

City of SeaTac Quarterly Newsletter | Winter 2013

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# City Council Adopts first Biennial Budget for the 2013-2014 time period

The City's 2013-2014 Biennial Budget was developed in the challenging climate of balancing ever increasing costs with slowing or declining revenue sources. An overall theme was to make the necessary decisions to allocate specific resources to maintain the level of city services that support a healthy, secure, safe and livable community, while at the same time protecting the fiscal integrity of the City. Going forward, the City is committed to consistently monitoring its financial condition, in order to make adjustments as necessary. This will ensure that SeaTac maintains its economic health and continues to provide a supportive environment for both its residents and its businesses.

In the 2013-2014 adopted Budget, the General Fund supports the majority of municipal operating services. It anticipates 2013 and 2014 revenues of \$63,154,233 and expenditures of \$63,936,940, with the difference to be covered by positive budget to actual performance from 2012 flowing into the 2013-2014 budget period. The fund balance at the end of 2014 is budgeted to be \$8,329,367, with \$8,060,111 of that restricted for the City's three month (25%) operating reserve. Most neighboring jurisdictions are operating with reserve levels in the 7-10% range, especially as cities continue to struggle through these financially difficult times. The SeaTac City Council and staff are very pleased to be able to maintain services at levels which the citizens desire, deserve and expect and still strategically preserve operating reserves at the high level that the City has become accustomed to.

In addition to maintaining current service levels, the 2013-2014 Budget provides the resources and expenditures for the first two years of the 2013-2018 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Projects funded in the CIP are based on evaluation criteria that include maximizing direct benefits to residents and positioning the City for redevelopment opportunities. 2013-2014 budgeted capital expenditures of approximately \$25 million include

Preliminary 2013-2014 **Biennial Budget** 



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building improvements, transportation and pedestrian improvements, property acquisitions, and various equipment and vehicle replacements.

The 2013-2014 Draft Budget was submitted to the full City Council on October 2. The City Council held a number of public workshops on the budget throughout October, during which they reviewed in detail the entire proposed budget, including testimony from each of the department heads on their budget requests and making many adjustments along the way. The final preliminary budget incorporating all of these decisions was posted to the City's website on October 30, and an official public hearing on the budget occurred on November 13. The City Council took action to adopt the Final 2013-2014 Biennial Budget at the Regular Council meeting on November 13.

In conclusion, the 2013-2014 Biennial Budget continues the City's efforts to provide high quality public safety, public works, community and economic development, human services, parks and court services to the residents of SeaTac. The City is fortunate to have citizens, dedicated elected officials and appointed staff members who demonstrate a passion for continuing to improve SeaTac as a place to live, work, play and do business.

Together, we have developed a 2013-2014 Budget which provides a comprehensive operating and capital funding plan that accomplishes the City's goal of delivering the highest level of services possible, while making necessary strategic investments for the future.

The 2013-2014 Budget can be found on the City's website at <a href="www.CityofSeaTac.com">www.CityofSeaTac.com</a>, click the Government tab and select Financial Reports.

# APPOINTED SEATAC CITIZENS

The following individuals have been appointed to a SeaTac citizen advisory committee. We value their civic interest and willingness to be a part of the working team of our City.

#### Hotel/Motel Tax Advisory Committee:

Wendy Morgan appointed September 11, 2012

Vickie Molzer re-appointed September 11, 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 <a href="https://www.ci.seatac.wa.us">www.ci.seatac.wa.us</a>.

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

City Council Study Sessions and Council Meetings are recorded and can be viewed by Comcast subscribers on SeaTV, Channel 21 at 2:00 AM, 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM beginning Thursday evening following a Council Meeting. The meetings can also be found online by visiting <a href="https://www.cityofseatac.com">www.cityofseatac.com</a>. Select the grey SeaTV box from the menu on the left and then choose the Council Meetings tab, from there you can choose to view any council meeting from the previous year. If you have any questions regarding viewing the Council Meetings please contact the City Manager's Office at 973.4820.

