

Burien City News

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CITY COUNCIL MESSAGE

We're keeping a wary eye on Olympia these days as state legislators grapple with a \$2 billion shortfall in the state budget. Proposed cuts would have a profound effect on Burien and other cities in this state.

To address the budget gap, Governor Gregoire has proposed reducing, among other things, the state sales tax credit for cities that annex unincorporated areas. This could force us to stop the proposed annexation of the rest of North Highline, if the cuts make the annexation unaffordable for the City. For now, however, the annexation proposal approved by the Council in October will proceed, with a possible vote by residents of the annexation area in summer of 2012. We will have the opportunity to reconsider going forward with the annexation if the Legislature takes away the sales tax credit.



(Clockwise) Rose Clark, Brian Bennett, Jack Block Jr., Gordon Shaw, Joan McGilton, Gerald Robison. Not pictured: Lucy Krakowiak.

Also of concern is the potential loss of some of the revenue we currently receive from the sales tax credit for the 2010 annexation of the southern section of North Highline. If the City loses this revenue, we will still have to pay the costs associated with adding 14,000 residents to the city. Burien also could lose substantial liquor tax and other shared revenue from the state under the governor's proposed budget.

We certainly hope the Legislature can avoid drastically reducing revenue to cities. We'll be watching closely, prepared for some serious belt-tightening if that time comes.

— Your City Council

Proposed North Highline Annexation Moves Ahead

The Burien City Council has moved forward a proposal to annex the unincorporated remainder of North Highline between Burien and Seattle that contains about 6,500 residences and hundreds of mostly small businesses. Burien annexed the southern section of North Highline in 2010.

The Council on Oct. 3 approved an "intent to annex" resolution that sets in motion the formal annexation process. The annexation proposal is now before Washington State Boundary Review Board for King County, which will conduct a public hearing before determining whether to accept the proposal, modify the boundaries, or reject it. The public hearing will be held Jan. 9 and if necessary, Jan. 10 at Cascade Middle School, 11212 10th Ave. SW.

If the annexation proposal is approved by the Boundary Review Board, the City would ask the County to set an election date, which could be as early as summer of 2012. Only voters in the proposed annexation area would cast ballots for or against the annexation. If approved, the annexation could take effect in early 2013.

The annexation would increase the population of Burien by about 17,300 and add about 3.2 square miles to the City including the White Center area, Top Hat, Beverly Park, Glendale, and portions of Boulevard Park, Riverton Heights and Shorewood (see map on page 3).

The City of Burien had expected to receive up to \$5 million a year for 10 years in the form of a state sales tax credit designed to assist eligible cities with the cost of annexing unincorporated urban areas. A report by a consulting firm hired by the City stated that annexing the remaining North Highline area would be financially feasible primarily due to the sales tax credit.

However, the governor has recommended the sales tax credit be reduced for all affected cities, to help balance the state budget. At this time it is uncertain how this would impact Burien. A special session of the state Legislature focusing on the budget was set to start on Nov. 28

For more on the annexation, and the financial analysis, see www.burienwa.gov/annexation.

Burien Parks Now Smoke-Free

Burien has joined Seattle, Tacoma and dozens of other Washington cities in announcing smoke-free policies for its parks, beaches, playgrounds and playfields. Tobacco-free policies reduce exposure to second-hand smoke for children and families who enjoy the parks and reduce pollution from cigarette butts.

"Our parks should be places for kids and families to enjoy fresh air and to be active and healthy, and today Burien is pleased to join the growing movement for tobacco-free parks," said Burien Mayor Joan McGilton.

Nationally, more than 500 jurisdictions have enacted laws that prohibit tobacco use in parks and on beaches. Tobacco policies are usually enforced by residents themselves, much like dog leash and alcohol policies.



Highline High School students helped install the "tobacco-free park" sign at Lake Burien School Park at a ceremony held Nov. 17.

