

Burien City News

CITY COUNCIL MESSAGE

It's been an eventful fall, with the General Election and the search for a new city manager getting under way. As a result of the November election, the City Council will start the new year with four new councilmembers, and the Council will select a new mayor. Later in the spring we should have a new city manager on the job.



(Top left, clockwise) Lucy Krakowiak, Rose Clark, Joan McGilton, Gerald Robison, Brian Bennett and Bob Edgar. Not pictured: Jack Block, Jr.

We invite you to attend the reception just prior to the Dec. 16 Council meeting to honor the outgoing councilmembers. These individuals have given hours upon hours of their time in service to their community and they deserve the public's thanks. Also, please come to the reception prior to the Jan. 6 meeting welcoming our new councilmembers and wishing them well.

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Four New Faces Coming to City Council



Lauren Berkowitz
Position 1



Debi Wagner
Position 3



Nancy Tosta
Position 5



Steve Armstrong
Position 7

The City Council will be getting four new members in January, according to the official results from the the Nov. 5 General Election. (The election was certified by King County Elections on Nov. 26.) The new Councilmembers (above) will be sworn into office at the Jan. 6 Council meeting to begin their four-year terms. The Council will elect a Councilmember to serve as Mayor, and a Councilmember to serve as Deputy Mayor.

Departing Councilmembers Joan McGilton, Rose Clark, Jack Block Jr., and Brian Bennett will be honored at a public reception on Dec. 16, at 6:30 p.m., prior to the Council meeting in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 400 SW 152nd St. A reception for the new Councilmembers will be held in the Council Chambers on Jan. 6, 6:30 p.m., prior to the regular meeting.

Search Process Under Way for New City Manager

The executive recruiting firm hired by the Burien City Council to conduct a search for a new city manager is optimistic about finding the right person for the position.

"We expect we'll get a good number of quality candidates," said Tom Muehlenbeck, senior vice president of Strategic Government Resources (SGR).

Muehlenbeck recently met with current and incoming City Councilmembers and City staff, conducted a public meeting and used an online survey to gather information from the community on what characteristics they should look for in a successful candidate, and what issues and challenges the new city manager will need to address. Muehlenbeck will use information from those sessions to develop a recruiting brochure about the Burien city manager position.

SGR will advertise the position in national and regional publications and collect applications. They will work with the City Council - after the new councilmembers take office in January - to narrow down the list of candidates to about a dozen. From that list four to six finalists will be selected and invited to Burien for interviews. Thorough background and reference checks will be conducted on all finalists.

It is hoped a new city manager can be selected and onboard by next spring. The job became vacant in July when former City Manager Mike Martin left for a position in Lynden, WA. City Attorney Craig Knutson is serving as interim city manager.

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

CITY HALL.....241-4647

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Brian Bennett, Mayor..... 241-4647

Lucy Krakowiak, Deputy Mayor..... 242-8378

Jack Block Jr., Councilmember 241-4647

Rose Clark, Councilmember 241-4647

Bob Edgar, Councilmember 734-7653

Joan McGilton, Councilmember 241-4647

Gerald Robison, Councilmember..... 241-4647

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE 248-5508

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Planning Division 248-5510

Building Division 248-5520

Code Enforcement..... 248-5507

CITY ATTORNEY 248-5531

FINANCE 241-4647

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire District #2242-2040

North Highline F.D.243-0330

HUMAN RESOURCES..... 248-5504

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SVCS

Website: www.BurienParks.net

Burien Community Center. 988-3700

14700 6th Ave. S.W988-3700

Moshier Art Center.....242-7752

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Precinct #4, 14905 6th S.W.....296-3333

Parking Complaints/

Police Tip Hotline.....205-0969

PUBLIC WORKS248-5521

24 hr. street or drainage concerns.....391-1620

SENIOR PROGRAM

14700 6th Ave. S.W988-3700

CITY JOB LINE 248-5534

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Burien Town Square Development Moving Forward

Construction could get under way as early as summer 2014 on the next phase of development of Burien Town Square following the sale this fall of the remaining three undeveloped parcels of the Town Square master plan.

An affiliate of Legacy Partners Residential, Inc., purchased the land, totalling more than 141,000 square feet located adjacent to The Residences at Burien Town Square condominiums, Town Square Park and the City Hall/Library complex. Legacy acquired the sites in partnership with Seattle based Pillar Properties.

