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City Council Election Results

At the January 12, 2010 Council Meeting, the City Council elected Terry Anderson as Mayor and Gene Fisher as Deputy Mayor for terms ending December 31, 2013.

Mayor Anderson has been on the City Council since September 1989 and is a lifetime Highline area resident.

Deputy Mayor Fisher has been a SeaTac resident since 1975 and has served on the City Council since January 2000, including serving as Deputy Mayor the last two years.

In the November election, two new Councilmembers, Pam Fernald and Rick Forschler, were elected to positions 6 and 2, respectively for terms ending December 31, 2013. These positions were previously held by Barry Ladenburg and Chris Wythe.

Pam is a native Washingtonian, born and raised in King County. She grew up in Riverton where her parents still live in her childhood home in Tukwila. Pam now lives in Riverton Heights.

Pam graduated from Foster High School, married, went to work at Boeing, raised a family, and when 'empty nest' came along she went to college. Pam and her husband George share their SeaTac home, where they have resided since the mid 70's, with their two dogs and a cat.

Pam retired from Boeing after 38 years and then several years ago she and a friend co-founded the Neighbors without Borders Action Committee.

Rick was born in Seattle, but he has lived in Riverton Heights for more than 36 years, where he and his wife Edwinna raised and homeschooled their eight children. All their children are grown now and they have 12 grandchildren.

Rick worked for Boeing for 30 years and he retired in June 2009 so he could spend more time on community service. He has been involved for more than 20 years with various community-based organizations. Most of his working career has centered around information technology and he continues to keep involved with technology of all sorts.

Incumbent Councilmember Tony Anderson was re-elected to position 4 for a term ending December 31, 2013. Councilmember Anderson has served on the City Council since 2006.

To learn more about the Mayor and Deputy Mayor or the other Councilmembers, please visit our website at www.ci.seatac.wa.us.





City to Celebrate 20 Years!

On February 28, 1990, the City of SeaTac incorporated.

On March 1, 2010, the City will mark the occasion with an event to celebrate our City's 20th anniversary.

But before we look forward, we should reflect on all the great accomplishments achieved as a city and as a community.

What has changed since 1990? We have a City Hall we can all be proud of, a Community Center and Senior Center that serves all ages, and a state of the art Maintenance Facility

to serve the needs of our citizens. And what is a community in the Pacific Northwest without spaces to enjoy the great outdoors? North SeaTac Park, Valley Ridge Park, Angle Lake Park, Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden, Seike Japanese Garden and the Des Moines Creek and Westside Trails all provide playgrounds and gathering spaces for all to enjoy.

We are committed to a vital local economy. Our economic development team has been very successful in fostering outstanding relationships with businesses

wanting to relocate to the City bringing jobs and an increased tax base. The City of SeaTac will always be the Hospitality City for obvious reasons. As a portal to Puget Sound we have made major improvements to International Blvd., Military Road, and Des Moines Memorial Drive. More recently we collaborated with Sound Transit to connect our citizens and visitors to the region through the new Link Light Rail. All of this creates a foundation for plans for a downtown/city center.

Communicating with our citizens is a top priority. We have a redesigned website, SeaTV government access station televising City Council

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City Council Meetings

City Hall Council Chambers
Regular Meetings at 6:00 PM
2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Please call City Hall to verify schedule.

City Council meeting agendas are posted at City Hall, City website, Valley View Library, and SeaTac Community Center.

City Council meeting minutes are available at City Hall, City website, and Valley View Library.

City Council Committees

Administration and Finance

2nd Tuesday, 3 PM

Public Safety and Justice

2nd Tuesday, 4 PM

Land Use and Parks

4th Tuesday, 2:00 PM

Transportation and Public Works

4th Tuesday, 4 PM

All meetings will take place at City Hall.

To view Council agendas and minutes, or meeting times and dates, please visit the City's website at www.ci.seatac.wa.us.

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

meetings and informational videos, the City Manager's Weekly Update, and the SeaTac Report newsletter to inform our citizens. Local government enables citizens to access services in their community and the City has made Passports and Animal Licensing available at City Hall as added conveniences.

The City has one of the highest bond ratings in the State and has been recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Through prudent fiscal management,

the City Council has been able to consistently set the property tax rate below the maximum statutory levy rate. The City has continued its commitment to address the human service needs of our residents throughout the years and has endeavored to maintain a positive development climate by avoiding additional fees and taxes such as a business license fee based on full time employees, a local business and occupation (B&O) tax, and utility taxes.

