

# Burien City News

CITY OF BURIEN

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## CITY COUNCIL MESSAGE

It has been a quick and busy summer for the City, starting with the asphalt overlay program that encountered numerous weather delays before finally being completed in July. As you enjoy the newly resurfaced arterials, we want to remind people that much of the funding for this project comes from a \$10 license tab fee Burien residents pay.

On July 11 we adopted the Vision for Burien document. The visioning process started last winter and included numerous meetings, surveys and discussions involving not only the City Council, but also hundreds of residents who served on focus groups, attended workshops and provided their ideas, or visions, on what their City should be in the future. We want to thank those who participated and encourage everyone to take a few minutes to review the final product, printed inside this newsletter, and learn how the City will put the Vision to use.

In August we took up another important topic affecting the future of Burien, the potential annexation of Area Y of North Highline, which includes White Center, North Shorewood, Top Hat, Beverly Park, Boulevard Park, Glendale and Riverton Heights. Currently we are studying and discussing the annexation's potential fiscal impact on Burien and have not made a decision about whether to pursue it.

The potential annexation is of great interest not only to affected residents, but to Burien residents as well, as it would dramatically change the City, adding another 17,392 people and a whole new business district. Ultimately it would be the residents of the annexation area who would decide at the polls whether to become part of Burien. The fiscal impacts of the potential annexation are detailed in a report printed in part in this newsletter and available online at [www.burienwa.gov/annexation](http://www.burienwa.gov/annexation).

Your City Council

## Council Studying North Highline Annexation

The City Council is currently studying the potential effects of annexing the remainder of North Highline, which includes White Center, Top Hat, Beverly Park, Glendale and portions of Boulevard Park, Riverton Heights, and Shorewood (see map on page 4). Burien annexed the southern section of North Highline in 2010.

A recent report by a consulting firm hired by the City stated that annexing the remaining North Highline area would be financially feasible, and even provide additional resources to the City above the costs of annexation, since Burien would receive up to \$5 million a year for 10 years in the form of a state sales tax credit designed to assist eligible cities in annexation. For the

long term, the report states that annexation would be a fiscally neutral proposition to the current City (see report on page 4).

The City Council has not made a decision whether or not to pursue the annexation but is expected to decide this fall. Voters in the proposed annexation area would get the final say on whether to become part of the City of Burien. A ballot measure could take place as early as summer of 2012. Current Burien residents would not vote in the election.

If the annexation occurred, it would increase the population of Burien by 17,392, adding 6,586 households and 3.2 square miles to the City.

## National Night Out

Burien Police Officer Dave Keller joined Shorewood residents at one of the dozens of National Night Out events held throughout Burien on Aug. 2. The purpose of the gatherings is to fight neighborhood crime by giving residents the opportunity to know their neighbors and keep an eye on each other's property.



## Another Clean Audit for City

The State Auditor's Office reported that for the 12th consecutive year the City of Burien has received a clean opinion on the financial statements and no findings of non-compliance in an audit of the City's

2010 financial statements. Each year a representative from the State Auditor's Office conducts a financial and legal compliance audit of the City, poring over records for several weeks at City Hall. The audit was completed in July.

