

# City Manager's Weekly Update April 11, 2014

## **SeaTac City Hall is a Ballot Drop Off Location**

SeaTac City Hall
4800 South 188th Street
SeaTac 98188

Dates Open: April 19, 21, 22
Hours: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Election Day Hours: 10:00 A

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# 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/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 flyer below or contact Resource Conservation/Neighborhood Programs Coordinator Trudy Olson at 973.4763.



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

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

#### **Additional Parks Cleanup Events**

Saturday, April 19, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM For more information on the following events, click on flyer below or contact Parks Operations Manager Roger Chouinard at 973.4781.

Boeing's Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden Cleanup Event Neighbors Without Borders Action Committee Cleanup Event Arbor Day Event (Angle Lake Park, Wednesday, April 23, 10:00 AM)

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



## **Arbor Day Celebration**

The City will be celebrating Arbor Day on Wednesday, April 23 at Angle Lake Park located at 19408 International Blvd. The program starts at 10:00 AM and will include Councilmember Pam Fernald reading an Arbor Day Proclamation. A representative from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources will present the City with the Tree City USA Award and Growth Award. Students from Tyee Educational Complex and a Community Forestry crew will plant eight trees. Light refreshments will be provided. The City of SeaTac is proud to be recognized by the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA community for its commitment to urban forestry. A flier for the event can be found here.

#### Road Closure east-west bound S. 170th Street

Starting Monday, April 14 a full closure will be in effect at the intersection of S. 170th Street and Military Road S. for underground utility work. The intersection closure is expected to last through May 5, 2014 (weather dependent). Traffic through the road closure area will be restricted to emergency vehicles only and local traffic that does not have an alternate route to their destination within the project limits. Please plan ahead and consider alternate routes. Appropriate signage, notification and traffic control will be used to direct traffic around the closure to S. 166th Street.

We regret any inconvenience to the community and appreciate your patience while we work to complete the Military Road S. Improvements. Improvements include new sidewalks, turn lanes, bicycles lanes, relocation of overhead utilities underground, and a new traffic signal at S. 170th Street. These improvements create a safer road for all modes of travel and provide connections to schools, library, and commercial businesses in the McMicken Heights neighborhood.

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WORK AHEAD

Questions and concerns during the closure can be directed to Eric Proctor, Project Engineer, 973.4735.

# **Temporary Closure of S. 200th Street**

On Monday, April 14 from 7:00 - 8:00 PM, all lanes of S. 200th Street at the intersection of "little 28th Avenue S.". Sound Transit's contractor PCL Civil Constructors, will close, the road to safely more large construction equipment across the roadway.

For more information view the Construction Alert.

# 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 <a href="https://www.uwkc.org/taxhelp">www.uwkc.org/taxhelp</a>.

# **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 <a href="https://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 the position is filled.

# **Police Arrest Washington's Most Wanted**

On Saturday April 5, Deputy Chris Dearth recognized and arrested a fugitive as he walked along International Blvd near S. 206th Street. He was assisted by deputies Travis Brunner and Jim Nelson. This capture will be on an upcoming episode of "Washington's Most Wanted", a weekly TV show on KCPQ-13. The show was started over five years ago and has become a powerful resource to help law enforcement fight crime. Deputies Dearth, Nelson and Brunner have been personally thanked and congratulated by the show's Executive Producer and Host, David Rose. The Washington's Most Wanted website says this about the arrest:

#### FUGITIVE CAPTURED April 5, 2014 -

The SeaTac deputy who helped track down Mitchell McKay on Saturday also helped catch him a year ago, where the convicted child rapist had setup camp near a kids park in SeaTac. McKay was in jail until last month, then went missing after being released. Deputy Christopher Dearth says he saw McKay was back on WMW again, so he went searching for him again. While on patrol Saturday, Dep. Dearth says he spotted McKay walking down International Blvd, and with the help of his two partners, arrested him on the street. Read more: <a href="mailto:catchwmw.com/2014/04/07/mitchell-mckay-creepy-child-predator-fresh-out-of-prison-and-already-missing/#ixzz2yJukzp4o">catchwmw.com/2014/04/07/mitchell-mckay-creepy-child-predator-fresh-out-of-prison-and-already-missing/#ixzz2yJukzp4o</a>

# **Distracted Driving Emphasis Patrols**

SeaTac Police will join more than 100 law enforcement agencies throughout the state, cracking down on distracted driving between Thursday, April 10 and Tuesday, April 15. This effort is part of a national enforcement campaign focused on reducing distractions caused by the use of cell phones while driving. The slogan for the campaign is "U Text. U Drive. U Pay".



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

The Federal Drug Enforcement Administration and participating local law enforcement are coordinating a nationwide drug "take back" day on April 26 from 10:00 AM – 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 take-back 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.

# **Medical Reserve Corp (MRC)**

The MRC is a volunteer program (not associated with or supported by the City) that allows participants to support their community during disasters or community-wide emergencies. They are currently recruiting volunteers in the South King County area. There are a number of support roles in addition to the health care functions and it's a great opportunity for those that want to give back to their community. For more information, click on the link to the flyer:



#### **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.

#### **Website Links**

#### **Home Page**

#### **Event Calendar**

(click Event Calendar link for upcoming meeting agendas)

#### **City Council Actions**

(click the logo to submit a request or report a problem)



#### **Code Red**

Did you get our call? Early on a recent Thursday morning our regional 9-1-1 system experienced an interruption of service that impacted residents in both Washington and Oregon State. Because of the significant threat to public safety created by the interruption of this vital emergency communications link, a decision was made to notify our community of the outage immediately and provide them with another phone number for emergency services.

Some residents have expressed dissatisfaction with that decision. While it was not an easy one to make (nobody likes to wake their neighbors from a sound sleep at 3:00 AM), we believe it was the only responsible one. Heart attacks and house fires don't always happen during the daytime hours. The obvious concern for City leaders was in considering the potential outcome had no information been shared and one of our residents experienced a life threatening medical or other emergency.

As a community we've become accustomed to ready access of Police and Fire resources in our moment of need. One can only imagine the panic experienced by a homeowner when unsuccessfully trying to reach police as another person was attempting to force entry into their home. Therefore, a failure to provide another phone number to our community when one was readily available seemed unconscionable.

The City of SeaTac intentionally chooses to use our emergency notification system sparingly. It's our belief that in doing so, community members will recognize the importance of a message when sent out. While we acknowledge that any wakeup call at 3:00 AM is disturbing, we consider it our responsibility to take the necessary steps to protect you and your neighbors. We encourage all our residents to continue to sign up for CodeRED notifications and not define any barriers that may interfere in our getting that important message to you.

**Todd Cutts, City Manager** 

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