

# City Manager's Weekly Update December 23, 2016





City Hall and City Facilities will be closed Monday, December 26 in observance of the Christmas Holiday



#### **Comcast Promises Credit**

City Finance and Legal staff met with a key Comcast representative on Tuesday, December 20 to discuss the Utility Tax pass-through Comcast continued to collect from August to November of 2016 after the tax had been repealed in March. The City requested information from Comcast in August when the continued collection was brought to our attention. At that time, Comcast indicated that a yearly accounting process revealed an under collection and Comcast was reinstating the Utility Tax for a two month period to recover the amount paid to SeaTac. In October, residents notified the City that the tax was still being assessed. Comcast provided information on Tuesday about the amount they had collected from residents. Comcast disclosed that they had over-collected utility taxes in the amount of \$55,250 in October and November. This amount will be refunded to SeaTac Comcast customers, based on a pro-rata share, in a one-time credit on their mid January/February billing. Comcast customers who have questions about the credit are urged to contact the City's Finance department directly for information. The City will actively monitor Comcast's responsiveness to address this issue.

# Recology CleanScapes 2017 Rate Increases Start January 1, 2017

Metropolitan King County Council approved an increase for King County's solid waste disposal fees for the two year period 2017-2018. The new disposal fees will go into effect January 1, 2017. King County has been providing public outreach regarding the disposal fee increase.

The City's Comprehensive Garbage, Recyclables and Compostables Collection Contract with Recology CleanScapes (RCS) provides an Annual Rate Adjustment based on seventy-five percent (75%) of the change (increase/decrease) in the CPI Index for the most recent twelve (12) month period ending June 30th in the year of the request. This is a separate rate adjustment from the King County disposal fee increase. King County's disposal fee components of the RCS collection rates are adjusted based on container content weights specified in the Contract.

Both rate adjustments (RCS SeaTac Contract provided Annual Rate Adjustment and the King County disposal rate fee increase) are incorporated in the 2017 rates and will be reflected in customer invoices starting January 1, 2017. Self-haulers will also have the solid waste disposal increase reflected in the cost to dispose of their garbage at King County transfer stations starting January 1, 2017. RCS customers will find information on the new rates in their 2017 RCS Service Guides (residential, multifamily, commercial) and on the RCS SeaTac website at <a href="https://www.recologycleanscapes.com/seatac">www.recologycleanscapes.com/seatac</a>.

Residential 45 gallon tote monthly service (includes recycling and yard & food waste)

2016: \$20.65

2017: \$21.76 (\$0.91 KC disposal increase; \$0.20 RCS rate

adjustment increase)

KC disposal rate increase includes state refuse tax and hazardous waste surcharge.

If RCS customers have not received their 2017 Service Guides please contact RCS customer service for SeaTac at 767.1166.



# CONSTRUCTION AND TRAFFIC ALERTS

# Intersection Improvements at Military Road and S 200th

Construction work by WSDOT is continuing on the Southbound I-5 interchange at Military Road South and South 200th Street. This work will widen and realign the intersection and install new traffic signals to allow for easier access between I-5 and, the Angle Lake Light Rail Station, and the City of SeaTac. Please plan alternate routes around the area if possible. Please contact 440.4DOT (4368) for any noise related complaints or the 24-hour construction hotline at 888.298.2395.



# What to expect:

- The intersection will be rebuilt in phases to minimize impacts to the traveling public.
- Motorists should expect travel delays during construction on S. 200th Street, Military Road, the southbound I-5 off-ramp to S. 200th Street/Military Road, and the S. 200th Street/Military Road on-ramp to southbound I-5 with increased delays during weekday commuting hours.
- Lanes may be reduced during construction. There may also be periodic I-5 ramp closures at this location. Signage and flaggers will help motorists and pedestrians get safely around the work zone. Ramp closures will be announced in advance using electronic message signs.
- Typical work times will be between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM on weekdays and nighttime work will
  also be happening. The City has approved a noise variance for nighttime work for this project.
- Expect noise from equipment breaking up and removing existing sections of asphalt and other activities (trucks, excavators, bulldozers, vactor trucks, drill rigs, sawcutting equipment). Lighting will be used to illuminate the work area during nighttime hours.