We are committed to public safety with the police station at City Hall and a new fire station with an Emergency Coordination Center

providing vast improvements and quicker regional response to incidents.

In just 20 years, the City of SeaTac has become a thriving and growing City. Enhancements continue to be made in the areas of public safety, recreation, and economic development. The next 20 years promise to be equally exciting. Please see page 4 for an invitation to the City's celebration.

New City Website Launched!

The City of SeaTac is pleased to announce the launch of its new and improved website. The upgraded and updated site is the result of months of analysis, design, and programming.

The updated site features an interactive, up-to-date calendar of events where registrants can get automated reminders for meetings and news items. The site also offers some new features such as email subscriptions, RSS feeds, interactive maps and website translation. Visitors to the site can now also easily access archival information such as meeting minutes, ordinances and resolutions. In addition to the site's many new technical features, the graphic design and interface present a dramatic improvement. We have streamlined the site's navigation, making it more intuitive and user-friendly.

You can tell us what you think of our upgraded web site and help us make improvements by visiting <http://www.ci.seatac.wa.us> and clicking "I Want To..." and "Submit a Comment."





1990-2010
SeaTac
Celebrating 20 years!

Monday, March 1, 2010
Open House • 5:00 ~ 8:00 p.m.
Ceremony • 6:30 ~ 7:00 p.m.
SeaTac City Hall • 4800 S. 188th St., SeaTac



The City Council and staff invite you to the
20th Birthday Celebration of the City!

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REFRESHMENTS
INFORMATIONAL DISPLAYS**



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City Council Adopts 2010 Annual Budget

On November 24, 2009, the SeaTac City Council wrapped up a five-month budget preparation process by adopting the 2010 Annual City Budget. The 2010 Preliminary Budget document, detailing the City Manager's funding recommendations for 2010, was formally presented to the Council on November 24, followed by a public hearing.

The 2010 Budget documents the decisions made by the City Council in its detailed budget review during the fall of 2009, presenting the City's resources as well as its programs and priorities in allocating those resources. These programs are necessary to protect the community's physical security and enhance the quality of life for all its citizens. It is designed to enhance the level of City services that support a healthy, secure, safe and livable community, while at the same time protecting the fiscal integrity of the City.

SeaTac's 2010 Budget was developed in the challenging climate of balancing ever increasing costs with slowing or declining revenue sources. Despite the economic downturn across the nation and in parts of our region, SeaTac is in a better position than many other municipalities. Years of fiscal restraint, a lean and efficient workforce, and targeting the most pressing needs has positioned the City well. Current national and regional conditions underscore the need to closely watch our local economy and make adjustments as necessary to ensure that SeaTac maintains its economic health and continues to provide a supportive environment for both its residents and

its businesses.

The 2010 Budget strives to maintain current service levels, incurs no layoffs, and continues the City's commitment to address human service needs by allocating 1 ½% of General Fund expenditures for human service programs. Staffing additions in the General Fund include a Rule 9 Intern position in the Legal Department and increasing the Risk & Benefits Coordinator position in Human Resources from part-time to full-time.

The 2010 Budget provides the first year of a six-year Citywide Capital Improvement Program (2010 - 2015) that integrates projects in the two new light rail station areas with other City projects. Projects funded are based on evaluation criteria that include maximizing direct benefits to residents and positioning the City for redevelopment opportunities. 2010 capital expenditures include building improvements, transportation and pedestrian improvements, property acquisitions, and various equipment and vehicle replacements.

SeaTac's 2010 Budget provides operating and capital budgets that are in keeping with the City's goal of delivering the highest level of city services possible, while making necessary strategic investments for the future. The City's management team continues to be committed to improving customer service, the efficiency of operations, and the quality of services provided. The 2010 Budget reflects these philosophies along with the strategic direction from the City Council, and creates a sound expenditure plan for the year.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

If you're interested in volunteering at the front desk at City Hall to direct callers and assist visitors during the lunch hour, please contact Lesa Ellis at 973.4810 for an application.

Passport News

Passport applications are accepted at City Hall on Thursdays only from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The current processing time for passports is 4-6 weeks. For questions regarding passport information, call the City Clerk's Office at 973.4660, or visit the Federal Passport website at www.travel.state.gov.





Link Light Rail Service Is Here

Travel between downtown Seattle, the City of SeaTac, and the Airport got a lot easier on December 19, 2009 when the Airport Link extension opened for passenger service. At the Airport Link dedication ceremony Mayor Shape explained that “for the past 10 years the City of SeaTac has worked collaboratively with Sound Transit and the Port of Seattle to help ensure that Airport Link is safe, aesthetically pleasing, and well designed. The region’s hard work and vast investments are paying off through numerous benefits to tax payers and transit users. Light rail offers SeaTac residents, employees, and visitors a convenient and reliable ride to downtown Seattle.”

