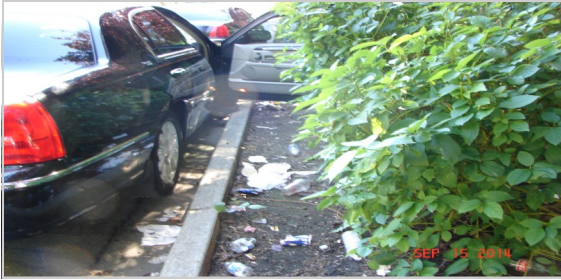


“Clean, Educate, Enforce” – Campaign to Reduce Litter



Residents who live on 31st Avenue S. between S. 168th and S. 170th Streets were provided with the following information about targeted efforts of SeaTac Public Works, Code Enforcement and Police:

SeaTac has experienced an increase of litter in the roadway and shoulder of 31st Avenue S., between S. 168th and S. 170th Streets. An assessment of the situation, including observations by the local residents, indicates that much of the litter is deposited there by taxi, limousine and other rideshare drivers who use the area to take breaks and wait for return trips to the Airport. In an effort to combat the problem, the City has entered into the “Clean, Educate, Enforce” campaign.

Phase 1- Clean: The first week of October, SeaTac Public Works crews thoroughly cleaned 31st Avenue S. between S.168th and S. 170th Streets. They removed litter and cut brush away from the roadway.

Phase 2 – Educate: In November, City Manager Cutts signed a letter that was sent to managers of taxi, limo and ride-share businesses who frequently use 31st Avenue S. as a staging area. The letter explained SeaTac’s litter laws; and urged managers to educate their staff about the problem and encourage them to find ways to deter their drivers from littering.

In coming weeks, members of the SeaTac Police Department will patrol the area talking to individual drivers educating them about the problem and providing the drivers with litter bags. Drivers caught littering during the educational periods, will be warned that they will be fined in the future.

Phase 3 – Enforce: In the weeks that follow the education campaign, SeaTac Police will conduct a series of short-term enforcement emphasis.

We are currently in the “Educate” portion of the campaign. Police are distributing this [flyer](#) attached to litter bags and getting a positive response from drivers.

SeaTac Police Explorers Program



Whether you are interested in Law Enforcement as a future career or just interested in growing in your personal life and committed to your community, The SeaTac Police Explorers is a great program for youth ages 14-20. Please contact Community Service Officer Burnett at 973.4917 if you have any questions about the program or to obtain an application.



Valley View Library

17850 Military Rd S., 242.6044

Life-Size Candyland

Friday, December 26, 2:00 PM

Grades K-12.

Did you ever want to climb inside the Candyland board and travel around through the Lollipop Woods, Peppermint Forest, and Chocolate Swamp? Counting, colors and candy make this game a favorite at the library and we're inviting you to be a part of the game! Play your way around the library through the all the fantastic candy worlds until you reach King Candy! Collect candy and some amazing memories as each family works together to play the game!



Citizen Advisory Committee Vacancies

The City has an immediate vacancy on the Senior Citizen and the Human Services Advisory Committees for alternate members. These committees serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council, assisting in decision-making and the setting of City policies.

The Senior Citizen Advisory Committee's mission is to work with the Staff Liaison to identify issues related to Senior Citizens in the community; act as an advisory body to the City Council and provide input through the City Manager and the Staff Liaison to the City Council on issues relating to Senior Citizens in the community; provide increased opportunities for community involvement by Senior Citizens of the City and community, in general; advise the City Council, through the City Manager and the Staff Liaison regarding the delivery of Senior Citizen programs and provide outreach to the community in an effort to develop and place Senior Citizen issues before the citizens of the City of SeaTac in a positive manner. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at SeaTac Community Center at 9:00 AM.

The Human Services Advisory Committee shall make reports and recommendations to the City Council concerning human services issues, including the following: review and recommend human services needs assessments and updates; develop recommendations for the City Council on priorities of needs within the community; review and recommend human services plans and policies, including the human services element of the City's comprehensive plan; evaluate funding requests and make recommendations; evaluate and review the performance of individual human services organizations; participate in collaborative planning efforts involving citizen groups, human services agencies, and local organizations which contribute to enhanced regional coordination; review City actions which may affect the accessibility or quality of human services available to the City's residents; and conduct other human services research, review and advocacy as requested by the City Council in response to emerging human services issues. Meetings are held the third Monday of the month at 5:30 PM at SeaTac City Hall.



If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 973.4660 or download an application from the City's website www.ci.seatac.wa.us. All positions are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council. Applications will be accepted until Friday, December 26.



Holiday Tree Buying Tips

Buying a precut or U-cut tree for the holidays? Over 30 million families in this country will this year.

Here are some tips for when you buy and once you are home.

Selecting a tree:

- Be picky and shop around. Ask the staff how long ago the trees on the lot were cut. Try to find a tree that was cut no more than three to four days prior. Trees that were cut down prior to that will be drier, drop needles faster, and be more of a fire hazard.
- Shake the tree before buying it. A tree that drops a lot of needles is most likely dry and may not last as long once you have it home. Also, look for insects that fall from the tree when it is shaken.
- Re-cut the bottom of the trunk when you buy it – or better yet, have the attendant do it for you. A fresh cut makes it easier for the tree to absorb water and stay green, reducing its fire risk.
- Shop at a tree lot that will bale your tree. A tree on your vehicle that has not been baled creates more wind resistance that can damage the tree and increases the chance of it flying off, creating a road hazard.



Once home:

- Set your tree up with plenty of space around it. Fireplaces, candles, and other heat sources can increase the fire danger by either drying out the tree or by potentially igniting it.
- Use a sturdy stand, even if it costs a little more. A stable tree is less likely to fall if pets or kids get too close. In addition, if it is near a fireplace or other heat source, the fall could cause a fire.
- Keep the tree well watered. A dry tree is more likely to catch fire than a well-watered one. Also, a dry tree may not last as long.
- If the water level drops below the bottom of the trunk for more than a few hours, you may have to re-cut the trunk. Exposed trunks can secrete sap which may block its ability to absorb water. Check the water level each day to ensure there is sufficient water. Keep in mind pets might drink out of the bowl, reducing the level even faster.
- Check your decorative lights before using them. Many lights are designed specifically for indoor or outdoor use. Incorrect usage can increase the fire danger.
- Never use lit candles on a tree.

Disposing of your tree:

- Dispose of your tree properly. Many scout troops will remove the tree for a small fee. Check with your disposal company, many will take trees as well.
- Never leave trees near your home where it can create a fire hazard.
- If appropriate for your area, a green solution is to dispose of the tree in a natural way by adding it to a stream bed, as a home for small animals, or to decompose naturally in a wooded area.

The City of SeaTac and Kent Fire Department RFA hopes that everyone has a safe and happy holiday.



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Todd Cutts, City Manager

