

Burien City News

The Community with Great Connections

June 2008



CITY COUNCIL MESSAGE

There's a lot going on in Burien these days, as you can see by just driving through the downtown area.

Construction of Town Square is progressing: The first residential/retail structure is now in place and work has begun on the new City Hall/King County Regional Library at the corner of SW 152nd St. and 4th Avenue S.W. We're looking forward to moving into our new City Hall in fall of 2009.

The first phase of the 1st Avenue South improvement project is wrapping up this July, making Burien's main business corridor safer for motorists and pedestrians alike. Other properties downtown are being improved by private owners, including a section of Redwood Center that will house a new hardware store. Soon we will see work begin on the new Metro Transit Center, east of the existing transit station on 4th Avenue S.W.

There's a lot happening in Burien behind the scenes as well, including the possible annexation of a 2.7-square-mile section of North Highline. The Council's recent action to place the annexation on the ballot is an invitation for some 14,000 residents to officially become part of Burien. We believe that both the City and the North Highline residents will benefit from the annexation. We look forward to welcoming our North Highline neighbors to our wonderful city.

Planning is continuing with the Port of Seattle on the Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA) and airport-related businesses are already moving into the area. A newly opened 600-stall airport parking facility will provide the City an estimated \$15,000 in parking tax receipts. We envision many more similar businesses in this section of Burien so badly impacted by the third runway.

We hope you enjoy your summer in Burien!

— Your City Council

Council Approves North Highline Annexation for Vote

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The boundary dispute will need to be resolved before Burien's annexation proposal can go to the voters. The proposal next will be considered by the Boundary Review Board of King County. One of the BRB's criteria is whether the proposed annexation complies with the Countywide Planning Policies. Currently, it does not comply since overlapping PAAs are not allowed. The Burien City Council is considering an offer from King County to help facilitate talks on annexation between the two cities. Previous negotiations have not been successful in determining boundaries acceptable to both Burien and Seattle.

Residents of unincorporated urban areas such as North Highline are under pressure to join an existing city through annexation. King County says it can't afford to continue providing urban-level services to the highly populated North Highline area. Studies have indicated that the North Highline area does not have a sufficient tax base to support becoming its own city through incorporation.

New City Hall/ Regional Library

Work has begun on the City Hall/King County Regional Library, at S.W. 152nd Street and 4th Avenue S.W., at Burien Town Square. This drawing shows how the building will appear, looking north from S.W. 152nd Street. Construction will take an estimated 16 months.



GOVERNMENT SERVICES

CITY HALL	241-4647
E-Mail burien@burienwa.gov	
Website www.burienwa.gov	
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	248-5510
BUILDING DIVISION	248-5520
CITY ATTORNEY	248-5531
CITY COUNCIL	
Joan McGilton, Mayor	244-5168
Rose Clark, Deputy Mayor	248-3965
Sue Blazak, Councilmember	246-6129
Kathy Keene, Councilmember	243-8196
Lucy Krakowiak, Councilmember ..	242-8378
Sally Nelson, Councilmember	243-8030
Gordon Shaw, Councilmember	244-2457
CITY JOB LINE	248-5534
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE	248-5508
CODE ENFORCEMENT	248-5507
FINANCE	241-4647
FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Fire District #2	242-2040
North Highline F.D.	243-0330
HUMAN RESOURCES.....	248-5504
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES	
425 SW 144 th Street	988-3700
POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Burien Precinct #4	
14905 6 th SW	296-3333
PUBLIC WORKS.....	248-5521
24 hr. street or drainage concerns.....	296-8100
SENIOR PROGRAM	
425 SW 144 th Street	244-3686
OTHER NUMBERS	
Citizen Complaints	248-5530
Parking Complaints/	
Police Tip Hotline	205-0969
ANIMAL CONTROL	296-7387
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	575-1633
DISCOVER BURIEN ASSO.	433-2882
DISTRICT COURT (Burien Courthouse)	
601 SW 149 th St.	296-0144
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCATE	
(425) 961-0618 Cell Phone (206) 947-3852	
LIBRARY	
14700 6 th SW	243-3490
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

Discussion Continues on New Community Center

Representatives from the City's advisory boards and commissions have been meeting in recent months to discuss a proposed new community recreation center and the results of a recent survey about paying for it. Chaired by Councilmember Sue Blazak, the ad hoc committee is composed of representatives of the Planning Commission, Parks Board, Arts Commission, Senior Program advisory committee, and the Burien Business and Economic Development Partnership. Directors of the City's parks and finance departments also have been assisting the ad hoc committee.