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 th Ave. SW	988-3700
Moshier Art Center.....	242-7752
POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Precinct #4, 14905 6 th SW	296-3333
PUBLIC WORKS	248-5521
24 hr. street or drainage concerns.....	391-1620
SENIOR PROGRAM	
14700 6 th 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 th 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 th Street	243-0289
WATER DISTRICTS	
Water District #20	243-3990
Water District #49	242-8535
Highline Water District	824-0375
Seattle Water.....	684-5900

2012 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The City Council has approved priorities for the 2012 federal and state legislative sessions. These priorities are intended to educate state and congressional lawmakers about the City's funding and policy needs.



Promote Economic Development through Infrastructure

- Advocate for federal support and a state transportation revenue package to assist with the SR 518/Des Moines Memorial Drive interchange improvement project (\$15M in state funds), improving access and providing incentives for commercial development in the airport-affected Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA). (Federal and State)
- Partner with the Port of Seattle to seek designation of the NERA as a pilot project eligible for \$5 million through a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Pilot Program, to conduct joint pre-construction activities needed to develop the NERA. (Federal)
- Work with other stakeholders in support of tax-increment financing (TIF) legislation, and/or additional Local Revitalization Financing (LRF) in a possible state jobs package, to enable a state investment in Burien and provide local flexibility to develop infrastructure and secure economic development in the NERA. (State)

Maintain and Strengthen City Services and Facilities

- Work to retain local control over city Business and Occupation (B&O) taxes, while encouraging the simplification of collection. (State)
- Advocate for reform of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), to facilitate efficient City service delivery and encourage high-quality development. (State)
- Work with other local jurisdictions to pursue equitable cost-recovery for responding to Public Records requests. (State)
- Maintain partnership efforts to improve the health of Puget Sound, including:
 - Continuing federal and state support for shoreline protection plans through the work of the Puget Sound Partnership and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Federal and State)
 - Creation of a pharmaceutical return program to prevent toxic prescription drugs from entering the Sound through inappropriate disposal practices. (Federal & State)

WELCOME! New Faces at City Hall

Maiya Andrews joined the City as Public Works Director on Nov. 29. Previously she was Principal Project Manager with CH2M Hill and managed construction of a \$12 million Southcenter roads project for City of Tukwila. She was Public Works Director for the City of Newcastle and Assistant City Engineer with the City of Des Moines. She also worked as an engineer with the state Department of Transportation. Maiya replaces Larry Blanchard, who left the City in September.



Maiya Andrews



Daniel Trimble

Daniel Trimble started Nov. 16 as the City's new Economic Development Manager. He has served as Economic Development Manager for the City of Issaquah since 2007, and before that, Economic Development Program manager for the City of Newport Beach, Calif; and Economic Development coordinator for City of College Park, Md. Dan replaces Dick Loman, who retired in September.

Nhan H. Nguyen starts work as Management Analyst on Dec. 1. Nguyen has served as Neighborhood Revitalization Program Manager for White Center Community Development Association for the past two years and previously Transportation Systems Manager for the University of Washington Dept. of Transportation. As Management Analyst, he will work closely with the City Manager and manage special projects. Nhan replaces Jenn Ramirez Robson, who left the City for an administrative position with the non-profit agency New Futures in Burien.



Nhan Nguyen

Vision for Burien: A Healthy, Safe and Diverse Community

Last July, following a months-long process that included multiple workshops and public forums, the Burien City Council adopted a "Vision for Burien" statement, accompanied by several core values/concepts. In this newsletter, we are focusing on the values/concepts "Health and Safety" and "Diversity," explaining how they will guide the City in its policy-making and delivery of services and programs

HEALTH & SAFETY

• **Healthy:** *Burien promotes community vitality with health and wellness services for all ages.*

Burien promotes community vitality and health through its support of local health and wellness-related businesses and organizations. These organizations provide services to keep our residents healthy, as well as living wage jobs in this community and opportunities for student learning. The City also provides a broad range of opportunities for people of all ages to participate in active recreation programs that promote active living and healthy lifestyles. Policies such as Burien's Complete Streets Ordinance foster the development of safe alternatives to transportation by car. Community events also encourage a vital and active community.