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## GOVERNMENT SERVICES

CITY HALL.....	241-4647
E-Mail burien@burienwa.gov	
Website: www.burienwa.gov	
City Hall North: 11846 Des Moines Memorial Dr.	
Community Center.....	988-3700
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	
Planning Division .....	248-5510
Building Division .....	248-5520
Code Enforcement.....	248-5507
CITY ATTORNEY .....	248-5531
CITY COUNCIL .....	241-4647
Joan McGilton, Mayor	
Brian Bennett, Deputy Mayor	
Jack Block, Councilmember	
Rose Clark, Councilmember	
Lucy Krakowiak, Councilmember	
Gerald Robison, Councilmember	
Gordon Shaw, Councilmember	
CITY JOB LINE .....	248-5534
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE .....	248-5508
FINANCE .....	241-4647
FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Fire District #2 .....	242-2040
North Highline F.D. ....	243-0330
HUMAN RESOURCES.....	248-5504
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES	
Website: www.BurienParks.net	
14700 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave. SW .....	988-3700
Moshier Art Center.....	242-7752
POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Precinct #4, 14905 6 <sup>th</sup> SW .....	296-3333
PUBLIC WORKS.....	248-5521
24 hr. street or drainage concerns.....	391-1620
SENIOR PROGRAM	
14700 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave. SW .....	244-3686
OTHER NUMBERS	
Citizen Complaints .....	248-5530
Parking Complaints/	
Police Tip Hotline .....	205-0969
ANIMAL CONTROL .....	812-2737
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE .....	575-1633
DISTRICT COURT (Burien Courthouse)	
601 SW 149 <sup>th</sup> St. ....	296-0144
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCATE	
(425) 961-0618 Cell Phone (206) 947-3852	
BURIEN LIBRARY.....	243-3490
BOULEVARD PARK LIBRARY.....	242-8662
WHITE CENTER LIBRARY.....	243-0233
SCHOOL DISTRICT (Highline) .....	433-0111
SEWER	
SW Suburban Sewer Dist. ....	244-9575
Midway Sewer .....	824-4960
Valley View Sewer .....	242-3236
SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE	
151 SW 156 <sup>th</sup> Street .....	243-0289
WATER DISTRICTS	
Water District #20 .....	243-3990
Water District #49.....	242-8535
Highline Water District .....	824-0375
Seattle Water.....	684-5900

## Vision Will Provide City Sense of Direction

After several months of meetings, surveys and other public feedback, the Burien City Council on July 11 adopted a vision statement (see opposite page) that will provide the City with a sense of direction and framework for future police decisions.

Accompanying the vision statement are seven core values/concepts. We will focus on a few of the values/concepts in this newsletter and in future editions of the Burien City News, explaining how they will guide the City in its policy-making and delivery of municipal services and programs. This month we will look at the values of "Community" and "Environment."

### COMMUNITY

**Genuine – Burien residents are welcoming, know their neighbors, and work together.**

The City will continue to encourage and promote neighborhood events such as National Night Out in which residents can better know others in their neighborhood. In addition to meetings at City Hall, community meetings will be held at a variety of neighborhood locations such as schools, churches, etc. The City also encourages community involvement events and programs such as Adopt-a-Park and Clean Sweep.

**Engaged – Burien residents enjoy robust civic and cultural participation.**

The City will continue to sponsor and promote ongoing and new civic and cultural activities to encourage community participation. Continued promotion and funding of cultural arts remains a high priority. The City engages the community on civic issues using traditional and modern methods, anything from public forums to social media and, of course, your quarterly City News newsletter. The City continues to sponsor and promote new and ongoing cultural activities such as Empty Bowls, Wild Strawberry Festival, Music and Movies in the Park, Independence Day Parade, Burien Family Fiesta, Arts-A-Glow Lantern Festival, Night of the Pumpkin, and much, much more.

**Stable – Burien strives for stability by encouraging provision of basic services for all of its residents.**

The City will provide and increase funding for Human Services through a biennial grant process. The human services funding is available to agencies that provide pro-



grams to Burien residents to help them with basic needs, self-sufficiency, housing and homelessness, early intervention, domestic violence and other human services needs.

### ENVIRONMENT

**Natural – Burien conserves its natural environment and public waterfronts.**

The City will continue to enact laws and regulations to protect its natural environment, maintain its public waterfronts, and keep them available for residents to enjoy.

**Green – Burien treasures parks and open spaces, and welcomes opportunities for more.**

The City will continue to place a high priority on maintaining and improving Burien's parks and open spaces, and seek out opportunities to develop and expand parks in underserved areas of the community. (*See improvements at North Burien parks on page 6 of this newsletter*).

**Livable – Burien makes sustainable land, energy, water, and transportation choices.**

Using input from the community, the City will continue to develop Master Plans that ensure sustainability in land, energy, water, and transportation systems improvements.

In 2011 the City is updating its Comprehensive Plan, including land use and zoning in the recently annexed North Burien areas. The Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan, which guides management and development of park properties and recreation programs, is also being updated as are the Transportation Master Plan and Surface Water Master Plan based on input received at public meetings this summer and fall.



*A vibrant and creative community, where the residents embrace diversity, celebrate arts and culture, promote vitality, and treasure the environment*

**VISION** FOR **BURIEN**  
Our Future. Our Choices.

**COMMUNITY**



- Genuine
- Engaged
- Stable

Burien residents are welcoming, know their neighbors, and work together.  
Burien residents enjoy robust civic and cultural participation.  
Burien strives for stability by encouraging provision of basic services for all of its residents.

