

### Roadway Restoration Continues Along S 200th Street

Crews building the Angle Lake Station are restoring S. 200th Street between 26th Avenue S. and International Boulevard. Crews have been working on the south side of the road this fall to relocate utilities, build new sidewalks, install lighting and repave the road.

Beginning as early as Monday, Dec. 28, crews will begin working on the north side of the road. Crews will maintain at least one lane of traffic in each direction along S. 200th Street during this work. Once the north side of S. 200th Street is complete, crews will repave, stripe, and re-open all lanes to motorists. New signage and traffic signals will also be installed this winter.

For more detailed information on what to expect and a map of the road work, please see Sound Transit's [Construction Alert](#).

### Recology CleanScapes' Holiday Collection Schedule

Garbage, recycling and compost collection customers served by Recology CleanScapes in SeaTac may experience a change in collection day during the upcoming holiday season. Recology CleanScapes operates regularly on all holidays except for Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.



Since Christmas and New Year's Day both fall on Fridays, collections for those days will be delayed one day to Saturday. Please visit

[www.recologycleanscapes.com](http://www.recologycleanscapes.com) or call 206.767.1166 for more information about your service schedule.

This holiday season and throughout the year, customers are encouraged to place food scraps in

their green bin. By putting unwanted leftovers into the correct bin, these organic materials can be composted and turned into a beneficial soil amendment, rather than ending up in the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill.

#### **NO HOLIDAY COLLECTION:**

Christmas falls on a Friday. As there is no service on the holiday, Friday customers will be serviced Saturday.

## Smart Growth America Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Workshop

Last October, the City hosted an “Implementing TOD” workshop, featuring presentations from representatives of Smart Growth America. While awaiting receipt of a final report from Smart Growth America, we have become aware of a posting Smart Growth America made on its website (<http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/2015/12/17/seatac-wa-looks-to-make-the-most-of-three-light-rail-stations-with-an-implementing-tod-workshop/>):

### SeaTac, WA looks to make the most of three light rail stations with an “Implementing TOD” workshop

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The Angle Lake light rail station under construction in SeaTac, WA. A recent workshop looked at the potential for new development around this and two other stations. Photo by SounderBruce via [Flickr](#).

On October 6 and 7, Smart Growth America traveled to SeaTac, WA to help the city figure out how to make the most of three light rail stations with an [Implementing Transit-Oriented Development 101](#) workshop.

The City of SeaTac has already adopted area plans for each of its Sea-Tac Airport, Tukwila International Boulevard, and soon-to-open Angle Lake light rail stations. “In 2016, with the opening of the Angle Lake Station, the City will have three light rail station areas, each with its own distinct attributes, opportunities and challenges,” said Todd Cutts, SeaTac City Manager. “The expert assistance from Smart Growth America will help guide the transformation of these areas and support the community in shaping them into active, interesting, and healthy places.”

Smart Growth America came to help the City discuss how best to stimulate transit-oriented development (TOD) in the three station areas, particularly how to balance the needs of commuters traveling by car to the stations with those of nearby residents and businesses.



“Smart Growth America is committed to providing training to help local leaders keep cities and towns livable, vibrant places,” said John Robert Smith, Smart Growth America’s Senior Policy Advisor. “This workshop provided the community with an opportunity to learn more about leveraging transit investment to realize SeaTac’s goals for the future.”

On October 6, Smith and Dena Belzer, President of [Strategic Economics](#), held an open public forum for SeaTac-area residents. They presented on how communities across the country are using transit-oriented development strategies, and how SeaTac could realize similar benefits. Questions were taken from those in attendance.



The following day, Smart Growth America’s staff and a group of area stakeholders representing the City of SeaTac, the City of Renton, Sound Transit, local business leaders, and the

Environmental Protection Agency, among others, came together for a more focused session. After a more detailed presentation on SeaTac and TOD, attendees divided into small focus groups based on the three station areas. Groups discussed the envisioned plan for each station area, what specific strategies would make that vision successful, perceived barriers to that vision, and potential action items to reach the vision.

Several commonalities were woven throughout vision statements and the necessary aspects to succeed in achieving those visions. The groups stated a desire for mixed-use, commercial development that would attract employers as well as creating welcoming public spaces for residents and travelers alike.

