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Governor Albert D. Rossellini Bridge
#### Historic Property Inventory Report for

**Governor Albert D. Rosellini Bridge** at **Lake Washington, vicinity of Seattle, WA**

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**Common Name:** Evergreen Point Bridge

**Comments:** Bridge stretches from the Montlake area of Seattle, east across Lake Washington to Evergreen Point in Medina

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**IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

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**Classification:** Structure

**Resource Status:** Survey/Inventory

**Within a District?** No

**Contributing?**

**National Register Nomination:**

**Local District:**

**National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:**

**DESCRIPTION SECTION**

**Historic Use:** Transportation - Road-Related (vehicular)

**Current Use:** Transportation - Road-Related (vehicular)

**Plan:** Other

**No. of Stories:** N/A

**Structural System:** Other

**View of aerial view of bridge, looking east taken**

**Photography Neg. No (Roll No./Frame No.):** N/A

**Comments:**
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| Changes to plan: | Intact |
| Changes to original cladding: | |
| Changes to windows: | |
| Other (specify): | Replacement of drawbridge |
| Foundation | Concrete - Poured |
| Roof Material | None |
| Roof Type | None |

**NARRATIVE SECTION**

**Date Of Construction:** 1960-63

**Architect:** N/A

**Builder:** Guy Atkinson; General Construction Co; Manson Con.

**Engineer:** Charles E. Andrews, Ken Arkin, Mike Thomas, et al

- Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places: **Yes**
- Property is located in a potential historic district (National and/or local): **No**
- Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local):

**Statement of Significance**

The Evergreen Point Bridge, the second span across Lake Washington, lies 4 miles north of the first floating bridge, the Lacey V. Murrow Memorial Bridge. The Evergreen Point Bridge formed the center portion of the 5.8-mile project connecting the area's two main north-south highways, Interstate 405 on the lake's east side and Seattle's Interstate 5. Construction on the Evergreen Point Bridge began in August 1960 and took almost 3 years (837 days) to complete (Hobbs and Holstine 2005). Its opening ceremony was held August 28, 1963. Although still generally referred to as the Evergreen Point bridge, it was officially renamed the Governor Albert D. Rosellini Bridge in 1988 (Mauldin, n.d.).

The floating pontoon bridge design was originally conceived by engineer Homer Hadley and was first used on the Lacey V. Murrow bridge. Charles E. Andrew was chief consulting engineer on the Evergreen Point Bridge for the State Toll Bridge Authority, Ken Arkin was senior field engineer in charge of field engineering for the bridge, and Mike Thomas was design engineer for the structure ("Bridge Offices..." 1954). The Project Engineer was Harold S. Sitzman, and the Resident Engineer was John C. Tucker ("Evergreen Point Bridge" n.d.). The contractor for the floating portion was Guy F. Atkinson, and for the approach structures, the contractors were General Construction Company and Manson Construction and Engineering Company ("Vital Statistics" n.d.).

At the time of its construction, the Evergreen Point Bridge was the largest floating span in the world at 1.4 miles long. It cost $24,972,000 (the floating section alone was $10.9 million), making it the most expensive floating bridge in the world at the time (Hobbs and Holstine 2005). The State Toll Bridge Authority issued a $30 million bond for the bridge, with a 40-year retirement limit. The bridge had a 35-cent toll from 1963 to 1979. In June 1979, the bond was paid in full (20 years ahead of schedule) and the toll booths were removed. The bridge enabled the rapid growth of the northern part of the Eastside, especially northern Bellevue, Redmond and Kirkland, leading to greatly increased development and with it, greatly increased commuter traffic.

Changes to the bridge over the years have mostly consisted of basic maintenance tasks, such as painting, cable replacement, repair/replacement of expansion joints, replacement and rehabilitation of guide rollers, repair of columns, and miscellaneous electrical and mechanical rehabilitation. More substantial work was done to increase the safety of the bridge, including the replacement of the draw span and the addition of an emergency stop bar in 1994, the addition of ladders and catwalks to selected pontoons, and the installation of a median barrier. None of these alterations are substantial and do not detract from the appearance, operation or significance of the bridge.

