

Burien City News

CITY OF BURIEN NEWSLETTER

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CITY COUNCIL MESSAGE

By now everyone is aware that the attempt to annex the North Highline area failed at the polls in the Nov. 6 election. The wide margin in the annexation election sent us a clear message: The majority of voters in White Center and the rest of unincorporated North Highline do not want to become part of the City of Burien. We've been debating the annexation issue for years. It has consumed the time and resources of the City staff and Council. It is time to move on.



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

you will read in this newsletter, we were able to adopt a budget that takes the City through 2014 with the current level of services and similar staffing, although some staff positions have been eliminated through attrition. Cities have been hard hit by the recession. When property values plummet as they have, so does the tax revenue for local governments.

Burien has withstood the economic downturn better than a lot of cities because of good budgeting. Over the years we've built a cushion - a fund balance - for tough economic times. This budget round we had to use \$1.1 million of that reserve fund to make ends meet. Our challenge now is to find ways to cut costs and increase revenue over the next few years to correct the structural deficit and put us back into the black.

Burien is celebrating its 20th year as a City in late February and plans are in the works for festivities to recognize the milestone. Watch for details on the City of Burien website and in City publications.

- Your City Council

City's 2013-2014 Budget Maintains Current Service Levels

The City Council approved a budget on Nov. 5 that will carry the City through the next two years, 2013-2014, with no significant reductions in services or staff despite the ongoing economic recession.

Like other cities, Burien faces a budget deficit in the future because of declining property tax revenues and increasing public safety costs. The City expects to lose \$1.5 million in property tax revenues during the 2013-2014 budget cycle, in addition to the \$467,000 the City lost in 2012. Some 57% or \$23.1 mil-

lion of the general fund is dedicated to public safety services and the cost continues to rise at almost 5% annually.

To balance the budget, an estimated \$1.1 million will be taken from the reserve fund, leaving \$2.7 million or 13% of the general fund in the fund balance at the end of 2014. The City Council's policy is to maintain a fund balance of at least 10% of the general fund.

► 2013-2014 operating budget includes cut-backs and additions. See page 3.

Burien Gets 'All-American City' Designation

Burien and seven other area cities on Oct. 22 were named All-America Cities by the National Civic League based on the region's ambitious plan to ensure that more children are reading at grade level by the end of third grade.

Chosen from a field of more than 100 entries, the proposal for Burien was submitted by the Road Map Project, a cradle-to-college-and-career initiative aimed at improving education in South Seattle and South King County.



City Seeking Nominations for 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 Dec. 28 to: City of Burien, 400 SW 152nd St. Ste. 300, Burien, WA 98166, or email adrieneb@burienwa.gov.



Are You Ready for Winter?

- The City's road crews are ready. See a map of snow routes (where they'll plow first) at www.burienwa.gov/snowroutes
- Learn what to include in an emergency kit and other winter storm preparation tips on page 5.

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
Brian Bennett, Mayor	
Rose Clark, Deputy Mayor	
Jack Block, Councilmember	
Bob Edgar, Councilmember	
Lucy Krakowiak, Councilmember	
Joan McGilton, Councilmember	
Gerald Robison, 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

Most Satisfied With City's Direction, According to Poll

The majority of Burien residents think the City is headed in the right direction, with 61% satisfied with the job the City government is doing for the Burien community, according to a Community Assessment Survey conducted in July. An outside consulting firm interviewed 400 randomly selected residents by telephone. Similar surveys were conducted in 2007, 2008 and 2010.

Here are highlights of the survey:

- A high majority (71%) continues to rate Burien as a good or excellent place to live. There has been no increase in the number of people who said Burien is a poor place to live.
- Nearly eight in 10 (76%) residents are satisfied with the overall quality of City services.
- Public safety remains the highest priority for residents. Given \$100 of City revenue to allocate, residents chose to award one-third (\$33) to police services. The remaining \$67 was distributed fairly evenly across services.
- More than six in 10 (62%) of residents indicated satisfaction with the Burien Police Department.
- Asked what are the three most important

issues facing the City of Burien, residents answered:

1. Reducing crime (30%)
2. Lack of economical/commercial growth (19%)
3. Lack of police presence/enforcement (14%)

- More than half (51%) rated roads in Burien as “Excellent” or “Good”, a sharp increase from previous surveys conducted prior to the 2011 City overlay program when Ambaum Boulevard, S/SW 128th Street and other roads were resurfaced.