The City has been discussing and planning for the replacement of the existing community center for several years. The outcomes of the design process, including public meetings, site plan, concept plans, construction options and cost estimates, business plan, and the results of the community survey, were presented to the Council in February.

The new community recreation center would include a senior center, gymnasium, leisure pool, fitness facilities, banquet hall, preschool, teen room, meeting rooms and classrooms. It would be approximately

66,000 square feet and cost an estimated \$35 million. This figure includes all costs associated with the project, such as site development, property acquisition, relocation and other related costs.

The City is considering a \$30 million bond measure that would be placed on the ballot. The ad hoc committee's purpose is make recommendations to the Council concerning the bond measure and its timing. This would be the first voted bond measure ever put to the voters by the City of Burien.

The proposed building would replace the existing Burien Community Center, which is housed in a 1940s-era elementary school. The former school was sold to King County in 1982 and operated as the Highline Community Center for several years until it was taken over by the City following incorporation. The facility is in poor condition and several studies have recommended its replacement.

Residents are invited to learn more about the proposed facility and view photos of the conceptual plans for the building by visiting the project website at www.burienparks.net/center.htm. If residents do not have access to the Internet, they may request information by contacting the Parks Department at

Grant Funds Available through City

The City of Burien has the following four categories of grant funding available for agencies and/or individuals:

Human Services – This funding is on a two-year cycle, with the next cycle for 2009-10 funding. Burien, along with nine other South King County cities, uses a common application form. Burien's application is due by June 4, 2008. The City allocates 1% of its General Fund expenditures to human services, which is estimated at \$170,000 each year for 2009 and 2010.

Arts and Culture – This funding is available to groups or organizations providing arts and cultural enrichment to Burien and its residents. Arts & Culture funding is on an annual funding cycle. Applications for 2009 funding are due by July 31, 2008.

Miscellaneous Funding Requests – This is a new category that provides funds for requests that do not fall into any of the other three categories. There is no funding

budgeted for these requests and they will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Applications for 2009 Miscellaneous funding are due July 31, 2008.

Applications are available on the City Website. If you have any questions about the above three categories of funding, please call Lori Fleming at 206-248-5518 or e-mail: Lorif@burienwa.gov.

Neighborhood Matching Fund Grants – This funding is available for Burien citizens to improve the quality of life in Burien neighborhoods. The City provides cash for a 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 or a basketball hoop. There is no deadline; applications are accepted anytime. There is a \$5,000 maximum. For questions on the Neighborhood Matching Fund Grant, please contact Stephanie Jewett at 206-439-3152 or e-mail: Stephaniej@burienwa.gov.

North Highline Annexation Boundaries

Below is a map of the City of Burien proposed annexation area in North Highline. Only residents living inside the annexation boundaries (the striped area) would vote in an election on whether to become part of Burien. A detailed map and more information can be viewed at www.burienwa.gov/www.burienwa.gov/commdvlpmnt/Annexation/annexation.htm



Burien Northeast Redevelopment Area Strategy

The City of Burien, in partnership with the Port of Seattle, is preparing a redevelopment strategy for the 135-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 with 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.

The City recently hired Otak, Inc., a multi-disciplinary planning and design firm based in the Pacific Northwest, to complete the NERA strategy for redevelopment. Heartland Consulting will support Otak with market, economic impact and financial analysis. In addition to the economic elements, other aspects of the study include:

- Miller Creek and wetland delineation and surveying,
- Land use and master planning (conceptual-level redevelopment scenarios), infrastructure planning and conceptual design, and comprehensive planning and design guidelines,
- Environmental analysis, and
- Public outreach and participation,.

Study Schedule and Fall Public & Stakeholder Workshops

Development of the NERA strategy kicked off in April 2008 and the study process will be completed in about one year. After a period of data collection and analysis, including market analysis and assessment of existing conditions in the NERA, the team will analyze potential opportunities and constraints and conduct a series of public and stakeholder workshops this fall.

