

# Burien City News

The Community with Great Connections

March 2009

## CITY COUNCIL MESSAGE

In this first newsletter of 2009, we'd like to take a look at our accomplishments of the past year, and look forward to the events and achievements of the new year.

During 2008 the City finished some important projects and embarked on new ones. Finishing touches were placed on the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South (Phase 1) project, and now we can enjoy this wide, fully lighted and pedestrian-friendly boulevard that runs through the heart of Burien. The City also rebuilt part of the Ambaum corridor, making it safer for motorists and pedestrians.

In 2008 we passed the City's first biennial budget and joined with the Highline School District to start the Teacher Housing Incentive Grant Program, which provides new teachers a subsidy to live in Burien. The City opened the new Jacob Ambaum Park and made other park improvements, including new restrooms at Seahurst Park. Construction began on the new City Hall/King County Regional Library, Town Square Park, and the roads and other infrastructure that will serve Town Square.

Looking ahead, 2009 is the year we will really see the fruits of the City's efforts to revitalize downtown. Urban Partners will welcome new residents to the first of three residential/commercial buildings in Town Square. The new City Hall/Library will be completed this spring and ready for occupancy. Town Square Park will be ready for visitors about the same time, and much of the work on the Town Square streets has already been completed.

A few blocks away, Metro's new Transit Center will begin operations this summer, and work likely will start on the new multi-level parking structure/multifamily housing project that will be built at the existing Metro park-and-ride lot. Much of the funding for the garage is coming from Sound Transit, following its successful funding measure approved at the polls last November.

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## Red Light Cameras Installed at 1st Ave. S. Intersections

Traffic cameras have been installed at three busy intersections along 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South and will begin taking pictures on March 1, to discourage motorists from running red lights.

After a 30-day warning period, the registered owner of a vehicle that runs a red light will receive in the mail a notice of infraction which carries a \$101 penalty.

Photo enforcement warning signs, alerting drivers to the red light cameras, have been installed in areas surrounding the intersections. The cameras were placed at intersections with the greatest traffic flow.

Those intersections are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue S at SW 148<sup>th</sup> Street
- 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue S at SW 152<sup>nd</sup> Street
- 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue S at SW 160<sup>th</sup> Street

The primary goal of the traffic safety cameras is to reduce red light violations. The cameras operate 24 hours a day and capture still photographs and video of every vehicle that runs a red light at the intersection. Photos are not taken until the law is broken,

and the cameras only capture pictures of the rear of the offending vehicle and license plate.

The citations are not automatically issued. Police officers review each photo to determine whether there was an infraction. Recipients of a red light citation can view their violation video online at <https://www.photonotice.com>. The site requires the citation number, license plate number and the city code that is printed on the citation.

Photo enforcement has been successful in communities throughout Washington in changing motorists' driving behavior. The cameras increase public safety by forcing drivers to slow down and stop for red lights, preventing collisions. They also increase pedestrian safety.



*Signs warn motorists about the traffic cameras.*

## Burien Clean Sweep Saturday, April 25



*Young volunteers from Iglesia Ni Cristo (Church of Christ) filled garbage bags at last year's Clean Sweep.*

Get ready for the community's annual spring cleaning, Burien Clean Sweep, on Saturday, April 25. Citizens are encouraged to take part in this effort to improve the appearance of the downtown area and neighborhoods by picking up trash and other debris along streets, sidewalks and parks. Volunteers can work individually, in small or large groups, or as families. Organizations including church congregations and Burien businesses are also encouraged to participate. Everyone is welcome!

The day starts at 8 a.m. at the Burien Fire Station, 15100 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.W., where participants sign in and are assigned an area. Participants should bring their own tools, gloves and, if needed, rain gear.

At noon participants return to the fire station where they are treated to a hamburger lunch, courtesy of Burien merchants, and a special drawing for prizes.

