

#### City Manager's Weekly Update August 9, 2019

#### **Parks Story Maps**

In January of this year, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) staff sponsored a student group from the University of Washington's GIS Certificate Program. The students were tasked with developing a Story Map—a mix of text, interactive maps, and links to additional resources—to highlight City parks and their amenities.

This project was part of the students' GIS Capstone project in the GIS Certificate Program at UW. Over a five-month period the students mapped a selection of park assets using a phone application to collect data, and created a draft Story Map to highlight parks and facilities.

At the conclusion of the student project, staff in the Parks, Community Programs & Services Department refined the initial draft Story Map into five Story Maps and prepared them for public use. The Story Maps are now online and can be viewed <u>here</u>.



#### SeaTac House Fire



On Thursday, August 8, at 6:50 AM SeaTac Fire units were dispatched to a house fire on the 4300 block of South 181st Street in SeaTac. The fire was reported by neighbors who were out watering their lawn.

The initial report was that a pile of debris was pushed up against the exterior garage door and was on fire with the flames spreading to the garage door. Due to the location of the address, units responded from Puget Sound Fire as well as Tukwila and the Port of Seattle. While in route the call was

upgraded to a "working fire" and the responding units saw a large thermal column of smoke coming from the approximate address. Because of this, additional resources were added to the call.

The single-story house with basement included two living spaces. The upstairs space was vacant, and the residents of the downstairs space were safely evacuated.

The displaced residents have been assisted by the Red Cross and the fire is being investigated by Puget Sound Fire in conjunction with the SeaTac Police/King County Sheriff's Office.

#### **Freeway Fire**

On Tuesday, August 6, Puget Sound Fire units responded to a brush fire on Northbound I-5, just north of South 272nd Street and south of Kent Des Moines Memorial Drive.

Due to the lack of water on the freeway, fire engines were used to shuttle water to the site. The Port of Seattle (SeaTac Airport) also provided a large Aircraft Rescue/Firefighting truck which carries 1,200 gallons of water and can shoot water up the hillside from the freeway. In total, 11 fire department units responded from Puget Sound Fire and South King Fire and Rescue, including seven engines, the ARFF truck from the airport, and three command units. In addition, the incident was supported by Washington State Patrol and a Department of Transportation incident response truck.



While the car was deemed a total loss, the quick work of the initial responders prevented the fire from spreading beyond the hillside, stopping approximately 20 feet from the back fences of the residences. This is just another example of how the fire departments in the area work together to protect the community.

Although the cause of this particular roadside fire was because of the flames from the vehicle, it is a good reminder to think first before throwing burning material (especially cigarettes) out of the vehicle. Secure tow chains so they do not drag and spark, and do not park a hot vehicle on dry grass.

#### **SeaTac Airport Luncheon**

On Friday August 9, the Seattle Southside Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual Sea-Tac Airport Luncheon.

This luncheon featured keynote speaker Lance Lyttle, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac) Director. He provided updates on airport projects, including progress on major construction efforts and the ongoing Sustainable Airport Master Plan's environmental review process.

Following the luncheon, the Port of Seattle offered a special tour of the under-construction International Arrivals Facility and passenger bridge that will span from the South Terminal to the new International Arrivals Facility. Deputy Mayor Clyde Hill and Councilmember Peter Kwon attended the event.









#### **National Night Out**

Tuesday August 6, was National Night Out. National Night Out occurs annually on the first Tuesday in August. Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories, and military bases worldwide.

Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts, and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits, and much, much more.

In Washington State, 136 cities participated, including SeaTac, where 21 block parties were held throughout the City.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.









#### **Detectives Seeking Witnesses to Fatal Shuttle Collision in SeaTac**



The Investigation of the fatal shuttle bus collision in SeaTac on July 25 continues. Detectives are seeking additional members of the public who witnessed the collision that occurred at approximately 1:00 PM.

The collision occurred at the intersection of South 176th and International Boulevard and involved a passenger vehicle and a hotel shuttle bus. Detectives from the Major Accident Response and Reconstruction Unit (MARR) responded to the scene and the investigation is ongoing.

