



CITY COUNCIL MESSAGE

Budget deficits, layoffs and reduced services at the state and local level have permeated our local news in the last few weeks. Unlike King County government and unlike some other local jurisdictions that are facing severe budget cuts, the City of Burien should be able to weather the current economic storm without layoffs or a reduction of services.

The 2009-2010 biennial budget, which we will adopt in November, maintains current staffing and service levels despite a budgeted decrease in sales tax and other revenues. Since Burien became a City 15 years ago, we have consistently set aside money and budgeted conservatively enough to build a small economic cushion. In part, a save and pay-as-you-go philosophy to our improvements and growth has protected the City from the type of revenue downturns we're seeing today.

Consistent with our conservative policies, we are cutting back next year to save money and reflect the economic climate. Historically, City policy has been to tie staff cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) to 90% of the Seattle, Tacoma, Bremerton CPI-W. In 2009 that would be 5.6%. However, this year, a 3% COLA is more in line with the City's economic policies and what the private sector is doing. Likewise, we will continue to review how we provide services, to make certain it is the most effective and efficient way.

While we are fortunate that the City is recession-resilient, it is not recession-proof. If the downturn continues through 2009, and revenue from sales and other taxes remains flat or even decreases, we will take other measures to save or postpone spending – particularly in our Capital Programs. Like many other local governments, our costs are outpacing revenues, and without

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New City Website Improves Access To Government

The City of Burien has unveiled its new website, one that is user-friendly and will make it easier for site visitors to conduct City business online.

The new website is designed to be an easy and convenient way to do business with City Hall, whether it be getting an online permit, signing up for a class or activity with the recreation department, or learning about and providing input on important City issues. This can all be done online, instead of having to travel to City Hall.

In addition to online permitting and registration, the new site features:

- Detailed calendar of City events
- Searchable archive of meeting agendas, minutes, newsletters and press releases
- "Notify Me" e-mail subscription service
- Comprehensive directory of City staff contact information
- Document Center that provides access to important City documents
- Access to both live and archived streaming video of Council meetings



Check out our new website:
www.burienwa.gov

With the redeveloped website and addition of new services, site visitors can now access City documents and perform City business online 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

To help with the redesign project the City partnered with local government website experts CivicPlus of Manhattan, KS. In addition to the new website, the partnership with CivicPlus has also supported the City's "green initiative." CivicPlus has purchased BEF Carbon Offsets from the Bonneville Environmental Foundation which supports renewable energy generation and offsets 100% of the new website's carbon footprint.

Visit the city's new website, www.burienwa.gov, to learn more. From event calendars to job openings, the new website is a great resource for all City of Burien information.

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GOVERNMENT SERVICES

CITY HALL	241-4647
E-Mail burien@burienwa.gov	
Website www.burienwa.gov	
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	
Planning Division	248-5510
Building Division	248-5520
Code Enforcement.....	248-5507
CITY ATTORNEY	248-5531
CITY COUNCIL	
Joan McGilton, Mayor	241-4647
Rose Clark, Deputy Mayor	241-4647
Sue Blazak, Councilmember	241-4647
Kathy Keene, Councilmember	241-4647
Lucy Krakowiak, Councilmember	241-4647
Sally Nelson, Councilmember	241-4647
Gordon Shaw, Councilmember	241-4647
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	
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

'Wellness Cluster' Markets Burien's Medical Services Industry to Attract Talent, Jobs

The City's Economic Development Department has initiated a program to market one of Burien's lesser-known assets – the number and quality of the community's medical providers, from hospitals to clinics. Given the small size of the City, Burien has an unusually large number of medical service providers including hospitals, health centers, clinic, and dozens of private practice doctors, dentists and various wellness specialists. Thousands of well-paying Burien jobs are produced by this cluster of local economic engines.

