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## Meet Your 2016 City Council

At their January 5, 2016 Special Council Meeting, the City Council elected Rick Forschler as Mayor and Michael J. Siefkes as Deputy Mayor through 2017.

Councilmembers Kathryn Campbell (position 2), Tony Anderson (position 4), and Pam Fernald (position 6) were not up for re-election. Their terms run through December 31, 2017.

### Position 1 – Rick Forschler

*I've lived in the SeaTac area since 1974. I retired from Boeing after 30 years as a Manufacturing Engineer and IT Professional. This is my second election to the City Council; my first term was 2009 to 2013. I've also been active in various other organizations, including extensive work for both Water and Wastewater districts throughout Washington State. My wife Edwinna and I have eight children, who we raised in SeaTac, plus 19 grand children... and counting.*

### Position 3 – Peter Kwon

*I've lived in the Puget Sound area for 26 years, most recently in Seattle's Queen Anne neighborhood for 15 years; and in SeaTac for the last 4 years since buying a house in McMicken Heights. I'm an IT Systems Engineer and have worked for Boeing, Microsoft, Nordstrom, and the University of Washington.*

*I've been actively involved with the local community for the last three years, having started an ongoing locking mailbox program to reduce mail theft.*

### Position 5 – Michael J. Siefkes

*My family and I are long term residents of SeaTac. I have been married for 24 years and have six children. I am an attorney with my own practice in Normandy Park, focusing on Elder Law and Wills and Estate.*

### Position 7 - Erin Sitterley

*I grew up in the "southend" and have lived in SeaTac for over 26 years. I am a speech therapist and have worked in home health and hospital practice, currently at Multicare-Good Samaritan Home Health and Hospice. I have served the City as a Civil Service Commissioner, and host National Night Out each year.*

*My husband Tom and I have been married for 28 years and are proud to call SeaTac home.*

Please see page 2 for City Council contact information.

### UTILITY TAX REPEALED

On December 8, the City Council repealed the utility tax effective March 1, 2016. The six percent (6%) tax originally adopted in October 2014 applied to electric energy, natural or manufactured gas, solid waste (5%), surface water management, telephone, and cable television businesses within the city. The repeal does not change the ability of low-income senior citizens to apply for relief during the time period the tax was in effect. More information is available on the City's website at [www.ci.seatac.wa.us/utilitytax](http://www.ci.seatac.wa.us/utilitytax) or by calling 973.4880.





## Community Leadership Academy

The City will host its first Community Leadership Academy this spring to enhance community involvement while sharing information about how city government operates. The academy will include presentations by City officials responsible for services ranging from public safety and street maintenance to the local court system, policy making and budgeting. All city departments will participate in the interactive information sessions. Some presentations may include tours of facilities, such as a fire station, or "field trips" to other City locations such as the community center.

The nine session academy will take place Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 7:30 PM beginning April 21 through June 9 and culminate in a presentation at the June 14 Council meeting. Participation is open to SeaTac residents, business owners, service providers and students 18 years or older who live, work or attend school in SeaTac. Spots will be limited to a maximum of 30 participants. Applications and additional information can be found at [www.ci.seatac.wa.us/communityleadershipacademy](http://www.ci.seatac.wa.us/communityleadershipacademy).

## Spring 2016 Community Police Academy

The 2016 Spring Community Police Academy will start on Wednesday, March 9 at 6:00 PM. Students will meet every Wednesday evening from 6:00 – 9:00 PM to learn about SeaTac Police and the King County Sheriff's Office in a variety of unique and interesting settings. Students will see police K9 teams in action, ride along with officers, tour the 911 Communications Center and South Correctional Entity (SCORE jail) and hear from experts in their field about a number of policing topics.

Our hopes are that students graduate with a better understanding of the law enforcement role in the criminal justice system and an appreciation for the many challenges facing police officers in today's complex society, and that we develop a relationship with every student that encourages trust and communication into the future.

Open to all who live or work in SeaTac. Contact CSO Eloise Kruger at 973.4915 or [eloise.kruger@kingcounty.gov](mailto:eloise.kruger@kingcounty.gov) if you are interested.

