

City Council

At the November 2013 general election, both Tony Anderson and Pam Fernald won re-election. Councilmember Kathryn Campbell is newly elected to Council position 2. At the City Council's Special Council Meeting held January 7, 2014, the City Council selected Mia Gregerson as Mayor and Tony Anderson as Deputy Mayor. Click [here](#) to view the release in its entirety.

Free Tax Help from United Way

Filing taxes can be tough; especially for people who aren't sure which deductions they qualify for, whose first language isn't English, or who have trouble because of their age or a disability. United Way's Free Tax Preparation Campaign is here to help!

The Free Tax Preparation Campaign runs from January 14 to April 15. The program helps people secure all the refunds and credits that they're eligible for, including the Earned Income Tax Credit. Services are really free—no hidden fees or charges. With this money in pocket, people can better keep food on the table and a roof overhead.

At all of their tax locations, IRS-certified volunteers file taxes electronically so clients get refunds fast. Multilingual volunteers are ready to help at several sites. People also can sign up for public benefits and get help with the FAFSA (the application for college financial aid), among other services.

In 2013, United Way's 700 Free Tax Prep Campaign volunteers prepared 14,900 tax returns. This secured \$22 million in tax refunds for the people they helped. For more information visit the website, www.uwkc.org/ways-to-volunteer/ongoing-campaigns/free-tax-services/.

Police Award Ceremony

Chief Mulligan presented Sergeant Ted Boe and Deputy Travis Brunner with a "Lifesaver Award" for plucking an 8 year old child out of Angle Lake on November 1, 2013. The disabled child fell into the lake and was unable to bring himself to the surface without the quick response of the SeaTac Deputies. The SeaTac resident, who found the child wandering in traffic on S. 188th Street, and provided consistent updates to dispatch until police could arrive, will be honored with a Meritorious Service Award at the Regular Council Meeting on January 28, 2014.

KCSO Sheriff Urquhart presented Deputy Cyndi Osborne with a "Sheriff's Medal" for displays of courage and sound judgment under extremely hazardous circumstances. Specifically, Deputy Osborne knowingly placed herself in significant peril by entering a home where a man was violently out of control, threatening to harm female occupants inside.

Councilmembers Fernald and Bush attended the ceremony to demonstrate their support. Thank you, Council Members!



Distracted Driving Display at Tye Educational Complex

School Resource Officer Karen Davy and Highline School Security Officer Eric Bates are taking action to support an A.C.E. High School Senior who is working to bring attention to the problem of distracted driving among teenagers.

They have arranged to borrow from Washington State Patrol, a display vehicle that was seriously damaged in a fatal collision. The teenage driver was killed in the collision while attempting to text and drive. Although somber, the story of the accident and the damaged vehicle are intended to serve as a stark visual reminder of the dangers of texting and driving.

The vehicle and associated story will be on display in the front parking lot of the Tye Educational Complex, 4424 S. 188th Street, January 14 - 16.

Citizen Advisory Committee Vacancies

The City has immediate vacancies on the Planning Commission, Human Services Advisory Committee, Library Advisory Committee, and the Tree Board. These committees serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council with five members each, serving three year terms.

The Planning Commission is looking for candidates to fill one expiring term. This commission studies and makes recommendations to the City Council for adoption of long range comprehensive plans, policies, programs, and services related to land use, transportation, and community facilities. The Commission also studies and makes recommendations to the Council on a variety of development regulations. The Commission's goal is to maintain and achieve the highest level of the City's attributes so that all SeaTac residents can enjoy and be proud to live in this community. Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at SeaTac City Hall.

The Human Services Advisory Committee is looking for candidates to fill one expiring term. This committee makes reports and recommendations to the City Council concerning human services issues. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at SeaTac City Hall beginning at 5:30 PM.

The Library Advisory Committee is looking for candidates to fill one expired term. This 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 is looking for candidates to fill one expired term. The Tree Board makes reports and recommendations to the City Council concerning a comprehensive Public Tree Care Plan for the 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 CityofSeaTac.com.

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