## GOVERNMENT SERVICES

CITY HALL .....	241-4647
E-Mail <a href="mailto:burien@burienwa.gov">burien@burienwa.gov</a>	
Website <a href="http://www.burienwa.gov">www.burienwa.gov</a>	
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: <a href="http://www.BurienParks.net">www.BurienParks.net</a>	
425 SW 144 <sup>th</sup> Street .....	988-3700
POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Burien Precinct #4	
14905 6 <sup>th</sup> SW .....	296-3333
PUBLIC WORKS.....	248-5521
24 hr. street or drainage concerns.....	296-8100
SENIOR PROGRAM	
425 SW 144 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> St. ....	296-0144
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCATE	
(425) 961-0618 Cell Phone (206) 947-3852	
LIBRARY	
14700 6 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Street .....	243-0289
WATER DISTRICTS	
Water District #20 .....	243-3990
Water District #49 .....	242-8535
Highline Water District .....	824-0375
Seattle Water .....	684-5900

## Opening Planned for First Phases of Town Square

The first phases of the Burien Town Square project will be completed this spring and summer. This includes the Phase One residential/retail building at the southwest corner of the site, the infrastructure that serves Town Square, the City Hall/King County Regional Library, and the central park and plaza.

The Urban Partners condominium/retail building is 90% complete and will welcome its first tenants in late spring. About 40% of the 122 residential units in Phase One have been sold. Dan Rosenfeld, Urban Partners principal, said in a presentation to the City Council on Jan. 26 that condominium sales were slow at the end of 2008 but a major marketing push is planned for this spring. Rosenfeld added that sales should increase after construction is finished and people are living in the condos. Urban Partners' market-

ing center for the condominiums is located at 433 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> St.

Construction of the City Hall/Library and central park is proceeding on schedule. The City Hall will open in mid-May followed by the library and park space. Work on the roads, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, drainage and other elements of the infrastructure has largely been completed.

Plans are being made for a grand opening celebration in mid-June. Watch for more information on the grand opening on the City website and in the spring edition of Burien City News.

When completed, the Town Square project will create more than 400 condominium homes and 70,000 square feet of retail space. Town Square is the culmination of more than 10 years of planning by the City, with the goal of creating a city center and revitalizing the downtown core.

## City Working to Get Funds from Stimulus Package

The City of Burien is on top of Congressional, state and regional efforts to fund infrastructure projects through an "economic stimulus" (or "recovery") package. When news started to circulate in 2008 about helping the economy by creating jobs through infrastructure projects, City staff members immediately began to work on a list of potential projects.

The main requirements have focused on whether a local project would be "ready to go" (to advertise for bids) and the number of jobs to be created with the project.

The U.S. House Appropriations Committee in mid-January unveiled legislation to enact the economic recovery program, with the goal of providing the new President a bill to sign in mid-February. In the meantime the State developed a list of proposed infra-

structure projects, as did the Puget Sound region's transportation planning and funding organization, the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC).

Staff groups from around the four-county region (King, Pierce, Snohomish and Kitsap counties) spent much of January evaluating proposed projects. This initial list totaled more than \$4 billion, compared with an estimated \$180 million that the region might receive for transportation and transit infrastructure.

City staff members hope that at least one of the City's priorities will receive funding from this program, and that King County Metro could also receive funding to help construct the park-and-ride garage in the Transit Oriented Development project at the Transit Center. The final project list for the region was expected to be known around mid-February.

## City of Burien Citizens Awards Program

Friday, March 6  
6 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Karuna Arts Yoga Studio  
819 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> St. in Olde Burien

Tickets: \$25 each

The awards program honors citizens and businesses that have made significant contributions to the Burien community. Enjoy a dinner and silent auction presented by Discover Burien and a sneak preview of the Burien Film Project "The Day My Parents Became Cool." Call (206) 433-2882, visit [www.discoverburien.com](http://www.discoverburien.com) or go to City Hall to purchase tickets.

## Proposed North Highline Annexation

The proposed annexation of a portion of North Highline to the City of Burien will be decided by registered voters in the annexation area later this year following City Council approval Feb 2 of a resolution that calls for the annexation.

If approved by a majority of voters, the City Council would decide when the annexation would become effective, most likely in early 2010. If successful, the annexation will add about three square miles and some 14,100 new residents to the city, bringing Burien's total population to about 45,000.

