

City Manager's Weekly Update August 31, 2018

City Hall and City Facilities will be closed Monday, September 3 for Labor Day

City Manager Position Update

On Tuesday, August 28, 2018, in a Special City Council Meeting, the Councilmembers acknowledged the withdrawal of city manager candidate Christopher Dennis. Earlier this month, the Council unanimously approved Dennis as the top pick of the 43 candidates. The City was in the process of contract negotiations when Dennis informed the City that he had accepted another position.

The City Council indicated they will reopen the City Manager search process. Timing and other details of the new process are still being worked out. In the meantime, Joseph Scorcio, current City Manager, has agreed, per the Council's request, to delay his retirement and extend his duties with the City until a new city manager is on-board in 2019.

Touch-A-Truck



Touch-A-Truck provides kids, youth, and adults with the opportunity to see and touch vehicles that provide safety and services to the community.

There will be vehicles from the Fire, Police, Parks, and Public Works Departments, along with others from the community.

Join us on Saturday, September 8, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM at Valley Ridge Park parking lot. For more information please call the SeaTac Community Center at 206.973.4680 or visit this website.

Attempted Sexual Assault at Des Moines Creek Park

SeaTac Police Department responded to Des Moines Creek Park on the morning of Thursday, August 30, for an attempted sexual assault on a female walking through the park. SeaTac Police Officers along with King County Sheriff's Office and other surrounding agencies converged on the park that is located in the 2100 block of South 200th Street, just west of the Federal Detention Center. Police K9's were unable to track down the male suspect who was wearing a dark hoodie. Investigators are following up on leads in the case.

The following are some general tips to help you stay safe when you're out and about.

- Try not to go out alone at night. Avoid unfamiliar areas, if possible.
- Watch your surroundings and be alert for suspicious persons.
- Walk confidently.
- Look people in the eye as you pass them. This lets others know that you are aware of their presence.
- Wear shoes and clothing that allow freedom of movement.
- Don't wear headphones while exercising. Being able to hear our surroundings will allow you to notice someone you don't see.
- Lock your vehicle. Don't leave valuables such as purses/wallets/cell phones inside.
- Carry a cell phone in case of emergency.
- If approached by a stranger, don't allow yourself to be distracted. Reply from a distance and keep responses to questions brief and businesslike.
- In case of trouble, yell to attract attention.

If you are attacked:

- Use common sense.
- Distract or divert the assailant, then flee. Run toward an open business or a group of people.
- Scream loudly, and keep it up to attract attention and help from people nearby.
- Notify the police immediately. If there are witnesses, ask them to stay until police arrive. Tell
 the police what you know. No fact is too trivial.

Community Police Academy



The SeaTac Police and Burien Police, in partnership with the King County Sheriff's Office, are accepting applications for the Fall Community Police Academy. The Fall 2018 Academy starts on September 12 and runs for 12 weeks. Classes take place every Wednesday evening from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Join your community and learn about your local police departments!

Apply <u>online</u> or pick up an application from the SeaTac or Burien Police Departments.

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Botanical Garden Ice Cream Social Event a Success

The annual Ice Cream Social at the Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden was a huge success as the not-for-profit foundation raised more than three thousand dollars in donations at the August 19 free event. The money came through membership and plant sales along with donations for ice cream and notecards.

The family-friendly event was hosted by TV/radio host and gardening expert Ciscoe Morris. Visitors received free ice cream and had a chance to be part of a drawing for free gardening gift. The event was well attended by many SeaTac residents that included City Councilmembers Pam Fernald and Peter Kwon.

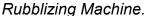
For those interested in learning more about the Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden or wishing to donate can visit the garden's website at http://highlinegarden.org/.

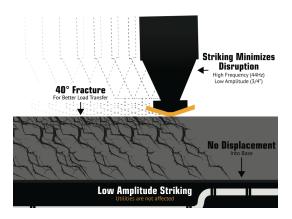


Roadway Rubblization Planned

The City has begun construction improvements on Military Road South – from South 209th Street to the I-5 overpass. Work will consist of rubblizing the existing concrete road and overlaying it with asphalt. The rubblization process reduces the impact to traffic by establishing the roadway base in a faster and more efficient manner. Click here to see a short video of how the process works.







