

Burien City News

The Community with Great Connections

Sept. 2008



CITY COUNCIL MESSAGE

It's hard not to notice all of the great projects going on in Burien this summer that will improve our community.

Work has begun on the Burien Town Square City Hall/Library and soon, the adjacent Public Plaza. The one-acre park will be the centerpiece of Town Square as well as the entire community. We look forward to the City Hall/Library and park to be completed and in full use by next summer. By that time the first residents will have moved in to Town Square's first residential/commercial building which is also currently being built.

Another important downtown project got underway this summer – Metro's new transit center. You can read about the transit center and view a sketch on page 3 of this newsletter. The center will move pedestrians and bus riders away from the busy 4th Avenue S.W. to the east where there will be a shelter and area dedicated to bus usage only. Future plans for the transit center include multi-use development (residential and commercial). Sound Transit has plans to study extending light rail to Burien, likely connecting to the transit center.

A walkable community connected to a superior public transit system has been the vision of the Burien City Council since we incorporated in 1993. One can easily see such a community beginning to take shape, where people can live in or near downtown Burien. They're able to walk to the grocery store, gym or coffee shop, and having the transit center only a block or two away connecting them with Seattle, the airport, and other employment centers.

We want to touch on something positive that has come out of the Lora Lake Apartments issue. If you recall, the City allowed the apartment complex to remain as affordable housing as part of an agreement with the King County Housing Authority, Port of

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North Highline Annexation Proposal Progresses

On June 25, the City of Burien officially submitted its Notice of Intent to annex a portion of North Highline with the Washington State Boundary Review Board (BRB) or King County.

The Board has planned a hearing for public testimony on the proposed annexation on Tuesday, September 2, at 7p.m. at the Riverside Residences Inn, 11244 Tukwila International Blvd. A second hearing on September 4 has been set aside if needed. For more information about the hearings, please contact the Board at (206) 296-6800. The summary report and proposed annexation boundaries are available on the BRB website: www.kingcounty.gov/property/annexations.aspx

The Boundary Review Board reviews proposals for boundary changes by cities, fire districts, and water/sewer districts within King County, including city or district annexations, new city incorporations, and district mergers. Following a hearing in contested cases, the Board may approve, deny, or modify the boundaries of the proposed annexation or other boundary action.

Next, voters within the proposed annexation area in North Highline would have an opportunity to vote on the annexation, most likely in early 2009. If approved, the actual annexation would occur shortly thereafter.

The City Council in May approved a resolution calling for the annexation of a 2.7 square mile portion of unincorporated North Highline.

Burien's northern boundaries would be extended to S.W 112th and S.W. 116th Streets and S.W. 107th Street in the Boulevard Park area under the annexation proposal.

■ **This newsletter is being mailed to residents of the North Highline proposed annexation area, as well as all City of Burien households and businesses.**

N. Highline Community Meeting

The North Highline Unincorporated Area Council is holding a community meeting on Thursday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, Ambaum Boulevard S.W. and S.W. 128th Street, where the annexation proposal will be the main topic. City of Burien officials will be on hand to provide information and answer questions. In addition, the City of Burien will be holding a series of informational open houses over the next several months to answer questions about annexation.

For information regarding the events and general information regarding the proposed annexation you can go online to: www.burienwa.gov/annexation or call the Proposed Annexation Information Line at (206) 436-5555. If you are unsure whether you live in the annexation area, go to www.burienwa.gov/annexation.



TOWN SQUARE ART: "Sunset Pavilion" by artist James Harrison has been selected as a primary art work at Burien Town Square. (Go to www.burienparks.net for more on the artwork.) Construction began this summer on the public plaza at Town Square. See page 3.

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Citizen Complaints	248-5530
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Financial Forecasts Show City is in Good Shape

The City of Burien Finance Department recently reported to the City Council that long-term financial forecasts show the City is in stable financial condition for 2009 through the year 2014.

The General Fund Forecast shows projected revenue is enough to match projected operating expenditures. In addition, \$1 million of discretionary revenue is available for operations or transfer to the City's Capital Improvement Program, and healthy financial reserves are reflected in the ending fund balances for all operating funds.

