

SeaTac Municipal Court

State of the Court

2016-2017

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MUNICIPAL COURT ROAD MAP

VISION

Promote respect for the law and constitutional rights.

MISSION

Serve the community by providing a safe forum, accessible to all individuals, for the fair, impartial, and efficient administration of justice.



SUPPORTING CITYWIDE GOALS

CITY OPERATIONS

Continue to improve efficient operations through the use of technology and web based solutions.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT / LIFELONG LEARNING

Continue to provide information on constitutional rights, the law, and courts through the court webpage, State of Court Address, Quarterly Newsletter, and Court Community Outreach Program.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Develop/participate in programs with other jurisdictions and agencies to improve public safety, access to justice, and accountability. Facilitate access to community resources to improve defendant compliance and independence. Review resources to enhance probation monitoring and defendant compliance success rates.

SUSTAIN FINANCIAL HEALTH & STABILITY

Continue partnerships with neighboring jurisdictions to achieve economies of scale. Continue use of jail alternatives and warrant resolution options to reduce jail costs to city. Ensure regular monitoring of budget to achieve operational cost savings.

DEPARTMENT GOALS

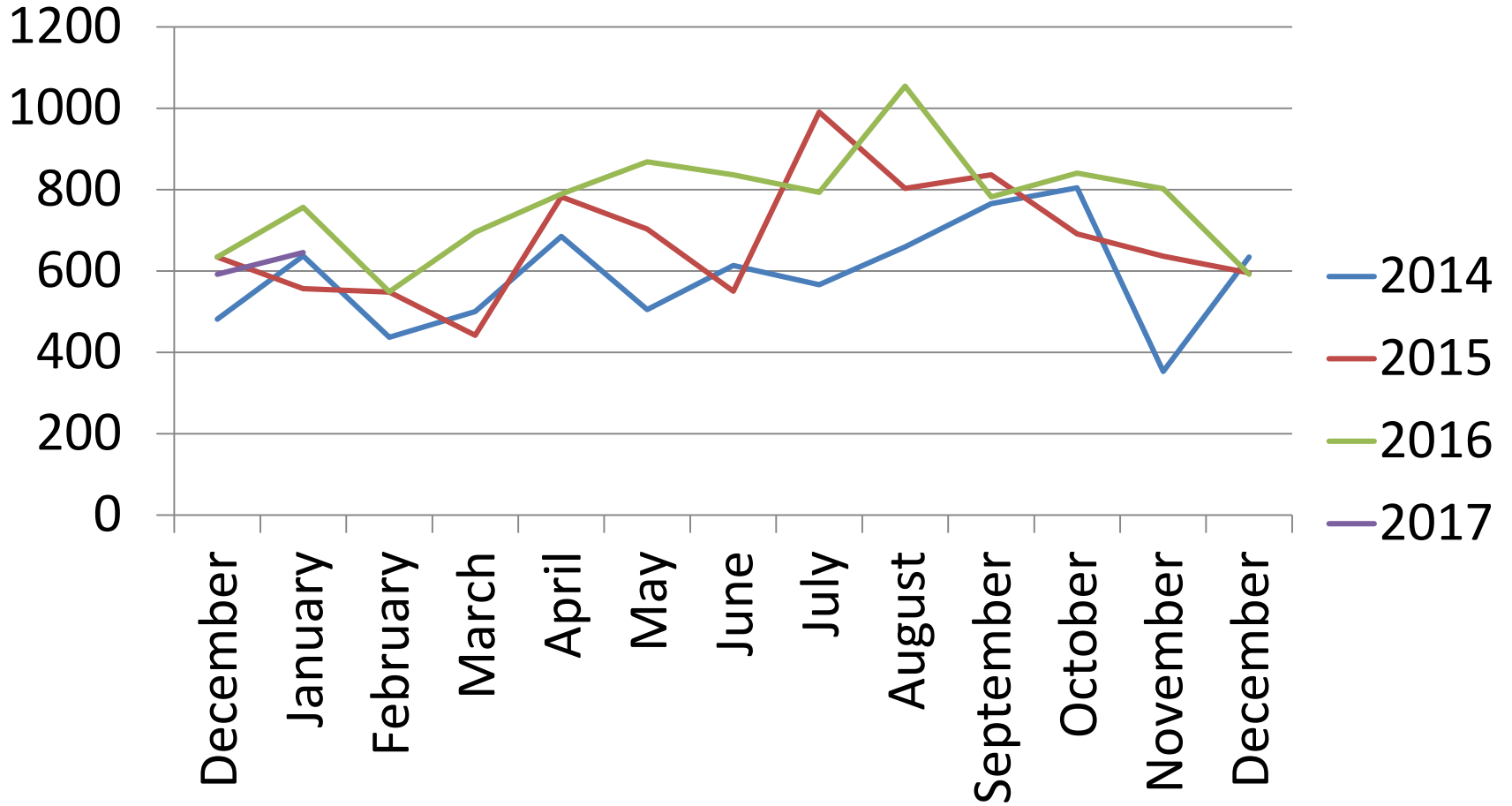
IMPROVE PROCESSES

Ensure lean operations by reviewing processes with court stakeholders to achieve efficiencies.

ACCESS TO COURT

Improve ADA access to court, and increase resources for non-English speaking individuals