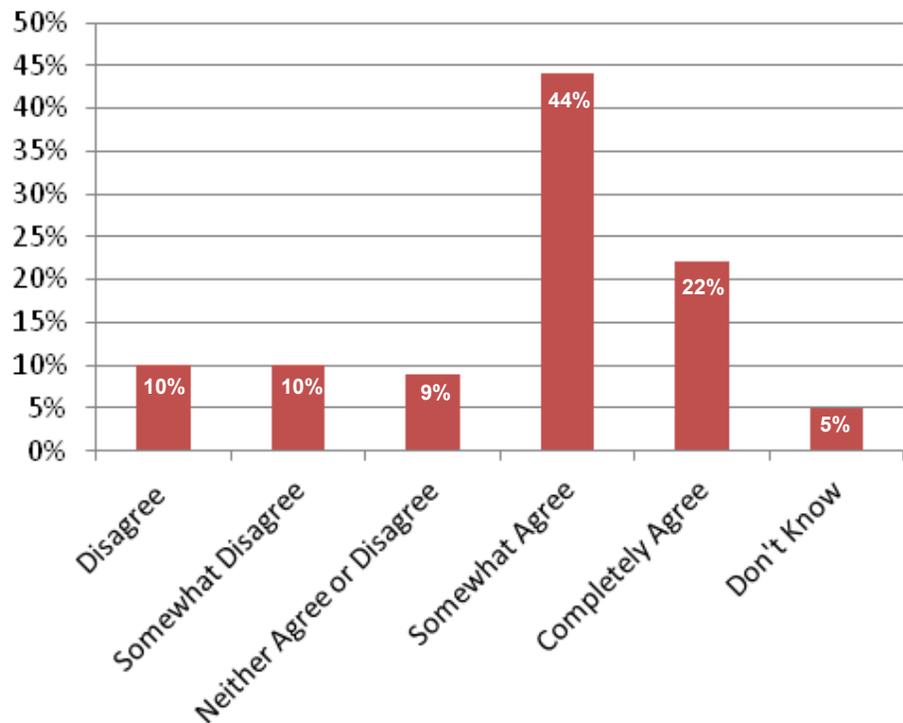
- Residents had neutral (38%) to positive (31%) satisfaction with animal control services in Burien, with relatively few not satisfied (19%).

- The majority (56%) of residents get their information about the City from the local newspaper, The Highline Times and City newsletter, Burien City News.

The goal of this study was to measure citizens’ satisfaction with the City of Burien and the perceived quality of life here. The City Council will use the survey results to prioritize projects and City services to best serve citizens.

Is the City of Burien Headed in the Right Direction?

Survey of 400 residents in the City of Burien conducted in July 2012



City's 2013-2014 Budget Includes Cutbacks, Additions

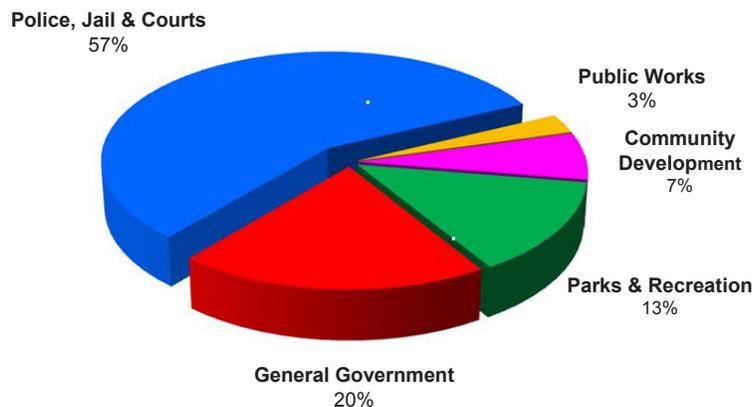
In the 2013-2014 budget adopted by the City Council on Nov. 5, expenditures were significantly reduced by the elimination of five vacant positions for a savings of \$1.3 million over the biennium. Reductions were also achieved through a change in an annual accounting technique related to the City's contract with the King County Sheriff's Department that will not directly impact police services.