Attendees also identified common barriers and action items. Across station areas, accessibility issues and the current state of development codes were identified as inhibitors to station area visions. However, interest from local landowners and the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport were identified as major opportunities for the projects. Stakeholders proposed working with the Airport and major property owners to acquire property, improve services and pedestrian access, communally clarify a vision of the area, and encourage TOD planning on the airport and surrounding property.

At the end of the second day, attendees noted a number of big picture takeaways that may help frame SeaTac’s work going forward. First, that public perception of the station areas will determine whether travelers or residents will actually use these areas to their fullest. And second, that willingness and commitment from major landowners to be invested partners in the project was one of the most exciting opportunities of the workshop moving forward.

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## SeaTac Snow Plow and Road Closure List

In the event of a snowstorm, the City has established the list below of priority roads which will be plowed and sanded first. Click on the link below to see the priority list. Residential streets will be cleared as soon as possible after the priority list has been completed.

[www.ci.seatac.wa.us/PublicWorks](http://www.ci.seatac.wa.us/PublicWorks)



## Free Tax Help From United Way

United Way's Free Tax Preparation Campaign offers tax preparation assistance to low- and moderate-income households making less than \$62,000 annually. At absolutely no cost, the IRS certified volunteers will take clients through the process of preparing their taxes to ensure a maximum refund, as well as being connected to all credits they may be eligible for. Rather than utilizing a paid preparer, this can save families an average of \$300 during tax season! Additionally, tax sites are equipped with volunteers who specialize in benefits referrals to ensure clients understand all of the benefits they may qualify for.

The Free Tax Preparation Campaign runs from January 11 to April 21. In SeaTac, services will be located at the Angle Lake Family Resource Center at 4040 S. 188th Street. Hours will be Monday and Wednesday, 5:00-9:00 PM and Saturday, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM.

For more information click [here](#).

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## Valley View Library December Events

### Winter Film Fun

*Thursday, December 31, 12:00 PM*

Family program, all ages welcome with adult.

Come to the library for a movie and treats and say goodbye to 2015!

### Adults

#### Valley View Library Book Club

##### *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson

*Tuesday, December 29, 7:00 PM*

Join the Valley View Library's monthly book group for lively literature discussion.

#### Citizenship Preparation Classes

*Wednesdays, 10:00 AM*

Learn how to become a United States Citizen. Study for the naturalization test, including civics questions, reading and writing English and practicing your interview skills.

Classes are free, join anytime!

#### Talk Time Classes

*Wednesdays, 1:00 PM No class on December 30.*

Practice speaking English with other English language learners. Learn about American culture and meet people from around the world. Classes are free, join anytime!

### Teens

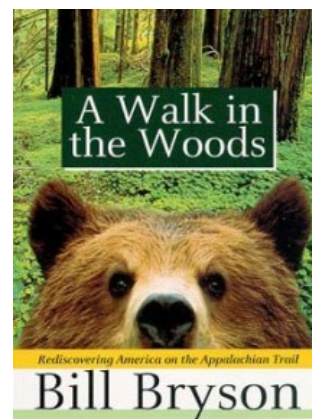
#### Study Zone

*Mondays and Tuesdays,  
6:00 PM*

*When school is in session.*

Grades K-12.

Drop in for free homework help from trained volunteer tutors.





## Holiday Closures

City Hall and City facilities will be closed on Friday, December 25, in observance of Christmas and Friday, January 1 for New Years Day.

## Website Links

[Home Page](#)

[Event Calendar](#)

(click Event Calendar link for upcoming meeting agendas)

[City Council Actions](#)



[ClicknRequest.CityofSeaTac.com](http://ClicknRequest.CityofSeaTac.com)

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## Citizen Advisory Committee Vacancies

The City has immediate vacancies on the following, committees:

**The Community Building Committee**

**The Human Services Advisory Committee**

**The Library Advisory Committee**

**The Hotel/Motel Tax Advisory Committee**

### **Applications will be accepted until filled**

If you are interested in serving on these committees, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 973.4660 or download an application from the City's website [www.ci.seatac.wa.us](http://www.ci.seatac.wa.us). All positions are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council.

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