

City of SeaTac Quarterly Newsletter | Winter 2017

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# City Council Adopts 2017-2018 Biennial Budget

The development of the 2017-2018 Biennial Budget differed from previous City budgets. As the third two-year budget for the City, it reflects lessons learned from prior budget processes including the desire to bring more clarity to both the budget and the process of creating the budget. Several departments were realigned to better represent the way the City provides service to the community. All new programs, including new revenues and expenditures, were presented to Council as a Decision Card for inclusion in the final budget. The City is committed to transparency, responsible decision making, and strives to continually seek to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of our local government. This commitment ensures that SeaTac maintains its economic health and continues to provide a supportive environment for both residents and businesses, alike.

In the 2017-2018 adopted Budget, the General Fund supports the majority of the municipal operating services. It anticipates 2017 and 2018 revenues of \$72,975,345 and expenditures of \$73,067,091, including \$615,000 in one-time expenses. The fund balance at the end of 2017 is budgeted to be \$16,572,559, with \$12,051,433 of that restricted as the City's strategic operating reserve. Most neighboring jurisdictions are operating with reserve levels in the 7-10% range, especially as cities continue to recover from the recent financially difficult times. In 2016, a managed reductions program was implemented to lessen the impact of anticipated revenue shortfalls and the 2017-2018 budget was prepared with one primary guideline; annual expenditures from non-personnel costs would not increase from the previous biennium (zero-growth). These two actions allowed SeaTac to maintain services at levels which the residents desire, deserve, and expect, add new programs to enhance services, and still strategically preserve the operating reserves at the high level that the City Council requires.

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In addition to maintaining current service levels, the 2017-2018 Budget provides the resources and expenditures for the first two years of the 2017-2022 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Projects funded in the CIP are based on evaluation criteria that include maximizing direct benefits to residents and position the City for continued redevelopment opportunities. 2017-2018 budgeted capital expenditures of approximately \$29.8 million include building improvements, transportation and pedestrian improvements, park improvements, and various equipment and vehicle replacements.

The 2017-2018 Preliminary Budget was submitted to the full City Council on October 3. The City Council held five public workshops in October and November, during which they reviewed in detail the entire proposed budget; including presentations from each of the department heads on their budget requests, decision cards and capital requests. Adjustments were made along the way as needed. The final

preliminary budget incorporating all of these decisions was presented at the November 22 City Council meeting, and the official public hearing on the budget occurred the same night. The Council adopted the Final 2017-2018 Biennial Budget later that night.

The City is fortunate to have residents, dedicated elected officials and appointed staff members, who demonstrate a passion for continuing to improve SeaTac as a place to live, work, play and run businesses.

Together, we have developed a 2017-2018 Biennial Budget which provides a comprehensive operating and capital fund plan that accomplishes the City's goal for delivering the highest level of service possible, while making necessary strategic investments for the future.

The 2017-2018 Biennial Budget can be found on the City's website at <a href="https://www.CityofSeaTac.com/FinancialReports">www.CityofSeaTac.com/FinancialReports</a>.

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#### City Council Meetings

City Hall Council Chambers Study Sessions at 5:00 PM Regular Meetings at 7:00 PM 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

To view Council agendas and minutes, or meeting times and dates, please visit the City's website at <a href="https://www.CityofSeaTac.com">www.CityofSeaTac.com</a>.

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, 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM beginning Thursday evening following a Council Meeting. The meetings can also be found online by visiting <a href="www.CityofSeaTac.com">www.CityofSeaTac.com</a>. Select the grey SeaTV box from the menu on the left and then choose Programs and then Council Meeting, 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 Clerk's Office at 973.4660.