The first meeting of what was to become the "Burien Wellness Cluster" took place in late 2007. The group's purpose is to bring together the resources of the private sector service providers, primary and secondary school system, and all levels of government to attract skilled medical professionals to careers in Burien. The cluster includes representatives from Highline School District and Highline Community College, who are working together to create a seamless local education pipeline. The goal is to encourage and train students to pursue medical careers right here in Burien.

Economic Development Manager Dick Loman explained that successful cluster development is based upon active private sector participation and strong public-private partnerships with a shared vision. "It's all about jobs," said Loman. "Cluster development benefits the community by providing living-wage jobs, raising the median income, and makes the service providers more competitive as a group."

Major Building Permits Issued

Project	Value
Miller Creek Junction, Office Building Construction, 215 S 160th St.	\$405,405
Metro Transit Center Parking Lot Lighting, 2nd SW & 148th St.	\$764,000
Highline Medical Center, new Birch Wing 16251 Sylvester Rd SW	
Construction Plumbing	\$3.56 million
Install Plumbing	\$2.21 million
Mechanical	\$3.27 million
Energy Plant Construction	\$1.29 million

The Burien Wellness Cluster, after only one year, has already had successes that will lead to new workers for the local medical services industry. Highline Community College (HCC) received a grant and created a program to assist immigrants trained in the medical field in their native countries, but who are lacking the licenses and training to practice in the United States. The Welcome Back Center at HCC helps these individuals become employable locally by providing the necessary classes and assistance in navigating the licensing system, to allow them to work here in their highly skilled field of medicine.

Group Health, also part of the Wellness Cluster, is working with HCC to hire workers that graduate from the Welcome Back Center. The program, which started this fall and is already at capacity, is not only providing the opportunity for highly-skilled medical workers to become employable, but because of the connection made with Group Health at the Burien Wellness Cluster meetings, it is also likely to be providing them with a place to work upon graduation.

A video marketing Burien to out-of-town medical and teaching professionals has been developed by City staff and is available to all members of the cluster group as a recruiting tool. The video can be viewed on the City website and is available on disk at City Hall.

Burien Wellness Cluster Participants

- Group Health Cooperative
- New Futures
- Highline Medical Center
- Schick Shadel Hospital
- Discover Burien
- Highline School District
- Highline Schools Foundation for Excellence
- City of Burien
- Highline Community College
- Sea Mar Community Health Centers
- NAVOS (formerly known as Highline/West Seattle Mental Health Center)

Snow removal routes

King County provides snow removal services on roadways in Burien. In the event of snow, the public can learn which arterials will be cleared by checking the City's website: www.burienwa.gov. Anyone with questions or concerns about snow removal can contact the Public Works Department at (206) 296-3700. After hours call the City's maintenance hotline at (206) 248-5521.

B/IAS

An Urban Canvas for Temporary Art and Community Collaboration

The Burien/ Interim Art Space is a year-long experiment, combining and transforming the concepts of art, temporary green spaces, and community gathering. The Interim Art Space at Burien's Town Square will be kicked off by displaying Burien's first major temporary art piece, *The Passage*, a sculpture depicting a mother and child walking together to share and explore life.

This artwork was first created by Dan Das Mann and Karen Cusolito for the 2005 Burning Man Arts Festival in the Nevada desert. The figures stand a dramatic 30 and 20 feet tall and are fabricated out of recycled and scrap metal. The interim art space will occupy a temporarily vacant one-acre parcel of Burien's Town Square project. This exciting space will not only showcase art but will be an energetic gathering place for Burien's citizens.

B/IAS will be a working canvas that will be transformed by the efforts of both artists and the community throughout the year. The art space will celebrate its opening in December of 2008 with the installation of *The Passage*. The project will conclude when the



"The Passage" is shown in the Bay Area, where it was on display for a period. It will be set up temporarily in Burien Town Square.

sculpture is removed and construction begins at the site on a future phase of Town Square.

B/IAS is a collaboration between the City of Burien Arts Commission, Urban Partners, GGLO and Ignition NW. For more information please contact Gina Kallman, City of Burien Cultural Arts Supervisor, (206) 988-3713, ginak@burienwa.gov.