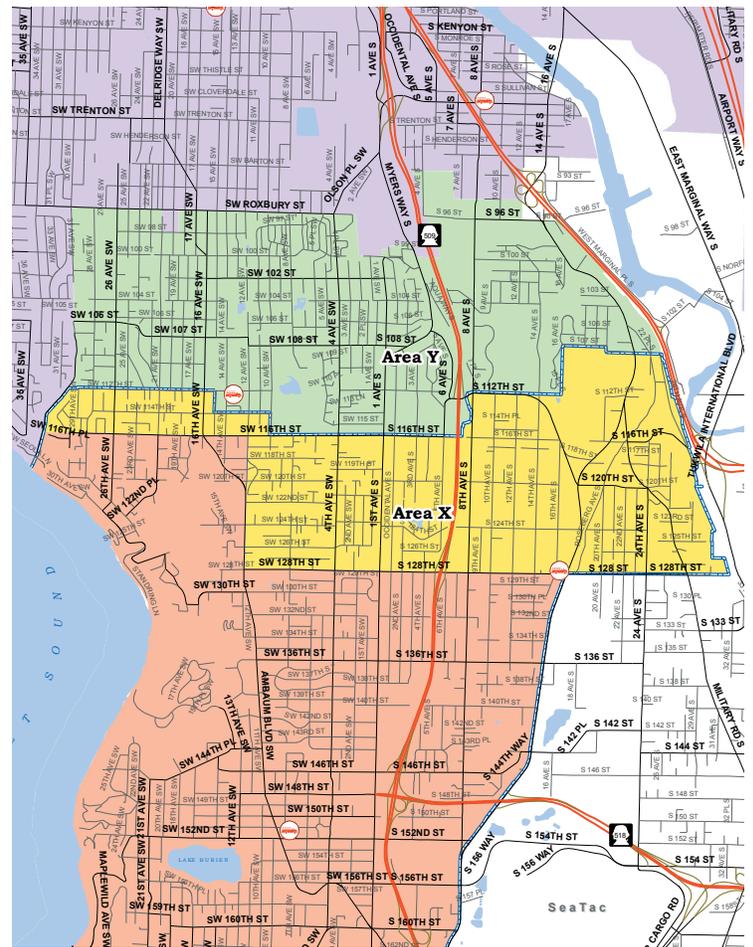
The City of Burien's annexation proposal now is now before the Boundary Review Board, which will make a determination on boundaries and whether Burien can proceed. The Boundary Review Board will conduct a public hearing on the proposal at a date and location to be announced.

Burien has conducted open houses for residents of North Highline affected by the annexation, and more open houses are being planned. Affected residents will receive notices in the mail of future open houses.

Burien, King County Fire Districts 2 and 11, and the City of Seattle last December reached an agreement over the boundaries of proposed annexations of North Highline. Generally, Burien can pursue annexation in the southern portion of North Highline, including Boulevard Park and North Shorewood, while Seattle can pursue annexation in the portion north of South 112<sup>th</sup> Street, including White Center and Top Hat. (See map for specific annexation boundaries.)

The agreement also states:

- All parties support the transition of unincorporated North Highline to city status in a timely and coordinated manner that preserves, if not increases, existing service levels.
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The yellow area "X" would become part of the City of Burien if voters approve the annexation proposal. To see if you live in the Burien annexation area, see [www.burienmedia.org/annexation](http://www.burienmedia.org/annexation).

- All parties agree that Burien and Seattle will need additional revenues to provide municipal services to annexed areas, and they agree to work together to pursue such revenues from the state.

*(This newsletter is being sent to residents and businesses in the City of Burien's proposed annexation area.)*

## Strategies Prepared for Redevelopment of Area Impacted by Airport

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 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue S., Des Moines Memorial Drive, S. 138<sup>th</sup> 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 recom-

mended policies and development regulations to guide long-term redevelopment. A consultant team has completed the existing conditions analysis, which included the surveying of Miller Creek and associated wetlands, a market assessment of properties, and analysis of the "strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats" for the NERA planning area.

Conceptual-level redevelopment scenarios were presented at the public and stakeholder workshop sessions held in October 2008. Conceptual ideas for the area include flexible light industrial, office, airport compatible uses including cargo and warehouse, as well as commercial and large retail sites located south of SR-518. Over the past several months potential redevelopment scenarios have been developed for each subarea in the NERA. These potential sce-

narios have been further analyzed through the development of potential implementation strategies.