Costs for mailings and litigation also were reduced. The budget includes a 2% cost-of-living raise for employees (non-police) in 2013, with COLAs for 2014 determined late in 2013. (Employees received one 1% COLA the last three years.) The budget also includes an additional \$50,000 in the economic development division to advance an Economic Development Strategic Plan in 2013.

Three new positions are being added in the Public Works Department. A new Deputy Public Works Director position is needed to focus on the upcoming construction work in the Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA). Two positions are related to the federally mandated National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. An increase in the Storm Water Management fee go toward funding the newly mandated work. Burien has no control over NPDES requirements which are intended to improve water quality throughout the nation.

The budget includes an increase in the electric utility tax for Puget Sound Energy customers from 3% to 6% and an increase in the commercial parking tax for airport-related park-and-fly lots from \$1 to \$3 per transaction.

2013-2014 General Fund Expenditures by Department
\$40.7 million



Shoreline Working Group Presents Compromise

The Burien Shoreline Working Group in September presented to the City Council a set of compromises to resolve the outstanding points of contention standing in the way of the Department of Ecology (DOE) approving an extensively revised Burien Shoreline Master Program (SMP). The updated SMP would govern Burien's saltwater and freshwater shorelines.

The five-member citizens group spent the past year examining recommended changes to the City's Shoreline Master Program from the version that was submitted to the DOE in the fall of 2010. The group met and conferred with DOE officials over the areas of disagreement between the City and DOE.

The main provision being disputed was the shoreline buffers and setbacks along residential marine shorelines. DOE wanted a 50-foot buffer with an additional 15-foot setback while the City Council voted to keep the existing 20-foot setback/buffer with no additional setback.

The proposed alternative would split the developed areas along shorelines into zones where the setback and buffer requirements vary depending on the existing conditions.

Another point of contention was watercraft access on Lake Burien. The City proposed banning the launching of watercraft from future public access areas (currently there is no publicly owned shoreline on Lake Burien). The citizens group agreed with the DOE not to establish such a ban until public access points are proposed and an application could be evaluated based specifically on the site characteristics and other considerations.

The next step in the process of updating the shoreline regulations is for the City to conduct a public hearing on the final language of the SMP document. The hearing is expected to be held in January, though a date has not been set.

The Shoreline Working Group includes a City Councilmember, Planning Commission member and three private citizens who have marine interests and represent waterfront residents.

Current City shoreline land use regulations remain in effect until the DOE fully approves the Burien SMP and where it then becomes part of the statewide Shoreline Master Program.

2013 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The City Council has approved the following priorities for the 2013 legisla-

Promote Economic Development through Infrastructure

- Advocate for \$10 million in federal support and a state transportation revenue package to assist with the SR 518/Des Moines Memorial Drive interchange improvement project, improving access and providing incentives for commercial development in the airport-affected Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA). (Federal and State)



- Work with the Port of Seattle to acquire \$5 million through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Pilot Program, for construction in the NERA. (Federal)

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)
- Work with other local jurisdictions to pursue equitable cost-recovery for responding to Public Records requests. (State)
- Support state-wide efforts to maximize recovery of liquor sales tax and other local tax sources
- Maintain partnership efforts to improve the health of Puget Sound, including:
 - Continue 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);
 - Support the Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council's request for the Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Fund to fund the restoration works currently in progress at watersheds across Puget Sound. (State)
 - Create a pharmaceutical return program to prevent toxic prescription drugs from entering the Sound through inappropriate disposal practices. (Federal & State)

Parks Dept. Honored for Social Media Efforts

A team of employees from the Burien Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department (PaRCS) has been awarded the City of Burien Innovative Stewards Award for their efforts in using social media and the Internet to reach the public.