Detectives are seeking the public's assistance with identifying any additional witnesses to this tragic event. If anyone directly witnessed the collision or knows someone who did, their assistance with this investigation will be extremely useful and appreciated. Please contact the MARR Unit at 206.263.2140.

#### **ACE Fund Awards Fifty-six Thousand to Six Local Organizations**

Communities in SeaTac, Burien, and Des Moines will soon enjoy new and expanded environmental projects benefiting high school students, parks, and gardens as the Port of Seattle awards its fourth round of grants provided by the Airport Community Ecology (ACE) Fund.

Six organizations will receive \$56,000 in ACE Fund grants:

- East African Community Services
- Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance
- Friends of Des Moines Creek
- Highline Botanical Garden
- New Start Community Garden
- YMCA of Greater Seattle

To date, the Port has funded 28 unique projects for a total of just under \$240,000 since the Commission authorized the program three years ago.

Applications are now open and available for download for the fifth grant cycle of the ACE Fund. The deadline is September 9, 2019.



#### **Community Classes Offer Behind-the-Scenes Look at the Port**

Ever wonder what it takes to run a global hub for air cargo, millions of passengers, and a thriving fishing industry? Learn how the Port of Seattle and its partners keep the region moving in this adult education series.

Attendees can choose from four different classes held during the month of September:

- Duwamish 101
- Ship Canal 101
- Airport 101
- Cargo 101

The classes are located at Bell Harbor Marina, Fishermen's Terminal, Sea-Tac Airport, and Pier 69.



Space is limited, so reserve early. The series is free and open to adults 18 years and older. Advance reservations are required. Priority will be given to first-time Port U registrants.

Registration confirmation will be sent via email. Driving directions and parking information will be provided via email prior to each event. Light refreshments will be offered.

To learn more and register, click here.

Contact the Port with any questions you may have at portrsvp@portseattle.org or call 206.787.3009.



SEATAC'S ANNUAL

## GET YOUR GREEN ON EVENT

Angle Lake Park - 19408 International Blvd., SeaTac September 21, 2019 - 9 AM to 12 PM

Learn tips about natural yard care, recycling more, safe disposal of toxic household items, and being environmentally friendly.

#### FREEIII while supplies last

- BioBags for your kitchen food scrap container
- Kitchen food scrap containers to the first 25 SeaTac residents (must have curbside collection service with Recology CleanScapes)
- Enter to win a Rain Barrel

#### **LOW COST RAIN BARRELS \$25**

while supplies last



#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteer to help remove invasive plant species, and plant a forest.

RSVP to reserve your spot, contact Public Works Department, **206.973.4763** – or email mgiem@seatacwa.gov









# August Upcoming Events:

#### **Tuesday the 13th—Regular Council Meeting**

- 6:00 PM—9:00 PM
- City of SeaTac City Hall Council Chambers (4800 South 188th Street, SeaTac)
- Click here for the agenda, packet, and handouts

#### Wednesday the 14th—Music in the Park ft. "Platinum Soul"

- 6:30 PM—8:00 PM
- Riverton Heights Park (3011 South 148th Street, SeaTac)
- Click <u>here</u> to view the full Music in the Park concert list

#### **Tuesday the 20th—Blood Drive**

- 12:30 PM—3:30 PM
- City of SeaTac Parking Lot (4800 South 188th Street, SeaTac)
- Please email Bart Perman with questions and to sign up

#### Tuesday the 29th—Mini-Pitch Opening Celebration

- 2:00 PM—3:00 PM
- Valley Ridge Park (4644 South 188th Street, SeaTac)
- Click here for more information

# September Upcoming Events:

#### **Monday the 2nd—City Hall Closure: Labor Day**

- 8:30 AM—5:00 PM
- SeaTac City Hall and all City Facilities
- Please call (206) 973-4820 with any questions or concerns