The partnership plans to develop high-end mixed-use projects with an emphasis on residential. The overall project will be built in two phases. The first will have around 150 apartments over a parking garage and a small amount of retail, and the second will have a mix of office space, lodging and destination retail.

Kerry Nicholson, senior managing director, Legacy Partners Residential, Inc., said he and Pillar



The next phase will be built to the north (right) of the existing condominiums.

Properties chose the Burien opportunity because the City is a reliable working partner, the cost structure will allow more competitive rents than those of nearby downtown Seattle, and the site has a well-developed, walkable downtown. "Burien is a hidden gem," he said.

Craig Knutson, Burien interim city manager, said the transfer of the remaining undeveloped Town Square parcels to Legacy Partners is a vital step in our community's ongoing economic development. "We thank the original developer for the beautiful first phase of Town Square and look forward to the successful completion of the next phase," Knutson said.

Agreement Clears Way for Emerald Pt. Apartment Complex

An agreement between a Seahurst Park neighborhood group and a multi-family housing developer clears the way for construction of the Westmark/Emerald Pt. apartment complex at 13401 12th Ave SW, adjacent to Seahurst Park.

The agreement was approved Sept. 13 by a hearing examiner who heard an appeal filed by the Neighbors of Seahurst Park that had challenged the issuance by the City of a clearing permit for the project. Under the agreement, Westmark will be able to proceed with a revised plan that reduces the size of the project and further mitigates the environmental impact. Mitigations include retaining more trees, increasing protective buffers, and improving storm water runoff to protect the adjacent park.

Plans for the multi-family housing project were being made before Burien was a City, with neighbors fighting the project when it was under King County's jurisdiction. After Burien incorporated, City officials took actions affecting the development and the City was sued by the developer. Courts eventually ruled for the developer and in 2010 the City paid a \$10.7 million judgment, which was paid through an agreement with the Washington Cities Insurance Authority.

Council OKs Contract with CleanScapes for Garbage, Recycling and Compost Service

Burien residents and businesses will welcome a new garbage hauler to town next summer. CleanScapes, of Seattle, will begin providing garbage, recycling and compost/yard waste collection service in Burien June 1, 2014.

Under CleanScapes, residents and businesses will see lower rates on their monthly bills and expanded services including more curbside collection options such as plastics, motor oil, bottled kitchen fat/oil/grease, scrap metal, household batteries, fluorescent tubes, and bulky items. Additionally, CleanScapes will be adding a retail store and customer service center in Burien.

“We are excited to be partnering with CleanScapes as the City of Burien’s next garbage and recycling hauler,” said Mayor Brian Bennett. “The new contract provides cost-savings to residents and businesses at a time when everyone could use more money.”

The new seven-year contract, approved by the City Council in September, replaces the current contract with Waste Management which expires on May 31, 2014.

The new contract lowers the rate for residential trash pick-up by \$1.25/month for a 32/35-gallon can and for commercial trash pick-up by \$7.07/month for the 1 cubic yard loose container. In addition, collection of yard waste and food scraps are included in the base rate. Residents who currently pay approximately \$11 per month for this service will receive it for free, and those who are not currently subscribing to this service also will get it for free. Under the contract, the City will receive a higher franchise fee which will result in increased annual revenue for the City. The additional revenue will help fund the City’s street overlay program.

In addition to expanded curbside services, CleanScapes will provide a once-per-year opportunity for residents to leave up to one cubic yard of individual small items and one large item (appliances, mattresses, hot water heaters) for free pickup. CleanScapes will also provide debris clean-up from large windstorms at a per-event cost to the City.

CleanScapes plans to conduct an extensive outreach program in Burien. In the coming months, residents and commercial customers will receive multiple pieces of information from CleanScapes outlining their new service options and lower rates. CleanScapes currently serves several Puget Sound area cities including Seattle, Shoreline, and Des Moines.



CleanScapes' bright green trucks will start service in Burien in June 2014

Seahurst Park Closed Until Spring for Construction

As most people in Burien are aware, Seahurst Park is undergoing a major shoreline renovation project. The park is closed to the public until the project is completed next spring. The main vehicle entrance to the park all the way down into the water and then north to just past the Marine Lab, is now a construction zone. The service road and trails that come down from the Shorewood and Hurstwood neighborhoods are open to the public for walking, but are closed near the shoreline area.



