

City Manager's Weekly Update October 31, 2014

Temporary King County Ballot Drop-off Van at SeaTac City Hall

We are pleased to announce that the King County Department of Elections will operate a temporary ballot drop-off van in the parking lot of SeaTac City Hall during the upcoming general election. In an effort to give King County voters more opportunities to return their mail ballots without the cost of postage, King County will be operating vans around the County. SeaTac City Hall was chosen as an ideal site for one of these vans. The van will be staffed with King County Elections Department personnel who will collect ballots from voters.



SeaTac City Hall 4800 S. 188th Street Saturday, November 1, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Monday, November 3, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Tuesday, November 4, 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM (Election Day)



Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 8 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM SeaTac Community Center

Each year, the Senior Program at the SeaTac Community Center hosts a fantastic Holiday Bazaar. Approximately 80 vendors will be on hand November 8, selling hand crafted items, collectibles, and commercial products. There will also be raffles, a bake sale, and an "almost new" corner The Candy Cane Café will be open so you can purchase lunch. Get a jump start on your holiday shopping or just drop in to get in the

holiday spirit. For more information, please call the SeaTac Community Center at 973.4680. <u>HolidayBazaar</u>

Grandview Dog Park

Serve Our Dog Areas (S.O.D.A.) has informed the Parks and Recreation Department that after 11 years of managing the Grandview Dog Park they will not renew the contract that ends December 31. They have done an outstanding job of managing the off leash dog park. S.O.D.A. has conducted hundreds of hours of volunteer work per year and pay over \$10,000 per year for all of the operating costs that provide for trash pickup, dog waste pick up, a security company to open and close the gate, and port-a-potties. Resignation Letter

The Parks and Recreation Department will conduct meetings to recruit a new group to take over operation of Grandview Dog Park. S.O.D.A. has offered to pay operating costs for 2015 if needed.



When You Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery

It is that time of year again when we move from Daylight Savings Time to Standard Time and adjust our clocks *back* one hour at 2:00 AM on November 2.



The fire department would like to remind you that when you change your clocks, you should also change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms. Alarms which run on 9-volt batteries or hardwired smoke alarms with battery backups need to be changed annually to ensure they work when you need them. Make sure that you dispose of the batteries properly by recycling them. Avoid throwing them in the garbage. Remember – a smoke or CO alarm only warns you if it is working.

Another type of annual maintenance you can perform on your smoke and CO alarms is to vacuum them out when you change the batteries. Dust can accumulate in the small grill near the sensor, blocking its ability to detect and warn you with an audible alarm.

Keep in mind that smoke and CO alarms have a life expectancy of approximately 10 years. If yours are that old, or you are not sure how old they are, replace them and write the purchase date on the inside of the new alarms (there is also a date stamp on the back of the alarm).

Did You Know?
Smoke alarms
beep three times
when activated
while carbon
monoxide alarms
beep four times.

There are two major types of smoke alarms: ionization for detecting fast burning fires such as a stove top fire; and photoelectric for smoldering fires that includes a discarded cigarette in a waste basket. You can also buy alarms that combine both types of sensors for the best coverage of all.

Select the type of alarm which best suits your needs. In all cases, choose an alarm which has the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) seal of approval.

Smoke alarm facts:

- Smoke alarms save lives by reducing the risk of dying in a home fire by 40-50%.
- Households with nonworking smoke alarms outnumber those with no alarms at all.
- Nearly half of all smoke alarms do not work due to missing or dead batteries.

For carbon monoxide alarms, read the manufacturer's instructions on where to place them. Unlike smoke alarms, CO alarms can be located in one of several different locations depending on their design type. Like smoke alarms, make sure there is a UL seal of approval on any CO alarms you buy.

Avoid bringing gasoline powered generators or BBQs near or into homes and never leave a vehicle running in a garage. Watch for signs and symptoms of CO poisoning. They include:

Headaches, dizziness, or lightheadedness Nausea and vomiting Shortness of breath Loss of consciousness

If you think that CO has entered your home, evacuate and call 9-1-1 immediately.



Valley View Library

Come to the Library for Free Tutoring.

Meet with our Study Zone volunteers during the schedule below, or come in any time to learn about our tutoring resources, including 24/7 free online tutoring and test preparation services!

Monday, November 3, 10, 17 and 24, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Tuesday, November 4, 18 and 25, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Wednesday, November 5, 12 and 19, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Study Zone is for grades K-12



MAKE-2014 Knitting Basics

Wednesday, November 5 and 19, 7:00 PM

Want to learn how to knit but aren't sure where to start?

This four-part series will cover the basics: casting on, knit and purl stitches, increases and decreases, and casting off. Supplies for use in class will be provided. Bring your own needles and yarn if you have them. *Registration required*.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Valley View Library.

Baba Yaga and the Bag of Gold Puppet Show

Monday, November 3, 7:00 PM

Presented by Thistle Theatre.

Ages 3 and older.

This puppet show with Bunraku puppets features the infamous witch Baba Yaga who lives in a hut that walks on chicken legs. Discover classic characters from Slavic folklore.

Dance Party!

Thursday, November 6, 10:00 AM

Ages newborn to 6 with adult.

Listen to music and dance, dance, dance! Explore creative movement and boogie 'til we drop!



STARS Workshop Fabulous Felt Board Fun!

Saturday, November 22, 10:00 AM

Presented by Nancy Stewart.

Discover how to combine music, children's books and felt board learning activities to enrich your early childhood classroom. Please bring fabric scissors. Other supplies will be provided. Provides two credit hours in Curriculum and Learning Environments.

Please register.

Website Links

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Event Calendar

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City Council Actions



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Regional Tourism Authority Board Positions

The City is seeking applicants for the initial Board of Directors of the newly chartered Seattle Southside Regional Tourism Authority (RTA). Applicants must be generally representative of the hospitality industry and have experience relevant to the purpose of the RTA in such fields as finance, hospitality and conference management, tourism, marketing and public relations, corporate management, real estate development, law, or technology. Members are not required to be residents of SeaTac. Applications are due no later than Friday, November 7. For more information or application materials, please contact Economic Development Manager Jeff Robinson at 973.4812.

Company Pays \$57 Million for SeaTac Complex

I would like to share news about a deal that signals a growing confidence in the area and helps to showcase the importance that investors and tenants place on being close to jobs, transit and the growing number of employers in the area.

The Prime Group, a Los Angeles-based firm that owns and manages more than \$4 billion in real estate assets nationwide, has recently made a significant investment in SeaTac. Prime paid \$57 million for two adjacent properties built by Polygon NW located on 37th Place S. The two properties are components of a development that now totals 636 units of one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments. The Aspens and the Belvedere will be combined into one 308-unit property to be renamed Belvedere at Aspen Heights. The two projects are part of a master-planned site that has added 636 units of market-rate quality housing to SeaTac over the past five years.

The sale of the Belvedere represents the highest per unit price ever paid in south King County at \$200,000 per unit. The average monthly rents at the two buildings are approximately \$1,400.

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