Financial forecasts are used to extend the City's financial planning from a single year to multiple years. The City has utilized six-year financial forecasts for many years as part of its budget development process.

While the City's finances appear strong for the next several years, current national and regional economic conditions underscore the need to pay close attention to the General Fund and revenue sources. The economic downturn could easily result in less tax revenue for Burien and other cities that rely on the business and occupation tax, real estate excise tax and sales tax as their primary revenue sources.

The City Council and staff have used the financial forecasts to develop the City's

Public Hearing on Budget

A public hearing on the City's budget for the 2009 – 2011 biennium will be held Nov. 3, 7 p.m., at the ERAC meeting room, 15675 Ambaum Boulevard S.W. The preliminary budget will be available for public review beginning Oct. 6 at Burien City Hall, 15811 Ambaum Blvd. S.W.

annual budgets. In June the Council approved an ordinance that allows them to establish budgets covering the next two years instead of one.

Washington State has allowed cities to prepare biennial (two-year) budgets since 1985. A growing number of cities of similar population to Burien now prepare biennial budgets.

The benefits of changing from an annual to biennial budgets include:

- Improves long-range planning and program evaluation.
- Allows staff and the Council to spend time on other priorities.
- Allows the Council to focus less on a line-item budget and more on policy-driven approaches.
- Minimal transition issues.

The Council approved establishment of a biennial budget that provides a two-year expenditure appropriations with annual budget reviews and opportunities for budget adjustments.

City Gets High Marks in State Audit

The City of Burien is proud to announce that once again the City has received a perfect "no findings" audit from the State Auditor's Office. On July 8, state officials presented results of the audit and a special letter from Auditor Brian Sonntag congratulating the City for its "exemplary record" of no findings since 1998.

"This accomplishment reflects the dedication of the City Council and City staff to strong oversight of operations, good internal control and accurate financial reporting," Sonntag wrote in a letter to the Mayor and Council. The State Auditor's Office annually conducts audits of the financial records of cities and other governmental entities in Washington.

City Team Raises \$4,156 at Relay for Life

The City of Burien's team at the Relay for Life event at Highline Memorial Stadium raised \$4,156 for the American Cancer So-

ciety. The City's 14-member team included 10 employees and four spouses. The event held June 7 and 8 raised over \$85,000. It was one of a handful of area relays that met its fund-raising goal.

Construction Beginning this Fall on Burien Town Square Public Plaza



Town Square's public plaza will be a place where people can gather for special events and for everyday enjoyment.

Downtown Burien by this time next year will have at its center over 41,000 square feet of public park space at Burien Town Square. Construction of the park is getting underway this fall. This park space can be expanded by temporarily closing streets in Town Square for cultural performances, art, the Farmers Market and Burien events and celebrations. The public plaza will have a central stage area for concerts, plays and other performances. Summertime Concerts in the Park will move to Town Square.



The aerial picture shows the busy Town Square construction site from the north looking south.

These sculpted informational signs will be posted in Town Square.



Bicycling



Crosswalk



Hiking



Arrow

New This Year! Neighborhood Matching Fund

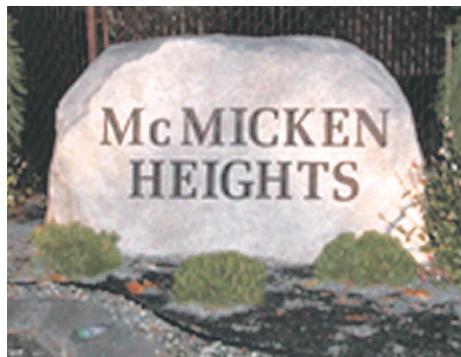
Does your neighborhood need a little sprucing up? The Neighborhood Matching Fund is a new grant program in the City of Burien and can be a source of funds to assist you with improvements to your neighborhood.

As a “matching fund”, the City provides cash (up to \$5,000 per project and the neighborhood matches the City’s contribution with volunteer labor, donated materials or professional services, or cash. Examples of eligible projects include neighborhood identification signs, public art, tree plantings, neighborhood gardens or a basketball hoop.