The presence of the international airport and convergence of the region’s major highways translate into the City of SeaTac serving as a transportation crossroads for the Puget Sound region. The opening of this station enhances this already robust transportation network and will certainly make our City more accessible to the 37,000 employees that commute here every day. Also, with more than 5,300 hotel rooms (the largest concentration outside of downtown Seattle) and more than 70 languages spoken in the area, SeaTac serves as a primary gateway to the region for

travelers and immigrants from around the world. All these users will make the new Public Plaza at the corner of International Boulevard and 176th Street a thriving hub of activity.

To take advantage of this activity, the City of SeaTac is intensively engaged in planning and designing downtown SeaTac across the street from the new SeaTac/Airport station. Downtown SeaTac will:

- provide an inviting place for residents to live, work, and play;
- create new jobs;
- increase walkability and promote community;
- give travelers another reason to stay in the area; and
- generate additional tax revenues to support public services

Light Rail Highlights include:

- 36-minute ride from the station to Downtown Seattle – every time regardless of the weather or high-way traffic.
- Train service 20 hours a day, from 5:00 AM to 1:00 AM on weekdays.
- The maximum adult fare, to ride from Westlake Station in downtown Seattle to the SeaTac/Airport station, will be \$2.50 – the same as a bus

ride. Youth base fares will start at \$1.25 and have a maximum fare of \$2.00. Senior/disabled fares will start at \$.75 and have a maximum fare of \$1.25 under the adopted structure.

- If you are being dropped off or picked up by car, use the Community Access Point, located just east of the public plaza on S. 176th Street, which offers limited 15-minute parking.
- The station is equipped with ticket vending machines, luggage cart rental, closed circuit security cameras, high-security lighting, restrooms, public phones, security phones, and weather protection in waiting areas.
- The station directly connects pedestrians to the airport ticket counters and downtown SeaTac. The walk from the station to the airport terminal building is about 1,000 feet and will take about four minutes.

By 2020, approximately 3,000 riders are expected to board trains at the SeaTac/Airport Station every day. By 2023, 55 miles of light rail will serve the Central Puget Sound, stretching from Seattle to Federal Way, Lynnwood, Bellevue, Redmond, and Mercer Island. For more information refer to Sound Transit’s website: www.soundtransit.org/ or contact Sound Transit at 398.5000 or the City Manager’s Office at 973.4820.



2010 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process, and 2011 Major Comprehensive Plan Update

The Comprehensive Plan is the City's "blueprint for future development." It contains a future land use map, and goals and policies that provide guidance to the City as we grow and change to meet the demands of a growing region. Each year the City updates its Comprehensive Plan to meet changing conditions and invites the public to participate in this process. Information and amendment application packets are available from the Department of Planning and Community Development, or via the Planning Department's page on the City's website. An **Open House** where the public can get more information about the Comprehensive Plan amendment process is tentatively scheduled for **Monday, April 12 at 5:00 PM** in the City Hall Council Chambers. The Comprehensive Plan amendment application deadline is **Friday, April 30**. Application packets are available on the Planning Department page on the City's website, www.ci.seatac.wa.us. The Planning Commission and the City Council will review proposed amendments at their regular meetings throughout the summer and fall. Please keep in mind that meeting dates and schedules may change, so call the Department of Planning and Community Development at 973.4830 to confirm meeting times and locations.



In addition to this annual amendment process, the City is also preparing for a Major Comprehensive Plan Update, to be completed in 2011. As part of this update, the City will be holding a series of public participation events in 2010. The schedule for these events will be announced on the City's website and in a later edition of this newsletter.

For more information, call Mike Scarey or Kate Kaehny at 973.4830, or come to City Hall and talk to Planning Department staff.

Stormwater Regulatory Changes Coming in 2010

Like large industrial sites and development projects, the City of SeaTac is subject to federal regulation under the Clean Water Act. In the case of cities with populations of less than 100,000, we are specifically subject to the Western Washington Municipal Stormwater (NPDES) Phase II Permit which regulates stormwater with the intent of improving water quality by reducing pollution carried by stormwater. The permit requires cities to develop or modify their stormwater management programs to meet the conditions of the permit. These conditions range from public involvement and education to illicit discharge investigation to development review, and inspection and maintenance of stormwater facilities. While the NPDES Permit went into effect in February of 2007, its requirements are phased through 2012. This February several of the permit deadlines are coming due.

