

# City Manager's Weekly Update April 18, 2014

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

SeaTac City Hall

4800 South 188th Street

Dates Open: April 19, 21, 22

Hours: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

SeaTac 98188 **Election Day Hours:** 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM





## **Easter Egg Hunt at Angle Lake Park**

Hop on over to Angle Lake Park for some fun this Saturday! The Easter Egg Hunt kicks off Saturday, April 19 at 9:00 AM sharp. SeaTac Parks & Recreation Department, Kent Fire Department Regional Fire Authority (RFA) and Kent Fire Department RFA Local 1747 invite you to bring your kids ages 10 and under to our annual event. Kids will "scramble" for eggs and treats and the Easter Bunny will be on hand to greet youngsters and pose for pictures. We strongly recommend that children bring a basket to collect their eggs and treats. For additional information contact the SeaTac Parks & Recreation Department at 973.4680.

**Egg Hunt Flier** 

## **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.

## **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 <u>flyer</u>:



## 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.



#### **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 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.

# City of SeaTac Honored as a WellCity

The City of SeaTac was recently honored with the WellCity Award by the Association of Washington Cities (AWC). This is the City's tenth consecutive WellCity Award.

The AWC Employee Benefit Trust's annual WellCity Awards recognize members that meet nine best practice standards for employee health promotion. Members of



the AWC Employee Benefit Trust are eligible to apply for the award. This includes cities, towns, and non-city entities. SeaTac was one of 96 Trust-insured cities and public entities to earn the 2014 WellCity Award.

AWC Trust members that earn the 2014 WellCity Award receive a 2% premium discount on Regence BlueShield/Asuris Northwest and Group Health premiums. The discount will be applied to 2015 premiums. Receiving this award is estimated to save the City over \$25,000 on medical premiums in 2015.

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.

#### **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 <u>here</u> for more information.

## **Healthy Kids Day at the YMCA**

Visit the Matt Griffin YMCA Saturday, April 26 from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM for Healthy Kids Day. They will be giving away Healthy Kids Day t-shirts to the first 100 kids and there will be free activities and healthy snacks available.

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View flier here.

## **The Danger of Open Windows**

Prevent a tragedy in your home

Each spring we hear tragic reports of children who have fallen out of windows, often in their own homes. One of the saddest parts of this is that they could have *all* been prevented.

As the weather begins to change, many people will be leaving windows open to take advantage of the warmer spring air. The Kent Fire Department Regional Fire Authority asks adults to do what they can to protect children by following these simple steps:



- · Always supervise young children
- Child-proof windows Place a stick or other device in the window track to keep it from opening more than a few inches. Commercial locking devices are available from your local hardware store.
- Keep beds/cribs and chairs away from windows Do not make it easy or convenient for kids
  to reach windows.



- **Do not draw attention to windows** Avoid hanging anything on or near windows that will attract children. This includes wind chimes, window stickers, and wind socks.
- Remember what window screens are for Screens keep bugs out, <u>not</u> kids in. Screens are easy to push outward and offer no barrier to prevent kids from falling out a window.
- Check on them regularly Even when they are sleeping especially during naps, monitor your children.

For more information, contact the Kent Fire Department Regional Fire Authority at 253.786.4300.

# Police Respond to Suspicious Package

At about 2:00 AM on April 15 an alert SeaTac Center Security Guard noticed a large and oddly shaped box under the flag pole in the parking lot. A search of recent video history showed that a male subject had dragged the box to that location after first trying to drag it into the building. The male subject left before the box was located. Due to the odd size and apparent weight of the box, the suspicious behavior of the man who placed it there and the proximity to the anniversary of the Boston Marathon bombing, SeaTac Police took this situation very seriously. A response from the King County Sheriff's Office Bomb Disposal Unit, briefly evacuated the 13 Coins building and temporarily shut down both directions of International Blvd. After a short time, the contents of the box were identified as non-hazardous junk. We have not yet identified the person who left the box.

#### **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)



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

For one hour from 7:00 to 8:00 PM each night Tuesday, April 22, through Thursday, April 24, all lanes of S. 200th Street will be closed at the intersection of "little 28th Avenue S.".

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

### **View Construction Alert**

# Temporary lane closure of 26th/28th Avenue S.

Between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM each day, Monday, April 21, through Wednesday, April 23, 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.

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## SeaTac Officer wins Washington's Most Wanted, Officer of the Month Award

Washington's Most Wanted & Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound has chosen SeaTac Police Officer Christopher Dearth as the recipient of the "April 2014 Officer of the Month" award. Deputy Dearth was chosen for the award for his quick action in regards to the arrest of Mitchell McKay. McKay is the 506th capture due to the efforts of Washington's Most Wanted & Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound. Deputy Dearth will be honored with the award during a ceremony on Wednesday April 23. Witnesses to the ceremony will include Deputy Dearth's immediate family, King County Sheriff John Urquhart and Chief Lisa Mulligan.

**Todd Cutts, City Manager** 

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