The NERA Strategy will now move forward with the refinement of the potential redevelopment scenarios, the financial analysis associated with the proposed scenarios, and the collection of information from NERA property owners regarding their individual interests in redevelopment. The project team will also conduct another series of public and stakeholder workshops in March to gather input on the draft strategy for the NERA. Exact meeting dates and times have not yet been scheduled. For more information, please contact the City of Burien Department of Community Development at [NERA@burienwa.gov](mailto:NERA@burienwa.gov) or see the NERA website at [www.burienwa.gov/index.asp?nid=320](http://www.burienwa.gov/index.asp?nid=320).

## Parking/Residential Structure Planned for Park-and-Ride Lot

After work concludes in May on Metro's new \$8 million transit center, construction is proposed to begin on the adjacent Transit Oriented Development (TOD), a multi-story structure that will have a transit park-and-ride and multifamily housing.

The new transit center and off-street bus layover facility is under construction on the eastern portion of the present Burien park and ride lot on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW between SW 148<sup>th</sup> and SW 150<sup>th</sup> streets.

The TOD will be constructed on the present park-and-ride lot. The structure will have about 100 housing units, street-level retail space, and 500 parking stalls for commuter vehicles, compared with the current 350 parking spaces at the existing park-and-ride lot. It is being constructed by Alliance/Wasatch, a Utah-based private developer.

The Burien transit-oriented development



*Metro's new transit center will open in June.*

project is part of a King County program to promote transit-supportive land uses, including mixed-income residential, retail, and other pedestrian-friendly, no- auto-oriented development to be built adjacent to existing King County transit facilities.

Sound Transit's contribution of more than \$12.5 million for the TOD is a result of the passage of Proposition One in last November's general election.

King County is applying for funding for the Burien TOD as part of the federal economic stimulus package and is optimistic about receiving it. The project is included in the package being put forward to the federal government.

## Try Green Techniques to Take Care of Your Yard this Year

Natural yard care is a way to keep your lawn and garden looking great while protecting children, pets, and the Puget Sound environment.

As you make your gardening and landscaping plans for the sunny months ahead, consider these green techniques:

- Build healthy soil into compost to reduce the need for watering and pesticides.
- Pick the right plants for your site.

- Water smart by watering deeply and making every drop count.
- Refrain from using pesticides.
- Practice natural lawn care including mowing high, leaving the clippings on the lawn, using organic slow-release fertilizers, and avoiding "weed and feed".

More information is at <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/naturallyardcare/index.asp>

## Learn to Make a Rain Garden

Rain gardens are another way to turn rainwater into a resource. A rain garden is a shallow depression planted with a variety of flowers, shrubs, and grasses that like getting wet. Rain gardens help soak up rainwater from downspouts, driveways, and sidewalks and protect local streams. When planted with the right types of plants, rain gardens also attract birds, butterflies and bees.

Free workshops this spring will teach you how to successfully add a beautiful rain garden to your yard. Participants will receive a free rain garden manual. Dates include March 3 at Renton Technical College, March 17 at the Seattle Aquarium, or April 23 in South Seattle. Details and signup are at [www.stewardshippartners.org](http://www.stewardshippartners.org).



*Downspouts can be diverted to use rain water for gardens.*

## City of Burien Now Offering Online Inspection Requests

Permit applicants and contractors can now request building, plumbing, mechanical, electrical and right-of-way permit inspections either via the City's inspection request line or online via the City website, [www.burienwa.gov](http://www.burienwa.gov), or at [mybuildingpermit.com](http://mybuildingpermit.com).

Here are instructions for each website:

Burien website ([www.burienwa.gov](http://www.burienwa.gov)): Select "I want to..." then "Request" then "Request an inspection" then follow instructions and enter required information.

mybuildingpermit.com: Select "Request an inspection" then follow instructions.

For information or if you have questions please call the City Building Department at (206) 241-4641.

## Car Washing Can Be Harmful to the Environment

When you wash your car on a compacted surface, the runoff, containing soap, heavy metals, road grime, greases and oils, can enter the storm drains.

Unlike sanitary drains, storm drains usually run directly into creeks, ponds, lakes, and the Puget



Sound. Untreated runoff destroys aquatic habitat, harms fish, and degrades water quality. Even biodegradable soaps may be harmful to fish.