**DIVERSITY**



- Inclusive
- Multicultural
- Multi-centered

Burien embraces diversity and welcomes all residents.  
Burien celebrates the many cultures and backgrounds of its residents.  
Burien cultivates a thriving array of business and community centers.

**ENVIRONMENT**



- Natural
- Green
- Livable

Burien conserves its natural environment and public waterfronts.  
Burien treasures parks and open spaces, and welcomes opportunities for more.  
Burien makes sustainable land, energy, water, and transportation choices.

**PROSPERITY**



- Local
- Expansive
- Creative

Burien values local services and supports local businesses.  
Burien encourages businesses in order to expand its economic base.  
Burien promotes and supports its rich palette of arts, culture, and heritage.

**EDUCATION & YOUTH**



- Teaching
- Learning
- Nurturing

Burien believes that quality schools are essential to its long-term success.  
Burien actively promotes early childhood education and life-long learning.  
Burien supports its youth with programs to augment its schools.

**HEALTH & SAFETY**



- Healthy
- Active
- Peaceful

Burien promotes community vitality with health and wellness services for all ages.  
Burien encourages active living to support physical and mental health.  
Burien ensures public safety through both crime prevention and law enforcement.

**GOVERNANCE**



- Responsive
- Effective
- Collaborative

Burien's city government operates in an open & accountable manner.  
Burien's city government strives for organizational excellence.  
Burien fosters partnerships with others in pursuit of common objectives.

## Study Analyzes Financial Impacts of Proposed North Highline Annexation

The City of Burien earlier this year hired BERK, a Seattle-based consulting firm, to study the fiscal impacts of the annexation of Area Y (see map below) within North Highline Potential Annexation Area. The goal of this analysis was to provide decision-makers at the City, current City residents, and residents of the annexation area with a more complete understanding of the fiscal implications of annexation. The study examined the costs of annexation to the City and, in the longer term, what the effect of 10 years with the annexation sales tax credit would have on the City’s fiscal position. The analysis assumes annexation of the area in 2012, and examines the costs and revenues over 11 years (2012-2023).

The report also involves a review and comparison of two previous fiscal studies of annexation, the first study completed by BERK in 2007 and resulting in the annexation of the southern portion of the North Highline Area. The second study was completed by the City of Seattle in January 2011, and resulted in Seattle not moving to annex the northern portion of the North Highline area. The City Council is currently reviewing the information and will decide whether or not to pursue the annexation and place it on the ballot. Only residents in the proposed annexation area would vote on whether to become part of the City of Burien. Below are excerpts from the study:

• **STRUCTURAL DEFICIT**

The reduction in overall tax collections and the limitation on property tax, while the cost of municipal services is growing faster than its revenues, highlight the City’s current fiscal challenge. Regardless of annexation, the City will have to continue to take steps to bring revenues and costs in line. Driven by current rates of increase in costs of salary and benefits, general fund expenditures grow at a rate of 3.6% over the 10 years. Projected growth in general fund revenues is only 1.8% and does not keep pace with the core costs.

• **SALES TAX CREDIT**

The state’s annexation sales tax credit, designed to assist eligible cities in annexation by providing support for up to 10 years, enables the City to recoup any financial losses due to annexation not to exceed \$5 million a year. The sales tax credit would more than cover new costs directly related to the annexation for the 10 years it would be in place, providing additional resources to the City above the incremental costs of annexation. The law allows cities to recoup a portion of their existing fixed costs, such as the City Manager position, City Council, etc., by apportioning them to the

annexation area, and provides additional general fund revenue to the City during the 10 years of the credit.

• **CITY HALL**

The City would need approximately 13 more FTEs in all City departments, excluding police, resulting directly from annexation in 2012. The current City Hall can accommodate these staff members but will need some level of capital improvement to build-out under-utilized space. The estimated cost of this build-out could range from \$40,000 to \$60,000.