The road into the park is closed at the main entrance.

There is no park parking available and parks officials recommend people who like to drive to Seahurst and walk the trails instead use other trails in the area. Suggestions for a nice place to walk or take a dog for a walk include Eagle Landing, Lake Burien School Park, Mathison Salmon Creek Ravine or other local options such as Des Moines Beach Park and Creek Trail or Lincoln Park in West Seattle.

Drug Take-Back Day a Success

The Burien Police Department collected approximately 15 pounds of unwanted medicine at National Prescription Take-Back Day held Saturday, October 26. This annual event encourages residents to clean out medicine cabinets and safely dispose of unwanted and expired prescriptions (including controlled substances) at a designated collection site. It is free and anonymous, and safe disposal keeps unwanted medicines out of the environment and prevents misuse and accidental poisoning.



The Burien Police Station, 14905 6th Ave. S.W., is a designated collection site where residents may drop off prescriptions Monday through Friday from 8:30 am - 5 pm. Some local pharmacies also offer free disposal of unwanted drugs.

Residents Can Help Police Solve Graffiti Problems

Unfortunately, graffiti has become a major problem in Burien. This fall the City's public facilities – our skatepark, annex building and parks – have been especially hard hit.

Residents can help us solve this problem by becoming more aware of graffiti, and keeping their eyes open for the perpetrators. Here's what you can do to help:

- Report any graffiti immediately to the police – if we don't know that there's a problem, we can't address it.
- Paint over or remove the graffiti as soon as possible. The longer the graffiti stays up, the more likely the gang member or tagger will tag that location again. If you want to paint over the graffiti before the police arrive, take a picture of the graffiti for the police.
- Pay attention to what's going on in your community and report any suspicious behavior. A group of youths hanging around a park after closing hours may be up to no good.

There are two types of graffiti "artists" in Burien: taggers and gangs.

Tagger crew graffiti makes up the majority of graffiti in Burien, maybe as much as 90%, falls into this category. This graffiti is the work of individuals who identify with the "street art" culture, and believe that the world is their canvas. They adopt an individual "tag name" and style of graffiti and put their tag up in as many places as they can in order to gain recognition. They usually try to put it somewhere visible, and somewhere that is difficult to immediately remove. The only real concern with this group is the damage to property which can amount to thousands of dollars,

Sometimes taggers begin to have "beefs" with other taggers, or share a similar art style. These taggers will then group together into a tagger crew, and will give themselves a common crew name. Most commonly, the name is three words, and is often tagged as a set of initials. For example, if there was a tagger crew named "Graffiti Artists Society" in Burien... they would commonly refer to them self as "GAS". Graffiti by a tagger crew will often be the tagger's name and the crew's initials; for example – "JACK GAS".



Graffiti removal at the skatepark and other Burien parks costs the City over \$15,000 per year.

Under Washington State law, tagger crews are considered criminal street gangs. There are a number of tagger crews that have evolved into criminal street gangs and many established criminal street gangs have used members of tagger crews as a base from which to recruit new members. The primary criminal activity of a tagger crew is still graffiti; however, it doesn't take much to get a group that is already engaged in one type of criminal activity to take on another type of criminal activity.

Gang graffiti is a way of communication between gangs and gang members; they'll use it to claim territory, issue challenges, and intimidate rival gang members and members of the community. The good news is your Police Department is very good at identifying these vandals. We have currently identified several of the culprits who are responsible for the latest rash of graffiti and we are preparing to prosecute each of them.

One last note: Parents should not turn a blind eye to their own child. Time and time again we find kids with the same tagging and markings all over their notebooks, bedrooms and lockers at school. Parents overlook spray paint cans and magnum magic markers in their own kids backpacks and write it off as "creativity". Just remember that today's graffiti artist is potentially tomorrow's young person in a lot of trouble.

– Sgt Henry McLauchlan

It's Fine to Give, But Watch Out for Scammers

*by Sgt. Henry McLauchlan
Burien Police Dept.*

Please enjoy the upcoming holidays. Give "thanks" for all your good fortune and reward those who are



deserving. Just make sure you know whom you are giving to. The number of victims falling prey to criminal scammers is on the rise and unfortunately the crooks who would take you for all you have worked for are getting more complex and sophisticated.