# City Recognizes Outstanding Employees

Each year the City of SeaTac selects employees for citywide awards who have demonstrated outstanding performance. Awards are given for customer service, going the extra mile, promoting diversity and demonstrating SeaTac's core values. The SeaTac Police Department gives additional recognition for its outstanding members. Employees are nominated by their fellow staff members and an employee committee

determines the selection of the recipients for the Customer Service, Extra Mile, Diversity and The SeaTac Award. The awards were presented at the all City staff meeting and appreciation dinner on November 18 held at ACME Bowl. The awards given for service to the City of SeaTac and its residents in 2016 were:



▲ THE DIVERSITY AWARD

Mike Fitzpatrick



▲ CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD

Mary Kate McGee



**▲ THE SEATAC AWARD** 

Bart Perman



▲ EXTRA MILE AWARD

Jay White & Clemens Barrabas



▲ OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Steve Johnson

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

#### 5 YEARS:

Christopher Anderson John Letourneau Ali Shasti Amber Russ Elizabeth Cordi-Bejarano

#### 10 YEARS:

Zinta Smidchens
Gary Schenk
Colleen Brandt-Schluter
Kim Cooper
Balvir Toor
Kate Kaehny
Ruth Davis

#### 15 YEARS:

Jay White Trudy Olson Patrick Sweeney

#### 20 YEARS:

Lesa Ellis Cary Kennedy

#### **25 YEARS:**

Marlon Olson Gwen Rathe





# **Construction Update**



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

Construction on the "Connecting 28th/24th Avenue S." project continues and is on schedule to be completed by August.

The last few months saw the construction of the bridge and tunnel sections of the roadway, as well as paving on 24th Avenue S.

When complete, the project will have constructed a new principal arterial road between S. 200th and S. 208th Streets and connected 28th Avenue S. to 24th Avenue S. This project completes the north-south corridor from S. 188th Street to S. 216th Street. The new road will include four general purpose lanes, turn pockets, and a shared use path along both sides. The project will also construct a new and improved drainage system, add street lights and landscaping. The project will also have built a new bridge and tunnel structure that will accommodate the future State Route 509 highway with minimal impact to the 28th/24th Avenue S. corridor.

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 and potential new jobs to the area. The road is anticipated to be open late this summer. For additional project information, please contact Hien Nguyen, Project Engineer, at 973.4746, <a href="https://hnguyen@ci.seatac.wa.us">hnguyen@ci.seatac.wa.us</a> or see our webpage at <a href="https://www.CityofSeaTac.com/28th-24th">www.CityofSeaTac.com/28th-24th</a>.

# S. 200th Street and Military Road S. at I-5 Ramp Intersection Improvements

Construction began in August 2016 with the majority of work occurring at night for minimal traffic impact. These improvements are being funded by Sound Transit as part of the Development Agreement between Sound Transit and City of SeaTac to improve traffic safety and capacity. The intersection will be widened and realigned with new traffic signals to allow for easier motorist travel between I-5, the recently opened Angle Lake light rail station and other City of SeaTac destinations. Improvements include construction of new pavement and sidewalk, pavement overlay, installation of curb and gutter with new drainage system, new traffic signals, signs and street lights, controller cabinets, and junction boxes. Permanent traffic signals were installed and activated in November 2016. Approximately 50% of the construction work has been completed and intersection improvements are planned to be complete by June of 2017. This project is being managed by the Washington State Department of Transportation.

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# **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 6 weeks. The City accepts personal checks or money orders only for passport fees. Passport fees are non-refundable.

#### Need a Passport in a Hurry?

If you will be traveling within two weeks, it is

	BOOK FEES		CARD FEES		(Book & Card) 1st Time Applicants	
Age*	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
Total	\$135.00	\$105.00	\$55.00	\$40.00	\$165.00	\$120.00

<sup>\*</sup> Adults 16+, Minors Under 16

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recommended that you schedule an appointment at the U.S. Department of State Passport Agency in downtown Seattle. To schedule an appointment, please call the National Passport Information Center at 877.487.2778. Please note the \$60 expedite fee is required for each application submitted in person at a Passport Agency or Center.