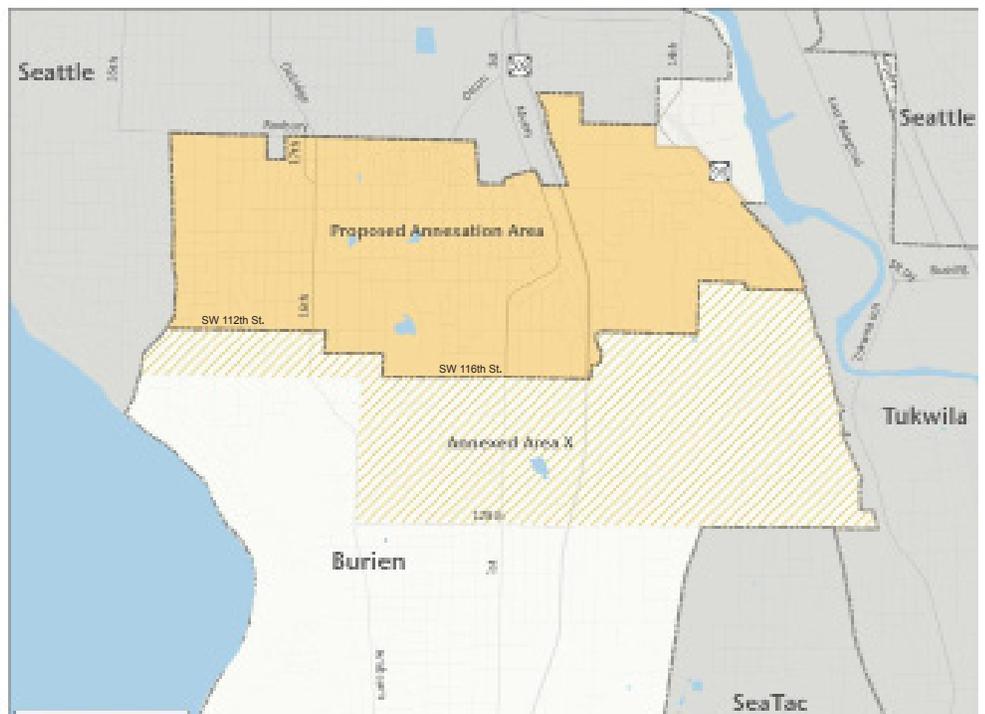
• **LONG TERM IMPACTS**

For the long term, annexation would be a fiscally neutral proposition to the current City. The fiscal impact of annexing the North Highline area is measured by the degree to which annexation introduces any new service cost or tax revenue challenges not already being addressed by the City. From this perspective, the annexation introduces the same level of operating challenges experienced by the current City.

**Comparisons Between Current City, Proposed Annexation Area**

	<u>Proposed Annexation Area</u>	<u>Current City</u>
<b>Population</b>	17,392	48,072
<b>Housing Units</b>	6,586	13,931
<b>Land Area (sq. miles)</b>	3.2	10.1
<b>Taxable Assessed Value</b>	\$1.35 billion	\$4.62 billion
<b>Taxable Retail Sales</b>	\$90 million	\$461 million

2010 data



## Financial Study Favors Contracting with King County for Police Services

The City of Burien currently contracts with the King County Sheriff's Office for police services. In 2010, the contract cost the City \$9.4 million, approximately 52% of the City's General Fund expenditures. These costs are expected to rise to \$9.8 million in 2011. Faced with this situation, the City hired the consulting firm BERK to conduct a cost evaluation of the current contract and how it might compare to a City-run police department.

The analysis found that the contract with King County provides a more cost-effective alternative to delivering police services to the City, assuming that the contract and City-run department deliver similar levels of police service.

According to the study, the reasons are two-fold: first, the contract offers economies of scale on shared services, administration, and other overhead; and, second, the shared supervision model of the King County Sheriff's Office has fewer supervision staff (typically high-cost positions) paid for out of the contract allowing for more direct service to be provided in patrol and investigation functions. A City-run department would require paying the full cost of the staff (both police officers and support functions).

A City-run police department would be staffed at 76 FTEs. An additional 3 FTEs would be needed in administration and human resources to handle the additional 76 employees, bringing the total impact to 79 employees. The department would cost anywhere from \$11.0 million to \$13.2 million per year.

Assuming a similar level of service, the cost of the contract with King County is lower at \$9.8 million per year.

