

### City Manager's Weekly Update November 1, 2019

#### **Gwen Voelpel Joins SeaTac as New Deputy City Manager**



Gwen Voelpel rejoined the City this Friday, November 1, as Deputy City Manager.

Gwen previously served as SeaTac's Assistant City Manager from 2012 to 2016. She has worked in government in Washington State since 1989. Her positions included serving the City of Tacoma as Assistant to the City Manager, the City of Black Diamond as City Administrator, and the City of Snoqualmie as Parks & Recreation Director.

For the last three and a half years, she has served as a senior performance advisor for Integris Performance Advisors. Integris is a

management consulting firm specializing in process

#### Senior Halloween Lunch



The Senior Programs hosted approximately 170 seniors on Wednesday, October 30 for their annual Halloween Lunch at the SeaTac Community Center. Seniors came to enjoy a great meal and show off their best costumes. The Hanky Panky Band provided live music so the seniors could dance off all of those Halloween candy calories. Special Thanks to Community Service Officers Sana Toutai-Wight and Regina Burke for attending and helping to serve the meal.



#### **Trick of Treaters Come to City Hall**



#### **SeaTac Holiday Bazaar**

A festive community tradition for over 20 years, the SeaTac Holiday Bazaar is one of the most anticipated events of the year. Get a jump start on your holiday shopping this Saturday, November 2 at the SeaTac Community Center, where this year's bazaar will feature 80 local vendors selling handmade and eclectic treasures.

#### Saturday, November 2, 2019

9:00 AM—3:00 PM SeaTac Community Center 13735 24th Avenue South SeaTac, WA 98169 206.973.4680

The SeaTac Senior Program will be holding a 50/50 raffle, gift basket raffles, and a craft and bake sale. The Candy Cane Café will be open with lunch items, snacks, and beverages available for purchase. All proceeds benefit the Senior Program.

Come kick off the season with your friends and neighbors. There's no better way to get in the holiday spirit! For more information, please call 206.973.4680.

Special thanks to this year's bazaar sponsors, Boulevard Park Place and The Cottages of Renton.





#### Des Moines Memorial Drive South & South 200th Street Intersection Improvement



The City of SeaTac Public Works Department is partnering with the City of Des Moines to improve the intersection at Des Moines Memorial Drive South and South 200th Street. The construction project will begin on Monday, October 28, and is estimated to be completed by the end of December, 2020.

Starting Monday, November 4, and throughout the construction period, crews will be shutting down lanes along Des Moines Memorial Drive South and South 200th Street. Single lane closures will be between 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. However, some nighttime work is expected.

Drivers are advised to find alternate routes during the entire construction period to avoid backups as these lane closures will impact drivers who utilize this stretch of roadway.

The City will be upgrading the roadways with multiple safety improvements for vehicle traffic and pedestrians. The City will be installing:

- A new traffic signal and traffic detection system at the intersection that will alert the signal when cars are waiting, which will improve traffic flow
- Left turn pockets which will improve the flow of traffic and make it safer to make left turns
- New sidewalks, concrete gutters, and curb ramps for wheelchairs and bicyclists
- New bike lanes to create a separation between cyclists and car traffic
- Crosswalks and curb ramps at the intersection to make it easier for people to cross the street safely
- New push-button crosswalk signals at the intersection to meet current Americans with Disability Act (ADA) standards
- Installation of new street lights to improve driver and pedestrian visibility
- The addition of retaining walls to prevent roadway damage due to flooding and soil erosion
- Driveway improvements to create better access in and out of businesses and resident homes

Additionally, crews will be undergrounding utilities and replacing and upgrading the stormwater infrastructure. New catch basins will be installed along with larger replacement stormwater pipes. These upgrades will improve stormwater flow and limit the amount of flooding along the roadway during heavy rainfall.

King County Metro will relocate the pair of bus stops in this intersection for most of the project. However, there will be times when these stops may need to close to allow crews to complete improvements. Please visit King County Metro for additional information regarding impacts to Routes 122 and 156.

