

## City Manager's Weekly Update June 16, 2017

Northbound I-5 On-Ramp at S. 200th Street/Military Road S. will be closed for the weekend, starting at 9:00 AM Friday, June 16 through 5:00 AM Monday, June 19

#### **Northbound I-5 Summer Weekend Lane Closures**

Drivers should be prepared for <u>five more</u> weekends of lane closures on northbound I-5 between SeaTac and Tukwila this summer. WSDOT Crews will be replacing expansion joints and repaving about four miles of the interstate, as part of a larger <u>I-5</u> <u>rehabilitation</u> project from Kent to the Duwamish River.

The weekend-long work will reduce northbound I-5 to two lanes from 10:00 PM Friday to 5:00 AM Monday:

- SR 516 to S. 170th Street: June 16-19, 23-26, and June 30-July 3; July 7-10, 14-17
- Duwamish River Bridge: Dates in late summer/fall to be announced
- All dates are weather-dependent

Drivers can expect delays of up to 20 to 40 minutes, depending on how many people choose to use alternate routes, delay their trips, or use transit and carpool.

For more information, please contact Tom Pearce, WSDOT, 206.440.4698, pearcet@wsdot.wa.gov.

#### The City of SeaTac Launches its New Website

The City of SeaTac unveiled its new website on Monday, June 12. The old City website was designed and implemented in 2009 and was in need of an upgrade due to design, functionality and its outdated platform.

In addition to a fresh new look, some of the advantages to the new site are:

- Easier navigation for users to find the information they need
- Updated content manager software allows more flexibility in individual page design
- New website supports mobile devices
- Added tools including online forms and surveys, social media integration, RFP Posts and RSS feeds
- Better ADA compliance

Funding for the website upgrade was provided in part by a grant from the Port of Seattle.



## **King County Curbside Waste Characterization Study in SeaTac**

King County Solid Waste Division (KCSWD) will be in SeaTac on June 21 and June 28 as the KCSWD continues with the third round of a five round recycling and organics waste characterization study. Cascadia Consulting is the contracted company that is conducting the sampling and survey on residential curbside service in each participating city. SeaTac is one of 14 cities in this round of the King County's study.



Residential sampling is random and is done on a city's usual service day. No personal customer information is collected. The study will not identify any specific customer waste or study specific customers. All random samples collected will be combined at the time of pick up. Cascadia Consulting researchers will drive along selected routes where organics (food & yard waste) and recyclables are being put out at the curb and collect a random sampling from the totes put out for curbside service. Customers of Recology CleanScapes may see a King County truck empty the contents of their curbside tote instead of a Recology CleanScapes truck. The King County truck will have identification and the researchers will be wearing identifying vests. The researchers will not enter private property or approach houses or property beyond the curb collection of samples.

Any questions on this King County Solid Waste Division recycling and organics waste characterization study may contact Alexander Rist, Project Manager Waste Monitoring, SWD 206.477.5253.

#### **Local Access Issue Related to State Route 509 Project**

Please join us at the Council Study Session on Tuesday, June 27, to learn more about the plan to provide local access to the Madrona neighborhood (located between International Blvd to the west, S. 204th Street to the north, S. 208th Street to the south, and Interstate 5 to the east) as mitigation from the future State Route 509 Corridor Completion project. More information is available in Agenda Bill 4650 in the upcoming Council Packet. The Council Study Session starts at 5:00 PM in the Council Chambers, First Floor City Hall.

## Airport Communities Ecology Fund – A New \$1 Million Program to Fund Environmental Projects in the Cities of SeaTac, Burien and Des Moines

On June 20, from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM, the Port will hold a public event announcing the launch of the Airport Communities Ecology (ACE) Fund at the Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden (13735 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.). The event will include speakers from the Port, Forterra and the Botanical Garden.

The ACE Fund offers grants to non-profit organizations to improve the natural environment, especially through planting programs to add trees and green spaces. The ACE Fund was authorized by the Port Commission in November 2016 in recognition that neighboring communities that experience more impacts from airport operations should also experience additional benefits. The Commission directed that the program support environmental projects and programs in the cities of SeaTac, Burien, and Des Moines.