Many other jurisdictions in the Puget Sound region have successfully implemented neighborhood matching fund programs and have found that not only have projects improved the look of a neighborhood, they’ve

brought neighbors together and contributed to building a stronger community.

Now is a great time for your neighborhood to start planning an improvement project! Contact Stephanie Jewett at 439-3152 or stephaniej@burienwa.gov for more information.



Neighborhood signs such as this one in SeaTac are an example of a project eligible for funding in the Neighborhood Matching Fund program.

Burien, Port of Seattle Working on Strategy for Northeast Redevelopment Area

The City of Burien, in partnership with the Port of Seattle, is preparing a redevelopment strategy for the 162-acre Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA) located between 8th Avenue S., Des Moines Memorial Drive, S. 138th Street and SR-518.

The purpose of the strategy is to transform the NERA from a mixture of vacant, residential, public, and small commercial land uses to uses that are compatible with operations at Sea-Tac International Airport and existing and planned surrounding land uses.

The NERA redevelopment strategy will include flexible and market-responsive redevelopment scenarios, as well as recommended policies and development regulations to guide long-term redevelopment in the NERA. This effort will build upon comprehensive planning and environmental review work that has been completed to date.

Progress on Study Efforts

The consultant team hired by the City to help develop the strategy is nearing completion of the existing conditions analysis phase, which includes the Miller Creek and wetland delineation and surveying. A report that assesses market conditions to help identify opportunities and frame alternative economic development strategies is nearing completion.

The consultant team will be moving into analysis of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats for the NERA planning area and development of conceptual level redevelopment scenarios next.

Public & Stakeholder Workshops

The NERA Strategy project team will conduct a series of public and stakeholder workshops this fall – tentatively scheduled for the week of October 20. For more information, please contact the City of Burien Dept. of Community Development at (206) 248-5510 or see the City website at www.burienwa.gov/commdevlpmnt.htm

Work Begins on New Metro Transit Center

Metro Transit and the City of Burien are excited to announce that construction is underway on Metro's new expanded transit center at 4th Avenue S.W. and S.W. 150th Street, the site of the Burien Park-and-Ride lot just east of the current transit center on 4th Avenue S.W.

Metro Transit partnered with the City of Burien on the design of this transit center, to make it consistent with the City's vision for its downtown core. The new shelter is a contemporary design that is rooted in historic transit stations of the past and will include a striking decorative glass roof imprinted with a translucent organic pattern. S.W. 148th Street will also be improved with a bus-only access that will improve bus circulation. The transit center will be a short walk from the residences, shops, library and City Hall at Burien Town Square, also currently under construction.

Future phases of the transit center project will include a mixed-use (commercial/office/residential) development. Sound Transit plans to study a potential extension of light rail to Burien, likely connecting with the Metro Transit Center. Burien's projects



The transit center will have a covered loading platform for passengers.

are seen as models of how government can help make it possible for people to live in walkable communities well-served by public transit.

When completed in mid 2009, the new transit center will have a passenger platform that can accommodate eight buses, and up to eight on-site layover spaces. The buses will load and unload at the off-street bays rather than at the curb on 4th Avenue S.W. as they do now, and passengers will be able to transfer between routes without crossing a busy street. Additionally the new layover spaces will free up space for onstreet parking on downtown streets that are currently used by buses for layovers. The transit center will also have a loading platform for paratransit passengers, who will be able to transfer between paratransit vans and Metro's regular routes at this facility.

The bus layover spaces will reduce the time required for buses to travel to and from the transit center, lowering costs, and improving

service. It is expected to speed up bus travel times by five minutes or more per trip. Other amenities at the transit center are new passenger shelters, benches, security cameras, and improved lighting. The project will also include reconfiguration of the existing parking areas. While there will be slightly fewer parking spaces the new Park and Ride will be more efficient and include many pedestrian safety improvements.

The projected opening of the transit center next June will coincide with Metro service changes.