By February 15, 2010, SeaTac must adopt several changes to the development review approval and inspections process. One of these changes is the adoption of the 2009 King County Surface Water Design Manual. This manual

will replace the 2005 King County Manual as the standard for stormwater review and best management practices for stormwater facilities and erosion control measures.

Adoption of the 2009 manual also requires a revision to the City's Surface and Stormwater Management Code and the creation of a City of SeaTac Addendum to the 2009 King County Manual. This addendum will address differences between the King County Code (referenced in the manual) and City of SeaTac Code. It will also identify key revisions and supplemental manuals needed to meet the minimum NPDES permit requirements. In addition, the addendum will include SeaTac specific maps for stormwater review.

Once approved by City Council, both the King County Manual and the City of SeaTac Addendum to the manual will be posted on the City's web page. If you would like more information on NPDES Phase II permit requirements or would like to comment on the City's Stormwater Management Program, please go to www.ci.seatac.wa.us/services/stormwater.htm, or contact Don Robinett at 973.4722, drobinett@ci.seatac.wa.us.



New Development in SeaTac

Three major developments are now under construction or nearing completion in SeaTac. The projects are:

- The Polygon/Scoccolo Development
- The Soundview Apartments
- The Wally Park Parking Structure



Polygon/Scoccolo Multifamily/ Townhouse/Single-family Mixed Use Development

This project is located approximately at 20453 Orillia Road. The project consists of up to 350 single-family and multi-family residential units, on-site recreation areas, roads, and infrastructure on a 53.38-acre site. Four wetlands and three streams on the site will be preserved and enhanced. The project will be constructed in four phases with the first phase of multi-family construction nearly completed.



The Soundview Apartments

This project is located at 21428 International Boulevard, and is nearing completion with a projected opening in early January. The project consists of 92 units with associated recreation space.



Wally Park Parking Structure

This project is located at 18613 International Boulevard. The project will be in two, multi-story structures and will include approximately 1,600 parking spaces and at least 13,800 sq. ft. of retail/mixed use/service use. Construction has just started.

Major Zoning Code Update Project to Continue in 2010

The City of SeaTac has been working on a comprehensive update of the City's Zoning Code since May 2008. The main goals of the project are to update and streamline the Code, and to make it easier to use for citizens, property owners, businesses, developers and City staff.

Because of the size of the project, the City will continue to work on updating portions of the Code throughout 2010.

Opportunities for Public Involvement and Information about the Project

City staff will continue to work with stakeholders and the public to review proposed changes to the Code. The project schedule and information about the project are located on the Zoning Code Update's web page at: www.ci.seatac.wa.us/services/zoningcodeupdate.htm. You can also contact Kate Kaehny, or Anita Woodmass at 973.4830.

Make a Difference in Your City — VOLUNTEER!

The City of SeaTac Citizens' Advisory Committees assists the City Council in decision-making and setting City policies. The following committees are currently accepting applications for vacant positions:

Civil Service Commission – ensures that hiring and promotions are fair, competitive, and that all personnel rules are fairly administered for City Fire Fighters. The Commission is composed of three (3) commissioners who are appointed by the City Manager and serve a six-year term. A Commissioner must be a US citizen, a resident of the City for at least three (3) years immediately preceding their appointment and a registered voter of the City and County. The Commission meets on the second Monday of each month at 3:30 pm at SeaTac City Hall.

The following committees/commission are composed of five (5) members, three (3) members that are residents of the City and two (2) members that own, operate or are employed by business entities located within the City. If there are no interested applicants to fill the two (2) business positions, then the fourth and/or fifth member shall be residents of the City. Members are appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council, and serve three-year terms.

Human Services Advisory Committee – make reports and recommendations to the City Council concerning human services issues. The Committee meets on the 3rd Monday

of each month at 5:30 PM at SeaTac City Hall. There are currently two (2) alternate positions vacant on this committee.

Planning Commission – Studies and forwards recommendations to the City Council for the adoption of long range comprehensive plans, policies, programs, and services for a variety of land use, transportation, and community facilities. The purpose would be for the physical development of the City and for the social and economic health of SeaTac citizens. The Commission also studies and forwards recommendations to the City Council for a variety of development regulations to implement City of SeaTac Comprehensive Plan goals and policies. The Commission meets every second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 PM at SeaTac City Hall.

Library Advisory Committee – advocates library services and many types of resources to SeaTac area residents and visitors. The Committee meeting dates vary and are held at the Valley View Library.