### Contract with King County Sheriff vs. City Police Dept.

	<u>Current Contract</u>	<u>City-Run Police Dept.</u>
Cost	\$9.4 million	\$11 million - \$13.2 million
Per-capita costs	\$188	\$220 - \$275
Total staff	70.87 FTEs	79 FTEs

### Impact of North Highline Annexation

If the City annexes North Highline Area Y, it would add 23.76 FTEs (94.62 total) to the contract with King County and increase the contract amount from \$9.4 million to \$12.5 million (an increase in cost of \$3.1 million). Under a City-run department, annexation would add an additional 17 FTEs (98 total). The cost impacts of additional staff would be \$3.0 to \$3.3 million or a total of \$14.0 million to \$16.6 million.

In creating a new police department, the City would be putting in place the capacity to serve a much larger city. At its current size, a City-run department would have a per capita cost of \$229-\$275, compared with \$188 for the contract. As the City grows, the per capita costs would begin to fall to the \$212-\$252 range because the City would be able to utilize the capacity in supervision and support it had to put in place to serve the existing City. It is likely that at some point in the City's growth, moving to a City-run police department may make sense from a financial point of view.

Over the past 10 years, law enforcement costs have outpaced general fund revenues. Regardless of a move to keep the contract or pursue a City-run department, the City still must confront this fiscal challenge.



Participating in the July 27 groundbreaking were, from left, Councilmembers Gordon Shaw, Jack Block and Rose Clark, Fire Chief Mike Marrs. Fire Commissioners Chris Elwell, Gary Hobbick and Ted Sitterly.

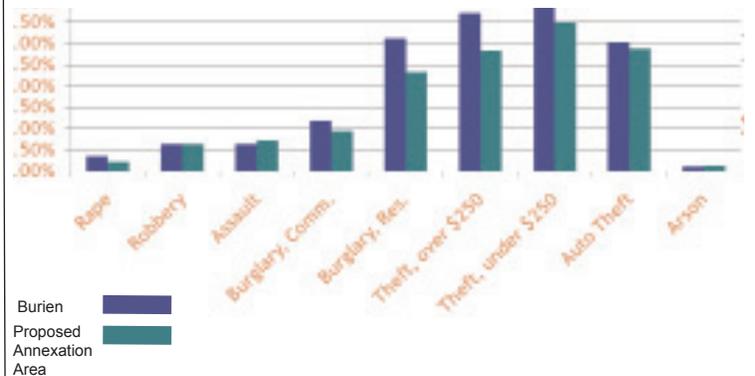
## Groundbreaking for New Fire Station

Local fire and City officials broke ground on July 27 for the new Fire District 2 headquarters at 900 S.W. 146<sup>th</sup> St. Voters in Fire District No. 2, which serves Burien and Normandy Park, approved a \$25 million bond issue in November 2008 for construction of the new fire station in Burien and replacing the station in Normandy Park. Completion is anticipated in summer 2012. The department is served by nearly 40 paid and 20 volunteer personnel who staff two fire engines, one aerial ladder truck and one aid car.

## Crime Rate in Burien vs. Annexation Area

A recent report prepared by the Burien Police Department compared the crime rate in the Proposed Annexation Area (White Center, North Shorewood, Top Hat, Beverly Park, Boulevard Park, Glendale and Riverton Heights) with the crime rate in Burien. The comparison was based on the percentage of dispatched calls for service for individual crimes.

The report showed that in the majority of crime categories for the more serious Part 1 crimes such as robbery and burglary, Burien had the higher crime rate. The same was true for less serious Part 2 crimes such as trespassing and vandalism. The comparisons were from the period of April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.



\* Percentage of Dispatched Calls for Service, April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.

## City Has Made Improvements to Parks in North Burien Since Annexation in 2010

Improvements totaling \$138,000 have been made to parks in the North Burien annexation area since it became part of the City of Burien in April 2010.

### Summary of Improvements:

- Removed old/dilapidated park furnishings
- Installed 11 picnic tables
- Installed 15 park benches
- Installed 15 trash receptacles
- Repaired 2200 ft. of asphalt pathways
- Removed large, dead and hazardous trees at five sites
- Limbed up all trees at Arbor Lake Park to 15 feet and cleared invasive under-story for improved site lines and security
- Installed six "City of Burien" park signs

### Before



### After



Arbor Lake Park, 12380 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. S.

### Before



### After



Salmon Creek Park, 700 S.W. 118<sup>th</sup> St.



