

# City Manager's Weekly Update October 11, 2013

### **Final Transportation Listening Session October 14**

The final public forum hosted by Washington State transportation leaders statewide will take place in Seattle on October 14. Supporters of SR 509 and the Puget Sound Gateway Project (SR 509, SR 167 and I-5 improvements) plan to attend and invite others to do so, as well.

The meeting will take place:
Monday, October 14
6:00 – 9:00 PM
\*First Presbyterian Church
1013 Eighth Avenue
Seattle
(\*Please note location change.)

Parties wishing to testify should arrive by 5:15 PM to sign in as event organizers predict good attendance. Public comment is generally limited to two minutes but speakers may also submit longer written statements. Individuals and organizations may also share their input with legislators via email by going to the Keep Washington Rolling website at <a href="keepwashingtonrolling.com/">keepwashingtonrolling.com/</a> and clicking on the "Take Action NOW" red button on the right-hand side of the home page.

For more information on SR 509, visit www.Timefor509Now.org.

### CleanScapes to begin garbage, recycling and compost services in SeaTac in 2014

The City Council unanimously approved a seven year contract with CleanScapes, Inc. for garbage, recycling and compost/yard waste services beginning June, 2014. The contract will offer expanded services such as a seven day per week call center and more curbside collection options including motor oil, household batteries, fluorescent tubes, bottled kitchen fat/oil/grease, scrap metal and bulky items.

CleanScapes will begin working with the City on a transition plan that will include extensive outreach to the community that will include two public open houses to allow residents to meet the CleanScapes staff, ask questions and see what enhanced services they will provide for the City. For more information, please contact Trudy Olson, Resource Conservation/Neighborhood Coordinator, 973.4763.

CleanScapes was founded in Seattle in 1997, and currently provides solid waste and recycling collection to the communities of Seattle, Shoreline, Issaquah, Des Moines, and Carnation. Beginning June, 2014, they will also serve the cities of SeaTac and Burien. For more detailed information, please see CleanScapes website <a href="https://www.CleanScapes.com">www.CleanScapes.com</a>.

## **DEA National Pharmaceutical Take-Back Day at SeaTac City Hall Saturday, October 26**

The Federal Drug Enforcement Administration and participating local law enforcement are coordinating a nationwide drug "take back" day on October 26 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This one-day event will provide residents with no cost anonymous collection of unwanted or expired medicines.

#### Why Take Back Your Meds?

All medicines that your family and pets use should be properly disposed of at a drug takeback program. Medicine take-back programs are the only secure and environmentally sound way to dispose of leftover and expired medicines.

**Reduce access to medicines for misuse.** Prescription drug abuse is the fastest-growing drug problem in the country. In Washington State 11% of teens use prescription medicines for non-medical reasons - a rate among the highest in the nation. Over half of teens abusing medicines get them from a family member or friend, often without their knowledge.

**Reduce potential for accidental poisonings.** Unwanted medicines left in the home endanger our children, seniors and pets. Over half of the 37,000 calls to the Washington Poison Center in 2009 were for young children poisoned by medicines found at home. The elderly are also at risk of accidental poisonings and human medications are the leading cause of pet poisoning.

**Reduce medicines in the environment.** Don't flush! Don't trash! Flushing drugs send them into our waters. Throwing them in the garbage makes them available for others to take and use and can still get into the environment. Take-back programs are the only secure, environmentally sound way to dispose of unwanted medicines.

### **Citizen Advisory Committee Vacancies**

The City has immediate vacancies on the Library Advisory Committee and the Tree Board.

These committees serve in an advisory capacity to the SeaTac City Council with five or more members, each serving three year terms.

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

The Tree Board makes reports and recommendations to the City Council concerning a comprehensive Public Tree Care Plan for Parks and Public Works Departments, Public Tree Hazard Assessment and Inventory, and implementing an Arbor Day Observation/Celebration and Proclamation. Meetings are held on an as needed basis at SeaTac City Hall.

If you are interested in serving on either of these committees, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 973.4660 or download an application from the City's website <a href="www.ci.seatac.wa.us">www.ci.seatac.wa.us</a>.

Positions will remain open until filled.

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# Open House – What's going on with the Comprehensive Plan?

The Planning Division will host an Open House from 5:15 - 6:00 PM on Tuesday, October 15 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

The purpose of the Open House is to provide information about the Comprehensive Plan in general, the Major Comprehensive Plan Update, and the 2013 annual Comprehensive Plan amendments. The Comprehensive Plan is the City's 20-year growth plan. There are two areas where the Comprehensive Plan map is proposed to be changed this year.

3050 S. 150th Street 20200 28th Avenue S.

Staff will be on hand to answer any questions that citizens may have about either of these proposals or about the Comprehensive Plan in general and the City's future plans. A Public Hearing on the proposed amendments will be held at the regular meeting of the SeaTac Planning Commission immediately following the Open House, beginning at 6:00 PM.

For additional information, please contact the Department of Community and Economic Development, 973.4750.

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