#### 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:

Maria Wachtel appointed September 27, 2016

#### Planning Commission:

Roxie Chapin re-appointed October 11, 2016 Tom Dantzler re-appointed October 11, 2016

#### Senior Citizen Advisory Committee:

Alice Belenski re-appointed October 11, 2016

Victoria Lockwood re-appointed October 11, 2016

# Hotel/Motel Tax Advisory Committee:

Wendy Morgan re-appointed October 11, 2016

Roger McCracken re-appointed October 11, 2016



SeaTac Explorers are briefed before the July 4 Family Fireworks event at Angle Lake Park.

# SeaTac Police Explorers

The SeaTac Police Explorer Post is an interesting and rewarding way for young people in our community to explore law enforcement, public safety and/or corrections as a future career. The Explorer Post also offers an outstanding volunteer opportunity, serving the City of SeaTac and King County region in a variety of community events.

To join the Post, applicants must:

- Attend three consecutive post meetings which take place twice per month on Thursday evenings.
- Complete the Explorer Post Application provided upon request.
- Pass an oral board interview, graded by Police Officer Advisors
- Pass a criminal background check.

To apply or inquire further please call Community Service Officer Mechee Burnett at 973.4917.

# Sign-Up Now! 2017 Spring Community Police Academy

The SeaTac Police Department,
Burien Police Department and
King County Sheriff's Office are
once again joining forces to present
this program, designed to increase
communication and develop
relationships between community
members and their police departments.



This education and experience-based program will begin on Thursday, March 9 and will run for 12 consecutive Thursdays. The class will graduate on Saturday, June 3. Most sessions will take place at SeaTac City Hall.

Officers, Detectives and staff, all experts in their fields, will teach a variety of interesting segments throughout the session. They include: patrol procedures, use of force/firearms, introduction to SWAT, laws of arrest, serious accident response and reconstruction, Green River homicides investigation overview, emergency vehicle operations, and many more.

There is no cost to apply or attend. Applicants must be at least 16 years old. Those 16-18 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Participants will be taken on field trips to a number of secure locations (Communication Center, SCORE Jail, Shooting Range, etc). All applicants must pass a thorough background check.

To inquire further or apply please call Community Service Officer Mechee Burnett at 973.4917.







Reduced Fare

Increased Possibilities

### **Orca Lift**

Now there's a more affordable way to get to work, school, shopping, day care or anywhere else you need to go. It's ORCA LIFT, a new, reduced transit fare that can help you get more out of your public transportation system.

Once you qualify for the ORCA LIFT program, you'll receive an ORCA LIFT card registered to your name, with the same features every ORCA card has. You can load an E-purse value on your card to pay for trips one at a time, or load a discounted monthly pass that lets you take unlimited trips for an entire month. But what makes ORCA LIFT special is you have all the power and convenience of the ORCA card system at a fraction of the cost.

With the ORCA LIFT card, incomequalified riders can save up to 50% or more on:

- Metro Transit buses
- Kitsap Transit buses
- Sound Transit Link light rail
- Sound Transit Regional Express buses
- Sounder Trains
- King County Water Taxi
- Seattle Streetcar

#### See if you qualify

#### Household income amount

People with household income of less than double the federal poverty level (as established by US Health and Human Services Department) qualify for ORCA LIFT.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MAXIMUM INCOME TO QUALIFY*		
1	\$23,760		
2	\$32,040		
3	\$40,320		
4	\$48,600		
5	\$56,880		
6	\$65,160		
7	\$73,460		
8	\$81,780		

<sup>\*</sup> Effective April 1, 2016. Subject to change without notice.

#### Age requirements

To get an ORCA LIFT card, you must be between 19 and 64 years of age. Children six through 18 are eligible for an ORCA youth card, which may be obtained free of charge by LIFT cardholders, and those 65 and older are eligible for a Regional Reduced Fare Permit (RRFP) card. People with disabilities may qualify for the RRFP card.

#### **Enroll today!**

If you think you qualify, visit one of the authorized ORCA LIFT enrollment offices with your income verification documents. The process takes just minutes. The office will confirm your eligibility, officially register you, and give you your free ORCA LIFT card.

For more information such as the location of Enrollment Offices please visit kingcounty.gov/depts/transportation/metro/fares-orca/orca-cards/lift.aspx or call 553.3000 or 800.756.5437.