### 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 [www.CityofSeaTac.com](http://www.CityofSeaTac.com).

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 [www.CityofSeaTac.com](http://www.CityofSeaTac.com). 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.*

**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:**  
Edwin Obras appointed November 24

**Library Advisory Committee:**  
Frances Snowder appointed November 10



**LONGTIME VOLUNTEER RECEIVES STATEWIDE AWARD**

Margene Olson received the Excellence in Action Award from the Washington State Council on Aging on October 29 for her efforts in the Meals on Wheels Program. A volunteer since the opening of the SeaTac Community Center in 1993, more than 282,000 meals have been served under her watch. Congratulations and thank you for your dedication.

**City Recognizes Outstanding Employees**

Each year the City selects employees for citywide awards who have demonstrated outstanding performance. This year awards were given for customer service, going the extra mile, and demonstrating SeaTac’s core values. Employees are nominated by their fellow staff members and an employee committee determines the selection of the recipients for Customer Service, Extra Mile, and The SeaTac Award. The SeaTac Police Department gives additional recognition for its outstanding members. The awards were presented on November 20. The awards given for service to the City of SeaTac and its residents in 2015 were:



**▲ CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD**

Linda Croasidill



**▲ THE SEATAC AWARD**

Lawrence Ellis



**▲ EXTRA MILE AWARD**

Florendo Cabudol



**▲ OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

Ed Hall

Those employees with 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service were also recognized. The service awards were given to:

**5 YEARS:**

Ryan Rosen

**10 YEARS:**

Karen Spencer  
Joyce Kennedy  
Mike Butay

Chiaki Makihara  
Al Torrico  
Todd Cutts

**15 YEARS:**

Brian Tomisser  
Clemens Barrabas  
Douglas Allen

**20 YEARS:**

Soraya Lowry  
Brett Reinhardt  
Kathleen Cummings  
Kit Ledbetter

**25 YEARS:**

Ruth Black  
Melinda King  
Lawrence Ellis







## Construction Update



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

The Connecting 28th/24th Avenue S. project is progressing toward award of the construction contract. The schedule was adjusted to include a new bridge and culvert structure added to the project. These structures allow the future State Route 509 extension to be constructed with minimal impacts to traffic on 28th/24th Avenue S. The project will construct a new principal arterial road between S. 200th and S. 208th Streets and connect 26th Avenue S. to 24th Avenue S. in Des Moines. 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. The new road will also provide access to approximately 200 acres for redevelopment, potentially adding new jobs to the area. The road is anticipated to be open in late 2017. For additional project information, please contact

Florendo Cabudol, Project Manager, at 973.4740, or see our webpage at [www.ci.seatac.wa.us/28th-24th](http://www.ci.seatac.wa.us/28th-24th).

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

Construction is underway on the 37th/40th Avenue S. Sidewalk project. This project will construct sidewalks on both sides of 37th Avenue S. from S. 166th Street to S. 172nd Street, and on 40th Avenue S. from S. 166th Street to S. 170th Street. Please contact Toli Khlevnoy, Civil Engineer, at 973.4736, [tkhlevnoy@ci.seatac.wa.us](mailto:tkhlevnoy@ci.seatac.wa.us) for specific project information, or visit the webpage at [www.ci.seatac.wa.us/37th40thsidewalk](http://www.ci.seatac.wa.us/37th40thsidewalk).



### 32nd Avenue S. Sidewalk Project

The City's seventh Neighborhood Sidewalk Project is under design with construction scheduled for summer 2016. This project will add sidewalks on both sides of 32nd Avenue S. from S. 188th Street to S. 192nd Street. Please contact Toli Khlevnoy, Civil Engineer, at 973.4736, [tkhlevnoy@ci.seatac.wa.us](mailto:tkhlevnoy@ci.seatac.wa.us) for more project information.

## South 200th Street Light Rail Update

Construction continues to proceed on schedule for the new Sound Transit Angle Lake Light Rail Station at S. 200th Street. The guideway, track work, and station elevators and escalators have been completed. Station and guideway electrical systems are slated to be completed by February 2016.

