



Shelter House  
 Built 1965: \$24,911 = '60 BF  
 Multi. Purp. Rm: 16' x 25'

COMMUNITY CENTER "Ex. Dept. P.H."  
 501 No. 132nd St. 363-4152  
 Joint facility: Park-School  
 Built 1964: 187,020 = (incl. field developm.) '60 BF  
 Multi. Purp. Rms 40' x 80 = 457 persons  
 Social Rm: 20' x 24'  
 Game Rm: 12' x 26'  
 School Gym: 90' x 104' = 1,337 persons  
 by permit

7.4 Acres (Incl. 0.1 Ac. water  
 12,295 = Sewer Assessment)  
 Purch. 1961 (\$249,702 = '60 BF)  
 "...for park + playground purposes."

Shelter Hse. - 13030 N. Park Av. N.

# BITTER LAKE P.F.

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Bitter Lake is of glacial origin: "Vashon Ice Sheet" (50,000 years ago) formed the melt-off "Lake Russell" of which Bitter, Haller + Green Lakes are a remnant in the Green Lake drainage basin. The Lake is presently spring fed.

Bitter Lake may be so named because of the presence of tannic acid following its use as a holding pond for logs by the sawmill located on the west shore. In 1902 the Seattle-Everett Interurban trolley car line was built (now City Light Transmission R/W - Linden Ave.) with a "Bitter Lake stop" and a spur to the sawmill + car barn at 127th; built by Fred Sander, terminal first at Ballard then at 8th + Stewart; the last car ran in 1939, ending Seattle's Interurban era (replaced w/ "stink buggies"; busses). Area was platted in 1906 by Washington's 1st Senator, John B. Allen. Boque Report in 1911 recommended acquisition of Lake for park; in 1915 Allen's widow filed a petition requesting a playground + changing name to "Allen Lake" claiming existing name a "misnomer." A "playland" was developed privately consisting of amusement rides, in use at time of acquisition in 1961; area filled over "ride" foundations.

A Supreme Court Decision in 1968 ordered a half-built apartment removed from Lake area; all water oriented rights (boating, swimming, fishing, etc.) must be shared without interference among all owners of Lake; basis for "Chelan Decision" (1969) banning lead fills.