For more information on this project, please contact Engineering Manager Kamal Mahmoud, P.E., at

#### Citizen Advisory Committee Vacancies - Applications Are Being Accepted

Want to be more involved with the City of SeaTac? Want to provide a valuable service to your community and be more informed about City business? Let your voice be heard! Consider joining a Citizen Advisory Committee.

The following Citizen Advisory Committees have vacancies with applications accepted until positions are filled:

- Community Services Advisory Committee
- Hotel/Motel Tax Advisory Committee
  - (Person involved in activities authorized to be funded by revenue received from the Lodging Tax)
- Senior Citizen Advisory Committee
- Sidewalk Advisory Committee



If you are interested in serving on a committee and would like to download an application, visit the City's <u>website</u>, or contact the City Clerk at 206.973.4661 or <u>cityclerk@seatacwa.gov</u>.

All positions are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council.

#### **Solid Waste Fee Increase On Its Way**



Every year the City of SeaTac's solid waste contract allows for a cost of living adjustment equal to 75% of the CPI-W. This year that amount is a 1.26% rate increase. King County is also implementing a Hazardous Waste fee increase from \$4.99/ton to \$5.25/ton. The total solid waste fee increase will be \$1.61 per month for the average resident that has a 96-gallon garbage container.

All SeaTac Recology customers will soon be receiving an updated service guide that includes the new rates and information about what can and cannot be recycled. If you have any questions, please contact Mason Giem, Public Works Program Coordinator, at (206) 973-4763 or email him at mgiem@seatacwa.gov.

Thank you for recycling, and please remember; all recycling must be empty, clean, and dry.

#### Transit Service Changes are Coming—Tell Metro What You Think

King County Metro is working to connect Renton, Kent, and Auburn with faster, more frequent, and more reliable bus service and innovative travel options. Metro's community-informed plan includes future RapidRide I Line bus station locations and a proposal of transit options to best meet the area's needs starting in 2020.

Metro is also continuing to invest in south King County. In addition to RapidRide and other services, we are also expanding our bus base program—buying more buses and growing our workforce through our <u>Bus Base Expansion Program</u>. Metro's seven existing bus bases are over capacity and unable to meet the increased service needs in our growing region. Metro has identified three potential sites in south King County to house, operate, and maintain 250 battery electric buses as soon as 2030. Metro wants to hear from Kent and Auburn residents to see how they would feel about having a bus base in their community.

#### Here's where you can give us feedback and learn more:

- Comment on proposed route changes coming next year:
  - Adding service frequency to routes 105, 148, 164, 166, 168, 183, 906, 917, and 180 (from Auburn Station to Kent Station)
  - Pathway changes to routes 102, 148, 166, 168, 906, and 915
  - Restructuring and renaming routes 158, 159, 169, 180, 186, 192, 910, 916, and 917
  - Deleting routes 908, 913, and 952
  - Adding new flexible service in these areas: Renton Highlands, Benson Hill, and Algona/Pacific
  - To learn more and <u>take the survey</u> by November 10, click on your language preference below:

English | Chinese | Russian | Spanish | Ukrainian | Vietnamese | Somali

#### Inform RapidRide I Line next steps:

- Metro identified the proposed I Line route, station locations, and key areas to address barriers to walking, rolling, and biking to the bus.
- Tell them what you think and learn more about RapidRide I Line, including station features and potential roadway and intersection improvements to help your bus move faster and stay on-time. Visit their <u>online open house</u> by November 29

English | Chinese | Russian | Spanish | Vietnamese

 Metro will be out in the community this fall. View their event calendar and learn more on the RapidRide I Line website.

#### Provide input on new bus base locations:

- Metro recently announced three potential sites to build a <u>new bus base</u> in south King County to house and maintain 250 all-electric buses as early as 2030.
- After an initial review of 20 sites, Metro narrowed it to three and is gathering public input and conducting a more in-depth evaluation of the three sites over the next year in Kent and Auburn.
- Tell Metro how you would feel about having a bus base in your community and take the <u>New South King County Bus Base online survey</u> by November 17.