#### **Tuesday the 10th—Regular Council Meeting**

- 6:00 PM—9:00 PM
- City of SeaTac City Hall Council Chambers (4800 South 188th Street, SeaTac)
- Click here for the agenda, packet, and handouts

#### Saturday the 21st—Get Your Green On Event

- 9:00 AM—12:00 PM
- Angle Lake Park (19408 International Boulevard, SeaTac)
- Click here for more information

#### Tuesday the 24th—Regular Council Meeting

- 6:00 PM—9:00 PM
- City of SeaTac City Hall Council Chambers (4800 South 188th Street, SeaTac)
- Click <u>here</u> for the agenda, packet, and handouts

#### **Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority Awarded Accredited Agency Status**

This week the Center for Public Safety Excellence awarded the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority Accredited Agency status.



Following an in-depth process of self-assessment followed by an on-site peer review, Puget Sound Fire was unanimously approved and praised for its innovative solutions to meet the community's needs.

The accreditation process is designed to validate an organization's performance and spans the agency's entire operation. PSFA is one of only four other fire agencies in the state and 266 nationwide to receive accreditation. Accredited agencies are often described as being community-focused, data-driven, outcome oriented, strategic minded, well organized, properly equipped, and properly staffed and trained. It is a voluntary process and shows the communities served that the accredited agency is performing to industry best practices and is holding itself accountable through external peer review.

#### **Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority Proposition 1**

While the official King County elections report shows only a percentage of the votes counted, Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority (RFA) Proposition 1 appears to be passing.

Proposition 1 was run on the primary election ballot to authorize the RFA to restore its regular property tax levy to a rate of \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value. This was not a new tax but a rebalancing of the funding mechanism to maintain and fund Puget Sound Fire operations.

As a Regional Fire Authority, they rely on a two-part funding system including the property tax in combination with a fire benefit charge. The benefit charge is a service fee based on the square footage of your structure and the amount of resources needed to extinguish a fire. Over time, the property tax collection rate across the fire authority has decreased from the previously approved \$1.00 to \$0.706 per \$1,000 of assessed value and has not kept up with the operational needs of the growing community.

If approved, Proposition 1 restores the property tax rate to the previous amount and decreases the reliance on the benefit charge. With the restoration of the property tax to \$1.00 per thousand, the department will lower and recalculate the benefit charge and apply that reduction to all parcels in the fire authority based on size and use to rebalance the funding systems.

This rebalancing of the two-part funding will allow the department to continue to maintain and improve fire protection, prevention, emergency medical services, and continue to provide the level of service you are used to over the entire Puget Sound Fire response area.

#### Share your thoughts on the VISION 2050 growth plan!

Did you know the region is expected to grow to nearly 6 million people by 2050?

The <u>Puget Sound Regional Council</u> has released the <u>draft VISION 2050 plan</u> to help the region get ready for this growth and would like people to weigh in on the plan.

VISION 2050 is about planning ahead to support a healthy natural environment, economic opportunity and great communities. Policies in the plan address affordability, equity, climate change, and other challenges.

You can find out more and offer feedback at an <u>open</u> <u>house</u> event or through the <u>online open house</u>.

Comments are due by September 16, 2019.



#### 2019 Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Approved



SeaTac's Shoreline Master Plan (SMP), a land use plan for local shoreline areas, applies to the lakeshore along Angle Lake and 200 feet landward of the lakeshore.

On June 11, the City of SeaTac Council adopted Ordinance 19-1015 amending the Shoreline Master Program and concluding its periodic review as required every eight years by the Shoreline Management Act (Chapter 90.58 RCW).

On July 12, the Washington State Department of Ecology approved the City's 2019 Shoreline Master Plan. The new plan went into effect on Friday, June 26.

For a copy of the plan or more information on the update process, please click <u>here</u>.

#### Lifeguards On Duty all Summer at Angle Lake



Starting Monday, June 24, Angle Lake Park will have a full team of lifeguards on duty from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Due to a nationwide shortage of lifeguards two summers ago, we were unable to find guards for Angle Lake Park. Last summer, we had them at the park five days a week.

