:50 PM |
| 75 | Ballard does NOT NEED a portable toilet. No neighborhood does!  | Nov 7, 2012 12:49 PM |
| 76 | How about on Leary near the Food Bank?  | Nov 6, 2012 10:17 PM |
| 77 | I didn't answer this , because moving existing toilets will not remedy the solution. Adding more toilets, providing shelter, and live and career skills to the homeless will be more helpful.   | Nov 6, 2012 6:12 PM  |
| 78 | I don't like the idea of a Honey Bucket in Ballard for the transients. But if one is to remain in Ballard it should be placed on the property of one of the churches that provides shelter for the transients, a soup kitchen and a medical clinic. These are all draws for the homeless and if they won't open up their restrooms for use by the transients they have brought to the neighborhood, they should at least provide space in their parking lot for the Honey Bucket -- St. Luke's Episcopal Church at 22nd and 58th is where the new shelter is. | Nov 6, 2012 5:09 PM  |
| 79 | The only reason I can think of for a portable toilet is if homeless people need to use a toilet after business hours, then the portable toilet should be near the facilities that serve the homeless. I believe there are some churches that open   | Nov 6, 2012 5:01 PM  |

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|    | their doors to homeless, or let them stay on their parking lots. It just makes sense that that's where the toilets should be, if that's the purpose of them being put up.   |                      |
| 80 | Move them to Belltown or other industrial areas.  | Nov 6, 2012 12:44 PM |
| 81 | Maybe around Shilshore Ave & 22nd to 24th St.   | Nov 6, 2012 12:15 PM |
| 82 | East Ballard.   | Nov 6, 2012 11:14 AM |
| 83 | Add another one don't take it away.   | Nov 6, 2012 7:33 AM  |
| 84 | Put it on Market Street so all the late nighters can use it stumbling their way home.   | Nov 5, 2012 10:35 PM |
| 85 | I just think it should not be in such a central location in the park. It would be better tucked into the southwest or northwest corner.   | Nov 5, 2012 8:11 PM  |
| 86 | If the food bank doesn't have one. Not sure where else.   | Nov 5, 2012 12:37 PM |
| 87 | Sorry, I can't suggest another location. It's important for the location to be convenient. Near foot traffic and visible.   | Nov 5, 2012 11:30 AM |
| 88 | A location would be better if there are not easy-to-loiter locations directly adjacent to the toilet. Along Market (as was the old location) or closer to the industrial transitions areas of Ballard could potentially reduce the loitering.   | Nov 5, 2012 11:03 AM |
| 89 | Near Ballard Locks  | Nov 5, 2012 11:00 AM |
| 90 | The areas near Fred Meyer and west of downtown Ballard toward Golden Gardens have a human feces problem. T  | Nov 5, 2012 10:45 AM |
| 91 | Food bank   | Nov 4, 2012 3:06 PM  |
| 92 | this seems like a reasonable place  | Nov 4, 2012 7:04 AM  |
| 93 | Near the Ballard Bridge.  | Nov 3, 2012 7:44 PM  |
| 94 | Somewhere along Ballard Avenue which is a highly congested area at night and on weekends.   | Nov 2, 2012 11:27 AM |
| 95 | Still looking   | Nov 2, 2012 9:57 AM  |
| 96 | However, another toilet is badly needed in the semi- industrial area near the Ballard Bridge where many homeless people have been forced to reside due to City zoning restrictions. Walking or driving (if they have a vehicle) to the one in Ballard Commons in the middle of the night or any time for that matter simply is not practical or reasonable. | Nov 2, 2012 9:53 AM  |