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Thank you for your willingness to help spread the word about the improvements to bus service in

# DISASTER SKILLS TRAINING



**WHEN** Nov 12th, 2019 6:30pm - 8:00pm

WHERE SeaTac, WA Valley View - King County Library

17850 Military Rd S, SeaTac, WA 98188

FEATURING • Family Communication Planning • All Hazards Assessments • Emergency Kits • Alternate Routes • Neighborhood Readiness • City Partnerships • Pet Preparedness •

#### **ALL AGES**

Disaster Preparedness Education Event

#### ONLINE REGISTRATION

https:// bit.lv/31WWGe8

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**Sophia Lopez 206-205-6545** 

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#### **Public Meeting on Sea-Tac Airport Impact Study**



The Washington State Department of Commerce and Stantec Consulting will host another public meeting in a series of meetings to inform and engage area residents on a state study of the ongoing impacts of growing operations at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

The open house-style meeting will provide information on the study purpose, process, and data-gathering efforts to date. Those attending will get an update on preliminary findings and next steps and will also have opportunities to give input. The

committee consists of city officials from SeaTac, Burien, Des Moines, Federal Way, Normandy Park, and Tukwila, and six public representatives, including Representative Tina Orwall and Representative Mike Pellicciotti.

When:	Wednesday, November 6 7:00 PM—9:00 PM
Where:	Burien City Hall 400 Southwest 152nd Street Burien, WA 98166

Seattle-Tacoma ranks among the fastest-growing airports in the United States, with operations up 23% between 2014 and 2016, and continuing to climb.

The state Legislature requested the study last year to evaluate impacts on quality of life associated with Sea-Tac air traffic noise, public health, traffic, congestion, parking in residential areas, pedestrian access to and around the airport, public safety and crime within the cities, effects on residential and non-residential property values, and economic development opportunities.

The study is expected to be complete by June 2020. For more information visit the Commerce website.

#### **Citizens Advisory Planning Committee**

The Citizens Advisory Planning Committee (CAPC) is the primary component of citizen participation in the planning processes of the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority (RFA). The CAPC is an extension of the RFA Governance Board with responsibility to review, validate, gather, and provide citizen input on strategic deployment and planning documents for the RFA, and work with the RFA staff to develop recommendations to the RFA Governance Board.

The CAPC may also provide additional input, feedback, and guidance to the RFA staff and RFA Governance Board on issues critical to developing a strong relationship between the community and the RFA.

#### **Mission of CAPC:**

- Learn about Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority
- Listen to our community as representatives of assigned station areas
- Act as a conduit to the RFA Governance Board

#### **Purpose of Meetings:**

- Communicate the RFA's purpose and programs to the community
- Increase the RFA's visibility, credibility, and importance to the community
- · Assess and provide advisory recommendations on community needs and resources
- Provide feedback from different perspectives
- Provide an open forum for public discussion on the RFA's related issues

For more information, click <u>here</u>, or email <u>Kristi Weaver</u>, Staff Liaison, or <u>Larry Rabel</u>, Division Chief of Assessment and Planning.



#### **SeaTac Police Run Operation Targeting Prostitutes**

On the evening of Monday, October 28, the SeaTac Police conducted an operation targeting street level prostitution. The effort was led by our Street Crimes Unit and carried out with the assistance of several other resources from the Sheriff's Office. The intent was to focus on the apprehension of individuals engaged in patronizing prostitutes. By the end of the operation, officers and detectives had arrested and booked eight separate individuals.

All personnel involved in the operation did an outstanding job of carrying out their respective roles, despite unfamiliar challenges and some surprisingly cold temperatures. After the operation concluded, everyone involved participated in a review to examine what improvements could be made, should similar events be planned in the future.

Based upon the number of arrests, along with the observations of the personnel involved in the operations, future similar operations are being considered.