Case Filings:



Case filing increase

- In 2016, filings for most case types increased:
 - Traffic Infractions: ↑ 3%
 - Non-Traffic Infractions: ↑ 26%
 - Parking and Photo Enforcement: ↑ 16%
 - DUI's: ↑ 6%
 - Criminal Traffic: ↓ 21%
 - Criminal Non-Traffic : ↑ 13%
 - Domestic Violence Protection Orders: ↑ 16%
 - **Overall increase: ↑ 13%**

Warrant Walk-ins = Jail savings

- 166 Defendants in 2016 avoided arrest through Warrant Walk-in Program
- Savings of at least 332 **jail days** (day of booking, ordered for video next day, assuming no weekend bookings)
- Equates to savings of \$38,180 (332*115)

Probation services

- Jail Alternatives (funded by Defendants)
 - Defendants served 29.5 days through Day Reporting
 - Defendants served 178.5 hours through Community Service
 - Community benefited from work hours
 - Served in lieu of **103 days jail**
 - 1 Defendant served 60 days through Electronic Home Monitoring (Court authorized additional EHM, and other defendants served EHM, but numbers were not tracked for these purposes)
 - Served in lieu of **60 days jail**
- Total jail days saved in 2016 using alternative sentencing: **163 days**
- **Minimum Total saved through Jail alternative and**
Warrant Walk-in = \$56,925

Probation Services

– On average, 65 cases on “Active” Probation

- 34% DUI/Physical Control
- 22% Domestic Violence
- 10% Drug Related
- 6% Assault (Non-DV)
- 6% Criminal Trespass
- 4% Negligent Driving 1st
- 3% Theft
- 6% Other Criminal Traffic
- 9% Other Criminal Non-Traffic



Court Outreach

Law Week

Quarterly Newsletter

Student Engagement

State of the Court

SeaTac Municipal Court
Law Week 2016

Free Movie! Free Popcorn!