North Highline Residents Can Learn More About City of Burien at Annexation Open Houses

Tuesday, January 6
6:30 pm – 8 p.m.
Shorewood Elementary School
2725 SW 116th St.

Thursday, February 12
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Boulevard Park Library
12015 Roseberg Ave. S

Informational Open Houses on the proposed North Highline annexation have been scheduled for North Highline residents in the proposed annexation area to learn more about the City of Burien.

The City is currently negotiating with other governmental entities potentially affected by the proposed annexation, including King County, the cities of Seattle and SeaTac and local fire districts.

The City submitted a proposal to the Boundary Review Board of King County (BRB) last June, but later withdrew for procedural reasons. This allowed additional opportunities for negotiation with affected parties.

The City plans to resubmit the annexation proposal in January to the BRB, which will review the boundaries and make a determination on whether the proposal can proceed.

The City hopes to see a public vote on the annexation proposal in fall 2009. Only registered voters in the proposed annexation area are allowed to vote in the election.

The upcoming Open Houses are educational sessions designed for annexation-area residents, but anyone is welcome to attend to learn more about the City of Burien. For additional information please go to: www.burienwa.gov/annexation.

■ This edition of the Burien City News is being sent to residents living in the proposed annexation area so they can become more informed about the City of Burien and the annexation process.

Nominations Accepted for Outstanding Citizens Awards Program

Do you know someone who has made a difference in the community? Citizens and business people in Burien are invited to nominate an outstanding citizen, business person, educator or environmental activist for the Outstanding Citizens Awards program, conducted by the City and the Discover Burien organization. Winners will receive recognition at the City's annual awards ceremony, which is March 6, 2009.

To nominate a person, describe how the nominee contributes to the community and how these contributions are unique. Please submit your nominations by February 2 to Adriene Buckley at City Hall, 15811 Ambaum Blvd. SW, Burien, 98166. For information, contact Adriene at (206) 248-5512.

Moshier Holiday Pottery Sale

Saturday, December 6
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Moshier Community Art Center
430 S 156th St.

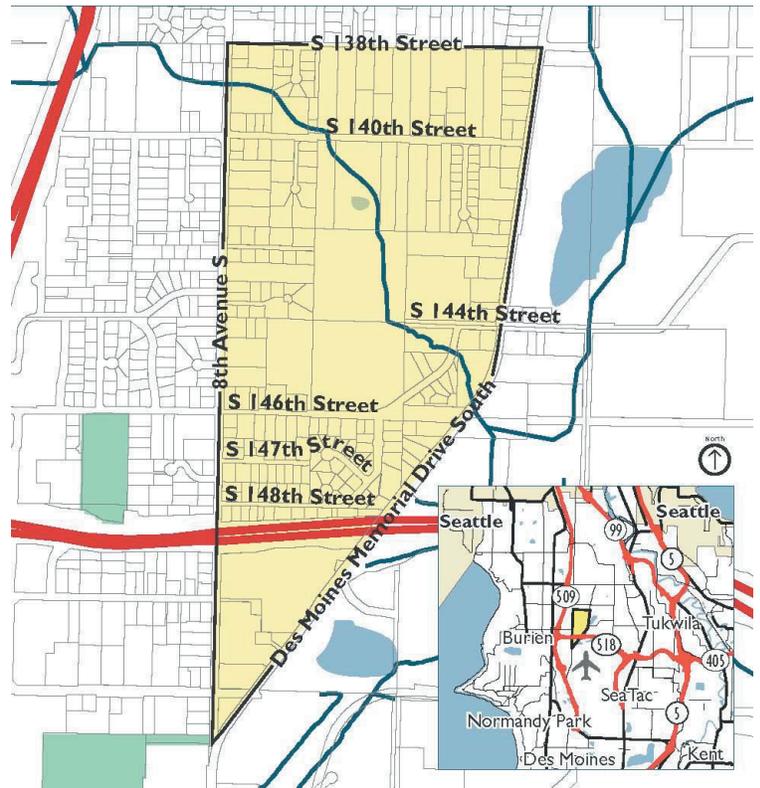
Ideas for Burien Northeast Redevelopment Area Presented at Public Workshops

