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While it's long been a case of retail roulette for Lake Street, downtown Kirkland's main thoroughfare, a perky commercial cachet has evolved on Kirkland Avenue around **The Heathman Hotel** (220 Kirkland Ave.; 425.284.5800; heathmankirkland.com), outfitted with the chic Penterra Spa and popular dining-and-drinks spot **Trellis Restaurant**. Joining established venues **Kirkland Bicycle** (208 Kirkland Ave.; 425.828.3800; kirklandbikes.com), the Kirkland branch of the **King County Library** (308 Kirkland Ave.; 425.822.2459; kcls.org) and the **Kirkland Performance Center** (350 Kirkland Ave.; 425.893.9900; kpcenter.org) is the 100-unit Kirkland Central Condominiums and its ground-floor retail mix: coffeehouse **Terra Bite Lounge** (219 Kirkland Ave.; terrabite.org), offering Xbox gaming along with its java and baked goods; popular, pastry-rich **The French Bakery** (219 Kirkland Ave.; 425.898.4510); nonfat frozen yogurt purveyor **Shnoo Yogurt** (223 Kirkland Ave.; 425.289.9600; shnooyogurt.com); and the **Yoga at Studio Be** (223 Kirkland Ave.; 425.614.8887; yogastudiobe.com). (Swing behind the Heathman for a hidden alley of tasty offerings on Park Lane, including **Howard/Mandville Gallery**, **Sweet Cakes**, **Mu.shoe**, **Simlicity Décor** and **Haley's Cottage Gifts & Decor.**)

34th Ave.

[BETWEEN E SPRING AND E PIKE STREETS]

Madrona: The hidden jewel



PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE:
Well-groomed
urban sophisticates

THE BRIGADOON OF SEATTLE NEIGHBORHOODS, Madrona has a habit of appearing and disappearing from our memory radar, but it never fails to charm with the quaint-village perfection of an MGM musical. **EAT/DRINK:** It's easy to imagine Gene Kelly soft-shoeing his way along sidewalks animated by family-favorite breakfast and brunch stops **St. Clouds** and **Hi-Spot Cafe**, and the loiter-rific **Cupcake**

Royale. We love **Bottlehouse**, where an inspired wine list makes oenophiles woozy while enticing others who come for the root beer and ice cream floats. **Bistro Turkuaz** features mouthwatering Mediterranean fare. The gourmand-pleasing menu at **June** brings crowds to the cool Roy McMakin-designed space (the front door alone is a trip). If you wonder where the locals gather, stop in at **Naam Thai Cuisine** for some paradise prawns. **SHOP:** Chic votive and vase maker **Glassybaby** boasts a spectator-welcoming working studio. **Buggy** is a kids' consignment shop featuring gently used clothes, toys and a parent-pleasing play area. Drop in to the Euro-style boutique **Juniper** for designer organic clothing. At **Driftwood Consignment Gallery** you can find clothing and accessories (from Banana Republic to Prada) at mostly shock-proof prices. The gallery-style space of **Hitchcock Madrona** befits the artful jewelry there. **SERVICES:** **Fetch Doggie Daycare and Grooming** has experienced groomers and an outdoor supervised play area. Check out **Mountain Flow Yoga** for upbeat, low-pressure workouts. And it doesn't have to be raining for kids (prekindergarten to age 12) to enjoy the painting and craft classes at **Arts Aloft**.

New to the 'hood: **Zaw's** take-and-bake pizzas are slated to occupy the space at 1137 34th Ave. Next door at 1135, **Guesthouse**, a new home furnishings and gorgeous custom upholstery shop, opened shortly before Christmas. At press time, all eyes were on the former **Dulces Latin Bistro** space (1430 34th Ave.), soon to be occupied by a yet-unnamed brick-oven pizzeria.

FIND 'EM

Arts Aloft (3302 E Spring St.; 206.920.2015; artsalofforkids.com) » **Bistro Turkuaz** (1114 34th Ave.; 206.324.3039; bistroturkuaz.com) » **Bottlehouse** (1416 34th Ave.; 206.708.7164; bottlehouseseattle.com) » **Buggy** (1422 34th Ave.; 206.325.5999; shop-buggy.com) » **Cupcake Royale** (1101 34th Ave.; 206.709.4497; cupcakeroyale.com) » **Driftwood Consignment Gallery** (1130 34th Ave.; 206.941.6828; driftwoodconsignment.com) » **Glassybaby** (3406 E Union St.; 206.518.9071; glassybaby.com) » **Hi-Spot Cafe** (1410 34th Ave.; 206.325.7905; hispotcafe.com) » **Hitchcock Madrona** (1406 34th Ave.; 206.838.7173; hitchcock-madrona.com) » **June** (1423 34th Ave.; 206.323.4000; juneseattle.com) » **Juniper** (3314 E Spring St.; 206.838.7496; juniperinmadrona.com) » **Naam Thai Cuisine** (1404 34th Ave.; 206.568.6226; naamseattle.com) » **St. Clouds** (1131 34th Ave.; 206.726.1522; stclouds.com) » **Fetch Doggie Daycare and Grooming** (1411 34th Ave.; 206.720.1961) » **Mountain Flow Yoga** (3308 E Spring St.; 206.380.2558; mountainflowyoga.com)