

# SeaTac Report

City of SeaTac Quarterly Newsletter | Spring 2015

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## **Code Compliance Program**

The Community and Economic Development Department is implementing a significant change to the Code Compliance program in 2015. This change is in response to the





City Council's increased emphasis on improving our community through code compliance efforts that began as a pilot program in 2013.

The City Council authorized two changes in the 2015-2016 budget. The first is the conversion of a vacant Code Enforcement Officer position into a second Code Compliance Program Coordinator position. The Council also added a half-time Administrative Assistant, which will allow the two Coordinators to spend more time interacting with and educating people in the neighborhoods and business areas. Both Coordinators will also be active in responding to complaints in the field and initiating actions to correct observed violations.

To further support this change, program administration has been transferred from Building Services to the Planning Division. The public outreach and education efforts of the program more closely align with typical planning processes for engaging the public.

These changes reflect the philosophy of the Council and staff towards emphasizing community-based outreach and education instead of traditional complaint-response code enforcement. In the months ahead, look for community meetings and activities in neighborhood and business areas throughout the city. If you see something detracting from your neighborhood, please fill out a Request for Action form, which is available on the City's website or at City Hall. Or you can use the "ClicknRequest" mobile app from your smart phone. With your help, we can continue to make SeaTac an outstanding community in which to live.

#### THE FUTURE OF YOUR CITY

What does SeaTac's future look like? City staff are looking forward to the year 2035, and we would like to hear your thoughts.

businesses, and new population and employment over the next 20 years: 2015 – 2035.

Why 2035? We are in the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan, which was last updated

THE FUTURE
of Your City
www.cityofseatac.com/2035

What is the Comprehensive Plan? The Comprehensive Plan is the City's "roadmap to the future." It covers all

in 2004. The updated Plan will look at how we should grow and improve, addressing the needs of current City residents and aspects of city development from transportation and land use to housing and parks/recreation, and all points in between.

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#### APPOINTED SEATAC CITIZENS

The following individuals have been appointed to a SeaTac Citizen Advisory Committee. We value their civic interest and willingness to be a part of the working team of our City.

Human Services Advisory Committee: Lawrence Pitre (Alternate) appointed January 27, 2015 Senior Citizen Advisory Committee: Judy Beste (Alternate) appointed February 10, 2015 Future, cont. from page 1...

**US PASSPORT** 

We have been be reviewing all aspects of the draft updated Plan at City Council and Planning Commission meetings during the first few months of this year, and have scheduled a Public Hearing for April 7. We are anticipating that the City Council will adopt the updated Plan this June.

Check the Comprehensive Plan web page at <a href="https://www.CityofSeaTac.com/2035">www.CityofSeaTac.com/2035</a> for current information. If you have questions, email them to <a href="mailto:2035@ci.seatac.wa.us">2035@ci.seatac.wa.us</a> or call Mike Scarey at 973.4750.

**US PASSPORT** 

### **Passport News**

Passport applications are accepted at City Hall on Wednesday and Thursday only, from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM (please arrive by 3:45 to allow for processing time). The current processing time for passports is 4-6 weeks. The City accepts personal checks or money orders only for passport fees. Passport fees are non-refundable.

	BOOK FEES		CARD FEES		1st Time Applicants	
Age*	Adults	Minors	Adults	Minors	Adults	Minors
Passport Services Fee	\$110.00	\$80.00	\$30.00	\$15.00	\$140.00	\$95.00
City of SeaTac Fee	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Total	\$135.00	\$105.00	\$55.00	\$40.00	\$165.00	\$120.00

<sup>\*</sup> Adults 16+, Minors Under 16

#### YOUR CITY COUNCIL



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### City Council Meetings

City Hall Council Chambers Study Sessions at 4:30 PM Regular Meetings at 6:30 PM 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

To view Council agendas and minutes, or meeting times and dates, please visit the City's website at <a href="https://www.CityofSeaTac.com">www.CityofSeaTac.com</a>.

Meeting times may change. Please call the City Clerk's Office at 973.4660 for the latest information.

