

Burien City News

The Community with Great Connections

November 2007



CITY COUNCIL MESSAGE

We would like to look back at all the positive changes that have happened in Burien during 2007.

Town Square

The sight of busy bulldozers, dump trucks and Burien's first-ever high-rise construction crane at the Town Square construction site ranks as the highlight of 2007. The City Council and community have been waiting for years for downtown's grand plan to start becoming reality. In July, Town Square developer Urban Partners opened its marketing center on S.W. 152nd Street and began selling condominiums. A year from now we hope to be celebrating the opening of some of Town Square's shops and residential buildings, and later on we will mark the opening of our new City Hall and King County regional library.

1st Avenue S.

Burien's largest road improvement project got under way in June 2006 and is progressing on schedule to be completed in July 2008. Placement of the utilities underground has been challenging and complex. Much of the utility work has taken place late at night in order to minimize disruptions to traffic and businesses. We look forward to a beautiful new roadway, with new signals, paving, curbs and sidewalks, streetlights and landscaping. We're sure that when this project is completed the people who rely on 1st Avenue S. will feel that all the challenges involved were worthwhile. Until then, let's continue to provide support to our business stores, restaurants, and auto dealerships along 1st Avenue S., which are open during construction.

New Community Center

The City and community this year began serious discussions of another major City project that will improve the quality of life
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City Survey Will Measure Support for New Community Recreation Center

The City is exploring financing options for a new community recreation center, after completing a master plan for the proposed facility. One of the options being examined is a voted bond measure that would be placed on the ballot in the fall of 2008. The City is conducting a survey to learn how citizens feel about supporting such a measure. Citizens can share their views on this proposal through an online survey (see www.rrcinfo.com/burien). This would be the first bond measure ever put to the voters by the City of Burien.

In addition to a construction bond, funding for the project could involve a variety of other resources, including use of existing property taxes that will go toward the senior center portion of the facility, capital improvement program funds, revenue bonds that are based on facility and user fees, and other forms of public and private resources.

The feedback from public workshops conducted over the summer, along with input from focus groups and stakeholders, was



This model shows how the new Community Recreation Center might look.

used to develop the plans for the proposed facility that would replace the existing Burien Community Center. The proposed building would include high priority features requested by Burien citizens, including: an indoor walking-jogging track; a recreation pool for swim lessons, fitness, therapy and water play; fitness rooms for aerobics, dance lessons, cardio equipment and weights; a senior center as well as rooms for preschoolers and teens; gymnasium, banquet hall/community room, meeting rooms and classrooms.

The facility would be approximately 66,000 square feet and is estimated to cost approximately \$35 million. This figure includes all

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Citizens Can View City Council Meetings on Cable TV and Online

You don't even have to leave home anymore to see the Burien City Council at work. Council meetings are broadcast live on The Burien Channel (Cable TV 21). See The Burien Channel on the City's website (www.burienwa.gov) for programming.

Council meetings are held the first and third Mondays, at 7 p.m.; Council study sessions are the second and fourth Mondays, 7 p.m. The meetings are replayed on Channel 21 Wednesdays at 7 p.m., Saturdays at 1 p.m., and at various times during the day.

Video of past City Council meetings also can be viewed online. On the City's home page (www.burienwa.gov), go to "Inside City Hall" and then to "Agendas/Online Packets" and click on "Video Stream" for the specific council meeting you'd like to view. Click on "Video Stream" to see it in streaming format, or right click on the link and select "Save Target As..." to download the entire file to your computer to be able to fast-forward the playback. (This is a large file and might take up to one-half hour to download.)