The elevators in the parking garage are being installed and are expected to be finished in March 2016.

The roadway improvement portion of the project continues with construction from S. 200th Street from International Boulevard to the vicinity of Des Moines Creek, and 28th Avenue S. from S. 204th Street to S. 200th Street. This work is expected to be finished by April 2016, and service is expected to be ready the following month.

Current construction alerts with traffic impacts for the Angle Lake Light Rail Station are available at:

- **City website at:** [www.ci.seatac.wa.us](http://www.ci.seatac.wa.us), on the main page under "Latest News" for initial notification. This announcement is e-notified to subscribers and is created at the beginning of a construction event.
- **Sound Transit's website at:** [www.soundtransit.org/Projects-and-Plans/South-200th-Link-Extension](http://www.soundtransit.org/Projects-and-Plans/South-200th-Link-Extension). Once there, click on "Get involved" then click "Latest update."
- **Sound Transit 24-hour construction hotline:** 1.888.298.2395
- More information on a public celebration in the new Angle Lake Station Plaza portion of the project will be provided as Sound Transit gets closer to an official opening for service in 2016.

## National Experts Assist SeaTac to Encourage Transit Oriented Development

On October 6 and 7, the City's Community and Economic Development staff hosted Ms. Dena Belzer from Strategic Economics (Berkeley, CA) and John Robert Smith from Smart Growth America (Washington D.C.) as part of a free technical assistance program. The City was one of 14 communities nationwide out of approximately 120 applicants that was successful in being awarded these services from Smart Growth America (SGA). The program is made possible through a five-year "Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities" grant to SGA from the US Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Sustainable Communities.

As a national leader in the field, SGA has accumulated extensive experience working with communities to help them use land strategically, make the most of existing resources and invest strategically to catalyze private development. They are the only national organization dedicated to researching, advocating for and leading coalitions to bring smart growth practices to more communities nationwide.



**Smart Growth America**  
Making Neighborhoods Great Together

Ms. Belzar and Mr. Smith are nationally-recognized experts in the area of transit-oriented development (often referred to as TOD). After touring the City and its three light rail station areas, an introductory presentation was made to a group of residents, Planning Commission members, City Council

members and City staff. The presentation relayed how the public investment in transit stations can positively influence how a community grows.

The following day, an all-day workshop was held to provide staff from both local and regional agencies with tools and techniques to bring about the vision for the future found in the City's long-range plans. During this workshop, participants broke up into groups to discuss steps to improve each of the City's three light rail station areas.

The two-day event provided a lot of good ideas for moving the adopted plans within these station areas forward. This information will help guide future decisions as the City seeks to create walkable, vibrant centers around the light rail stations.

## SeaTac Zoning Code Gets New, Streamlined Format

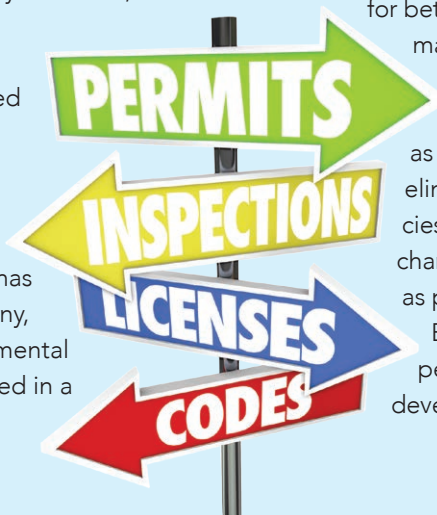
The City is pleased to announce that staff has reformatted the Zoning Code (Title 15 of the SeaTac Municipal Code) to make it easier to use by residents, builders, staff and, well, everyone! The Zoning Code was initially adopted in the early 1990s, upon incorporation of the City. It was based upon the King County Code that existed at that time and has since been amended many, many times. These incremental amendments have resulted in a

code that has become increasingly difficult to use.