Redevelopment scenarios for the 135-acre Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA) were presented at public and stakeholder workshop sessions held October 23-24, attended by more than 100 citizens, and business and agency representatives. Participants provided valuable input that will shape development of specific scenarios and phasing strategies for the NERA planning area.

The City of Burien, in partnership with the Port of Seattle, is preparing a redevelopment strategy for the area located just north of Sea-Tac Airport 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 the airport and with existing and planned surrounding land uses.

The 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. A consultant team hired by the City to conduct the study has completed the existing conditions analysis phase, which included the Miller Creek and wetland study, a market assessment, and analysis of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats for the NERA planning area.

Ideas and opportunities discussed at the October public workshops included expanded public open space and trail linkages and a variety of land uses including retail, commercial, and light industrial. Many citizens were interested in improving their quality of life as residents inside and adjacent to the NERA, and the need for infrastructure improvements and increased services was widely mentioned.



The yellow shaded area is the Northeast Redevelopment Area.

The NERA Strategy project team will conduct another series of public and stakeholder workshops in late February or early March 2009. Exact meeting dates, times and locations have not been scheduled yet. For more information, or if you would like to receive material that was distributed at the meetings, please contact the City of Burien Department of Community Development at NERA@Burienwa.gov or see our website at www.burienwa.gov/commdvlpmnt/commdvlpmnt.htm.

Council Sets Local Priorities for Legislature and Congress

The City's 2009 Legislative Priorities have received Council approval and are being shared with the City's state legislative delegation and Congressional offices. These meetings will help the City prepare for the 2009 state legislative session and the next session of Congress.

Example of some of the City's key priorities include:

Improving Transportation:

- Working with partners to look into completing the interchange of SR 518 at Des Moines Memorial Drive (DMMD). There is currently access to/from DMMD on the east side of the Drive but not on the west side, and completing this interchange would encourage airport-compatible businesses to locate in the City's Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA) and create jobs.

- Continue to seek funding for Phase 2 of the 1st Avenue South project.

Expanding Economic Development:

- Continue to pursue identification of the NERA as a federal pilot project for planning and preparing for the redevelopment of properties affected by airport operations.

- Support efforts to secure additional funding for the King County Metro Transit Oriented Development and parking structure next to the Transit Center.

Financing Local Government Services:

- Advocate for new state funding resources for local infrastructure needs.

The initial set of priorities will be fine-tuned in preparation for meetings that the Mayor and Councilmembers will hold with individual state legislators and members of the City's Congressional delegation in early 2009.

Legislative Actions

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

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 491 Relating to Fireworks Regulations; Prohibiting the Possession Without a License; Establishing Civil Penalties. 8/18/08

Ordinance 492 Relating to Parking on Residential Property. 10/20/08

Ordinance 493 Relating to Transportation Impact Fees. 10/06/08

Ordinance 494 Reducing Size of Arts Commission. 10/20/08

Ordinance 495 Repealing Chapter 12.05 of the BMC; Adopting a New Chapter 12.05, Entitled "Road Design and Construction Standards." 10/20/08

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 282 Calling For Annexation By Election of a Portion of the North Highline Unincorporated Area. 10/13/08

Resolution 283 Supporting Sound Transit (A Regional Transit Authority) Proposition No. 1, Mass Transit Expansion. 10/20/08

Resolution 28 Opposing "Initiative Measure No. 985 Concerns Transportation." 10/20/08

Survey Shows Crime, Economic Growth and Traffic are City's Greatest Challenges

The City of Burien's greatest challenge, as residents see it, are reducing crime, improving economic/commercial growth and reducing traffic and congestion. This is according to a recent survey of Burien residents, conducted to measure satisfaction with the City government and the perceived quality of life in Burien.