The bridge, having had few substantial alterations over its lifetime, appears today much as it did when completed in 1963. It continues to fulfill its original function, although it now must handle more than twice its intended capacity. The bridge is already over 40 years old, and will meet the 50 year mark for National Register eligibility in August 2013. With the sinking of the Lacey V. Murrow Bridge (the original Lake Washington floating bridge), the Evergreen Point Bridge became the oldest remaining floating bridge across Lake Washington.
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Washington, exemplifying an engineering feat of outstanding proportions. As noted above, it was also the longest and most expensive at its time of construction. Due to its exceptional importance, the bridge is eligible for the NRHP. It is significant as a structure under Criterion C for its outstanding and innovative engineering design that meets the criteria of exceptional importance. It is also significant under Criterion A for its lasting effect on the development of the Seattle metropolitan area, especially on the communities of the Eastside.

Description of Physical Appearance
The bridge stretches from the Montlake area of Seattle, across Lake Washington to Medina. The floating section of the bridge is 7,578 feet long (1.4 miles), with 33 floating sections and 62 anchors. A standard pontoon measures 360 feet long by 60 feet wide and 14'9" deep, and weighs 4,725 tons. ("Vital Statistics" n.d) The 62 reinforced-concrete anchors each weigh 77 tons and are connected to the pontoons by two ¾-inch steel cables. The roadway accommodates four lanes of traffic and is 54 feet wide. It has a 2-foot-wide median and 3-foot-wide walkway. The Evergreen Point Bridge was designed with a "no bulge" lift-draw span which opens to 200 feet to allow passage of ships. The lift spans are raised 7 feet, allowing retraction of the moveable pontoons. At each end of the floating section, elevated steel truss spans with fixed piers connect to the shore and provide enough vertical clearance to accommodate large pleasure craft (Hobbs and Holstine 2005).

Major Bibliographic References
"Evergreen Point Bridge." n.d.
"Record of Contract Work (1972-2002)" n.d.
**Additional Photos for: Governor Albert D. Rosellini Bridge at Lake Washington, vicinity of Seattle, WA**

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Historic Inventory Property Form:
James Arntson House
Historic Property Inventory Report for  

**Arntson, James House - formerly 76th Avenue NE**  

at 2851 Evergreen Point Rd, Medina, WA 98004

### LOCATION SECTION

- **Field Site No.:** SR520E3  
- **OAHP No.:**  
- **Historic Name:** Arntson, James House - formerly 76th Avenue NE  
- **Common Name:** 2851 Evergreen Point Road  
- **Property Address:** 2851 Evergreen Point Rd, Medina, WA 98004  
- **County:** King  
- **Township/Range/EW Section:** T25R04E 24  
- **Quadrangle:** KIRKLAND  
- **Coordinate Reference**  
  - **Zone:** 10  
  - **Spatial Type:** Point  
  - **Acquisition Code:** Unknown  
  - **Easting:** 557143  
  - **Northing:** 5276244  
- **Tax No./Parcel No.:** 2425049180  
- **Plat/Block/Lot:** N/A  
- **Supplemental Map(s):** .11

### IDENTIFICATION SECTION

- **Field Recorder:** Lori Durio  
- **Date Recorded:** 7/1/2008  
- **Owner's Name:** Stephen A. Sharon  
- **Owner Address:** 2851 Evergreen Point Road  
- **City/State/Zip:** Medina, WA 98039  
- **Classification:** Building  
- **Resource Status:** Survey/Inventory  
- **Within a District?** No  
- **Contributing?**  
- **National Register Nomination:**  
  - **Local District:**  
  - **National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:**

### DESCRIPTION SECTION

- **Historic Use:** Domestic - Single Family House  
- **Current Use:** Domestic - Single Family House  
- **Plan:** L-Shape  
- **No. of Stories:** 1  
- **Structural System:** Balloon Frame

**Changes to plan:** Slight  
**Changes to original cladding:** Intact  
**Changes to windows:** Intact  
**Changes to interior:** Unknown  
**Changes to other:** Modern  

**Form/Type**  
**Style**

**View of West elevation that faces Lake Washington**  
**Photography Neg. No (Roll No./Frame No.):** N/A  
**taken 3/8/2004**  
**Comments:**

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**Historic Property**  
**Amtson, James House - formerly 76th Avenue NE**  
**at 2851 Evergreen Point Rd, Medina, WA 98004**