Parking Changes

During construction of the new Transit Center, up to 125 parking spaces in the existing park-and-ride lot are closed. Alternate parking is available at the City of Burien Municipal Parking Lot (87 spaces) two blocks north of the Burien P&R/Transit Center and at other area Park-and-Ride lots.

Public Works Projects

1st Avenue South project

Final paving of 1st Avenue South was expected to begin in late August starting at the north end of the project (S. 148th Street & 1st Avenue S.) and moving south. Seattle City Light is completing the conversion of utilities underground between S. 146th and S. 160th Streets. Final landscaping will take place in September and October. Overall completion of the project will be at the end of the year. The City thanks 1st Avenue South businesses and motorists for their patience during construction.

Ambaum Blvd. corridor project

Construction work on Ambaum Boulevard between S.W. 153rd Street and Des Moines Memorial Drive will wind up this fall. Four lanes have been channeled down to two lanes plus a left turn lane. Bike lanes on each side of the street were added, as well as street lighting. Two intersections, at 8th Avenue S.W. and S.W. 153rd Street, and S.W. 156th Street and Ambaum Blvd. S.W. were reconfigured to slow down traffic and improve pedestrian safety.

City Adopts Addressing Policy

The City has adopted an addressing policy to provide clarification for issuing addresses within the City limits. This policy establishes a uniform procedure for assigning addresses to buildings and other structural entities fronting on all public and private roads in the City of Burien.

The City of Burien is the addressing authority and is responsible for assigning, verifying and changing addresses with public safety as its primary authority.

This policy applies to all principal dwellings, business establishments, meeting halls, occupied recreational lots, standalone utility sites, and peripheral outbuildings.

Addresses along roadways will be in sequential order, to aid emergency response personnel as well as delivery services in locating addresses more efficiently.

Here are some highlights that are important to businesses and apartment/condo dwellers:

- Half addresses should not be used
- STE (Suite) is the designation for businesses with numerical codes: STE 101 (First floor), 201 (Second floor).
- UNIT is the designation for condos and apartments with numerical codes: Unit 101 (First floor), 201 (Second floor).

The addressing policy can be reviewed at Burien City Hall, 15811 Ambaum Blvd. S.W.

Get Ready! Hazardous Wastemobile Coming to Highline

The Household Hazardous Wastemobile will be at the Criminal Justice Center at 19010 1st Avenue South October 10 - 12, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Questions? Call the Household Hazard Line at (206) 4692 or go to www.govlink.org/hazwaste/house/disposal/wastemobile/

National Night Out

More than 20 residents of a Gregory Heights neighborhood turned out for a National Night Out gathering at the home of Jim and Patti Bibby, 1934 SW 164th St. The Bibbys have been hosting National Night Out events for 15 years. Neighbors discussed City and crime-prevention issues at the gathering, one of dozens held August 5 in Burien and across the country.



2007 Annual Police Summary

Burien Chief of Police Scott Kimerer in his annual report to the City Council said that in 2007 the City experienced a decrease in crime. The Police Department's focus on repeat criminals and gang activity has successfully reduced the crime rate. In April 2007 two of Burien's special emphasis team officers were redirected to focus on gang-related issues. The team has made a dramatic impact on gang-related crimes in Burien and surrounding areas, Kimerer reported to the Council.

OFFENSE	2006	2007
Criminal Homicide	2	2
Rape	14	16
Robbery	59	83
Aggravated Assault	104	91
Burglary, Commercial	151	142
Burglary, Residential	232	233
Larceny, over \$250	492	411
Larceny, under \$250	517	538
Vehicle Theft	507	392
Arson	21	6

News on Recycle and Reuse: DTV and television recycling

In February 2009 all television signals will become digital. This change will not affect customers with TVs ready for digital, those with cable or with satellite cable. Most televisions sold within the past few years are ready for DTV. Households and businesses that will notice this change currently receive their television signal directly through an antennae or "rabbit ears".

If you are one of these households, you do not need to get rid of your television, but you will need to purchase a converter box.

