

Why I Loved Living In This Home and Neighborhood

I had a dream that I lived in a forest. I went for a walk with a close friend, who lived in Broadview, on an old horse trail across a stream in a forest to a parking area with two houses. Eventually I bought the house of the westside. I made up my mind at the entrance to the parking area before looking inside. This house offers a sense of peace and privacy that is incredibly rare in Seattle.

The living room became my favorite place to unwind. The large windows filled the home with natural light while framing beautiful woodland views. The large living room, kitchen and patio hosted many parties with family and friends.

I loved waking up in the master bedroom with the shades up, beginning the day with a cup of coffee and walking around the yard, natural area, and road. Later in the day I would look for eagles and herons in the large fir trees. Check on the chickadees in the bird boxes. Heard coyotes and barred owls late at night. Saw an occasional deer. I learned about the native plants and birds I lived with. When I was younger, I would walk 5 miles through the neighborhood, Carkeek Park to Swansons Nursery.

One of the things I appreciated most was how adaptable the home became over the years. The lower level gave me the flexibility to create space as I needed. Originally for ping pong, a studio, a home office, or a welcoming place for overnight guests.

The outdoor spaces became my sanctuary. I spent countless hours on the patio beneath towering firs. The peaceful setting is something I will truly miss.

Beyond the home itself, I loved being just minutes from Carkeek Park, Greenwood, Ballard, downtown Seattle, and Edmonds. Having the convenience of a city while living in such a quiet, wooded setting felt like the best of both worlds.

This home has brought me so many wonderful memories, and I hope it offers the next owner the same sense of peace, comfort, and connection to nature that it has given me.

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