The process.

Community Emergency Response Training Now Available

Almost every month, we hear about another natural disaster, often resulting in a massive amount of damage and a large loss of life. Here in Puget Sound Region, we live on the Ring of Fire; a chain of volcanic activity encircling the Pacific Ocean that also creates an enormous number of powerful earthquakes. So how do we protect our families and ourselves from these natural disasters?

One way is through Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. CERT is a government program hosted by local agencies to help people prepare for and survive the first 72 hours following a natural or man-made disaster.

Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority and King County Emergency Management are offering an eight-week CERT program beginning September 18, 2018. The class meets on Tuesdays, with the first session beginning at 1:00 PM, and a second one at 6:00 PM.

Over the eight weeks, participants will gain valuable information and skills in:

- Search and Rescue
- Leadership and the Incident Command System
- Disaster Medical and Triage
- Heavy Lifting
- Hazardous Materials Recognition
- Fire Extinguishment
- Disaster Psychology



These classes are FREE and open to anyone in the area interested in being better prepared for a disaster. For more information and to register, please visit <u>CERT Information and Registration</u>.

PSE's South 133rd Street Natural Gas Main Replacement Project

In an ongoing effort to deliver safe and reliable energy to SeaTac-area customers, Puget Sound Energy (PSE) will be working on the natural gas system in your neighborhood. The work requires PSE to replace the existing underground natural gas main with a corrosion-resistant plastic main. PSE is committed to completing the project safely and efficiently, and its crews will do their best to reduce impacts to nearby neighbors. Please see below for project details.

Work Details

Who: Natural gas crews from PSE and InfraSource.

What: Replacing the underground natural gas main as well as selected individual natural gas services.

When: Work is expected to begin in late August and last approximately three weeks. Work hours: Monday through Friday,

8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Where: A portion of South 133rd Street,

SeaTac.

(please see map below)

Sewer Safety

If the project involves being underground near your sewer or septic lines, PSE will conduct a follow-up inspection of your lines by inserting a camera through them. Although installers take care to avoid sewer and septic lines, on rare occasions, a gas pipeline is inadvertently installed through those lines, which are often not mapped or detectable using above-ground sensors. This inspection verifies your sewer is clear of a gas line. Visit their website for information about PSE's work with Hydromax USA to prevent cross bore danger.

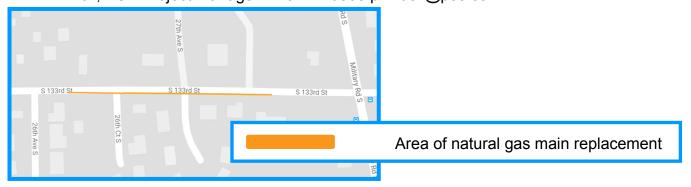
What You Can Expect

Signs and traffic control flaggers will guide vehicles through the work zone. There will likely be noise from trucks and heavy machinery during work hours. Some customers may experience a short interruption of natural gas service during this time. PSE will notify impacted customers prior to beginning work requiring an interruption in service. After gas main construction is complete, you will notice a temporary patch in the road and/or sidewalk. This temporary patch will remain until a contractor crew from AA Asphalting, Inc. returns to complete the final road and/or sidewalk restoration. The restoration schedule is dependent upon weather, permitting, and crew availability. This work should not impact electric service in the area.

Note From the Project Manager

"We're proud to serve in your community and aim to complete the work with as little disruption as possible. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at the phone number or email listed below and reference project #186579816. Thank you for your patience during this project."

- Phil Doll, PSE Project Manager. 425.424.6568 phil.doll@pse.com



Port Announces Public Meetings Regarding Environmental Review of Sea-Tac Sustainable Airport Master Plan

Below is the schedule for the public scoping meetings for the Sea-Tac Sustainable Airport Master Plan (SAMP) Environmental Review documents being held by the Port of Seattle in September.

