

DEA National Pharmaceutical Take-Back Day at SeaTac City Hall

Saturday, September 27

The Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and participating local law enforcement are coordinating a nationwide drug "take back" day on September 27 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. This one-day event will provide residents with no cost anonymous collection of unwanted or expired medicines. The State of Washington had 89 collection sites and collected 16,677 pounds of expired and unwanted medications last April – the second-largest collection of pharmaceutical drugs in eight Take Back events for the state. Your continued participation is appreciated.



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. Also, take-back programs:

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 calls to the Washington Poison Center 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.



SeaTac Police Explorers Program

Whether you are interested in Law Enforcement as a future career or just interested in growing in your personal life and committed to your community, the SeaTac Police Explorers is a great program for youth ages 14-20. Please contact Community Service Officer Burnett at 973.4917 if you have any questions about the program or to obtain an application.



Friends of the Valley View Library Book Sale!

Valley View Library, September 27, 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM

The Friends of the Valley View Library Book Sale is coming up on September 27! Friends support the Library by funding valuable programming in the library and throughout the community. Support the Friends and the Library by donating your time or books to be resold! Volunteers can help plan the book sale at a meeting held at the Valley View Library on September 23 at 6:00 PM.

Also, if you're interested in volunteering, keep in mind that the Valley View Library relies on volunteers for Talk Time, Citizenship Test Prep sessions, computer classes and one-on-one assistance, Study Zone (tutoring), and Book Buddies (reading practice). Come to the Library or call 242.6044 for more information.



Citizen Advisory Committee Vacancies

The City has vacancies on the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee and the Human Services Advisory Committee. These committees serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council, assisting in decision-making and the setting of city policies.

The Senior Citizen Advisory Committee's mission is to identify issues related to senior citizens in the community; provide increased opportunities for community involvement by senior citizens; act as an advisory body to the City Council on these issues and regarding the delivery of senior citizen programs; and provide outreach to the community in an effort to develop and place senior citizen issues before the citizens of SeaTac in a positive manner. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 9:00 AM at the SeaTac Community Center. Members are appointed for three-year terms unless filling an unexpired term, in which case the appointee will serve for the remainder of the term. Please note applicants for the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee must be age 55 or older. **Applications will be accepted until 5:00 PM September 26.**

The Human Services Advisory Committee makes reports and recommendations to the City Council concerning human services issues, including the following: review and recommend human services needs assessments and updates; develop recommendations for the City Council on priorities of needs within the community; review and recommend human services plans and policies, including the human services element of the city's comprehensive plan; evaluate funding requests and make recommendations; evaluate and review the performance of individual human services organizations; participate in collaborative planning efforts involving citizen groups, human services agencies, and local organizations which contribute to enhanced regional coordination; review city actions which may affect the accessibility or quality of human services available to the city's residents; and conduct other human services research, review and advocacy as requested by the City Council in response to emerging human services issues. Meetings are held the third Monday of the month at 5:30 PM at SeaTac City Hall. Members are appointed for three-year terms. **Applications will be accepted until 5:00 PM September 26.**

If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 973.4660 or download an application from the City's website www.ci.seatac.wa.us. All positions are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council.



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King County Sheriffs Office (KCSO) 9-1-1 Citizen's Academy

Please help us spread the word that the date for our next 9-1-1 Citizen's Academy will be Saturday, September 27. The academy will educate citizens about the role 9-1-1 Communications Specialists play in the public safety system and prepare them should they ever need to dial 9-1-1.

The one-day informative class includes everything from the history of 9-1-1 to how citizens can help 9-1-1 help them! A tour of the KCSO 9-1-1 Center is included, and optional 9-1-1 "plug-in" time will be offered to academy attendees on follow-up dates for those interested in listening to actual 9-1-1 calls.

The academy is open to anyone at least 18 years old with no felony convictions. Applicants must live or work in King County.

Applications to attend are now being accepted. Space is limited and completed applications should be turned in by Wednesday, September 24.

Applications are available on the King County Sheriff's Office website: www.kingcounty.gov/safety/sheriff/Enforcement/911Center/2012CitizensAcademy.aspx. You can also request the applications by calling the hotline at 205.6625, or by sending an email request to: KCSO911.FB@kingcounty.gov

Reading Tip

Talk to your children about what they draw, and write captions or stories together. This helps make a connection between spoken and printed language.

To learn more about the *Let's Read!* summer reading campaign, please visit letsreadkingcounty.org.



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Gwen Voelpel, Assistant City Manager