• **Active:** *Burien encourages active living to support physical and mental health.*

The City promotes active living through its various facilities and programs offered by the Burien Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department. It is also working to provide a network of safe walkways and bicycle trails throughout the community. In addition, the City continues to develop programs that foster opportunities for engaging in healthy behaviors as part of daily life - walking and biking on safe routes, buying affordable fresh fruits and vegetables close to home, exercising in parks and participating in active after-school programs. The City will continue to focus on sustainable environmental, system and policy changes that help to reduce racial and ethnic disparities associated with poor nutrition and inactivity. Additionally, community members will continue to drive changes in their own physical and social environments and/or advocate for policies that promote healthy eating and active living.

• **Peaceful:** *Burien ensures public safety through both crime prevention and law enforcement.*

The City will continue to promote crime prevention programs such as Block Watch and Citizens Academy and work to inform the business and residential communities on ways they can reduce and prevent crime. The goal of the Police Department will effectively respond to crime trends and patterns throughout Burien and work to reduce crime and fear or crime in the community. The City will ensure the Police Department is adequately staffed and equipped to meet the demands of a growing city.

DIVERSITY

• **Inclusive:** *Burien embraces diversity and welcomes all residents.*

The City continues to provide services and programs that serve all the residents of Burien. This ranges from materials offered in multiple languages and culturally appropriate programs. The City will aggressively seek ways to engage all ethnic groups in City affairs and encourages people from all ethnicities and backgrounds to participate.

• **Multicultural:** *Burien celebrates the many cultures and backgrounds of its residents.*



The City offers its residents a wide variety of cultural events throughout the year. The City has sponsored special events that celebrate specific cultures such as Family Fiesta. The City also promotes cultural events that bring different groups together, such as the Night of the Pumpkin. The City will continue to develop and promote a variety of ways for all residents to experience and celebrate their own culture and the cultures of others.

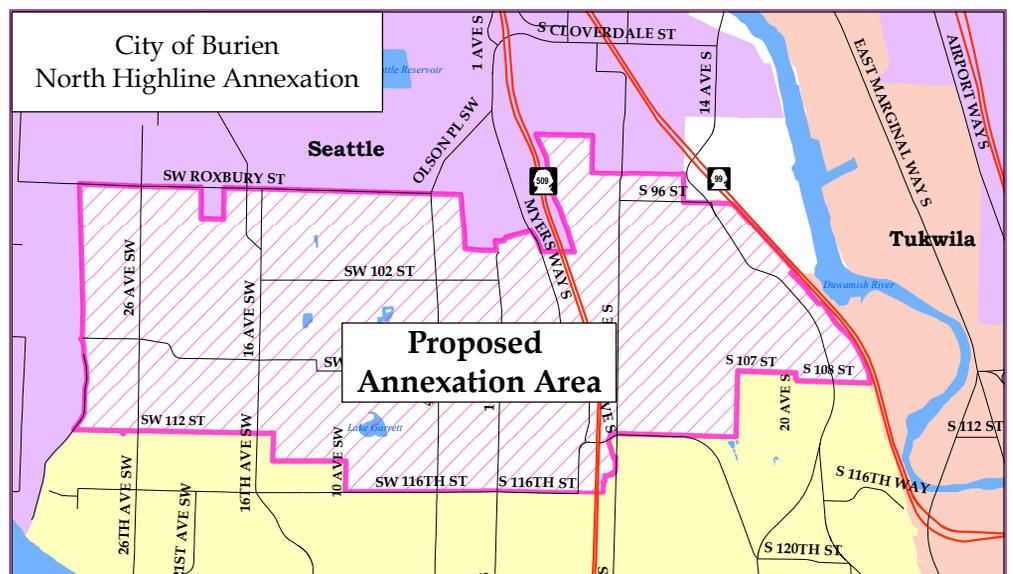
• **Multi-centered:** *Burien cultivates a thriving array of business and community centers.*

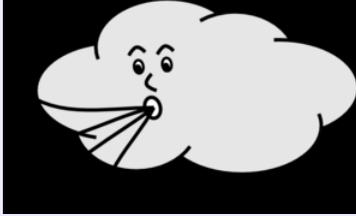
The City recognizes that Burien has different business and cultural centers outside of downtown Burien, such as Boulevard Park and the Ambaum corridor, and will offer programs and services specific to these locations.

