

City of SeaTac 1st Annual Litter Cleanup Event

Be part of enhancing our community. Volunteers, individuals, groups and businesses, are encouraged to 'Step up for SeaTac' and help in the first organized city-wide litter cleanup event.

Volunteers will gather September 14 at 9:00 AM at the SeaTac Community Center (13735 24th Avenue S.) for refreshments, and to be assigned to a team and area; gloves, garbage bags, and safety vests will be provided. The event ends at 11:30 AM. City trucks will pick up trash bags from the event.



For more information, please contact Resource Conservation/ Neighborhood Programs Coordinator Trudy Olson at 973.4763. Or visit the City's website to view the [flier](#).

Senior Program Anniversary Luncheon

The Senior Program is celebrating its 20th anniversary on Wednesday, September 25. Festivities begin at 10:15 AM with entertainment by the Hanky Panky Band. There will be a brief program at 11:45 AM followed by lunch at noon. Join us for a walk down 'Memory Lane' as we reflect on our past, celebrate our present and embrace what is yet to be.

Advanced reservations are required and can be made by calling the Senior Program at 973.4690. The suggested donation for those 60 and over is \$3.00 the fee for those under 60 is \$6.00.

Angle Lake Park Dock Ramp Improvements

As part of the Angle Lake Park Phase II project, the City has purchased a new marine grade aluminum ramp. The plan was to install the ramp once park and beach traffic slowed down as summer wound down.



However, on the night of August 21 there was an occurrence of vandalism that caused the City to close the dock access for safety reasons. Someone had destroyed the old wooden ramp and broke off the hand rails.

This past week the City worked to install the new ramp. The new dock ramp is relatively the same design and will rise and fall with lake levels, providing year round access to the dock.

Angle Lake Light Rail Construction Update

Please be advised that Sound Transit's contractor, PCL Constructors, will be pouring a large amount of concrete between 10:00 PM Monday, September 9 and 6:00 AM Tuesday, September 10 near the south entrance of Sea-Tac Airport.

In order to avoid day time traffic congestion and assure public safety, it was decided to allow night time operation for this portion of the project.

Please see the Sound Transit notification [flyer](#) for any additional information.

Busy SeaTac Police Explorers

The SeaTac Police Explorers have been very busy this summer assisting in various community events and offering support to surrounding cities. Police Explorers assist with crowd control, parking and post duties, along with any other support that may be needed.

This summer it started with the Law Enforcement Ball, a fundraiser that is held for law enforcement and their families. This fundraiser raises money for families who have lost a loved one in the line of duty.

Then there was the City's annual International Festival and the 4th of July carnival. The Explorers then headed to Vashon Island to assist in the Vashon Strawberry Festival and then to Seafair to assist and support the Seattle Police Department Explorers. Seafair is a large event during which the Explorers work alongside over 10 surrounding Explorer posts. The Explorers work in the hydro pits and assist with crowd control.

The summer events ended with Stand with Those Who Serve, which is a fantastic event that is held for families of law enforcement, 911 dispatchers, corrections, first responders and military. It is a "thank-you" for families that serve and protect. The summer season is always so busy, but this is where the Explorers really receive some great hands-on training.

The Explorers are looking forward to all the holiday events that are coming up.

SeaTac Police Explorers Program

Whether you are interested in law enforcement as a future career or are just interested in growing in your personal life and showing your commitment to your community, the SeaTac Police Explorers is a great program for youth ages 14-20. Please contact Community Service Officer Burnett at 973.4917 if you have any questions about the program or to obtain an application.



Fire Department Idle Reduction Program

The SeaTac Fire Department has taken several steps over the last three years to be more environmentally friendly and at the same time reduce costs for residents and businesses. Utilizing three grants from the state Department of Ecology Clean Diesel Grant Program, in partnership with the Kent Regional Fire Authority, SeaTac has made changes to reduce the amount of diesel exhaust fire engines emit into the atmosphere.

The first grant has been used to install crankcase ventilation filter systems in the apparatus. The system works by redirecting engine gasses that would normally be expelled into the atmosphere through a filter that removes oil contaminants. The remaining gasses are then sent back through the combustion system and incinerated. Funding for the installation of catalytic converters also known as Diesel Oxidation Catalysts in diesel engine fire apparatus was provided by the second state grant. A catalytic converter works by changing much of the carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons that diesel engine exhaust contains into carbon dioxide and water. The catalytic converters can reduce emissions by as much as 80 percent. The catalytic converters and crankcase ventilation systems were installed in 2011 and 2012.

The third grant has been utilized to install idle reduction systems in the apparatus. An idle reduction system shuts off the diesel engines of vehicles after they have been parked with the engine running for more than three minutes. Two types of systems are being installed. One type, for the department's aid car, uses auxiliary batteries to keep emergency lights running at scenes after the idle reduction system has shut off the engine. The system automatically will restart the apparatus engine to recharge the batteries if it senses a predetermined drop in voltage. The second system is designed for the larger vehicles such as fire engines. It utilizes a small diesel generator mounted on the apparatus to power the emergency lights and other essential systems once the engine shuts down. A fire engine running at idle for an hour burns approximately three to four gallons of diesel fuel. A fire engine outfitted with an idle reduction system will burn one-third of a gallon of fuel during the same time period. Additional vehicles will also have the idle reduction system installed as grant funding becomes available.

The benefits of the three systems include:

- Overall reduction in the most toxic airborne pollution caused by diesel engines
- Improved air quality and noise levels for firefighters and the public
- Reduced fuel consumption and lower overall fuel costs
- Reduced wear and tear on apparatus thus extending in-service life



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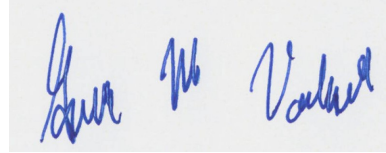
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