These are scams such as locating the elderly and finding ways to trick them out of their earnings to help a "grandchild" who is in a foreign country and needs money to get home. Or sending them a "processing fee" and they will get moneys that were put away for them by some unknown beneficiary.

These scams are increasing daily and have become so complicated that even the police have trouble tracking them down. If someone asks in person, calls on the phone, sends you an e-mail or letter and tries to separate you from your money in exchange for a service, a miracle or windfall, think twice and then say no. If you are approached and someone offers to pave your drive or clean your roof, ask to see a business license.

There are lots of good businesses that provide valuable services and are worthy of you giving them your dollars. Just be cautious because you never know who is standing there with their hand out trying to convince you to be generous.

The state Attorney General's Office regularly issues Scam Alerts. Go to <http://www.atg.wa.gov/ScamAlerts.aspx>

Rain Gardens Help Protect Salmon by Filtering Water

By Elissa Ostergaard, Miller-Walker Basin Steward

It all is here, and the salmon are returning to Miller and Walker Creeks to spawn. Sadly, most of the coho will likely die before they deposit their fertilized eggs in the gravel because the water is so polluted. Rain hitting the roads and parking lots around the basin washes the oils and other pollutants into the storm drains and directly into the creeks, overwhelming the salmon.

A recent experiment done by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and others placed adult coho into a basin containing runoff from a highway in Seattle. The coho immediately died. The researchers then filtered the same runoff through a rain garden – a depression in the ground filled with crushed rock, topped with a sandy compost mix, planted with water-tolerant plants and mulched. Coho placed in the highway runoff that was filtered through the rain garden lived! The rain garden effectively cleaned up the toxic runoff.



Roadside rain gardens like the one above that capture and filter polluted road runoff may be planned for Miller and Walker Creeks with a new grant from Department of Ecology.

Last May, the Miller-Walker Basin Steward, along with basin partners from Burien, Normandy Park, SeaTac, Port of Seattle, and King County, was awarded a grant for \$235,000 from the Department of Ecology. The funds will be used to do a basin-wide “stormwater retrofit” assessment and to plan and design projects like rain gardens to filter runoff before it goes to Miller and Walker Creeks.

The basin partners will select the best sites for new stormwater controls. Sites will likely be on public property and near areas with large volumes of polluted runoff. The partners will hold public meetings to share information and gather feedback. By the end of 2014, they will have several project designs in hand, and may apply for additional funds to finalize the designs and build the projects. You can also build rain gardens on your property – information is available at www.stewardshippartners.org. For more information or questions, contact Elissa Ostergaard, Miller Walker Basin Steward, at (206) 477-4792.

State Approves Burien’s Shoreline Master Program

The City of Burien’s shoreline program, approved Oct. 17 by the state DOE, will result in significant improvements in the protection, use, development and restoration of shorelines on approximately 5.5 miles of Puget Sound and 1.2 miles of Lake Burien. The new master program combines local plans for future shoreline development and preservation with new shoreline development ordinances and related permitting requirements. The program:

- Integrates shoreline regulations with the City’s growth management planning and zoning, and critical areas ordinances as part of a unified development code.
- Establishes protective buffers with the flexibility to reduce them based on individual property circumstances.
- Encourages soft-bank erosion control methods and limits construction of new shoreline armoring.
- Includes a restoration plan showing where and how voluntary improvements in water and upland areas can enhance the local shoreline environment.
- Helps support the broader initiative to protect and restore Puget Sound.

The 60-day appeal period for the DOE’s approval of the document closes on December 16. It then becomes part of the state shoreline master program.