Converter boxes are \$50-\$60 each. Coupons offered by the federal government for \$40 provide help in making this change. To find out more about coupons and where you can purchase converter boxes, visit www.dtv2009.gov.

If you have a television or computer you no longer use, please note that it is illegal to throw these away. They must be recycled for a fee. It is also illegal to throw away fluorescent bulbs or compact fluorescents. For information on where you can recycle fluorescent bulbs, compact fluorescents and other electronics visit www.takeitbacknetwork.org.

English as a Second Language Classes Offered

English as a Second Language classes will be offered this fall at the Burien Community Center, 425 SW 144th St. The beginner's level class is for adults who want to develop and improve their ability to communicate in English.

Tuesdays & Thursdays, Sept. 9 – Nov. 13
6-7:30 p.m. Cost: \$30

Preregistration is required. For information, contact the Burien Community Center at (206) 988-3700.

Community, City Step Up to Help Fire Victims

The Burien community stepped forward to provide aid and support to the victims of an apartment fire on June 29 in which three people died and dozens were left homeless.

The City of Burien worked closely with concerned residents to meet the needs of our neighbors displaced by the fire at Tara Apartments, 429 S.W. 155th St. The community was very generous with fundraising and donations of household goods and clothing.

While such donations are no longer needed, cash donations are still being accepted to assist the families left homeless from the fire.

Cash donations can be made at the Sterling Savings Bank at 224 S.W. 152nd St. or any other bank branch by specifying "Burien Fire Fund." People can donate to a specific family by providing the bank the name of the family.

Online and phone donations can be made to the American Red Cross by specifying "Burien Fire Fund". Go to www.seattleredcross.org/Donation/funds.aspx or call the Red Cross at (206) 323-2345 weekdays.

Sign Up for Fall Session of Police Citizens Academy

There is still time to sign up for the fall session of the Police Citizens Academy, which will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 10. The Citizens Academy is a 13-week session provided twice a year, in the spring and fall. The class is conducted on Wednesday nights at the Washington Law Enforcement Training Academy in Burien.

Graduates of the Citizens Police Academy come away with a much better understanding of the criminal justice system and an appreciation for the many challenges facing law enforcement in today's society. This understanding will help citizens better assist officers, and increase the safety in their neighborhoods and community.

For information and an application for the Citizens Academy, contact Nicki Maraulja at (206) 296-3333 or go to www.burienwa.gov/publicsafety.

Code Enforcement

The Burien City Council has passed a new ordinance regarding graffiti removal. Removal will now be completed within five days from date of notification by the City Code Compliance Officer.

Graffiti removal kits are still offered by the City, at no charge. Call the Code Enforcement officer at (206) 248-5507 for information or to obtain a kit.

Housing Incentive Grant Program Aims to Attract Teachers

An innovative pilot grant program initiated by the City of Burien is being used by the Highline School District to attract and retain quality teachers in high-demand academic areas.

The purpose of the three-year Teacher Housing Incentive Grant pilot program is to provide a rental housing grant of up to \$6,000 to 40 eligible teachers in the school district. The goal is to reduce turnover rates among new teachers in hard-to-fill academic areas in the most challenged Highline schools.

The turnover rate is highest among first-year teachers in the Highline School District. The program's success will be measured by a decrease in new teacher turnover and an increase in retention of teachers in hard-to-fill assignments such as math, science and special education. Encouraging these teachers to live in Burien will also enrich our vibrant and growing community with more young professionals who will establish roots in Burien.

The \$250,000 pilot program is the result of a collaborative partnership including the City of Burien, the Housing Trust Fund, the Washington State Legislature, King County, the Highline School District and the Highline Education Association.

Burien sought the funding for the pilot program as part of an agreement to allow the Lora Lake Apartments to remain as affordable housing. Since the time of the agreement it has been determined that the ground at the apartment complex is too contaminated to be used for residential purposes.

Seahurst Park Celebrates National Coastal Clean-up Day

Saturday, Sept. 29 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

All ages are welcome and no tools are necessary. Come have fun, learn to be responsible and take care of our great outdoor resources. Snacks/water provided but please bring a lunch. Participants will receive a free REI t-shirt! Preregister: kragain@REI.com or call (206) 248-1938.

