



# Seattle's LITTLE SÀI GÒN TIMELINE

1970s

- April 30 1975** Fall of Sài Gòn; refugees escape Việt Nam
- May 20 1975** 518 refugees temporarily housed at Camp Murray, Washington
- August 1975** Đất Mới Newspaper established; first Vietnamese newspaper in the U.S.
- Oct. 1 1975** Camp Murray closes
- May 21 1977** Sài Gòn Restaurant opens in Pike Place, first Vietnamese restaurant
- 1978** Vietnamese Friendship Association established

1980s

- 1980s** UW Seattle Vietnamese Student Association established
- 1982** Vietnamese restaurant Phở Bắc opens
- Feb 1 1983** First Washington Tết Fair held
- 1984** Neighborhood nicknamed "Little Sài Gòn"
- July 3 1985** Asian Plaza opens
- 1986** Người Việt Tây Bắc Newspaper established
- 1988** First Vietnamese Business and Service Directory issued

COMING SOON

- 2020** Opening of Friends of Little Sài Gòn Community Creative Space

1990s

- 1991** Phương Đông Times Newspaper established
- 1993** Greater Seattle Vietnam Association established  
Helping Link / Một Dấu Nối established
- April 1995** "20 Years After the Fall," Wing Luke exhibit opens
- 1995** Seattle University Vietnamese Student Association established  
Peace Trees established
- 1996** Tết in Seattle established
- June 1997** Merchant Association of Little Sài Gòn formed
- 1998** Hải Phòng Becomes a sister-city to Seattle
- Nov. 21 1998** Little Sài Gòn inauguration

2000s

- April 2005** "30 Years After the Fall," Wing Luke exhibit opens
- June 2005** Prime Minister Phan Văn Khải visits Seattle
- 2008** Northwest VSA established

2010s

- 2011** Friends of Little Sài Gòn established  
First Annual Celebrate Little Sài Gòn event organized
- 2014** Xin Chào Magazine established
- Sept 2014** Little Sài Gòn Neighborhood Unveiling
- June 2015** Seattle City Council passed Resolution 31591, recognize Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom flag as symbol for Seattle's Vietnamese community
- 2016** Bilingual Street Name Signs installed in Little Sài Gòn
- 2017** "Second Wave" Podcast Airs, hosted by Thanh Tan  
Little Sài Gòn Community Crosswalks installed
- February 2018** Đông Sơn Heritage Drum Sign Installed
- August 2018** "Vietnam in the Rearview Mirror," Wing Luke exhibit opens