City Council Study Sessions and Council Meetings are recorded and can be viewed by Comcast subscribers on SeaTV, Channel 21 at 2:00 AM, 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM beginning Thursday evening following a Council Meeting. The meetings can also be found online by visiting <a href="https://www.CityofSeaTac.com">www.CityofSeaTac.com</a>. Select the grey SeaTV box from the menu on the left and then choose the Council Meetings tab, from there you can choose to view any Council Meeting from the previous year. If you have any questions regarding viewing the Council Meetings please contact the City Manager's Office at 973.4820.

### Sound Transit's Development Progress at Angle Lake Station

Sound Transit's light rail extension from the Airport Station to the Angle Lake Station on S. 200th Street is scheduled to begin service in mid to late 2016. Currently under construction in SeaTac, are the guideway, station and parking garage.

In February, the construction of the guideway from its southernmost point (south of S. 200th Street) to the airport boundary (just north of S. 188th Street) was complete. From there the Guideway construction will continue on to the existing Guideway at the airport, with a scheduled completion date in

June. The construction of the Station, which straddles the north and south side of S. 200th Street began with the floor panels and other vertical components being installed. Ongoing site construction activities include utilities and retaining wall installations.

The City has issued all permits needed for the parking garage project to continue construction. The tower crane is installed and residents should soon be able to witness completion of the first floor slab and columns being set to support the second floor slab, which will be at the same level as the new plaza.

Two additional projects supporting the Angle Lake Station are under design and permit review and are scheduled to begin

construction by July: the I-5 Military Road Improvements project and the S. 200th Area Road Improvements project. The S. 200th Area Road Improvements project will include extensive reconstruction of S. 200th Street and 28th Avenue S.

with complicated traffic control and road closures. Delays are to be expected.

With construction activities in full swing, City staff has provided proactive responses to help resolve unanticipated issues and participated in a wide variety of meetings to resolve design issues early in the

process. All this has been done with eye toward the goal of helping the project stay on schedule and begin light rail service in mid-to-late 2016.

Current construction alerts regarding traffic for these projects can be found using the following methods:

City website at: hyperlink: <u>www.CityofSeaTac.com</u>, on the main page under Latest News.

Sound Transit's website at: <a href="www.soundtransit.org/Projects-and-Plans/South-200th-Link-Extension">www.soundtransit.org/Projects-and-Plans/South-200th-Link-Extension</a>. Once there, click on "Get involved" then click "Latest update."

Sound Transit also has a 24-Hour construction hotline: 1.888.298.2395.

## Angle Lake District Station Area Plan Project Update

After multiple reviews and a public hearing held by the Planning Commission, the City Council will complete a final review of the Angle Lake District

Station Area Plan in early 2015.

Throughout 2014, City staff worked with members of the business and residential communities to create the plan. It envisions a more walkable, bicyclefriendly, transit-oriented community around Sound Transit's new Angle Lake light rail station. The new station is scheduled to open in late 2016. Additional goals of the plan are to



encourage new development in the area and promote better access to jobs, services, open space and a healthier lifestyle.

The City will develop new zoning regulations to implement the Plan's vision later this year.

For more information about the Angle Lake District planning process and to see a copy of the draft plan, please visit the project webpage at <a href="https://www.CityofSeaTac.com/anglelakestation">www.CityofSeaTac.com/anglelakestation</a>. For any questions, please contact Senior Planner Kate Kaehny at <a href="https://kkaehny@ci.seatac.wa.us">kkaehny@ci.seatac.wa.us</a>.





## **Construction Update**



#### Connecting 28th/24th Avenue S.

The "Connecting 28th/24th Avenue S." project is progressing toward construction later this year. The project will construct a new arterial road between S. 200th and S. 208th Streets and connect 26th Avenue S. to 24th Avenue S. The new road will include four general purpose lanes, turn pockets, and a shared use path along both sides. This project completes the north-south corridor from S. 188th Street to S. 216th Street.

The completed corridor will improve access and circulation for the new Angle Lake light rail station at S. 200th Street and 28th Avenue S. and help ease congestion along International Boulevard. Also, the new road will provide access to approximately 200 acres for redevelopment that could result in potential new jobs. The road is anticipated to be open in early 2017. For additional project information, please contact Florendo Cabudol, Project Manager, at 973.4740. Follow the project on Twitter at @SeaTacPW; #28th24th.