# City Recognizes Outstanding Employees

Each year the City selects employees for city-wide awards who have demonstrated outstanding performance as part of its Employee Recognition and Awards program. Awards are given for Customer Service, going the Extra Mile and promoting Diversity. The SeaTac Fire and Police Departments also recognize outstanding members of their departments. Employees are nominated by their fellow staff members and an employee committee determines the selection of the recipients for the Customer Service, Extra Mile and Diversity Awards. The awards were presented at the all City staff meeting and appreciation luncheon on December 10. The awards given for service to the City and its citizens in 2012 were:

#### **CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD**

Linda Croasdill

#### **EXTRA MILE AWARD**

Julia Yoon

#### **DIVERSITY AWARD**

Shari Jolley

#### FIRE FIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Bryan Rozewski

#### **UNIT CITATION**

Acting Captain Shawn Dailey, Firefighter Rick Fetherston, Firefighter Jeromy Waddell, Firefighter Brandon Phillips

#### LIFE SAVING AWARD

Firefighter Brandon Phillips, Master Police Officer George Ireland

#### OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Christopher Przygocki

Those employees with 5, 10, 15 and 20 years of service were also recognized. The service awards were given to:

#### 5 YEARS:

Aaron Wiseman Adam McFayden Cindy Corsilles Coral Garcia Eric Lewis Erin Patterson Hansen Hsu Jennifer Martinez Kevin Varao Linda Croasdill Rich Rowe Ryan Abbott Scott Wong Tammy Phillips Tom George Vicky Hutchins Zenetta Young

#### 10 YEARS:

Brian Belongia
Derek Frazier
Mark Johnsen
Nicole Jones
Stephanie Johnson
Tina Williamson
Trine Hansen

#### **15 YEARS:**

Allen Van
Bart Perman
Eric Proctor
Helen Boyce
Lau Siva
Rudy Figel
Sandi Hutchison

#### 20 YEARS:

Brian Carson
Cordell Council
J. David Carnes
John Wilkins
Jose Bartolo
Lena Kuliczkowska
Matthew Tarabochia
Michael Hawkins
Monte Catlin
Richard Knight
Sandy Neilson
Sean Clark
Shane Skladany
Shari Jolley



Customer Service Award Recipient, Linda Croasdill



Extra Mile Award Recipient, Julia Yoon



Diversity Award Recipient, Shari Jolley



Unit Citation Award winners (left to right) Firefighter Rick Fetherston, Acting Captain Shawn Dailey, Firefighter Brandon Phillips, Firefighter Jeromy Waddell



Firefighter of the Year, Bryan Rozewski



SeaTac 2012 Officer of the Year, Christopher Przygocki



Life Saving Award Recipient, Firefighter Brandon Phillips



Life Saving Award Recipient, Master Police Officer George Ireland





# Major Comprehensive Plan Update and 2013 Amendment Process

The Comprehensive Plan is the City's "blueprint for future growth and development." It has a future land use map as well as goals and policies that provide a framework for the City as we grow and change to meet the demands of a growing region.

The City is working on a "Major Update" of its Comprehensive Plan, which is due to be completed by December 1, 2014. This Major Update is an opportunity to look into the future, look back at where we've been, and consider what kind of city we want to be in 20 years. We hope to have a series of conversations with the community during the first part of 2013 to help guide the City's update of our Comprehensive Plan.

As we do every year, we will continue to conduct an annual Comprehensive Plan amendment process as well. This annual process provides an opportunity for members of the community to propose specific amendments to the Plan. An Open House to provide information about that process is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, from 5:00 - 6:00 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers. Please check the City's website or call the Department of Community and Economic Development at 973.4750 to confirm meeting schedules, or for more information.

## **Construction Update**

# S. 154th Street Improvements— Complete

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on October 3, marking the completion of the City's S.154th Street Improvements Project, drawing applause from neighbors, Councilmembers and staff. The completed roadway project enhances safety and mobility as well as the local neighborhood. The project features a new two way left turn lane for safer and more efficient traffic flow.

Approximately 3,400 feet of new sidewalks and bicycle lanes along both sides of the street add non-motorized mobility and fill a missing link in the Lake to Sound Regional Trail corridor. King County Metro will serve this corridor with the RapidRide F-Line bus service starting in fall, 2013.



