SeaTac Report



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Resident satisfaction survey

The City recently conducted a resident satisfaction survey as part of the City's overall strategic planning process. The survey provided residents the opportunity to rate City services, community amenities, as well as identify priorities for future resource allocation.

Survey methods

The National Research Center (NRC), a leading firm in performance measurement, designed the survey to ensure that the results would be unbiased, representative of the entire community and statistically valid. With a total of 339 completed surveys received, both by mail and in-person, the confidence interval for the data is 95%, which ensures that the results are statistically valid. All completed survey results were weighted so that respondent characteristics were represented in the proportions reflective of the entire City, as per the 2010 Census.

Survey highlights

- Most survey respondents rated City services and community characteristics as good to fair
- 64% of respondents rated SeaTac as an excellent or good place to live
- Community characteristics that should receive the most emphasis from City leaders: employment opportunities, paths, sidewalks & walking trails, overall image of SeaTac, opportunities to attend cultural activities, shopping opportuni-

ties, and affordable, quality health care

- Services that should receive the most emphasis from City leaders: crime prevention, police services, services to low-income people, street repair, snow removal, City parks, sidewalk maintenance, economic development, and services to seniors
- 77% of respondents rated the value of service received for City taxes as good or fair (9% excellent; 14% poor)
- 78% of respondents rated the overall direction SeaTac is taking as good or fair (10% excellent; 12% poor)

As SeaTac's first comprehensive, Citywide survey, these results provide a valuable snapshot of how the City is addressing the community's needs and a baseline against which future survey results can be compared to track progress over time. The survey report is available on the City's website www.ci.seatac.wa.us.

CURB MARKER PROGRAM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The City's Public Works Department Storm Drain Curb Marker program is available to youth groups and special interest volunteer groups from May 1 - October 31. Installing the colorful four inch curb markers is easy and reminds people that storm drains are for rainwater only. You can help protect our natural waterways by volunteering for this great community stewardship program! For more information, contact Trudy Olson at 973.4763

or by email at tolson@ci.seatac.wa.us.



The City Welcomes our new Director of Finance and Information Systems



At the end of March, the City welcomed Aaron Antin as the new Director of Finance and Information Systems. Aaron previously served as the Deputy Director of Finance and Information Technology for the City of Sammamish. He had primary responsibility for the City's budget and financial planning processes which received national recognition for each of the 8 years he was employed with Sammamish. He also created several web calculators that received the Association of Washington Cities' municipal achievement awards for their creative application of finance data in building community education around local government finances.

Aaron also previously worked as a Finance Manager in the engineering, operations and technology division of the Boeing Company supporting their IT international operations group. He obtained his undergraduate degrees at the University of Washington and his MBA from Seattle University. He is a certified Washington State Professional Finance Officer and remains active in his local community of Renton where he has lived together with his family for the past 30 years.

APPOINTED SEATAC CITIZEN

The following individual has been appointed to a SeaTac Citizen Advisory Committee. We value her civic interest and willingness to be a part of the working team of our City.

Human Services Advisory Committee:

Valerie Allan appointed April 24, 2012

YOUR CITY COUNCIL



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City Council Meetings

City Hall Council Chambers Study Sessions at 4:00 PM Regular Meetings at 6:00 PM 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

To view Council agendas and minutes, or meeting times and dates, please visit the City's website at www.ci.seatac.wa.us.

Meeting times may change. Please call the City Clerk's Office at 973.4660 for the latest information.

At the Regular Council Meeting on January 10, 2012, Council passed a resolution amending the City Council Administrative Procedures and repealing Resolution 11-006 related to Council Committee meeting times. Specifically, the standing committees of Administration and Finance, Public Safety and Justice, Land Use and Parks and Transportation and Public Works have been eliminated. Instead the Council will hold Study Sessions in order to address City business in advance of the Regular Council Meetings. The Study Sessions will occur on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month commencing at 4:00 PM in Council Chambers.

City of SeaTac honored as a WellCity

SeaTac was recently honored with the WellCity Award by the Association of Washington Cities (AWC). This is the City's eighth consecutive WellCity Award.

The AWC Employee Benefit Trust's annual WellCity Awards recognize members that meet nine best practice standards for employee health promotion. Members of the AWC Employee Benefit Trust are eligible to apply for the award. This includes cities, towns, and non-city entities.