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# What is Graduate! Highline?

A full-scale community movement to increase Highline Public Schools' graduation rates!

#### Here's the background:

- As a community, Highline Public Schools
  has set ambitious goals for its students,
  all in service of one overarching goal:
  19 out 20 students in the Class of 2017
  will graduate prepared to choose their
  future. Highline is deeply committed
  to achieving this goal, but there is much
  work to do.
- The 2015 graduation rate is currently at 70.3%, although this is a significant increase from 2014 (near 62.4%) rates are not improving fast enough. We know our students are capable of achieving more, and we also know our schools cannot do it alone.
- We are grateful to have a community that supports our schools, but acting as individuals or disconnected organizations, efforts are fragmented. Think of the impact if people came together in one collective effort supporting students!
- The goal is to help ignite a communitywide effort around students. The vision is to bring together parents and educators with community, civic and philanthropic leaders to forge a movement that will push graduation rates to a 95% goal.



 Graduate Highline was inspired by the Foundation for Tacoma Students, which has successfully rallied the whole community behind a movement they call "Graduate Tacoma." The effort started in 2010 with a 55% graduation rate, and since then Tacoma's graduation rate has soared to over 78%.

#### How can you help?

Start by "Joining the Movement" — simply fill out the online form located at <u>graduatehighline.com/join-us/</u> and you'll begin to receive information and opportunities.

In the "comment" section, explain what you are already doing to help students in Highline graduate.

- Are you a parent or grandparent helping your child learn to read?
- Are you a small business owner that would be willing to give Graduate!
   Highline information to your customers?
- Are you in a position to host a student intern or maybe even donate to help with college and career access programs for students in Highline?

# A New Name, Same Level of Service

On January 1, the Kent Regional Fire Authority became the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority.

The Kent RFA has been contracted to provide fire and emergency services to the City of SeaTac since 2014. The change in name will not change the existing contract.

The name change took place because the name "Kent", while a large part of their response area and history, is no longer inclusive of who they are or the communities they serve. In addition to the Cities of Kent and SeaTac, the Puget Sound RFA also provides emergency services for the City of Covington and King County Fire District 37.

The Puget Sound RFA responds to over 24,000 calls each year from 11 fire stations, including three in SeaTac.

Look for the new name and logo, but expect the same high level of service.









# 2017 Waste Reduction & Recycling Programs

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

#### YARD DEBRIS OPTIONS FOR SEATAC RESIDENTS

# Curbside Service with Recology CleanScapes

Yard debris collection is available at no extra cost to SeaTac residents that subscribe to curbside garbage service with Recology CleanScapes. Food scraps go into yard waste container so you might be able to downsize your waste container and save! If you are interested in learning more or would like to sign up for service, please contact Recology CleanScapes at 767.1166 or visit <a href="https://www.cleanscapes.com/seatac/community/">www.cleanscapes.com/seatac/community/</a>.

Self-hauling of Yard Debris
SeaTac residents who choose
to self-haul their yard debris
may take it to the Bow Lake
Transfer Station — accepted
only during Recycle Area hours.
Please note that fees apply.

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

HOURS:

Monday 12:00 AM – Friday 11:30 PM Saturday – Sunday 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM

RECYCLE AREA HOURS
(different from station hours listed above):
Monday – Friday, 6:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Saturday and Sunday, 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM

Bow Lake Transfer Station 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



WASTE ZERO

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 <a href="http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/facilities/bow-transfer.asp?ID=343">http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/facilities/bow-transfer.asp?ID=343</a> or for questions regarding accepted materials, fees, and hours you may call 296.4466.

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

Visit King County's "What do I do with...?" website at <a href="http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/wdidw/">http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/wdidw/</a> or visit the Earth911 website at <a href="http://earth911.com/">http://earth911.com/</a> to find information on where to take your items.

#### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

www.HazWasteHelp.org

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

Watch for our next recycling event in spring 2017. For more information contact Resource Conservation/Neighborhood Programs Coordinator Trudy Olson at 973.4763.