North Highline Annexation Boundaries

The map to the right shows the boundaries of the proposed annexation area in North Highline. To determine if you live in the annexation area, call the City of Burien Community Development Department at (206) 248-5510. For more on the annexation, go to www.burienwa.gov/annexation.

The Washington State Boundary Review Board for King County is currently reviewing the annexation proposal. If approved by the BRB, an election would be held for voters in in the proposed annexation area, likely in summer of 2012. If approved, the annexation area could join the City of Burien in early 2013.





WINTER STORMS COMING

Are You Prepared?

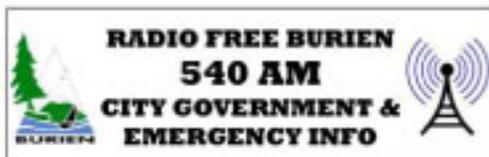
The Burien area can be hit by fierce winter storms, with cold temperatures and power outages that can last a week. We are also subject to flooding, fires and earthquakes. Since any disaster could overwhelm our fire and police departments, experts advise us to plan to be on our own for at least 72 hours. Our best protection lies in being prepared.

IMPORTANT: Never use gas ovens, gas ranges or barbecues for indoor heating. They create carbon monoxide that can cause death.

MAKE A DISASTER KIT

Assembling a disaster kit can be a family activity. Here are some guidelines:

- Water – One gallon of water per person per day. Make sure it is packaged small enough for you to carry.
- Food – Nonperishable food that you and your family like. Also include a manual can opener.
- Light – Consider having one flashlight per family member. Keep batteries in the fridge so they last longer.
- Blankets, tarps - Having a way to keep everyone warm and dry can turn a disaster into an inconvenience.
- Radio – Have a battery-operated radio in order to listen to what local law enforcement and emergency management authorities are saying.
- First aid – Assemble or buy a first aid kit.



Study Focuses on SW 153rd St. Business District

A City-sponsored study identifies the SW 153rd St. business corridor as an area of potential economic vitality waiting to be discovered. The study outlines enhancements, such as improved curb appeal and more pedestrian-friendly walkways, that are needed to help the district reach its potential. More than 90 small businesses are located along SW 153rd St. between 1st Ave. S and Ambaum Blvd. SW.

A stakeholders group formed to study the possible improvement of the corridor recognized that the corridor is distinct from other parts of downtown and should not try to mimic other areas, such as SW 152nd St.

The greatest design challenge is that SW 153rd St. is an expansive, auto-oriented street that is substantially wider than most downtown streets. Also presenting challenges are the many storefront parking areas and businesses that are set far back from the street, and adjacent buildings located far apart from each other.

The next step in the improvement process is to form a stakeholders group to develop themes, concepts and a budget for improvements. See the SW 153rd Street study on the City website at www.burienwa.gov/153rdstreet/



SW 153rd St. presents design challenges because of its width.

1st Ave. S. Project Set to Begin

Seattle City Light in October completed the process of removing the old wooden utility poles and aerial wires along 1st Avenue South, as part of Phase One of the 1st Avenue South Improvement Project. Construction on Phase 2 of the 1st Ave. S. improvement project is expected to begin this December. A six-block segment of the road between S. 140th and S. 146th Streets will get new sidewalks on both sides, new pavement, new signals and street lighting, landscaping and undergrounding of overhead utilities. The contractor is DPK, Inc., who was also the contractor on the SW 152nd St. and Town Square streets projects.

NEW! Students, Parents Can Get Low-Cost Internet Service

Burien households with children participating in the National School Lunch Program may be eligible for \$10-a-month Internet service, a new low-cost (\$150) computer and free training on how to use the Internet.



The new Comcast program seeks to help more students and parents communicate online with teachers and use the Internet to assist students in school work. For information or to sign up, call 1-855-846-8376 or go to www.internetessential.com



During heavy rains and storm events in the winter, flooding may take place at any time without warning. Help prevent this unexpected flooding:

- Clear leaves and debris away from street gutters, storm drains and grates.
- Clean your gutters and downspouts at least once a year.
- Collect fallen leaves on your property and either compost them or dispose of them in your yard debris container.
- Keep an eye on the street drainage system to make sure the storm water reaches the drain.