S. 154th Street Improvements



S. 164th Street Improvements

#### Neighborhood Sidewalk Program's S. 164th Street Improvements — Complete

The third project in the Neighborhood Sidewalk Program, S. 164th Street Improvements, was completed in October. The project improves pedestrian safety and mobility to neighboring schools, businesses and transit facilities. Approximately 3,300 feet of new sidewalks were installed on both sides of S. 164th Street from 34th Avenue S. to Military Road S. In addition, new asphalt pavement was installed along the corridor. Including this project, the Neighborhood Sidewalk Program has constructed approximately two miles of new sidewalks since its inception.

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

Project design is continuing for this project which will improve safety and mobility for vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic along this corridor. A second open house is anticipated this spring to present the final design and construction is expected to begin this summer. For more information please contact Florendo Cabudol, Assistant City Engineer, at 973.4740.

#### S. 168th Street Sidewalk Improvements

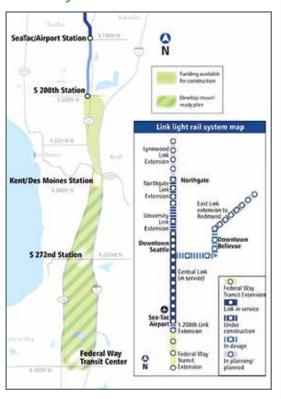
Design work is wrapping up for the City's fourth Neighborhood Sidewalk Project located on S. 168th Street between Military Road S. and 34th Avenue S. An open house was held on November 7, at City Hall to present the design to the community. New sidewalks, curbs and drainage improvements will be constructed on both sides of S. 168th Street. This project will improve pedestrian safety and mobility for the community and improve access to neighboring schools, businesses and transit services. Construction is anticipated to begin in early summer. For more information, please contact Toli Khlevnoy, Project Manager, at 973.4735.

## Federal Way Transit Extension Project

The Federal Way Transit Extension Project will extend mass transit 7.6 miles south, from the station that will be built at S. 200th Street/ 28th Avenue S. in SeaTac, to Federal Way. Stations will be built in Kent/Des Moines near Highline Community College, in Federal Way near S. 272nd Street and the Federal Way Transit Center/S. 320th Street. Sound Transit is starting environmental review and conceptual engineering for this project, with the goal of identifying several possible routes and station locations (known as alternatives), evaluating their advantages and disadvantages and identifying a preferred alternative to eventually design and build. Sound Transit will then complete preliminary engineering for the segment between S. 200th Street and Kent/Des Moines. This review and design work will be completed by the end of 2016.

Over the next four years there will be many chances for the public to learn about the

project and provide input. To receive updates and event notices, subscribe to the project email list at: <a href="www.soundtransit.org/subscribe-to-alerts.xml">www.soundtransit.org/subscribe-to-alerts.xml</a>. For more information please contact Jennifer Lemus, Community Outreach Specialist, 398.5314 or <a href="mailto:jennifer.lemus@soundtransit.org">jennifer.lemus@soundtransit.org</a>.



#### Construction Begins on Polygon Northwest Company's Belvedere Apartments Complex

Polygon Northwest has started construction on a six building, 140-unit apartment complex, in southeast SeaTac, near S. 204th Street east of Orillia Road S. The Belvedere Apartments project is the third of four multi-family projects Polygon has planned for this area. The complex will include 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom rental units, on-site recreation space as well as a preserved natural area and wetland site. The first units are anticipated to be available this spring.

## City Launches its Biggest Project: Connecting 28th/24th

Design work is underway to complete the 28th/24th corridor that stretches between S. 188th Street and S. 216th Street. This project will complete a gap in the corridor that currently exists between S. 200th and S. 208th Streets. The connection will include five lanes, sidewalks and bicycle lanes.

The total project cost is estimated at \$20.2 million. The Washington State Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board awarded a \$2.5 million grant to the City toward construction costs. Other state and federal funding opportunities are being pursued. The remaining costs will be funded by revenue from the commercial parking tax.

The completed corridor will improve access and circulation for the new light rail station at S. 200th Street scheduled to open in 2016. In addition to relieving traffic congestion, the new road will provide access to 200 acres for redevelopment and new jobs to the area. The new road is expected to be open in late 2016.

For more information, contact City Engineer Susan Sanderson, 973.4742.