For more information, please contact the City of Burien Dept. of Community Development at (206) 248-5510 or see our website at www.burienwa.gov/commdvlpmnt/commdvlpmnt.htm.

2008 Legislature Assists Burien

The adopted 2008 supplemental state capital budget includes three items that emerged from the City's agreement with King County and the Port of Seattle over the future of the Lora Lake Apartments, located in the Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA) immediately adjacent to the Sea-Tac third runway.

Thanks to the efforts of our legislative delegation, particularly State Rep. Dave Uptegrove, and House Speaker Frank Chopp, the state will assist Burien with \$500,000 in funding for planning the redevelopment of the NERA. The state will also provide \$1.5 million to help the Highline West Seattle Mental Health facility move out of the NERA. The third program to receive state funding this year will enable the City to provide the Highline School District \$250,000 to attract teachers into hard-to-fill positions. Prospective teachers will be offered a financial incentive to help with their housing costs in Burien.

Sweeping Burien Clean

Burien Clean Sweep on April 26 was a big success with volunteers collecting some 7.61 tons of garbage. Pictured right top, Maggie (left), Tyler and Nathan Pearson clean up a S.W. 153rd Street storefront; Lety Sanchez of El Sabor de Oaxaca restaurant, 425 S.W. 153rd St., brings refreshments to volunteers Alexis Braga and Jessica DesLongchamp. Sanchez served them Horchatas, a Mexican drink made from rice, cinnamon, sugar and milk.



Join the Beach Naturalist Program at Seahurst Park

Join the Beach Naturalist Program down at Seahurst Park this summer. The naturalist program is a fun way to explore local marine life and discover the importance of the beach ecosystem. For more information about the Beach Naturalist program or for directions to the beaches, visit www.seattleaquarium.org/conservation/beach/ or call Charlotte Spang at (206) 245-0143 or the Seattle Aquarium at (206) 386-4365. The program is free, informative and fun-filled so join a volunteer naturalist at Seahurst Park on any of the following dates:

Saturday	6/21	12-3 p.m.
Sunday	6/22	12:30-3:30 p.m.
Thursday	7/3	10-2 p.m.
Friday	7/4	11-3 p.m.
Saturday	7/5	11:30-3:30 p.m.
Sunday	7/6	12-3 p.m.
Saturday	7/19	11:30-2:30 p.m.
Sunday	7/20	1:30-2:30 p.m.
Saturday	8/2	11:30-2:30 p.m.



Burien's Newest Park Opens

Check out the new Jacob Ambaum Park, at S.W. 128th Street and Ambaum Boulevard. The 1-acre park features Burien's first lighted outdoor basketball court. It also has a large playground for young children, sandbox, a picnic area with barbecues, and restrooms. A dedication ceremony was scheduled for June 13 at 3 p.m. The park is named after the German immigrant who settled in the area in 1902 and helped develop the corridor connecting Burien with Seattle.

Stop the Ivy Invasion

Did you know that English ivy increases the likelihood that trees will topple in high winds, threatening lives and property? Were you aware that ivy can kill trees by strangling them?

If you live along Miller/Walker Creek, there's free help to get you started controlling English ivy on your property. Dennis Clark, Miller/Walker Basin steward, will work with you to control ivy on your property. He also can help streamside property

owners identify other invasive plants and select native alternatives. Contact him at (206) 296-1909 or dennis.clark@kingcounty.gov to arrange a site visit.

Ivy control is also important elsewhere in Burien. Periodic volunteer work parties are controlling ivy at Eagle's Landing Park and along Shorewood Drive. Contact Lisa Aumann, lisaa@burienwa.gov (206) 988-3702, to sign up. More information about controlling ivy is at: www.ivyout.org

City of Burien 2008

STRAWBERRY and ARTS FESTIVAL

JUNE 28-29

Saturday 10AM to 6PM
Sunday 10AM to 5PM

Burien Community Center and Dottie Harper Park
SW 146th & 4th Ave SW

www.burienstrawberryfestival.org or (206)988-3700



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Burien Auto Run
MAKING THE FESTIVAL-BIKE THE WHEELS ROLL

Highline Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast
Saturday 8:00AM – 11AM see page 39 for details!