GOVERNMENT SERVICES

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| CITY HALL | 241-4647 |
| E-Mail burien@burienwa.gov | |
| Website www.burienwa.gov | |
| COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT | 248-5510 |
| BUILDING DIVISION | 248-5520 |
| CITY ATTORNEY | 248-5531 |
| CITY COUNCIL | |
| Joan McGilton, Mayor | 244-5168 |
| Rose Clark, Deputy Mayor | 248-3965 |
| Sue Blazak, Councilmember | 246-6129 |
| Jack Block, Jr., Councilmember | 246-7708 |
| Lucy Krakowiak, Councilmember .. | 242-8378 |
| Sally Nelson, Councilmember | 243-8030 |
| Gordon Shaw, Councilmember | 244-2457 |
| CITY JOB LINE | 248-5534 |
| CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE | 248-5508 |
| CODE ENFORCEMENT | 248-5507 |
| FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES | |
| 241-4647 | |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT | |
| Fire District #2 | 242-2040 |
| North Highline F.D. | 243-0330 |
| HUMAN RESOURCES..... | 248-5504 |
| PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES | |
| 425 SW 144 th Street | 988-3700 |
| POLICE DEPARTMENT | |
| Burien Precinct #4 | |
| 14905 6 th SW | 296-3333 |
| PUBLIC WORKS..... | 248-5521 |
| 24 hr. street or drainage concerns..... | 296-8100 |
| SENIOR PROGRAM | |
| 425 SW 144 th Street | 244-3686 |
| OTHER NUMBERS | |
| Citizen Complaints | 248-5530 |
| Parking Complaints/ | |
| Police Tip Hotline | 205-0969 |
| ANIMAL CONTROL | 296-7387 |
| CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | 575-1633 |
| DISCOVER BURIEN ASSO. | 433-2882 |
| DISTRICT COURT (Burien Courthouse) | |
| 601 SW 149 th St. | 296-0144 |
| DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCATE | |
| (425) 961-0618 Cell Phone (206) 947-3852 | |
| LIBRARY | |
| 14700 6 th SW | 243-3490 |
| SCHOOL DISTRICT (Highline) | 433-0111 |
| SEWER | |
| SW Suburban Sewer Dist. | 244-9575 |
| Midway Sewer | 824-4960 |
| Valley View Sewer | 242-3236 |
| SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE | |
| 151 SW 156 th Street | 243-0289 |
| WATER DISTRICTS | |
| Water District #20 | 243-3990 |
| Water District #49..... | 242-8535 |
| Highline Water District..... | 824-0375 |
| Seattle Water..... | 684-5900 |

Developer Selected for Downtown Hotel Complex

As the new buildings for Town Square and other projects begin to appear, there's more good news for downtown Burien. A multi-story hotel/conference center is in the future for the city center, following the City Council's decision to select the most qualified developers for the project.

The Council's selection of Alliance Property Group, Inc. and Wasatch Advantage Group, LLC, authorized City officials to negotiate the sale and disposition of the City-owned site with the co-developers. The 54,000-square-foot parcel is located at SW 150th Street and 2nd Avenue South, adjacent to Washington Mutual bank.

The California and Utah development partners responded to a Request for Qualifications for the hotel site published by the City in April. Council members had the opportunity to meet and question the principals of the two firms at a September workshop. Both firms have extensive experience throughout the western United States in residential and commercial development, including hotels, conference centers, professional buildings and multi-family housing.

City Sets Local Priorities for Legislature, Congress

The City Council has adopted the City's 2008 Legislative Policy Statement and several legislative priorities that the City will pursue in the upcoming sessions of the State Legislature and the U.S. Congress. Burien has enjoyed significant success in recent years in securing funding for City projects such as Town Square and the Seahurst south seashore restoration.

The priorities that the City Councilmembers expect to discuss with members of the City's state and federal delegations in the coming months include the following:

Transportation Improvements – The City will continue to seek funding to extend the improvements farther north along 1st Avenue South; phase 2 of this project will include the segment between S.W. 140th and S.W. 146th Streets.

Funding for Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA) – Burien remains optimistic

“We're delighted that developers of this caliber have chosen our city as a good place to invest,” said Mayor Joan McGilton. “This is an exciting time for Burien with Town Square being built, all the other developments going on around town, and now a hotel/conference center on the drawing board. This will provide jobs and attract more people to our downtown.”

Development of a hotel in the downtown area that will complement other planned development has been a major City objective for years. City leaders believe downtown Burien, with its proximity to Sea-Tac Airport and major freeways, plus frequent transit service and pedestrian-oriented developments, is the ideal location for a new hotel/conference center.

In 2005 a Federal Way hotel developer signed a Disposition and Development Agreement with the City for construction of a boutique-type hotel, conference center and deluxe condominiums. A year later the developer notified the City that it was unable to continue with the project.

Alliance Property Group and Wasatch Advantage Group will conduct a financial feasibility study, and examine physical and environmental conditions of the property, before negotiating the purchase with the City.

