

City Manager's Weekly Update March 21, 2014

City of SeaTac Annual Community Litter Cleanup and Earth Week Events

Volunteers needed at the following events!



Annual Community Litter Cleanup Saturday, April 19, 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM Tyee Educational Complex

Volunteers (individuals, groups or businesses) are encouraged to "Step up for SeaTac" and help in the annual city-wide litter cleanup event and be part of enhancing our community. For more information, click on the link for the flyer below or contact Resource Conservation/Neighborhood Programs Coordinator Trudy Olson at 973.4763.

Parks Beautification Event

Saturday, April 19, 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Join in and help beautify your SeaTac parks. For more information, click on the link for the flyer below or contact Parks Operations Manager Roger Chouinard at 973.4781.

Additional Parks Cleanup Events

Boeing's Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden Cleanup Event Saturday, April 19, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Neighbors Without Borders Action Committee Cleanup Event Saturday, April 19, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Arbor Day Event

Angle Lake Park, Wednesday, April 23, 10:00 AM

For more information on these events, click on the link for the flyer below or contact Parks Operations Manager Roger Chouinard at 973.4781.

For more information on the Annual Community Litter Cleanup and the other Earth Week events, click here to see the flyer or contact Resource Conservation/Neighborhood Programs Coordinator Trudy Olson at 973.4763.



Citizen Advisory Committee Vacancies

The City has an immediate vacancy on the Tree Board. The committee serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council, assisting in decision-making and the setting of City policies.

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 celebration and proclamation. Meetings are held on an as-needed basis at SeaTac City Hall.

If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 973.4660 or download an application from the City's website at www.ci.seatac.wa.us. All positions are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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 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 and 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 www.uwkc.org/taxhelp.

United Way Community Resource Exchange

The Community Resource Exchange connects people experiencing homelessness with resources they need–all in one place, on one day.

Organizations volunteer to provide services such as flu shots, dental checks, referrals for housing and counseling, connections to job training programs, library cards, and much more. These services may seem basic, but having them available all at once is extremely helpful if your home is a shelter or the street. Plus individuals volunteer to host supply drives and collect essentials like socks, shampoo and deodorant that are bundled into a care package for the Community Resource Exchange guests.

Community Resource Exchange
Tuesday, April 29
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
CenturyLink Field, East Hall

The City of SeaTac is holding a sock drive in support of this event. If you would like to contribute new adult sized socks, please bring them to the first or third floor of City Hall, 4800 S. 188th Street, through April 11.

For more information about the event and to find out other ways that you can become involved, click here.

Sound Transit hosts neighborhood drop-in sessions on Federal Way Link Extension



Sound Transit is hosting a series of neighborhood drop-in sessions through April 17 to give the public a chance to hear about alternatives for extending light rail service from SeaTac to Federal Way.

The agency has identified several alignment, station and grade alternatives for extending light rail from the future Angle Lake Station at S. 200th Street, which opens in 2016, to the Federal Way Transit Center near S. 320th Street, a distance of about 7.6 miles.

Forecasted voter-approved funding is sufficient to cover the extension of service to the Kent-Des Moines area by 2023, with extensions further southward subject to identifying additional funding sources. Sound Transit will prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to evaluate potential environmental impacts and benefits of the identified alternatives. The DEIS is expected to be available for public and agency review later this year.

Des Moines

Wednesday, March 26 5:00 – 7:00 PM Highline Community College 2400 S. 240th Street

Federal Way
Thursday, March 20
5:00 – 7:00 PM
Federal Way Library
34200 First Way S.

Kent

Tuesday, April 8 Noon – 2:00 PM The Market Place Plaza 2311 Pacific Highway S.

Kent Thursday, April 10 Noon – 2:00 PM Lowe's 24050 Pacific Highway S. Kent

Thursday, April 17 Noon – 2:00 PM Lowe's 24050 Pacific Highway S.