For the past several years, the PaRCS Department has led the way in the innovative use of social media and the Internet to reach the public. PaRCS established its custom website domain (www.BurienParks.net) for marketing purposes in 2006. Since then the department has tested new technologies to reach the public and better market its services, facilities, special events and recreation offerings to its customers. PaRCS' efforts in this regard have been recognized with colleagues around the state who frequently point to Burien as an example for how parks departments are using social media.

The Innovative Stewards Award is presented annually to a City employee or a team of employees who best exemplify outstanding productivity, problem-solving, improved service, significant dollar savings, or other achievements in public service.



PaRCS team members receiving the award are (front, from left) Debbie Zemke, Casey Stanley, Bophary Du, Meagan Schmieder and Gina Kallman; (back row) Michael Lafreniere, Rachel Gilbert, Alisa Savage, Kristy Dunn and Amanda Morales.

BURIEN PARKS & RECREATION PRESENTS...



DADDY & DAUGHTER VALENTINE'S BALL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

SESSION I: 5:30-7:00 PM

SESSION II: 7:30-9:00 PM

REGISTRATION:

ONE FATHER/ONE DAUGHTER: \$35 / \$30 RD
EACH ADDITIONAL DAUGHTER: \$6

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

ADMISSION INCLUDES:

- ♥ FLOWER FOR EACH DAUGHTER
- ♥ PHOTO
- ♥ REFRESHMENTS

BURIEN COMMUNITY CENTER
14700 6th AVE SW
(206) 988-3700
BurienParks.net

Human Services Funding Awards

The City of Burien sets aside 1% of its General Fund expenditures each year to support human services. For 2013 that amount is \$206,000.

The City held an application process earlier this year and received 49 applications requesting over \$467,000. Recommendations for funding were reviewed by the City Council and approved on Nov. 5 with approval of the 2013-2014 City budget. The awards focus mainly on basic services, such as food, shelter, and health programs. The programs approved for funding are as follows:

Catholic Community Services	\$10,500	Navos	\$6,000
Child Care Resources	\$5,000	New Futures	\$32,000
Crisis Clinic	\$9,500	Para los Ninos	\$15,000
Domestic Abuse Women's Network	\$10,000	Pregnancy Aid of SKC	\$1,500
Dynamic Partners	\$5,000	Senior Services	\$7,000
HealthPoint	\$10,000	Society of St. Vincent de Paul	\$12,000
Highline Area Food Bank	\$10,000	of Human Service	\$2,000
Hospitality House	\$10,000	Tukwila Pantry	\$5,000
King Cty Sexual Assault Resource Ctr (KSARC)	\$7,500	White Center Food Bank	\$10,000
Matt Griffin YMCA	\$12,000	YWCA	\$8,000
Multi-Service Center	\$4,000	Contingency/misc.	\$14,000

2013 Arts & Culture Funding

Burien Arts Association	\$1,000	Northwest Associated Arts	
Burien Little Theatre	\$2,000	(2013 Choral Sounds Northwest and Youth Choruses Concerts)	\$4,750
Highline Community Symphonic Band	\$2,000	Northwest Symphony Orchestra	\$4,750
Highline Historical Society	\$3,000		
The Hi-Liners Inc.	\$2,500		

City Getting Grant for Downtown Bike Racks

The State Community Economic Revitalization Board has announced that the City of Burien is the recipient of a \$10,000 grant to promote the installation of bike racks around downtown Burien. The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department will work with Walk/Bike Burien (WABI) to implement this project in 2013.

The 2012 Legislature approved \$12 million for two temporary competitive grant programs targeted to help local governments. Burien was one of nine communities to receive funding with the first round of micro-grants. Community revitalization micro-grants are \$20,000 or less.