SeaTac was one of 85 Trust-insured cities to earn the 2012 WellCity Award. WellCity has three levels of recognition to encourage program growth and longevity. SeaTac has earned the WellCity Award of Excellence. This is the highest level of recognition.

AWC Trust members that earn the 2012 WellCity Award receive a 2% premium discount on Regence BlueShield/Asuris Northwest Health premiums. The discount will be applied to 2013 premiums. Receiving this award is estimated to save the City \$47,000 on medical premiums in 2013.

City of SeaTac completes Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) grant activities

About the grant

On March 19, the City completed its CPPW Grant-funded activities, which focused on the development of policies that promote active living and access to sources of fresh food. The grant, which was awarded in the fall of 2010, provided the City with the opportunity to partner with three local elementary

schools to discuss walking and bicycling in SeaTac, and talk to seniors about finding fresh food in their neighborhoods. Over two-hundred questionnaires with community input on non-motorized travel and access to "Corner Stores" and other sources of fresh food in the City were collected.

The result of this community input was the development of policy and zoning code proposals that encourage "Safe & Complete Streets" and access to fresh food in SeaTac's neighborhoods. City Council reviewed and endorsed these proposals over the last several

months, and forwarded them for further consideration as part of the upcoming Major Comprehensive Plan Update and Major Zoning Code Update processes.

Key CPPW Grant accomplishments

Participation in Highline Communities Coalition (HCC):
 Elected officials from the cities of SeaTac, Burien, Des
 Moines, Normandy Park and the Highline School District
 met regularly over the course of the grant period to help
 coordinate and leverage CPPW grant activities across
 jurisdictional lines;

- Completion of Draft SeaTac Safe & Complete Streets Plan:
 A consolidated walking and bicycling plan was developed
 which includes citywide pedestrian and bicycling routes and
 24 proposed policy revisions. City Council endorsed the
 draft plan and has forwarded it for further consideration as
 part of the upcoming Major Comprehensive Plan Update;
 - Creation of SeaTac Walking Map: A Walking Map was created that highlights walking routes throughout the City, including three "featured routes" at North SeaTac Park, Valley Ridge Park and along the Des Moines Creek Trail. Copies of the map are available for free at City Hall, the SeaTac Community Center and the Seattle Southside Visitors Center;
 - Development of "Access to Corner Stores"
 Policies & Code Proposals: City Council endorsed ten policy and zoning code proposals with the aim of encouraging better access to sources of fresh food within the City.

These proposals will be forwarded for further consideration to the Major Comprehensive Plan Update process and Major Zoning Code Update project as appropriate.

For more information about the CPPW Grant, and to find electronic copies of the Draft Safe & Complete Streets Plan, SeaTac Walking Map and proposals related to access to "Corner Stores" and sources of fresh food, please visit the City of SeaTac CPPW Grant web page at: www.ci.seatac.wa.us/index.aspx?page=590, or contact Kate Kaehny, Senior Planner, at 973.4750, or kkaehny@ci.seatac.wa.us.





A changing of the guard

The City's Crime Prevention Officer Doug Reynolds retired June 30. Doug has been with the King County Sheriff's Office for more than 30 years, 15 of those years have been as the Crime Prevention Officer for SeaTac.



Doug Reynolds

Doug has established himself as a leader in the field of Crime Prevention. He is well respected by his peers as both an expert and teacher of Crime Prevention. He is frequently in high demand to give presentations on Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CEPTED), lighting, and many other related subjects.

During his tenure with SeaTac Doug has succeeded in creating a phenomenal Crime Prevention Program. He has won numerous awards, and was instrumental in the awards received by the City and its residents.

Doug's commitment to work, integrity, professionalism and his dedication to the City, residents and his co-workers is greatly appreciated. As we say goodbye, we remind ourselves that farewells are not forever, nor are they the end. They are simply words to say that we will miss you dearly and that we will remember you fondly.

On July 1, Rich Rowe will become the new Crime Prevention Officer for the City of SeaTac. He has been on patrol with the City of SeaTac Police Department for about 5 years and with the King County Sheriff's Office for about 13 years.

He has worked in the past as a Correctional Officer for the King County Jail and Washington State Department of Corrections. Rich also has experience as a Construction/Maintenance Manager for the Snohomish County Housing Authority.

Rich hopes to carry forward the legacy set by Doug Reynolds while at the same time continue to be a leader in the ever changing field of Crime Prevention.

