

Port Commission Responds to Community Input on Tree Removal

On November 17, Seattle Port Commission President John Creighton issued the following public letter responding to our community's concerns over the removal of 3000 trees under the Airport's Flight Corridor Safety Program.

Dear Airport Neighbors:

Thank you for participating in the Port of Seattle's Flight Corridor Safety Program Open House and Community Meeting on November 1 at Bow Lake Elementary School. We believe that it was important for the Commission to hear directly from the public on the Port's program to address over-height trees in the Sea-Tac Airport flight corridor and replant with native, lower-height trees.

Based on the comments the other Commissioners and I received at the meeting, we asked staff to study options to modify the first phase of the program, limited to Port-owned parcels near the airfield, for consideration at the November 22 Commission [meeting](#). At that meeting we also will discuss a proposed community ecology fund to support tree planting and other ecological projects within the airport cities. We would welcome your attendance and comments on November 22. This meeting is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Central Auditorium at Sea-Tac Airport and can be watched [live](#) on the web. Validation for parking will be available.

Work on later phases of the program, including commercial, public, residential and additional Port parcels, will occur after further community involvement, including environmental review. This later work will not begin until the second half of 2017 at the earliest, and expect to hear more from us with the dates of opportunities for further public feedback.

A report that captures all the public comments from the November 1 meeting, both spoken and written, is available on the Port's [website](#). We also posted all the materials from the meeting, including the presentations and poster-boards.

Thank you again for your active interest in the Port's program to ensure safe aircraft takeoffs and landings, and in ways the program can be crafted to be responsive to the concerns, suggestions and expectations expressed by you and your fellow community members.

We will be in touch soon to announce the next steps in the public process. And to keep up-to-date about the Port of Seattle and Port-wide activities, please sign-up to receive Connections, the Port's twice-monthly email [newsletter](#).

Sincerely,



President John Creighton, Port of Seattle Commission



Coats for Kids

On October 6, Kent Regional Fire Authority Firefighters participated in the **Coats for Kids** program which purchased and distributed 162 coats. The entire kindergarten class at Bow Lake Elementary received coats. There were 40 extra coats remaining which were given to the Highline School District Student Support and Family Resource Center to give out on an as needed basis to kids in need of a warm coat.

Kent Firefighter Foundation donates to and participates in this program every other year. Since the event was in SeaTac this year, the Port of Seattle Fire Department generously donated an additional \$2,500 to the cause, allowing us to purchase enough coats for the entire kindergarten class. Through the efforts of Engineer Janet Williams, the Kent Firefighter Foundation recently received a \$10,000 grant from the Muckleshoot Tribe for Operation Warm. This grant will sustain the program for the next few years.



The on duty crew from Kent Fire's Ladder 46, Public Information Officer (PIO) Captain Ohashi, Engineer Janet Williams, and Engineer Nikki Smith along with seven off-duty firefighters from Port of Seattle Fire went to Bow Lake Elementary to greet each child and fit them for their coat.

The coats purchased from Operation Warm are all brand new USA made coats which allows the program to not only support children who receive the coats but also workers employed in the manufacturing business. In 2012, the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) passed a resolution to support Operation Warm. Since then, over 200,000 coats have been given to children in 501c3 schools (schools that qualify for over 85% free or reduced lunches) across the country. More information about this program can be found at www.firefightersow.org.