# 2013 Waste Reduction & Recycling Programs

SeaTac is dedicated to reducing waste, encouraging recycling, and promoting reuse. Watch for our next recycling event in spring 2013.

#### YARD DEBRIS OPTIONS FOR SEATAC RESIDENTS

Do not dispose of yard debris from property cleanup in your curbside garbage or recycling.

#### **Curbside Yard Debris Collection**

SeaTac residents can sign up for curbside yard debris collection with Allied Waste Services for a fee in addition to the garbage and recycling service. Yard debris subscribers using



the hauler provided tote are also eligible to place their food scraps in with their yard debris for recycling. For more information, please contact Allied Waste Services at 682.9735 or visit their website at www.alliedwastenorthwest.com.

#### Self-hauling of Yard Debris

SeaTac residents who choose to self-haul their yard debris have several options – please note that fees apply. For fees and restrictions please contact the company.

#### **Bow Lake Transfer Station**

Tukwila (18800 Orillia Road S.) 296.4466 Hours: Mon 12:00 AM - Fri 11:30 PM Sat/Sun 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

The Bow Lake Transfer Station now accepts yard waste for recycling; drop-off only. Includes leaves, grass clippings, weeds, brush, Christmas trees, and branches (must be 4 inches in diameter or less, and less than 8 feet long). Yard waste must be separated from garbage. No dirt or sod. No plastic of any kind. No food scraps.

For further information on the Bow Lake Transfer Station please visit <a href="http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/facilities/bow-transfer.asp?ID=343">http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/facilities/bow-transfer.asp?ID=343</a> or for questions regarding accepted materials, fees, and hours you may call 296.4466.

#### Pacific Topsoils, Inc.

Tukwila (6000 S. 129th Street) 772.3091 Hours: vary with the seasons - 7 days a week.

Allied Waste Third and Lander Recycling

Seattle (2733 3rd Avenue S.) 332.7700 Hours: Mon-Fri: 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sat-Sun: 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM In addition to the listed local companies, yard debris drop off options may be found at King REMEMBER — It is illegal to burn yard debris on your property.



County's Solid Waste Division's 'What do I do with...?' website at <a href="http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/wdidw/">http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/wdidw/</a>.

# MISSED A COLLECTION EVENT, OR HAVE ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED AT THE EVENT?

To find information on where to take your items visit King County's "What do I do with...?" website at <a href="http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/wdidw/">http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/wdidw/</a>; or the Earth911 website at <a href="http://earth911.com/">http://earth911.com/</a>. 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.

#### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Products are considered hazardous if the label has the words "Poison", "Danger", "Warning", or "Caution". Remember: Never pour excess hazardous waste down any drain or sewer or dispose of it in the garbage!

Household Hazards Line 296.4692 http://www.lhwmp.org/home/HHW/hhw.aspx

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

#### **GOT BATTERIES?**

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 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.

# Changing Weather Increases Stormwater Runoff to the Puget Sound

Fall and winter in the beautiful Pacific Northwest brings an increase in seasonal rain and snow possibilities. Stormwater runoff is rain or snowmelt not absorbed into the ground that flows off land surfaces such as roads, parking lots, rooftops, and lawns. This stormwater runoff enters our urban creeks, lakes and Puget Sound directly or through local drainage systems. According to estimates from the Washington State Department of Ecology, stormwater is a major source of the pollutants flowing to our streams and eventually the Puget Sound.

Many people believe that pollution of our state's waterways comes from large manufacturing plants or some illegal dumping into the Sound, and that they have no individual control over the problem or little ability to help curb the damage. According to the Puget Sound Starts Here campaign, stormwater runoff that starts in our own neighborhoods contributes to water quality issues in our beautiful Puget Sound. It comes from the water that passes over our roads, sidewalks, driveways and yards - picking up oil, grease, metals, soaps and yard chemicals along the way.

Everyone can help fix the problem – and you can personally choose to make a difference. By changing just a few things you do in your own yard (use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly), with your car (use a commercial car wash and fix vehicle leaks), around your dog (dispose of animal waste properly) and in your home (choose environmentally friendly cleaning products and maintain your home septic systems), you will become part of the solution. Focusing on these four aspects of daily life is where people can truly help save the beautiful Puget Sound and our local waterways. Your active participation now will help enable future generations to be able to explore tide pools for sea life, dig for clams, or swim in the surf — activities many of us take for granted today. Together, we can work to keep our waterways healthy and help save Puget Sound.