Starring Tom Hanks
Rated PG-13, Some language

Wednesday, May 4th, at 12:30 pm

SeaTac Community Center

13735 - 24th Ave. S., SeaTac 206.973.4680

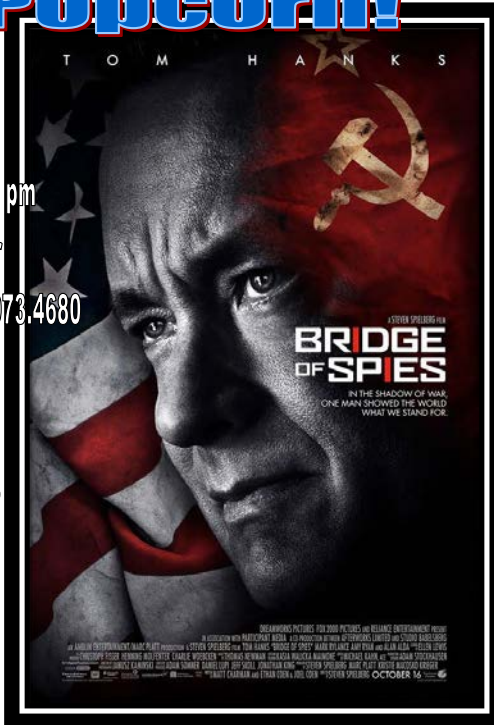
And

Friday, May 6th, at 6 pm

SeaTac Council Chambers

4800 S. 188th St., SeaTac

206.973.4610



Two Show Times!

SEATAC MUNICIPAL COURT
LAW WEEK 2016



MIRANDA: MORE THAN WORDS



The theme of Law Week this year honors the Miranda Warnings which provides that people who are placed under arrest must be advised that any statements made to law enforcement can be used against them in a court of law.

Schedule of Events

Monday, May 2, 2016

Mock Trial performed by Chinook Middle School

Students, Teacher: Colleen Carpenter

Location: SeaTac Municipal Court
206.973.4610

Time: 3:30 pm

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

Free Movie Screening

"Bridge of Spies," 2015, Starring Tom Hanks

Location: SeaTac Community Center
13735 - 24th Ave. S.
SeaTac, Washington 98168
206.973.4680

Time: 12:30 pm

Thursday, May 5, 2016

Student visit to Court while Court is in session

Location: SeaTac Municipal Court
206.973.4610

Time: 8:45 am, 1:30 pm

Friday, May 6, 2016

Free Movie Screening

"Bridge of Spies," 2015, Starring Tom Hanks

Location: SeaTac Council Chambers
4800 S. 188th Street
SeaTac, Washington 98188
206.973.4610

Time: 6:00 pm

Free Movie Screening!



Bridge of Spies (2015)

Directed by Steven Spielberg
Written by Matt Charman, Ethan Coen, Joel Coen

Produced by Steven Spielberg, Kristie Macosko Krieger, Marc Platt

Rated PG-13, Some Language
Nominated for 6 Oscars

Starring Tom Hanks, Alan Alda

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Law Week 2016

Law Week 2017



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LAW WEEK 2017

Join Us!



THE 14TH AMENDMENT: Transforming American Democracy

This year, the ABA theme for National Law Day, and our Annual Law Week is the Fourteenth Amendment. We will celebrate how the Fourteenth Amendment has reshaped American law and society. The bedrock foundation for landmark civil rights legislation and federal court decisions protecting fundamental rights, it has served as a source of inspiration for those who advocate for equal justice under law.

Schedule of Events

Monday, May 1, 2017

Student visit to Court to view first half of "The Loving Story"
Location: 4800 S. 188th Street, SeaTac, WA 98188
Time: 1:30pm-3:00pm

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Student visit to Court to view second half of "The Loving Story"
Time: 1:30pm-3:00pm
Location: 4800 S. 188th Street, SeaTac, WA 98188

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Free Movie Screening: **Hidden Figures**
Location: SeaTac Community Center, 13735 – 24th Ave. S., SeaTac, WA 206.973.4680
Time: 1 pm-2:30pm
Free Popcorn provided!

Wednesday, May 4, 2017

Student visit to Court to discuss "The Loving Story"
Time: 1:30pm-3:00pm
Location: 4800 S. 188th Street, SeaTac, WA 98188

Friday, May 5, 2017

Free Movie Screening: **Hidden Figures**
Location: SeaTac Council Chambers, 4800 S. 188th Street, SeaTac, WA
Time: 6:00 pm-8:00
Free Popcorn provided!

Free movie Screening!



Hidden Figures

(2016)

Directed by Theodore Melfi
Written by Allison Schroeder, Theodore Melfi
Produced by Peter Chernin, Donna Gigliotti, Theodore Melfi, Jenno Topping, Pharrell Williams

Starring Kevin Costner, Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer

Rated PG (Some Language), Runtime: 2hrs, 7 mins

The true story of a team of African-American women mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the US space program.