#### No Lifeguards at Angle Lake Park

City staff has been actively recruiting lifeguards since February but unfortunately, staff was unable to hire any qualified lifeguards for Angle Lake Park this summer. Same as last year, the lack of qualified lifeguards is an issue that pools and lakes throughout the country are experiencing. For those who will enjoy themselves at the lake, staff strongly recommends that you read the water safety tips below for you and your family. Water safety tips are provided by your local fire fighters.



#### **Water Safety Tips**

Some of the best parts of living or visiting the Northwest are the easily accessible lakes and rivers, and the recreation they provide. Unfortunately those same bodies of water can pose a hazard to the unwary.

Each year over 3,000 people die from drowning, nationally. In King County an average of 31 people die. In addition, drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury death for children ages 1 – 17. One in five people who die from drowning are children 14 years old or younger, and for every death, five children are seen in emergency rooms.

If you are planning on going to a lake, river, the ocean, or a pool, your firefighters ask that you please keep these safety tips in mind.

#### General Water Safety:

- Supervise children at ALL TIMES.
- Take swimming lessons and never exceed your abilities.
- Go to bodies of water that you are familiar with.
- Always wear a well-fitting Coast Guard approved life jacket when near or in water.
- Remember that boating/swimming and alcohol are a dangerous combination.
- Always swim with a buddy.
- Notify others of your plans to be on the water and a return time.
- Take a cell phone with you.

#### Rivers:

- Wear the appropriate equipment. In addition to a life jacket, consider a helmet and foot covering.
- Use a professional rafting company.
- Avoid cheap/inexpensive rafts that can be easily damaged by branches and stumps exposed on the river.
- Know that river water temperatures are typically in the low 50's.

#### Lakes:

- Obey boating laws and rules for the particular lake you are on.
- Watch for swimmers, those fishing, and other boats/watercraft.
- Know ahead of time about any underwater obstructions such as tree roots or branches.
- Swim at lakes that have life guards.

#### Pools:

- · Swim at pools with life guards.
- Floating or inflatable toys are not a safe substitute for a life jacket.

# Public Works Project Updates

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

Project extends new roadway and non-motorized improvements from the intersection of S. 200th Street and 26th Avenue S. to the intersection of S. 208th Street and 24th Avenue S. It completes the gap in the 28th/24th corridor and provides an alternate north/south arterial to SR 99. It mitigates congestion and improves multi-modal access to the Angle Lake Light Rail Station in lieu of widening SR 99. The project is a regional partnership between SeaTac, Sound Transit, Port of Seattle, WSDOT and Des Moines. Access will enable development of adjacent properties to the highest & best use.

#### **Update:**

- Prepping tunnel and bridge for painting.
- · Prepping driveways for paving.
- Final grading.

#### **2017 Overlay Project**

The following roadways will be included in the 2017 overlay: 12th Place S. and 13th Avenue S. between S. 200th Street and S. 207th Street and S. 207th Street between 12th Place S. and 14th Avenue S. Highline Water District (HWD) will be replacing all of their water lines and services within the project limits. An ILA is being drawn up between the City and HWD to incorporate the water line replacement work into the 2017 Overlay project plans.

#### **Update:**

Staff is developing 60% plans. Construction has been postponed until March/April 2018.

#### S. 168th Stormwater System Improvements

90% plans are in development. Project is anticipated to bid in August.

#### **ADA (American Disability Act) Transition Plan**

A request for authorization to enter into a professional services contract with Transpogroup was
presented to the City Council on June 13. This item has been placed on the consent agenda for
the June 27 Council meeting.

#### **Permit Parking Program**

 A request for authorization to enter into a professional services contract with Transpogroup was approved by the City Council on June 13.

#### Military Road and S. 152nd Street

Improvements for this road reconstruction and safety project include construction of buffered bike lanes; curb and gutter; sidewalks; new pavement; installation of street lighting; upgraded and interconnected signalization with pedestrian crossings; construction of a right turn lane on eastbound S. 152nd Street; and the elimination of the skewed intersection at Tukwila International Blvd. and Military Road S. This project is scheduled for construction in the summer of 2018.