## Arts-A-Glow Lantern Festival and Procession

Saturday, Sept. 10, 5 -10 p.m.  
Dottie Harper Park,  
421 SW 146<sup>th</sup>  
Procession at dusk  
(8 p.m.-ish)

*Lantern-making, music, performers, tea and treats, community procession.  
Performance by Lucia Neare's Theatrical Wonders after procession.*

**FREE!**

More info at [www.burienwa.gov/GLOW](http://www.burienwa.gov/GLOW)  
or (206) 988-3700

## City Wants Public's Views on Transportation

Do you need sidewalks in your neighborhood, or safe bike paths to local schools? Do the streets near your home or business need resurfacing, or are entirely new streets needed? Is using public transit convenient for you?

The City is asking residents and businesses questions about their transportation needs as it maps out the Burien community's transportation plan for the next decade and beyond. Meetings are being planned for this fall at

various locations in the community, to gather information from the public.

The information from the meetings will assist the City in its Transportation Master Plan (TMP) update, which is mandated by the state under the Growth Management Act adopted by the Legislature in 1990.

Watch for notices of a meeting in your neighborhood. If your group would like to host a meeting, contact Malissa Phok at (206) 248-5538.

## New Environmental Science Center Set for Fall Opening

The Environmental Science Center (ESC) is building a state-of-the-art environmental center at Seahurst Park, where community members can come together to explore, appreciate and learn how to protect our precious natural resources. The Environmental Science Center at Seahurst Park will be a model for green building techniques and will include a rain garden with native plants.

The building exterior is now complete and the interior boasts a new ADA lift to ensure access to everyone. Final phase of construction took place during this summer and the new facility should open this fall. Watch for announcements on the opening on the ESC website: [www.Env-ScienceCenter.org](http://www.Env-ScienceCenter.org).



*The new Environmental Science Center at Seahurst Park is set to open this fall.*

## Una visión para dar a Burien un sentido de su porvenir

Tras varios meses de reuniones, encuestas, y comentarios del público, el Concejo Municipal de Burien adoptó el 11 de julio la siguiente visión, la cual servirá para dar a la Ciudad un sentido de su porvenir y un marco para futuras **decisiones de política**.

# BURIEN

Una comunidad vibrante y creativa, donde los residentes abrazan la diversidad, celebran las artes y la cultura, promueven la vitalidad, y valoran el medioambiente.

## COMUNIDAD



**Genuina**  
**Conectada**  
**Estable**

Los residentes de Burien son acogedores, conocen a sus vecinos, y trabajan juntos.  
Los residentes de Burien disfrutan de una participación cívica y cultural robusta.  
Burien trabaja en pro de la estabilidad al fomentar la provisión de servicios básicos para todos sus residentes.

## DIVERSIDAD



**Inclusiva**  
**Multicultural**  
**Variada**

Burien abraza la diversidad y les da la bienvenida a todos los residentes.  
Burien celebra las muchas culturas y orígenes de sus residentes.  
Burien cultiva una amplia gama de centros comerciales y comunitarios.

## ECOLOGIA



**Natural**  
**Verde**  
**Habitable**

Burien conserva sus sistemas ecológicos y sus costas públicas.  
Burien valora los parques y espacios abiertos y busca oportunidades de tener más de ellos.  
Burien toma decisiones sostenibles en temas de uso de suelo, energía, agua, y transporte.

## PROSPERIDAD



**Local**  
**Extensa**  
**Creativa**

Burien valora los servicios locales y apoya a los negocios locales.  
Burien fomenta los negocios para expandir su base económica.  
Burien promueve y apoya su amplia gama de artes, cultura, y patrimonio.

## EDUCACION & JUVENTUD



**Enseñanza**  
**Aprendizaje**  
**Apoyo**

Burien cree que escuelas de alta calidad son esenciales para su éxito a largo plazo.  
Burien promueve activamente la educación temprana y el aprendizaje durante toda la vida.  
Burien apoya a la juventud con programas para respaldar la escuela.

## SALUDE Y SEGURIDAD



**Saludable**  
**Activa**  
**Pacífica**

Burien promueve la vitalidad de la comunidad con servicios de salud y bienestar para todas las edades.  
Burien fomenta una vida activa para fomentar la salud física y mental.  
Burien asegura la seguridad pública con tanto la prevención de la delincuencia como la aplicación de la ley.