If you are washing your car at home, find a grassy area that will soak up the runoff before it can reach a drain or ditch. Use a spray gun with flow restriction to minimize water volume and runoff. Empty your wash buckets into sinks or toilets. Car wash kits are also available through the City Public Works Department.

Instead of washing your car at home, use a commercial car wash facility. Commercial car wash facilities are required to send their runoff into the sanitary sewer where it is treated at a treatment plant. Commercial systems are also designed to use less water per car than the average car wash at home and also reuse their water several times before sending it to a treatment plant.

## Parks and Recreation Department Will Move to Library

The City Parks and Recreation Department is making plans to move from the Burien Community Center to the building that currently houses the Burien branch of the King County Library System. The library is vacating the building in June, moving to the new City Hall/ King County Library building in Burien Town Square.

The City purchased the existing library building at 14700 6th Ave. SW from King County in September 2006 after a library system ballot measure was approved by voters that would fund construction of the new library in Town Square.

The community center currently is housed in a former elementary school at 425 SW 144th St., an old building in need of extensive improvements. All of the Parks and Recreation Department offices and programs, including all senior programs, will move to the spacious new site after it is remod-

eled. The 20,000 square feet interior will be reconfigured to provide offices, meeting spaces, crafts rooms, studios and activity areas. One addition will be an exercise room with treadmills, stationary bicycles and other equipment.

The City will lease office and classroom space at the existing community center to outside programs including the Preschool Coop, Meals on Wheels and Burien Little Theater, and agencies such as Para los Ninos. Organizations interested in space at the Community Center should call (206) 988-3700.

Relocating Parks and Recreation to the library building is seen as an interim move until a new community center is built on the existing community center site. The City Council has decided to wait until a more favorable time to present a bond issue to the voters for the new community center.

### Financial Report Receives Recognition

The City of Burien's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) has again been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. This is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and

financial reporting. Burien's 2007 CAFR was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program. The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) is a nonprofit professional association dedicated to enhancing the professional management of governments for the public benefit.

### Building Permits Issued

Despite the economic downturn, permitting activity continues to be healthy in Burien, with 2008 a record year for number of permits issued, permit revenues and permit valuation.

However, land use permit activity continues to be flat or declining, potentially signaling a future decline in construction permit activity.

#### MAJOR PERMITS 4th Quarter 2008

- Burien Heights Apartments (15 units), 1115 SW 134th St., \$1,500,000 valuation

- Terra Apartments (fire damage reconstruction), 423 SW 155th St., \$554,000 valuation
- Miller Creek Junction (46 residential units and 16,650 s.f. of office), 215 S. 160th St., \$6,850,000 valuation

#### 2008 SUMMARY

- Record year for number of construction-related permits issued
- Record year for construction-related permit revenue
- Record year for total construction valuation

#### CONSTRUCTION-RELATED PERMITS ISSUED - ANNUAL SUMMARY

	2005	2006	2007	2008
Permits Issued	1,768	2,004	2,074	2,153
Total Revenues	\$683,345	\$1,005,796	\$916,181	\$1,122,922
Total Valuation	\$39,484,000	\$65,308,000	\$97,574,866	\$107,568,900



A large crowd enjoyed the fire performers during the opening celebration January 24 of the Burien Interim Art Space (B/IAS), located at the northeast segment of Burien Town Square, SW 150th St. and 6th Ave. SW. The 30' and 20' tall metal sculptures in the background are of a mother and child walking. "The Passage" is the first artwork to be on display at B/IAS. The space will showcase different artworks throughout the year and will also serve as a gathering place to the community. A multi-story residential/retail structure is planned for the site in a future phase of the Town Square project.

### 'Linde Hill Park' Selected as Tentative Name for New Park; Public Comments Welcome

"Linde Hill Park" was selected by The Burien Parks and Recreation Advisory Board as the name for the City's new one-acre park property, located in the 600 block of SW 141st Street. The name references the area as it was platted and developed in the early- to mid-1900s.

The pocket park does double duty as a park that protects residential property by controlling stormwater runoff. The park site is in an area that was lacking city park resources and that has been subject to flooding. The site was designed with a modest walking path and benches, and also functions as a stormwater-control facility.

