



City Manager's Weekly Update

June 19, 2009

Dear Mayor, Councilmembers, Residents, and Employees:

International Festival: Experience SeaTac at its best during the International Festival located at Angle Lake Park, on June 26-28. Festival hours are: Friday from 11:00 AM-6:00 PM; Saturday, 10:00 AM-8:00 PM; and Sunday from 10:00 AM-5:00 PM. Events are at Angle Lake Park unless otherwise noted.

Schedule of Events:

Skateboard Competition: Friday, 7:00 PM, Valley Ridge Park

Family Fun Run: Saturday, 10:15 AM, begin at Valley Ridge Park, finish at the festival

Parade: Saturday, 10:30 AM

Live Entertainment: Saturday and Sunday

Arts & Crafts/Food Vendors: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

Kids Area: Saturday and Sunday

Electric Model Airplanes: Sunday, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Volks Walk: Sunday, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

The City of SeaTac is proud to offer this annual festival for its residents and business community. Come celebrate and experience the cultural diversity of our community.

For additional information, please visit the City's website at www.ci.seatac.wa.us, or call 973.4680.

Music in the Park: The Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to bring you another great summer of music performances. Bring a blanket or lawn chair, and family and friends, to enjoy live music at Angle Lake Park. All performances are free, and additional parking is available at the Alaska Airlines parking lot.

Free Music in the Park Concert Series • Sundays, 5:00-6:30 PM:

June 21 • Mark Whitman (Blues, R&B and Jazz)

July 5 • Washington Wind Symphony (Patriotic music)

(Note time of July 5 Concert is 2:00-3:30 PM)

July 12 • Rod Cook and Toast (American roots music)

July 19 • Kevin Jones Band (Great originals and cover songs)

July 26 • Triple Treat Band (R&B with Motown flavor)

SR509 Open House at Fire Station #45: The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and the City of SeaTac are holding an informal Open House on June 24, from 5:00-

7:00 PM, at SeaTac Fire Station #45 (2929 S. 200th St.) to provide information about an upcoming project to limit access to vacant land on S. 196th Place and 15th Place S. WSDOT purchased the property, including about 12 homes in this neighborhood, for future construction and improvements included in the SR 509 Corridor Completion and Freight Improvement Project. However, the project has since been placed on hold until new funding sources are identified. In response to concerns over dumping and illicit activity occurring on this vacant property, WSDOT plans to:

- Close 15th Place S. at S. 196th St. with a concrete barrier
- Close a portion of S. 196th Place by installing a chain link fence and locked gate
- Construct a gravel turnaround on S. 196th Place just west of the new gate
- Clear undergrowth on purchased properties for better monitoring by police
- Demolish remaining homes on purchased property, and
- Install “Dead End” and “No Outlet” signs.

Please join us at the Open House to learn more about the project and ask questions of the project engineers and city staff. To learn more about the SR 509 Corridor Completion and Freight Improvement Project, log on to WSDOT’s project web page at: www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/i5/sr509freightcongestionrelief.

If you have any questions, please contact Noel Brady of WSDOT at 464.1183, or BradyN@wsdot.wa.gov.

Des Moines Creek Blackberry and Ivy Removal: Blackberry and ivy control is one of the habitat projects taking place as approved by the Basin Committee, involving the City of SeaTac, City of Des Moines, and the Port of Seattle. Laura Hartema, Ecologist for the Ecological Services Unit at the King County Department of Natural Resources, and a leader of *The Friends of Des Moines Creek*, received approval through the Basin Committee for King County to begin the maintenance program located along the Des Moines Creek trail corridor (from S. 200th St. south to Beach Park). Licensed herbicide applicators are using the following products:

- 1) Roundup Pro EPA#524-475 (Japanese Knotweed, herbaceous weeds)
- 2) Garlon 3A EPA #62719-37 (woody/viny species, English Ivy and Himalayan Blackberry).