Rich expressed that he has enjoyed his time on patrol, and how much he will miss it, but is looking forward to the new challenges ahead. He appreciates the opportunities he has had in working for the residents of SeaTac and looks forward to continuing that in this new position.

Construction Update

S. 154th Street Improvements Project

The City's road improvement project along S. 154th Street from 32nd Avenue S. to 24th Avenue S. is very close to completion. Electrical, cable, and telephone service connections for each resident and business along the project is nearing completion with final paving and landscaping scheduled to be complete by September.

The City appreciates the community's continued patience during construction of this project. The City asks that drivers continue to be aware that traffic delays are still anticipated until project completion. Considering alternate routes is recommended. Additional traffic and project information can be found at www.ci.seatac.wa.us/index.aspx?page=496.

For more information, please contact Eric Proctor, Project Engineer, at 973.4735.

S. 164th Street Sidewalk Improvements

Construction has begun on the City's third sidewalk project along S. 164th Street between Military Road S. and 34th Avenue S. New sidewalks, curbs and drainage improvements will be constructed on both sides of S. 164th Street. This project will improve pedestrian safety and mobility for the community to access neighboring schools, businesses and transit services. Construction is anticipated to be completed by the end of September this year. For more information, please contact Eric

Proctor, Project Engineer, at 973.4735.

Military Road S. Improvements Project, S. 166th Street to S. 176th Street

The design phase for this project is underway. These improvements will improve safety and mobility for vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic along this corridor. An open house was held in May to review the proposed road design and address related comments and questions. The design is anticipated to be complete by the end of this year with construction expected to begin in summer of 2013. For more information please contact Florendo Cabudol, Assistant City Engineer, at 973.4740.

2012 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process

The Comprehensive Plan is the City's "blueprint for future growth and development". It contains a future land use map, and goals and policies to guide the City as we grow and change to meet the challenges of a growing region. Each year the City invites the public to participate in the process to update its Comprehensive Plan.

Proposed Changes

This year, there are two areas where the Comprehensive Plan's Land Use Plan Map is proposed to be changed, shown as the colored areas on the maps to the right.

MAP AMENDMENT A-1 Property located at 3050 S. 150th Street (Proposed by Property Owner)

This proposal is to change the Land Use Designation from Residential Low Density to Residential Medium Density. This change would allow a future rezone from UL-7200 to UM-2400 for the purpose of developing condominiums or townhouses.

MAP AMENDMENT A-2 Property located at 19740 Military Road S. (Proposed by Property Owner)

This proposal is to change the Land Use Designation from Residential Medium Density to Residential High Density. This change would allow a future rezone from UM-2400 to UH-900 for the purpose of developing senior housing and a nursing home.

In addition to the Map Amendments noted above, the City is also considering amendments to the text of policies related to affordable housing, as well as other information in the Plan.

Review Process

The Planning Commission and the City Council will review proposed amendments under a two-step process: **step one** is a preliminary screening of all proposals, called the *Preliminary Docket*, **step two**, the *Final Docket*, is a thorough review of all

proposals not screened out during the first step.

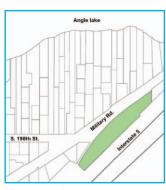
Schedule

The City Council is tentatively scheduled to establish the Final Docket at their July 24 meeting. The Planning Commission will review the proposed amendments at their regular meetings throughout the summer and fall and will hold a Public Hearing on the Final Docket of proposed amendments, tentatively scheduled for October 16. The full schedule for the 2012 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process is posted on the Comprehensive Plan page under the "Government" tab on the City's website at www.ci.seatac.wa.us.

City Council and Planning Commission Meetings Please refer to the City Calendar on the website for the regular schedule of City Council and Planning Commission meetings. Meeting and Public Hearing



Map Amendment A-1



Map Amendment A-2

dates are subject to change, so please call the Planning Division at 973.4750, or check the City calendar on the website to confirm final meeting dates.

More Information

For more information, call Mike Scarey (mscarey@ci.seatac.wa.us) at 973.4750, or come to City Hall and talk to Planning Division staff.

New permitting software for the City

The City launched a new customized electronic permitting software program from CRW called TRAKiT, on April 13. TRAKiT provides a streamlined program for the improved tracking, processing and issuance of all permit activity with the City. It replaces an obsolete and unsupported permitting system and has several enhanced customer service capabilities. The successful implementation of TRAKiT is another step in the reorganization of the Department of Community and Economic Development.