City Roads Crew Ready for First Snowfall

The City of Burien Public Works roads crew is ready to hit the streets with their plows when the first snow falls. Crews first will clear arterials, then secondary streets, and if possible, residential streets. In the case of hard, continual snowfalls such as the area experienced last January, they will focus mostly on the arterials. To view primary and secondary roads that will be plowed, see the snow routes map at www.burienwa.gov/snowroutes.

The crew operates 24 hours during storms, working in continual 12-hours shifts. They operate two large plows, a mini-plow, with a second mini-plow to be added to the fleet in December. The roads crew asks residents to help out by clearing their own driveway entrances when they are blocked by snow from the plows.

For more information on road clearing, contact the Public Works Dept. at (206) 248-5521. Residents are also asked to call and report potential road hazards such as hanging branches.

Residents can obtain information about road conditions, power outages, facility closures and other storm-related news on the City of Burien website, which will be updated with the latest information. Similar storm-related information will also be available by tuning in to the City radio station, 540 AM. Watch the electronic readerboard on SW 148th St. and 6th Ave. SW for storm-related information.

Are You Prepared for Winter Weather?

Take Winter By Storm by getting ready before winter storms strike!

Take these three steps to get ready:

- Create an emergency preparedness kit with at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food and water for your home and office. Kits prepared for vehicle road travel and winter weather evacuation go-kits are also advised.
- Make a plan and practice the plan with your family and those who depend on you.
- Stay informed and know the weather approaching so you are prepared for whatever Mother Nature throws our way.

Use the lists below to help you get prepared. Share them with those you love (family, friends, neighbors, and community members) to help them get prepared, too. Get prepared now so you can Take Winter By Storm! See the website: <http://takewinterbystorm.org/>

HOME EMERGENCY KIT

- ◆ Store 1 gallon of water per person per day.
- ◆ Non-perishable food for each person.
- ◆ 7-day supply of vital medications.
- ◆ First aid kit and first aid booklet.
- ◆ Toilet paper, feminine supplies, plastic garbage bags, infant supplies, hygiene items.
- ◆ Unscented household bleach to purify water.
- ◆ Tools and supplies, including paper plates, plastic utensils, small amount of cash, fire extinguisher, pliers, compass, aluminum foil, flares, wrench to shut off utilities, flashlight, extra batteries, non-electric can opener, matches, pencil and paper, whistle, shelter tarps, dust mask and work gloves.
- ◆ Battery-operated radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with a tone alert.
- ◆ Sleeping bag, blanket, clothing and footwear for all household members.
- ◆ Keep important family documents in a waterproof container in your home and keep copies in your disaster kit.
- ◆ Extra food, water and medicines for your pets.
- ◆ Fire extinguisher.

VEHICLE CHECKLIST

- ✓ Check your antifreeze.
- ✓ Get your battery tested.
- ✓ Lubricate door and trunk locks.
- ✓ Replace wiper blades.
- ✓ Carry an ice-scraper in your car.
- ✓ Keep fuel tank at least half-full.
- ✓ Carry an emergency kit:



- blanket
- warm clothes & gloves
- food & water
- shovel
- flashlight
- tire chains
- washer fluid
- jumper cables
- matches or lighter
- sand or cat litter

Storm Water Mapping Application Available

The City of Burien Geographic Information Systems (GIS) has implemented its first self-serve web mapping application specific to storm water. Contractors or anyone with Internet access can now view the City's mapping system online, print custom maps and research additional information about the storm water system throughout Burien. To access this new service, visit the map collection on the City website. Go to www.buriewa.gov/maps.



*A tree fell across SW 152nd St. last Christmas
(photo by buriendaily.com)*

Help Remove Leaves from Storm Drains

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.



Help Prevent Crime by Starting A Neighborhood Block Watch

Block Watch is a neighborhood-based crime prevention program designed to reduce crime and the fear of crime in residential areas. Block Watches build a sense of community, prevent crime and connect neighbors. An active Block Watch program can reduce incidents of residential burglary by as much as 64%.