Most of the spraying has already taken place, and there is no risk to pets or the public. After the blackberries die, King County will mow the bushes down. Future treatment may be needed if there is re-growth.

SeaTac Fire Assists Renton: On June 11, at approximately 7:45 PM, SeaTac Fire units Engine 45, Engine 47, and Rescue 45 responded to assist the Renton Fire Department at a five-alarm structure fire. The building was over 100 years old and connected to a series of buildings for an entire block. The fire was contained to the building of origin.

Fire Responds to Serious Accidents: On June 15, at approximately midnight, SeaTac Fire Engine 45, Battalion 45, and Engine 46 responded to a rollover motor vehicle accident on

northbound I-5 at S. 178th St. Two occupants were trapped. Using the hydraulic rescue tools, Engine 45 and 46 freed the occupants from the vehicle approximately 10 minutes after crews arrived. The two patients were transported to Harborview Medical Center by King County Medic One.

Also on June 15, at approximately 3:00 AM, SeaTac Fire Engine 45, Battalion 45, and Engine 46 responded to a motor vehicle accident on southbound I-5 at Kent-Des Moines Road. Upon arrival, they found a car that had been involved in a collision that resulted in a secondary accident where a semi-truck ran over the car. Engine 45 and 46 freed the occupant from the vehicle in less than 10 minutes. One patient was transported to Harborview Medical Center by King County Medic One.

Global Connections High School Bicycle Program: Attached is an article highlighting a new program at Global Connections High School that was recently published in *The Seattle Times*.

Attachments:

June Calendar

Bicycle Program for Disadvantaged Kids

Agendas:

Planning Commission

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Todd Cutts, Assistant City Manager



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Domestic Violence Task Force 5:30pm (Riverton RM 128)	3	4	5 Concil Retreat 1pm (Cedarbrook)	6 Council Retreat 8am (Cedarbrook Conference Center)
7	8 Civil Service Comm 3pm (Riverton Conf RM 128) PC 5:30pm (CC RM 128)	9 Sidewalk Ad Hoc Mtg 2pm (CR 128) A&F 3pm (Airport Conf RM 345) PS&J 4pm (Airport Conf RM 345) RCM 6pm (CC RM 105)	10 Hotel/Motel Tax Adv Com 3pm (Airport Conf RM 345)	11 LUP 4:30pm (Airport Conf Rm 345)	12	13
14	15 Human Svs Adv Com 5:30pm (Riverton RM 128)	16 Sr Citizen Adv Com 12:30pm (STCC)	17 Special T&PW Mtg 6pm (CC RM 105)	18	19	20
21 Music in the Park 5pm (Angle Lake Park)	22 PC 5:30pm (CC RM 105)	23 T&PW 4pm (reschudeled to 06/30/09) RCM 6pm (rescheduled to 06/30/09)	24 Open House 196th & 15th Cul de Sac (WSDOT) 5pm Fire Station 45	25	26 International Festival 11am (Angle Lake Park) Skateboard Competition 7pm (VR Park)	27 International Festival 10am (Angle Lake Park) International Parade 10:30am (S. 188th St. to 33rd Ave. S. to Angle Lake Park) Family Fun Run/Walk 10:15am (VR Park)
28 International Festival 10am (Angle Lake Park)	29 Civil Service Comm 3:30pm (Riveront RM 128)	30 T&PW 4pm (Airport Conf Rm 345) SCM 1 5:30pm (CC RM 105) SCM 2 6pm (CC Rm 105)				

MEETING LEGEND:

A&F	Administration & Finance
LUP	Land Use & Parks
PC	Planning Commission
PS&J	Public Safety & Justice

MEETING Location

RCM	Regular Council Meeting	(CC RM 105)	Council Chambers*
SCM	Special Council Meeting	(STCC)	SeaTac Community Center
T&PW	Transportation & Public Works	(VRCC)	Valley Ridge Community Center
		(VV Library)	Valley View Library

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*Council Chambers are accessible to persons with disabilities and are also equipped with Assistive Listening Devices.