## November Upcoming Events:

#### Saturday the 2nd—Holiday Bazaar

- 9:00 AM—3:00 PM
- SeaTac Community Center (13735 24th Avenue South, SeaTac)
- Click here for more information

#### Monday the 11th—City Hall Closure: Veterans Day

- 8:30 AM—5:00 PM
- SeaTac City Hall and all City Facilities
- Call 206.973.4820 for more information

#### **Monday the 11th—Veterans Memorial Plaza Dedication**

- 11:00 AM—12:00 PM
- SeaTac Community Center (13735 24th Avenue South, SeaTac)
- Click here for more information

#### **Tuesday the 12th—Regular Council Meeting**

- 6:00 PM—9:00 PM
- City of SeaTac City Hall Council Chambers (4800 South 188th Street, SeaTac)
- Click here for the agenda, packet, and handouts

#### Tuesday the 26th—Regular Council Meeting

- 6:00 PM—9:00 PM
- City of SeaTac City Hall Council Chambers (4800 South 188th Street, SeaTac)
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#### Thursday the 28th—City Hall Closure: Thanksgiving Holidays

- 8:30 AM—5:00 PM
- SeaTac City Hall and all City Facilities
- Call 206.973.4820 for more information

#### Friday the 29th—City Hall Closure: Thanksgiving Holidays

- 8:30 AM—5:00 PM
- SeaTac City Hall and all City Facilities
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The U.S. Census Bureau is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

#### **Now Hiring! - US Census Bureau**

The US Census Bureau is recruiting people locally for temporary jobs to assist with the 2020 Census count. The pay scale for King County is \$18.50 - \$25.50 per hour. To be eligible for a 2020 Census job, you must:

- Be at least 18-years-old
- Have a valid Social Security number
- Be a U.S. citizen
- Have a valid email address
- Complete an application and answer assessment questions
- Be registered with the Selective Service System or have a qualifying exemption, if you are a male born after December 31, 1959
- Pass a Census-performed criminal background check and a review of criminal records, including fingerprinting
- Commit to completing training
- Be available to work flexible hours, which can include days, evenings, and/or weekends.

#### Most jobs require employees to:

- Have access to a vehicle and a valid driver's license, unless public transportation is readily available
- Have access to a computer with internet and an email account (to complete training)

Please click <u>here</u> if you are interested in learning more and to apply.



#### Military Road South and South 152nd Street

Improvements for this road reconstruction and safety project include construction of bike lanes, curbs and gutters, sidewalks, new pavement, installation of street lighting, upgraded and interconnected signalization with pedestrian crossings, construction of a right turn lane on Eastbound South 152nd Street, and the elimination of the skewed intersection at Tukwila International Boulevard and Military Road South. Johansen Construction Company started construction on June 24. Current work includes installation of underground infrastructure to support power, cable, and telecommunications services.

#### Des Moines Memorial Drive South and South 200th Street Intersection

Improvements for this intersection include construction of bike lanes, curbs and gutters, sidewalks, new pavement, installation of street lighting, a new traffic signal system with pedestrian crossings, left turn lanes for all approaches, and construction of a right turn lane on westbound South 200th Street. Rodarte Construction was awarded the construction contract at the September 24 Regular Council Meeting. Construction is scheduled to start on October 28. Lane closures will be in effect starting November 4.

#### 34th Avenue South Project

This "Safe Routes to School" project includes construction of sidewalks, curbs and gutters, storm drainage facilities, installation of an enhanced crosswalk, pedestrian lighting, landscaping, and underground conversion of aerial utilities. Design and right-of-way acquisition are ongoing. The project is scheduled to start construction in 2020.

#### South 200th Street Shared-Use Path

This project includes building a new separated shared-use path along South 200th Street between 12th Place South and the Des Moines Creek Trailhead. The project will provide pedestrian connections to street improvements that will be constructed at the intersection of Des Moines Memorial Drive South and South 200th Street, and a connection to existing pedestrian and bicycle facilities accessing the Angle Lake Light Rail Station. Design and right-of-way acquisition are in progress. The project is scheduled to start construction in 2020.