# **Valley View Library January 2017 Events**

17850 Military Road S. ~ 242.6044

#### **Children & Families**

#### **Dance Party!**

Friday, January 6, 11:00 AM Newborn to age 6 with adult. Happy New Year! Come listen to music and dance, dance, dance! Explore creative movement and boogie 'til we drop!

#### **Family Story Times**

Monday, January 9, 23 and 30, 7:00 PM Thursday, January 19 and 26, 10:00 AM Family program, all ages welcome with adult. Stories, songs and fun!

#### **Brick Builders**

Friday, January 20, 11:00 AM Ages 4 to 12 with adult.

Practice your building and end

Practice your building and engineering skills with fun materials including Legos, blocks, gears, Tinkertoys, marble runs and more!

#### **Adults**

#### Citizenship Classes

Wednesdays 10:00 - 11:30 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!

#### Computer Class: Microsoft Excel 2013 Level 1

Tuesday, January 10, 6:30 – 8:00 PM Learn how to perform calculations using formulas, copy formulas with the fill handle and use Autosum for quick addition.

Prerequisite: Ability to use the mouse and keyboard.

Please register online or call 242.6044.

#### Sign Up for ORCA LIFT's Reduced Fares

Tuesday, January 24, 12:30 - 2:30 PM
Drop in to register for ORCA LIFT, a new, reduced fare on Metro buses, Sound Transit Link light rail, and more. Income-qualified riders, ages 19 to 64, can save 50% or more. To see if you qualify, check <a href="https://www.orcalift.com">www.orcalift.com</a> or call Multi-Service Center at 253.838.6810. Please bring ID and income verification documents.

#### **Talk Time Classes**

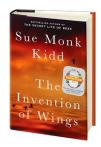
Wednesdays 1:00 - 2:30 PM Practice speaking English with other English language learners. Learn about American culture and meet people from around the world. Classes are free, join anytime!

### **Computer Class: Microsoft Excel Level 2**

Tuesday, January 17, 6:30 – 8:00 PM Learn how to set up absolute cell references so you can copy formulas correctly. Prerequisite: Basic understanding of Excel and experience creating and saving spreadsheets. Please register online or call 242.6044

#### Drop-in to learn about eBooks

Saturday, January 28, 3:00 – 4:00 PM Learn how to download eBooks, magazines, comic books, movies and other online services from KCLS! Bring your eReader, tablet, phone-or just your questions.



Valley View Library Book Club
The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd

Tuesday, January 31, 7:00 PM

#### **Website Links**

#### **Home Page**

#### **Event Calendar**

(click Event Calendar link for upcoming meeting agendas)

#### **City Council Actions**



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# **Happy Holiday Wishes**

On behalf of the City Council, City staff and myself, I am extending warm holiday wishes to each of you.



We hope you will be able to celebrate with family and friends in our community these next two holiday weekends.

As most of you are aware, the City Hall offices and Community Centers will be closed for business on both Mondays' following the holidays, December 26, 2016 and January 2, 2017.

Please celebrate responsibly, enjoy the holidays and look forward to 2017. Thank you!

Joseph Scorcio Acting City Manager



#### **New Hours for Permit Center**

Beginning Tuesday, January 17, the City's Permit Center will no longer accept new applications or payments after 4:30 PM. This change is being made to insure the prompt administration and processing of those applications and permits already submitted and in-progress. The third floor lobby hours will remain 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM Monday through Friday and staff will be available during those hours of operation.

# Firs Mobile Home Park Hearing

By mutual agreement of all parties, the Appeal Hearing on the Firs Mobile Home Park Relocation Plan scheduled for January 5, 2017 is being continued to January 19, 2017 at 6:00 PM. The January 5 meeting will convene at 6:00 PM as scheduled with the sole purpose of continuing the hearing on the January 19 date.