The dates and times of meetings are subject to change. Please contact City Hall to verify the above information.



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Seattle bicycling clubs for disadvantaged kids get rolling

By **Marc Ramirez**
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Before joining the after-school cycling club at SeaTac's Global Connections High, Oliyad Beyene had never heard of Marshall "Major" Taylor.

But after a ride through nearby Des Moines Park, the diminutive 15-year-old, three years removed from his native Ethiopia, could tell you one thing: He'd never ridden 10 miles before. Now, thanks to the Major Taylor Cycling Clubs, he had.

"We get to see other cities, and rivers. We exercise and we get to see the neighborhoods," said Oliyad, who joined at the urging of principal Rick Harwood.

"It makes me feel good that I can go somewhere by myself," he added.

Such independence is the driving force behind the Major Taylor Cycling Clubs, a project of Seattle's Cascade Bicycle Club that aims to launch such clubs in disadvantaged areas throughout King County.

"Before the Greg LeMonds, before the Lance Armstrongs, there was Major Taylor," said project director Ed Ewing. "If you grow up in the sport and you are African American, you know about Major Taylor, just like you know about Jack Johnson or Muhammad Ali."

Born in 1878 to African-American parents who'd left Kentucky around the time of the Civil War, Marshall Taylor grew up in the home of a well-to-do Indianapolis family who'd hired his dad as coachman.

Given a bicycle, he learned to ride and did stunts in front of a local bike shop while costumed in a soldier's uniform, earning the nickname "Major."



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Oliyad Beyene prepares his bike before a ride Friday with the Major Taylor Cycling Club at SeaTac's Global Connections High School.

Major Taylor Cycling Clubs

A project of Cascade Bicycle Club
THE PROGRAM, named for the African-American cycling champ of the late 19th century, encourages cycling among young people in disadvantaged neighborhoods.

Where: Clubs have started at Global Connections High School in SeaTac; Bike Works, an agency that teaches Rainier Valley youth to ride and repair bikes in Columbia City; and the YES Foundation, a social-service agency in White Center. Organizers hope to start clubs at Garfield High and Rainier Vista Boys & Girls Club.

How it evolved: Former King County Executive Ron Sims, inspired by similar efforts in Chicago, approached Cascade about the possibility of starting clubs in underserved communities around Seattle. The program is funded by groups such as King County Metro, Group Health Cooperative and Seattle's Recycled Cycles, and each club uses bicycles and helmets provided at a discount by Kent's Redline Bicycles.

For more information

To help, donate or learn more: Call Cascade Bicycle Club at 206-522-2453.

Source: Ed Ewing, program director, Major Taylor Bicycle Clubs

Other bicycle programs

Bicycle Sundays Lake Washington Boulevard will be closed to traffic between Seward Park and Mount Baker Beach from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays through June 28, again on July 12 and July 19, and from Aug. 9 to Sept. 27 (www.seattle.gov/parks/bicyclesunday).

Bike to Work Day On Friday, cyclists may stop at one of 44 commute stations throughout the Puget Sound region to have their bikes checked for free before heading to work (www.cbcef.org/btw/btw_day.html).

Eventually, he'd go on to become the first African-American cycling champ and the second African-American athlete — after bantamweight boxer George Dixon in 1890-91 — ever to win a world sports title.

He earned his laurels in the face of what he called "that dreadful monster prejudice" — being refused hotel lodging, banned from some tracks, impeded on others by white cyclists who ganged up to block his path, even attacked by one rider after a race.

But for a time, he was the fastest man in the world's most popular sport, setting seven world records in 1899 alone and setting the stage for other breakthrough African-American athletes such as Jackie Robinson and Althea Gibson.

One recent Friday afternoon, Oliyad wore a T-shirt bearing Taylor's image as he and a dozen fellow Global Connections students donned helmets and climbed aboard their racing bikes.