The survey was conducted in August by Market Decisions Corporation, a Portland market research firm. Some 404 Burien residents were randomly selected and contacted by phone between August 12 and 18.

Here are some of the survey's key findings:

- Over three-quarters of residents saw their neighborhood as a "good" or "excellent" place to live.
- Three-quarters of residents believe the City is headed in the right direction.
- Transportation-related issues are the most frequently suggested neighborhood im-

Most Mentioned Challenges	
• Reducing crime	25%
• Lack of economic/commercial growth	14%
• Reducing traffic/congestion	14%
• Improving education/schools	11%
• City construction/redevelopment	11%
• Maintaining roads	10%
• Lack of police presence	9%
• Annexation decisions	9%
• Managing population growth	8%
• More parks/activities for children	6%
• Taxes	6%

Survey question: What are the three most important issues (challenges) facing the City of Burien?

provements, including building/improving walkways and paths, improving streets, adding street lights, and improving traffic flow.

- The geographic location and lifestyle are most frequently mentioned reasons for choosing to live in Burien.

- Two-thirds of residents are satisfied with the value they receive from taxes.
- Three quarters of residents are satisfied with the job the City is doing for the community.
- The majority of residents feel safe in Burien; 95% feel safe walking alone in their neighborhood; 84% feel safe in downtown Burien.

Survey respondents have lived in Burien an average of 19 years and have a median annual income of \$50,000. Hispanics and other non-caucasians made up 28% of respondents, which reflects the actual population proportions in Burien.

A similar survey of residents was conducted in December 2007. City Council and City staff use the surveys to prioritize projects and municipal services to best serve citizens.

Complete survey results can be viewed online at www.burienwa.gov.

Free Graffiti-Removal Program for Commercial Properties

The City of Burien is offering a graffiti-removal pilot program for commercial properties.

In the past property owners were responsible for removing graffiti within 10 days. Under the new program the City will remove the graffiti free of charge. However, a new City ordinance requires graffiti to be removed within five days of issuance of a Graffiti Removal Notice by the Code Compliance Officer.

Studies have shown that prompt removal of graffiti is effective in discouraging repeated incidents. To be eligible for the pilot pro-

gram, the property owner and tenant must sign a waiver authorizing the City to remove the graffiti. The tenant must also have a current City of Burien business license.

The City continues to offer free paint and applicators for removal of graffiti to any owner of commercial and residential property. Property owners or tenants can get the paint and applicators at Miller Paint, 636 Southwest 152nd St., by showing the Graffiti Removal Notice.

For information, or to report graffiti, contact the City's Code Compliance Officer at (206) 248-5507.

Time to Fertilize Your Yard: Use Local (and Cheap!) Compost

Fall is a prime time to fertilize your lawn and garden. This year, instead of using expensive, artificial fertilizers, try using local compost from Southwest Suburban Sewer District. Here's why:

- It's high-quality: People use it on restoration projects and do not have any weed problems.
- It's cheap: \$18 a cubic yard.
- It's easy: The Sewer District will deliver a truck load of 5 cubic yards for \$70.

- It's good for your lawn and garden: top-dressing with compost builds healthy soil.
- It's good for water quality in our creeks and Puget Sound: Building healthy soil with compost instead of using artificial fertilizers results in less pollution of stormwater runoff and healthier creeks.

To order your compost for delivery or to arrange for pickup at the Miller Creek plant of the Southwest Sewer District, call (206) 242-4128. The district also has wood chips available for free (or for the cost of delivery, if delivered).

City's Rental Housing Grant Aims to Attract New Teachers to Burien



Burien Mayor Joan McGilton presents a check to Highline Schools Superintendent John Welch at the September 15 City Council meeting. The money is from a pilot program in which the City provides rental housing grants to attract new teachers in hard-to-fill academic areas in most-challenged Highline schools. State Representative Dave Upthegrove (center) was instrumental in securing the \$250,000 state funding for the program.