#### 37th/40th Avenue S. Sidewalk Project

Design is nearing completion on the 37th/40th Avenue S. Street Sidewalk project, the City's sixth Neighborhood Sidewalk Project. A preliminary design was presented to the community at an open house on December 3. The project is scheduled to start by midsummer, 2015. Please contact Toli Khlevnoy, Civil Engineer, at 973.4736, or <a href="mailto:tkhlevnoy@ci.seatac.wa.us">tkhlevnoy@ci.seatac.wa.us</a> for more specific project information.



## City Celebrates 25th Year

The City of SeaTac incorporated on February 28, 1990. To commemorate the City's 25th Birthday, Mayor Gregerson proclaimed February 28 as a day of celebration and asserted that the City has evolved into a more premier global community offering a solid, sustainable economy and a healthy, inclusive, and vibrant quality of life. In addition, the City hosted a cake reception to celebrate at the senior lunch held at the SeaTac Community Center on March 4.

## **Good Neighbor Recognition**

Do you have a neighbor who goes "above and beyond" by making exceptional contributions to improving the life of those on your street, in your neighborhood or for the community? National Good Neighbor Day is officially recognized on September 28th.

In honor of National Good Neighbor Day, the City of SeaTac is launching a city-wide recognition program. The City of SeaTac's Good Neighbor Award gives you the opportunity to recognize other individuals for their acts of goodness and call attention in a positive way to the benefits of being a good neighbor. Community members are nominated by their peers and the award recipients will be chosen from those submissions.

The 2015 Good Neighbor Award is restricted to actions for January 2014 through July 2015. The recognition program will have one Good Neighbor Award and three honorable mentions; all nominees will be recognized. Nominations will be accepted through July 2015, with the award winners being announced at the 2015 SeaTac International Festival held at Angle Lake Park this year on September 12 – 13.

Award guidelines, forms and instructions are available online at <a href="www.CityofSeaTac.com/goodneighboraward">www.CityofSeaTac.com/goodneighboraward</a> or at City Hall, the SeaTac Community Center or contact Resource Conservation/Neighborhood Programs Coordinator Trudy Olson at <a href="mailto:tolson@ci.seatac.wa.us">tolson@ci.seatac.wa.us</a> or 973.4763.

## Community Emergency Response Team Training

Have you ever considered how much things around you could change in a mere moment? What if a catastrophic event occurred this afternoon? What would you do? If you were hurt or in need of immediate assistance, would there be someone there for you? If the person next to you were hurt, do you have the training and confidence to help?

If any of these questions cause you to wonder how you could be better prepared for an emergency, then Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training might be for you. The CERT program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using classroom training and practical exercises as reinforcement, CERT members are taught how to assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members are also encouraged to support local emergency response functions by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

This program has been highly successful in attracting and instructing people of all ages from throughout our community. However, because our goal is to promote a high level of awareness and self-sufficiency throughout the community, we're constantly looking to expand this base of knowledge further. Our SeaTac program is instructed by a cadre of first responders with hands-on disaster response experience. Our eight-week training course is held on weekday evenings and capped with a practical exercise. For more information about class schedules and participation visit www.CityofSeaTac.com/Police.

## Seeking Adult Police Volunteers

If you are over 21 and want to have fun while assisting your community, consider applying for a position as a SeaTac Police Volunteer.

For more information, contact Community Service Officer Eloise Kruger at 973.4915 or eloise.kruger@kingcounty.gov.

## Seeking Police Explorers

The SeaTac Police Explorer post #2052 is now accepting applications. If you are between the ages of 14-21 and want to explore a law enforcement profession, this fun and vital opportunity may be for you. If you are interested in joining and would like further information, please contact Explorer Coordinator Mechee Burnett, 973.4917.

## Tips to Reduce the Opportunity for Theft

Cut back vegetation that has grown up around your windows, doors and mail boxes. This will increase the chance of neighbors seeing and reporting suspicious activity around your property; making your property less attractive to opportunistic thieves.