If the storm drain appears to be clogged, please call Burien Public Works at (206) 248-5521.

Burien Wellness Cluster Sets New Goals

After four years of existence, the Burien Wellness Cluster, with the help of a consultant, this fall conducted a visioning process, and developed a new Vision Statement and Strategic Goals which were adopted in October.

Burien Wellness is comprised of private health and wellness service providers, local educators, and City economic development staff. The group's purpose is to attract and produce skilled health and wellness professionals to practice in Burien. The community has an unusually large number of health and wellness service providers who supply hundreds of living-wage jobs. The goal is to continue building on this "economic engine" to produce educational opportunities, additional jobs, and improved access and overall wellness in our community.

The organization meets monthly at City Hall, exploring ways to get the word out about Burien Wellness, and planning events such as the annual Burien Wellness Fair. The first fair attracted more than 50 local wellness organizations as participants.

Burien Wellness can point to a number of success stories since its inception in 2007.

- Through their relationship as part of the wellness cluster, Highline Community College has added clinical sites for nursing students (at Navos Inpatient facility), gained guest speakers, added Advisory members and found additional ways for students to contribute to the effort. The logo for Burien Wellness was created by a student in the Graphic and Visual Arts program at HCC.
- Burien Nursing & Rehabilitation has formed partnerships with other organizations to gain services for its residents and provide services for another facility's residents. They have partnered with Navos, who comes to their building on a regular basis to provide mental health services for the patients. They also partnered with El Dorado West to allow its residents to temporarily stay at Burien Nursing & Rehab to receive short-term rehabilitative care, or 24-hour nursing, when needed.
- Burien Wellness has supported Health Sciences & Human Services High School's "Burien Wellness Healthcare Week" with volunteer speakers, trainers, "policy judges" and other resources. This educational week engages students in a learning program that allows them to learn about various healthcare jobs, and encourages interaction with the healthcare community.
- In 2010, Puget Sound Skills Center began its Nursing Assistant program with 44 high school juniors and seniors enrolled. Partnerships with Burien Wellness members have been critical to this program's success.

Learn more about Burien Wellness on its website www.burienwellness.org or at the City's website: www.burienwa.gov/burienwellness



Hundreds attended last year's Wellness Fair



Vision Statement

"Burien Wellness promotes local business and strengthens educational and training opportunities that lead to job growth, improved access and overall wellness in our community. It builds durable, credible partnerships among members of the wellness community that contributes to economic development."

Strategic Goals

- Develop Burien Wellness into a financially sustainable community of wellness partnerships
- Assess and understand community needs
- Improve the health and wellness of the community
- Actively market Burien Wellness
- Provide services that members value
- Expand health and wellness educational opportunities within the community
- Anticipate the future of health care and prepare for it

ONLINE PERMIT OPTIONS

More online permit options are available for Burien homeowners and contractors through the MyBuildingPermit.com website. In addition to simple over-the-counter plumbing, mechanical, electrical, and re-roof permits for repair or replacement, our customers can now go online to apply for and obtain permits that need plan review.

These new features give customers the ability to obtain additional permits online, saving them the costs associated with printing, fuel and travel. Burien is one of the first of 13 jurisdictions in Western Washington to offer these new online features.

New Jail Serving Burien and Partner Cities Now Open

The new \$97.8 million SCORE jail, funded through a partnership between seven South King County cities, was completed and began operations in September ahead of schedule and \$5 million under budget. Burien, Auburn, Des Moines, Federal Way, Renton, SeaTac and Tukwila joined together in 2009 to build the jail after King County announced it would no longer provide space for misdemeanor offenders after 2012.

The 164,000-foot jail was built on land severely noise-impacted by aircraft from Sea-Tac Airport, on 15 acres at 1801 S. 200th St., in Des Moines. The state-of-the-art facility was sound engineered with multiple layers of roofing. The jail has a bed capacity of 813 and houses male and female offenders. The average jail stay is 14 days. The City expects to pay substantially less in jail costs with SCORE over contracting with King County.