Oliyad, the youngest son of a single mom raising three kids, still struggles with English, his second language. He likes that Harwood and other school faculty members, including his math teacher, join in on the rides, taking the lead or trailing protectively behind.

"They tell us better ways to use stuff," he said. "They are giving me good tips."

Creating access

As a kid in Minneapolis, Ewing, director of the clubs' program, sometimes felt like the only African-American cyclist of his age around.

Every day, he'd watched his dad bicycle off to work, and weekends meant two-wheeled family day trips around town.

But cycling, he knows, can be cost-prohibitive. "Not all kids have access to it," he said. "It's like golf, or tennis. So this is all about creating access. ... A lot of people don't know how to take that first step."

The program employs several former pro cyclists as instructors and a six-week curriculum that includes safety, mechanics, parking-lot drills and, eventually, field trips to sites such as Marymoor Park's Velodrome.

Once they've provided know-how, project leaders say the focus is on instilling cycling in kids' minds as a real option for exercise, recreation and transportation.

At Global Connections, where more than half the students are on free or reduced lunch, the club's 15 members represent European, Ethiopian, Syrian, Somali and Latino backgrounds. Some were prodded to join by teachers but now energetically show up every Friday. One girl had never ridden a bike at all.

"For them, a bike symbolizes a chance to get out and have fun and to not worry about all the other things they have going on," said Danielle Rose, the project's curriculum chief and fundraiser.

"Are we ready to roll?" asked instructor Dan Harm, a retired pro cyclist, as the group began its third weekly session. "Has everyone done their A-B-C quick-check? Does everyone remember what that is?"

Oliyad and friend Raj Singh, a 17-year-old senior, signal completion of their pre-ride maintenance checks, a list that includes air, brakes, chains and wheel quick-release mechanisms. Harm reviews hand signals and gear ratios for climbing "super-gnarly hills," and soon they're on their way to Des Moines Park.

Two hours later, after a 10-mile ride through the park and a stop to enjoy the Puget Sound view, the riders return. "To end up on a bike trail, at a place where they've gotten to only by car, was pretty cool," principal Harwood said.

Already, even as he traded playful helmet swats with classmate Raj, Oliyad was anticipating the following week's field trip to Marymoor Park, where the two planned to race. He enjoys being part of a group, he said, where half the cyclists on a ride stay behind to help someone with a flat tire.

"We stick for each other," he said. "We're like a team."

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**CITY OF SEATAC
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

June 22, 2009

**Council Chambers, SeaTac City Hall, 4800 S. 188th Street
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – 5:30 P.M.
2. Approve Minutes of June 8, 2009 and Review Requested Revisions to Minutes of April 13, 2009 and April 27, 2009 – 5:30 to 5:45 P.M.
3. New Business – 5:45 to 6:15 P.M.
 - Presentation on a Proposed Amendment to the Development Agreement between the City of SeaTac and L&R Development, Inc. regarding Extension of Specific Timelines
 - Presentation on a Potential Amendment to the Development Agreement between the City of SeaTac and K&S Development, Inc. regarding Changing the Requirement for a “Starbucks” Retail Establishment
4. Old Business – 6:15 to 7:45 P.M.
 - Continued Discussion about the City's Proposed 2010-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - Continued Discussion about Major Zoning Code Update
 - Continued Discussion about the Preliminary Docket of 2009 Comprehensive Plan Amendments, including Planning Commission recommendation to Council about establishing the Final Docket
 - Continued Discussion about Shoreline Master Program Update (including the draft shoreline modification policies and regulations)
 - Continued Discussion about Joint City Council/Planning Commission Workshop Topics
 - Quarterly Review of 2009 Planning Commission Goals
5. Detailed Commission Liaison's Report – 7:45 to 7:50 P.M.
6. Planning Director's Report – 7:50 to 7:55 P.M.
7. Planning Commission Comments (*including suggestions for next meeting's agenda and review of the Planning Commission's three month work schedule*) – 7:55 to 8:00 P.M.
8. Adjournment – 8:00 P.M.