Block Watch Basics



- Burien Police provide information to Block Watch members on home security and will provide a free home security survey.
- The key is getting to know your neighbors. Block Watches are encouraged to get together at least one time each year.
- National Night Out, held on the first Tuesday in August each year, is a prime opportunity to have a potluck, picnic, or other type of social event. Block Watch gives permission to neighbors to watch out for each other.
- Operation ID is a highly successful program in returning stolen items to their owners. Items in your home which are likely to be stolen, such as stereos, computers, televisions, or microwaves should be marked with your driver's license number.

How to Start a Block Watch Group

Ask your neighbors if they would like to start a Block Watch. If so, plan an initial meeting for everyone to learn about crime prevention techniques. Contact the City of Burien Police Community Crime Prevention Unit at (206) 296-3370 to schedule your Block Watch meeting. The Crime Prevention Officer will come to your community to meet you.

Take advantage of Burien's **FREE** anti-graffiti program

The City offers free paint and applicators to residential property owners to eliminate graffiti. Residents must present a Graffiti Removal Notice issued by the City's Code Compliance Officer to Burien's Miller Paint store, 636 SW 152nd St., or Sherwin Williams Paint, 15833 1st Ave. S.

For commercial properties, the City's Code Enforcement Officer will come to the reported location, document and photograph the graffiti and work with property owners to eliminate the graffiti in the most efficient manner possible.

When reporting graffiti, please include the address where the graffiti is located, your name, and phone number in case the City needs further information. You may request that this information be anonymous if you wish. For additional information or questions, please call (206) 248-5507 or go to www.burienwa.gov/graffiti



SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY - SIGN UP FOR AN ADVISORY BOARD

Residents can give something back to their community by volunteering to serve on an advisory board. The City is seeking volunteers for the Parks & Recreation Board, Arts Commission and the Business and Economic Development Partnership. Applications will be accepted through Jan. 13, 2013. Go to www.burienwa.gov/boards or contact City Hall at (206) 241-4647.

Under new rules adopted by the City Council in October, advisory board members can serve two full consecutive terms and can be reappointed after a two-year absence. Also under the new rules members must meet attendance requirements and City employees are not eligible to serve.

'Tis the Season to be...Cautious

by Sgt. Henry McLaughlan

The holidays are approaching fast. I came to this realization using my honed investigative techniques, astute observation skills and of course my grandkids pointing out that the folks at Costco, on the Labor Day weekend no less, were putting out the plastic Christmas trees, cards and wrapping paper.



Sgt. McLaughlan

I sincerely hope that you all have a wonderful, memory-filled joyous good time. The holiday season, for some, will not be full of good cheer because of those who will victimize and steal at every opportunity as we leave our homes unsecure to run out for that last-minute shopping.

Your Police Department would like to take this opportunity to remind you that when shopping, shop safely. Don't simply cover those gifts that you purchased with your hard-earned dollars in the backseat of your car. Take a moment, look around, and see who is watching you place those presents in the trunk of your car. If there is someone watching, place the items in your trunk and move the car to another location.

Consider leaving and continue shopping at another store you had planned to visit. Most importantly, notify the police if you see that suspicious person lurking around and watching you secure your valuables. These concepts extend to all the items in your car as you shop. I never cease to be amazed at the number of times folks report stolen cameras, phones and even computers that were left on the front seat for all to see, yet they take the time to put that \$10 present in the trunk.

Shopping safety is not just making sure your purchased gifts get from the store to your home but making sure you are not accosted as well. Follow these simple warnings:

- Park in lighted areas.
- Shop with friends or in numbers.
- Have your keys in your hands so you can quickly access your vehicle.

The most important safety practice which is the easiest to employee but most often forgotten in the hurried, shop-until-you-drop season is awareness. Take the time to monitor your surroundings. Check out the people around you and if things do not look right, avoid them. Shopping malls have security or police in the area; take the time to let them know of your concerns. Who knows, maybe your action will save yours or someone else's holiday season.