The reformatted Zoning Code provides for better organization, makes it easier to find frequently-used regulations (such as for fences), and eliminates redundancies. No substantial changes were included as part of this process. Existing zones, permitted uses and development standards

(building heights, setbacks, etc.) all remain the same.

The newly reformatted Zoning Code also provides an improved framework for on-going code improvements and future projects, such as specific regulations that will apply to the area around the new Angle Lake Light Rail Station. The City remains committed to continuing to look for ways to streamline the Zoning Code for both ease of use and to respond to changing community needs. You can view the SeaTac Municipal Code online at: [www.codepublishing.com/wa/seatac/](http://www.codepublishing.com/wa/seatac/).





# Parks and Recreation – Winter 2016

## RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

The Valley Ridge Community Center Teen Center Project Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held on November 17. This addition to the Valley Ridge Community Center will house the Teen Afterschool and Summer Camp Teen Programs. The center will provide video games, arts and crafts, computers, recreational activities and a safe place to “hang out”. The project was funded by the City of SeaTac and the King County Community Development Block Grant program.



pieces. Purchased art pieces become part of the City's permanent collection displayed in public facilities. The public is welcome to view purchased art pieces during business hours.

The 2016 winners are:

Title: “Kalaloch Creek Abstract”

Artist: Robert L. Berg

Title: “Seattle Icon”

Artist: Greg A. Rubstello

## RECREATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The recreation scholarship program is designed to provide financial assistance to youth and teens to participate in a recreation program. You must be a SeaTac resident. Please call the Parks and Recreation Department for additional information at 973.4680.

## VALLEY RIDGE PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Along with the Valley Ridge Community Center Addition project, a new playground and interactive games were installed at Valley Ridge Park.



## CITY RECEIVES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

The City received \$332,000 from the 2016 King County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to design and construct a neighborhood park on the Riverton Heights site. The neighborhood park will use two acres of the eight-acre parcel. Design of the park is anticipated to begin in 2016 with construction beginning in 2017. This project is fully funded by the CDBG program. Please contact Lawrence Ellis, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, at 973.4681 with any questions regarding this project.

## PURCHASE AWARD WINNERS

The City held its Annual Juried Photography Exhibit in October. We received 28 entries and the City purchased two

## SWIMMING AT MATT GRIFFIN YMCA

SeaTac residents may swim at the Matt Griffin YMCA by purchasing a punch card for \$5. Punch cards can be purchased at the SeaTac Community Center by showing proof of residency (valid driver's license and a recent utility bill). Each card has 10 punches for lap swim, 12 punches for water aerobics and eight punches for open swim. Limit of four punch card per household per year. For more information, please call the Parks and Recreation Department 973.4680.

## 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.

Age*	US PASSPORT BOOK FEES		US PASSPORT CARD FEES		BOTH (Book & Card) 1st Time Applicants	
	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$135.00</b>	<b>\$105.00</b>	<b>\$55.00</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>	<b>\$165.00</b>	<b>\$120.00</b>

\* Adults 16+, Minors Under 16



## Winter Safety Tips

Winters in Western Washington are unpredictable and can range from the very mild to days of severe snow, wind, and rain. Because winter's worst weather is often between January and March, here are some tips and information to help keep you and your family safe.

Use candles with care. Often used decoratively or during power outages, candles should not be used as a substitute for flashlights unless there are no alternatives. Follow these candle safety rules:

- Always use a sturdy base under your candles that will resist tipping.
- Keep candles away from flammable materials such as curtains or bedding.
- "When you go out – blow it out". Never leave burning candles unattended.

Also, during power outages many families utilize gasoline powered generators until the household power comes back on. These generators can supply power to furnaces, lights, stove

tops, and other appliances.

Generators can literally be life savers when used correctly. Unfortunately, every winter we read stories about people who were affected by carbon monoxide (CO) that was produced by a generator that was brought into or near a home and left running.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, almost odorless, and tasteless gas which is present during any type of burning. When inhaled, it depletes the oxygen supply in the blood stream. Symptoms of CO poisoning include lightheadedness, dizziness, headache, nausea, vomiting, seizures, decreased levels of consciousness, and in extreme cases, death.