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“Your Washington Courts”

Did you know.....?

- There are four levels of court in Washington: the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, the superior courts and courts of limited jurisdiction (district and municipal courts).
- The Supreme Court is located in Olympia in the Temple of Justice on the state capitol grounds.
- Courtrooms of the three divisions of the state Court of Appeals are located in Seattle, Tacoma, and Spokane.
- Courthouses in each of the state’s 39 counties house superior court courtrooms.
- Each county has at least one district court and many of the state’s cities and towns have a municipal court.
- Though some proceedings are not open to the public, visitors are welcome to attend all others without an appointment.

Every year the Chief Justice of the Washington State Supreme Court delivers a State of the Judiciary address. This year Justice Barbara Madsen steps down as Chief Justice and passes the gavel to our new Chief Justice, Mary Fairhurst. Besides processing over two million new cases filed each year, judges within Washington are serving in many other ways in an effort to increase access to justice for all, and to better the court system for the citizens of this state. By a review of this year’s State of the Judiciary report, one can see that the amount of work that is being done is impressive. The courts are constantly

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Washington State Supreme Court, 2017; courtesy www.courts.wa.gov

- From “A Guide to Washington State Courts,” published by the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), 1979, 2008, available for download at www.courts.wa.gov

For a brochure describing the organization and operation of the Washington State Court system, take a look at “A Citizen’s Guide to Washington Courts” at http://www.courts.wa.gov/newsinfo/resources/ta-newsinfo_pur_brochure_guide&altMenu_Cit

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Did you know.....?

“Domestic Violence”

- “Domestic Violence”: (a) Physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or the infliction of fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury or assault, between family or household members; (b) sexual assault of one family or household member by another; or (c) stalking (as defined in RCW9A.46.110 of one family or household member by another family or household member. – RCW 26.50.010(3)
- “Family or Household members”: current or former spouses, current or former domestic partners, persons who have a child in common regardless of whether they have been married or have lived together at any time, adult persons related by blood or marriage, adult persons who are presently residing together or who have resided together in the past, persons sixteen years of age or older who are presently residing together or who have resided together in the past and who have or have had a dating relationship, persons sixteen years of age or older with whom a person sixteen years of age or older has or has had a dating relationship, and persons who have a biological or legal parent-child relationship, including stepparents and stepchildren and grandparents and grandchildren. – RCW 26.50.010(6)

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner which means that more than 10 million women and men are victims of physical violence annually. Domestic violence is a serious, pervasive and preventable problem that spans across every demographic group of society: every income level, every cultural background, every age bracket and in every city. While most who are victimized are female, many men suffer as victims of domestic violence as well. The devastating effects of domestic violence are most keenly felt by the *(Continued on page 2...)*

“Dating relationship” means a social relationship of a romantic nature. Factors that the court may consider in making this determination include: (a) The length of time the relationship has existed; (b) the nature of the relationship; and (c) the frequency of interaction between the parties. – RCW 26.50.010(2)

Improvements

- Technology improvements:
 - Ocourt (Electronic Hearings Scheduler and Forms)
 - More forms added (SODA, SOAP, Restitution, Promissory Note, etc.)
 - More capabilities added (auto calculate community service hours)
 - More security features added (auto sign off)
 - Ability to set and schedule hearings within forms
- Reduced number of court calendars each week
 - Greater blocks of time for clerks to perform other duties
 - Frees up Prosecutor, Public Defenders for other obligations
 - Reduces need for Pro Tem services during Judge attendance at conferences, meetings

Current Initiatives Support City Goals

– City Operations

- Improve efficiency, effectiveness, and accessibility of court by allowing on-line options for more timely hearings and quicker resolution to cases
 - 1,275 Infraction Hearings held by email/mail in 2016
- Forms are standardized for use in multiple courts
- Forms are current and reflect changes in law
- Forms are easier to read and understand (each form only includes the information necessary for that defendant)