A professional services contract between Parametrix and the City has been fully executed and a
notice to proceed has been issued. A design kick-off meeting was held on June 8, 2017. The
City will be working to secure right of entry agreements with property owners along the project
boundaries during the next two weeks. The right of entry agreements need to be acquired before
the project survey can be performed.

#### **Valley View Library**

17850 Military Road S., SeaTac, WA 98188 206.242.6044

#### **ALL AGES Summer Reading is Here!**

School will soon be out, but summer fun and learning now lasts all summer (June 1–August 31) and for ALL AGES!

Head to KCLS libraries for fun, free events and activities to keep the whole family reading, learning and discovering new interests. For details, visit any KCLS library or kcls.org.

#### Children & Families

#### **Family Story Times**

Monday, June 19 and 26, 7:00 PM Thursday, June 22 and 29, 10:00 AM Family program, all ages welcome with adult.

Stories, songs and fun!

#### **Construction Power Hour**

Tuesday, June 27, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Ages 3 to 12 with adult. Drop in and practice your build

Drop in and practice your building and engineering skills with fun materials including Legos, Duplos, blocks, gears, marble run, Tinkertoys and more.

#### **Professor Ficklestein's Energy Extravaganza**

Wednesday, June 21, 4:00 PM Presented by Bill Robison.

Family program, all ages welcome with adult.

The quirky professor will demonstrate concepts about kinetic and sound energy and air pressure—utilizing comedy, mime, music, magic and hilarious sound effects.

#### **Sing With Our Neighbors Concert**

Thursday, June 29, 10:00 AM Presented by Marianna Group.

Family program, all ages welcome with adult.

Music from around the world teaches us that everyone is different but also that everyone sings and dances. Hear songs from India, China, Russia, Mexico and many more countries of the world.

#### **Adults**

#### **One-on-One Computer Help**

Saturday, June 24, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Have a special project you're working on? Want to create an email account? A KCLS TechTutor volunteer instructor can give you one-on-one assistance.

No appointment necessary, assistance provided on a drop-in basis using a library laptop. Assistance is also available in Arabic and Amharic.

### CAREversations: an Event for Family Caregivers AARP Tek Workshop

Tuesday, June 20, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Join us for an engaging conversation about family caregiving. Connect with other family caregivers around your table and enjoy complimentary snacks and drinks. A group facilitator will help guide your conversations around such topics as how to build a support network, tips to care for yourself and where to find local resources.

Please register at https://aarptek.aarp.org/workshops/ or by calling AARP at 1.866.740.6947.

#### **Drop-in to Learn about eBooks**

Saturday, June 24, 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 ~ Room ~ by Emma Donoghue Tuesday, June 27, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

#### **Citizen Advisory Committees**

In 2016, Council referred review of all of the City's Citizen Advisory Committees to the Administration & Finance (A&F) Committee to determine whether any committees should be merged, changed, or removed. On March 23, the Committee met in a special meeting and reviewed options. The recommendations were then presented to Council at their May 9 Council Study Session for review and May 23 Regular Council Meeting for action. Here are the substantive changes that were proposed and confirmed in Ordinance #17-1010:

#### The following Advisory Committees have upcoming vacancies:

Arts, Culture & Library Advisory Committee Community Services Advisory Committee Planning Commission Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Sidewalk Advisory Committee

## Applications will be accepted until vacancies are filled with first review scheduled for Friday, June 30.

If you are interested in serving on a committee, visit the city's website at <a href="https://www.ci.seatac.wa.us">www.ci.seatac.wa.us</a> 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.

#### **Military Road South Sewer Construction Project**

Valley View Sewer District will be installing sanitary sewer pipes along Military Road S., S. 128th Street, S. 133rd Street, and 26th Avenue S., from June 1 to September 30. Due to construction activities, traffic may be diverted at times on some residential streets.