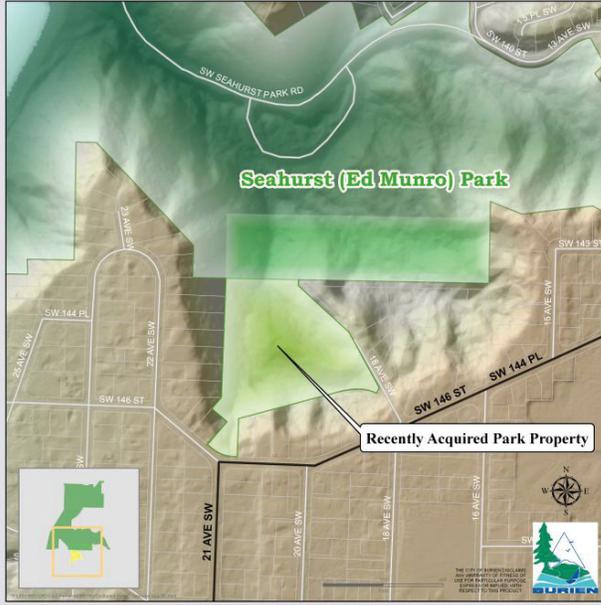
that the Congress will create a pilot redevelopment program to help cities affected by airports. The City will seek funding in 2008 through a grant to help revitalize the NERA with airport-compatible development.

Infrastructure Financing – The City will also advocate for additional state funding sources to help local jurisdictions address unfunded infrastructure needs, such as pedestrian/bicycle improvements and implementing new stormwater runoff requirements.

Seahurst Shoreline Renovation – Burien will work with regional, state and federal partners to expand the renovation of the Seahurst Park shoreline to the north and continue the City's effort to enhance salmon habitat.

Local Franchise and Right-of-Way Control – The City will continue to strive to maintain control of its franchise agreements (such as cable) in order to ensure continued access to such services by all Burien residents.

City Purchase of Seahurst Acreage Will Protect Land from Development



The City of Burien is purchasing nine acres at the southern edge of Seahurst Park, expanding the park and protecting the nine acres from future development. The City Council on September 10 approved the purchase of the property for \$750,000.

The property is in its natural state, with steep slopes, ravines, thick second-growth forest and several creeks, including the spring source for Seahurst Creek, the main creek that flows through the park center. The City will keep the park as open space.

“We’re buying and holding, to protect it from development and save it for future generations,” says Parks Director Michael Lafreniere.

Although the addition of the nine acres will connect Seahurst Park with S.W. 146th Street, access to the park will continue to be through 13th Avenue S.W. The property had been owned by the Brown family since the 1930s. At one time a spring on the land provided water to adjacent neighborhoods.

The City has been working to obtain the park since 2001 and was finally successful in negotiating the price and obtaining a grant from the King County Conservations Futures Trust for the purchase. The grant will pay for one-half of the purchase price, with the balance coming from the Parks Department Trust Fund.

City Establishes Employee Apprenticeship Program

Burien will be a good place for young workers to build skills and begin a career in the construction industry, following City Council’s establishment of the Employee Apprenticeship Program.

Under the program, at least 15 percent of the workers on a City public works project must be apprentices. The rule would apply to projects in excess of \$1 million, such as the new City Hall/King County Library at Burien Town Square and the 1st Avenue South improvement project.

The goal of the program is to help create a local workforce that reflects the diversity of the community and promotes community development. Apprenticeship programs have been shown to be highly effective models that leads to family-wage careers. The Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council has taken measures to make apprenticeships more widely available in the construction industry because of recent shortages of skilled construction workers.

For more information about apprenticeships, contact the WSATC at (360) 902-5320 or log on to www.ini.wa.gov/TradesLicensing/Apprenticeship/WSATC.

Burien's a Beehive of Construction Activity

Construction of Burien Town Square is moving along on schedule, as the parking garage for the multi-story residential/retail building on Parcel 1 emerges from the ground. Developer Urban Partners reports that 39 of the 124 condominiums in that first building have been sold.

Look for work to begin in January on the City Hall/King County Regional Library at the southeast corner of Town Square, at S.W. 152nd Street and 4th Avenue S.W. Construction of the 47,000-square-foot building will take about a year.

With all the attention on Town Square, it’s easy to overlook the other large building projects going on in Burien.

The Highline School District continues its replacement of aging schools with the construction of the 79,649-square-foot Cedarhurst Elementary in northeast Burien and the 60,000-square-foot Shorewood Elementary in northwest Burien.

Some 82 housing units are under construction in our city, in addition to the condos in Town Square. Thirty-seven of those units are houses and 45 are townhomes.

On the commercial side, construction of the new downtown Bartell Drugs and the attached small retail shops is nearing completion. On Ambaum Boulevard S.W. at S.W. 144th Street, construction continues on a new 4,220 square foot office building.

Fireworks Banned in Burien



City of Burien Ordinance 267 prohibits the sale and/or use of fireworks in the City except for public display. Please celebrate New Year's safely.

Nov. 6 Election Results for Burien City Council

(Unofficial Results)

Council Position No. 2

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| Lucy Krakowiak | 3006 | 97.69% |
| Write-in | 71 | 2.31% |

Council Position No. 4

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| Stephen Lamphear | 1438 | 36.63% |
| Gordon M. Shaw | 2467 | 62.84% |
| Write-in | 21 | 0.53% |

Council Position No. 6

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| Kathy Keene | 2138 | 56.95% |
| Ed Dacy | 1598 | 42.57% |
| Write-in | 18 | 0.48% |



Holiday Pottery Sale

Saturday, December 1
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Moshier Art Center
430 S. 156th St.

Beautiful ceramic artwork made by local potters is available for that perfect Christmas gift at Moshier Art Center.

Empty Bowls 2008

Friday, January 25
4 - 8 p.m.
Moshier Art Center

Moshier Community Art Center potters have teamed up with the Highline Food Bank, local businesses and Discover Burien to create Empty Bowls 2008. Empty Bowls events can be found around the country raising money to combat hunger in our communities. Local potters have donated bowls to be filled with soup at this fun dinner event...all are invited!

Your \$10 (minimum) 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 proceeds go to the Highline Food Bank, which serves over 750 area families per month. Bring your friends and family!

Volunteers Turn Out for Seahurst's 'Day in the Park'

Burien hosted "Day in the Park" for the second year and had a fantastic turnout - 83 participants!

Two work areas were targeted at Seahurst Park. Most of the volunteers worked in the planting beds stretching along the south side of the park. About 12 yards of unwanted plant material and invasive weeds were removed. A second group of volunteers worked along the bottom third of the North Nature Trail. They successfully widened a portion of the trail and added 30 feet of side retaining logs, placed a half yard of gravel in several areas, trenched 200 feet along several sections of the trail, and cleared out 10 culverts.

Collaborating agencies on this project included Earth Share, Volunteers for Outdoor



Volunteers removed invasive weeds and widened a nature trail at Seahurst Park.

Washington (VOW) and Earth Corps. Many volunteer groups signed up for the event, including girls from the International Order of Rainbow (West Seattle), Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, students from the University of Washington, and many other community volunteers. See a video of the event at www.youtube.com/burienparks.

Traffic Cameras Planned for School Zones, Intersections

Motorists are advised to closely watch their speed in school zones and be sure to completely stop for all red lights, because you never know who might be watching.

The City Council has given the green light

to the Police Department to use automated traffic cameras to detect stoplight infractions and school speed zone violations.

Signs will be posted at all locations where automated traffic safety cameras are in use. The fine for violations is \$101. The cameras will be installed next year.

1st Avenue South Improvement Project Headed for July Completion

Motorists and 1st Avenue S. businesses will be happy to learn that the improvement project is past its halfway point, with the majority of work of placing power and telecommunication lines underground completed. The project is on schedule for a July 2008 completion.

The \$19.8 million project includes widening and rebuilding of 1st Avenue S. between S.W. 162nd and S.W. 146th Streets, new signals at five key intersections, new curbs, gutters and sidewalks, and new street lighting.

The first phase of roadway repaving will continue throughout the fall, signals and street lighting will be installed, and curbs, gutters and sidewalk and landscaping.

Ambaum Regional Pond, just south of the Nissan dealership on 1st Avenue S., is being expanded to reduce flooding and improve Miller Creek fish habitat. The area around the pond will be landscaped. Other improvements to the storm drainage system are close to completion. Work on the sewer and water system has been completed.

Motorists are asked to be patient and to please drive slowly through the construction zone. While much of the work is being conducted at night to minimize traffic disruptions, lane closures will continue with at least one lane remaining open in each direction. Stores and restaurants are open and accessible throughout construction.

The public can call (206) 439-3162 for recorded traffic advisories related to the 1st Avenue South project. Weekly updates can be viewed on the City website: www.burienwa.gov. Look for the 1st Avenue S. link under "Quick Connections" and "What's New".

Damaged Section of Shorewood Drive SW Reopens

The section of Shorewood Drive Southwest between Standring Lane SW and Shoreview Lane SW reopened on November 5. The road had been closed to traffic as a result of damage to the gabion wall.

Noticias de Burien

Para nuestros lectores hispanos

Novembre 2007



Festival WINTERFEST Sábado, 1 de dic de 2007

De las 10 de la mañana a las 5 de la tarde

SW 152nd Street en Viejo Burien
Abre la temporada festiva con la celebración anual de Burien. Disfruta de paseos en carreta, fotos con Papá Noel, y otras actividades divertidas.

La compra de terrenos de Seahurst de parte de la ciudad protegerá el área de la urbanización

La ciudad de Burien compra nueve acres en el linde sur del Parque Seahurst, con el fin de expandir el parque y proteger estos terrenos contra la urbanización futura. El área se encuentra en su estado natural, y cuenta con colinas escarpadas, barrancos, bosque secundario denso, y varios riachuelos, entre ellos el manantial de Seahurst Creek, el arroyo principal que cruza el centro del parque. La ciudad preservará el parque como un espacio abierto, y no tiene planes para urbanizarlo ni desarrollarlo. La ciudad lleva desde 2001 procurando obtener el parque. Finalmente, se pudo negociar un precio, y se obtuvo una subvención para la compra de parte del fideicomiso *King County Conservations Futures Trust*. La subvención cubrirá la mitad del precio de la compra, y la otra mitad provendrá del fideicomiso del Departamento de Parques.

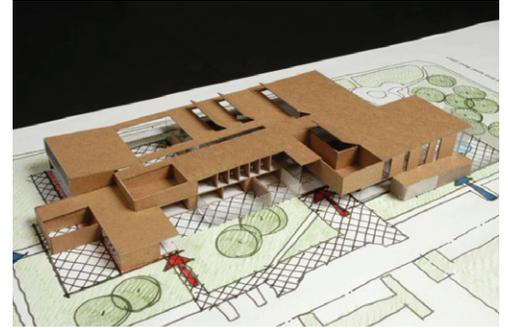
Se prohíben los fuegos artificiales

La Ordenanza 267 de la Ciudad de Burien prohíbe la venta y el uso de fuegos artificiales en la ciudad, excepto las exhibiciones públicas.

Sondeo para medir el apoyo al nuevo Centro Comunitario

Tras realizar un plan general para un nuevo centro recreativo comunitario, la ciudad explora opciones de financiamiento para las propuestas instalaciones. Entre las opciones bajo estudio, hay una emisión de bonos sujeta al voto popular en la papeleta de otoño de 2008, razón por la cual la ciudad está realizando una encuesta para conocer el sentir de los residentes respecto de tal medida. Los comentarios recibidos en reuniones públicas del pasado verano, junto a los datos aportados por grupos de sondeo y otras partes interesadas, sirvieron de base para los planes de las instalaciones propuestas para reemplazar el actual Centro Comunitario de Burien.

Este edificio incluiría las características más solicitadas por los residentes de Burien, tales como una pista cubierta para correr o caminar; una piscina recreativa para lecciones de natación, ejercicio, terapia, y diversión; salas para aeróbic, clases de baile, equipo de ejercicio cardiopulmonar, y pesas; un centro para adultos mayores y salas para niños preescolares y para adolescentes; un



Una maqueta del propuesto Centro Recreativo Comunitario.

gimnasio, un salón de banquetes, salas de reunión, y salones de clase.

El centro contaría con aproximadamente 66.000 pies cuadrados de área, y el costo se calcula en aproximadamente \$35 millones. Se invita a todo residente a que participe en la encuesta sobre este centro recreativo en el sitio de internet www.rrcinfo.com/burien. Para obtener una versión por escrito de la encuesta, llame al Departamento de Parques al 206 988-3700. Los residentes interesados en más información sobre las instalaciones propuestas pueden visitar el sitio de Internet del proyecto en www.burienparks.net/center.htm.

La ciudad establece un plan de aprendizaje para empleados

Burien será un excelente lugar para los jóvenes que desean aprender habilidades e iniciar una carrera en la industria de la construcción, tras la decisión del Consejo Municipal de establecer el Programa de Aprendizaje para Empleados. De acuerdo al mismo, por lo menos el 15% de los trabajadores en obras públicas de la ciudad deben ser aprendices. El programa tiene como fin la creación de una fuerza laboral local que refleje la diversidad de la comunidad y fomente el desarrollo comunitario. Se ha de-

mostrado que los programas de aprendizaje son modelos excelentes que abren camino a carreras bien remuneradas. El Concilio de Aprendizaje y Capacitación del Estado de Washington (WSATC, por sus siglas en inglés) ha tomado medidas para mejorar la oferta de aprendizajes en la industria de la construcción, debido a la reciente escasez de mano de obra capacitada en la construcción. Para mayor información, llame al WSATC al 360 902-5320, o visite www.lni.wa.gov/TradesLicensing/Apprenticeship/WSATC.

Adelantos en el proyecto de la 1st Avenue South

Se ha completado más de la mitad del proyecto de mejoras a la 1st Avenue South, tras la finalización de la mayoría de la instalación del cableado subterráneo para electricidad y telecomunicaciones. El proyecto sigue de acuerdo al calendario previsto para finalizarse en julio de 2008. En este proyecto, por valor de \$19.8 millones, la 1st Avenue South será ensanchada y reconstruida entre

la Southwest 162nd y la Southwest 146th Street, con nuevos semáforos en cinco cruces importantes, nuevos bordillos, banquetas, y alcantarillas, y nueva iluminación. La primera fase de la repavimentación se llevará a cabo durante el otoño, mientras que se instalarán nuevos semáforos, bordillos, alcantarillas, banquetas, y paisajes.



WINTERFEST

Saturday, Dec. 1, 2007

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

S.W. 152nd Street in Olde Burien

Kick off the holiday season with Burien's annual holiday celebration. Enjoy free hayrides, photos with Santa, and other fun events.

2007 Holiday Music & Theater in Burien

Choral Sounds Northwest's Holiday Concerts

Highline Performing Arts Center, 401 S. 152nd St., Burien.

"Christmas is for Children" Concert
Friday, Dec. 14, 8 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday,
Dec. 15-16, 2 p.m.



Admission: Reserved seating \$25, \$18, \$15 (Under 13 free with paid adult)

Young People's Holiday Concert

Saturday, Dec. 15, 7 p.m.

Featuring KidsSounds, YouthSounds, and TeenSounds Northwest

Admission: \$12 Adults, \$9 Seniors/Students (Under 13 free with paid adult)

Tickets: (206) 246-6040 or nwassociatedarts.org

Burien Little Theater's "Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge"

By Christopher Durang

Burien Community Center Auditorium 425 S.W. 144th St., Burien

A playful Dickens romp in which Scrooge's journey to redemption is torpedoed by an out-of-control Mrs. Cratchit, who has had quite enough of all the suffering in her life.

Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 23-24 and 30; Dec. 1, 7-8, 14-15, at 8 p.m.

Sundays, Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9 & 16, at 2 p.m. "5 Buck Friday" happening on Nov. 23.

Tickets: (206) 242-5180 or www.burienlittletheater.com

Facility Attendants Needed for Burien Community Center

Burien Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services is seeking temporary, part-time Facility Attendants to work for occasional community group rentals at the Burien Community

Center. Salary: \$10.29 – \$12.51/hr. Visit www.burienwa.gov for the job announcement and application or call 206-988-3700. Submit complete application package to City of Burien, HR, 15811 Ambaum Blvd. S.W., Suite C, Burien, WA 98166.

Help Your Community by Serving on an Advisory Committee

You can make a difference in your community by serving on one of the City of Burien's citizen advisory boards that provide guidance and make recommendations to the City Council. New volunteers are often needed to fill vacancies on the Planning Commission, Arts Commission, Parks and Recreation Board and the Business and Economic Development Partnership (BBEDP). Some terms on the boards will expire in March and replacements will be needed. Applications may be obtained by calling (206) 241-4647 or visit the City's website: www.burienwa.gov. Here is a summary of each advisory board.

■ **BBEDP** (Burien Business and Economic Development Partnership) considers Burien's future economic development, programs and priorities. BBEDP meetings are held every second and fourth Friday at 7 a.m. at Burien City Hall.

■ **The Parks and Recreation Board** makes recommendations regarding recreational programming and the acquisition, promotion, improvement, maintenance and use of City parks. The Parks and Recreation Board meets the second Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Burien Community Center, 425 S.W. 144th St.

■ **The Planning Commission** makes recommendations on Burien's future growth according to the City's comprehensive plan and land use documents. The Planning Commission meets on the second and fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

■ **The Arts Commission** makes recommendations on artistic activities. The Arts Commission meets the first Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Burien Community Center, 425 S.W. 144th St.



Save time, fuel and money by going online to MyBuildingPermit.com to apply for and purchase many over-the-counter permits with just a computer and credit card. The website also provides permit research and status, construction tip sheets, inspection checklists, and links to resources and contracts.

Electrical • Low voltage • Mechanical
Plumbing • Re-Roof

Major Building Permits Issued

| Project Name | Description | Valuation |
|---|--|--------------|
| Burien Towne Plaza Bartells S.W. 150 th St & 4 th Ave. S.W. | Site Development | \$2,000,000 |
| Hoag Professional Center 14413 Ambaum Blvd. S.W. | Demo Existing Structure and Build New Office | \$617,314 |
| Shorewood Elementary 2725 S.W. 116 th St | Construction of Elementary School | \$12,261,484 |

Distasters DO Happen: Be Prepared!

An emergency can strike anyone, anytime, and government agencies are encouraging everyone to develop disaster preparedness plan. Whether it's an earthquake that hits the entire community, a gas leak that threatens neighborhoods, a disaster that disrupts your business, or a weekend boating trip that turns tragic, there are resources to help ensure that you, your family and your business are well prepared.

Where will you, your family, your friends or personal care attendants be when an emergency or disaster strikes? Last year, many people found themselves caught sitting in the cold darkness. Every individual is in the best position to plan for their own safety and that of their family.

In partnership with the American Red Cross Disaster Education Program and the King County Public Health Department, Burien Parks and Recreation is offering a series of disaster preparedness classes to the public. Residents are encouraged to register for and attend four disaster preparedness classes to learn how to better able cope with disaster by preparing in advance. Mini-disaster survival kits will be given to participants that attend all four classes.

The first series of classes, offered in Spanish, was held in October. Another class session will be offered in English on Tuesdays, November 20 to December 11; these classes will also be from 10 to 11:30 a.m. All classes are held at the Burien Community Center, 425 S.W. 144th St.

Interested residents can register by calling (206) 988-3700. More information about disaster preparedness is available at www.3ways3days.org.

Snow Removal Routes

King County provides snow removal services on roadways in Burien. In the event of snow, the public can learn which arterials will be cleared by checking on the City's website: www.burienwa.gov. People with questions or concerns about snow removal can contact Dan Bretzke, at (206) 296-3700. After hours call the City's maintenance hotline at (206) 296-8100.



Project is Partnership of Local Governments

Volunteers Roll Up Sleeves to Help Restore Miller Creek

A volunteer stream restoration project in Burien on October 26 and 27 kicked off a new effort to protect area streams. Thanks to a partnership of local governments, residents in the Miller and Walker Creeks basin are getting help from a stream basin steward to take care of streamside habitat and cleaning up stormwater.

Dennis Clark is the new half-time stream basin steward for the creeks, which drain nine square miles of Burien, Normandy Park, SeaTac, and White Center. The basin steward is serving as a resource for citizens who want to improve native vegetation along the creeks, decrease stormwater runoff from their property, and reduce stormwater pollution. Homeowners and businesses can request free consultations to learn what they can do to help improve the local aquatic ecosystem.

The basin stewardship program also will create more opportunities for people to volunteer to restore the streams. The first volunteer project restored a 300-foot stretch of Miller Creek at S. 144th Street. Volunteers planted native trees and pulled out blackberry roots.

The basin steward is available to give presentations to classrooms, community groups, and faith communities on stream resources and tips for everyday stewardship. Stewardship activities are paid for through a partnership of the cities of Burien, Normandy Park, and SeaTac, with King County and the Port of Seattle.

To request a property visit, contact Dennis Clark at (206) 296-1909 or email him at



Burien Mayor Joan McGilton, left, and Council member Rose Clark with Normandy Park Mayor Pro Tem George Hadley and Councilmember Clarke Brant (bending over). Normandy Park is a partner city with Burien on the stream restoration project.



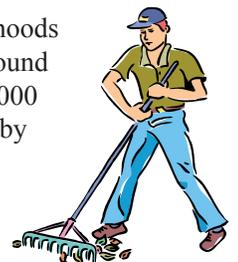
Highline High School science students (from left) Lindsey Riikula, Brandon D'Andree and Julie Stehnke plant a tree next to Miller Creek.

dennis.clark@kingcounty.gov. For more information on the Miller/Walker creeks, visit <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/watersheds/puget/miller-salmon/index.htm>.