TRAKIT enables enhanced opportunities to intake and review electronic plans while providing excellent reporting functionality and greater plan review capabilities. Over 80 different

permit and land use application types will be recorded in TRAKiT. A new and exciting feature with this system is the enhanced Geographic Information Systems (GIS) capability and Google Earth integration. This allows staff the ability to easily locate properties where callers do not have an address, owner information, or a phone number. It provides the most up-to-date property information for staff and reduces search time.

Other projects currently underway in the Department of Community and Economic Development include updates to the Comprehensive Plan, a Major Zoning Code Update and the streamlining of internal processes and procedures.



2012 Waste Reduction & Recycling Programs

SeaTac is dedicated to reducing waste, encouraging recycling, and promoting reuse.

RECYCLING COLLECTION EVENT Yard Debris is NOT accepted.

Saturday, October 6, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Tyee Educational Complex Parking Lot, 4424 S. 188th Street

* Cash only when fees apply

Recycle appliances (refrigerators/freezers \$20 each - cash only), scrap metal, tires, oil, transmission fluid, batteries, electronics, fluorescent tubes/bulbs, reusable household goods, EPS Styrofoam, and more! *No Yard Debris accepted*.

Styrofoam must be clean, dry and free of any plastic film. NO foam sheeting, cardboard, hard plastics, screws or metals. Packing peanuts must be bagged or boxed. Dirty and wet EPS will not be accepted. No food containers will be accepted.

FREE – Confidential material shredding. 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM only. Staples and paper clips do not need to be removed from documents. Limited to three boxes per vehicle. Computer monitors and televisions will not be accepted. You can recycle these items for free at other locations through E-Cycle Washington.
Call 1-800-RECYCLE or visit http://1800recycle.wa.gov to find authorized E-Cycle Washington collection locations.

RAIN BARREL SALE SeaTac Residents Only

Saturday, October 6 – 9:00 AM to Noon or until sold out. There is a limited amount of rain barrels available for sale.

Tyee Educational Complex Parking Lot, 4424 S. 188th Street

\$25 each cash only, limit two (2) per customer.

FOOD DRIVE FOR HIGHLINE AREA FOOD BANK

sponsored by the SeaTac Domestic Violence Task Force

Food drive will be held during the Recycle Collection Event on October 6.

Bring canned and non-perishable food, diapers, toilet paper, soap, pet food and laundry detergent. Paper bags and donations are welcome too!

For more information, please contact Resource Conservation/Neighborhood Programs Coordinator Trudy Olson at 973.4763.

The Fall Recycling Event is produced in partnership with Washington State Department of Ecology, King County Solid Waste Division, and the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County.

Missed a collection event, or have items not accepted at the event?
Free brochures with Reduce/Reuse/
Recycle information for your group organization, church, neighborhood, or just for you and your friends are available at City Hall. For more information, please contact Resource
Conservation/Neighborhood Programs
Coordinator Trudy Olson at 973.4763, or



NEW Family Friendly 'Go Green' Community Event

First 200 people get a FREE reusable recycling bag!

FREE Bike Drawing – compliments of Republic Services!

Parents bring your kids to sign up for the chance to win a boy's bicycle and a girl's bicycle!

SeaTac Community Center 13735 24th Avenue S. August 4 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM The City of SeaTac Public Works and Parks & Recreation Departments invite you to the first Go Green event. Bring your family and friends to see how you can be more environmentally 'waste wise' in your home — sign up for a class, purchase a rain barrel or compost bin, and get information on how to recycle more, how you can protect our natural waterways, and how the Public Works and Parks & Recreation Departments handle their landscape responsibilities for the City. A limited amount of rain barrels and compost bins will be available for purchase at the event.

COME 'MEET YOUR NEW REPUBLIC SERVICES (FORMALLY ALLIED WASTE SERVICES) TEAM'.

Here is an opportunity to meet the new Republic Services staff that provides your curbside waste service. Come meet and talk directly with the General Manager, Municipal Relationship Manager, and other staff responsible for your visit King County's "What do I do with...?" website at http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/wdidw/, or the Earth911 website at http://earth911.com/ to find information on where to take your items.

GOT BATTERIES?