During construction, emergency vehicles will be given priority access through the site. The Fire District, Police, and Waste Collection services have been alerted to this construction activity. Local residents in the work zone will have access to their homes during construction.

Delays should be expected, and we thank you in advance for your patience and apologize for any inconvenience this work may cause. If you need assistance during the construction, please contact Bill Harris, Site Foreman with Shoreline Construction, at 206.571.4024.

You may also contact one of the two Sewer District Project Inspectors with questions or concerns:

Steve Fletcher: 206.730.6122 Rob Thayer: 206.396.0158



#### **Stolen Firearms Recovered, Suspect Arrested**

On Monday June 5 at about 2:00 PM, known suspects stole (10) firearms from a residence where they were staying, in the 2600 block of S. 135th Street. Several days later three of the firearms were recovered by Burien Police when they investigated a suspicious, abandoned vehicle, called in by a concerned resident. With the help of that concerned resident, SeaTac Detective Wheeler was able to identify a suspect in our June 5 burglary. When that suspect was arrested on June 13, he was in possession of a firearm. A search warrant, served on the van he was driving at the time of arrest, yielded a second handgun and several items believed to belong to the original theft victim. Very nice piece of detective work!

#### **Deputies Help Suicidal Woman Armed with Knives**

On June 11 at about 4:00 AM SeaTac Master Patrol Officer (MPO) Yamamoto responded to S. 156th Street/International Blvd. S., where a woman was seen darting amongst vehicles near the exit of SR 518. When he arrived, he found a dazed woman with blood on her shirt. Both of her wrists were cut and bleeding and she was holding a knife in each hand. She asked Yamamoto to shoot her. Yamamoto was able to convince her to drop one knife as he waited for other Deputies to arrive. The woman refused to drop the second knife; instead she held it to her stomach, pushing the pointed tip, inward. MPO Yamamoto continued to try to defuse the situation but the woman was largely unresponsive to him. When Deputy Blakeman arrived, he recognized the woman and was able to gain her confidence, allowing him to inch toward her as he talked. When close enough, he deployed his taser to briefly incapacitate her. This brought the stand-off to an end without further injury to the woman or deputies. She was treated and then transported to a local hospital for a mental health evaluation.

This is a great example of well-trained, experienced Deputies using existing relationships, verbal deescalation skills and less-lethal options to peacefully resolve an intense and dangerous situation.

#### 2017 National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 1, neighborhood residents throughout SeaTac will participate in the 34th annual National Night Out (NNO), sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. NNO is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

For more information about this annual event, please visit the <u>National Night Out</u> website. If you wish to sign up for National Night Out, please complete the <u>registration form</u> and return it to Community Crime Prevention Officer Cyndi Osborne. Registration forms must be received no later than Friday, July 21. If you have questions regarding this event, you may contact Deputy Osborne at 206.973.4904 or send an e-mail to: <u>cynthia.osborne@kingcounty.gov</u>.

#### **Community Meeting - The Reserve**

On June 13, Crime Prevention Officer Cyndi Osborne and Community Service Officer Sana Wight met with 20 residents of The Reserve, the new +55 housing complex on International Blvd. Topics included general crime prevention, personal awareness/safety and fraud/scams. SeaTac Police staff had a great time meeting and talking with this lively and engaging group.

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## **Spray Park at Angle Lake Park** is **OPEN!**

Come stand under the mega soaker and get soaked! The spray park at Angle Lake Park is now open! Spray park hours are 11:00 AM until 8:00 PM. Also, if you're planning an event at Angle Lake Park this summer, the picnic shelters are filling up quickly. For picnic shelter reservations please call 206.973.4680.

## Family Fourth of July Tuesday, July 4

Gather family and friends and head over to Angle Lake Park to celebrate our country's independence day. The Family Fourth of July will offer the spray park to cool off in; bouncers for children; an afternoon filled with live music and a fireworks show to wrap up a day full of fun activity and entertainment. For details visit <a href="https://www.cityofSeaTac.com/July4th">www.cityofSeaTac.com/July4th</a>.

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