The jail is just south of Sea-Tac Airport

EAGLE LANDING Wood Carver, Scout Team Up To Give City Beautiful New Art Piece

A new eagle has taken up permanent residence in Eagle Landing Park. This eagle is a carving and the City's latest addition to an extensive collection of public art.

Galen Willis, a Burien resident and artist, donated a hand-carved wooden sculpture of an eagle he carved from Western Red Cedar. Willis created the sculpture for the purpose of placing it in the park. The carving is more than 44 inches tall and is mounted on a pedestal. The carving style is known as Native American or Northwest Indian.

As part of this project another volunteer, Sean Kent, a senior at Mt. Rainier High School, constructed a shelter to house and display the carving. His project was done as part of his work to complete his Eagle Scout requirements. Sean solicited and received numerous donations from local business owners, including eight massive peeler poles which support the structure.

The formal dedication of the sculpture took place on October 24. It was attended by City representatives, as well as friends and family of those involved in the project.



Galen Willis, left, carved the Eagle sculpture and Sean Kent built the shelter that houses the art piece.



Eagle Landing Park, at 14641 25th Ave SW, contains many native plants, mammals and birds. Eagles nest in the old-growth conifer forest of the park. A metal stairway winds its way down a steep slope to Puget Sound. If you've never been to Eagle Landing Park, make it a point to stop and see this beautiful new art piece.

EMPTY BOWLS



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



Friday, January 27, 2012
Lunch served 11:00 AM-2:00 PM
Dinner served 4:00-8:00 PM

Burien Community Center
14700 6th Ave SW, Burien

\$15 (minimum) Adult Donation
\$10 (minimum) Child Donation



Empty Bowls events can be found around the country raising money to combat hunger in our communities. Moshier Community Art Center Potters have donated bowls to be filled with soup at this fun event...all are invited!

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



Proceeds to benefit Highline & White Center Food Banks

www.BurienParks.net
(206) 988-3700



Don't Let Your Pet be a Salmon Poisoning Victim

A question for dog lovers: What can your dog eat that can kill them within a few weeks? Answer: raw salmon. What is known as "Salmon Poisoning" is pretty much confined to canines.

With salmon returning to area streams there's always a possibility that your dog may interact with dead or dying salmon when you're not looking. The symptoms of the disease are loss of appetite, vomiting, dehydration, and rapid weight loss. Most veterinarians will run a battery of tests on the dog, which may not produce a diagnosis unless a critical question is asked: "Has your dog been exposed to raw salmon?" With that knowledge, proper treatment can be applied.



There is a lot of information on this subject online. It's best to keep dogs away from salmon, but if your dog does get sick as described above, let your vet know of possible exposure to salmon. It could save his life! The only good news about salmon poisoning is; if your dog survives his first life-threatening exposure, he'll be immune to it the rest of his life.

FREE!

Moonlight Walks at Seahurst Beach

Saturday, Dec. 10
Saturday, Jan. 21
7 - 9 p.m.

Join local naturalists from the Environmental Science Center as they guide visitors in discovering the unique marine life that lives in the intertidal zone. Bundle up, wear rubber shoes and bring flashlights to explore the nooks and crannies of the large rocks.

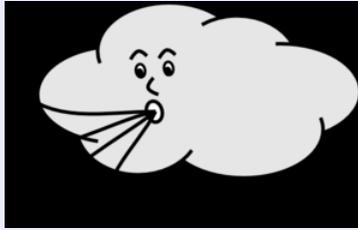


Bring a flashlight to explore the tidepools at Seahurst.

Noticias de Burien

Para nuestros lectores hispanos

December 2011



TORMENTAS DE INVIERNO

Cómo prepararse

El área de Burien a veces sufre duras tormentas de invierno, con mucho frío y apagones que a veces duran una semana. Existe también el riesgo de inundaciones, incendios, y terremotos. Como cualquier desastre podría agotar las fuerzas de nuestros departamentos de bomberos y de policía, los expertos aconsejan estar preparado para no contar con ayuda durante por lo menos 72 horas. La mejor protección es la preparación.