If you are interested in serving on any of the above mentioned committees, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 973.4660 or visit the website at <http://www.ci.seatac.wa.us/index.aspx?page=68> to download an application.





Parks and Recreation – Winter 2010

YOUTH ART EXHIBIT AND RECEPTION

Each year the City invites high school students attending a school in the city limits, to showcase their art skills and abilities in the annual Youth Art Exhibit. You must submit your art work on Monday, January 25 at SeaTac City Hall between 2:00–5:30 PM. To obtain an entry form, contact your art instructor or go online at www.ci.seatac.wa.us.

RECEPTION:

Date: Thursday, January 28

Time: 6:00-7:30 PM

EXHIBIT:

Date: February 1-12

Time: 8:30 AM-5:00 PM

Where: SeaTac City Hall

EGG HUNT

Hop on over to Angle Lake Park where children will have fun scrambling for eggs and treats. We predict the weather to be “sunny side up.” Please be on time because the event doesn’t last much longer than a two minute egg. This event is for children 10 years and under. Children must bring their own baskets. This event is co-sponsored by the SeaTac Parks and Recreation Department, SeaTac Fire Fighters Local Union #2919 and the SeaTac Fire Department.

Date: Saturday, April 3

Time: 9:00 AM Sharp!

Where: Angle Lake Park

For additional information, please call the SeaTac Parks and Recreation Department at 973.4680.



SWEETIE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Bring your sweetie to the Senior Program’s pancake breakfast at the SeaTac Community Center. The Hanky Panky Band will provide music entertainment. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 973.4690.

Date: Saturday, February 13

Time: 9:00-11:00 AM

Cost: \$4 in advance, \$5 at the door

FINE ART EXHIBIT PURCHASE AWARD WINNERS



Louis Anderson and Mayor, Ralph Shape (missing from photo Billy Andrew and Nola Tresslar)

CITY PURCHASES PROGRAM AT YMCA FOR CITIZENS

SeaTac residents may purchase a punch card for one of the programs listed below at the SeaTac Community Center for a fee of \$5.00. Individuals must show proof of residency by a valid driver’s license and recent utility bill. Limit is two punch cards per household. A punch card permits the individual to attend specified classes only. This is not a YMCA membership.

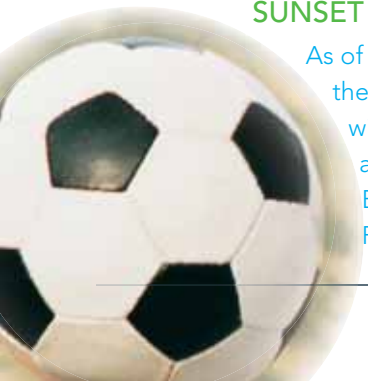
- Lap Swim for Adults and Seniors
- Open Climb on Climbing Wall
- Open Recreation swim

A SeaTac resident can attend family night events at the YMCA for no charge. For more information, please call the SeaTac Community Center at 973.4680.



SUNSET SOCCER FIELD UPDATE

As of the printing of this issue of the SeaTac Report, the Sunset Soccer field is near completion. The scope of the project includes the installation of irrigation and drainage systems and replacing the “Centrex” surface with natural grass. Grass seeds were applied in early November with anticipation that the field may be available for use in the fall 2010. This project is fully funded by a King County Community Development Block Grant. If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Lawrence Ellis at 973.4681.



Highline Teacher Michele Brees Receives National Award

Michele Brees, a teacher at Madrona Elementary, is a recipient of the 2008 Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching. Michele received the award representing Washington State in math. The PAEMST is a national award administered by The National Science Foundation on behalf of The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. The award recognizes teachers for their contributions to teaching and learning and their ability to help students make progress in mathematics and science. Awards are given annually to teachers from each of the 50 states and four U.S. jurisdictions. Brees is one of two teachers in Washington State to receive the award.

Brees has devoted many hours to strengthening her craft through outside opportunities and developing meaningful partnerships with math coaches—expert teachers who work with classroom teachers to improve their instructional practice. She opens up her classroom for observation and has provided math instruction training for her colleagues. By creating a “culture of inquiry” in her classroom, Brees is willing to take risks and encourages mathematical thinking across subjects instead of focusing on just obtaining the right answer. Michele is committed to helping her students become better mathematicians.

One can witness that in her classroom on a daily basis. She gets kids excited about math and science.

