

# City Manager's Weekly Update October 19, 2018

### **New City Council Member**



The SeaTac City Council appointed Amina Ahmed to fill vacant Council Position Number Five and complete the current unexpired term. The appointment took place after the Council interviewed 12 applicants at a Special Council Meeting on Saturday October 13. Originally, there were 15 candidates but three candidates withdrew.

Ahmed has been a resident of SeaTac for five years and homeowner for 10 years. She is a Human Services and Non-Profit Executive. Ahmed has worked in the human service field in SeaTac since 2002.

Councilmember Ahmed will be sworn in at the October 23 Regular Council Meeting and serve through the certification of the November 2019 General Election. In September, Councilmember Mike Siefkes stepped down creating the vacancy.

### Ribbon Cutting for Valley Ridge Playfield Renovation Project

Come celebrate the upgraded sport complex at Valley Ridge Playfield with us at 10:00 AM on Saturday, October 20. The improvements include new synthetic turf on three existing sports fields, and the fourth field has been upgraded with synthetic turf and an LED lighting system. The City also added a new restroom building with a concession area, park maintenance storage, and perimeter landscaping. These upgrades have returned the Valley Ridge sports complex into a premier destination for sport enthusiasts in South King County. Click <a href="here">here</a> for more information and to see the event flyer.



Valley Ridge Playfield—4644 South 188th Street, SeaTac

#### **Extra DUI Patrols**

As part of the "5 To Stay Alive" Campaign, the SeaTac Police Department will be hosting a DUI-emphasized patrol next Friday and Saturday, October 26 and 27. SeaTac Police will work with Auburn, Kent, Black Diamond, and Mercer Island Police, as well as the Liquor and Cannabis Board and the Washington State Patrol to provide extra officers for patrol during this time period. The main focus is to keep our streets safe and to protect both impaired and sober drivers and pedestrians.

There will be a mobile DUI processing van in the northeast corner of the City Hall parking lot, as well as marked and unmarked police cars on patrol. Have a safe weekend and always use a Designated Driver.



### **King County Election Ballots**

This week, King County Elections mailed 1,286,000 ballots to King County voters for the midterm election. Ballots should be arriving to mailboxes later this week or early next week.

There are ballot drop-boxes across King County. All 66 drop-box locations can be found online (with street maps and directions), in the Voters' Pamphlet, and on an insert in the ballot packet.

SeaTac's ballot box is located at Valley View Library at 17850 Military Road South. The ballot box opened on October 18 and will be available for voters 24 hours a day until the close of the election on November 6 at 8:00 PM.

### **Engaging Trees Speaker Series**

This free series explores the vital role of trees in our lives has been curated by SoCoCulture and is made possible by the Port of Seattle Airport Communities Ecology Fund. Fiscal sponsorship is by Highline Heritage Museum, with additional support provided by 4Culture, the Des Moines Historical Society, and KCLS. For more information on these and other events, click <u>here</u>.

### Program 3—What People Can Learn From Trees Sunday, November 18, 2:00-3:30 PM

Seattle Times environmental reporter, and author of "Witness Tree,"
Lynda Mapes will give a talk on her year researching an oak tree,
what she learned, and how it affected how she looks at the landscape today.

Burien Library 400 Southwest 152nd Street, Burien



### One Week Left of the 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









## YOU'RE INVITED!



Do you live in Burien, SeaTac, or Des Moines? Are you interested in making your neighborhood a greener, healthier, more beautiful place to live? We want to hear your ideas about how to create healthy forested areas in your city. Come to a community open house!

### SeaTac

Saturday, October 20 1:00 - 3:00pm Tyee High School Cafeteria Building 200 4424 S 188th St.

### **Des Moines**

Monday, October 29 6:00 - 8:00pm Des Moines Beach Park Building B 22030 Cliff Ave. S

### Burien

Wednesday, November 7 6:00 - 8:00pm Burien Library, 1st Floor Community Meeting Room 400 SW 152nd St.

Food and childcare provided at all events!









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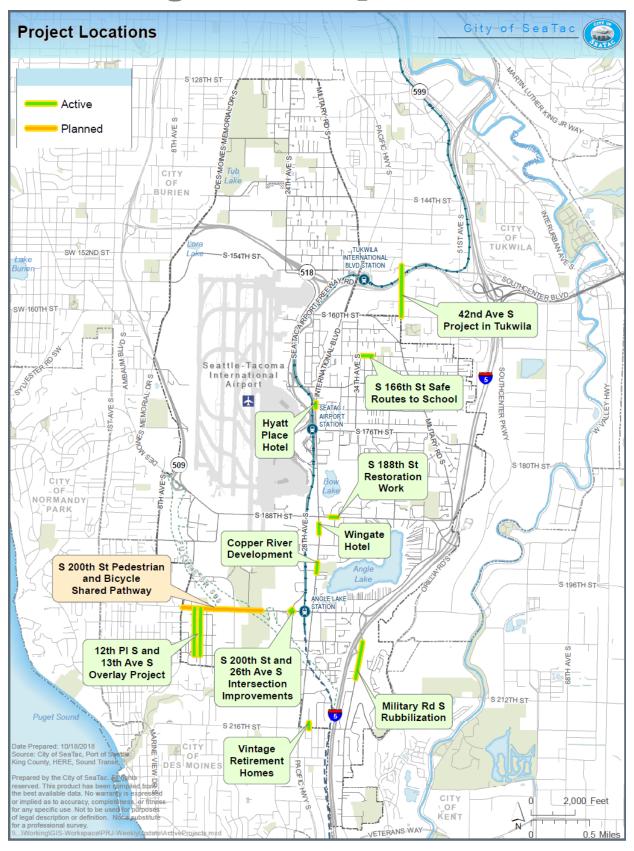


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## Public Works Project Updates





### **Restoration Work – South 188th Street**

Preparation is ongoing to restore pavement, curb, gutter, and sidewalks in front of the new Hilton Garden Hotel (currently under construction) at 3056 South 188th Street. The restoration work will require lane closures on South 188th Street east of International Boulevard. Appropriate notification, traffic control measures, and off-duty police officers (as required) are being used to manage traffic through this work area.

### South 200th Street Shared-Use Path

This project includes building a new separated shared-use path along South 200th Street, between 12th Place South and the Des Moines Creek Trailhead. The project will provide pedestrian connections to street improvements that will be constructed at the intersection of Des Moines Memorial Drive South and South 200th Street, and a connection to existing pedestrian and bicycle facilities accessing the Angle Lake Light Rail Station. Please let us know your preferences regarding the route and trail features by taking a survey linked <a href="here">here</a>. A Project Open House was held at North Hill Elementary on Wednesday, October 17. Three design alternatives were presented to the attendees. Comments were received and are still welcome. Please see the project webpage linked <a href="here">here</a>.

### 12th Place and 13th Avenue South Overlay Project

The scope of this project includes pavement repair, asphalt paving, and storm water 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) water main replacement work is almost complete.

### "Safe Routes to School" Projects

- **34th Avenue South:** "Safe Routes to School" grant funding is being applied for this project. The project includes construction of sidewalks, curbs and gutters, storm drainage facilities, installation of an enhanced crosswalk, pedestrian lighting, and underground conversion of overhead utilities. **This project is currently in design.**
- South 166th Street: 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.

### 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.

## Public Works Project Updates

## 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. Concrete curb, gutter, and sidewalk work is ongoing. Expect delays while crews are working in the roadway. There will be a nighttime closure for final paving in late October.

### **Permitted Development**

We have three 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.