It is not just generators that pose a hazard; barbecues – especially the charcoal type, vehicles left running in a garage, wood stoves, and certain non-electric space heaters also produce the potentially deadly gas.

You can reduce the chance of CO poisoning by following some basic rules:

- Never bring generators or barbecues into the home or attached garage.
- Purchase and install a carbon monoxide alarm in your home.
- If anyone in the home begins to complain of CO poisoning symptoms or the CO alarm activates, leave the residence and call 9-1-1.
- Have all CO producing appliances inspected and serviced according to the manufacturer's recommendation.

This winter take the time to make sure you use candles safely and that the danger of carbon monoxide is not present in your home.



## SeaTac Updates Property Maintenance, Vehicle Storage Codes

The City Council has an adopted goal of increasing the effectiveness of code compliance efforts throughout all neighborhoods and areas of the city. As part of that on-going effort, in September 2015, the Council adopted a number of updates to the property maintenance standards found in Chapter 7.15 of the SeaTac Municipal Code (SMC). The amendments will provide the City's code compliance staff with more effective tools for addressing the variety of issues they typically investigate. Highlights include:

- Identification of items that can only be stored within an enclosed building (i.e., a garage or shed).
- Clarification of standards for maintaining vegetation and disposal of yard waste.



- Establishment of standards to provide proper clearance for any vegetation overhanging a sidewalk or street.
- Standards relating to the storage of motor vehicles on private property (found in SMC 7.25) were relaxed to ensure that a property owner may store an inoperable vehicle or RV in the rear yard of their lot, provided it is screened from view.

If you have any questions about these changes, please contact Code Compliance at 973.4567 or [codecompliance@ci.seatac.wa.us](mailto:codecompliance@ci.seatac.wa.us). You can view the complete SeaTac Municipal Code online at: [www.codepublishing.com/wa/seatac/](http://www.codepublishing.com/wa/seatac/).





# 2016 Waste Reduction & Recycling Programs

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

## SAVE THE DATE!

April 23

### City Recycling Special Collection Event & Annual Community Litter Cleanup Events

Recycling Event will be held at Tye Educational Campus from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The Annual Litter Cleanup Event will be held from 9:00 to 11:30 AM.

Watch for the Spring issue of the SeaTac Report for more information or contact Resource Conservation and Neighborhood Programs Coordinator Trudy Olson at [tolson@ci.seatac.wa.su](mailto:tolson@ci.seatac.wa.su) or 973.4763.

collection all for one standard fee. If you have questions on your service or bill, contact Recology CleanScapes at their designated SeaTac customer service number, seven days a week, at 767.1166, or visit their website at <http://www.cleanscapes.com/seatac/community>.

## YARD DEBRIS OPTIONS FOR SEATAC RESIDENTS

### Curbside Service with Recology CleanScapes

Yard debris collection is now available at no extra cost to SeaTac residents who subscribe to curbside garbage service with Recology CleanScapes. Food scraps go into yard waste container so you might downsize your waste container and save!

### Self-hauling of Yard Debris

SeaTac residents who choose to self-haul their yard debris have several options — please note that fees apply. For fees and restrictions please contact the company.

**Bow Lake Transfer Station – Tukwila**  
(18800 Orillia Road S.)  
296.4466

**Hours: Monday – Friday**  
6:00 AM – 8:00 PM  
**Saturday & Sunday**  
8:30 AM – 5:30 PM

*The facility is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.*

Bow Lake Transfer Station now accepts yard waste for recycling; drop-off only.



Includes leaves, grass clippings, weeds, brush, Christmas trees, and branches (must be 4 inches in diameter or less, and less than 8 feet long). Yard waste must be separated from

garbage. No dirt or sod. No plastic of any kind. No food scraps.

For further information on the Bow Lake Transfer Station please visit <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/facilities/bow-transfer.asp?ID=343> or for questions regarding accepted materials, fees, and hours you may call 296.4466.

**Pacific Topsoils, Inc. – Tukwila**  
(6000 S. 129th Street Tukwila) 772.3091

Hours: vary with the seasons – 7 days a week.



