

# City Manager's Weekly Update February 07, 2014

# 2014 "Pilot to Try It" Neighborhood Grant Program

The City's 2014 "Pilot to Try It" Neighborhood Grant Program is now accepting applications through February 28, 2014.

SeaTac is committed to providing an environment that promotes resident involvement. The purpose of the program is to encourage the formation of neighborhood groups that work together to enhance neighborhood identity through collaborative projects. It is the goal of the "Pilot to Try It" Neighborhood Grant Program to build viable partnerships between the City and its residents.

Total grant funds available for the overall 2014 "Pilot to Try It" Neighborhood Grant Program are \$5,000. Only qualified applications will be considered. Awarded projects will be determined by the amount of qualified applications the City receives and is limited to how many projects can be accommodated within the \$5,000 program budget.

Examples of projects include: neighborhood identity (signage, kiosks), community gardens, play areas, neighborhood events (Block Watch, Map Your Neighborhood), public amenity (bench, sculpture), neighborhood clean-up, youth projects, street lights (non-arterial), secure mailboxes, artwork/neighborhood beautification, or other similar improvements.

- Projects must meet the program requirements.
- 2014 pilot program is limited to \$5,000.

For information and application please contact Resource Conservation/Neighborhood Programs Coordinator Trudy Olson at 973.4763. Applications are also available on the City's website.

# **Planning for the Angle Lake Station Area Underway**

The Planning Division is happy to report that the Angle Lake Station Area planning process is well underway. The first step of the project is to complete technical studies of the area within ½ mile of Sound Transit's station which will be located on S. 200th Street, one block west of International Boulevard. The City has also been in contact with various businesses near the station site and will be conducting interviews to understand development opportunities from the perspective of adjacent property owners. Multiple community engagement activities for interested SeaTac residents are being planned for late winter and early spring.

To find out more about the project and upcoming community engagement opportunities, please see the project's <u>webpage</u>. You can also contact Kate Kaehny, Senior Planner, at 973.4750, or kkaehny@ci.seatac.wa.us.

# **Garden Wedding**

Are you or someone you know planning a wedding? Consider the Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden for a beautiful, unique outdoor setting and the SeaTac Community Center as a convenient location for the reception. Detailed information can be found at the following link: www.highlinegarden.org/news\_weddings.html.

# Free Tax Help from the United Way

Angle Lake Family Resource Center and United Way of King County's Free Tax Campaign are partnering to offer free tax services to SeaTac residents. From now until April 15, anyone making under \$52,000 a year can drop in and have their taxes prepared for them in their own language.

In addition to tax help, benefits volunteers will also be on site to help with health care enrollment, credit pulls, and money for college or food. This service is always free and provided by local volunteers. Volunteers receive excellent training, receive support throughout the year from the United Way team.

Additional volunteers are especially needed in SeaTac! To learn more about this service, or to join the team as a tax preparer or benefits volunteer, visit <a href="https://www.uwkc.org/taxhelp">www.uwkc.org/taxhelp</a>.

## **Citizen Advisory Committee Vacancies**

The City has immediate vacancies on the Community Building Committee, Library Advisory Committee, and the Tree Board. These committees serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council, assisting in decision-making and the setting of City policies.

The Community Building Committee is looking to fill three two-year terms expiring in April. The Community Building Committee is charged with researching best practices of other jurisdictions and vetting those ideas within the community, fostering communication and building trust with all City departments and within the community, acting as a sounding board for projects and programs under development by the City, seeking innovative, community-based ideas through sustainable, two-way communication, and participating in existing city, school, and community meetings and events to bridge communication gaps and promote active participating and community engagement. Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at SeaTac City Hall 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 <a href="www.ci.seatac.wa.us">www.ci.seatac.wa.us</a>. All positions are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled.

# Temporary closure of S. 200th Street in SeaTac

Between 6:00 PM and 10:00 PM on Wednesday, February 12 and Thursday, February 13, **all lanes** will be closed on S. 200th Street at the intersection of "little 28th Avenue South" in SeaTac.

Sound Transit's contractor, PCL Civil Constructors, will close the road to safely move large construction equipment across the roadway.

For more information, view the construction alert here.

## **Sound Transit Construction Update**

The City anticipates that the Construction Plans for the Civil and Station packages for Angle Lake Station and Guideway (S440 contract), will be approved within the first quarter of this year. Construction continues and more than half of the concrete columns are now constructed. The concrete foundations and concrete shafts for the Angle Lake and Station Guideway Project are now completed. PCL Constructors intends to start installing the guideway segments next week.

For further information please see Sound Transit's S. 200th Link Extension Fact Sheet.

## **Return of the Super Bowl Champions**

On February 4, SeaTac Police worked with SeaTac Public Works, King County Sheriff's Office and



the Port of Seattle Police to provide crowd management resources in support of the Seahawk's return to Sea-Tac International Airport. An increased number of officers and Public Works staff were available throughout the day to assist. Large crowds never developed and there were no disruptions to traffic, businesses or schools. This result was largely due to the coordinated messaging sent to fans by the Seahawks and all of the agencies involved in the planning.

During the morning hours of February 5, the City of SeaTac saw increased traffic and parking congestion, when large numbers of people used the City as a starting point for their commute to the Victory Parade. There was vehicle and pedestrian congestion in the areas surrounding the light rail stations at S. 176th Street and S. 154th Street. Crowds were in good spirits. Police towed one illegally parked vehicle, issued one parking ticket and handled one minor traffic collision related to the event. There were no known problems when fans trickled back into the city at the end of the day.

# **McMicken Community Safety Meeting**

About 15 members of the McMicken Community gathered at Fire Station 46 on January 30 to talk about safety issues with staff from SeaTac Police, Fire and Public Works. Crime Prevention Officer Rich Rowe answered specific questions about crime prevention and offered many tips in the short time allotted. He promised to return again to continue the conversation. Community Service Officer Mechee Burnett informed attendees of the upcoming Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class. As a coordinator of this valuable training program, she took the opportunity to recruit new students for the spring class – <u>applications</u> can be found on the City's website.

#### **Website Links**

#### **Home Page**

### **Event Calendar**

(click Event Calendar link for upcoming meeting agendas)

#### **City Council Actions**

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# **Pilot Parking Project**

On February 3, Sound Transit launched a six-month pilot project at four of Sound Transit's busiest stations to test permit-only parking for regular transit customers. Although the majority of parking spaces will remain free for transit customer use, a limited number of spaces have been reserved for the pilot program at Sound Transit facilities in Mukilteo, Issaquah, Sumner and Tukwila. Reserved parking areas at those stations are clearly marked with signs and colored lines.

Permit parking is being tested this year as Sound Transit looks at ways of making sure parking is available first and foremost for transit users in lots that are becoming increasingly crowded. After the pilot program ends this summer, the results will be presented to the Sound Transit Board for review and consideration of future steps.

For more information on the pilot project, or to sign up for a permit go to:

www.soundtransit.org/Rider-Guide/Parking/Parking-permits

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