Don't leave tools and equipment lying around your property. If you put them away immediately after use, you are a less likely to have them stolen.

Close your garage and shed doors when you aren't close enough to see them; again reducing opportunity for thieves to take your belongings.



Mail theft continues to be a significant problem throughout the region.

Locking mail boxes and Post Office Boxes are two ways to reduce theft.

If those options are not available to you, make every effort to collect your mail as soon as it's delivered. Partnering with a neighbor who is retired or works an opposite schedule can help in retrieving mail to ensure it isn't stolen.





## Parks and Recreation - Spring 2015



#### **EGG HUNT**

Saturday, April 4 at 9:00 AM, Sharp Angle Lake Park

Hop over to Angle Lake Park where children will have fun scrambling for eggs and treats. Please have kids bring baskets to collect their goodies and a camera to get a picture of your child with the Easter bunny!

Ages: 10 and under

Sponsored by:

SeaTac Parks and Recreation Department Kent Fire Department Regional Fire Authority Kent Fire Department Regional Fire Authority Local 1747

## TUKWILA'S ANNUAL BACKYARD WILDLIFE FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 9 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Tukwila Community Center 12424 - 42nd Avenue S., Tukwila

The City of SeaTac has joined other sponsors for this annual event that helps educate and inspire the community to

welcome wildlife in your backyard and garden. For a list of activities and events, please call the Tukwila Community Center, 768.2822 or visit <a href="https://www.backyardwildlifefestival.org">www.backyardwildlifefestival.org</a>.



#### **SUMMER PROGRAMS**

Summer is fast approaching and many of our camps and programs are filling up quick, so contact the Parks and Recreation Department soon for your child's summer enjoyment. Scholarships are available for residents who meet all requirements. Please visit our website at <a href="https://www.CityofSeaTac.com">www.CityofSeaTac.com</a> or call Parks and Recreation Department at 973.4680.

#### SAVE THE DATE

Celebration and Fireworks at Angle Lake Park: July 4

Touch-A-Truck: August 22

International Festival: September 12 & 13

## GRANDVIEW DOG PARK GETS A NEW LEASH ON LIFE

Since its inception in 2003,
Grandview Off-Leash Dog Park has been managed by the Redmond based non-profit organization Serve Our Dog Areas (S.O.D.A.). When that contract with the City of SeaTac expired in December 2014, S.O.D.A. felt it was time to let the citizens of South King County work directly with the City to take Grandview into the future.

In January, a new non-profit volunteer organization was formed by a dedicated core group of Grandview Park users. The new organization is called Dogs of Grandview Supporters (D.O.G.S.). The mission of D.O.G.S is to provide volunteer stewardship to maintain and improve Grandview Dog Park and to promote responsible dog owners. It is the hope of D.O.G.S. that people realize the value of Grandview Park and help support it to keep and improve this incredible regional park.

Grandview is the only regional dog park in South King County and it is very important to our communities. Not only does it provide an attractive, safe and fun environment where dogs can play, socialize, exercise and train off-leash, it is also a place where dog lovers can socialize and exercise with others who have a common interest, thus enhancing the quality of life for both dogs and their owners.

Amenities of the park include 37 acres of fenced, flat open space, hills, trails, paved paths, benches, drinking fountains for dogs and humans, waste pick-up bags, garbage receptacles, free parking and a restroom.

D.O.G.S. relies entirely on donations and volunteers to maintain and improve the dog park. All donations to D.O.G.S. are tax-deductible and can be made by visiting <a href="www.grandviewoffleash.org">www.grandviewoffleash.org</a> or mailed to Dogs Of Grandview Supporters, 2013 S. 250th Street, Kent, WA 98032.

If you would like to receive updates about the exciting changes, please visit the website to join the mailing list.



# Remember to Wash Your Car Right and Keep Our Waters Clean

Getting ready to clean off all the dirt and grime on your vehicle? Before you send all that oily, soapy water down the driveway and into a storm drain, the City of SeaTac wants to remind you that, not only is this very harmful to wetlands, streams, and lakes, but it is also a violation of state, local, and federal pollution laws.