## RECOLOGY CLEANSCAPES

Looking to start curbside service? Recology CleanScapes' service includes garbage, recycling and yard waste/food scraps

## 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 – 3:30 PM call 973.4770**

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

**\*\*If spill is hazardous – also call 911\*\***

## WHAT TO REPORT?

**Clearly indicate:**

- Your name, the date, time, and location.
- The type of material and size of spill/discharge. If material is not known, identify with indicators (i.e. odors, colors, vegetation, staining, etc.)
- Contact information of the responsible party (if known).

*If possible, wait for first responders to arrive.*





### MISSED A COLLECTION EVENT, OR HAVE ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED AT THE EVENT?

Visit King County's "What do I do with...?" website at <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/wdidw/> or visit the Earth911 website at <http://earth911.com/> to find information on where to take your items. Free brochures with Reduce/Reuse/Recycle information are available at City Hall. For more information, please contact Resource Conservation/Neighborhood Programs Coordinator Trudy Olson at 973.4763.

Household Hazardous Waste Products are considered hazardous if the label has the words "Poison", "Danger", "Warning", or "Caution". *Remember: Never pour excess hazardous waste down any drain or sewer or dispose of it in the garbage!*

Household Hazards Line:  
296.4692  
[www.hazwastehelp.org](http://www.hazwastehelp.org).

For more information contact Resource Conservation/ Neighborhood Programs Coordinator Trudy Olson at 973.4763.

## 2016 Neighborhood Grant Program

The City of SeaTac is now accepting applications for the 2016 Neighborhood Grant Program. **Applications will be accepted until May 15, unless an extension is announced. Decisions on grant awards are scheduled for June.**

***The City is not responsible for, nor will it pay for, any expenses or costs incurred by the applicant for the project prior to the City's project final approval.***

SeaTac is committed to promoting and sustaining an environment that is responsive to resident involvement. The purpose of the program is to encourage the formation of neighborhoods that work together for neighborhood identity through collaborative projects. It is the goal of the Neighborhood Grant Program to build viable partnerships between the City and its residents.

Total grant funds available for the overall 2016 Neighborhood Grant Program equal \$5,000. Only qualified applications will be considered. Awarded projects will be determined by the amount of qualified applications the City receives and is limited to how many projects can be accommodated within the \$5,000 program budget.

The 2016 Neighborhood Grant Program projects require a 2 (neighborhood) to 1 (City) match for City funds awarded (2:1 match). For every dollar requested through the grant fund, two dollars of match must be provided by the applicant group. Applicant group matches are typically volunteer labor, donated materials, supplies and/or professional services.

Examples of projects include: neighborhood identity (signage, kiosks), play areas, neighborhood events (Block Watch, Map Your Neighborhood), public amenity (benches, sculpture), neighborhood clean-up, youth projects, secure mailboxes, artwork/neighborhood beautification, or other similar improvements.

Projects must meet the program requirements.

For information and application, please contact Resource Conservation/ Neighborhood Programs Coordinator Trudy Olson at [tolson@ci.seatac.wa.us](mailto:tolson@ci.seatac.wa.us) or 973.4763.





## Library Corner

### CHILDREN & FAMILIES

#### Family Story Times

Mondays at 7:00 PM:

January 15

February 1, 8, 22 & 29

March 7, 14, 21 & 28

Thursdays at 10:00 AM:

January 21 & 28

February 4, 11 & 25

March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

All ages welcome, ages 5 and younger with adult.

Stories, rhymes, song and dance!

#### Study Zone

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 6:00 PM

Grades K-12.

Drop in for free homework help from trained volunteer tutors.



### ADULTS

#### Valley View Library Book Club

Tuesdays, January 26, February 23, & March 29 at 7:00 PM

Join the Valley View Library's monthly book group for lively literature discussion. Check at the library for the monthly selection. All are welcome!