BUILDING & PLANNING NEWS

Major construction/occupancy permits issued:

- Highline Heritage Museum was granted a 90-day occupancy approval at 216 S.W. 153rd St. for display of the new ‘Hope in Hard Times’ exhibit.
 - Navos Cedar Building remodel and change of use work was completed. Located on the Ruth Dykeman campus, 1043 S.W. 152nd St.
 - Fire Station 29, 135 S. Normandy Rd., received temporary occupancy approval for Phase 1 of the project and is moving into the new station.
 - Staples’ new location at 158 S.W. 148th St. was granted occupancy approval and is open for business.
 - Miller Creek Junction, at SR 509 and S. 160th St., has one 3-unit and three 4-unit townhome buildings completed and approved for occupancy. Work continues on the remaining eight buildings, which are expected to be completed by the end of the year.
 - BECU Drive-Thru recently completed work at 125 S.W. 146th St. and has opened for business.
 - Start Fresh Bakery, Deli, and Natural Market, located at 816 S.W. 152nd St., have been given final occupancy approval and were able to open the bakery portion of the business.
 - CVS pharmacy has applied for permits to construct a new 16,882 retail pharmacy with drive-through to be located at 107 S.W. 160th St. The project is valued at over \$2 million.
- NEW BUSINESSES**
- Cecilia’s Temple of Groom is opening a dog grooming business at 249 S.W. 153rd St. Cecilia’s was voted Best of Western Washington in 2011.
 - The Greek House, serving authentic Greek cuisine, opened for business at 113 S.W. 153rd St.
 - Burien Arts has opened in a new location at 826 S.W. 152nd St.
 - Black Zia Cantina, featuring New Mexican and American food, is open for business after a major remodel at 15212 6th Ave. S.W., formerly Sal’s Deli.
 - Kre-8-tive Kidz, 15525 1st Ave. S., is a new bilingual childcare center providing curriculum that emphasizes English and Spanish.

Vote in Dog Park Contest

Local dog-lovers are one step closer to a winning \$500,000 Dream Dog Park for our community. Out of more than 1,000 national entries, Burien is one of 14 finalist communities. You can vote for this project at www.bit.ly/btowndog. Your vote can help win this for Burien.

City of Burien 2014 Federal & State Legislative Priorities



The City Council has approved the following set of priorities for the 2014 State Legislature and Congress.

Promote Services and Economic Development through Transportation Funding

- Advocate for a state transportation revenue package to provide adequate funding for vital bus service, construction funding for the SR 518/Des Moines Memorial Drive interchange improvement project to support commercial development in the Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA), and ongoing funding for street project needs. Work with the federal delegation to ensure that Federal Aviation Administration grant money is forthcoming for the NERA Pilot Project infrastructure. (State and Federal)
- Advocate for the reauthorization of MAP-21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century) and for more permanent funding for the federal Highway Trust Fund (Federal)

Maintain and Strengthen City Services and Facilities

- Work to achieve the following State funding issues:
 1. Eliminate the \$10 million ongoing diversion of liquor taxes and reinstate the local share of excess liquor profits.
 2. Eliminate the 6-year diversion of Public Works Trust Fund monies that occurred in the 2013-15 state operating budget.
 3. Ensure continued appropriation of committed state share funds such as liquor profits and taxes, streamlined sales tax (SST) mitigation funding, municipal criminal justice account funding, the annexation sales tax credit, and public health funding. (State)
- Marijuana Legalization Revenues. Share a portion of the anticipated marijuana revenue collected with cities to help offset local impacts. Harmonize medical marijuana regulations to reflect legalization and state regulation of recreational marijuana. Oppose any preemption of local authority over traditional land use, licensing, local taxes and fees, and other regulatory functions regarding marijuana production or distribution. (State)
- Work to retain local control over City Business and Occupation (B&O) taxes, while encouraging the simplification of collection. (State)
- Work with other local jurisdictions to pursue further funding for mediation of the public records cost recovery issue. (State)
- Maintain partnership efforts to improve the health of Puget Sound, including:
 - Create a pharmaceutical return program to prevent toxic prescription drugs from entering the Sound through inappropriate disposal practices. (State)
- Monitor fish consumption rulemaking and legislation with an emphasis on costs to comply with new standards.

Youths Have 'Safe Place' at City Hall, Community Center

The City of Burien has officially become a Safe Place city where youths in crisis have a safe place to go. City "Safe Places" include Burien City Hall and the Burien Community Center where they can talk to a Safe Place counselor over the phone.

Safe Place is an outreach program designed to provide access to immediate help and safety for youth ages 11-17. Agencies, businesses and organizations act as Safe Place sites to connect youth and teens in crisis to community resources or emergency shelter. Besides Burien City facilities, every King County Metro bus is a Safe Place site, as are King County libraries and local YMCAs.

