

# City Manager's Weekly Update October 5, 2018

### **Council Position 5 Interview and Selection Process**

Beginning at 9:00 AM on Saturday, October 13, at City Hall, the 14 candidates will interview for the vacant City Council seat Position 5. This is a Special Council Meeting that is open to the public and will be audio recorded and uploaded to the City of SeaTac website a few days after the meeting. Originally, there were 15 candidates but this week, candidate Craig Baker withdrew his name from consideration.

In order to be fair to all 14 remaining candidates, on Friday, October 5, at the budget workshop in Council Chambers, the names were be drawn randomly to determine the order of candidate interviews. The interview times are as follows:

- 9:10 Deborah Myers
- 9:30 Daniel Santon
- 9:50 Victoria Lockwood
- 10:10 JD Hill Jr
- 10:30 Jennifer Corona
- 10:50 20 minute break
- 11:10 Kent Palosaari
- 11:30 Andrew Ried-Munro
- 11:50 Parmbir Singh
- 12:10 Brandon Pinto
- 12:30 Stanley Tombs

### 12:50 40 minute lunch break

- 1:30 Nimco Bulale
- 1:50 Mario Coluccio
- 2:10 Takele Gobena
- 2:30 Amina Ahmed

After all interviews have been conducted, Council will recess to an Executive Session to discuss the qualifications of the candidates (RCW 42.30.110 (1)(h). Council will then reconvene the Special Council Meeting to appoint a Councilmember in open session. The appointed Councilmember will be sworn in at the October 23, 2018 Regular Council Meeting and serve through the certification of the November 2019 General Election.

The Council has established the following rules for the interviews:

- The questions will not be provided in advance to the candidates.
- No candidate will be in the Council Chambers prior to their interview.
- Once a candidate has interviewed, they may choose to remain in the room, however, it will be a long meeting.
- No interview questions will be provided by anyone in the room to any candidate not yet interviewed.
- Each candidate will have 15 minutes to respond to six questions; each Councilmember will ask one question.
- Each candidate will then have 5 minutes to provide additional information or to respond to follow up questions by the Council.
- In order to maintain an efficient, effective, and fair Council appointment process, public comment will not be taken during the Special Council Meeting.
- Audience members will refrain from making comments, gestures, or sounds that will disrupt the interview. Please treat the candidates with the respect you would want if you were the one being interviewed.



# **Committee Seat Adjustments**

With a vacancy on the Council, this week Mayor Erin Sitterley has filled several of the open committee seats until a new Council Member is appointed. Councilmember Joel Wachtel will chair the Airport Advisory Committee, leaving one open seat, and Councilmember Pam Fernald will chair the PS&J Committee. Councilmember Wachtel will leave the PS&J committee, leaving an open seat.

# **City of SeaTac Announces 2019 Minimum Wage Adjustments**

The City of SeaTac is announcing the mandatory annual adjustments to the City's Minimum Employment Standards Ordinance for Hospitality and Transportation Industry Employers.

The increase in the living wage rate (2.87%) has been calculated using the consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers, (CPI-W) for the twelve (12) months prior to September 1 as calculated by the United States Department of Labor. Therefore, in accordance with SeaTac Municipal Code (SMC) Section 7.45.050, the living wage rate in effect for hospitality and transportation employees within the City will increase to \$16.09, effective January 1, 2019.

To learn more about issue click here.

# **Pedestrian Safety Reminder**

As we move into autumn and winter and the days get shorter and shorter, the need for pedestrians and bicyclists to use extra caution around our streets greatly increases.

The SeaTac Police Department has some pedestrian and bicycle safety tips:

- Look both ways before crossing the street
- Wear high visibility clothing
- Only cross streets at corners and marked crosswalks

These collisions are avoidable, if you always keep in mind that you will never win in a collision with an automobile. Stay safe out there.

### **Annual Fine Art Exhibit**

Beginning October 8 and running through October 26, the City of SeaTac is presenting a Fine Arts exhibit at the SeaTac Community Center. The event highlights quality artwork from regional artists. In addition, these works of art are available for purchase by the public. The City also purchases works of art from the submissions for their own collection.

The annual exhibit hours of operation are:

- Monday through Thursday, 8:30 AM-9:30 PM
- Friday, 8:30 AM-5:00 PM
- Saturday, 8:30 PM-4:00 PM

For registration paperwork and more information, please visit the Art Exhibit's website.

