



CITY OF SEATAC INVESTS IN AMENITIES FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY

Residents and visitors to enjoy significant improvements made through parks and recreation projects funded by generous grants

SeaTac, Wash. -- September 30, 2010 - The City of SeaTac announces three major projects through the Parks and Recreation Department including the soccer field at Sunset Park; a cover for the performance stage at Angle Lake Park; and new play equipment at McMicken Heights Park.

“We take such great pride in our city’s parks,” said Kit Ledbetter, director of the city’s Parks and Recreation Department. “Each of our parks and recreation areas is a treasured amenity that enhances the quality of life for all our residents.”

The Sunset Park improvements include resurfacing the soccer field with a new irrigation and drainage system, and replacing the hard playing surface with natural grass. The new field will absorb more rain water and reduce the amount of dirty runoff in the local drainage pipes. The field is designed to accommodate three modified fields for youth activities. There is also a new gathering area with three slab picnic tables and grills. Additionally, the restrooms received new paint and a new roof. A Community Development Block Grant from the King County paid the cost of \$324,000 for the soccer field and the city’s Capital Improvement Fund paid \$17,000 for the restroom renovations and picnic area.

A \$57,000 grant from King County 4Culture provided Angle Lake Park with a permanent stage canopy for “Music in the Park” and “Theatre in the Park” productions. Seattle-based Trade-Marx Sign and Display engineered the artistic tensile structure, tension rope and fabric. Previously, rented canopies sheltered the entertainers from the rain and the sun. The permanent stage canopy enhances the backdrop for the performances and blends in with the natural surroundings. The total cost of the project is \$80,350.

McMicken Heights Park is a very popular playground in a residential neighborhood across the street from an elementary school. The typical life expectancy of playground equipment is 12 years depending on the amount of use it gets. Equipment is inspected throughout the year for safety. The city's Capital Improvement Fund paid for the \$26,000 playground which is now open for all to enjoy.

About the City of SeaTac

Incorporated in February 1990, the City of SeaTac is located approximately midway between the cities of Seattle and Tacoma. The City of SeaTac is 10 square miles in area and has a population of 25,230. The City of SeaTac is a vibrant community, economically strong, environmentally sensitive, and people-oriented. The City boundaries surround the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, (approximately 3 square miles in area) which is owned and operated by the Port of Seattle. For more information contact Jeff Robinson, interim assistant city manager, at (206) 973-4812.

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