Along with teaching fifth grade at Madrona, she has taken on leadership roles in both math and science at the district level. She contributes to the development of the Mathematical Frameworks and the Science Development Team. She has taught several math classes for teacher development as well.



Michele Brees and Mayor Ralph Shape.

Michele on this honor and thanks her for the care she brings to her daily work with her students. SeaTac is a better community because of the relationships she builds and the love of learning she instills. When asked about the award, she replied, “I am deeply flattered and grateful for the recognition I’ve received. This award is for my students, my colleagues, my family and friends and my mentors, for without them, I would not be able to accomplish anything. I am overwhelmed with the honor of this award and hope to continue to teach children to love math and see their own strengths each day.”

Michele has worked with her colleagues and the City in various other endeavors to increase the academics and enrich the lives of the students at Madrona. She leads a running/walking club for students.

The City of SeaTac congratulates

Library Corner

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

Valley View Library is planning to host Citizenship classes beginning in January 2010!

Volunteers will be needed to help library patrons get their U.S. Citizenship. The classes will be scheduled on a weekday afternoon for 1-1/2 or 2 hours each week.

FREE COMPUTER CLASSES

Valley View Library offers free computer classes appropriate for beginners. Classes include Introduction to the Internet, Microsoft Word, or basic computer. Please call to find out about upcoming classes and registration.

PAJAMARAMA STORY TIME

Join us on Monday nights for a fun-filled, half-hour of stories, finger plays, movement and music. Lots of wiggling and giggling guaranteed. Kids, wear your pj’s!

**Mondays, beginning
January 11, 7:00 PM**

*Children and Families
No registration*

FAMILY STORY TIME

Enjoy stories and fun activities with music.

**Tuesday mornings beginning
January 12, 10:00 AM**

*Children and Families – all ages,
age six years and younger with adult*

If you are interested in participating or volunteering in any of the programs listed above, please call the Library at 242.6044.





Take Action Against Domestic Violence

City of SeaTac's Domestic Violence Community Advocate Chris Peterson was awarded the Ginny NiCarthy Excellence in Advocacy Award by the King County Coalition Against Domestic Violence on October 29, 2009. Determination of the award was based on an exceptional contribution to victims/survivors of domestic violence and to the domestic violence community as a whole. The Coalition was looking for a person who demonstrates the qualities that Ginny NiCarthy has brought to the domestic violence movement, such as:

a dedication to ending domestic violence, a passion for justice and equality, leadership, innovation and initiative, mentoring others, a continuing desire to learn and grow, and the motivation to take action against oppression and injustice.

Chris has worked in the field of domestic violence for over 25 years in different

capacities including advocate, therapist and support group leader. She presently works part-time for the City of SeaTac. Among her duties is to facilitate the City of SeaTac Domestic Violence Task Force which is a group of community members who organize activities in the community to provide information and resources about domestic violence. Recent activities included two food drives benefitting Highline Area Food Bank in which over 500 lbs. of food and \$500 was collected. Please call Chris Peterson for more information about volunteering on the Task Force at 973.4933 or email chrisp@ci.seatac.wa.us.



Dave Bush, Chief Graddon, CSO Kruger, Chris Peterson, and Mayor Shape

Minor Home Repair Program Selected Again for King County Funding

Federal Community Development Block Grant funds have been awarded to SeaTac for 2010 to provide minor home repair services to SeaTac's low and moderate-income homeowners. Eligible homeowners of all ages can qualify for a variety of repairs based on income and family size. Services will be provided free. The intent of the program is to maintain the health and safety of the occupants and preserve the dwelling; however, only non-cosmetic jobs will be considered.

Repairs can be made to the primary house structure only and include, but are not limited to: repairing leaks in pipes, faucets, sinks and drains, repairing

broken switches, sockets and fixtures, installing smoke detectors, repairing unsafe porches, repairing heat sources, repairing gutters and downspouts, and building wheelchair ramps and grab bars.

Eligibility is based on monthly income and residents must have owned their

home for a year. In order to make the program available to as many homeowners as possible, there will be a cap to the dollar value of repairs that residents can receive. All contractors are licensed and bonded.

For SeaTac Minor Home Repair program applications, please call Colleen Brandt-Schluter, Human Services Coordinator, at 973.4815. All information will be kept confidential. For income eligible homeowners in need of major home repair, such as roof repair or replacement, please call the King County Major Housing Repair program at 296.7640 for more information.