For more information on the Federal Way Link Extension, please go to <u>soundtransit.org/</u>
<u>FWextension</u>.

FREE Metro Bus Tickets

The Transit Incentives Program offers you tickets for eight free rides on King County Metro Transit. King County residents receive an order form when they renew their vehicle tabs. You can request

eight free ride tickets good on regular Metro service or you can donate the value of the eight tickets to King County's human services ticket program. This program began with June 2012 tab renewals and will continue through May 2014 tab renewals.

Each household in King County that registers at least one vehicle per year during the two-year life of the program is eligible for this offer.

Click here for more information.



Move Right for Lights and Sirens

It's the law

You see it almost every day: private vehicles not yielding the right of way when approached by an emergency vehicle that has its lights and sirens operating. It makes you wonder what exactly the law says about it.

There are many reasons why people do not yield the right of way: inattention while driving, not looking in rear-view mirrors regularly, too loud music, other distractions, and better insulated vehicles that deaden sound.

Washington State traffic law RCW 46.61.210 requires that "...the driver of every other vehicle shall yield the right of way and shall immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to, the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway clear of any intersection and shall stop and remain in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle has passed, except when otherwise directed by a police officer."

The law (RCW 46.61.264) also requires pedestrians to yield to emergency vehicles responding to an incident.

A summary of the law for drivers approached by an emergency vehicle:

- If your vehicle is in motion, move to the right as soon as it is safe to do so and come to a full stop.
- If you are unable to move to the right, slow and come to a full stop.
- If you are stopped, stay stopped unless directed otherwise.
- NEVER move to the left unless directed to do so.
- Remember that the law applies to emergency vehicles approaching from any direction, not just from behind.
- DO NOT attempt to follow an emergency vehicle too closely. You are required to stay 500 feet back.
- If you are standing at the curb or on a sidewalk, do not cross the street until the emergency vehicle has passed.

Emergency responders are taught to pass on the left side. This may mean that they are forced to move into oncoming traffic lanes, but lights and sirens make them highly visible to everyone, reducing the risk. If private vehicles mistakenly try to move left to avoid a fire engine or police car, they will increase the chance for a crash. Keep in mind that a fire engine weighs in excess of 40,000 pounds while the average car weighs approximately 3,000 pounds.

Another situation that drivers should be aware of is what to do when approaching parked emergency vehicles that are utilizing their emergency lights. RCW 46.61.212 requires drivers to approach an emergency scene with caution and, if reasonable, yield the right of way by changing lanes to the left. A common situation that RCW 46.61.212 applies to is at a vehicle crash scene where you may have police cars, fire engines, ambulances, and tow trucks all working to rescue victims. Violation of this RCW is a gross misdemeanor.

Keeping lanes clear for emergency vehicles is crucial for everyone's safety. Delays while responding can affect the outcome for someone who has called 9-1-1 for an injury, illness, or police matter.



Do the safe and legal thing: Move Right for Sirens and Lights.

Website Links

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Event Calendar

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City Council Actions

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Temporary Road Closures

For one hour from 8:00 to 9:00 PM each night Tuesday, March 25, through Thursday, March 27, all lanes of S. 200th Street will be closed at the intersection of "little 28th Avenue S." in SeaTac.

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

Detour signs will be posted to get motorists and pedestrians safely around the construction work zone. Uniformed police officers will help direct traffic for local business access.

For detailed detour information please view this <u>Construction</u> <u>Alert</u>.

From 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM each day, Tuesday, March 25, through Friday, March 28, the northbound lanes of 26th Avenue/28th Avenue S. between S. 200th Street and "little 28th Avenue S." will be closed.

During this lane closure, all northbound traffic on 26th/28th Avenue S. will be detoured to the southbound lanes of the roadway.

Sound Transit's contractor, PCL Civil Constructors, will be installing a storm drain within the roadway. For more information please view this Construction Alert.

South W Valley

Gwen Voelpel, Assistant City Manager