Burien Arts-A-Glow

Saturday, September 6
S.W. 152nd Street in Downtown Burien

Come to Burien and experience the arts! Check out the shops from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. for visual arts, music and more. From 6 to 9 p.m. we are turning up the volume for an arts bash including music, performance, trapeze artists, happy hours, street performers and a lantern parade at dusk! Also check out Seattle artist Laura Curry's installation "Performance Memoirs." Laura will install herself and two other artists in a Burien storefront for 30 hours straight. Stop by and share a story by writing on the glass, pose for a picture, and experience downtown Burien in a whole new way!

Let Your Light Shine!

Be part of the Art! Illuminate the night with a lantern that you make yourself! Everyone's invited to participate in Burien's Community Lantern Procession, part of this year's Art Walk by taking part in a hands-on Community Lantern-making Studio on Saturday evening (Sept. 6), from 5 - 8 p.m. The studio will be set up in front of Mick Kelly's Irish Pub, 435 SW 152nd St., where the procession will start at dusk (around 8:15 p.m.).

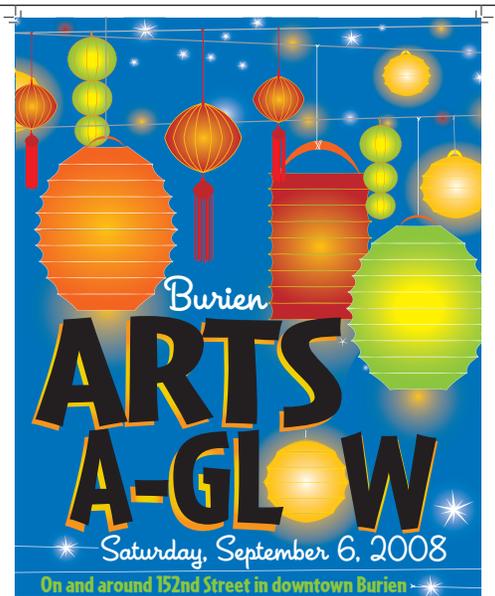
Update on Proposed Community Recreation Center

The City Council recently accepted the design and facility master plan for the proposed new municipal Community Recreation Center facility. The Council also endorsed several recommendations from an appointed citizens committee, and agreed that timing for a public vote on a bond measure to pay for the \$35 million facility was not optimal at this time.

Guided Tours of City Parks Offered

The Parks and Recreation Department, along with members of the Parks Board, are offering tours of City parks this fall. The first tour will feature "walkable" parks in Burien.

Parks Board members will act as docents for



Lantern artists Denise Henrikson and Leslie Zenz will also bring lanterns they have created and members of the community will be bringing lanterns they create at public workshops prior to the event.

The Community Lantern Procession and workshops are being sponsored by the City of Burien and are free to the public. For information about the Lantern Procession or workshops, please contact Denise Henrikson at denise@reuseresources.org or call (206) 938-1809.

For more information about the Arts-a-Glow event, please contact Burien Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services at www.burienparks.net, (206) 988-3700 or Discover Burien at www.discoverburien.com, (206) 433-2882.

The Council will continue to consider the possibility of relocating current Burien Community Center programs to the existing Burien Library facility after it becomes vacant in the spring of 2009 when the library moves to its new facility in Burien Town Square.

More information about the proposed project remains available at www.burienparks.net/center.htm.

these tours, giving the history of each park and a planned activity at a selected park. People of all ages are invited to participate. Volunteers from the Senior Program will transport participants to the parks.

Call the Burien Parks and Recreation Department at (206) 988-3700 for information or to arrange a tour.