# RECOLOGY CLEANSCAPES DISCOUNTS FOR QUALIFIED LOW-INCOME SENIOR AND DISABLED RESIDENTS

You may qualify for a 50% discount on your Recology CleanScapes basic curbside collection fees if you are a SeaTac resident that is 62 years of age or older, or a SeaTac resident who is receiving permanent disability benefits from Social Security, and can meet the limited income requirements (\$31,650 or less if a single person; \$36,150 if a two person family; \$40,650 if a three person family; \$45,150 if a four person family). Proof of SeaTac residency, disability status, and income required. For more information please contact Resource Conservation/Neighborhood Programs Coordinator Trudy Olson at 973.4763.

# 2017 RECOLOGY CLEANSCAPES SERVICE RATES TO INCREASE

City of SeaTac Recology CleanScapes (RCS) customers will have an increase in their service fees effective January 1, 2017.

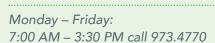


Rate increases are due to the new Metropolitan King County Council approved increased solid waste disposal fees and the annual Consumer Price Index rate adjustment for RCS solid waste collection services provided in the City's hauler contract. Both rate increases will be reflected in customer invoices starting January 1.

Contact information for RCS is SeaTac is 767.1166.

### 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.



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

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

Monday – Friday: 7:00 AM – 3:30 PM call 973.4770

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

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

# What to Report?

#### Clearly indicate:

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

If possible, wait for first responders to arrive.



# Changing Weather Increases Stormwater Runoff to the Puget Sound

Winter in the beautiful Pacific Northwest brings an increase in seasonal rain and snow possibilities. Stormwater runoff is rain or snowmelt not absorbed into the ground that flows off land surfaces such as roads, parking lots, rooftops, and lawns. This stormwater runoff enters our urban creeks, lakes and Puget Sound directly or through local drainage systems. According to estimates from the Washington State Department of Ecology, stormwater is a major source of the pollutants flowing to our streams and eventually the Puget Sound.

Some may believe that pollution of our state's waterways comes from large manufacturing plants or some illegal dumping into the Sound, and that they have no individual control over the problem or little ability to help curb the damage. According to the Puget Sound Starts Here campaign, stormwater runoff that starts in our own neighborhoods contributes to water quality issues in our beautiful Puget Sound. It comes from the water that passes over our roads, sidewalks, driveways and yards – picking up oil, grease, metals, soaps and yard chemicals along the way.

Everyone can help fix the problem — and you can personally choose to make a difference. By changing just a few things you do in your own yard (use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly), with your car (use a commercial car wash and fix vehicle leaks), around your dog (dispose of animal waste properly) and in your home (choose environmentally friendly cleaning products and maintain your home septic systems), you will become part of the solution. Focusing on these four aspects of daily life is where people can truly help save the beautiful Puget Sound and our local waterways. Your active participation now will help enable future generations to be able to explore tide pools for sea life, dig for clams, or swim in the surf – activities many of us take for granted today. Together, we can work to keep our waterways healthy and help save Puget Sound.

For more information on the Puget Sound Starts Here campaign visit <a href="https://www.pugetsoundstartshere.org">www.pugetsoundstartshere.org</a>. For information on how to have a fish friendly car wash, recycling of hazardous waste, and natural yard care information, please contact Resource Conservation/
Neighborhood Programs Coordinator Trudy Olson at 973.4763.





# Parks and Recreation - Winter 2017

# TIME TO APPLY FOR 2017 RECREATION SCHOLARSHIPS!

The Recreation Scholarship program assists youth, ages 3-19, who live in the City of SeaTac to participate in all youth and teen programs at up to 70% off the regular costs. Programs available include soccer, fencing, karate, before and after school care, summer camps and more. Those who qualify must reapply every calendar year. For more information about the scholarship process and the programs available, please call the SeaTac Community Center at 973.4680.



#### PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT WINNER

This year's photography exhibit had a theme of "SeaTac".

All submitted photographs were of pictures taken to represent the landscape, people, and points of interest in the City. This year's purchase award winner was submitted by Greg Alan Rubstello and was titled, "Spray Park at Sunset".