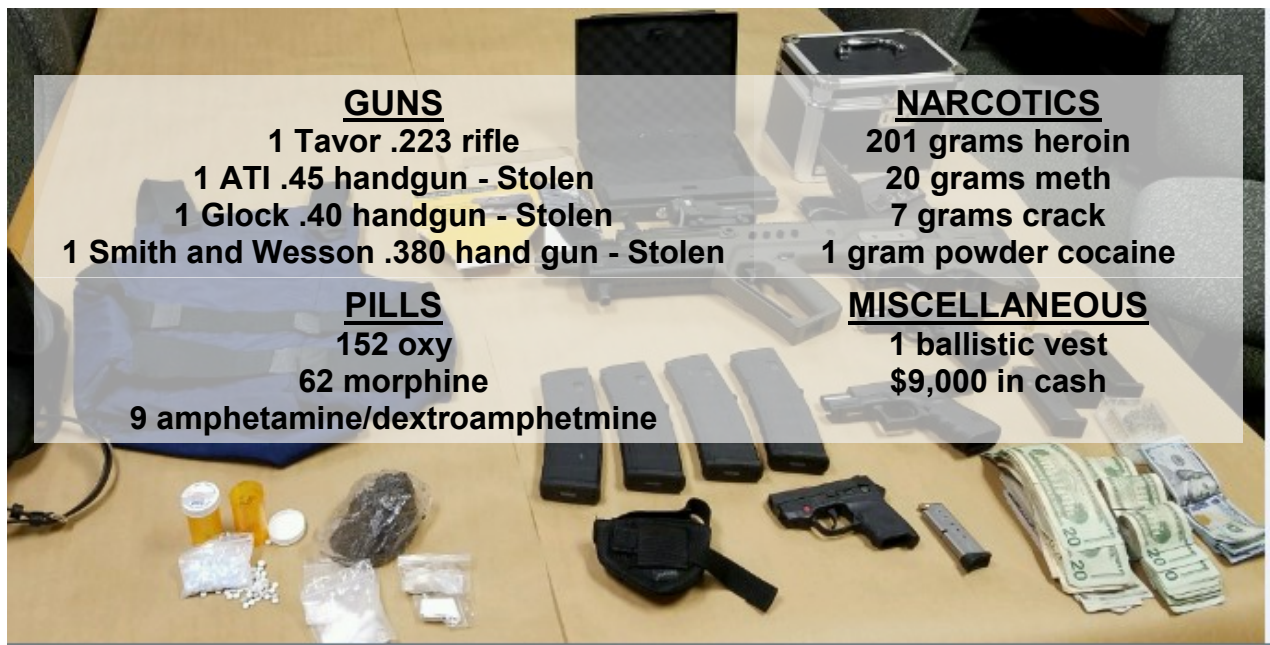


POLICE NEWS

Outstanding Patrol Investigation of Suspicious Vehicle Yields Guns and Narcotics

On November 10 at about 1:00 AM, Deputy Bisesto saw what he believed to be a narcotics transaction taking place between a pedestrian and the driver of a parked car, in the parking lot of the Motel 6 at S. 206th Street/Military Road S. He intervened. His initial investigation led to the seizure of 349 grams of marijuana, \$3,223 cash and several I-phones, believed to be evidence of narcotic sales and theft/robbery.

Secondarily, a search warrant was served on the vehicle, yielding this additional evidence:



The suspect is facing federal firearms and narcotics charges.

Proactive Patrol Investigation Leads to Stolen Mail and Tools

At about 3:00 AM on November 6, Deputy Kevin Bugosh investigated a suspicious car and driver in the parking lot of the 7-11 at S. 214th Street/International Blvd. The driver of the car got out and quickly walked away when Deputy Bugosh approached. He was detained and identified. A pile of mail with different names was visible on the seat of the car, as was an air compressor and a variety of power tools in cases and bags. A search warrant served on the car, later revealed up to 50 pieces of stolen mail and confirmed that many of the tools had been stolen. They have since been returned to their owner(s). The suspect is facing possession of stolen property charges.

Second Bow Lake Mini Mart Robbery in Month

On November 9, at about 1:00 PM, the Bow Lake Mini Mart at 3615 S. 182th Street was robbed at gun point by three male suspects. It is believed that these are the same three suspects who robbed the business on October 10. King County Sheriff's Major Crimes Detectives are investigating leads.

POLICE NEWS

2016 Deputy of the Year and Other Police Department Award Winners

Deputy of the Year – Steve Johnson

Steve is a veteran patrol officer, assigned to the graveyard shift. When he's not busy handling dispatched calls, he is the shift Traffic Officer. He is hard working and proactive officer, with a great attitude and volumes of passion to make our streets safer by reducing impaired and dangerous driving. Since January he has made 56 DUI arrests, written 131 criminal traffic tickets and 186 traffic infractions. He is a renowned, State certified and Drug Recognition Expert (DRE), always willing to share his enthusiasm and expertise with other officers. Demonstrating further commitment to his profession, he also teaches basic police skills and tactics to new police officers in our field training program.

Sergeant of the Year – Ryan Abbott

Ryan is a long time member of the SeaTac Police team. He is committed to helping officers gain the tools they need to succeed in their careers and their lives. He promotes creativity and encourages a work environment that is fun but accountable work environment. He is also a thoughtful and experienced crime-fighter who exemplifies service to the City as a balance of crime fighter and engaged community leader.

Police Volunteer of the Year – Vicki Lockwood

Vicki has participated in virtually every public event and gathering in which the police assist, coordinate or attend. These include, National Night Out, SeaTac/Burien Community Police Academy, Bicycle Rodeo, Back to School Fair and Fourth of July event at Angle Lake. She assists with the coordination of the Walk, Watch and Call program as well as the newly initiated Walk Along program. Vicki is a great ambassador for the City of SeaTac Police Department, always willing to take on new projects that can help improve or foster community/police relationships.

Police Explorer of the Year – Meiling Sproger

Meiling is an active member of the SeaTac Police Explorer Post, rarely missing a meeting, event or training opportunity despite her busy work and college schedule. She is a natural leader, respected and admired by her peers and police staff for her positive attitude, work ethic and overall character. She was presented with an academics award during a recent competition, beating hundreds of other Police Explorers.

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City Hall and City Facilities will be closed November 24 & 25 for the Thanksgiving Holiday

Memorial Service in Burien – 21 Gun Salute this Saturday

A 21 gun salute (3 quick rounds) will follow a memorial service on Saturday, November 19, at the Elks Lodge on 1st Avenue S. and S. 140th Street between 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM.

SeaTac and Burien Police Departments have approved this request. Notices of the event have been posted in local business and schools, and have been posted/published in local media.

A blue ink signature of Joseph Scorcio.

Joseph Scorcio
Acting City Manager

Citizen Advisory Committee Vacancies

The City has immediate vacancies on the following Citizen Advisory Committee. This committee serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council, assisting in decision-making and the setting of City policies. Terms of service varies. It's a great opportunity to make a positive impact!

Applications will be accepted until Friday, December 2, 2016:

Neighborhood Sidewalk Committee

Meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM at SeaTac City Hall

If you are interested in serving on this committee, visit the city's website at www.ci.seatac.wa.us for additional information or to download an application, or contact the City Clerk's Office at 973.4660. All positions are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council.