Noticias de Burien

Para nuestros lectores hispanos

SEPTEMBER 2008

Por primera vez este año! Fondos igualados para su vecindario

¿Su vecindario necesita unos arreglitos? El Fondo Igualado para Vecindarios (*Neighborhood Matching Fund*) es un nuevo programa de subvenciones en la Ciudad de Burien, y puede proveerle fondos para mejoras en su vecindario. Por tratarse de un “fondo igualado”, la Ciudad provee dinero (hasta \$5.000 por proyecto), y el vecindario iguala este aporte de la Ciudad con trabajo de voluntarios, materiales o servicios profesionales donados, o dinero. Los proyectos que pueden ser considerados incluyen señalización para los vecindarios, arte público, árboles para plantar, jardines públicos, o un aro para baloncesto.

Muchas otras jurisdicciones en la región de Puget Sound han implementado con éxito programas similares, y han descubierto que no sólo mejoran el aspecto del vecindario, sino que también unen a los vecinos y fomentan una comunidad más fuerte. ¡Este es el momento de comenzar los planes para un proyecto de mejoras en su vecindario! Comuníquese con Stephanie Jewett al 439-3152 o vía correo electrónico a Stephaniej@burienwa.gov para más información.

Clases de inglés como segundo idioma

Este otoño se ofrecerán clases de inglés como segundo idioma en el Centro Comunitario de Burien en el 425 SW 144th St. La clase es para adultos que deseen desarrollar y mejorar su comunicación en inglés. Es una clase para principiantes con especial enfoque en el habla y la comprensión auditiva. Los estudiantes aprenderán a utilizar el inglés en situaciones cotidianas, y participarán en actividades en el salón de clase relacionadas a la vida doméstica, el trabajo, la escuela, y las actividades sociales. El precio de la clase es \$30.

Martes y jueves, septiembre 9 a noviembre 13 (excepto el 11 de noviembre), 6 a 7:30 P.M. Para más información, comuníquese con el Centro Comunitario de Burien al (206) 988-3700.

Anexión pasa a Junta de Revisión de Lindes

El 25 de junio, la Ciudad de Burien entregó a la Junta de Revisión de Lindes del Estado de Washington para el Condado King una Notificación Oficial de Intención de Anexar parte de North Highline. La Junta ha señalado una audiencia para testimonio público sobre la propuesta de anexión para el martes, 2 de septiembre, a las 7 de la noche, en el Riverside Residences Inn, 11244 Tukwila International Blvd.

La Junta de Revisión estudia los cambios de lindes propuestos por ciudades, distritos de bomberos, y distritos de suministro de agua y alcantarillado dentro del Condado King, incluyendo las anexiones de ciudades o distritos, la incorporación de nuevas ciudades, y combinación de distritos. En casos impugnados, después de una audiencia, la Junta de Revisión puede aprobar, negar, o modificar las lindes de la anexión u otra acción propuesta.

Si la Junta de Revisión aprueba la propuesta, los electores dentro del área de

anexión propuesta tendrán la oportunidad de votar por la anexión, probablemente a principios de 2009. Si se aprueba, la anexión en sí se llevaría a cabo poco después. El Concejo del Área No Incorporada de North Highline celebrará una reunión comunitaria el jueves, 18 de septiembre, a las 7 de la noche, en la St. Bernadette Church, 1028 SW 128th Street, para discutir la anexión. Funcionarios de la Ciudad de Burien estarán presentes para proveer información y contestar preguntas.

La Ciudad de Burien también celebrará una serie de eventos informativos en los próximos meses para contestar preguntas sobre lo que significará la anexión para las personas en el área.

Para más información sobre la anexión o para ver si usted reside en el área de anexión, visite el sitio de internet www.burienwa.gov/annexation o llame a la línea de información de anexión al (206) 436-5555.



Inician obras en plaza pública *Town Square*

De ahora a un año, el centro de Burien contará con más de 41.000 pies cuadrados de parque público en el *Burien Town Square*. Las obras de construcción empiezan este otoño. El área del parque se puede expandir temporalmente al cerrar las calles de la plaza para funciones culturales, artes, el mercado sobre ruedas *Farmers' Market*, y otros eventos y celebraciones de Burien. La plaza pública tendrá una tarima central para conciertos, obras y otras funciones. Los Conciertos Veraniegos en el Parque se celebrarán en el *Town Square*.