A young person may enter a business, library, community building or public bus displaying the yellow and black diamond-shaped Safe Place sign and request help. A site employee calls the Safe Place collaboration and makes the young person comfortable until a trained Safe Place staff member arrives.

If the youth is lost or stranded and seeking help to return home, the Safe Place staff will ensure the

youth is safe until a parent or legal guardian can come and pick the youth up. If residential assistance is needed, the youth will be transported to the nearest emergency youth shelter.

At the youth agency, staff will meet with the youth, conduct assessments and determine next steps. Family is contacted and agency staff will make sure the youth and family receive the help and professional referrals they need.

For information or to talk with a counselor, anyone can call Safe Place at 1-800-422-TEEN. Youths can text "safe" and their current location to 69866.



PHONE NUMBERS

ANIMAL CONTROL.....	812-2737
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	575-1633
DISTRICT COURT (Burien Courthouse)	
601 SW 149th St.	296-0144
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCATE	
(425) 961-0618 Cell Phone (206) 947-3852	
BURIEN LIBRARY.....	243-3490
BOULEVARD PARK LIBRARY.....	242-8662
WHITE CENTER LIBRARY.....	243-0233
SCHOOL DISTRICT (Highline)	433-0111
SEWER DISTRICTS	
SW Suburban Sewer Dist.....	244-9575
Midway Sewer	824-4960
Valley View Sewer	242-3236
SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE	
151 SW 156th Street	243-0289
WATER DISTRICTS	
Water District #20	243-3990
Water District #49	242-8535

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Public Works Roads Crew Gearing Up for Snowy Winter

The Puget Sound region was spared snowstorms and other severe weather last winter, but forecasters are predicting we might not be so lucky this winter.

The City's Public Works roads crew has some new tools to help keep roads clear in the event of snow. Last winter City purchased a 500-gallon brine sprayer to treat major streets and hills before an expected snowfall or before the temperature drops to freezing. The brine helps prevent snow from sticking and ice from forming. A second mini-plow has been added to the snow-removal fleet, which includes two large plows.



Remember the January 2012 storm? Forecasters are predicting another snowy winter.

The snow-removal crew operates 24 hours during storms, working in continual 12-hour shifts. Crews first concentrate on arterials, then move to secondary streets, and if possible, residential streets. In the case of severe, continual snowfalls, most focus will be on arterials.

For more information on road clearing, contact the Public Works Department at (206) 248-5521. Residents are asked to call and report potential road hazards such as downed trees and hanging branches. Do not try to remove downed trees and branches tangled with powerlines. Contact your utility company which can send a crew out to remove them safely.

■ To view Burien roads that will be plowed, see the snow routes map at: www.burienwa.gov/snowroutes

Residents can obtain information about road conditions, power outages, facility closures and other storm-related news on the City of Burien website, www.burienwa.gov, which will be updated with the latest information. Similar storm-related information will also be available on radio station 540 AM.

REMOVE LEAVES FROM DRAINS



Residents can help prevent flooding by cleaning the ditches and catch basins in front of their property. Simply rake or kick away leaves or other debris that obstruct the water flow.

DANGER!
In the event of a power outage, never operate a charcoal or gas barbecue indoors. Fumes can cause carbon monoxide poisoning which can be fatal.

STORM DEBRIS

In the event of a major windstorm, please watch for information on special collection of storm debris. Please do not pile branches and other debris next to the street assuming it automatically will be picked up. Unless notified otherwise, debris should be cut up and placed in the yard waste recycle bin.

1st Avenue South Improvements Give Kennedy High School a Boost

City Councilmembers, City officials, and state transportation officials gathered in the parking lot at Fred Meyer on Sept. 12 to celebrate the completion of the 1st Avenue South Phase 2 improvement project. Councilmembers Rose Clark and Jerry Robison cut the ceremonial ribbon officially opening the improved stretch of roadway between 140th and 146th streets.

Especially pleased with the project was Michael Prato, principal of Kennedy High School, situated just off 1st Avenue South. Kennedy allowed a transformer to be placed on the school grounds in exchange for the City putting in a new sidewalk and landscaping from 1st Avenue to the school entrance.