All meetings will take place from 5:30 PM-8:30 PM.

September 10th – City of Des Moines Highline College Student Union

September 12th – City of Seattle (Beacon Hill) New Holly Gathering Hall

September 17th – City of Federal Way Federal Way Community Center

September 19th – City of SeaTac SeaTac Community Center



These meetings and the written comments submitted during the scoping process will shape the environmental analysis being completed over the next year.

Please visit the Port of Seattle <u>website</u> for more detailed information.



Port of Seattle's Small Matching Grants - Application Now Live

The Port of Seattle offers community members of SeaTac, Burien, and Des Moines the chance to apply for Port funding to improve the local environment. Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations, youth or athletic associations, chambers of commerce, and community groups located in and/or providing services in SeaTac, Burien, and Des Moines.

Applications are now open and available for download on the ACE Fund <u>website</u>. The deadline for submittal is Monday, September 24 at noon.

For questions, please contact Terence Coley at ecologyfund@portseattle.org.



Utility Work – South 188th Street

Utility work to service the new Hilton Garden Hotel (currently under construction) at 3056 South 188th Street is ongoing. This work will require lane closures on South 188th Street east of International Boulevard. Appropriate notification, traffic control measures, and off-duty officers (as required) are being used to manage traffic through this work area. **Weekend paving is scheduled for Sept 8 and 9.**

12th Place and 13th Avenue South Overlay Project

The scope of this project includes pavement repair, asphalt paving, and stormwater improvements on 12th Place South and 13th Avenue South between South 200th Street and South 207th Street, and South 207th Street between 12th Place South and 14th Avenue South. Highline Water District (HWD) will be replacing all of their water lines and services within the project limits ahead of the overlay. Construction will last through the summer. Paving preparation will begin soon; you may experience rougher roads for a short time.

South 166th Street "Safe Routes to School" Project

This "Safe Routes to School" grant-funded project includes construction of sidewalks, curbs and gutters, storm drainage facilities, installation of an enhanced crosswalk, pedestrian lighting, and radar speed feedback signs. **Construction will begin September 10.**

Military Road South between South 209th Street and the I-5 Bridge, South 200th Street, and 26th Avenue Intersection

This project will reconstruct Military Road South between South 209th Street and the I-5 Bridge. Work will include rubblization of the existing concrete road in place and overlaying with hot mix asphalt, construction of storm water improvements, addition of pedestrian facilities and bicycle lanes, and signal upgrades. This project also includes the grind and overlay of the intersection at South 200th Street and 26th Avenue South, installation of ADA compliant sidewalks and ramps, pedestrian signal upgrades, and signal loop detectors. **Construction has begun. Expect delays daily between 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Traveling lanes are shifting to accommodate construction.**

Private Development

We have three major private development projects in stages of construction at the current time.

- Expect traffic impacts on northbound International Boulevard at South 173rd Street as crews work on the Hyatt Place Hotel.
- Traffic impacts are continuing on 29th Avenue South due to construction of the Vintage Retirement Homes
- Two new projects—the Copper River Development and the Wingate Hotel—have begun construction and are located on southbound International Boulevard near South 190th Street and are expected to have minimal traffic impacts.

Salmon Monitoring Volunteers Needed for Miller and Walker Creeks

Are you interested in doing volunteer work and learning more about salmon spawning in our local streams? Do you like the idea of wading down streams and counting salmon? If so, then Miller/ Walker Creek Basin Committee wants you!



Every year the Miller/Walker Creek Basin Committee coordinates volunteer monitoring efforts to track the number of spawning salmon returning to Miller and Walker Creeks. Volunteers walk sections of these local creeks between October and December to identify spawning salmon, monitor their numbers and assess pre-spawn mortality. These monitoring efforts help us gauge the health of our streams and the amount of salmon successfully spawning in our local streams.

To volunteer for this program, please complete this short survey at or contact Matt Goerhring at 206.263.6826 or mgoehring@kingcounty.gov.