#### 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

Practice speaking English with other English language learners. Learn about American culture and meet people from around the

## Good Neighbor

In 2015 the City launched the city-wide Good Neighbor Award recognition program, where SeaTac community members are encouraged to nominate individuals and/or groups for their acts of neighborly/community goodwill. Nominations allow community members to call attention in a positive way to the activities that the nominee has contributed to their neighbors and community by being an example of a "good neighbor". The 2015 program had one Good Neighbor Award winner and three Honorable Mentions. The 2015 recognition program was restricted to actions for January 2014 through July 2015. Future years will cover a one-year timeframe, so the 2016 Good Neighbor Award will be restricted to actions from August 2015 through July 2016.

### 2015 Good Neighbor of the Year:

Michael Doughty

### 2015 Honorable Mentions:

Paavo and Rauni Sillanpaa  
Floyd and Doris Moe  
Bruce and Pat Ernst

### 2015 Good Neighbor Award Nominees

**Michael Doughty:** for countless volunteer hours in coordinating, launching and maintaining the SeaTac United Windmill after-school program held in a safe

## Domestic Violence During Football Season

Did you know that Super Bowl Sunday is the highest domestic violence day of the year? Researchers studying the 2012 football season found that 40% more women were battered on Super Bowl Sunday than on a normal Sunday.

The study showed that, while watching a typical football game, spectators are likely to consume more alcohol and become very aggressive. During Super Bowl week, there was a whopping 264% increase in units dispatched on domestic violence calls. This increase in the number of reports filed on game day has a serious impact on police departments. The emergency wards of area hospitals

report increases in admission of women in the categories of stabbings, gunshot wounds, assault and "accidental" falls.

The National Football League (NFL) is working to take a more proactive approach by making spectators aware of the problem of domestic violence. The NFL launched an experimental approach by airing a commercial on Super Bowl Sunday stating that this is the highest domestic violence day of the year and urging viewers to end the violence.

If you or anyone you know is in an abusive relationship and needs help, please contact our domestic Violence Victim Advocate, Kim Cooper 973.4634.

## Award Program

environment that includes STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) followed by SUMA (SeaTac United Math Academy) programs for SeaTac children in addition to his non-competitive soccer programs. Michael was recognized for how he works tirelessly to coordinate community donations and community volunteers (adults and high school students) to provide SeaTac kids with opportunities to which they would not normally have access. The majority of the children participating are low income and come from culturally diverse backgrounds. The Windmill program provides Chromebooks for the participants to use during their STEM/SUMA after-school hour with small group and individual one-on-one peer mentoring, enabling kids to practice math and science skills in a fun, competitive way, and complementing the core curriculum in the SeaTac schools. Mr. Doughty was praised as a great role model, always taking time to visit with all parents and their children. The end of the programs have a party complete with awards, pizza or summer barbecue, and activities are designed to ensure all the children feel special. Mr. Doughty is continuing the Windmill program to eventually include activities at the

Matt Griffin YMCA. The programs are open to all SeaTac elementary children.

**Paavo and Rauni Sillanpaa:** for the couple's extra mile assistance to a neighbor whose disability has advanced and restricted her physical abilities. The Sillanpaas have taken upon themselves the neighbor's yard care to include not only regular maintenance, but also repairing many broken items, removing two trees that needed to be taken down, and repairing fallen gutters and an aging fence. The Sillanpaas are both over 70 years old and have assisted their neighbor in addition to their own house maintenance.

**Floyd and Doris Moe:** for their litter pickup during their regular daily walks and their consistent friendliness with everyone they meet during their walks. Doris and Floyd offer a quick wave and smile, each carrying a plastic bag and pick-up-stick to collect the litter and trash along their walks. Doris and Floyd were nominated by three different community members – all for the same "good neighbor" attitude.

**Bruce and Pat Ernst:** for their consistent involvement and volunteerism within the Bow Lake Senior Retirement Community. Bruce and Pat helped organize the Bow Lake National Night Out event and have been integral

in the starting of a Block Watch Program for the whole mobile home community for 2015.