Noticias de Burien

Para nuestros lectores hispanos

December 2012

El presupuesto de la Ciudad mantiene los niveles de servicio actuales

El 5 de noviembre, el Concejo Municipal aprobó un presupuesto para la Ciudad para los próximos dos años, 2013 y 2014, sin reducciones importantes en los servicios y personal, no obstante la recesión económica.

Al igual que otras ciudades, Burien se enfrenta a un déficit presupuestario en el futuro, debido a la reducción en ingresos provenientes del impuesto predial y los aumentos en los costos de la seguridad pública. La Ciudad proyecta pérdidas de \$1.5 millones en ingresos del predial en el ciclo presupuestario de 2013 y 2014, amén de los \$467,000 que la Ciudad perdió en 2012. Aproximadamente 57%, o \$23.1 millones, del fondo general está designado para servicios policiales, costos que siguen aumentando a un ritmo de casi 5% anualmente.

Se retirarán aproximadamente \$1.1 millones del fondo de reserva para equilibrar el presupuesto, dejando \$2.67 millones, o 13% del fondo general, al cierre del bienio 2013-2014. La política del Concejo Municipal requiere mantener un balance de reserva de por lo menos 10% del fondo general.

El Concejo espera que la economía mejore lo suficiente en los próximos años para proveer mayores ingresos a la Ciudad, y que se puedan hacer ajustes en el futuro para restaurar el balance del fondo para no tener que depender de él para equilibrar futuros presupuestos.

Burien fue designada ciudad All-American

Burien y siete otras ciudades locales fueron nombradas All-American Cities por la National Civic League en base al plan ambicioso de la región de asegurar que más niños alcancen el nivel de lectura que corresponde a su año escolar al terminar el tercer grado. La propuesta para Burien, presentada por el Road Map Project, fue escogida de entre más de 100 propuestas. Esta es una iniciativa de la temprana niñez a través de la universidad y la vida profesional, con el fin de mejorar la educación en el sur de Seattle y del Condado de King.



Programa anti-grafti gratuito para residentes y negocios



La Ciudad de Burien ofrece pintura y suministros gratuitos a los propietarios residenciales para eliminar el grafiti. Usted puede obtener un Aviso de Eliminación de Grafiti (Graffiti Removal Notice) del Funcionario de Códigos de la Ciudad (Code Enforcement Officer) y presentarlo en las tiendas de pintura Miller Paint, 636 SW 152nd Street, o Sherwin Williams Paint, 15833 1st Avenue S, en Burien.

Para las propiedades comerciales, el Funcionario de Códigos se reportará al lugar de la denuncia para documentar y fotografiar el grafiti, y trabajará con los propietarios para eliminar el grafiti de la forma más eficaz posible.

La mayoría está satisfecha con la Ciudad, según sondeo

La mayoría de los residentes de Burien creen que la Ciudad va por buen camino. El 61% está satisfecho con los servicios que el gobierno municipal brinda a la comunidad de Burien, según una encuesta de opinión comunitaria llevada a cabo en julio. Una firma de consultoría independiente entrevistó por teléfono a 400 residentes escogidos al azar. Encuestas similares se llevaron a cabo en 2007, 2008, y 2010.

Los siguientes son algunos de los resultados principales de la encuesta:

- Una fuerte mayoría (71%) sigue calificando a Burien como un lugar bueno o excelente para vivir. No hubo aumento en el número de personas que dicen que Burien es un lugar malo para vivir.

- Casi ocho de cada diez residentes (76%) están satisfechos con la calidad general de los servicios de la Ciudad.

- La seguridad pública sigue siendo la primera prioridad para los residentes. Con \$100 de fondos de la Ciudad para distribuir, los residentes asignaron un tercio (\$33) a los servicios policiales. Los \$67 restantes fueron distribuidos de forma bastante pareja entre los otros tipos de servicios.

- Más de seis residentes de cada diez (62%) señalaron su satisfacción con el Departamento de Policía de Burien.