Public Works and Parks Projects

1st Avenue South Project

The 1st Avenue South improvement project is winding down this fall. Seattle City Light currently is working to connect the new underground network for utility lines. As the wires are pulled into place, businesses along 1st Avenue South are connected, one by one. After all the businesses are connected overhead wires and the wooden power poles will be removed. Landscaping and finish work on the new sidewalks will be completed after the poles are gone.

Ambaum Boulevard Corridor Project

This improvement project, to improve motorist and pedestrian safety, was completed with the new striping added in late October. The Ambaum corridor is between Southwest 153rd Street and Des Moines Memorial Drive. A continuous left-turn lane and bicycle lanes were added, and the previous four travel lanes were reduced to one in each direction. Sidewalks were improved and street lighting added.

Town Square Park

Construction of the center park plaza in Town Square will start in November after awarding of the contract to L,W, Sandstrom of Maple Valley. Construction will take five months, with completion expected by April 2009. The park will include grassy spaces, trees, water features, benches, tables and artwork. A wide promenade will encircle the green space. Park plans can be viewed on the City website www.burienwa.gov.



The new restroom at Seahurst Park is now open.

Seahurst Park Improvements

The new restroom at Seahurst Park has been completed and is now open. Other park improvements currently taking place include improving the trail system in the southern portion of the park. Construction of the new picnic shelter and other picnic areas should be completed this year.

Jacob Ambaum Park

A restroom and new playground were added last summer to the new park at Southwest 128th Street, and Ambaum Boulevard Southwest. Gates are being installed in the fence along Ambaum, at the request of parents who feared children could wander out of the play area and into the street.

Mathison Park

A design contractor is being selected for Phase 2 of Mathison Park, 533 South 146th St. A trail system in the south undeveloped portion of the park property will be developed and children's playground expanded. Construction will take place next summer.

Donate a Bench or Other Furnishing to Town Square Park

Designed by architects from the noted landscape design firm GGLO, the Town Square Park will be the focus of community activity for generations to come. Events, festivals and other gatherings will make this park an active spot for the public. It will offer a plaza, fountains, public art, and a low-maintenance "green" landscaping plan.

Residents are invited to be a part of this historic change in Burien's downtown by making a contribution to the new park. The park will have several benches and other amenities that citizens can sponsor by making a donation toward the cost of installation. Donors' names will be placed on permanent plaques on these park furnishings.

The City is also looking for a major donor to contribute to the park's major sculpture piece, known as the "Sunset Pavilion," by artist James Harrison.

The Town Square donation program is as follows:

- Benches \$1,500 each
- Trash receptacles \$1,000 each
- Landscape planting box feature (1) \$1,000
- James Harrison art piece (1) \$20,000

If you would like more information about the donation program, or are interested in donating toward the costs of these park and street furnishings, contact the City's Parks Department at (206) 988-3700.

Prepare to be Self-Sufficient for 3 days in Case of Disaster

Are you prepared if an earthquake, violent windstorm or a paralyzing snowstorm hits? Disaster preparedness officials recommend that people be prepared to be self-sufficient for three days. Whenever disaster hits, emergency responders become very busy and are often not able to quickly respond to individual calls for assistance. All households are urged to have a disaster kit on hand to be able to go three days without outside help.

For complete disaster preparedness information, see

www.3days3ways.org

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

Free Disaster Preparedness Classes

Free disaster preparedness classes presented by the American Red Cross are being offered this winter at the Burien Community Center, 425 SW 144th St. Mini disaster-survival kits will be given to participants who attend all three sessions. Call (206) 988-3700 for information or to register.