You can now recycle your household alkaline batteries for FREE at City Hall and the Community Center. Look for the blue collection tubes located in the City Hall first floor lobby area and the Community Center main lobby area. The collection tubes are for alkaline batteries only – please do not place re-chargable batteries or other battery types in the blue collection tubes. Alkaline batteries are the most common dry cell battery and are used in everything from cameras and flashlights to remote controls; they are small, sealed and, non-rechargable. Batteries that show signs of

Planning a car wash fundraiser?

By checking out a FREE fish friendly Car Wash Kit from the City, fundraising groups can help keep harmful soaps and toxic metals from running into the Puget Sound. Or consider a professional car wash organization (i.e. PSCWA or Brown Bear) charity ticket program for your fundraising event. Call Resource Conservation/Neighborhood Programs Coordinator Trudy Olson at 973.4763 for more information or to reserve a FREE car wash kit. For more information regarding the problems facing the Puget Sound, along with workable solutions that we can adopt into our everyday actions to reduce our pollution of the waters, visit www.pugetsoundstartshere.org. YOU can help keep our waters clean!

corrosion need to be placed in a sealed clear sandwich type bag before placing in the collection tube. Each collection tube has a picture of the types of batteries accepted.

For more information, please contact Resource Conservation/Neighborhood Programs Coordinator Trudy Olson at 973.4763.

TO REPORT A SPILL – CALL THE SPILL HOTLINE

The City of SeaTac has established a Spill Hotline for residents and businesses to report spills or water quality issues.

Monday – Friday: 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM call 973.4770

After hours/weekends/holidays: call the King County 24-hour dispatch at 296.8100

If spill is hazardous – also call 911

What to Report?

Clearly indicate:

- Your name, the date, time, and location.
- The type of material and size of spill/ discharge. If material is not known, identify with indicators (i.e. odors, colors, vegetation, staining, etc.)
- Contact information of the responsible party (if known).

In the case of a spill:
If possible, wait for first responders to arrive.

waste service. Bring your kids to see a Republic Services CNG truck up close! Visit their booth to get information on the best way to reduce your waste by increasing your recycling. Learn about food scrap recycling with your yard debris service, and new options on cart sizes and services.

FREE NATURAL YARD CARE WORKSHOP

Instructor will be our very own local area garden guru, Greg Butler. Greg will present two sessions on natural yard care specific for our area. Class will be held inside the Community Center in Room 107. Class size is limited so please contact Trudy Olson at 973.4763 to register.

FREE RAIN BARREL CLASS

Instructor Dan Borba will show you how to harvest rain water. Dan will show you how to set up rain barrel(s) on your property and even how to create your own rain barrel. Class will be held at the rain barrel sale booth in the parking lot.

RAIN BARREL AND COMPOST BIN SALE

A limited amount of rain barrels and compost bins will be available for purchase at the event.

SudsSafe CAR WASH DEMO

See how the Public Works Stormwater Program's Car Wash Kit works to keep our storm drains free of the dirt and grime washed off vehicles, which helps to keep our natural waterways clean of pollutants. This fish friendly car wash kit is available for free checkout to youth groups and non-profit groups for fund raising events.

For more information on this event and the activities, please contact Resource Conservation/Neighborhood Programs Coordinator Trudy Olson at 973.4763. This event is co-sponsored by the City of SeaTac, Republic Services, and King County.





Parks and Recreation - Summer 2012

MUSIC IN THE PARK CONCERT SERIES - FREE

The following performances will be held on Fridays starting at 7:00 PM at Angle Lake Park:



Kleer Cut Band, *Motown, Jazz*Friday, June 29
Show Nuff Funk, *Funk Band*Friday, July 6

Scott Lindenmuth, *Jazz Guitarist* Friday, July 13

Kellee Bradley, Folk Rock Friday, July 27

The following performance will be held at North SeaTac Park at 20th Avenue S. and S. 128th Street on a Wednesday evening:

Johnny Conga, Latin Jazz/Cuban Drumming Wednesday, July 18 at 6:30 PM

THEATRE IN THE PARK - FREE

Friday, July 20 – 7:00 PM, Angle Lake Park
Twelfth Night – A Comedy by William Shakespeare

RECREATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This program is designed to provide financial assistance to youth and teens to participate in a recreation program. You must be a SeaTac resident. Please call the Parks and Recreation Department for additional information at 973.4680.

LIFEGUARDS AT ANGLE LAKE

Lifeguards will begin daily coverage starting Saturday, June 30 thru Labor Day weekend.