## GOBIERNO



**Responsivo**  
**Eficaz**  
**Colaborativo**

El gobierno de la ciudad de Burien opera de una manera abierta y responsable.  
El gobierno de la ciudad de Burien se esfuerza en lograr la excelencia organizacional.  
Burien fomenta colaboraciones con otros para lograr metas en común.

### Burien Green Corner

#### Don't Toss It!

Cleaning out stuff in your house or at work? Try to find a new home for these unwanted items, instead of throwing them away. Here are some tips for keeping useful materials out of landfills, while giving items a new home. For assistance, call the City's recycling specialist, Sam Wilder, at (206) 763-0739 or [recycling@burienwa.gov](mailto:recycling@burienwa.gov).

- Garage or yard sale: Consider having a yard sale or trying to see items through online sites such as Craigslist, freecycle or classified listings.

Here are Burien locations that accept the following materials:

#### Furniture/Clothing/Household Items:

- Goodwill  
12808 Ambaum Blvd. S.W.  
(206) 957-1020
- Saint Vincent de Paul  
13445 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S.  
(206) 243-6270
- Salvation Army  
16033 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S.  
(206) 438-4546
- Value Village  
131 S.W. 157<sup>th</sup> St.  
(206) 246-6237

#### Canned and Boxed Food

- Highline Area Food Bank  
18300 4<sup>th</sup> Ave S. Burien  
(206) 433-9900
- White Center Food Bank  
10829 8<sup>th</sup> Ave SW  
(206) 762-2848

#### Regular Meeting Schedule

The Burien City Council returns to its regular schedule of three meetings a month in September following its summer schedule. The Council meets the first, second and fourth Mondays, 7 p.m., at City Hall, 400 S.W. 152<sup>nd</sup> St. The public is welcome.

#### Kids Day at Burien Fire Station



15100 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.. S.W.  
Saturday, Sept. 10  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Demonstrations, free fingerprint IDs for kids, prizes. All kids welcome



### CITY OF BURIEN

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BURIEN, WA 98166

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## New Stream Steward for Miller and Walker Creeks

As the new Miller and Walker Creeks stream steward, Elissa Ostergaard will be available to answer stream questions and organize volunteer activities to improve the streams.

Elissa was raised in the Seattle area and attended The Evergreen State College, where she studied birds and plants, and has a master's degree in Wildlife Science from the University of Washington. Previously she was an ecologist with King County, an urban wildlife biologist for the State of Arizona, and most recently worked as a stormwater specialist for the City of Bellevue.

Elissa hopes to inspire and inform residents to continue improving the conditions for fish in the two creeks. Many small actions by a group

of people working together can make a big difference. Residents can help by removing invasive plants such as ivy, planting native trees and shrubs, cleaning up the water, and reducing the amount of water that rushes to the stream with every rainfall. These actions by the residents of the watershed can restore a thriving salmon population.



*Elissa Ostergaard*

Opportunities to help plant native plants along the creeks and count spawning salmon will be coming up starting in late September. To participate, call Elissa at (206) 296-1909, or email [elissa.ostergaard@kingcounty.gov](mailto:elissa.ostergaard@kingcounty.gov).

### Legislative Actions

#### ORDINANCES

**Ordinance 552** Establishing the formation of Local Improvement District (LID) #3, and ordering the installation of street and drainage improvements. 4/4/11

**Ordinance 553** Authorizing the issuance and sale of a limited tax general obligation bond anticipation note. 6/20/11

**Ordinance 554** Providing for the issuance of limited tax general obligation and refunding bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$9,200,000 to refund certain outstanding limited tax general obligation bonds and to finance or refinance costs of constructing, improving, and maintaining streets and roads and costs associated with a legal settlement; providing the

form and terms of the bonds; approving an escrow deposit agreement; and delegating the authority to approve the final terms of the bonds. 8/1/11

**Ordinance 555** Approves final plat for Chestnut Hills Subdivision. 8/15/11

#### RESOLUTIONS

**Resolution 320** Regarding North Burien library improvements. 6/20/11

**Resolution 321** Declaring the Navos Burien Mental Health Cmpus an "Economic Target Area." 7/11/11

**Resolution 322** Establishing the 2011 Comprehensive Plan Docket. 7/11/11

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