City Recognizes Outstanding Employees

Each year the City of SeaTac selects employees for City-wide awards who have demonstrated outstanding performance as part of its Employee Recognition and Awards program. Awards are given for Customer Service, Going the Extra Mile and Human Relations Diversity. The SeaTac Fire and Police Departments also recognize outstanding members of their departments. Employees are nominated by their fellow staff members and an employee committee determines the selection of the recipients for the Customer Service, Extra Mile and Human Relations/Diversity Awards. The awards were presented at the Employee Recognition and Awards Banquet held at the SeaTac Holiday Inn on the evening of December 4. The awards given for service to the City of SeaTac and its citizens in 2009 were:



Colleen Brandt-Schluter, Acting City Manager Todd Cutts, Mary Mirante-Bartolo, and Karen Spencer

Customer Service Award

Mary Mirante-Bartolo,
City Attorney

Extra Mile Award

Karen Spencer,
Administrative Assistant 3,
Public Works Department

Human Relations/ Diversity Award

Colleen Brandt-Schluter,
Human Services Manager

Chief's Award

Mary Ann Cromwell,
Administrative Assistant – Fire



Assistant Fire Chief Brian Wiwel and Mary Ann Cromwell.



Travis Butcher, Janet Williams, and Brandon Phillips.
Not pictured: Elias Hudson, Gregory Bolender, and Daniel Flood.

Life Saving Award

Janet Williams
Elias Hudson
Brandon Phillips
Gregory Bolender
Daniel Flood
Travis Butcher

Police Officer of the Year

Andy Conner

Police Detective of the Year

Clay Minshull



Police Captain Annette Louie and Andy Conner.



Clay Minshull and Police Chief Jim Graddon.



Season for Threat of Winter Storms

Once again it is the season we must all be prepared for the possibility of cold temperatures, wind storms, snow and ice. Your Fire Department would like to remind you to do the following to keep your family and loved ones safe in the event of power outages:

- Never bring cooking grills designed for outdoor use (ie. charcoal grills, etc) indoors for cooking or heating purposes.
- Never operate generators indoors or inside your garage. Generators must be placed outdoors for proper ventilation.
- Check batteries in your flashlights and battery operated radio, before the storms hit.

Emergency Preparedness

Utilities: Locate the main electric fuse box, water service main and natural gas main. Learn how and when to turn these utilities off. Keep necessary tools near gas and water shut-off valves.

If disaster strikes, remain calm and patient. Listen to your battery powered radio for news and instructions. Check for damage in your home: Use flashlights – do not light matches if you suspect damage; check for fires, fire hazards, and household hazards; sniff for gas leaks, turn off main valve; clean up spilled medicines, bleaches, gasoline and any other flammable materials.

For more information regarding emergency preparedness, visit the City's website at www.ci.seatac.wa.us/edocument/fddisasterplan.pdf or go to www.ready.gov.

VOLUNTEER IN A DISASTER

Will you be needed if a disaster strikes?

United Way of King County is gearing up for potential Hanson Dam flooding and an H1N1 flu epidemic by asking people to register as a Disaster Recovery Volunteer. This resource allows you to be contacted if your skills and support are needed during an emergency.

Will I be helping first responders?

Most disaster-serving organizations like American Red Cross have an existing pool of trained volunteers and likely won't need more. However, other organizations that many vulnerable people depend on for important daily services may need extra help during a disaster. You will be part of an extra pool of volunteers, available to these organizations during a disaster. Remember, in a disaster the "response" phase is the first few days and the "recovery" phase, a few days after the flooding occurs.

If I sign-up, do I have to volunteer?

No. However, if a disaster strikes and you are not available, please update your profile so organizations avoid spending valuable time contacting unavailable volunteers.

Should I wait until I'm contacted?

Following a disaster please be patient if you wish to volunteer. Organizations will search the skills bank to find the volunteers they need; if they need your skill they'll contact you. United Way might contact all disaster volunteers if they learn of organizations needing broad volunteer support. Under no circumstances should you go to a disaster area unless specifically connected to and requested by an organization.

Is there something I can do now?

If you already have a skill you'd like to share in a disaster or emergency you can review opportunities now by going to the United Way website: volunteer.united-e-way.org/uwkc/volunteer/spotlight/one.tcl?item_id=10344872796

Connecting now allows organizations to make the best use of your skills.

How do I register?

To offer your skills in a disaster or to update an existing profile, please register at the United Way website: volunteer.united-e-way.org/uwkc/volunteer/spotlight/one.tcl?item_id=10344872796

Click "yes" when asked if you want to volunteer in a disaster and you'll go to the Disaster Skills Bank Area.