# 1,200 Sixth Graders Learn How to Protect Puget Sound at StormFest



On Wednesday and Thursday, October 10 and 11, approximately 1,200 6th grade students will converge at Des Moines Beach Park (22030D Cliff Avenue South, Des Moines, WA 98198) from11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, to be taken through a series of six educational stations where they will learn how storm water impacts our local environment. Emphasis will be placed on actions the students can take at home and school to help improve water quality and reduce impacts to Puget Sound and the wildlife it supports.

Funded by a Department of Ecology grant, StormFest is a coordinated effort between the cities in the Highline School District, including SeaTac, Burien, Des Moines, Normandy Park, and King County. Because the Highline community is very diverse, the StormFest Committee created an inclusive curriculum and learning environment. This includes ensuring transportation and language are not barriers to participation and learning.

For more information about this event, contact Mary Eidmann at marye@burienwa.gov.



# **Big Picture School Partnership**



The Parks, Community Programs and Services Department is excited to host the Big Picture School for another year of service projects at the Community Center. Big Picture is a part of the Highline School District. This is the second year that a class of seventh and eighth grade students are coming to the Community Center to perform a day of service. Students are here the first Thursday of the month for the entire school day from October to May. They work in the Highline Botanical Garden, the ABC...123 preschool program, and perform various tasks to assist at the Community Center.



# Link Light Rail Track Maintenance - Expect Delays and Disruption This Weekend

Starting at 9:00 PM on Friday, October 5, and lasting until the end of service on Sunday, October 7, track maintenance will cause delays and disruptions to Link service.

From 9:00 PM Friday until the end of service on Friday, Link will be operating on a single track between Rainier Beach Station and Tukwila International Boulevard Station. Moderate delays are likely.

Starting at the beginning of service Saturday and lasting until 9:00 AM on Sunday, Link will not operate between Rainier Beach Station and Tukwila International Boulevard Station. A free shuttle (Route 97) will take riders from Rainier Beach Station to Tukwila International Station. Link will run regular service between Angle Lake Station and Tukwila International Station, and between Rainier Beach Station and University of Washington Station.

From 9:00 AM on Sunday until the end of service on Sunday, Link will be operating on a single track between Rainier Beach Station and Tukwila International Boulevard Station. Moderate delays are likely.

Link will resume normal operations on Monday morning at the start of service.

For the latest information click here.

# Salmon Monitoring Volunteers Needed for Miller and Walker Creeks



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 <u>this</u> short survey or contact Matt Goerhring at 206.263.6826 or mgoehring@kingcounty.gov.

# CLEAN UP

15031 MILITARY ROAD SOUTH TO THE SEATAC CENTER

The City of SeaTac, in partnership with Partner In Employment (PIE), Port of Seattle, and Recology will be holding an ENVIRONMENT CLEANUP EVENT on:

# FRIDAY OCTOBER, 12 @ 3 PM to 4:30 PM

15031 Military Rd S. SeaTac, WA, in front of White Star Coffee



Residents and business owners are welcome to join us in the effort of keeping our city clean. Pickers, gloves, and safety vests will be supplied.











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# **Projects Under Construction:**

# **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.

### **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. **Preparation for the final paving is ongoing and is expected to be complete in the Fall.** 

# 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 has begun. A partial road closure will be in place on South 166th Street from 37th Avenue South to 34th Avenue South through November with local access only.

# 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. The concrete panel rubblization and base paving is complete. Concrete curb, gutter, and sidewalk work is ongoing. Expect delays and extreme congestion daily while crews are working. There will be a nighttime closure for final paving in late October.

# 42nd Avenue South Project in Tukwila, From South 154th Street to South 160thStreet

Construction on 42nd Avenue South includes new street improvements, drainage, curbs, gutters, and driveway adjustments. It will also bring new sidewalks and bike facilities to this important residential corridor, as well as undergrounding of the various utility wires along 42nd Avenue South. The project includes building a new culvert at Gilliam Creek that will make the stream crossing fish-passable and improve roadway safety. Please consider alternate routes. For more information please visit Tukwila's website linked here.

# Public Works Project Updates

# **Projects Under Construction (continued):**

# **Permitted Development**

We have four major private permitted 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—on Southbound International Boulevard near South 190th Street will have minimal traffic impacts.