For more information on the Puget Sound Starts Here campaign visit <a href="www.pugetsoundstartshere.org">www.pugetsoundstartshere.org</a>. For information on how to have a fish friendly car wash, recycling of hazardous waste, and natural yard care information, please contact Resource Conservation/ Neighborhood Programs Coordinator Trudy Olson at 973.4763.

## Housing Repair Assistance Program

The City has received a King County Community Development Block Grant for 2013 to administer minor home repair services to resident homeowners who have "extremely low" to "low" incomes, based on U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) income guidelines. This grant provides free repair services to our residents so they can maintain healthy, safe homes. In turn, this helps keep housing safe and affordable and improves the comfort and livability of our neighborhoods.

#### Services provided include:

- Electrical faulty lights, switches, plugs, circuits or exhaust fans
- Plumbing faulty toilets, clogged drains, leaking faucets, faulty water heaters
- Disability Aids installation of grab bars, hand rails, hand held

- showerheads, bath seats, access ramps and application of non skid surfaces
- Safety installation of smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms & locksets
- Other faulty furnaces, faulty gutters and roof leaks, broken window glass panes

#### To qualify for these free services:

- Live within the City of SeaTac and be an owner/occupant for at least one year with no intention to sell in the next 12 months
- Income qualify
- Complete the application process

#### To Apply for this Program:

- Request an application by calling the Human Services Office at 973.4815
- Mail the completed application forms with the requested supporting documents to the City of SeaTac Human Services office at:

4800 S. 188th Street, SeaTac, WA 98188

• Once your application is evaluated you will receive a phone call informing you of your acceptance or non-eligibility for our program. Upon acceptance, your job will be referred to one of our contractors who will call you to make an appointment to assess the repairs needed and perform those services should they meet our scope of work and safe practice requirements by HUD. Services that are required for your health and/or safety are the highest priority.





# **Parks and Recreation**

#### **TOBACCO FREE PARKS**

On May 8, the City Council approved an Ordinance to prohibit the use of tobacco products in Angle Lake Park, SeaTac Community Center Neighborhood Park, North SeaTac Park, Valley Ridge Park, Sunset and McMicken Parks. This Ordinance will increase the health, safety and welfare of patrons of City parks. Tobacco use and second hand smoke have been linked to several health related issues. such as lung cancer, heart attack, bronchitis, pneumonia, asthma, chronic respiratory problems and eye and nasal irritation.

In addition to the health benefits of eliminating tobacco usage, this will increase the image, cleanliness and family friendliness of the parks. Tobacco usage results in tobacco debris being discarded throughout the parks. This Ordinance will reduce parks staff clean up time which results in cleaner parks. The City currently operates various programs for youth in City parks and eliminating tobacco usage is also consistent with the healthy message and clean environment that we are promoting throughout our programs.

Violation of the Ordinance is a civil infraction subject to a civil penalty of \$25.00.

#### PHASE 2 OF ANGLE LAKE PARK PROJECT

The City is currently in the final stages of design for Phase 2 of Angle Lake Park. The estimated time to begin construction will be early spring and completed in time for the International Festival in late June. The park improvements will include two new picnic shelters, a spray water park, re-grading the area south of the performing stage and the installation of a new irrigation system throughout the park. The majority of the park will be closed during construction. If you have any questions, please call Kit Ledbetter, Parks and Recreation Director, at 973.4671.

#### **SOIL REMEDIATION** PROJECT COMPLETED

The Department of Ecology and Three Kings Environmental completed a soil remediation at McMicken Heights and Sunset Parks. This project was done as part of the Asarco Plume cleanup due to the soils testing greater than the established threshold for lead contamination. The affected area at McMicken Heights Park was approximately 70 cubic yards of soil which needed to be removed and replaced with imported top soils to re-establish the grade.