Electrifying Performances

- Supersones
- Mambo Cadillac
- One World Taiko
- Trash Apes
- Staxx Brothers
- Hot Club Sandwich
- Boys of Greenwood Glen
- The Tallboys
- Captain Leroy & the Zydeco Locals
- The Teaching
- Hacki Ginda (from Berlin!)
- Andalibre
- Caela & the Dangerous Flares
- Jump Ensemble
- Jonny Hahn
- Ropeworks
- Linda Severt's Juggletunes*
- Eric Ode
- Esther Marion Flamenco Dance
- Amber Tide
- Youth Sounds Northwest
- Highline Community Band
- New City, Momentum, & Abyssinian Dance Studios
- Hi-Liners Youth Musical Theater
- New Futures Dancers

*sponsored by Burien Library Guild

What's Happening!

- Artist Mural-Painting Demo
- Take A Load" Off Art Exhibit
- Chalk Drawing Competition
- Artist United's Garage Sale
- Birdhouse Art Competition
- Delicious Strawberry Shortcake
- Provided by The Burien Art Gallery
- Family Art Jam & Lego Man
- Skateboard Competition Saturday at Noon
- 5K Run Sunday 9AM

Help Name Burien's New Pocket Park

The City is looking for suggestions and nominations to help name a unique pocket park that does double duty protecting residential property by controlling stormwater runoff. The park site is in the 600 block of S.W. 141st Street and was designed with a walking path and benches.

The park name should include a reference to its location, history, natural or geological features, an individual or group who

contributed significantly to the acquisition or development of the park, or to an individual who provided an exceptional service in the interest of the park system as a whole.

Suggestions must be received by June 25 and should include a short explanation of why the name is appropriate for the park. Send suggestions to Burien Parks and Recreation, 425 SW 144th St., Burien, WA 98166, Attn. Park Name Idea, or by e-mail to michaell@burienwa.gov. For more information, call (206) 988-3700.

Grab these Fabulous Opportunities to Enjoy Burien

How about taking your family to kayak, cheer the Mariners, or camp overnight? Or using your fingers to shape artwork instead of computer typing? Go day-tripping with other senior-adults. Move your body and do tap, hip-hop, ballet, or belly dance. Thrill to the sound of your bat connecting with a baseball. Don't let these terrific summer experiences pass you by! Get details by calling (206) 988-3700 or going to www.burienparks.net.

Preschoolers

Painting & Clay---Soccer, Ballet & Tap, Tumbling, or Movement--- Skyhawks' Soccer, Basketball & Baseball---**Parent & Me** Soccer, Tumbling or Movement

Youth

CAMP CRAZ's "Around the World in 49 Days"--- Skyhawks' Basketball, Tennis, Baseball---Drawing, Painting, Multimedia & Clay--Yoga---Lego Building---Ballet, Tap, Belly Dance, or Hip Hop---Karate---Summer Science Blast---The Hi-Liner's **Camp Broadway**---Rhythm & Rhyme---Para los Nino's Hispanic Summer Camp.

Teens

"The Real World" Summer Teen Scene---Raku Pottery---Babysitter's Training---Saturday Trips to Indoor Rock Climb, Horseback Ride, Whitewater Raft, or Swim at Wild Waves ---Art Fling---Cane & Paper Lantern Creations---Brazilian Jazz & Samba---Burien Library's **Read 3, Get 1 Free**---Night Out

Adults

Brazilian Jazz & Samba---Highline Garden Tour---Basketry Workshops---Co-Rec Softball---Highline Hospital's Water Exercise---Painting, Drawing, Clay, & Pottery Classes---Be A Beach Naturalist---Fruits & Veggies Preservation, Alternative Medicine & Estate Planning---Ballroom, Salsa, Tap, & Belly Dance---Zumba, Pilates, Early AM, Yoga, Tai-Chi, & Nia Work-Outs---Karate---Breeder Theater's Comedy Play @ EB Foote Winery---Arts Assn's Newest y Exhibit

Seniors

Everyday Nutrition---Contemporary Problems--Friday Flicks---Massage Therapy---Water Color Painting---Digital TV, Metro Bus, & ID Theft Workshops---Enhance Fitness--Computer Instruction---Travel & Trips