Current Initiatives Support City Goals

– Lifelong Learning

- Support lifelong learning by actively engaging citizens through Law Week, SeaTac Municipal Court Quarterly Newsletter, Engaging local students in civics exercises and discussions, and presenting the State of the Court

– Public Safety

- Improve Public safety by engaging in collaborative effort with King County Municipal Courts and District Court to develop a program that enables defendants to expedite the process of obtaining valid driver's license and insurance while still taking responsibility for their obligations

– Financial Sustainability

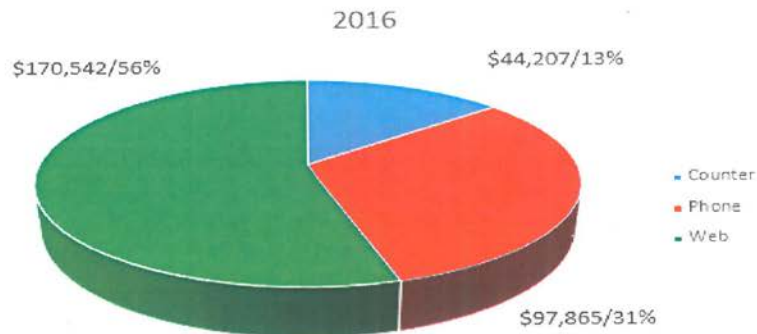
- Ensure sustainability by continued collaboration with other jurisdictions and continued use and development of technology based resources

nCourt payments

Funds Processed by Channel

City of
SeaTac Washington

Counter payments created 13% of total funds processed in 2016



nCourt took over 700+ payments by phone. That's 700 less phone calls to your court. We help ease this burden on your citizens!

Web & mobile payments constituted 56% of nCourt's total processing for the SeaTac Municipal Court resulting in nearly \$171K in funds processed. In 2016 over 1500 payments were taken via nCourt's customized, mobile friendly, web payment site. The payment link is prominently displayed on your city's web page.

How do we compare?

- Continuous review of process and procedure
 - Comparison to other similar courts
 - Cases filed / staff = Number of cases processed per employee (not including Judge or probation)
 - Bothell: 3,576 cases / 4 court staff = **894 cases**
 - Tukwila: 5,072 cases / 8 court staff = **634 cases**
 - Des Moines: 5,604 cases / 7 court staff = **801 cases**
 - Renton: 11,270 cases / 10 court staff = **1,127 cases**

 - SeaTac: **9,356 cases / 5 court staff = 1,871 cases per employee**

Savings from E-Storage

- Electronic payment savings through Ncourt:
 - 4 per minute per transaction: 2,490 transactions in 2016 *
4 = 9,960 minutes spent per year (166 staff hours) =
\$4,482
- Filing Page Savings (Intake, storage, use):
 - Pages generated per year 33,851 * .58 = **\$19,633.58**
- Filing Labor Savings:
 - 4.2 minutes per filing * 9,356 cases per year = 39,295 minutes spent
per year (654.92 staff hours) = **\$17,683**
- Storage Savings:
 - 208 cartons * \$6.39 = \$1,329.12

Total Savings: \$43,127.70

State Court update



Back row, L to R: Chief Justice Mary Fairhurst, Justice Charlie Wiggins, Justice Charles Johnson, Justice Steven Gonzalez, Justice Debra Stephens

Front row, L to R: Justice Mary Yu, Justice Susan Owens, Justice Barbara Madsen, Justice Sheryl Gordon-McCloud

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What the future holds...

– Jury Program

- Random selection from pool
- Notice generation
- Auto-calculation of travel expense
- Invoice generation
- Reduce data entry tasks

– Bench Warrants

- Generated in Court
- Reduces clerk tasks associated with ordering and printing warrants

What the Future holds....

- Public Portal
 - Public able to schedule their own hearings within a given parameter
- Continued cooperative efforts with the Cities of Des Moines, Tukwila and Renton Municipal Courts for cost sharing, improvement in trial court programs, training
 - Pro-tem judge
 - Technology development
 - Cooperative programs (Warrant pilot project, Relicensing project)

Questions?