SUMMER DAY CAMPS AND PROGRAMS

It's not too late to register for one of our outstanding Summer Day Camps for children ages 5-12 and teens entering grades 7-10. The program offers a lot of fun activities like swimming at the YMCA and field trips. Please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 973.4680 for more information.

REGISTRATION FOR PRE-SCHOOL AND BEFORE/ AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The school year is fast approaching, so be ready to enroll your child in a valuable program. The City offers outstanding pre-school and before/afterschool programs for your children. The pre-school is located at the Valley Ridge and SeaTac Community Centers and the Before/After school program is located at Bow Lake Elementary. Financial scholarships are available for eligible residents. For more information, please contact the SeaTac Community Center at 973.4680.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Many happy children attended the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Angle Lake Park. This event is co-sponsored by the SeaTac Fire Department, SeaTac Fire Fighters Local Union #2929 and the SeaTac Parks and Recreation Department.



Earth Day was a Success

Seventeen volunteers participated in "Ivy Out" on Saturday, April 21 at the south portion of North SeaTac Park where ivy was removed from 156 trees. This event served as the City of SeaTac's Arbor Day event which is part of being a Tree City USA. The City of SeaTac has been a Tree City for 3 years and is one of 83 municipalities in Washington to have that distinction.

Another 58 volunteers were a part of the Earth Day spring cleanup in the Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden. They built two display beds for fuchsias and completed path repairs and general garden cleanup. Thank you to the City of SeaTac Tree Board, Department of Natural Resources, Neighbors Without Borders Action Committee, the Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden Foundation, Boeing Company, Virgin American Airlines and the Remote Control Cars and BMX groups. The efforts of these volunteers is what makes our events a success.

Why recycle?

By EcoConsumer Tom Watson, King County Solid Waste Division

"Why recycle?" Asking that question is a little like asking why we should breathe. We breathe because we want to use our bodies to get the most out of life. We recycle because we want to use the Earth's resources to get the greatest benefits at the least environmental cost.

That doesn't mean that recycling is always the best choice environmentally, or always gets accomplished as well as it could. However, governments and recycling companies do try to make sure recycling is as efficient as possible. In general, the benefits of recycling greatly outweigh any negatives.

On the local, regional, national and global levels, recycling:

- Conserves natural resources.
- Saves energy.
- Creates "green" jobs in manufacturing, transportation and materials processing.

- Decreases greenhouse gas emissions contributing to climate change.
- Reduces pollution caused by making products from virgin materials.
- Extends the life of landfills.

Recycling also:

- Allows us to model the "circle of life" seen in nature.
- Preserves the environment for future generations.
- Illustrates for children the importance of not leaving waste behind.
- Contributes toward "zero waste" meaning that materials of value, whether for reuse, resale or recycling, won't be put in the garbage and end up in the landfill.

On a personal level, recycling:

- Saves money if you can switch to a smaller-size garbage can.
- Can earn money in some cases for certain materials, such as aluminum.

- Generates pride and satisfaction.
- Increases environmental awareness in your household.

We need to remember that recycling is more than just putting materials in our recycling cart at home. That's just collection. An item isn't really recycled until it is made into a new product or packaging that someone uses again. We can take best advantage of the benefits of recycling not just by setting out our recyclables for collection but by buying products made from recycled materials.

Recycling will never be the solution to all our problems, but it will always make perfect sense. Recycling simply acknowledges that all that stuff we throw away doesn't need to be garbage at all. Those are materials. It's not waste until we waste it. "Why recycle?" Perhaps the best answer is, "Why not?"

Celebrating the 4th of July safely

This 4th of July, the City hopes that everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday. To help ensure this, fireworks are prohibited within City limits except for professional displays authorized by permit.

The City, in partnership with the Angle Lake Shore Club, will present an Independence Day Fireworks display at Angle Lake Park on July 4 at approximately 10:00 PM. Additional parking will be available at the Alaska Airlines Headquarters Building, located north of Angle Lake Park.

Professional displays are an inexpensive and safe way for the entire family to watch fireworks. Go and see the show!

If you hear or see fireworks being discharged, call 9-1-1 to report it. Due to the high volume of emergency calls on and near July 4, there may be delays in non-life/property threatening safety responses.

PLEASE PRACTICE SAFETY WHEN USING OUR COMMUNITY'S RECREATIONAL AREAS

Have a safe and enjoyable summer, but please remember to take some basic precautions when using lakes, rivers, and parks.