“*Sunset Pavilion*” por el artista James Harrison se exhibirá en el *Burien Town Square*.

Feria de Salud Latina
Sábado 6 de septiembre de 2008
De las 10 de la mañana a las 3 de la tarde
En la iglesia Grace Community
Church de Auburn
1320 Auburn Way S, Auburn

Nos enfocaremos en proveer recursos e información de salud a las familias de habla hispana. Habrá chequeos gratuitos de salud, vista, y salud dental, seguro médico, comida, rifas, música, ¡y mucho más!

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Major Building Permits Issued

Miller Creek Junction (Office and multi-family), 215 S. 160th St.	\$800,000
Burien Town Square, Parcel 1, Plumbing, 15100 6th Ave. S.W.	\$2.1 million
King County Library/Burien City Hall, Mechanical	\$1.2 million
King County Library/Burien City Hall, Plumbing	\$600,000
King County Library/Burien City Hall, Electrical	\$1.8 million
Highline Medical Center, New Birch Wing, Demolition	\$500,000
Highline Medical Center, New Birch Wing, Clearing/ Grading	\$3.2 million
Highline Medical Center, New Birch Wing, Building	\$22.5 million
Highline Medical Center, New Birch Wing, Electrical	\$3.8 million
Highline Medical Center, Main Plant, Tenant Improvement	\$500,000

Legislative Actions

Legislation approved by the Burien City Council June – August 2008.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 280 Setting the time, date and place of the assessment role hearing for the 1st Avenue South Phase 1 project. 6/16/08

Resolution 281 Ratifying amendments to the King County Countywide Planning Policies relating to potential annexation areas. 8/4/08

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 485 Establish Biennial Budget. 6/16/08

Ordinance 486 Cardroom Tax Revision. 6/2/08

Ordinance 487 Approving and Confirming the Assessment and Assessment Roll For Local Improvement District No. 2. 7/21/08

Ordinance 488 Relating to the Regulation of Graffiti; Amending the Definition of Graffiti and Shortening the Time Period for Graffiti Removal. 7/21/08

Ordinance 489 Relating to Storm Water Management. 8/18/08

Ordinance 490 Relating to Fireworks Regulations; Establishing Civil Penalties for Discharge; Amending conflicting Provisions. 8/18/08

Daylight Savings Time

Change Your Clock

Change Your Batteries

Please change the battery in your smoke detector when Daylight Savings Time ends on November 2.

Council Message . . .

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Seattle and other governmental agencies. The agreement enabled the City to secure state funding for a program to attract and keep new teachers to the Highline School District. As a result, new teachers are eligible for a housing subsidy from the state of up to \$6,000 over two years if they live in Burien.

Meanwhile, the Lora Lake Apartments will cease to be housing, since it was determined the site was too contaminated from previous industrial usages and too expensive to clean up. While we regret the loss of affordable housing in our community, we're gratified that no one will live at a site we have long considered unsuitable for housing because of its proximity to the new runway.

Thanks to the many City residents who provided their time, input, and suggestions over the last year regarding the proposed plan to build a new municipal Community Recreation Center. We've decided to put this project on hold for now. Because of the economy, we felt this is not a good time to ask the public to support a bond measure to pay for the facility.

The North Highline annexation proposal is another major issue we're dealing with this fall. We hope residents of the annexation area are able to attend one of the informational sessions being planned (see article on page 1). The City staff is working hard to ensure that information is available to enable voters to make an informed decision on this important issue.

– Your City Council

Miller/Walker Creeks Water Quality Monitoring

Are you interested in water quality in Miller/Walker Creeks? Do you have ideas on how we can track changes in habitat health along the streams?

This fall, the Miller/Walker Creek Basin Steward, Dennis Clark, will facilitate basin-wide discussions on what more should be

done to monitor water quality in the streams. Water quantity (flow) and habitat quality also will be discussed. These discussions should lead to recommendations on how to better coordinate existing monitoring and what new monitoring would be most useful.

The first meeting will occur in late September. Please check the city website or contact Dennis at dennis.clark@kingcounty.gov or (206) 296-1909 to learn more.



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