This summer we will have guards every day of the week through September 3 (Labor Day). This will include four guards Monday through Friday and five guards scheduled on Saturdays and Sundays. More guards are available for when the weather is especially hot.

This will significantly increase the safety of swimmers at the park.

#### **Veterans Memorial**

The City of SeaTac is constructing a Veterans Memorial adjacent to the SeaTac Community Center.

This memorial will pay tribute to men and women military veterans of the past and present for their service. We invite you to honor a veteran by donating one or more payer tiles.

This is a wonderful, lasting way to remember our loved ones who have served, passed away, been killed in the line of duty, or who currently serve our country.



The project will be completed in time for a ribbon cutting ceremony on Veteran's Day, November 11.

Donations are always accepted, however, in order to engrave the tiles prior to the Veteran's Day ceremony, we need your order form and payment no later than August 31.

For more information click here or contact the SeaTac Community Center at (206) 973-4680.

#### Free Summer Meals and Snacks for Children

The City of SeaTac and <u>Des Moines Area Food Bank</u> are collaborating to provide healthy lunches and snacks for kids and teens ages 1-18 in SeaTac.

Up until August 30, Monday through Friday, meals and snacks are available at several locations throughout the City. Below are locations and times. Click <a href="here">here</a> for a complete list including other locations outside the City.

For information on the federally-funded Summer Food Program through Highline Public Schools, including meal locations and times, please click <u>here</u>.



Locations	Lunch Times	Snack Times
Abbey Ridge Apartments 3035 South 204th Street	1:20 PM—1:45 PM	No snack time
Angle Lake Park 19408 International Boulevard	12:00 PM—2:00 PM	2:00 PM—3:30 PM
Matt Griffin YMCA 3595 South 188th Street	11:30 AM—12:30 PM	3:30 PM—4:15 PM
McMicken Heights Park South 166th & 40th Avenue South	11:30 AM—12:00 PM	2:30 PM—2:45 PM
North SeaTac Park South 128th Street & Des Moines Memorial Drive	No lunch time	2:30 PM—3:00 PM
Pine Ridge Apartments 3725 South 180th Street	1:30 PM—2:00 PM	3:15 PM—3:30 PM
Valley Ridge Park 4644 South 188th Street	11:15 AM—11:30 AM	No snack time
Willow Lake Apartments 3002 South 208th Street	11:45 AM—12:15 PM	3:15 PM—3:30 PM
Windsor Heights Apartments 17229 32nd Avenue South	12:30 PM—1:00 PM	3:00 PM—3:30 PM



#### Citizen Advisory Committee Vacancies - Applications Are Being Accepted

Want to be more involved with the City of SeaTac? Want to provide a valuable service to your community and be more informed about City business? Let your voice be heard! Consider joining a Citizen Advisory Committee.

The following Citizen Advisory Committees have vacancies with applications accepted until positions are filled:

- Arts, Culture & Library Advisory Committee
- Community Services Advisory Committee
- Hotel/Motel Tax Advisory Committee
  - (Person involved in activities authorized to be funded by revenue received from the Lodging Tax)
- Senior Citizen Advisory Committee
- Sidewalk Advisory Committee



If you are interested in serving on a committee and would like to download an application, visit the City's <u>website</u>, or contact the City Clerk at 206.973.4661 or <u>cityclerk@seatacwa.gov</u>.

All positions are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council.



#### Sound Transit Rider Alert

The escalators at the SeaTac Airport Station are closed until a new drive chain can be installed.

Sound Transit estimates the repair to be completed by Monday, September 9.

For more information contact Jefferson Rose at jefferson.rose@soundtransit.org or (206) 370-5568.

#### **SeaTac Elevator Repair**

Closes June 17 for 2 months

# Elevator access to International Boulevard will close for 2 months, shuttle available

The elevator connecting International Boulevard and the SeaTac/Airport LINK station is in need of major repairs and will close June 17 for 2 months. The stairs will remain open. For those with accessibility needs, a shuttle will run between International Boulevard and S 176 St., and the Arrivals loop of the Airport at door 8.