When swimming, please do the following to stay safe:

- Always swim with a buddy
- Wear a lifejacket whenever you're near water
- Don't over-exert yourself in the water
- Avoid cold water it drains your strength quickly
- Avoid water with underwater snags or plant growth
- Don't overestimate your swimming abilities
- Alcohol and water recreation don't mix

Have a safe summer!





Library Corner

School is out, and teens are looking for activities to fill the long, warm days of summer. Don't forget to check out the Valley View Library for a variety of teen activities.

Summer is a good time to read all those great Teen Fiction books that you didn't get a chance to read during the school year, or you may want to get a jump on the Teen Classics that you will be assigned for the next school year. All are available at your local library. See the list of the teen activities offered at your local Valley View Library.



SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR TEENS Monday Movies

Every Monday at 2:00 PM

Stop by and pick up a movie schedule. Popcorn will be served!

Read Three, Get One Free

Summer edition

Read three books, write three short thoughtful reviews. Get a free book! Your entries will be submitted for





Game On!

Electronic gaming fun! Stop by for gaming and snacks!

Read Film Win

Read a book. Make a movie. Put your movie on YouTube. Win a \$100 gift card to Best Buy!

SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Family Story Times

Every Thursday at 10:00 AM

Join us for a fun-filled half hour of stories, finger plays, movement and music. All ages welcome!

Pajama Story Times Every Monday at 7:00 PM

Join us for a fun filled half hour of stories, finger plays, movement and music. Lots of wiggling and giggling guaranteed! Kids – wear your PJs! All ages welcome, children 6 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Pan-Asian Bedtime Folktales and Myths

Thursday, July 12, 1:00 PM Presented by Eth-Noh-Tec Ages 3 and older.

The Gustafer Yellowgold Music Show

Thursday, July 26, 1:00 PM

Presented by Gustafer Yellowgold

All ages welcome.

Nighttime Lullabies Concert Monday, July 30, 7:00 PM

Presented by The Lonely Coast All ages welcome.

In August students will be thinking about returning to school. Don't miss the Back to School Fair on Thursday, August 16. This is a community event for SeaTac students and parents. Free school supplies, music, food and lots of fun to end the summer and kick off a new school year. Stop by Valley View Library in July or August for details.

Study Zone

In September, there will be free tutoring for students of all ages, in all subjects. If you are interested in being a Study Zone tutor at Valley View Library during the 2012-2013 schoolyear, please contact Librarian, Connie Horstman, clhorstman@kcls.org or visit www.kcls.org/volunteer for details.

For information on any of the listed events please call Valley View Library at 242.6044 or visit www.kcls.org.

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Passport News

Passport applications are accepted at City Hall on Wednesday and Thursday only, from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 1:00PM – 4:00 PM. The current processing time for passports is 4-6 weeks. The City accepts personal checks or money orders only for passport fees. Passport fees are non-refundable.

| | BOOK FEES | | CARD FEES | | (Book & Card) 1st Time Applicants | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|---------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Age* | Adults | Minors | Adults | Minors | Adults | Minors |
| Passport Services Fee | \$110.00 | \$80.00 | \$30.00 | \$15.00 | \$140.00 | \$95.00 |
| City of SeaTac Fee | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | \$25.00 |
| Total | \$135.00 | \$105.00 | \$55.00 | \$40.00 | \$165.00 | \$120.00 |

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Volunteering: What can you do?

vol·un·teer: a person who freely offers to undertake a task.

Volunteering can mean different things to different people. Your family cleans up a local trail on weekends. Your neighbors serve food to the homeless on Thanksgiving. A friend spends her spare time shelving books at the library. What does volunteering mean to you?

There are volunteer opportunities that require a commitment of several years (Board of Directors) and there are many positions that only last for a day (races, fairs). Here are some great ideas to get you thinking about how you can help the community:

Board of Directors – Nonprofits generally are governed by a volunteer Board in addition to paid staff. This group meets periodically to determine the direction of the organization. Call your favorite nonprofit and ask if they are taking applications for volunteer Board members.

Life Skills – If you're out of work and want to keep busy, have you considered offering your expertise? Many nonprofits would welcome a volunteer with experience in accounting, communication, administration. Are you trained in website

building or other technology? Call your favorite nonprofit and offer to build a new website or write a blog.

Special Events – Races, festivals and fairs are just a few of the events held in SeaTac each year. Volunteer to help with registration or staff a booth for one day only.