Within approximately 1.1 acres at Sunset Park, it required a removal of 1,700 cubic yards of soil by excavating to a depth of 12 inches. After removal, clean top soil was imported to restore and re-establish the existing grades. Both sites were hydro-seeded with a perennial ryegrass blend.

Both areas are closed to the public until the grass is re-established.

#### UPDATE ON SKATE PARK

Due to unforeseen compliance issues, the Skate Park project was delayed from its original start date in July to the beginning of December. The estimated time for completion of the project is early spring, depending on weather. Please check the City's website and/or call the SeaTac Community Center regarding progression of the project. If you have any questions, please call Lawrence Ellis, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, at 973.4681.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Egg Hunt (March 30) Cove to Clover Run (April 28) Backyard Wildlife Festival (May 11)

## Save Money on your Prescriptions

Due to the rising cost of medical care in general and prescription drugs in particular, the Washington State Legislature created the Washington Prescription Drug Program to help residents control costs. The program is open to all Washington residents and saves participants 10 - 70% depending on the drug.

The program is free of charge and offered at more than 500 participating pharmacies in Washington. Additionally, there are no age or income requirements, or limits on how many times the card can be used. The program provides a benefit to people who lack insurance coverage, have medical coverage but no prescription drug benefit or have prescription drug coverage that does not cover the drug needed. If you have insurance coverage you can use the discount card or your

insurance benefit, whichever saves more money, but cannot use both to purchase the same prescription.

There are three easy ways to enroll:

- Visit www.odsrxcard.com
- Call the toll-free number, 800.913.4146
- Pick up an application at City Hall or the SeaTac Community Center and mail to the address indicated on the form

contact the program administrator at 800.913.4311.

# Take Action Against Domestic Violence

February is Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month, a national effort to raise awareness in teen and 20-something relationships.

What do parents and other adults need to know about teen dating violence?

Teen dating violence is a serious problem. Nearly 1.5 million high school students nationwide experience physical abuse from a dating partner in a single year. One in three teens in the U.S. is a victim of physical, emotional or verbal abuse.

#### What is teen dating violence?

- Emotional and verbal abuse such as threats, insults, or isolation
- Stalking; being repeatedly watched, followed or harassed
- Physical abuse; hitting, shoving or strangling
- Sexual abuse; unwanted touching and forced sex
- Digital abuse which is using texting and/or social networking to bully, stalk, harass or intimidate a partner.

# Why don't teens tell parents or friends about the violence?

- They are afraid their parents will make them break up
- They are embarrassed and ashamed
- They are afraid of getting hurt by their partner
- They are confused and may think this is what dating is all about

#### Why don't teens see the abuse?

- They have little experience with healthy dating relationships
- They believe being involved with someone is the most important thing in their life
- They confuse jealously with love
- They know the abusive person acts nice – sometimes

# What are some of the warning signs that a teen may be a victim of dating violence?

Some of the following changes are just part of being a teenager. But, when these changes happen suddenly, or without explanation, there may be cause for concern.

The warning signs include:

- Sudden changes in clothes or make-up
- Bruises, scratches, burns, or other injuries
- Failing grades or dropping out of school activities
- Avoiding friends
- Sudden changes in mood or personality, becoming secretive
- Constantly thinking about dating partner
- Keeping phone on at all times and responding immediately to texts or calls

#### What can parents do?

• Parents can teach self respect

- Give teen a chance to talk or help them find another trusted person to talk with
- Do not put down abusive person but point out how unhappy your teenager seems to be while with this person
- If your teen tries to break up with an abusive partner, support your teen's decision and be ready to help
- Get advice from a hotline or counselor to support your child through a relationship break up

#### What can parents say?

- "I care about what happens to you.
  I love you and I want to help."
- "If you feel afraid, it may be abuse.
   Sometimes people behave in ways that are scary and make you feel threatened even without using physical violence. Pay attention to your gut feelings."
- "The abuse is not your fault. You are not to blame; no matter how guilty the person doing this to you is trying to make you feel. Your partner should not be doing this to you."

For more information: Google Teen Dating Violence or call Community Service Office Eloise Kruger at 973.4915 or <a href="mailto:krugerea@ci.seatac.wa.us">krugerea@ci.seatac.wa.us</a>.