So what can you do? Wash your car on your lawn, gravel or other permeable surfaces. Coin and professional car washes either recycle their waste water or send it to a sanitary sewer where it is treated before released.

# Curb Marker Program Volunteer Opportunities

The City's Public Works Department Storm
Drain Curb Marker program is available to
youth groups and special interest volunteer
groups from May 1 - October 31. Installing the
colorful four inch curb markers is easy and
reminds people that storm drains are for rainwater
only. You can help protect our natural waterways by volunteering for
this great community stewardship program! For more information
contact Trudy Olson at 973.4763 or by email at tolson@ci.seatac.wa.us.



# Planning a Car Wash Fund Raiser?

By checking out a FREE fish friendly car wash kit from the City, fund-raising groups can help keep harmful soaps and toxic metals from running into the Puget Sound. Or consider a professional car wash organization (i.e. Puget Sound Car Wash Association (PSCWA) or Brown Bear) charity ticket program for your fund-raising event. Call Resource Conservation/Neighborhood Programs Coordinator Trudy Olson at 973.4763 for more information or to reserve a FREE car wash kit. For more information regarding the problems facing the Puget Sound, along with workable solutions that we can adopt into our everyday actions to reduce our pollution of the waters, visit www.pugetsoundstartshere.org.

## Thinking Naturally: Natural Yard Care Tips

Did you know that each time you apply pesticides and fertilizers to your yard or garden some of it will end up in our lakes, streams and eventually the Puget Sound? In an effort to protect our natural waterways, the City of SeaTac encourages residents, businesses and property owners to adopt the following natural yard care techniques.

Consider shrinking your lawn. By expanding your flower beds or gardens, and by using organic mulch to hold moisture, you can reduce watering and yard maintenance.

Fertilize moderately with a "natural organic" or "slow-release" fertilizer. These fertilizers reduce the amount of pollutants washed into our waterways during heavy rains.

Think twice before using "weed and feed" or other pesticides. Look into alternative, less-toxic products and herbicides now available.

Improve the soil. Improve poor lawns with aeration, overseeding, and top-dressing with compost. Using compost/mulch in your garden provides a natural nutrient source for your plants, reducing the need for fertilizers. Compost also holds moisture longer, so you don't have to water as often.

Water deeply, not often. Grasses do better when the whole root zone is wetted (one inch of water per week) and then partially dries out between watering.

Mow higher (1-2 inches), mow often, and leave the clippings. Leaving short clippings on the lawn provides free fertilizer and does not cause thatch buildup.

**Go native.** Planting native drought tolerant plants will reduce the need for fertilizers and excess watering.

For more information visit the following websites:
<a href="http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/naturalyardcare/index.asp">www.gardenhotline.org</a>
<a href="http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/naturalyardcare/index.asp">http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/naturalyardcare/index.asp</a>





## 2015 Waste Reduction & Recycling Programs

SeaTac is dedicated to reducing waste, encouraging recycling and promoting reuse.



### **Special Recycling Collection Event**

Yard Debris is NOT accepted.

Saturday, April 25, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Tyee Educational Complex Parking Lot, 4424 S. 188th Street

\* Cash only when fees apply. Residents pay the vendors directly.

Recycle appliances (appliances containing CFCs, such as refrigerators and freezers, are \$10 per unit), scrap metal, tires, oil, transmission fluid, batteries, electronics, fluorescent tubes/bulbs (limit 10 per vehicle; no broken tubes accepted), reusable household goods, EPS Styrofoam, and more! TV's, monitors, CPU's and laptops are also accepted. Some restrictions and fees apply, and vendors at the event reserve the right to reject any items that do not meet their requirements. This event is for residential quantities; no commercial loads allowed.

Styrofoam must be clean, dry and free of any plastic film. NO foam sheeting, cardboard, hard plastics, screws or metals. Packing peanuts must be bagged or boxed. Dirty and wet EPS will not be accepted. No food containers will be accepted.

FREE – Confidential material shredding. Staples and paper clips do not need to be removed from documents. Limited to three boxes per vehicle.