Voting – This is a right and responsibility for all citizens. Make phone calls for a nonpartisan voting rights group or help your favorite candidate by passing out materials.

Special Interests – Can you read to children? Try Reach Out and Read. Do you love animals? Call a dog or cat animal rescue organization and offer to bathe or exercise the animals. Have you always wanted to be in the health field? Call your local medical clinic and ask if you can greet patients as they come in. Are you passionate about preventing domestic violence? Volunteer for the crisis line.

City and State Opportunities – The City of SeaTac has many opportunities for volunteers to serve on various citizen advisory boards and committees, programs serving seniors and youth, public safety programs, and clerical assistance. If you are interested in serving on an advisory board or committee, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 973.4660 or visit the website at www.ci.seatac.wa.us/index.aspx?page=68 for a board/committee application packet. For all other volunteer opportunities with the City, please contact our Human Resources Department at 973.4650 for a volunteer application packet.

Additionally, there are many wonderful organizations in the SeaTac area. Many could use a helping hand. What can you do to help your community?

If you'd like some ideas, contact Colleen Brandt-Schluter, Human

Services Manager, at 973.4815 or cbschluter@ci.seatac.wa.us.

Be fire safe and fire smart this summer

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Now that summer is finally here, more and more people are using their patios during evenings and weekends. The SeaTac Fire Department is also seeing a rise in the number of fire bowls and "chimineas" being used to create ambiance and warmth. These are copper or black colored bowls with small legs that hold wood and charcoal. Some have screens.

Residents should be made aware that these devices are subject to the same fire codes that apply to any other outdoor burning. According to Amy Fowler, Air Resource Specialist for the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, "chimineas and fire pits/bowls cannot legally be used on decks attached to structures or on patios adjacent to homes. Under state law, they must be

located at least 50 feet from any structure". In addition, the devices must also be at least 50 feet from any combustible material, including wood and plastic fences.

The bottom line is that no burning material, except for barbecues, can be used within 50 feet of any structure unless the device which contains the fire has a way to control the combustion or control the emissions from the combustion.

Penalties for violating WAC 173-425-050 subsection 6 can be as high as \$14,000 and PSCAA fines start at \$2,000 per incident.

This summer, please enjoy yourself, but be fire safe and fire smart.



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SeaTac Parks and Recreation Department

The SeaTac Parks and Recreation Department, headed by Director Kit Ledbetter, strives to enrich the quality of life for all SeaTac residents. Staff provides a broad range of high quality, low cost opportunities and maintains parks and facilities at a high level of service and will continue to provide the best possible park experience for residents and visitors. The City has approximately 350 acres of park land which equates to more park acreage per capita than any other city in King County. The City has established relationships with well-organized park user groups that provide positive recreational opportunities such as the disc golf course, a BMX track, an off-leash dog park, and botanical garden.

The Recreation Division offers over 100 recreational activities throughout the year to all populations, ranging from dance classes for youth to field trips and outings for senior citizens and teens. Recreation staff supervise the ABC...123 Preschool, Before and After School program at Bow Lake Elementary and the Teen Center at Valley Ridge Community Center. This Division also plans special events such as the Music in the Park concert series, Tree Lighting Ceremony, and the International Festival. In addition, the Recreation Division offers a lunch program for seniors and coordinates the Meals on Wheels program for many of the homebound seniors in our community. The main focus is to provide a wide variety of fun and exciting recreation, fitness and education opportunities.

The Parks Maintenance Division maintains a high level of service in our city parks and the grounds of the SeaTac Community Center and City Hall. They also prepare the sports fields and perform trail maintenance.

The Facilities Division is responsible for the repairs and maintenance of all city facilities including two community centers, maintenance shop, three fire stations and City Hall.



City Directory

Area Code 206

City of SeaTac 973.4800 TDD Phone

973.4808

Fax 973.4809 City Clerk

973.4660 City Council

973.4800 City Manager 973.4820

Code Compliance

973.4750

Facilities, Parks and Public Works Maintenance Facility

973.4770 Finance Department

973.4880

Inspection Line 973.4764

Department 973.4500 Garbage and Recycling 973.4763

Human Resources 973.4650

Human Services 973.4815

Job Line 973.4655

Municipal Court 973.4610

Community & Economic Development 973-4750

Police

Non-emergency 296.3311

Police Administration 973.4900

Public Works 973.4720

SeaTac Community Center 973.4680