Classes are offered at the following times:

Tuesdays, Jan. 13-27	10-11 am
Tuesdays, Jan. 13-27	7-8 pm
Tuesdays, Feb. 3-17	7-8 pm
Tuesdays, Feb. 17-March 3	10-11 am

Train to Be a Community Resource

The Burien Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program teaches participants and their families to be a resource in their communities when disaster strikes. It is open to Burien residents.

The next CERT class will be held on Thursday evenings, from 6 to 9 p.m., beginning March 5, 2009. Classes are at the Burien/Normandy Park Fire Station #29, 135 S. Normandy Rd. Additional information is available at www.burienwa.gov or www.citizencorps.gov/cert. To register, please contact CERT Coordinator Jessica Gilleland, at (206) 973-4917 or jessica.gilleland@kingcounty.gov.

Noticias de Burien

Para nuestros lectores hispanos

NOVEMBER 2008

Conozca la ciudad de Burien en eventos públicos acerca de anexión

Martes 6 de enero
6:30 pm – 8 pm
Escuela Primaria Shorewood
2725 SW 116th St

Jueves 12 de febrero
6:30 pm – 8 pm
Biblioteca de Boulevard Park
12015 Roseberg Ave S

Se han programado dos eventos para informar al público sobre la propuesta de anexas el área de North Highline. Se invita a todos los residentes del área a anexas para que aprendan más acerca de Burien.

La ciudad está en negociaciones con otras entidades gubernamentales afectadas por la anexión, entre ellas el Condado de King, las ciudades de Seattle y SeaTac, y los distritos de bomberos locales, con el objetivo de fijar las lindes del área a anexas.

La ciudad espera que se someta a votación popular la propuesta de anexión en otoño de 2009. Sólo los residentes del área a anexas podrán votar por esta medida.

Estos eventos educativos estarán enfocados a los residentes del área de la anexión, pero todos están bienvenidos para asistir y aprender más sobre la ciudad de Burien. Para mayor información, visite www.burienwa.gov/annexation.

Sondeo a la comunidad revela los mayores retos para la ciudad

Los mayores retos que enfrenta Burien, en opinión de los residentes, son frenar la criminalidad; fomentar el crecimiento económico y comercial; y reducir la congestión y los embotellamientos, según una encuesta a los residentes de Burien realizada por una firma de estudios de mercado. Los hispanos y otros grupos minoritarios comprendieron un 28% de los encuestados, lo cual refleja las proporciones de la población de Burien.

A continuación, algunas conclusiones que arrojó la encuesta:

- Más de tres cuartas partes de los residentes consideraban que su vecindario era un lugar “bueno” o “excelente” para vivir.
- Los temas relacionados con el transporte son las mejoras más solicitadas en los vecindarios.
- Tres cuartas partes de los residentes están satisfechos con los trabajos que la ciudad hace por la comunidad.
- La mayoría de los residentes se sienten seguros en Burien: el 95% se siente seguro caminando solo en su vecindario, y el 84% se siente seguro en el centro de Burien.

Prepárese para valerse por sí mismo durante tres días en caso de desastre

¿Está usted preparado para un terremoto, una violenta tormenta de viento, o una paralizante nevada? Los funcionarios de preparación para emergencias recomiendan que se prepare para ser autosuficiente durante tres días. Cuando se produce un desastre, los servicios de emergencia tienen mucho trabajo, y muchas veces no pueden responder oportunamente a las llamadas de los residentes individuales. Se exhorta a todos los hogares a tener un kit para desastres (vea lista, der.) a la mano para poder pasar tres días sin necesitar ayuda.

Sitio de Internet estatal de preparación para emergencias: <http://emd.wa.gov>

KIT PARA DESASTRES

- Un galón de agua por persona por día
- Alimentos impercederos o enlatados con a brelatas)
- Radio y linterna de pilas con pilas extras
- Cobijas o sacos de dormir
- Artículos necesarios para bebés, ancianos, o discapacitados
- Bolsas de plástico o retrete portátil
- Herramientas y provisiones similares
- Cerillos (fósforos) en recipiente impermeable

Botiquín de primeros auxilios, surtido de medicamentos para dos semanas

IMPORTANTE: Nunca utilice un horno de gas, estufa de gas, ni parilla para calentar el interior de la casa. El monóxido de carbono que producen puede matar.



