

# OUR BIG NEIGHBORHOOD

## Waterfront History

Learn more about this history of the Waterfront and Seattle! The Waterfront was originally a site of culture and commerce for the Duwamish people, the original community on this land. As settlers moved to the area, the Duwamish and other Indigenous peoples were forced to leave their homelands. In the beginning of the 20th century, Japanese American farmers and merchants were extremely important to the nearby Pike Place Market. The Market hardly survived after the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. These stories highlight community strength and perseverance, and are fundamental to the Waterfront and Seattle. Explore these resources!

### Articles

- Duwamish History <https://www.duwamishtribe.org/history>
- Duwamish Exile <https://www.duwamishtribe.org/exile-to-ballast-island>
- Pike Place History and Timeline <http://pikeplacemarket.org/history>
- Artwork commemorating Japanese American farmers  
<http://pikeplacemarket.org/blog/mural-honoring-japanese-american-farmers-pike-place-market>
- Pike Place Immigrant History  
<https://www.edibleseattle.com/explore/origin-story/an-immigrant-history-of-pike-place-market/>  
<https://medium.com/the-hidden-history-of-pike-place-market/a-boiling-pot-da5b08e18dd7>

**The Duwamish people** have been in the Seattle/Greater King County area since time immemorial. Learn more about them and how to support! <https://www.duwamishtribe.org/>

**Densho's** goal is to preserve and share history of the WWII incarceration of Japanese Americans to promote equity and justice today. Discover and learn through Densho's oral histories, encyclopedia, videos, and more! <https://densho.org/>

**The Wing Luke Museum** of the Asian Pacific American Experience empowers Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) to tell their stories and histories in their own voices. Visit The Wing in Seattle Chinatown International District and learn more! <https://www.wingluke.org/>

*These are just some of the stories of the many communities of Seattle. We look forward to continuing this resource list and adding to the ongoing stories of our neighbors who live work and play in Seattle!*