Rain Barrel Sale – SeaTac Residents Only Saturday, April 25 – 9:00 AM to Noon or until sold out.

There is a limited amount of rain barrels available for sale. \$25 each cash only, limit two (2) per customer.

Tyee Educational Complex Parking Lot, 4424 S. 188th Street For more information, please contact Resource Conservation/ Neighborhood Programs Coordinator Trudy Olson at 973.4763.

The Spring Special Recycling Event is produced in partnership with Washington State Department of Ecology, King County Solid Waste Division, the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County and the City of SeaTac.

### 2015 Neighborhood Grant Program

The City of SeaTac is still accepting applications for the Neighborhood Grant Program. Applications will be accepted until May 15. Decisions on grant awards will be made in June.

For information please contact Resource Conservation/ Neighborhood Programs Coordinator Trudy Olson at 973.4763. Applications are available on the City's website under the Public Works Department's web page at www.CityofSeaTac.com/neighborhoodgrantprogram.

# Recology Store Opens in Highline Location

Recology CleanScapes opened their new recycling focused retail store and customer service center for their Recology CleanScapes Burien, Des Moines, and SeaTac customers.

Five Corners Shopping Center 15858 First Avenue S., #A100, Burien Monday - Saturday: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM Sunday: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

## TO REPORT A SPILL — CALL THE SPILL HOTLINE

The City of SeaTac has established a Spill Hotline for residents and businesses to report spills or water quality issues.

Monday - Friday: 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM call 973.4770

After hours/weekends/holidays: call the King County 24-hour dispatch at 296.8100

What to report?

- 1. Your name, the date, time, and location.
- 2. The type of material and size of spill/discharge. If material is not known, identify with indicators (i.e. odors, colors, vegetation, staining, etc.)
- 3. Contact information of the responsible party (if known).
- 4. If possible, wait for first responders to arrive.

If spill is hazardous, also call 911.

## **Earth Week Events**

#### ARBOR DAY EVENT

Wednesday, April 22, 10:00 AM

Join us for a tree planting event at Angle Lake Park, 19408 International Blvd. Parks Operations Manager Roger Chouinard will be working with local area students and Washington Community Forestry workers for this Arbor Day Event.

#### CITY RECYCLING COLLECTION EVENT

Tyee Educational Complex Parking Lot, 4424 S. 188th Street Saturday, April 25, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Please see the 2015 Waste Reduction & Recycling Programs article in this issue for more information.

#### ANNUAL COMMUNITY LITTER CLEANUP EVENT

Saturday, April 25, 9:00 - 11:30 AM

#### Volunteers needed!

Individuals/groups/businesses are encouraged to 'Step Up for SeaTac' and help in this city-wide litter cleanup event and be part of enhancing our community. Volunteers will gather at the Tyee Educational Parking Lot at the area labeled Community Litter Cleanup and be assigned to a team. Each team will be given gloves, garbage bags, trash pickers and safety vests. Volunteers will be dispatched to areas of the city

to clean up and bag trash. Event ends at 11:30 AM. Team captains will return City equipment. City trucks will pick up trash bags during and after the event.

For more information, or to sign up individually or as a team, please contact Resource Conservation/Neighborhood Programs Coordinator Trudy Olson at 973.4763.

#### ADDITIONAL PARKS CLEANUP EVENTS

#### Volunteers needed!

For information on the following events, please contact Parks Operations Manager Roger Chouinard at 973.4781.

#### Parks Beautification Event

Saturday, April 25, 9:00 - 11:30 AM Join in and help beautify your SeaTac parks.

Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden Cleanup Event Saturday, April 25, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Neighbors Without Borders Action Committee Cleanup Event Saturday, April 25, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



# Don't Needle Your Garbage Collector – Disposing of Household Sharps Properly

"Sharps waste" includes all hypodermic needles, syringes with needles attached, intravenous (IV) tubing with needles attached, scalpel blades and lancets that have been removed from the original sterile packaging, and epipen or auto-injectors. Proper disposal of sharps protects children and pets, prevents transmission of infectious diseases, protects solid waste disposal workers, and protects the environment.

Sharps are not accepted at the household hazardous waste facilities.