### Cladding
- Wood - Clapboard
- Vertical - Boards

### Foundation
- Concrete - Poured

### Roof Material
- Asphalt / Composition

### Roof Type
- Gable - Front Gable
- Gable - Side Gable

### NARRATIVE SECTION

**Date Of Construction:** 1953

**Study Unit**
- Architecture/Landscape Architecture
- Other

**Architect:** Unknown

**Builder:** Unknown

**Engineer:** Unknown

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places: **Yes**

Property is located in a potential historic district (National and/or local): **No**

Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local):

**Statement of Significance**

The house may be eligible for the NRHP under Criterion C, for its distinctive architectural characteristics, uniquely representative of its mid-century period. It may be eligible for the WHR for its strong architectural qualities. The original owner, Mr. James Arntson, was employed by Noble and White Engineering in Bellevue, WA, but no further information was available. Although no information was discovered on the architect or designer of the house, it is a good representative example of mid-century modern architecture, with its L-shaped plan, courtyard, and rear cantilevered balcony. The wide, low intersecting gables of the roof emphasize its horizontality, and the many windows and exterior spaces reflect the original wooded isolation of the site, on a bluff overlooking Lake Washington. Although part of the lot was taken for the original construction of the Evergreen Point Bridge/SR 520, and new construction has since been built near the home, the site still retains much of its original feeling. It is well adapted to its setting, with the private courtyard and the rear deck that once looked out at the lake. The house has received few alterations, most notably the enclosure of the original carport into a garage. The form and design of the house are still visually striking and make it worthy of consideration for the NRHP and WHR for its intact display of distinctive mid-century modern architectural design. Although the design and setting of the property have been somewhat impacted, it retains integrity of materials, feeling, location, association, and workmanship.

Medina has an interesting history associated with the scenic shoreline, the timber industry, and berry-growing. It was originally a summer retreat area for Seattle citizens who could afford the luxury of a country place across the lake. This house is near the Lake Washington shoreline and is one of the few older houses remaining in this area, which is dominated by new construction. Those extant houses in the vicinity that date from before 1968 are generally not architecturally distinguished and have also been altered, with a few exceptions. This house and its neighboring structures do not form a cohesive collection of historic buildings that are able to convey the historic development of the community. Therefore, there is no potential for a historic district here.

**Description of Physical Appearance**

This Modern style residence was constructed 1953. Its L-shape design surrounds a private courtyard. At the rear is a cantilevered balcony and a deck that originally looked out over Lake Washington. (That view is now obscured by a 1970s house.) The house has a poured concrete foundation, is clad in wood clapboard and vertical wood siding, and features an intersecting pair of low, wide gable roofs punctuated by wide brick chimneys. It has extensive use of plate glass windows. The only apparent alteration to the building is the enclosure of the original front carport to form an enclosed garage.

**Major Bibliographic References**

- King County Assessor's Records
- King County Real Property Cards, on file at Puget Sound Regional Archives, Seattle, WA
Additional Photos for: Arntson, James House - formerly 76th Avenue NE at 2851 Evergreen Point Rd, Medina, WA 98004

View of east elevation of garage, facing Evergreen Point Road taken 1/22/2009
Photography Neg. No (Roll No./Frame No.): N/A
Comments: View looking west

View of east and south elevations taken 1/22/2009
Photography Neg. No (Roll No./Frame No.): N/A
Comments:

View of taken
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Historic Inventory Property Form:
Helen Pierce House
Historic Property Inventory Report for Pierce, Helen House - formerly 76th Avenue NE at 2857 Evergreen Point Rd, Medina, WA 98004

**LOCATION SECTION**

Field Site No.: SR520E2
OAHP No.: 2857 Evergreen Point Road

Historic Name: Pierce, Helen House - formerly 76th Avenue NE
Common Name: Common Name: 2857 Evergreen Point Road

Property Address: 2857 Evergreen Point Rd, Medina, WA 98004

County: King
Township/Range/EW Section: T25R04na 24 SW
Quadrangle: KIRKLAND
Coordinate Reference
Zone: 10
Spatial Type: Point
Acquisition Code: Unknown
Easting: 556991
Northing: 5276280
Acreage: .92

