



## City Manager's Weekly Update

March 23, 2012

Dear Mayor, Councilmembers, Residents, and Employees:



### Little League Tournament at Valley Ridge Park

This Friday, March 23 through Sunday, March 25, there will be a little league baseball tournament at Valley Ridge Park. This tournament will be the fourth annual 'Hit the Turf' kickoff tournament hosted by our resident little league, South Highline American Little League (SHALL).

There are 16 teams from the 10-12 age group, coming from all around the State. This means that approximately 160-170 youths will get to experience playing at our facilities. They will be bringing with them their fan base which is estimated to be anywhere from 300-400 family members, friends and other spectators.

SHALL, will have the ability to run this as a fundraiser and will have a concessions truck on site. They will be selling items such as pop, hot chocolate, coffee, chips, and hot dogs. If you are interested in taking in some quality little league action and wish to support our resident league, stop by and witness what our facility looks like when it is all set up with fencing and other amenities.

### Five Schools Win State Achievement Award

The City would like to congratulate the Highline School District for having five schools in the district earn the Washington Achievement Award, the annual statewide recognition awarded by the State Board of Education and the Superintendent of Public Instruction. This highly selective award is based on school's performance according to the Washington Achievement Index, a comprehensive measurement of how schools in Washington are performing over time. Two of these schools, Chinook Middle School and Global Connections High School are in the City of SeaTac.

- Southern Heights Elementary, recognized for improvement on the Washington Achievement Index.
- Chinook Middle School, also recognized for improvement.
- Global Connections High School, recognized for closing the achievement gap.
- Health Sciences and Human Services High School, recognized for graduation rate.
- Aviation High School, recognized for math achievement, science achievement, and overall excellence.

In South King County, only one other school district had more than five schools receiving the award.



## **Upcoming Passport Acceptance Times Change at City Hall in the City Clerk's Office**

Acceptance of passport applications will be changing days of service starting April 2. Acceptance of passports will be available on Wednesday and Thursday only, 9 AM to 12 Noon and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

## **Citizen Advisory Committee Vacancies**

The City of SeaTac has immediate vacancies on the Human Services Advisory Committee and the Library Advisory Committee. The Human Services Advisory Committee is looking for candidates to fill two alternate member positions. The Library Advisory Committee is looking for candidates to fill two unexpired terms, and one alternate member position.

An alternate committee member is a non-voting member. However, upon the absence of an appointed committee member, the committee chair may appoint an alternate member to vote on committee business. The Mayor may appoint an alternate member to fill a vacancy on that committee.

Both of these committees serve in an advisory capacity to the SeaTac City Council with five members each, serving three year terms.

The Human Services Advisory Committee makes reports and recommendations to the City Council concerning human services issues. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at SeaTac City Hall 5:30 PM.

The Library Advisory Committee coordinates with, and provides input to, the Board of Trustees of the King County Library District and local library official. Meetings are held quarterly on the second Tuesday of the month, or as needed, at Valley View Library or SeaTac City Hall at 5:00 PM.

If you are interested in serving on either of these committees, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 973.4660 or download an application from the City's website [www.ci.seatac.wa.us](http://www.ci.seatac.wa.us). The deadline for applying is Friday, April 6.

## **Parking Lot Maintenance on City Lots**

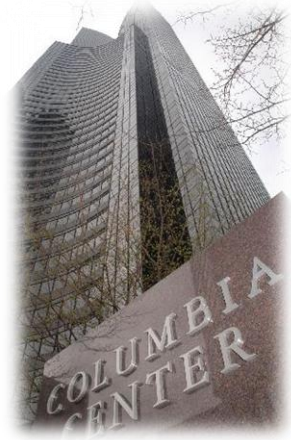
The City of SeaTac Parks and Recreation Department is currently working on an RFP (Request for Proposals) to complete maintenance work at several City owned parking lots. This work will include minor repairs, seal coating and striping of the parking stalls and painting the handicap stalls. Parking lots included in this work are SeaTac City Hall, Valley Ridge Park, Angle Lake Park, and the lower lot at North SeaTac Park.

An extended period of dry warm weather is needed to complete the repairs. We anticipate the work being completed by mid to late summer. Attempts to minimize the impacts to traffic and parking at the facilities will be considered. The work will be done mainly on weekends, although some temporary rerouting and closing of parking lots at the park sites is possible.



## **SeaTac Firefighters Participate in Columbia Tower Climb**

On Saturday March 10, twelve SeaTac Fire Department members donned about 50 pounds worth of gear, including boots, breathing apparatus and masks, and climbed the 1,311 stairs from the fifth floor lobby to the 73rd floor observation deck in Seattle's Columbia Tower. All SeaTac members did well and there were some speedy firefighters. Jeremy Waddell was fastest for SeaTac with a time of 14 minutes and 36 seconds, followed by Don Nelson with 15 minutes and 52 seconds and Christian Clausnitzer with 17 minutes and 38 seconds. In the friendly competition between the over 40's versus the under 40's, the over 40's prevailed again. This grueling challenge, to climb 69 stories in full "combat gear" while using the air from the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, enabled the SeaTac Firefighters to raise nearly \$2,000 of the \$950,000 raised to battle blood cancers through the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. This climb is the world's largest of its kind with 1,550 firefighters participating from 191 departments in 24 U.S. states, Canada, and Germany. It was a challenging and fun event for a very good cause. Thanks to all that donated.



## **SeaTac Fire Participates in Bellevue School Shooting Drill**

On Saturday March 10, SeaTac Fire Engine 45 responded as part of a regional school shooting drill in Bellevue. Fire trucks and police cars from the region, converged upon Bellevue High School Saturday as students participated as actors involved in the mock incident. The drill took place in a school, but it could have been in any large building such as a mall. The exercise was funded by the Homeland Security's Urban Areas Security Initiative, which is meant for agencies to prepare for terrorist situations or natural disasters. Battalion Chief Madson helped coordinate regional resources from the South King County area, and Captain Mark Hill participated as an evaluator.

**You can view the City's Event Calendar at:**

[www.ci.seatac.wa.us/index.aspx?page=16](http://www.ci.seatac.wa.us/index.aspx?page=16)

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Todd Cutts, City Manager