#### Do not:

- Flush sharps down the toilet
- Drop sharps into the storm drain
- Break the needle off from the syringe
- Clip, bend, or recap sharps and drop into the trash
- Put sharps containers in your recycling bin

Putting sharps loose into the garbage is a health risk for solid waste workers. Visit <a href="www.HazWasteHelp.org">www.HazWasteHelp.org</a> for the best ways to dispose of sharps generated in the home to manage the health care of yourself or another.

Currently two of the disposal sites operated by King County Solid Waste accept household generated sharps. Sharps must be placed in a securely sealed, puncture-proof plastic bottle. Place sharps container in designated bins inside transfer building – not in the garbage. Loose sharps are not accepted. There is no charge for this residential service at:

- Bow Lake Recycling & Transfer Station 18800 Orillia Road S., Tukwila, WA
- Shoreline Recycling & Transfer Station 2300 N. 165th Street, Shoreline, WA

For more information visit the King County Local Hazardous Waste Management Program website at <a href="https://www.HazWasteHelp.org">www.HazWasteHelp.org</a> or call the King County Household Hazards line at 296.4692.





## **Library Corner**

#### **ADULT PROGRAMS:**

Mind Matters 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's: Early Detection Matters Tuesday, April 28, 6:30 PM What is the difference between typical age-related memory changes and Alzheimer's disease? What steps should I take if I think there might be a problem? This class will answer these questions and more including the 10 Warning Signs, why early detection is important, and how Alzheimer's is diagnosed.

While your brain is not a muscle, it does need care,

feeding and exercise to keep it in top shape. The 2015 KCLS adult program series, Mind Matters, offers free programs, classes, tips and reading suggestions to stay sharp. It's YOUR mind. KCLS can help you take care of it!

www.kcls.org/mindmatters

#### Valley View Library Book Group

Tuesdays, April 21, May 26, and June 30, 7:00 PM
Join the Valley View Library's monthly book group for lively literature discussion.
All are welcome!

**April:** "Cutting For Stone" by Abraham Verghese.

May: "Your Farm in the City: An Urban Dweller's Guide to Growing Food and Raising Livestock" by Lisa Taylor with Seattle Tilth; perfect for getting your garden in order just in time for summer.

June: Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor's memoir "My Beloved World".

## Citizenship Preparation Classes

#### Wednesdays 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Get help with the Citizenship interview process, including civics and government questions, reading and writing English and practicing your interview skills.

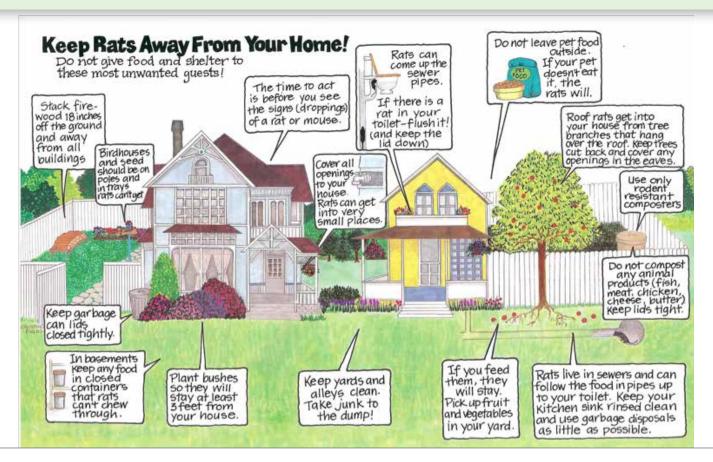
#### Talk Time

Wednesdays 1:00 – 2:30 PM

English conversation class for adults. Improve your speaking skills and learn about American culture.

#### Knitter's Book Club Second Wednesday of the month, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Bring your current knitting project and share what you've been reading in this casual monthly gathering. You'll hear about some of the latest new titles and meet other knitters. Knitting needles, yarn, basic lessons and plenty of encouragement will be on hand for beginning knitters.





Computer Classes
Build your computer
skills with a variety of
classes, including
Basic Computing and
Internet Level 1 & 2.