Tax No./Parcel No.: 2425049074
Plat/Block/Lot: N/A
Supplemental Map(s): Survey Name: SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV Project

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

Field Recorder: Lori Durio
Date Recorded: 7/1/2008

Owner's Name: Gail W. Gowdy, John C. Wiseman
Owner Address: 9815 15th NW Seattle, WA 98117
City/State/Zip:

Classification: Building
Resource Status: Survey/Inventory
Comments:

Within a District? No
Contributing? No
National Register Nomination:

Local District:
National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:

**DESCRIPTION SECTION**

Historic Use: Domestic - Single Family House
Current Use: Domestic - Single Family House

Plan: Irregular
No. of Stories: 1

Structural System: Balloon Frame

Changes to plan: Slight
Changes to original cladding: Intact
Changes to windows: Slight
Changes to interior: Unknown
Changes to other: Unknown

View of north elevation, showing original part of house taken 1/30/2009

Photography Neg. No (Roll No./Frame No.): N/A

Style: Vernacular
Form/Type: Single Family - Gable Front and Wing

Comments:
This house appears to be one of the original buildings in the Medina area. Originally owned by Helen R. Pierce, it was built in 1920. Sited at the foot of the bluff near the shore of Lake Washington, it originally had a cistern/water tower and a concrete pump house; the remains of these structures are still on the site. The main house suffered a fire in 1929, and was rebuilt in 1932 and remodeled in 1937. The front portion of the house, facing the water, is what remains of the original 1920 structure, according to the owner. The building has had a few alterations and small rear additions since the 1930s. The front façade has had a large picture window with inoperable shutters added – this appears to be the most prominent alteration. A carport was added to the side of the house, but is not attached to it. The rear additions are marked by a combination of shed and gable roofs. The property retains integrity of feeling, location, and association, but the setting, materials, workmanship, and design have been impacted by alterations, additions, and the intrusion of SR 520 and the Evergreen Point Bridge. Therefore it does not qualify for the NRHP.

The house and grounds remain fairly isolated and relatively unchanged except for the intrusion of the Evergreen Point bridge, which is immediately adjacent to it. Despite its alterations, this remains one of the earliest houses in Evergreen Point that is still extant in this area of high property values and increasing modern residential development pressure. It is representative of some of the early residences of the Points area, many of which were summer houses or lake camps, most of which have been removed and/or replaced, or so altered that they no longer retain any visual evidence of the original house. Therefore it appears to be eligible for the WHR as a representative element of the early settlement of the community.

The history of Medina and its neighboring Points communities is associated with the scenic shoreline, the timber industry, and berry-growing. It was originally a summer retreat area for Seattle citizens who could afford the luxury of a country place across the lake. This house is on the Lake Washington shoreline and is one of the few older houses remaining in this area, which is dominated by new construction and experiences strong pressure from modern residential development. Those extant houses in the vicinity that date from before 1968 are generally not architecturally distinguished and have also been altered, with a few exceptions. This house and its neighboring structures do not form a cohesive collection of historic buildings that are able to convey the historic development of the community. Therefore, there is no potential for a historic district here.
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**Pierce, Helen House - formerly 76th Avenue NE** at 2857 Evergreen Point Rd, Medina, WA 98004

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1993). It is likely that this pump house and water tower served the purpose of pumping and storing water for this residence.

The house has had small additions on the rear elevation. The roof structure reflects the evolution of the house, with a front gable on the main section that faces the water, a side or cross gable on the 1932 addition, and another, parallel front gable on the south elevation wing. The rear additions have shed roofs.
Additional Photos for: Pierce, Helen House - formerly 76th Avenue NE at 2857 Evergreen Point Rd, Medina, WA 98004

View of west elevation that faces Lake Washington taken 3/8/2004

Photography Neg. No (Roll No./Frame No.): N/A
Comments:

View of remains of pumphouse, located west of main house near the coastline taken 3/8/2004

Photography Neg. No (Roll No./Frame No.): N/A
Comments:

View of Remains of well/cistern, west of main house, near water’s edge taken 3/8/2004

Photography Neg. No (Roll No./Frame No.): N/A
Comments:

View of West and south elevations taken 3/8/2004

Photography Neg. No (Roll No./Frame No.): N/A
Comments: