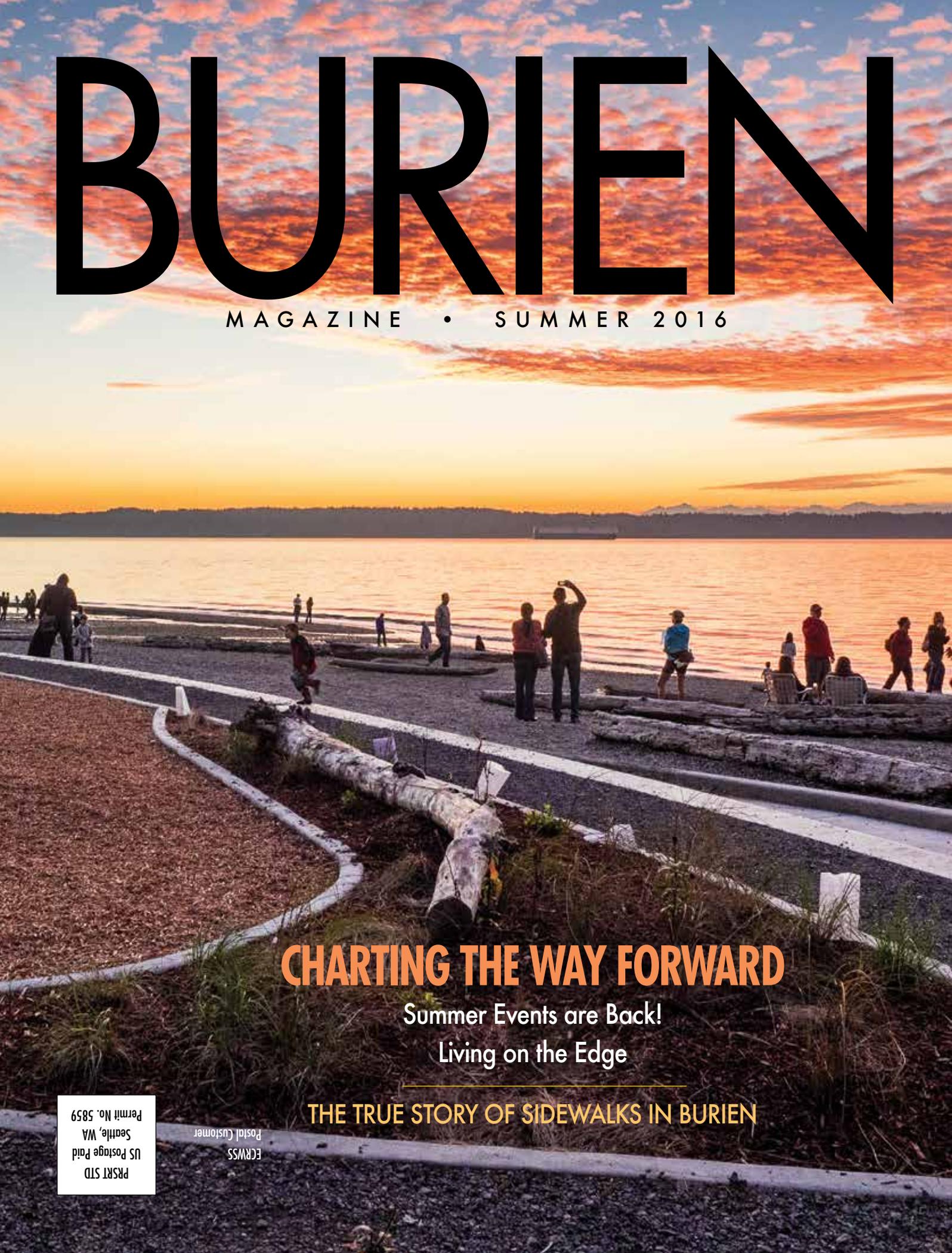


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Broadening our Engagement

BURIEN'S DIVERSITY IS ONE OF ITS GREATEST STRENGTHS. We see benefits from the community's diversity here at City Hall, and we hear from residents about how much diversity matters to them. It influences how we conduct City business, how we plan for the future, and how we market Burien to stand out against our competitors.

With that in mind, you'll notice a new feature as you browse this edition of Burien Magazine – a feature which, if successful, may be more regularly incorporated. You'll see as you browse these articles that some of the material has been translated into different languages: primarily Spanish, and occasionally, Vietnamese. These translations allow the City to offer content to a wider range of Burien's residents, and as a result, we hope to deepen connections throughout and across the community.

As the editor of this Magazine, I want to thank you for your readership. We hope this publication helps to keep you informed and engaged with the work your City does on your behalf. I hope you enjoy this edition – the fourth issue of Burien Magazine!

— *Katie Whittier Trefry*
City of Burien Communications Officer &
Executive Editor, Burien Magazine

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Local photographer Michael Brunk of NWlens.com captured this sunset from Seahurst Beach in 2014. Seahurst Park repeatedly emerged through the branding process as one of Burien's finest assets. You can read more about the branding process on page 6.

Charting the Way Forward



LAUNCHED OFFICIALLY IN FEBRUARY, BURIEN'S STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS IS NOW WELL UNDERWAY, and I'm pleased to report that much progress has been made. Both staff and Council have worked to identify the City's core service priorities and opportunities for enhancements to guide our City budget during the next two biennia (2017/18 and 2019/20), as well as to look beyond.

Midway through the process, at the end of April, our consultants provided an update for the City Council. There, they shared the current shape and overall direction of the plan and sought Councilmember feedback. A few themes have emerged so far including a focus on public safety, maintaining our core infrastructure of streets and parks, and promoting a dynamic, engaged and healthy Burien community. We also need a city organization with the capacity to fulfill those priorities.

As with most Washington cities, keeping pace with the growth of expenses is a real challenge. We start by consistently managing our budget resources carefully, looking for ways to economize and improve efficiency, seeking state and federal funding sources, and using partnerships wherever possible. Our funding options under state law are limited and we need to continue to be fair and realistic when asking for new revenue. It helps when new businesses open and people shop locally, but economic growth is incremental over time, while street and park maintenance and other core service demands are here now. Additionally, as Burien grows so too grows the demand for City services, and we must figure out how to strike the right balance. I am heartened that Burien residents have been consistently willing to pay a fair cost for quality public services.

One thing has become especially clear through the strategic planning process: Burien is able to offer an incredible amount of services with a very modest staff. Our city operates with fewer staff per resident than just about any Puget Sound area city of our size. The average ratio of city staff per 1000 residents in our peer city group is 2.41, while Burien's is only 1.37. While this means your tax dollars reach farther here than in other cities, it also limits our ability to fulfill our core responsibilities, respond to growth or offer new services, and to meet emerging community priorities.

In light of our lean organization, I want to thank the hardworking women and men who serve on our City team. You'll read about the results of our biennial community survey on the next page, and in it, Burien residents and businesses expressed more satisfaction than ever with City staff. I appreciate leading such a dedicated team of professionals. Our staff plays important roles every day to help keep Burien a vibrant and welcoming community.

The strategic plan, once finalized, can help us align our budget and policy priorities and help ensure our city organization has the capacity and tools to deliver on those goals. Our timeline shows the City Council approving the plan in early summer, so it can serve as a roadmap in the budget process this fall.

We hope you enjoy this latest edition of Burien Magazine, and I look forward to providing more updates in the editions to come. — *Kamuron Gurol, City Manager*

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MESSAGE FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

YOUR VOICE, YOUR NEIGHBOR'S VOICE, AND OUR COMMUNITY'S VOICE.

As your Burien City Council, we value your voice. What is our biennial Community Survey if not a collection of community voices? This year we heard from you about public safety and police services. We heard that Burien residents feel safe walking in their neighborhood during the day. Fewer, however, feel safe enough after dark, especially walking through our downtown. We also heard you say that you want streets to be in good condition or better, and sidewalks too, because good infrastructure plays a big role in the safety of our community.

Every two years since 2008, the City has conducted this telephone survey to assess community perceptions about quality of life here and satisfaction with City government services. The survey is a longitudinal study that lets us compare results over time. The 2016 telephone survey was conducted over four days in early March, and the respondents reflected Burien's population proportionately by age, gender, and ethnicity.

The survey is already helping us decide how best to prioritize City needs



▲ (Back row) Councilmembers Debi Wagner, Austin Bell, Steve Armstrong, and Deputy Mayor Bob Edgar. (Front row) Mayor Lucy Krakowiak; Councilmembers Nancy Tosta and Lauren Berkowitz.

in the next budget cycle as we finalize the Strategic Plan this summer. You can view the full survey results at: <http://burienwa.gov/CommunitySurvey>.

We hear you, Burien. The survey results show a clear interest in improving public safety and infrastructure along

with several other areas of interest. We also heard that our community's confidence in our city organization and staff is growing stronger, and that's important to each of us as Councilmembers. As we complete our strategic planning process and move into the biennial budget process, we will be discussing how to more fully meet our community's needs.

In closing, we want to thank you. Community members are the reason behind Burien's many successes. You volunteer, you start and run businesses, you donate to worthy causes, and you contribute in ways large and small to improve the lives of others. Our greatest hope as your elected leaders is to help you be even more successful, because as you succeed, so too does our city. Thank you for all that you do.

- Your Burien City Council

HERE'S WHAT ELSE WE FOUND OUT THROUGH THE SURVEY:

- Residents remain **largely positive** about Burien as a place to live, their neighborhoods, and the general direction of the City.
- **Education** is increasing in its importance to our residents.
- Residents are satisfied about the **value of the services** for the taxes paid.
- Most people are **willing to pay more money** to maintain or improve public safety and improve streets/sidewalks.
- Most people feel that they received enough **communication** from the City and attributed a part of that to this Magazine, our website, and social media outreach.
- Residents are impressed with **staff's courtesy and knowledge** and with how their concerns were satisfactorily addressed.

THIS IS THE THIRD ARTICLE IN A MULTI-PART SERIES COVERING BURIEN'S BRANDING INITIATIVE WHICH IS EXPECTED TO CULMINATE IN SUMMER 2016.

By Katie Whittier Trefry,
Burien Communications Officer

WHEN YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY ASK you why you chose Burien, how do you respond? Chances are, you tell them first about its small-town feel, quality of life and its proximity to Seattle, South Center, and Sea-Tac Airport. It's convenient, you might say. It's close to locations that matter to you. You might then go on to tell them about its diversity, its affordability, the arts community, the variety of restaurants, all the opportunities to "shop local," and the amazing waterfront views from Seahurst Park.

If this sounds like a conversation you've had in the past year, you're not alone: the Branding project revealed these as the top ways residents and businesses alike describe Burien.

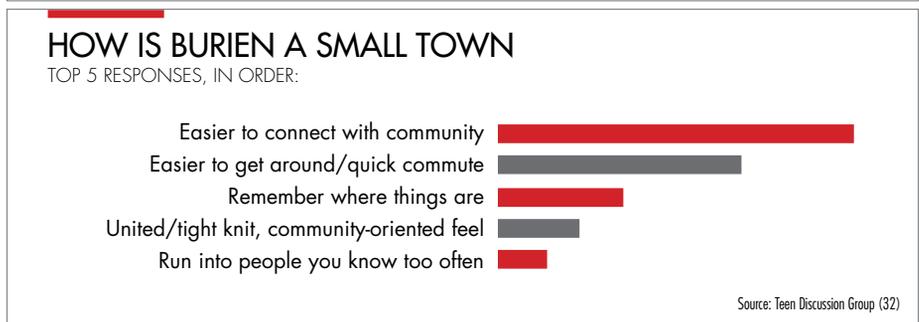
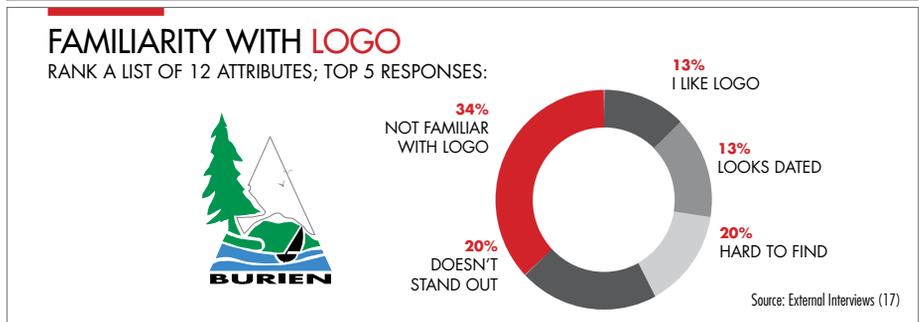
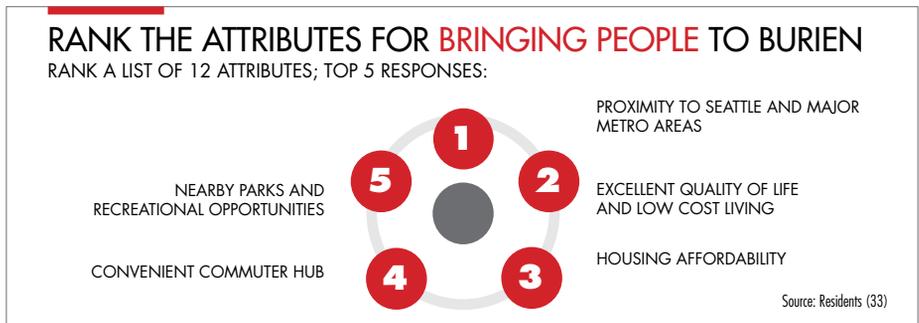
FOUNDED ON RESEARCH

Since the Discovery (research) Phase of the Branding project wrapped up in February, the data has been analyzed to build a comprehensive picture of Burien – its unique attributes, its advantages over other communities, and how it markets itself. Understanding these features and knowing how to communicate them

► Take a peak at some of the research findings uncovered in the first phase of the branding project.

BRANDING BURIEN

PART THREE: DATA, DATA, DATA



will help us attract new businesses, people looking for a new community to call home, and visitors looking for the authentic experiences Burien offers.

The Discovery Phase consisted of:

- 368 responses to an online survey for residents
- 47 responses to an online survey for business leaders
- 17 interviews with external stakeholders who represent organizations that interact with Burien
- 42 participants in three focus groups
- 32 high school students who participated in a youth-specific focus group
- 7 interviews with City Councilmembers
- Analyses of how Burien compares with similar cities
- Audit of existing City marketing materials
- And more!

WHAT'S NEXT?

Throughout the spring, key messages were developed to articulate Burien's attributes. Words like neighborly, spirited, unpretentious, wholehearted, and enterprising are emerging as apt descriptors for Burien's personality. Its variety of events and festivals make it stand out from competitors. And its vibrant creative scene – ranging from art galleries to film festivals and beyond – makes it a truly inspiring place to live, visit, and do business.

In the coming months, the City Council will make decisions on a new logo and tagline for the City. Once approved, the new brand will unfold in multiple ways, including the launch of a modernized City website later this year. So stay tuned! You can keep updated by following us on Facebook and Twitter, or by visiting <http://burienwa.gov/Branding101>. ■

The City of Burien will utilize branding as a tool to support economic development in six ways:

1. Differentiate us from our competitor cities
2. Communicate our vision and values
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5. Guide strategic marketing efforts
6. Build awareness and enhance community pride

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THEN & NOW: the True Story of Sidewalks in Burien

By Katie Whittier Trefry, Burien Communications Officer



THE STORY BEGINS A CENTURY AGO WHEN BURIEN EXISTED AS A GETAWAY FOR WEEKEND TRIPPERS, some of whom took a trolley from West Seattle to reach their country-homes near our Puget Sound shoreline. Picture a Burien before 1st Avenue, before gridded neighborhood blocks, and before state highways. Back then, the Burien area was the countryside: a wooded, rural landscape set apart from urban Seattle. Sidewalks didn't belong there.

But the area grew up and urbanized as pressure from growth in Seattle began pushing residents southward to more affordable land — a trend which continues today. When new residents arrive here from more urban neighborhoods, they wonder why Burien lacks the sidewalks they're used to, especially given the maturity of our neighborhoods. What happened? Why are there so few sidewalks here?

KING COUNTY POLICIES

Burien didn't exist until February 28, 1993 — at least, not as an incorporated city with an ability to set its own policies. Prior to its incorporation, it belonged to King County, and while cities like Seattle required developers to construct sidewalks whenever construction permits were issued, King County offered more lenience. Look at neighborhoods in Shoreline and even North Seattle, and areas that remain unincorporated like White Center, and you'll see the same story repeated again and again: King County didn't require developers to build sidewalks.

To be fair, this made sense at the time. Most of unincorporated King County wouldn't classify as "urban" for many decades, and lots of the terrain, even now that it's incorporated, isn't well-suited for pedestrian passage. Think of the slopes and drop-offs along Maplewild Ave SW. What would it take to build a lasting sidewalk there? One thing is certain: it wouldn't be simple.

BURIEN TODAY

Now, nearly twenty-five years after incorporation, Burien boasts sidewalks along more than a mile of 1st Ave S and all of Ambaum Blvd. Downtown along SW 152nd Street boasts some of the most walkable sidewalks in the region — wide and comfortable for pedestrian traffic. New developments are going in with sidewalks as a key part of their construction permit. We now have an estimated 60 miles of sidewalks throughout city limits, but this represents just over 20% of the roughly 280 potential miles. If you live along the other 80%, you may wonder when and if your neighborhood will get a pedestrian network of its own.

Concerns about sidewalks emerged through both the 2016 Biennial Community Survey and the City Council's current Strategic Planning Process. In the 2016 Survey, 27% of respondents ranked sidewalks and bike lanes as a top priority — ranking second, behind only police and enforcement (35%) as how the City can best improve Burien neighborhoods. This rep-

resented a 16% increase over the 2014 survey when sidewalks ranked third, behind both police patrols and improving streets.

Also in the survey, residents expressed a notable gap between feeling safe walking in their neighborhood at night versus during the day: 88% of residents reported feeling safe during the day, whereas 54% felt safe walking at night, a difference of 34 points. While concern about crime explains part of this gap, some people feel sidewalks are important when it comes to safely walking in your neighborhood after dark.

The City sees sidewalks as a priority as well. During the February 22 strategic planning session with the City Council, identifying resources to build new sidewalks and maintain existing ones ranked beneath only street improvements and police programming as a highest priority to be addressed through the strategic plan. Perhaps appropriately, it tied with the need to research and consider new revenue options to fund City services.

Sidewalks matter to Burien residents, but building sidewalks is no small matter. What would it take to improve our citywide pedestrian network?

SIDEWALKS AREN'T CHEAP

How much does it cost a City to install a sidewalk along your street? A 2007 estimate from the City of Seattle put the cost at \$2 million per mile. In 2015, Seattle Mayor Ed Murray released a statement saying, "A traditional concrete sidewalk with curbs and storm sewers can cost \$300,000 per block-face or more."

What makes sidewalks so expensive? you might ask. Maybe you put in a patio last year — it wouldn't have cost you nearly so much money. When you picture a sidewalk, you probably envision a smooth-surfaced, rollerblade-friendly slab of concrete stretching from one end of a block to another. But what meets the eye is only a fraction of what makes a sidewalk work. They have to be built with storm drains and drainage systems because when it rains, water is trapped by the new curb face and it has to have somewhere to go or else the lowest point in the neighborhood might flood. What if that's your backyard? Your garage? Your basement?

Additionally, sidewalks take up space. Sometimes, a street is wide enough to accommodate the extra infrastructure, but oftentimes, it's not. That can lead to what's known as Right of Way Acquisition, or buying up pieces of land from property owners in order to make space for public infrastructure. Again, it's not cheap, and not everyone is equally thrilled to gain a sidewalk at the cost of some of their property.

WATER QUALITY

The cost to build a sidewalk in Washington is higher than in many other states due in part to our topography: we often need retaining walls to support

sidewalks or to hold back a hillside from falling onto them. Also, we hold ourselves to higher water quality standards than much of the rest of the country. The Puget Sound is important to us. We want our rivers, streams, and lakes to be clean. We want our seafood to be edible and nourishing. Consider this: the less permeable ground (like grass and trees), the more rain sweeps straight into the Puget Sound, unabsorbed and unfiltered by natural processes and trees.

Traditional sidewalks aren't permeable at all. They change the flow of surface water and even with drainage systems, they can lead to accelerated erosion or impact watersheds. Sometimes, to offset these changes, the City might have to buy mitigation property, or property on which retention ponds can be built, and this drives up the cost. What's more, even simple storm sewers can cost well over \$100 per linear foot.

But what about permeable concrete or asphalt, those sidewalks or parking lots that look a little bit like ironed-out cottage cheese? Called Low Impact Development (LID), these materials and design features can offset more expensive traditional storm water treatment costs, but they also can be much more expensive to maintain.

MAINTENANCE

Sidewalks, like all public infrastructure, aren't a "one and done" deal. Once a sidewalk is built, it begins to deteriorate. It weathers. Tree roots lift it. Sinkholes cause it to droop. Any conversation about building new sidewalks must also take into account the cost of maintenance, and not just maintenance of the new sidewalks, but maintenance of the sidewalks that already exist.

Some of the existing sidewalks in Burien are in dire need of repair as their deterioration is rendering sections of them useless or even dangerous. Ignoring

these needed repairs and focusing only on new projects opens the City up to liability. The City needs to keep its sidewalks free of dangerous and unsafe conditions.

BURIEN'S BUDGET REALITIES

Unfortunately, the City of Burien has limited funds with which to work. Sidewalks compete with street maintenance, police services, development planning, and other programs for funding out of the \$84 million budget (2015-16 total budget). New construction and improvements compete for just \$1 to \$2 million in funding every biennium (two years) — not enough to buy very much sidewalk.

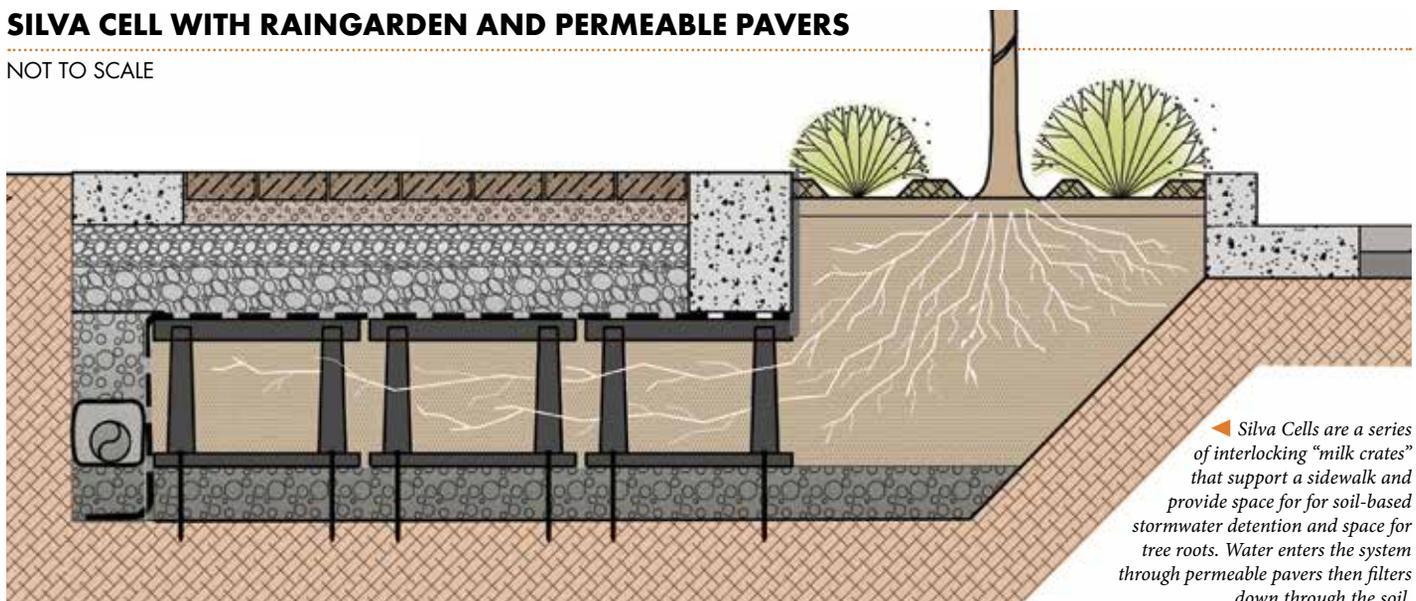
The City is responsible for maintaining more than 300 lane miles of streets with a very small crew which fixes potholes, sinkholes, signage, and more. We operate our slurry seal program (read more on page 14) to extend the life of our streets, but some need much more attention than slurry seal offers: anyone who drove on 1st Ave S between 128th and 136th this spring understands how desperately some of our streets need repair. The 2014 Pavement Management Report tells us that Burien would need to spend about \$1.5 million each year just to maintain its current citywide pavement network, but we currently operate on just a fraction of that, making choices difficult about what to maintain.

CREATIVE SOLUTIONS

Burien isn't the only post-King County city to be grappling with how to provide pedestrian access amidst all of these hurdles. The City of Shoreline's website states, "Citizen satisfaction surveys indicate that Shoreline residents consider adding sidewalks a priority. . . . Most Shoreline neighborhoods were built to King County rural standards in the 1940s, usually without sidewalks or even walkways."

SILVA CELL WITH RAINGARDEN AND PERMEABLE PAVERS

NOT TO SCALE



◀ Silva Cells are a series of interlocking "milk crates" that support a sidewalk and provide space for soil-based stormwater detention and space for tree roots. Water enters the system through permeable pavers then filters down through the soil.

We benefit by learning from other cities' experiments. In October, Seattle unveiled a plan to use lower-cost materials like stamped and stained asphalt to construct 250 blocks of sidewalks for the price of 150. In 2001, Seattle experimented with new street designs to enhance water quality and pedestrian safety by implementing Street Edge Alternatives — a project known as SEA Streets. The design features built along that single north Seattle block during SEA streets have been replicated in a few other locations since, but even this creative solution cost about \$800,000 to complete.

Cities get creative not just in how to build sidewalks but also in how to fund them. In 2004, the City of Olympia raised its utility rates by 50 percent in order to build new sidewalks. Shoreline passed a parks improvement bond which included funding for trails, and it can use that funding to integrate neighborhoods with parks and transportation corridors. And, of course, most cities are requiring developers to build sidewalks when they seek construction permits for new development.

Other options could be explored as well. For example, building sidewalks on just one side of the street could provide pedestrian access at about half the cost of doing both sides while allowing our drainage ditches to keep performing their valuable stormwater functions on the other side of the street. But would this be enough to satisfy neighborhood needs?

THE FUTURE OF SIDEWALKS IN BURIEN

So how does a city like Burien move forward on providing pedestrian access? When it comes to sidewalks, City staff prioritize projects along transit corridors (arterials and collectors) and walking routes to public schools, parks, and government buildings. We apply for grants from the State and from King County, but we compete against dozens of other deserving projects and corridors for very limited funds. Such is the case with a corridor next to Sylvester Middle School where the City has applied for a Safe Routes to Schools grant, Transportation Improvement Board grant, and METRO pedestrian improvements grant, but has yet to be awarded any funds. But we'll keep trying!

Currently, Burien has a number of projects in its Transportation Improvement Plan to improve its pedestrian facilities. Out of the approximately 50 projects listed in the Plan, 15 are for pedestrian safety improvements and/or sidewalks. Another 22 projects involve road reconstruction that includes new sidewalks. And as of now, only two of these projects have funding, both through grants.

The City Council will build a two-year budget over the next six months, funding projects for 2017 and 2018. Councilmembers will weigh options for how to fund critical priorities like sidewalks. There are essentially five (5) funding mechanisms from which jurisdictions can draw in order to generate revenue for infrastructure projects: Local Improvement Districts

(LID), grants, property taxes, vehicle license fees, and sales taxes through designated Transportation Benefit Districts (TBDs). These same funding mechanisms support all infrastructure projects like street maintenance and transit, and the City competes with the County and the State when it wants to raise more funds.

Additionally, most of these funding mechanisms include caps, meaning the City can't ask for more than the capped amount at one time, or sometimes, ever. Finally, most sources of funding requires voter approval, which means that at least half of your neighbors have to agree with you that sidewalks are a priority worth paying for. And that can be a difficult decision, especially when a paycheck doesn't seem to go as far as it used to.

History — recent history, in fact — tells us your neighbors might not be keen on shelling out money for sidewalks. In November 2009, Burien became the first Washington city to vote on increasing car-tab fees

by \$25 in order to fund sidewalks and bike lanes. The measure failed, with a whopping 74 percent of voters voting no on the measure. Though competing measures on the same ballot and the dawn of the Great Recession surely contributed to the failure of the sidewalks measure, such a small percentage of support leaves doubts about how to best meet Burien's pedestrian needs.

How does the story end? The more pressing question might be *when* does the story end? It may be a long road (or long sidewalk) to get there but in time, as the City finds adequate resources, your neighborhood just might get the sidewalks you need to feel comfortable walking your dog, day or night. ■

▼ Below is an example of a Low Impact Development (LID) design for sidewalks, allowing stormwater to absorb through built-in green spaces with trees.



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It'll be a busy summer of improvement projects! This can help you plan ahead.



2016 SLURRY SEAL

DETAILS ON LOCATION: Gregory Heights neighborhood and Southeast Burien (south of S 165th Street)

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Street preventive maintenance using a slurry seal mixture

DATES OF CONSTRUCTION: 10 business days to be scheduled Mid-July to late August

IMPACTS TO NEARBY RESIDENTS: Complete road closures from 4 to 6 hours on scheduled days

4TH AVENUE SW OVERLAY AND SHOREWOOD DRIVE SW GABION WALL REPAIR

DETAILS ON LOCATION: 4th Avenue SW between SW 146th and SW 148th Street, Shorewood Drive SW between 12604 SW and Standing Lane SW

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: 4th Avenue SW as noted will be resurfaced with new asphalt. The gabion wall wire baskets are being repaired and will receive a shotcrete facing for additional protection.

DATES OF CONSTRUCTION: Construction is expected to start June 1, 2016 and last for 22 working days.

IMPACTS TO NEARBY RESIDENTS: Intermittent full street closures



SOUTH 132ND STREET PEDESTRIAN / BICYCLE TRAIL

DETAILS ON LOCATION: South 132nd Street corridor between 9th and 10th Avenue South

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: An existing 300-foot pedestrian/bicycle trail will be improved with a new, hard-surfaced trail. Project is funded through a King County Consortium Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) via the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding program.

DATES OF CONSTRUCTION: Construction is expected to start July 5, 2016 for 25 working days.

IMPACTS TO NEARBY RESIDENTS: Trail access will be closed for public use. Two residential driveways currently using the corridor will be relocated. Street traffic is not expected to be affected.

BURIEN TOWN SQUARE PARK WATER FOUNTAIN RENOVATION

DETAILS ON LOCATION: Burien Town Square Park Water Fountain/Spray Park

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Fountain is being renovated to address water piping leaks. Fountain is also being upgraded with new chlorinating/cleaning system.

DATES OF CONSTRUCTION: September 2016 – 45 working days

IMPACTS TO NEARBY RESIDENTS: Fountain is expected to be functioning through the summer in its current condition. Fountain will shut down earlier this season (late August/early September) in anticipation of the renovation. Area surrounding fountain will be restricted during construction. There will be work congestion along with current Merrill Gardens apartment construction and minimal intermittent street closures at SW 151st Street and 5th Avenue SW.



HILLTOP ELEMENTARY CROSSWALK AND RRFB

DETAILS ON LOCATION:

Approximately 12315 Military Road South (between Hilltop Elementary School and Military Road South)

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Existing crosswalk will be improved with a new Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon (RRFB).

Crosswalk information such as signage and markings will be enhanced for safety. Approximately 180 feet of school access will be improved with new surfacing and pathway lighting. Project is funded through a King County Consortium Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) via the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding program.

DATES OF CONSTRUCTION:

Construction is expected to start late July of 2016 for 15 to 20 working days. Work will be completed by the start of the 2016-2017 school year.

IMPACTS TO NEARBY

RESIDENTS: School access route will be closed (during the summer). Intermittent Street closures are expected at crosswalk on Military Road South.



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IT'S BACK! SLURRY SEAL MAKES ITS RETURN THIS JULY

By Katie Whittier Trefry, Burien Communications Officer



“As we all know, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and that’s especially true when it comes to caring for our infrastructure,”

MAIYA ANDREWS

Public Works Director for the City of Burien

SINCE LAST SUMMER’S PROJECT, if you’ve traveled around Northeast Burien, you may have seen what slurry sealing can do to preserve our streets. The City initiated its slurry seal program during July 2015 to lengthen the life of its roads at a fraction of the cost of complete repaving. The project area included portions of streets in Northeast Burien between Glendale Ave S and S 128th St, east of SR 509.

The Public Works Department is excited to build on last year’s success. This year, we’re reaching farther into the community to apply this state-of-the-art maintenance method along:

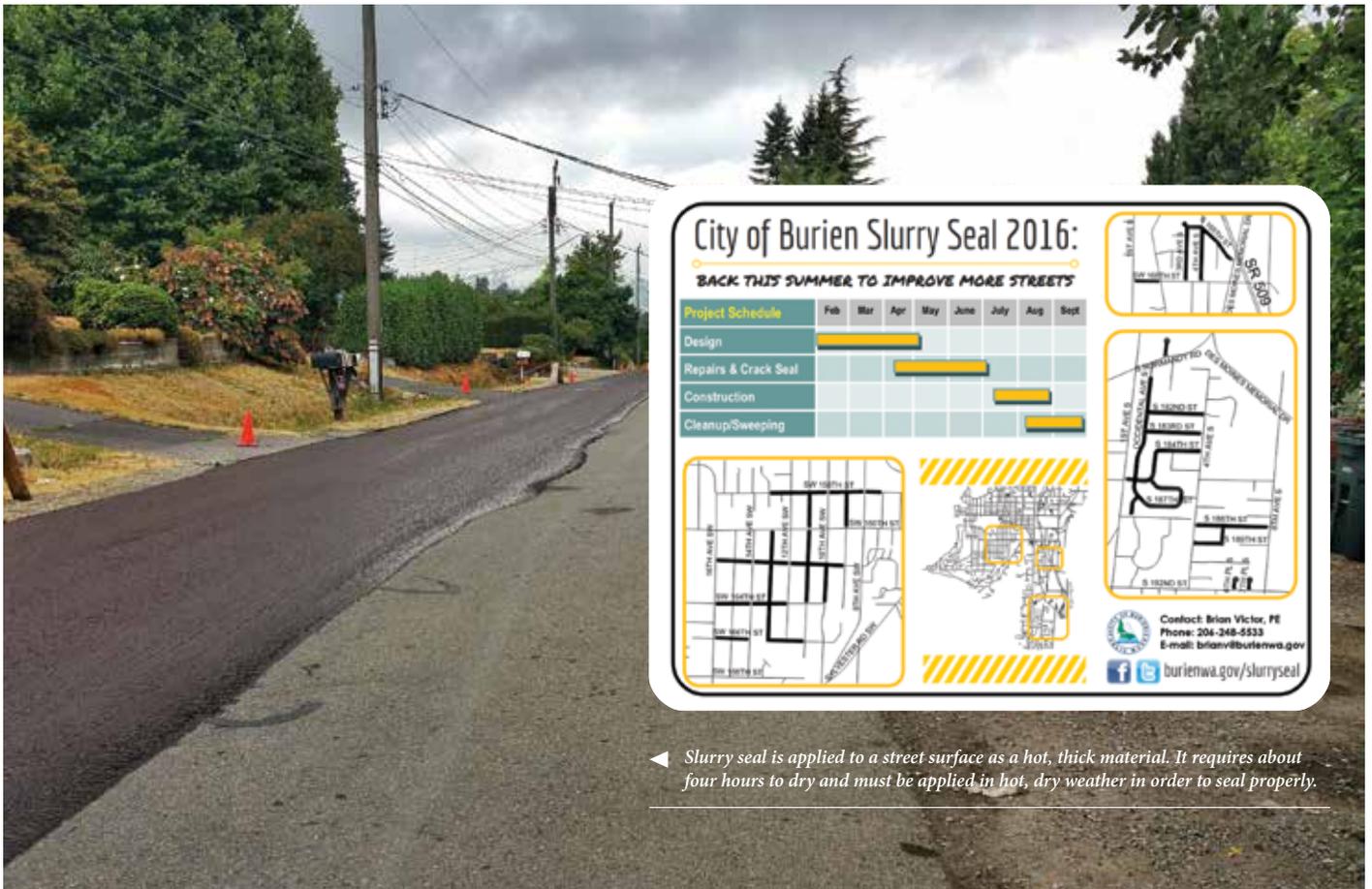
- portions of 158th, 162nd, 164th, and 166th Streets SW – east of 16th Ave SW
- segments of 3rd and 4th Ave SW – north of S 160th Street and west of SR 509
- a significant portion of the Manhattan area south of Des Moines Memorial Drive.

“As we all know, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and that’s especially true when it comes to caring for our infrastructure,” says Maiya Andrews, Public Works Director for the City of Burien.

Slurry seal is a mixture of fine aggregate and emulsified asphalt applied to residential roads. Considered preventive maintenance, slurry seal extends the life of existing asphalt by sealing it from the harmful effects of water penetration and sun. Slurry seal is a cost-effective treatment that provides a new wearing surface to last an additional three to seven years.

Crews began this spring to patch cracks and fill holes in the areas slated for slurry sealing. This work prepares the surface by making it as smooth and stable as possible. Residents along the affected roads will be notified in July about exact dates when the work will be done. Because slurry seals need to be applied during warm, sunny weather to cure properly, the work may be delayed or rescheduled if the weather is less than optimal.

Construction is expected to be complete by the end of August with cleanup and sweeping continuing into September. Thank you for your patience throughout the process – we look forward to resurfacing more of Burien’s streets! ■



◀ Slurry seal is applied to a street surface as a hot, thick material. It requires about four hours to dry and must be applied in hot, dry weather in order to seal properly.

After a successful 2015 pilot project, the City of Burien is excited to apply its slurry seal program on even more residential streets. Slurry seal is a pavement improvement process that:

- extends the life of pavement by keeping them structurally sound, usable, and safe.
- simplifies street maintenance and saves money by reducing the need for costly rehabilitation projects like asphalt overlays.
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Learn more about the project at www.burienwa.gov/slurryseal. We appreciate your cooperation as we care for the pavement in your neighborhood!



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Salmon-Friendly Gardening— **BUILD HEALTHY SOIL**

by Elissa Ostergaard, Miller-Walker Basin Steward
King County Water and Land Resources Division

THE MOST IMPORTANT BUILDING BLOCK FOR A VIBRANT, BEAUTIFUL GARDEN IS HEALTHY SOIL. Chemical fertilizers and weed-and-feed products may give your lawn and flowers a temporary boost, but they can also harm the tiny, beneficial critters that live in the soil and help plants thrive. Rain picks up these chemicals and other pollutants and carries them straight into our streams and into Puget Sound. By reducing the chemicals we use on our yards, we not only save money, but we make our local environment cleaner and healthier – better for our kids and for salmon.

Use these five techniques to build healthy soil, and watch your lawn and garden take off!

1. **Use compost.** Whether you purchase a great mound of compost to spread around your yard or make compost yourself, compost enriches the soil, providing natural food for plants. Compost is made by breaking down plant materials until they turn into soil – compost made from yard waste, chicken or steer manure, or in a worm bin will be especially rich.
2. **Mulch your garden beds.** Use mulch, such as wood chips from a tree removal company, to keep down weeds and improve soil health. Wood chips take a long time to break down, so you can also use them on garden paths.
3. **Rake leaves into flower beds.** Leaves from trees will break down in about a year and make the soil healthier! Needles from evergreen trees are acidic, and are better on garden paths.
4. **Make a worm bin for healthy compost for vegetable gardens.** If you make your own rich compost by throwing your kitchen scraps into a worm bin, you can use it on your vegetable garden and feel confident knowing exactly what is in it.
5. **Use organic fertilizers.** These support healthy soils.

Visit www.naturallyardcare.info to learn more about building healthy soil, and find plans to make your own worm bin. ■



OTHER THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PROMOTE HEALTHY SOIL:

- **Plant right for your site** – know your yard, and use plants that are suited for the conditions. Will the plant be in shade or sun? Is the soil moist or dry? Group plants that need less water in the same area to keep them all happy and make watering easier.
- **Water deeply, infrequently, and do not water when it rains.**
- **Find alternatives to pesticides.** Consider baking soda for killing moss, instead of moss killers that contain heavy metals like copper and zinc that are toxic to bugs and fish.



For gardening questions, call the free King County Garden Hotline at (206) 633-0224.

For information about Miller and Walker Creeks and restoration, contact the Miller-Walker Basin Steward at (206) 477-4792 or elissa.ostergaard@kingcounty.gov

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3. **HELP EACH OTHER** by knowing your neighbors, their special needs, and available community resources.

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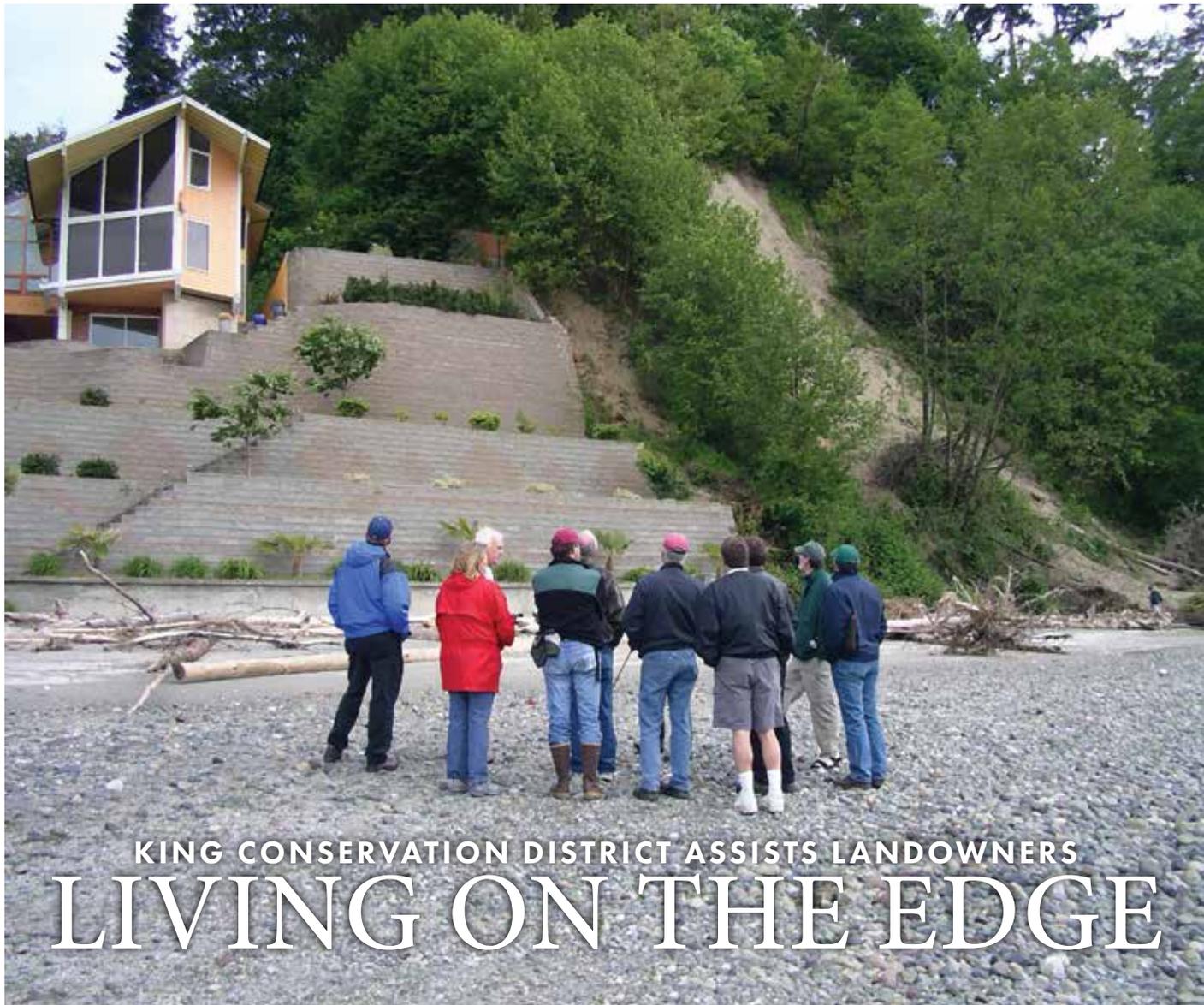
1. **HACER UN PLAN** con tus seres queridos por si se separan de dónde se van a mirar y cómo se van a comunicar. Practícalo por lo menos una vez al año.

2. **CONSTRUIR EQUIPO DE EMERGENCIA** para tu casa y auto. Empieza con un poco y agrega más suministros como te sea posible. Únete junto con tus vecinos y comparte los recursos.

3. **AYÚDENSE UNOS HA OTROS**, por conocer a sus vecinos, sus necesidades especiales y los recursos disponibles en la comunidad.

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KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT ASSISTS LANDOWNERS LIVING ON THE EDGE

THE STEEP BLUFFS, RAVINES AND BEAUTIFUL SHORELINES OF BURIEN provide spectacular views of the Olympics and Puget Sound, but they're also prone to erosion and landslides. Burien has approximately 5 miles of marine shoreline which includes stretches of steep, eroding "feeder bluffs" that provide sand and gravel that replenishes beaches and provides fish habitat critical for maintaining the health of Puget Sound.

Over the past eight years the King Conservation District has hosted a series of FREE Where the Water Begins



WHERE THE WATER

begins workshops will be held on:

Saturday, June 4, at the Vashon-Maury Island Land Trust

Saturday, June 18, at Discovery Park Visitor Center

Saturday, June 25, at Dumas Bay Center in Federal Way

All workshops are held from 9:00 am until 12:30 pm with an optional field trip to be held until 3:30 pm.

Registration and additional information available by contacting Emily Carlson at 425-282-1930 or emailing Emily.Carlson@kingcd.org.

workshops to inform shoreline and bluff landowners about ecological, geological and vegetation management issues. During the month of June 2016, KCD will once again hold workshops across the county with topics that include maintaining nearshore and marine riparian zone ecosystems, recognizing and minimizing geologic hazards, using native vegetation to reduce erosion, and using native vegetation to improve fish and wildlife habitat.

At the workshops landowners will learn about the ways that water and geology interact and strategies for reducing erosion and promoting slope stability. They will also learn that trees and native plants along shorelines and bluffs help hold slopes in place and contribute to healthy beach habitats. At previously held workshops, landowners requested follow-up technical assistance to develop plans to address natural resource management challenges on their properties.

Where the Water Begins workshops will be held on Saturday, June 4, at the Vashon-Maury Island Land Trust; Saturday, June 18, at Discovery Park Visitor Center and on Saturday, June 25, at Dumas Bay Center in Federal Way. All workshops are held from 9:00 am until 12:30 pm with an optional field trip to be held until 3:30 pm. Registration and additional information available by contacting Emily Carlson at 425-282-1930 or emailing Emily.Carlson@kingcd.org.

Established in 1949, the King Conservation District is an independent, non-regulatory public agency that assists landowners with protecting and enhancing natural resources. If you have questions about protecting bluff and shoreline properties, contact Brandy Reed, Program Manager at 425-282-1924. For information about other programs available through the King Conservation District go to: www.kingcd.org. ■

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Spring SpEGGtacular 2016

By Katie Whittier Trefry, Burien Communications Officer

ON SATURDAY, MARCH 26, families gathered at the Burien Community Center to enjoy a pancake breakfast and springtime activities like face painting, arts and crafts, games, and an outdoor egg hunt. Here are some of our favorite pictures from this year's event. It was truly a Spring SpEGGtacular EGGstravaganza! ■

▼ Spring SpEGGtacular is a family event with activities geared towards ages 12 and under.



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Farmers Market RETURNS



By Nicolle Callier, Communications Intern

IT'S BACK! The Burien Farmers Market launched its 13th season on May 5 and is already going strong. Founded in 2003, it has become a very popular Burien destination, drawing about 3,000 people every week who appreciate the opportunity to buy fresh, local fruits and vegetables, and to shop artisan crafts created by regional artists.

“People love the atmosphere, the music, and finding some fresh produce or baked goods to take home each week. They want to support the local economy,” says Denise Ferguson, Discover Burien’s Acting Executive Director.

Unique from other Farmers Markets, Burien’s Market focuses on buying local and requires that all vendors sell local, handmade goods. At its core, the Farmers Market increases community engagement and economic development. Buying from Burien residents and in Burien shops supports both local families and independent businesses. Drop by any Thursday between 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. through mid-October and visit the 50 to 60 vendors who line 5th Ave SW with their booths. Many vendors from previous years return again and again, and new vendors emerge too, with tempting goodies of their own.

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DENISE FERGUSON
Discover Burien’s
Acting Executive Director



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- ▲ Vendors range from artists to food trucks at the weekly Farmers Market in Burien. Stop by at noon for live music.
- ◀ This year's new program, *Fruit is Fast Food*, will help to educate children and the general public on the benefits of eating fresh, local produce.

The Farmers Market encourages the community to engage in healthy lifestyle practices. Introducing children to healthy food options can significantly impact their health before they reach adulthood.

To that end, this season's Farmers Market features a new and exciting program called *Fruit is Fast Food*.

"With this new program, we'll have a booth at the market every week that provides one piece of fresh fruit to each child that comes through the market," says Ferguson. "The booth will have activities for kids to do revolving around fun fruit and veggie facts such as coloring sheets and naming games."

In addition to *Fruit is Fast Food* there will be a *Mean Green Cleaning Machine Station* where kids can learn to wash their fruit before eating it. "We're building a better relationship between kids and the food they eat through education and hands-on experience, one kid at a time," says Ferguson. "We encourage everyone to come out and support this longtime local event!" ■

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A Celebration of Community:

Burien Wild Strawberry Festival and Father's Day Car Show

By Nicolle Callier, Communications Intern

IT'S ALMOST THAT SPECIAL TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN! The Burien Wild Strawberry Festival and Father's Day Car Show returns to Burien Town Square June 18 and 19. Over 8,000 people attend the Wild Strawberry Festival and Car Show each year. It is a family-friendly event, filled with musical performances, games and activities for youth, vendor booths, and food trucks.

This two-day festival will be packed with entertainment options fit for the entire family. Several booths will line the sidewalk of 152nd Street SW where vendors sell specialty goods and hold information sessions for visitors as they stroll by. Bring the kids along because there will be fun games and activities for them at the booths. And stop by the Wild Strawberry Festival's Information booth to play the Passport game.

This year, there will be even more activities for kids. On Saturday, youngsters can explore fire trucks, dump trucks, and police cars during Touch-A-Truck. They can also jump and play freely on the inflatables in the pocket park, located on 152nd and 6th.

Throughout the festival, expect exciting performances from musicians and wandering performers. You'll see Fantastic Freddy on his unicycle, juggling around Town Square. Bubbleman is bringing the suds back with his bubble machine. And this year's entertainment highlight will be the B-Boy & B-Girl Strawberry Jam- Breakdance Battle, from 3:30-

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FACT:

Did you know this is the City's oldest festival?

Local non-profit, Burien Arts Association, started The Wild Strawberry Festival in 1975.

To this day, the Burien Arts Association continues to participate in the festival, serving delicious Strawberry Shortcake at their booth year after year.



- ▲ *The Bubbleman is back this year for more bubble machine fun! Drop by the Festival to chase a few bubbles this June.*
- ◀ *You never know what you'll see at the Wild Strawberry Festival! Check out this dragon from the 2014 Festival.*
- ▼ *The Fathers' Day Car Show draws car collectors and aficionados from all across the region.*

6:00 p.m. Watch some cool moves as dancers battle it out!

Are you in need of some ideas for Father's Day this year? The Father's Day Car Show and Chili Cook-off is the perfect date with Dad. For the past thirteen years, dads and families have spent the day checking out beautifully restored classic cars along 152nd St to Ambaum Blvd. For the first time this year, there will be a Motorcycle Show as well, so bring dad out for a fun-filled Sunday.

The Burien Wild Strawberry Festival and Father's Day Car Show brings the community together through fun, exciting activities. The City treasures community engagement and believes in fostering healthy opportunities for the people who make Burien awesome: YOU! ■



ALL NEW! Half-Day Kids Summer Special Interest Camps

In addition to the hugely-popular elementary and middle school weekly day camps that the City offers, there are new recreational opportunities coming this summer. For families who don't need a full-day program, or kids with specific interests, there's lots of summer fun ahead!

Information: 206.988.3700 or www.Register.BurienParks.net

NOTE: All fees listed as "RD" are discounted fees for Burien residents.



JUNE

- June 13-16 • **Preschool Camp: Camping Fun** • 4-6 year olds. \$105/RD \$100
- June 20-23 • **Preschool Camp: Under the Sea** • 4-6 year olds. \$105/RD \$100
- June 20-24 • **Break Dance** • 6-10 year olds. \$107/RD \$102

JULY

- July 5-8 • **LEGO Camp** • 6-14 year olds. \$90/RD \$85
- **Garden-Zilla Clay Camp** • 6-11 year olds. \$79/RD \$75
- July 11-14 • **Preschool Camp: LEGO Time** • 4-6 year olds. \$105/RD \$100
- July 11-15 • **Break Dance** • 6-10 year olds. \$107/RD \$102
- **Make It SEW** • 9-13 year olds. \$105/RD \$100
- **Mad Science Art Camp** • 7-11 year olds. \$105/RD \$100
- July 18-22 • **Printmaking Camp** • 10-15 year olds. \$99/RD \$95
- **Cup-a-Palozza Clay Camp** • 6-11 year olds. \$96/RD \$92
- July 25-28 • **Skyhawks Multi-Sports** • 4-12 year olds. \$100/RD \$95
- **Preschool Camp: Cooking** • 4-6 year olds. \$105/RD \$100

AUGUST

- August 15-18 • **Skyhawks Multi-Sports** • 4-12 year olds. \$100/RD \$95
- **Break Dance** • 6-10 year olds. \$107/RD \$102
- August 22-26 • **Plant Protectors** • 7-11 year olds. \$160/RD \$150

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Para más información: llame 206-988-3700 o visite www.Register.BurienParks.net

NOTA: los pagos que están enlistados como RD son descuentos de pago para los residentes de Burien.



JUNIO

- Junio 13-16 • **Campamento Preescolar: Diversión de Campamentos** • 4-6 edades. \$105 / RD \$100
- Junio 20-23 • **Campamentos Preescolar: Bajo el Mar** • 4-6 edades. \$105 / RD \$100
- Junio 20-24 • **Baile de Breakdance** • 6-10 edades. \$107/ RD \$102

JULIO

- Julio 5-8 • **Campamento de Legos** • 6-14 edades. \$90/ RD\$85
- **Jardín-Zilla Campamento de Barro** • 6-11 edades. \$79/ RD\$75
- Julio 11-14 • **Campamento Preescolar: Tiempo de Legos** • 4-6 edad. \$105/ RD\$100
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- **Haremos Costuras** • 9-13 edades. \$105/ RD\$100
- **Ciencia Disparatada Campamento de Arte** • 7-11 edades. \$105/ RD\$100
- Julio 18-22 • **Campamento de Grabado** • 10-15 edades. \$99 / RD\$95
- **Taza-una -Palozza Campamento de Barro** • 6-11 edades. \$96 / RD\$92
- Julio 25-28 • **Skyhawks Multi-Deportes** • 4-12 edades. \$100 / RD\$95
- **Campamento Preescolar: Cocinando** • 4-6 edades. \$105 / RD\$100

AGOSTO

- Agosto 15-18 • **Skyhawks Multi-Deportes** • 4-12 edades. \$100 / RD\$95
- **Baile de Breakdance** • 6-10 edades. \$100 / RD\$95
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PICNIC PLAYTIME at SEAHURST PARK

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SUMMER TAI CHI CLASSES MOVE OUTSIDE

Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese martial art that provides movement and meditation. Each summer, the City's classes move outdoors for greater enjoyment. There's a reason these Tai Chi classes are the most highly-enrolled adult program! Instructor Viola Brumbaugh teaches an excellent curriculum that provides immune system stimulation, improves balance and flexibility, and reduces joint discomfort. Outdoor classes will begin the week of July 5 at the Community Center Annex Park. ■

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Music in the Park's 20th Anniversary!

By Nicolle Callier, Communications Intern

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE FILL THE GREEN, GRASSY FIELD OF LAKE BURIEN SCHOOL PARK with their lawn chairs and picnic baskets. While the band performs, children sprint around the park, their laughter drifting into the night sky. For the past two decades, Music in the Park has been a platform for local and regional performers to showcase their talents!

This July and August, Burien will celebrate its music performance series' 20th anniversary. Since 1996, Burien Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services has cultivated Burien's art community with FREE performances in the park. There have been dozens of performers over the years, with concert lineups featuring musicians from all different genres. Music in the Park has included

performances from Country, Alternative, Salsa, Reggae, Hip-Hop and Cajun artists, to name a few.

The 2016 series kicks off on July 7 with the Gypsy Jazz band Pearl Django. You can also expect to see bands like The Olson Bros and Kim Archer rock

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Music in the Park happens every Wednesday and Thursday during July and August. FREE concerts will be held at a park from 6:30-8:00pm. On Wednesdays, the concerts are held at North SeaTac Park, and on Thursdays, bring good vibes and your best dance moves to Lake Burien School Park.

out as they dazzle the audience with original music and old school renditions. Some of the concerts will be more reflective of the artists' ethnicity and cultural influences. Music in the Park will feature Cuban Salsa from Orchestra Zarabanda and Caribbean music performed by the Seattle Women's Steel Pan Project.

A few years ago, Music in the Park announced that theatre would be added to the showcase. The Burien Arts Association and GreenStage Presents Shakespeare in the Park. On Saturday, July 23 actors will perform Shakespeare's Cymbeline. Then, on July 30, come out and see a captivating performance of Merry Wives. Shakespeare in the Park is held at Dottie Harper Park, and all ages are welcome.

Whether you want to enjoy some live entertainment with friends, have an evening picnic with family, or are looking for the perfect weeknight date spot, Music in the Park is a perfect way to relax into a summer evening! ■

- ◀ *The Michael Anthony Pratt band performed at a Music in the Park concert during the 2013 season.*
- ▼ *Attendees relax in the sun and even try out their dance moves during summer concerts in Lake Burien School Park. Additional concerts take place at North SeaTac Park.*



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JUNE 18-19 • 10AM to 6PM (Saturday)
10AM to 4PM (Sunday)

WILD STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Burien Town Square Park
5th Ave SW & SW 152nd St

JUNE 19 • 10AM - 4PM

FATHERS DAY CAR SHOW

Burien Town Square Park
5th Ave SW & SW 152nd St

JULY 7 • 6:30PM - 8PM

**MUSIC IN THE PARK:
PEARL DJANGO**

Lake Burien School Park
SW 148th & 16th Ave SW

JULY 13 • 6:30PM - 8PM

**MUSIC IN THE PARK:
HIGHLINE COMMUNITY BAND**

North SeaTac Park
S 128th St & 20th Ave S

JULY 14 • 6:30PM - 8PM

**MUSIC IN THE PARK:
SEATTLE WOMEN'S STEEL PAN PROJECT**

Lake Burien School Park
SW 148th & 16th Ave SW

JULY 20 • 6:30PM - 8PM

**MUSIC IN THE PARK:
THE SIBLINGS GRIMM**

North SeaTac Park
S 128th St & 20th Ave S

JULY 21 • 6:30PM - 8PM

**MUSIC IN THE PARK:
THE OLSON BROS BAND**

Lake Burien School Park
SW 148th & 16th Ave SW

JULY 23 • 7PM

**SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK:
CYMBERLINE**

Dottie Harper Park, 421 SW 146th St

JULY 27 • 6:30PM - 8PM

**MUSIC IN THE PARK:
SUPERSONES**

North SeaTac Park
S 128th St & 20th Ave S

JULY 28 • 6:30PM - 8PM

**MUSIC IN THE PARK:
CHRIS ANDERSON**

Lake Burien School Park
SW 148th & 16th Ave SW

JULY 30 • 7PM

**SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK:
MERRY WIVES**

Dottie Harper Park, 421 SW 146th St



AUGUST 3 • 6:30PM - 8PM

**MUSIC IN THE PARK: LITTLE
SARA & THE NIGHT OWLS**

North SeaTac Park
S 128th St & 20th Ave S

AUGUST 4 • 6:30PM - 8PM

**MUSIC IN THE PARK:
ORCHESTRA ZARABANDA**

Lake Burien School Park
SW 148th & 16th Ave SW

**CITY HALL
BURIEN LIBRARY**

JULY 4

Independence Day, Holiday Closure



AUGUST 11 • 6:30PM - 8PM

**MUSIC IN THE PARK:
KIM ARCHER BAND**

Lake Burien School Park
SW 148th & 16th Ave SW

AUGUST 25 • 5:30PM - 8PM

FAMILY FUN RUN

Burien Town Square Park
5th Ave SW & SW 152nd St

MAY - OCTOBER • 11AM - 6PM

**DROP BY THE BURIEN
FARMERS MARKET**

Every Thursday





Deputy Shannon Laux Joins the Burien Police Department

For Deputy Shannon Laux becoming a police officer seemed like her perfect career. "I became a police officer because I enjoy interacting with the public and solving problems." She officially joined the Burien Police Department in February 2016. Prior to being hired by the King County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Laux was a trooper for the Washington State Patrol for two years.

"As a former trooper, I have found my knowledge of traffic related crimes and collisions has benefitted me and my partners here in Burien. I am passionate about that aspect of law enforcement and enjoy educating my peers and the public," she says.

A native King County resident, Laux grew up on the eastside of King County. She was compelled to serve the Burien community after spending a lot of time in and around the city during field training.

"When I was hired by the King County Sheriff's Office, I completed my training in both Burien and White Center. I really enjoyed working in Burien and with the other deputies here. This community cares about reducing crime and solving problems," says Laux.

Deputy Laux aspires to impact the lives of others and create positive change in the city. When Laux is not on duty she enjoys spending time outdoors. Her time outdoors is spent tending to her garden or hiking along one of Washington's many trails. Although being a police officer is physically demanding and requires you to stay in great shape, there aren't many law enforcement personnel with a bachelor's degree in nutrition and culinary arts like Laux.