Everyone

Outdoor Concerts & Movies---Burien Art Assn's Jazz & Theater Nights in Dottie Harper Park---Family Kayaking, Mariner, or Overnight Camping Trips--- Strawberry & Arts Festival

City of Burien

MUSIC & MOVIES

in the Park

Thursday Night Music

July 3	Ballard Sedentary Sousa Band	Rousing Classics
July 11	Ruby Dee and the Snakehandlers	Country
July 17	Family Fiesta featuring Correo Aereoq and New Future's Dancers	Latin
July 25	Jelly Rollers	Delta Blues
July 31	Geoffrey Castle Band	Celtic and More
August 8	Adrian Xavier	Reggae

Friday Night Movies At Dusk

August 15 The Princess Bride
August 22 E.T.

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

On rainy evenings, call (206)988-3700 after 5PM to learn if the concert/movie has been relocated to Burien Community Center Auditorium.

FREE ADMISSION!

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Shoreline Master Program Being Updated

The City of Burien is in the process of updating its Shoreline Master Program, which has not been amended since the City incorporated in 1993.

The City Council appointed a Shoreline Advisory Committee to help update the Shoreline Master Program. The advisory committee, which began meeting in March, will formulate recommendations on various portions of an updated program. The committee's meetings are open to the public. The process is scheduled for completion in 2010, fulfilling a state requirement for Shoreline Master Program updates.

Additionally, two open houses were planned to inform the public about the update process and to gather public input. The first open house was on May 14 at Gregory Heights Elementary School. Watch for notices of the second open house in early 2009.

Burien's Shoreline Master Program is a set of goals, policies and regulations for managing City of Burien shorelines. It specifically addresses land use and ecological functions adjacent to Lake Burien and Puget Sound.

The Master Program will include updates to Burien's Comprehensive Plan and shoreline management regulations. The City has been awarded a grant by the State of Washington to update its Master Program.

The shoreline planning effort will culminate in recommendations for consideration by the Burien Planning Commission and Burien City Council.

Regularly updated information is available on the City's website, www.burienwa.gov or by contacting Susan Coles, Community Development Department Assistant, at (206) 248-5510 or susanc@burienwa.gov.

Major Building Permits Issued

Project	Valuation
Metro Transit Center 209 SW 148 nd St.	\$4.7 million
Highline Village Project Residential Housing 213 S 162 nd St.	\$519,682
Burien Town Plaza Ace Hardware	\$750,000
Burien Town Square City Hall/Library 400 SW 152 nd St.	\$12.3 million

Happy Arbor Day

The City celebrated Arbor Day on April 16 by planting a native dogwood tree at the entrance to Shorewood Park, at S.W. 119th Street and 28th Avenue S.W. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chair Jean Spohn was awarded a certificate of appreciation for all her efforts to organize and lead the community group in Shorewood Park restoration efforts. Spohn is pictured (left) with Mayor Joan McGilton, planting the dogwood.



Low-Impact Development

The City Council is encouraging an innovative method of handling storm water runoff that is becoming more prevalent around the nation.

Low Impact Development is a relatively simple and more natural approach that stresses less impervious areas (paved roads, roofs etc.), and more landscaping and natural vegetation. Its goal is to retain on site

as much precipitation as possible.

The reduction in overall runoff generated in a basin also helps to improve water quality. Pilot projects are being considered in Burien, including retrofits of residential blocks similar to projects in Seattle.

Watch the City of Burien website for more information about Low-Impact Development.

City of Burien Can Help Your Business 'Go Green'!

The City of Burien offers free Business Recycling Kits to businesses to help improve their recycling programs. The City also offers on-site assistance, including waste walk-throughs (to evaluate your current practices and help make improvements), staff presentations, and staff booths to help

boost recycling. While supplies last, the City has available free desk-side recycling containers (up to 10 per business) for businesses that start a new recycling program. If you are interested in improving the waste reduction and recycling practices at your Burien business, please call the Burien Recycling Specialist at 206/763-0739 or email recycling@burienwa.gov.

Celebrate Independence Day in Burien!

Don't miss Burien's annual 4th of July Family Days and Parade, in downtown Burien on SW 152nd Street.