Prato said the visual quality of Kennedy's entrance plays an important role in attracting new students to the private school and the improvements have helped build Kennedy's enrollment. "It's beautiful, very pleasant to look at," Prato said. "We're glad to be a neighbor and thankful we both benefited from the improvements."

The project included new sidewalks, curbs and gutters on both sides, new asphalt overlay, new signals and street lighting, storm drainage improvements, undergrounding of overhead utilities and landscaping. Phase 1 of the project, from 148th to 160th streets was substantially completed in 2009.



City Councilmembers Robison and Clark cut the ribbon.



The approach from 1st Ave. S. to Kennedy High School has a new sidewalk and fresh landscaping.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 587 Amending Title 19 of the Burien Municipal Code related to multi-family recreational space development regulations in the Downtown Commercial Zone. 9/23/13

Ordinance 589 Setting the 2014 property tax levy. 11/18/13

Ordinance 590 Scheduled for increasing the City's surface water management service charges and discount rates and amending Chapter 13.10 of the Burien Municipal Code. 11/18/13

Ordinance 592 Approves final plat for Westwood Ridge subdivision. 10/28/13

Ordinance 595 Extension of Seattle City Light Franchise 11/4/13

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 349 Conditionally approving the Boulevard Landing subdivision preliminary plat and adopting the hearing examiner's findings of fact and conclusions in support of said approval. 10/28/13

Resolution 350 Stating their approval of the Association of Washington Cities Employee Benefit Trust Health Care Program interlocal agreement (self insurance). 11/4/13

Metro Cuts Would Impact Burien Bus Routes

Because of a funding shortfall, Metro Transit is considering major cuts in service starting June 2014 including elimination of 74 bus routes, reducing or revising 107 others. In Burien, route 139 would be eliminated and routes 120, 121, 122 and 180 would be changed.

The State Legislature is considering statewide transportation funding, but until a solution is finalized proposed cuts are needed to reduce Metro's costs and would affect riders and communities across King County beginning as soon as June 2014.

A series of public meetings is planned prior to the King County Council's consideration next spring of the proposed service cuts. The following public meetings are scheduled in South King County:

- West Seattle: Tuesday, Dec. 3, 6-8 p.m., Youngstown Cultural Arts Center
- Kent: Monday, Dec. 16, 6-8 p.m., Kent Commons

Riders with questions or comments can visit Metro's service cuts page for more information. <http://your.kingcounty.gov/elections/2013nov-general/results/results.pdf>

Affordable Health Care Sign-up Workshops in Burien

Burien residents interested in obtaining health insurance under the Affordable Care Act will have the opportunity to learn about their eligibility, premium costs, and be able to sign up at workshops being conducted by the Seattle-King County Health Department. Enrollment started in October this year for coverage starting January 1, 2014.

ENROLLMENT WORKSHOPS

Monday, Dec. 9

4 - 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 14

noon - 4 p.m.

Burien Library, 400 SW 152nd St.

To learn more about the ACA or to sign up online, go to www.wahealthcarefinder.org.

Buy local, buy handmade, buy sustainable, buy one of a kind...