Laux would like readers and fellow residents to know, "Don't be afraid to ask questions or stop and talk to us. We are here to provide a public service and are happy to assist in any way we can. We want to get to know the people in the community outside of just responding to 911 calls."

So next time you see Deputy Laux or any other Burien police officer make sure to say hello! ■

HECHOS RÁPIDOS: Oficial Shannon Laux

- Oficial Shannon Laux en Febrero empezó trabajando en el departamento de policía de Burien.
- "Decidí ser policía por la razón de que me gusta relacionarme con el público y resolver sus problemas."
- Ella trabajó como policía estatal del estado de Washington anteriormente por dos años fue jefe de policía del condado King.
- "Cuando fui contratada como jefe de policía del condado King, hice mi entrenamiento en Burien y White Center. Me gustó trabajar en Burien con otros suplentes. Esta comunidad le importa reducir el crimen y resolver problemas."
- Cuando Oficial Laux no está trabajando ha ella le gusta pasar su tiempo afuera donde encuentra paz y relajamiento. Ella tiene una licenciatura en nutrición y artes culinarias.
- "No tenga miedo de hacer preguntas o platicar con nosotros. Estamos aquí para proveer servicios al público y felices de atenderlo de la manera que podamos. Queremos conocer las personas de la comunidad y poder responder a las llamadas al 911."



Deputy Cesar Molina Joins the Burien Police Department

Since childhood Deputy Cesar Molina has had a passion for helping people. He realized early on that he wanted to do something involved with law enforcement. "I just wanted to help people. You can do many things to help people, but I feel like being a police officer allows you to help people from different walks of life," he says.

Molina was born in Guatemala, but spent most of his life in always sunny California. Before joining the Burien Police Department in March 2016 he worked as a Deputy Sheriff for Los Angeles County.

"Coming from Los Angeles I think Burien has a bit more diversity than its surrounding cities. I thought Burien would be a good fit for me because of the city's diversity and my experience as a Deputy in Los Angeles," says Molina.

An essential part of being a police officer is connecting with the community you protect and serve. Deputy Molina is a great addition to the Burien Police Department because of his Latin roots and experience serving multi-ethnic communities. In today's society there is a growing mistrust of police among minorities. Deputy Molina genuinely cares about the issues affecting Burien. He would like residents to know "the [police] are actually here to help and not do harm," contrary to what they may read or see on the news.

Language barriers can be difficult to overcome and can strain on the relationship between community and law enforcement. Oftentimes police interact with people who speak little or no English. Being bilingual, Molina can positively impact the City of Burien's Latino and communities.

"My Spanish skills can help members of the community come forward and feel more comfortable reporting crimes to law enforcement," says Molina.

Deputy Molina moved to Washington in 2014, yet he's still adjusting to the change in forecast. "It's way different than Los Angeles. It's always overcast, so that's something I've had to get used to but I like the city," he says.

Every day Deputy Molina puts on his police uniform he lives out his childhood dream. "I'm here to make a difference and help [people] in any way I can. Don't be afraid of calling the cops and if you need someone that speaks Spanish I can be there."

HECHOS RÁPIDOS: Oficial Cesar Molina

- Oficial Cesar Molina empezó trabajando en el departamento de policía de Burien en Marzo.
- "Yo sólo quiero ayudar a las persona. Tú puedes hacer muchas cosas para ayudar a las personas, pero siento que al ser policía me permite ayudar a las personas en sus diferentes sectores de vida."
- El nació en Guatemala y creció en California donde empezó su profesión como ayudante de jefe de policía del condado de Los Ángeles.
- "Viniendo de Los Ángeles, yo creo que Burien tiene un poco más diversidad que las ciudades de al alrededor. Yo creo que Burien es la ciudad adecuada para mí por su diversidad."
- Por ser bilingüe, el representante Molina ha sido de gran impacto en Burien con los latinos de la comunidad de habla hispana.
- "Estoy aquí para hacer la diferencia y ayudar a las personas en lo que yo pueda. No tenga miedo de llamar a la policía y si necesitas alguien que hable español yo puedo estar ahí."

SỰ KIỆN NHANH CHÓNG: Phó Shannon Laux

- Phó Shannon Laux bắt đầu làm việc tại Burien cảnh sát vào tháng hai.
- “Tôi đã trở thành một sĩ quan cảnh sát vì tôi thích tiếp xúc với công chúng và giải quyết vấn đề.”
- Cô làm việc như là một quân nhân để tuần tra bang Washington trong hai năm trước khi gia nhập King County Sheriff’s Office.
- “Khi tôi được thuê bởi văn phòng King County Sheriff, tôi đã hoàn thành đào tạo của tôi trong Burien và trắng Trung tâm. Tôi thực sự rất thích làm việc trong Burien và với các đại biểu khác ở đây. Cộng đồng này quan tâm đến việc giảm tội phạm và giải quyết vấn đề.”
- Khi phó Laux không làm nhiệm vụ cô rất thích dành nhiều thời gian ở ngoài trời, nơi cô tìm thấy hòa bình và thư giãn. Cô nắm giữ một cử nhân nghệ thuật âm thực và dinh dưỡng.
- “Đừng ngại đặt câu hỏi hoặc dừng lại và nói chuyện với chúng tôi. Chúng tôi đang ở đây để cung cấp một dịch vụ công cộng và rất vui khi được giúp đỡ trong bất cứ cách nào chúng ta có thể. Chúng tôi muốn nhận được để biết những người trong cộng đồng bên ngoài chỉ trả lời các cuộc gọi 911.”

SỰ KIỆN NHANH CHÓNG: Phó Cesar Molina

- Phó Cesar Molina bắt đầu làm việc tại Burien cảnh sát vào tháng ba.
- “Tôi chỉ muốn giúp mọi người. Bạn có thể làm nhiều điều để giúp mọi người, nhưng tôi cảm thấy như đang là cảnh sát cho phép bạn để giúp mọi người từ tầng lớp khác nhau của cuộc sống.”
- Ông được sinh ra ở Guatemala và lớn lên ở California, nơi ông bắt đầu sự nghiệp của mình như là một phó cảnh sát trưởng cho Los Angeles County.
- “Đến từ Los Angeles tôi nghĩ Burien có sự đa dạng hơn một chút so với các thành phố lân cận của nó. Tôi nghĩ rằng Burien nào tốt phù hợp đối với tôi vì sự đa dạng của thành phố.”
- Đang được song ngữ, phó Molina muốn tích cực tác động đến các cộng đồng La tinh và nói Tây Ban Nha tại Burien.
- “Tôi ở đây để làm cho một sự khác biệt và giúp [mọi người] trong bất kỳ cách nào tôi có thể. Đừng ngại gọi cho cảnh sát, và nếu bạn cần một ai đó mà nói tiếng Tây Ban Nha, tôi có thể có.”
- y Ban Nha, tôi có thể có.”

The Secret Tool in Preventing Crime



By Captain Bryan Howard,
Burien Police Department

POLICE DEPARTMENTS PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN DETERRING CRIME AND HELPING RESIDENTS FEEL SAFE IN THEIR COMMUNITY. Community members appreciate it when they see a shiny patrol car cruising through their neighborhood or an officer on bicycle patrol in the business district. It’s one of the most visible signs that your valuable tax dollars are being put to work effectively. And yet, the most effective tool to reduce crime in your community is not just a visible police presence... it’s YOU!

Crime can fester in the absence of a vibrant and proactive community. The vast majority of criminals prefer to operate in places where it feels like no one’s watching because they fear being apprehended or confronted. This is why burglaries generally occur during the daytime, when residents are at work, and car break-ins tend to occur late at night or during early morning hours. Criminals simply want to slip into a neighborhood and commit their crime, undetected. Sadly, they are often trying to feed an addiction by stealing and selling your property.

The first proven step you can take to make your neighborhood unattractive to criminals is to **know your neighbors**: exchange phone numbers, let each other know when you are going on vacation, and have them take mail inside and the newspaper off your front porch. You can even join a neighborhood block watch! These simple first steps can make a significant difference.

The second step is to **ACT** if you see something awry. Call your neighbor to make sure they are expecting a visitor. Call 911 if you believe a crime may be taking place. Turn your porch lights on and off to signal that you’re watching. If you feel safe in doing so, you can even step onto your porch and take a picture of the person or their vehicle. These types of actions send a clear



message to everyone that crime will not be tolerated.

Finally, I encourage you to **use public spaces**. When parks fill up with families and workers enjoying their lunch, there’s no room for someone who might be harboring criminal intent. But when I drive by a nearly empty park or other open space, the chances of finding a collection of individuals who might be causing trouble is higher.

Creating a safe community requires cooperation between its residents and law enforcement. We know from experience that 50,000 sets of eyes and ears will always be more effective than 41 (your number of officers assigned to Burien). Knowing your neighbor, taking action when you see wrongdoing, and using our great parks are a few great ways to partner with us in preventing and reducing crime.

To join a block watch, give us a call at 206.477.2200. ■



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