#### What

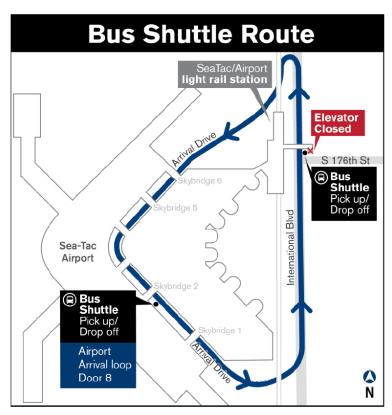
SeaTac elevator closure and shuttle service between International Boulevard and the Airport.

#### When

June 17, lasting for approximately 2 months.

#### Where

The elevator connecting International Boulevard and 176 St to the SeaTac/Airport LINK station.



#### More

- You can catch the shuttle at International Boulevard and 176 St. at the bus stop adjacent to the elevator. Look for the sign and shuttle that says "LINK shuttle to airport". You can also catch the shuttle on the Arrivals loop at door 8 (on level 3).
- ➤ The shuttle will run during the hours of operation for LINK light rail (approximately 5 am – 1:30 am) every 15 minutes.
- For shuttle status updates or stop location information call 360-543-9380
- Priority access to the shuttle will be given to individuals and parties with mobility devices such as wheelchairs, walkers, and crutches, or passengers with disabilities who are unable to navigate stairs.
- The shuttle will be operated fare free.
- Due to ongoing wear and tear, the elevator has reached a point where it needs to be replaced. This will allow for better elevator reliability in the future

Contact us: Alex Ko, alex.ko@soundtransit.org or 206-903-7269.

Shuttle operator: 360-543-9380.





#### Military Road South and South 152nd Street

Improvements for this road reconstruction and safety project include construction of bike lanes, curbs and gutters, sidewalks, new pavement, installation of street lighting, upgraded and interconnected signalization with pedestrian crossings, construction of a right turn lane on Eastbound South 152nd Street, and the elimination of the skewed intersection at Tukwila International Boulevard and Military Road South. Johansen Construction Company started construction on June 24.

#### Des Moines Memorial Drive South—South 128th Street to South 136th Street

This project will overlay Des Moines Memorial Drive South from South 128th Street to South 136th Street. Pavement repair, storm drainage infrastructure, and traffic signal improvements are also included in the scope of work. During the construction period, crews will be shutting down lanes along Des Moines Memorial Drive South between South 128th Street to South 136th Street. Click <a href="here">here</a> for more information.

#### South 200th Street/Interstate 5 Southbound Metered Shoulder

The City of SeaTac Public Works Department is working in collaboration with the Washington State Department of Transportation to make improvements to the South 200th Street on-ramp. Construction crews will be widening the shoulder along the South 200th Street on-ramp to construct one metered lane and one peak-hour metered lane. In addition, crews will be improving drainage, signage, and lighting, and will also be relocating utilities. Click here for more information.

#### Des Moines Memorial Drive South and South 200th Street Intersection

Improvements for this intersection include construction of bike lanes, curbs and gutters, sidewalks, new pavement, installation of street lighting, a new traffic signal system with pedestrian crossings, left turn lanes for all approaches, and construction of a right turn lane on westbound South 200th Street. Final design and right-of-way acquisition are in progress. Advertising for construction bids is scheduled for later this summer

#### 34th Avenue South Project

This "Safe Routes to School" project includes construction of sidewalks, curbs and gutters, storm drainage facilities, installation of an enhanced crosswalk, pedestrian lighting, landscaping, and underground conversion of aerial utilities. Design and right-of-way acquisition are ongoing. Advertising for construction bids for this project is scheduled for December of this year.

#### 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. Design and right-of-way acquisition are in progress. Advertising for construction bids for this project is scheduled for December of this year.

See Project Map on Page 17.

### Project Locations