- Residentes indicaron que los tres temas más importantes para la Ciudad de Burien son los

siguientes:

1. Reducción de la delincuencia (30%)
2. Falta de crecimiento económico/comercial (19%)
3. Falta de presencia policial/orden público (14%)

- Más de la mitad de los encuestados (51%) calificaron de "excelentes" o "buenos" los caminos de Burien, lo cual representa un fuerte aumento de las encuestas realizadas antes del programa de repavimentación que la Ciudad emprendió en 2011, cuando Ambaum Boulevard, la 128th Street, y otros caminos fueron repavimentados.

- Los residentes calificaron de neutral (38%) a positivo (31%) su nivel de satisfacción con los servicios de control de animales en Burien. Relativamente pocos encuestados dijeron no estar satisfechos (19%).

- La mayoría de los residentes (56%) reciben información sobre la ciudad del periódico local Highline Times y del boletín de la Ciudad Burien City News.

El estudio se llevó a cabo con la meta de medir el nivel de satisfacción de los residentes con la Ciudad de Burien, y la calidad de vida percibida en nuestra comunidad. El Concejo Municipal tomará en cuenta los resultados de la encuesta para priorizar los proyectos y los servicios municipales para servir mejor a los residentes.

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Food Scrap Recycling for Thought!

Households in Burien with yard waste carts can recycle food scraps! 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. Recycling food helps reduce garbage and create a usable product! For more information on this program, and on what is acceptable, visit: <http://wmnorthwest.com/guidelines/foodwastea.htm>. Recycle Food. It's easy to do!

What Do I Do With This?

Do you have unwanted items such as batteries, electronics, mattresses or paint? Here are some resources for properly disposing of these items:

Unusual items: mattresses, paint, batteries

• Visit the King County "What Do I Do With" database website <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/wdidw/> for locations that accept unusual materials including electronics, mattresses, paint and batteries.

Compact Fluorescent bulbs, Fluorescent tubes, computers, electronics

• Visit the Take It Back website: www.takeitbacknetwork.org for locations that accept these materials. Please note that it is illegal to throw away compact fluorescent bulbs, fluorescent tubes, electronics or computers.

Hazardous Materials

• Visit the King County Local Hazardous Waste website: www.goo.gl/15JWc
The site contains the "yellow book" with an alphabetical listing of a variety of materials and how to properly dispose of them.

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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS

The Burien City Council adopted the following legislation from 8/6/12 - 11/5/12.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 565 Amended the Biennial Budget to appropriate funds for NERA in 2012. 8/6/12

Ordinance 566 Amended Title 2 relating to the creation, membership, meetings, duties and responsibilities of the Planning Commission, BEDP, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Arts Commission. 10/22/12

Ordinance 567 Amended Title 19 of the Burien Municipal Code related to landmark preservation and protection. 10/15/12

Ordinance 568 Adopted the 2013-14 Biennial Budget. 11/5/12

Ordinance 569 Set the 2013 property tax levy. 11/5/12

Ordinance 570 Adopted electric utility tax increase (PSE). 11/5/12

Ordinance 571 Adopted parking tax increase. 11/5/12

Ordinance 574 Amended Burien surface water management service rate schedule. 11/5/12

Ordinance 575 Amended the Biennial Budget for specific transportation capital projects. 11/5/12

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 337 Approved a joint use agreement between Highline School District and the cities of Burien, Des Moines, Normandy Park and SeaTac. 10/22/12

Resolution 338 Adopted a modified benefit plan for all City employees. 10/1/12

Resolution 339 Established an Employee Vacation Cashout Program. 10/1/12

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\$15 (minimum) adult donation
\$10 (minimum) child donation

Your donation will get you the opportunity to pick out a handmade bowl and enjoy a meal of soup, bread, dessert and drink, all donated by local businesses.

Proceeds benefit Highline & White Center Food Banks

■ Burien Parks and Recreation Guides are being mailed only to customers who've registered for a program during the last two years. If you haven't been a program registrant but would still like a mailed copy, call (206) 988-3700. See our digital brochure at:

www.RecreationGuide.BurienParks.net