Moshier Holiday Pottery SALE

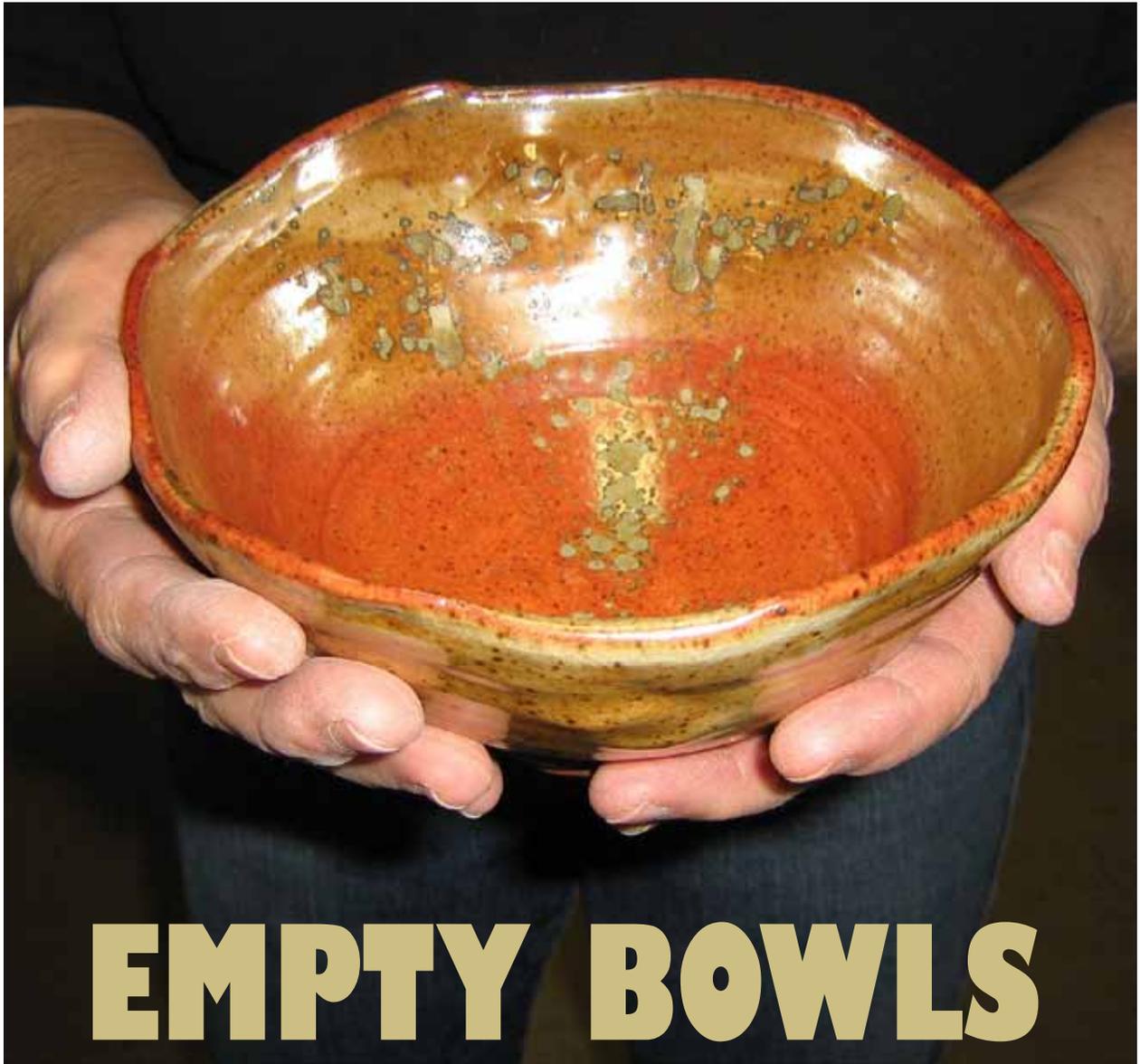
Saturday, Dec. 7
10am-3pm

Moshier Art Center
430 S 156th, Burien

Twice a year the potters at the Moshier Community Art Center gather to sell their handmade wares. Come to this amazing sale to find hundreds of items such as mugs, bowls, serving dishes, casseroles, garden art, jewelry, planters, and more! Come early for the best selection. Cash or checks accepted.

MoshierArtCenter.org
206.988.3700





EMPTY BOWLS

JOIN US FOR A MEAL AND HELP FIGHT HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY!

Friday, January 31, 2014

Lunch served 11:00 AM-2:00 PM

Dinner served 4:00-8:00 PM

Burien Community Center

14700 6th Ave SW, Burien

\$15 (minimum) Adult Donation

\$10 (minimum) Child Donation

Proceeds to benefit

Highline & White Center Food Banks

www.BurienParks.net

Empty Bowls events can be found around the country raising money to combat hunger in our communities.

Moshier Art Center Potters have donated bowls to be filled with soup at this fun event...all are invited!

Your donation will get you the opportunity to pick out a beautiful handmade bowl, as well as a simple but wonderful meal of soup, bread, dessert and drink; all donated by local businesses..





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2	\$3,277	\$39,324
3	\$4,048	\$48,576
4	\$4,820	\$57,840
5	\$5,591	\$67,092
6	\$6,362	\$76,344
7	\$6,507	\$78,084
8	\$6,651	\$79,812
9	\$6,796	\$81,552
10	\$6,940	\$83,280
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