**Peter Kwon:** for his involvement in the McMicken Nextdoor online community and providing an avenue for his community members to address mail theft by coordinating a group discount purchase of individual, secure locking mailboxes. Peter additionally volunteers his assistance to residents who need help replacing their mailboxes and has been active in the community in addressing abandoned property issues.

**Chuck D'Arielli:** for always being available to lend a hand when any neighbors need assistance, whether it be with their car, home maintenance, or yard work.

**Melissa Wells:** for her involvement as a founding member of the McMicken Nextdoor online community, for organizing the first Block Watch on her street and for regularly hosting events to inform, educate and empower her neighbors to help reduce crime.

**DeDe McConnell:** for her initiative in organizing yard work parties to help neighbors with property maintenance and as an advocate for cleaner



neighborhoods and streets, often working with code compliance and police to help reduce crime in her community.

**Vicki Lockwood:** for her volunteerism with many local community organizations. She sends out a monthly email newsletter to keep neighbors informed of local crime events, participates in local community building yard work parties, and other community events that benefit the neighborhood.

The 2016 Good Neighbor Award guidelines, forms and instructions are available online at [www.ci.seatac.wa.us/goodneighboraward](http://www.ci.seatac.wa.us/goodneighboraward) or at City Hall, at the SeaTac Community Center or contact Resource Conservation/ Neighborhood Programs Coordinator Trudy Olson at [tolson@ci.seatac.wa.us](mailto:tolson@ci.seatac.wa.us) or 973.4763.







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### New Tourism Group Off to Running Start

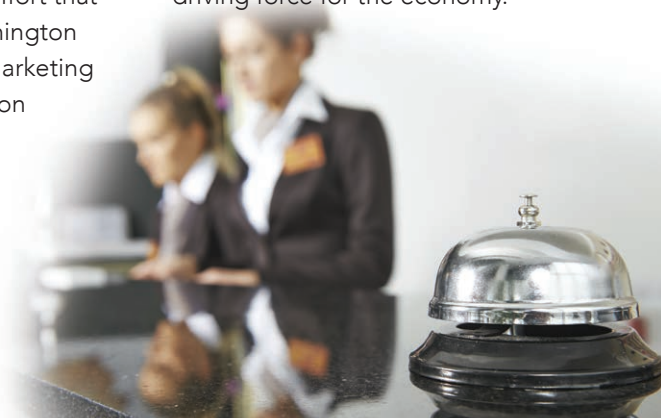
In October 2014, the SeaTac City Council chartered the Seattle Southside Regional Tourism Authority (RTA), a first-of-its-kind organization in the State of Washington. The RTA is managing the increased funding being generated by the local lodging industry's self-imposed Tourism Promotion Area (TPA) assessments.

The independent Board of Directors and staff are responsible for the management and delivery of tourism promotion activities for the cities of Des Moines, SeaTac and Tukwila. This innovative approach is the result of a coordinated effort led by the SeaTac staff and City Council. The RTA has also served as the legislative model for the new statewide tourism effort that is being supported by the Washington Tourism Alliance, Destination Marketing Organization and the Washington Lodging Association.

The RTA began receiving its operating revenue in July of 2015 and the total amount generated by the TPA during the first eight months was more

than \$2.2 million. The President and CEO was hired mid-September and will be hiring additional staff during the first quarter of 2016. The RTA will present its first Strategic Business Plan in early 2016.

The hospitality industry is estimated to have generated over \$659 million in tourism spending during 2014 and employed over 5,300 people in the Seattle Southside region. This past year, 2015, was a record year for the lodging industry in the area. Several new hotels are planned for construction here in SeaTac. Assisted by the great work being done by the RTA, the tourism industry in our city will continue to grow and to be a driving force for the economy.



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City Clerk 973.4660	Job Line 973.4655
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City Manager 973.4820	Community & Economic Development 973-4750
Code Compliance 973.4750	Police Non-emergency 296.3311
Facilities, Parks and Public Works Maintenance Facility 973.4770	Police Department 973.4900
Finance Department 973.4880	Public Works 973.4720
Inspection Line 973.4764	SeaTac Community Center 973.4680
Fire Department 253.856.4300	
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