GPS Devices Are Now the Number One Item Being Stolen From Motor Vehicles

Sadly, recent statistics prove that you'd better be careful with that shiny new piece of technology. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 24,700 portable navigation systems were swiped in 2008, representing a whopping 700% increase over 2006. While the number in thefts has rocketed skyward, the number of units sold have likewise gone supernova, leading us to wonder if the actual percentage of thefts over units in service has changed appreciably overall.

Think storing your spanking new GPS in the glove compartment keeps you safe from smash-and-grab thieves? Even taking the extra step of removing the windshield mount may not be sufficient, as the tell-tale mark of the suction cup on the windshield glass is enough to tip off would-be thieves. That's good news for thieves, who are increasingly taking notice of GPS devices, given their small size and ease with which they can be re-sold on the black market. These are essentially high-end items that bring in quick cash.

It's very simple police say: "If you leave a GPS system in your car, the chances are it will be stolen." Here are a few tips to prevent your satellite navigation system from being taken.



Some tips for avoiding your beloved GPS from being snatched:

- Consider using a friction mount instead of the suction-cup windshield mount most GPS devices ship with. Friction mounts rest on the dashboard instead being attached to the glass, and can be easily hidden under the seat when the car is parked. Plus, there's no revealing ring on the windshield to tip off thieves.
- If you do use a windshield mount, remove it when parking the car and wipe off the suction cup smudge.
- Write down the serial number of your GPS and register it with the manufacturer. That way, if it ever goes missing you can prove the unit was yours.
- If your GPS includes a lock/password feature, use it. These simple passwords / PIN combinations are easily cracked within a day or two, but you might as well make things as difficult as possible for the criminals!

There's nothing worse than the violation of a break-in and having your personal property stolen. The best thing you can do is keep all signs that you own a GPS out of sight when parking your car.

Volunteer Opportunities!

Senior Services' Volunteer Transportation Program is a great solution for people 60 and older who have difficulty getting to their medical appointments. Volunteers living in the community use their own vehicles to drive seniors to appointments throughout King County and even to Pierce and Snohomish County. Drivers provide roundtrip service, and wait with the senior at their appointment before taking them home again. The service is free, but donations are accepted. Requests should be made by the Wednesday before the medical appointment. Registration is done over the phone and takes only a few minutes. Users must be able to get in and out of a private car with minimal assistance. They also urgently need more volunteer drivers in the SeaTac area. They provide mileage reimbursement and supplemental liability insurance



and volunteers choose the days and times they wish to drive. Please call 448.5740 or 800.282.5815 to sign up for the program or receive more information.



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SeaTac Staff Profile

NAME: *Lesa Ellis*

POSITION: *Executive Assistant to the City Council and City Manager*

Lesa's family moved from West Seattle to SeaTac, which wasn't yet a city, in 1973. She attended Chinook and Tyee. Her father passed away in 1992, but her mom and stepdad still live in the same house in McMicken Heights. Lesa remembers her parents saying they were moving to the country because they bought a ¾ acre lot and the area felt pretty rural back then compared to West Seattle.

She married and bought a house in SeaTac. She has two adult children, Cassandra and Tyler, who also attended SeaTac public schools. These days, she is happily married to Lawrence Ellis and they enjoy taking their grandson Rauleigh to SeaTac parks, the community center, Angle Lake, and the YMCA. Their granddaughter Reyna is only a few months old, but she'll be joining them soon enough.

Lesa began working for the Planning Department as a secretary in October 1990 when City Hall was located at Angle Lake Elementary School. When the position of Executive Assistant became available in late 1992, she applied for the position and got it. She worked for an interim city manager, followed by City Manager Scott Rohlfs.

An exciting opportunity presented itself in October 1995, when she was asked to join the team at the newly formed City of Lakewood in Pierce County. Although it was a hard decision to leave SeaTac, she took it. The pre-incorporation period involved especially long hours, but she enjoyed the challenge and worked for the City of Lakewood for five years as their Executive Assistant. Then, opportunity knocked once again. This time it was SeaTac asking if she'd be interested in returning since the executive assistant was leaving. Lesa interviewed for the position and was excited to return home, even if her first day back was also the day of the Nisqually Earthquake – What a welcome!

Lesa has chosen to make SeaTac her home because of her neighbors, parks, sidewalks, and proximity to family and friends, convenient transportation connections, City Hall, light rail, and the YMCA.

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Building Division 973.4750	Job Line 973.4655
City Clerk 973.4660	Municipal Court 973.4610
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Facilities, Parks and Public Works Maintenance Facility 973.4770	SeaTac Community Center 973.4680
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