#### One-On-One Computer Help

Do you have questions about basic Internet searches, how to set up an email account or how to use Microsoft Office? Help is available at the Valley View Library.

#### **TEEN PROGRAMS:**

#### Study Zone Grades K-12

Drop in for free homework help from trained volunteer tutors.

#### Game On!

Test your gaming skills at this open play video game program.

Wii, xBox 360, PS3 and more!

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

Family Story Times Mondays, 7:00 PM

Thursdays, 10:00 AM

All ages welcome, ages 5 and younger with adult.

Stories, rhymes, song and dance!

#### **Book Buddies**

Help your child practice reading while making a new friend! Children in Kindergarten through 4th grade or students who need help reading in English are invited to stop by the Children's Area of the Valley View Library for a 10-20 minute reading session with a teen helper. Teen volunteers have literacy training.

For more information and current schedules, call Valley View Library 242.6044

## **Spring Safety Tips**

As winter turns to spring, people are ready to take advantage of the nicer, hopefully warmer, weather.

The Kent Fire Department RFA, which also protects the residents of SeaTac asks everyone to consider these spring safety tips.

Water Safety – If you spend time near or in bodies of water, remember that rivers still are running fast and carrying a lot of debris left over from the winter. Also, local water temperatures are often in the low to middle 40 degree range. If you go near water, wear a personal floatation device.

Open Windows – With warmer weather comes open windows as everyone airs out their homes. Please remember the potential danger to children that an upstairs open window can pose. Keep furniture, cribs, and beds away from windows. Do not place anything near a window that will attract a child's attention. Lastly, remember that window screens keep bugs out, not kids in.

Bike Safety – Nice days get everyone thinking about biking, running, and spending more time outdoors. If you are on a bike, remember to wear a helmet and keep in mind you are subject to the same rules of the road as a vehicle. For drivers, watch out for people on bikes or who are out walking/ running – especially children who can act in unpredictable ways.

Spring time is a great time to get outside and enjoy the great Northwest. Have fun and be safe.

### Do I Need a Permit for My Home Project?

As the weather warms, so does the interest in remodeling construction activity. Please check with the Building Division before beginning home-improvement projects. The City requires permits for home-improvement projects, including electrical, mechanical, structural or plumbing work. As a result of getting a permit, an inspector will check the work to ensure that it is safe and completed per the building code requirements. Inspections provide a measure of safety to protect your life and property.

#### **Projects That Require Permits:**

- Re-roofing
- Installing electrical outlets; adding circuits

- Replacing window where openings are increased in size
- Remodeling of any type; kitchens, bathrooms and garage conversions are common projects
- Installing a pool, spa or hot tub
- Building an addition, including seasonal rooms
- Installing appliances and replacements such as furnaces, boilers, water heaters, fireplaces and space heaters
- Building a fence over 6 feet in height

If you are planning to make home improvements, contact the building division at 973.4750 to ask if your project requires a permit. This will avoid any potential penalties for not having the required permits in hand before beginning on your new remodel project.





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### SeaTac Youth & Teen Programs Hiring

The City of SeaTac is seeking positive, responsible, outgoing Recreation Leaders for our Youth and Teen Programs! These variable hour positions work up to 16 hours per week during the school year with opportunity for greater hours during the summer, and earn \$11-\$14 per hour. Check out the details below and visit <a href="https://www.CityofSeaTac.com">www.CityofSeaTac.com</a> to apply online.

#### Youth Program

Monday – Friday Before School: 6:00 – 8:45 AM After School: 3:00 – 6:00 PM

Recreation Leaders in the Youth Program plan, coordinate, and conduct indoor and outdoor recreational activities before and

after school for youth ages 5-12 at Bow Lake Elementary School. Activities may include arts and crafts, games, cooking, tutoring, and athletics, including swimming at the local YMCA.

#### Teen Program

Monday – Thursday 1:30 – 5:15 PM

Recreation Leaders in the Teen Program plan, coordinate, and conduct indoor and outdoor recreational activities for middle school and high school students ages 12-19 at Valley Ridge Community Center. Activities may include video/card/board games, ping pong, ultimate Frisbee, and athletics including basketball and soccer.

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