

City Manager's Weekly Update December 30, 2016

City Hall and City Facilities will be closed Monday, January 2 in observance of the New Year



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 www.recologycleanscapes.com/seatac.

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 www.orcalift.com or call Multi-Service Center at 253.838.6810. Please bring ID and income

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

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Serving the Cities of Kent, SeaTac, Covington, and King County Fire District 37

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New Name, Same High Level of Service

Kent, Wash. – December 29, 2017– Beginning January 1, 2017, the Kent Regional Fire Authority will officially become the *Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority*.

For over 100 years, the Kent Fire Department has protected the residents and businesses of the area. However, as we continue to grow, our name needs to reflect the fact that we now cover not only Kent, but the cities of Covington and SeaTac, as well as King County Fire District 37. In total, the new Puget Sound RFA covers 60 square miles, with 11 fire stations, and over 220 firefighters.

What changes can people expect? First, the public will see a new uniform shoulder patch and badge with *Puget Sound Fire* on it. Fire stations and apparatus will eventually reflect the name change as well. The organization is working hard to make an orderly changeover, which will also include the website, email, and other social media.

What will not change? The high level of service our residents and businesses expect and are accustomed to by their firefighters. Dispatching, responses, and training are not affected by the name change.

The Puget Sound RFA name was chosen to reflect who we serve, not just today, but in the future as we continue to grow. That growth is to everyone's benefit through economies of scale. This is the advantage that larger organizations have over smaller ones due to superior purchasing power. Purchasing in larger quantities allows savings per unit, and those cost savings can be passed on to the public.









New Hours for the 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 ensure 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.



A press release is on the website and has been publically advertised this week. Signs are already posted at the Permit Counter announcing the change.

For any questions please contact Gary Schenk, Building Services manager at 206-973-4755 or gschenk@ci.seatac.wa.us.

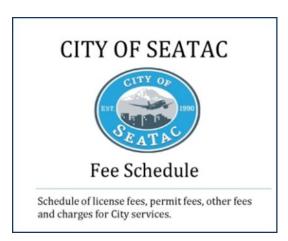
Reminder! New Schedule of License Fees, Permit Fees, Other Fees and Charges for City Services

The new Fee Schedule was adopted November 22, 2016 and becomes effective January 1, 2017. Please refer to this Fee Schedule when dealing with charges for City services.

Below are your options for viewing the new fee schedule:

- You can find a copy at the following link: <u>2017 Fee</u> <u>Schedule</u>.
- 2. It is also available on the City's website at the following address: www.ci.seatac.wa.us/feeschedule
- 3. A hard copy is available for viewing at City Hall at the following locations:
 - · Reception Counter on the 1st floor
 - Permit Counter on the 3rd floor

Please call City Hall, 206-973-4800, and ask for the department where the fees originate with any questions.



Seattle City Light Undercharge and proposed cost recovery

In June 2015, the SeaTac City Council passed an ordinance adopting an updated utility service franchise agreement with Seattle City Light. The new agreement establishes the conditions under which Seattle City Light is allowed to operate in City right of way (streets) to provide electrical services to residents living in certain areas of SeaTac. The franchise agreement also requires that Seattle City Light pay the City of SeaTac an annual franchise fee for the use of City right-of-way.

Throught 2016, Seattle City Light failed to adjust their monthly rate for SeaTac customers which resulted in undercharging residential ratepayers by approximately \$30 over the course of the year. Both Washington state law and Seattle Municipal Code require that Seattle City Light collect any undercharge whether intentionally or inadvertently made. As a result, by June 2017, SeaTac customers within Seattle City Light service areas will receive a bill for the difference between what they were charged in 2016 and what they should have been charged. Seattle City Light will contact each customer directly with more information and details. The City will be monitoring Seattle City Light's progress.



SeaTac Community Garden Registration Opening January 3rd!

Registration for the City's first community garden will open on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. The community garden is scheduled to open this spring in North SeaTac Park adjacent to the botanical and Japanese gardens. Garden plots (80 square feet) will be available for rent (April 1 - October 31). Plants grown on the rented plots are for personal use, donations or to share with others. The fee is \$40 per year. More information including an application form and rules & regulations are available online at www.ci.seatac.wa.us/communitygarden.

The Firs Mobile Home Park appeal

The Firs Mobile Home Park Homeowners' Association filed an appeal of the City's administrative approval of a Relocation Plan Report and Plan for the mobile home park. This appeal will be considered by the City's Hearing Examiner. On December 19, 2016, the Hearing Examiner conducted a pre-hearing conference with the attorneys representing the appellant, home owners, and the mobile home park owner, together with the City Attorney. It was agreed that on January 5, 2017, the hearing will be opened only to accept legal briefs. The hearing will then be continued to 6:00 p.m. on January 19, 2017, at which time oral testimony from the public will be taken. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Planning Manager Steve Pilcher at 873-4832 or spilcher@ci.seatac.wa.us.



Damage to Gate and Fence at Valley Ridge Park

At about 7:00 PM on Sunday December 18, a man having a mental health crisis, drove his car through a locked gate at Valley Ridge Park, coming to a stop on a soccer field as teams were playing. Police had to break into the car and physically remove him after attempts to negotiate him out were unsuccessful. No one was injured. The man was taken to a local hospital for a mental health evaluation.

Armed Residential Robbery

At about 1:20 AM on Tuesday December 20, a resident in the area of S. 132 and 24 Av S was awaken by noises in her home. Upon investigating, she was confronted by a man with a gun, wearing dark clothing, gloves and a skull mask. She was held at gun point as at least one other man ransacked her home. They left with jewelry and cash and were not located by police. The resident was not injured.

This is considered a robbery instead of a burglary, because the resident was home **and** there was force used against her to steal the items. It would have been classified as a burglary if the resident was home and was never physically held, threatened or forced by the suspects.

Armed Robbery, Parking Lot S. 188/40 Av S.

At about 7:00 PM on Tuesday December 20, an employee of the Health Point building on S. 188/40 Av S. was confronted by two males in the parking lot. One pointed a gun at her, the other took her phone out of her hand and they both ran away. A King County K9 team was called to the location and arrived quickly. The dog tracked the suspects to a dead end road about a block away where they were arrested. The phone was recovered and returned to the victim. Both suspects were booked into jail for investigation of armed robbery.

The police dog responsible for this capture is named Brix. His handler, Deputy Richard Dosio, was assigned in the City of SeaTac for about 2 years. He transferred to the K9 unit about 6 months ago and has been in a vigorous training program with Brix, to develop their individual skills and their capabilities as a team. This robbery capture was their first capture as a team!

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