IMPORTANTE: Nunca use hornos, cocinas de gas, o parrillas para calentar el interior de la casa. Estos aparatos producen monóxido de carbono, un gas que puede matar.

PREPARE UN KIT PARA DESASTRES

Crear su kit para desastres puede ser una actividad divertida para la familia. A continuación le ofrecemos algunas sugerencias.

- **Agua** – Un galón de agua por persona por día, en recipientes de un tamaño fácil de llevar.
- **Comida** – Comestibles imperecederos que le gusten a usted y a su familia. Incluya un abrelatas manual.
- **Luz** – Considere una linterna de mano por persona en la familia. Guarde las pilas en el refrigerador para que duren más tiempo.
- **Frazadas y lonas** – Mantener a todos calientes y secos puede convertir un desastre en una simple molestia.
- **Radio** – Un aparato de radio a pilas le permitirá escuchar lo que dicen las fuerzas del orden público y las autoridades de manejo de emergencias.

Adelantos en la anexión de North Highline

El Concejo Municipal de Burien ha presentado una propuesta para anexar el resto del área no incorporada de North Highline entre Burien y Seattle, con sus aproximadamente 6,500 hogares y cientos de negocios, en su mayoría pequeños. Burien anexó la sección sur de North Highline en 2010.

El 3 de octubre, el Concejo aprobó una resolución de "intención de anexar", la cual da inicio al proceso formal de anexión. La propuesta debe ser presentada ahora ante la Junta de Revisión de Límites del Condado de King, la cual la someterá a audiencia pública antes de determinar si aceptar la propuesta, rechazarla, o modificar los límites. No se ha programado todavía la fecha de la audiencia pública, pero se espera que sea en enero o febrero de 2012.

Si la Junta de Revisión de Límites le da el visto bueno a la propuesta, la Ciudad le pedirá al Condado que celebre elecciones, que podrían ocurrir tan pronto como en verano de 2012. Solo los electores en el área de la anexión propuesta votarían a favor o en contra de la medida. Si se aprueba, la anexión podría entrar en vigor tan pronto como principios de 2013. Si la propuesta prospera, la anexión aumen-

taría en aproximadamente 17,300 residentes la población de Burien, y agregaría aproximadamente 3.2 millas cuadradas a la Ciudad, incluyendo el área de White Center, Top Hat, Beverly Park, Glendale, y secciones de Boulevard Park, Riverton Heights, y Shorewood. Si usted no sabe si vive dentro del área de anexión, puede llamar a la Alcaldía al 241-4647.

La Ciudad de Burien podría recibir hasta \$5 millones al año por 10 años en base a un crédito contra el impuesto estatal sobre la venta diseñado para ayudar a las ciudades que califican con el costo de anexar las áreas urbanas no incorporadas. Un informe de una firma de consultoría contratada por la Ciudad indica que sería factible anexar el resto del área de North Highline en gran medida debido a este crédito impositivo.

Sin embargo, todavía no queda claro si Burien recibiría el crédito, porque la Gobernadora ha recomendado la eliminación del mismo para todas las ciudades afectadas con el fin de ayudar a equilibrar el presupuesto estatal. Se ha señalado una sesión extraordinaria de la Legislatura Estatal con un enfoque en el presupuesto para el 28 de noviembre.

Estudian mejoras a la SW 153rd St.

Un estudio patrocinado por la Ciudad identifica el corredor comercial de la SW 153rd St. como un área de potencial económico sin descubrir. El estudio detalla mejoras tales como una mejor apariencia y caminos peatonales más atractivos que harían falta para que el distrito alcance su potencial. Más de 90 pequeños negocios se encuentran por la SW 153rd St. entre la 1st Ave. S y el Ambaum Blvd. SW.

El mayor reto para el diseño es que la SW 153rd St. es una calle muy transitada por el tráfico motorizado, más ancha que la mayoría de las calles del centro. Otros retos incluyen los numerosos estacionamientos frente a las tiendas, como también los negocios retirados de la calle y los edificios adyacentes que están lejos los unos de los otros.