Residents Can Help Prevent Flooding by Clearing Debris from Storm Drains

Burien residents can help stop seasonal flooding in their neighborhoods by clearing leaves and litter from the storm drains and ditches around their homes. The City's crews do their best to keep the more than 6,000 drains clean in Burien, but residents can often solve the problems by clearing away leaves with a shovel, rake, or push-broom.

Residents who need help with a flooding problem during normal work hours can call the Public Works Department at (206) 248-5521. During non-work hours people call the King County 24-hour dispatch line at (206) 296-8100.



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of our residents. The proposed community recreation center will be built at the site of the current community center, at 425 S.W. 144th S. Public workshops have been held this fall so that City officials could learn what the Burien community envisions in a new facility. We hope that all our residents will join in the future discussions on this project and help the City plan a center that reflects what the community wants. The project would require that a bond measure be approved by voters, with the vote most likely in fall 2008.

New City Leadership

2007 has been a year of transition at Burien City Hall, with a new City Manager (who had just started in late 2006), and some new department heads, a few of whom replaced retired managers who had been with the City since our incorporation. We are extremely pleased with the quality of the people chosen for these crucial City Hall management positions, and we are confident that they will continue to lead the City forward during this exciting period of growth and change.

We wish you a happy holiday season.

Your City Council

LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

Legislation approved by the Burien City Council September – October 2007.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 268 Supporting Proposition No. 1, Medic One Emergency Medical Services Renewal of Existing Regular Property Tax Levy. 9/10/07

Resolution 269 Supporting Sound Transit and RTID Proposition #1, Regional Roads and Transit System. 9/17/07

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 473 Amending Title 2 of the Burien Municipal Code Relating to Administration and Personnel; Adding Emergency Management Procedures; Designating the City Manager as Director of Emergency Management; Adding New Chapter 2.75 Entitled Emergency Management; Establishing Penalties. 9/17/07

Ordinance 474 Amending Title 2 of the Burien Municipal Code, establishing employee apprenticeship program goals and requirements, establishing monetary assessments for noncompliance. 9/17/07

Ordinance 475 Repealing Chapter 12.30 of the Burien Municipal Code; Enacting a New Title of the Burien Municipal Code to be Known as Title 7 Parks and Recreation; Providing for the Regulation and Administration of Public Parks. 10/1/07

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costs associated with building the facility, such as design, property acquisition, site development, parking, temporary relocation of the community center, construction and related costs. The facility would be designed as a “green” building, incorporating energy-efficient and environmentally sustainable features, with the goal of achieving a “LEED Silver” designation.

Housed in a 1940s-era elementary school, the Burien Community Center was formerly known as the Chelsea Elementary School, which closed in 1976. It was sold to King County in 1982 and operated as the Highline Community Center until it was taken over by the City of Burien following incorporation in 1993. The facility is in poor condition, is expensive to operate and maintain, and studies have recommended its replacement.

The new recreation center is intended to meet the changing needs of the community. Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director Michael Lafreniere said that this planning process followed through with citizen recommendations made to the City

Council in 2005.

“We’re pleased with the planning process and have been happy to hear the excitement brewing in the community and among the people who use our old facility,” said Lafreniere. “We have a building design that reflects what people have said they’re looking for and needing in a community center, one that will serve seniors, youth and families for many years.”

The City of Burien is currently surveying a random sample of 3,000 households in the community about the bond measure to determine the level of support for the project. The whole community is encouraged to participate in the survey by visiting this website: www.rrcinfo.com/burien.

If you do not have access to the Internet, you may request a paper version of the survey by contacting the Parks Department at (206) 988-3700. Residents are invited to learn more about the proposed facility by visiting the project website at www.burienparks.net/center.htm.

Nominations Sought for Outstanding Citizens Awards Program

Residents and business people in Burien are invited to nominate individuals for the Outstanding Citizens Awards program conducted by the City of Burien. Categories for nominations are: Outstanding Citizen, Business Person, Educator, and Environmental Activist. Winners will receive recognition at the City’s annual awards ceremony con-

ducted in early spring. To nominate a person, describe how the nominee contributes to the community. Please submit your nominations by January 25, 2008, to Adriene Buckley at City Hall, 15811 Ambaum Blvd. S.W., Suite C, Burien, WA 98166. For information, contact Adriene at (206) 248-5512.



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