## CPR and First Aid Classes Offered to the Public — Learn to save a life

Beginning in 2013, the SeaTac Fire Department will begin offering Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and first aid classes to the public at local fire stations. These life-saving classes include:

- American Heart Association Heartsaver Adult CPR standards
- Recognition and treatment of life-threatening emergencies
- Treating airway obstruction

- A written exam and practical test
- A certification card

For information on classes and to register, please contact the SeaTac Fire Department at 973.4500. You can also get information on classes by going to <a href="https://www.ci.seatac.wa.us">www.ci.seatac.wa.us</a>.

NOTE: This class is not intended for health care providers.





# **Library Corner**

#### One-On-One Computer Help

Do you have questions about basic Internet searches, how to set up an email account or how to use Microsoft Office? Help is available at the Valley View Library.

Study Zone
Monday - Thursday,
6:00 - 8:00 PM
Valley View
Library has
free, in-person
tutoring for
student of all ages
and in all subjects.

#### Talk Time

Wednesdays 1:00 - 2:30 PM English conversation class for adults. Improve your speaking skills and learn about American culture while meeting people from

# Citizenship Preparation Class

around the world!

Thursdays 1:00 - 2:30 PM
Get help with the citizenship interview process, including civics and government questions, reading and writing English, and practicing your interview skills.

Book Club at the Valley View Library Last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM

Monthly meeting for all interested in books!

Pajamarama Story Time 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.

Family Story Time
Thursdays 10:00 - 10:30 AM
All ages welcome, ages
5 and younger with an adult.

Enjoy stories, finger plays, songs and dance!

#### Kids Book Group

Join a book club for kids ages 5 to 9 with a grown up. Siblings are welcome, too. Enjoy a lively book discussion and related games and activities.

For information on any of the listed events please call Valley View Library at 242.6044 or visit <a href="https://www.kcls.org">www.kcls.org</a>.

# Fall and Winter Safety Tips

December, January, and February are traditionally the wettest and coldest months of the year.

The SeaTac Fire Department would like to offer the following safety tips to help ensure that our residents have a safe winter.

#### Heating safety:

- Have furnaces, wood burning stoves, and fire places inspected by a professional to ensure they are clean and in good working order.
- Move all flammable materials at least three feet away from baseboard or electric heaters this includes clothing, bedding material, and drapes.
- Place ashes from a fireplace or stove in a metal container with a tightly sealed lid outdoors, away from flammable materials.
- Always have working smoke alarms.
   Have one in each bedroom, in the
   hallway outside the bedrooms, near
   the kitchen, and at least one on each
   floor of your home.

# A NON-TRIVIAL FACT: Smoke alarms should be replaced every ten years.

• Install a carbon monoxide detector in your home for year-round safety.

#### Power outages:

- Beware of the dangers of carbon monoxide (CO). This deadly gas is a by-product of incomplete burning and is produced by common household devices such as your BBQ and gas powered electric generator. Never bring these CO producing items into your home.
- Use candles sparingly. Never leave burning candles unattended. When you go out – blow it out.
- Place candles in sturdy non-tipping bases and away from flammable materials. Keep pets and children away from burning candles.

#### Be prepared:

- Be ready by preparing for 3 Days
  3 Ways:
  - Make a plan for your family in the event of a disaster.
  - Build a kit to provide necessary items for a minimum of three days.

- Get involved by registering for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.
- Keep tire chains, extra clothing, food/ water in your vehicles. Always refill the fuel tank when it reaches threequarters of a tank.
- Survey your property and look for any trees, branches, or other objects that may pose a hazard to your home during a windstorm. Have trees and branches removed professionally.

#### **WARMING SHELTER**

REMINDER: When the weather forecast is 32 degrees or below for two or more days, the SeaTac Community Center will act as a "Warming Shelter" during normal business hours. If cold weather occurs during non-business hours, please call the SeaTac Community Center at 973.4680 for updated information. Hours of the center are as follows: Monday thru Thursday (8:30 AM - 9:30 PM); Friday (8:30 AM - 7:00 PM) and Saturday (10:00 AM - 4:00 PM).

#### **Auto Theft Prevention**

According to the American Crime Prevention Institute, the annual loss from auto theft in the United States is over \$4 billion. The Automotive Information Council reports that over one million motor vehicles are stolen in the U.S. every year. That is about one motor vehicle theft every 31 seconds.