Un nuevo programa de Internet a bajo costo



Los hogares de Burien que tienen niños que participen en el Programa Nacional de Comidas Escolares podrían calificar para servicio de Internet a \$10 por mes, una nueva computadora económica a \$150, y capacitación gratuita sobre Internet. Este nuevo programa de Comcast tiene el objetivo de ayudar a más estudiantes y padres de familia a comunicarse en línea con los profesores y a utilizar la Internet para los deberes escolares. Para mayor información o para inscribirse, llame al 1-855-846-8376 o visite www.internetessential.com.

Se buscan voluntarios para juntas asesoras

Los residentes pueden retribuir a su comunidad al ofrecerse para participar en una junta asesora voluntaria. La Ciudad busca voluntarios para la Comisión de Planificación, la Junta de Parques y Recreación, y la Asociación de Desarrollo Comercial y Económico. Se aceptan solicitudes hasta el 13 de enero de 2012. Visite www.burienwa.gov/boards o llame a la Alcaldía al (206) 241-4647.

LET'S RECYCLE!

FREE for Burien Apartments and Condos

Burien apartments and condominiums that have garbage service through Waste Management can receive FREE recycling service! This includes a recycle dumpster or cart(s) plus free pick-up service.



The City can:

- Set up your new recycling program. We can also visit onsite to determine cart or dumpster placement.
- Educate tenants at your property.
- Provide information about recycling other materials – such as computers and fluorescent lights.

Most apartment and condo properties are not utilizing all of the free recycling services that are available. If you would like to get recycling added or increased at your property, please contact the City's recycling specialist, Sam Wilder, at (206) 763-0739 or at recycling@burienwa.gov.

Recycle Food *It's Easy to Do!*



Households in Burien, with yard waste carts, can now participate in food recycling! This holiday season, take leftover food that you are unable to eat and place it in your outdoor yard waste cart. Items acceptable for this program include: meat, bones (chicken bones, turkey bones), fruits, vegetables, dairy, napkins, paper towels and pizza boxes. These items are collected by Waste Management trucks and taken to Cedar Grove Composting. Materials are shredded, placed in large piles and covered with gortex fabric. In eight weeks, food and yard waste breaks down into compost. Compost is a valuable soil amendment for landscaping and flower beds. For more information on this program, visit: <http://wmnorthwest.com/guidelines/foodwastea.htm>.



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WellCity Award Earns City Discount on Health Insurance

The City of Burien has earned a WellCity Award from the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Employee Benefit Trust. The award is based on meeting stringent best practice standards in employee health promotion. Award recipients receive a 2% premium discount on their Regence BlueShield or Asuris Northwest Health medical coverage for employee & spouses in 2012.

“While the 2% premium discount is a considerable motivation in times of strained budgets, the rewards go beyond the monetary savings,” said Mike McCarty, AWC CEO. “A city that works on employee health sees increases in productivity, morale and employee retention, and decreases in absenteeism and injuries.”

Volunteers Needed for Advisory Boards

Residents can give something back to their community by volunteering to serve on an advisory board. The City is seeking volunteers for the Planning Commission, Parks & Recreation Board, and the Business and Economic Development Partnership. Applications will be accepted through January 13, 2012. Go to www.burienwa.gov/boards or contact City Hall at (206) 241-4647.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



The City of Burien is seeking nominations of persons or organizations who have made a significant contribution to the benefit of the community, for the "Citizen of the Year" award.

Nominations should include:

- What has been accomplished
- When the contribution was made
- How it was accomplished
- Where the impact was made

Submit nominations by Friday, Feb. 3, to:

City of Burien (Attn: Adriene)
400 SW 152nd St. Suite 300
Burien, WA 98166

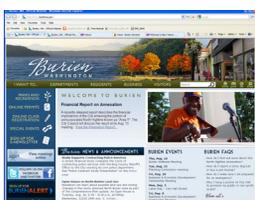
or email adrieneb@burienwa.gov

The award will be presented at the Feb. 27 City Council meeting. Call Adriene Buckley at (206) 248-5512 for information.

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• This edition of Burien City News also is being sent to residents of unincorporated North Highline to inform them about the proposed annexation, and City issues and programs.