La escultura “The Passage” frente a la Bahía de San Francisco antes de ser trasladada a Burien.

Escultura “The Passage” visitará la plaza de Burien

El *Burien Interim Art Space* (espacio para arte temporal de Burien) es un experimento de un año de duración durante el cual se combinarán y transformarán los conceptos del arte, las áreas verdes temporales, y las reuniones de la comunidad. Se dará inicio a este proyecto con la exposición de la primera obra de arte temporal importante, *The Passage* (el Pasaje), una escultura que representa a una madre e hija caminando juntas para compartir y gozar de la vida.

Esta obra fue creada originalmente por Dan Das Mann y Karen Cusolito para el Festival del Hombre Ardiente (*Burning Man*) de 2005 en el Desierto de Nevada. Las dramáticas figuras miden 30 y 20 pies de alto y están hechas de metales reciclados y chatarra. El espacio para arte temporal ocupará una sección actualmente vacía de un acre en el proyecto de la plaza *Burien Town Square*. Este proyecto emocionante presentará no sólo las artes, sino que también servirá como un excelente lugar de reunión para los residentes de Burien.

Festival invernal WinterFest



Sábado 6 de diciembre
10 am – 5 pm
SW 152nd Street
Viejo Burien



Fotos con Santa
Paseos en el carro de heno
Paseos en coche de caballo
Papel para regalos
Bocados calientes
Y mucho más



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intervention this will lead to a structural deficit, where expenses exceed revenues. We are committed to avoiding a structural deficit, by tackling costs and seeking new revenue sources earlier rather than later.

We're happy to point out that if you look around town, new revenue sources are being built today. Town Square will add hundreds of new tax-paying citizens, and new businesses. Similarly, the already established businesses, downtown and elsewhere, will benefit from the new taxpayers and help create more revenue for the City. Industrial and commercial development of the Northeast Redevelopment Area, currently being planned, is another potential revenue generator on the horizon.

Meanwhile, the economic climate hasn't slowed work on Burien's downtown developments. Town Square's first residential/retail building will be completed in March, about the same time as the City Hall/King County Library building and Town Square's roads and central park plaza. Timing of future phases of Town Square will depend on the housing market and overall economy.

- *Your City Council*

Empty Bowls Dinner Event

Friday, January 30, 2009
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. & 4 - 8 p.m.
Moshier Community Art Center
430 S 156 St.

\$15 minimum donation

Moshier potters have teamed up with the Highline Food Bank and Discover Burien to host Empty Bowls 2009! Empty Bowls events can be found around the country raising money to combat hunger in our communities. Potters have donated bowls to be filled with soup at this fun dinner event...all are invited!



Your \$15 minimum donation will get you the opportunity to pick out a beautiful handmade bowl, as well as a simple but wonderful meal of soup, bread, drink and dessert donated by area businesses. All proceeds will go to the Highline Food Bank, which serves more than 750 area families per month. Bring your friends and family!

For more information please call Burien Parks and Recreation at (206) 988-3700.

FREE!

WinterFest

Saturday, Dec. 6

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
SW 152nd Street
Olde Burien

- Santa Photos
- Hay Rides
- Horse and Carriage Rides
- Gift Wrapping
- Hot Treats and Much, Much, More



Clear Leaves from Storm Drains

Burien residents can help stop flooding in their neighborhoods this fall by clearing leaves and litter from the storm drains and ditches around their home. The City's crews do their best to keep the more than 6,000 drains clean in Burien. However, they can't clear off all the autumn leaves before the rain starts.

Residents can help out by doing a little fall cleaning of their own. By using a shovel, rake, or push-broom to clear away the leaves, citizens can quickly solve the problem.



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