Consider the following prevention tips:

- Remove the keys from the vehicle and always lock the doors, 20% of all vehicles stolen had the keys left in them.
- Don't leave paper work in the glove box or elsewhere in the vehicle that has your address or personal information about you or others in your family.
- If you use self-service to fuel your vehicle, don't leave your keys in your vehicle when going in to pay. Consider locking it as well to prevent theft of items while you are away.
- Don't hide a spare key somewhere on the outside of the vehicle, these are usually easy to locate.
- Periodically check your license plates to make sure they have not been stolen or altered.
- Do not invite a break-in by leaving things in plain sight in the vehicle.
- When possible, park in well lighted, busy areas.

- Never leave your vehicle running unattended. Vehicles are commonly stolen at ATMs, convenience stores, and gas stations, etc. Many vehicles are also stolen on cold mornings when they are left running to warm up.
- If you don't have the luxury of parking your vehicle in the garage, and must park it in the driveway or on the street in front of the house. be sure to remove the garage door opener. This is a key to your home.
- Replace "T-shaped" door locks with straight locks so thieves cannot grab them with an implement through a crack in the window.
- Consider using a steering wheel locking device.
- The uses of tracking systems such as Lojack or Onstar can help locate stolen vehicles as well as deter the auto thief.

The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) has advice to prevent your car from becoming the victim of an auto theft. The NICB's four layers of protection are:

1. Common Sense: Lock your car and take your keys. It's simple enough, but many thefts occur because owners make it easy for thieves to steal their cars.

- 2. Warning Device: Having and using a visible or audible warning device is another item that can ensure that your car remains where you left it.
- 3. Immobilizing Device: Generally speaking, if your vehicle can't be started, it can't be stolen. "Kill" switches, fuel cut-offs and smart keys are among the devices that are extremely effective.
- 4. Tracking Device: A tracking device emits a signal to the police or to a monitoring station when the vehicle is stolen. Tracking devices are very effective in helping authorities recover stolen vehicles. Some systems employ "telematics" which combine GPS and wireless technologies to allow remote monitoring of a vehicle. If the vehicle is moved, the system will alert the owner and the vehicle can be tracked by computer.

Remember to keep your license plate number written down somewhere in the event your vehicle is stolen.

If your vehicle is stolen, report it to the police immediately. If someone is going to attempt to steal your vehicle, don't make it easy for them.

If you have questions please contact Crime Prevention Officer Rich Rowe 973.4904.

# **Passport News**

Passport applications are accepted at City Hall on Wednesday and Thursday only, from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 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.

\* Adults 16+, Minors Under 16

	US PASSPORT BOOK FEES		US PASSPORT CARD FEES		BOTH (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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## City Clerk's Office

The City Clerk's Office serves the City as the vital link between the City Council, City Manager, City departments and residents. The three main focus areas of the City Clerk's Office are: City Council Meetings, Records Management, and Customer Service.

The City Clerk's Office is responsible for maintaining a complete record of Council proceedings, preparing City Council agendas, minutes and Council packets, and attending City Council meetings.

Currently there are three employees in the City Clerk's Office, City Clerk Kristina Gregg, Deputy City Clerk Marcia Rugg, and Administrative Assistant Zenetta Young. Council approval of the 2013-2014 Biennial Budget included a part-time Records Management Coordinator to be added to the City Clerk's Office.

Records Management is critical to the City and the City Clerk is designated as the City's Public Records Officer. The City Clerk's Office is responsible for preserving City records, processing public disclosure requests, and maintaining official City documents. This office is responsible for maintaining all official City records in compliance with state, federal and City regulations.

Customer service is an important area for the City Clerk's Office. We strive to provide friendly service while providing accurate responses to requests for information and records. The City Clerk's Office also serves as a passport acceptance facility; processing passport applications on Wednesdays and Thursdays

from 9:00 AM - Noon and 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

If you have any questions regarding the services we provide, please contact our office Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM, in person or by mail at 4800 S. 188th Street, SeaTac, WA 98188 or by telephone at 973.4660.

# **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

Fire 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