# WARMING SHELTER AT SEATAC COMMUNITY CENTER

Reminder: When the weather forecast is 32 degrees or below for two or more days, the SeaTac Community Center will act as a "warming shelter" during normal business hours.

#### **Community Center Hours:**

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 AM - 9:30 PM

Friday: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM Saturday: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

#### SAVE THE DATES

ABC...123 Preschool Enrollment Opens for 2017-2018 School

Year: March 15

The Great Summer Camp Registration Opens: April 3

Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Angle Lake Park: April 15 at 9:00 AM.



# COMMUNITY GARDEN – REGISTRATION OPEN JANUARY 3

The City's first community garden will open this spring at North SeaTac Park, adjacent to the Highline SeaTac Botanical and Japanese gardens. The community garden will have small garden plots available

to SeaTac residents for rent (April-October) for \$40 per year. For more information or to rent a spot (on or after January 3), please call or visit the SeaTac Community Center at 973.4680 or online at <a href="https://www.ci.seatac.wa.us/communitygarden">www.ci.seatac.wa.us/communitygarden</a>.

# Be Weather Ready

Historically in Washington, January is the month that we have the greatest chance of large amounts of snow. Are you ready?

Take these steps to protect yourself and your family from bad winter weather:

- Stock up on necessary food items in case you cannot get out of your home.
- Renew needed prescriptions.

- Have flashlights and extra batteries in case of power outages.
- Remember to NEVER bring BBQs or generators near or inside your home.
- Be ready to check on the elderly and infirmed during bad weather.

If you drive in winter weather, be prepared:

- Always keep fuel tank above half-full.
- Have vehicles professionally "winterized."

- Carry flashlights.
- Carry tire chains and know how to install them.
- Always carry a fully charged cell phone to call for help.
- Stock vehicles with extra clothing, baby needs, and some food in case you get stranded.
- Carry a moderate amount of cash in small bills for emergency use.

### Changes to Business License Fees & Renewals

On November 22, 2016 the SeaTac City Council approved a resolution amending the City of SeaTac Schedule of Fees modifying license fees, permit fees, and other fees and charges for City services. License fees to operate a business within the City have been directly affected. In addition to the revised business license fees, the renewal timeline has been adjusted and late fees have changed as a result. For more information on the license fees, or to view the 2017 City of SeaTac Schedule of Fees, visit our website at <a href="https://www.CityofSeaTac.com">www.CityofSeaTac.com</a>.

# 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.

#### **Candles**

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.

#### Generators-Gas Powered

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

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, decreases levels of consciousness, and in extreme cases, death.

#### Other Hazards

It is not just generators that pose a hazard; barbeques – 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 barbeques 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.







**PRESORTED STANDARD** U.S. POSTAGE **PAID** SEATTLE, WA PERMIT NO.

### **ECRWSS** POSTAL CUSTOMER



### **Hotel Growing Season**

This coming spring, four new hotels will be sprouting from a fall planting season as developers take advantage of good economic conditions and a local market poised for expansion. The availability of well-situated property, the anticipated growth of the airport and increased regional tourism have all provided fertile ground for this new development cycle.

The Aloft Hotel, Cambria Suites, Hilton Garden Inn and the Residence Inn by Marriott will add over 600 new guest rooms to the City's current stock of nearly 5,600. These new projects will add dozens of



new temporary construction jobs and over 100 new permanent jobs to the local economy. Together these projects will total nearly \$110 million in new construction and generate approximately \$2 million in one-time tax and fee revenue with an additional \$500,000 annually in property and lodging taxes.

The Department of Community and Economic Development is also actively working with another six prospective lodging developments that would add approximately 770 additional rooms to the City's inventory, dozens more jobs and additional fee and tax revenue over the next few years.

Recent statistics indicate that both occupancy and room rates will remain strong into the foreseeable future. Most predictions are for continued growth in the regional tourism industry mirroring the projected increase in population, business start-ups and employment in the Puget Sound market area.

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