FRIDAY, JULY 4
Family Days 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Parade 3 p.m.

Burien's Own Earth Heroes

Students from Gregory Heights Elementary School in Burien were honored in April as "Earth Heroes" by King County Executive Ron Sims. The new recycling program at Gregory has been a collaborative effort among students, parents, the PTSA, teachers, office and support staff and the

principal. It resulted in a comprehensive recycling program with widespread participation. The PTSA purchased new recycling bins, students decorated bulletin boards with recycling information, student leaders and lunch assistants guided students on proper recycling, and a recycling ethic is evident throughout the school.

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Para nuestros lectores hispanos

JUNE 2008



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Television Broadcasts Will Become Digital Only

On February 17, 2009, analog broadcasting will end for full-power TV stations. Currently, most stations are broadcasting in two formats - digital and analog. After that date, they will only broadcast in digital, so people will have to make some changes to watch free over-the-air TV broadcasts on an analog TV with an antenna.

That doesn't mean you need to get a new television set. Buying a digital TV is just one option. There are low-cost converter boxes to change the digital signal to one

that your current analog set can receive.

To help defray the cost of the converter boxes, each U.S. household can request up to two coupons, worth \$40 each, to be used toward the purchase of eligible boxes. This coupon program is being administered by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). For more information on the coupon program visit www.dtv2009.gov, call 1-888-DTV-2009 or come to Burien City Hall at 15811 Ambaum Blvd. SW, Ste C.



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Automated Traffic Cameras will be Installed at Intersections

The City is installing automated traffic cameras this summer to catch red-light runners at three intersections on 1st Avenue South. The registered owner of the vehicle that was photographed will be sent a citation with a fine of \$101 or more. Violators will be given warnings for the first month after the cameras are installed.

The purpose of the automated cameras is to improve safety for drivers and pedestrians at key intersections. Signs will be posted at the intersections, at SW 148th, SW 152th and SW 160th Streets, alerting drivers to the automated traffic cameras.

Code Enforcement

Illegal Dumping

Dumping of any type on public or private property that is not a legal dump site is a violation of Burien Municipal Code. This includes City rights-of-way, City parks and City-owned open spaces.

Cutting Restricted

Cutting or removal of vegetation in critical areas and their buffers must be approved in advance by the City. A report by a qualified professional may be required to ensure that the proposed cutting will not be detrimental to adjacent properties.

Legislative Actions

Legislation approved by the Burien City Council February – May 2008.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 274 Granting Preliminary Approval of the Feeney Subdivision, 2/25/08

Resolution 275 Granting Preliminary Approval of the Rehabitat NW Subdivision, 4/21/08

Resolution 277 Adopting the fee schedule for permit fees and other community development and land use fees, 5/5/08

Resolution 278 Calling For Annexation By Election of a Portion of the North Highline Unincorporated Area, 5/19/08

Resolution 279 Granting Preliminary Approval of the Shirley's Place Subdivision, 5/19/08

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 484 Amending Title 19 or the Burien Municipal Code, 5/5/08



Community Leaders Honored by City

Five Burien community leaders were honored at the City's annual Awards Dinner held on March 28. Those leaders are (from left) Larry Moormeier, Environmental Leader; JoAn Cox, Community Leader; Mick Purdy and Adrien Kelly of Mick Kelly's Irish Pub, Business Leaders; and Victoria Hall, Educational Leader.

Sign Up for Fall Session of Police Citizens Academy

Citizens interested in Police Department activities can sign up now for the fall session of the Citizens Academy, which will begin on Wednesday, September 10.

The Citizens Academy is a 13-week catered 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.

C.E.R.T. Training – People interested in disaster planning can sign up now for the next

training session for Community Emergency Response Team. The classes will be held Tuesday evenings, Sept. 2 – Oct. 14, at the SeaTac Fire Station, 2929 S. 200th St. The goal of C.E.R.T. training is to educate members of neighborhoods, community organizations, or workplaces in basic preparation and response skills. C.E.R.T. members are then integrated into the emergency response capability for their area.

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

National Night Out – Mark your calendar for National Night Out 2008, on Tuesday, August 5. For information on the annual crime prevention event, contact Officer Roy Galusha at (206) 296-3370.



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