Under the City's park-naming policy, public comments are welcomed for the 60-day public notice period, which will end on March 21, 2009. Send suggestions to Burien Parks and Recreation, 425 SW 144th Street, Burien, WA 98166, Attn.: Park Name Comments, or by e-mail to SteveR@burienwa.gov.

## Citizens Can Help Fight Gang Violence, Vandalism

Youth gang activity has increased in recent years in King County and the Burien area has been identified as home to a number of active gangs. Police gang specialists say that citizens can take measures to help fight gang vandalism and violence in the community.

Burien police conducted a gang awareness seminar last November at which police gang specialist Detective Joe Gagliardi presented information to an estimated 300 people on gang activities, gang structure and active gangs in the area. Gagliardi leads a gang unit that was formed in 2007 following the shooting death of King County Sheriff's Deputy Steve Cox by a gang member.

Gagliardi said police have identified some 94 separate criminal street gangs in King County over the past year. While the gang problem is growing locally, it's at the point where police and the community can still work together to control the problem.

Citizens should call 911 when they see possible gang activity and report to police new gang-related graffiti on their properties. Gagliardi calls gang graffiti "the newspaper of the streets" and it can tell police a lot about gang activity. "By tracking gang graffiti, we can keep a handle on what is going on out on the streets," Gagliardi said. "Gang graffiti often tells us what gang is active in an area, what gangsters are in that gang, who they

are allied with, who they are enemies with, and other vital information."

Citizens can also help by making sure that graffiti on their properties is covered up as soon as possible. However, residents should not cross out the graffiti or change it until police can view it, or they should take photos of the graffiti to show police before painting over it.

Most gang violence is directed at peers and other gang members, and not between gang members and citizens, Gagliardi said. The most important anti-gang measure is for parents to communicate with their kids and take active roles in their lives at an early age to prevent them from being involved with a gang. It is also important to identify at-risk youths and intervene.

The Burien Police Gang Unit can be contacted at (206) 296-3333.

### Free Help Removing Graffiti

The City offers free paint and applicators to residential and commercial property owners for removal or covering of graffiti. Property owners or tenants can get the paint and applicators at Miller Paint, 636 SW 152nd St., by presenting a Graffiti Removal Notice from the City. For information or to report graffiti, contact the Code Compliance Officer at (206) 248-5507.

## Businesses Now Included in Citywide Recycling

The City Council in November changed the City's contract with its garbage hauler to incorporate commercial recycling into its current commercial garbage collection service.

Commercial rates for garbage collection were raised an average of 14%, bringing

the rates to the same level as multi-family trash rates. Recycling is mandated for all commercial solid waste customers.

Waste Management, the City's garbage hauler, is providing an outreach program to communicate the changes and the potential to increase recycling and reduce garbage levels. Waste Management also is providing recycling containers for commercial customers.



## Disaster Preparedness Training Program Offered Citizens

The Burien-SeaTac Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program is open to anyone who lives or works in the cities of Burien or SeaTac. The next CERT class will be held on Thursday evenings, from 6 to 9 pm, beginning March 5. Classes will be held at Burien/Normandy Park Fire Station #29 in Burien. There are a limited number of spaces for each class, so please register as soon as possible.

The program promotes a partnering effort between emergency services and the people they serve. Emergency services personnel train members of neighborhoods, community organizations, or workplaces in basic disaster preparation and response skills. CERT members are then integrated into the emergency response capability for their area. The CERT curriculum consists of several classroom sessions and a practical mass casualty exercise. The classroom sessions include training in: Disaster Preparedness, Disaster Medical Operations, Fire Safety & Suppression, Search & Rescue, CERT Organization, Disaster Psychology and Terrorism.

Additional information is available at [www.burienwa.gov](http://www.burienwa.gov) or [www.citizencorps.gov/CERT](http://www.citizencorps.gov/CERT). To register contact Jessica Gilleland at the SeaTac Police Department, at (206) 973-4917.

### Police Citizens Academy Session Starts March 11

The Police Citizens Academy spring session begins on March 11. The Citizens Academy is a 13-week session provided twice a year, in the spring and fall. The class is conducted on Wednesday nights from 6 to 9 p.m. and is held at the Washington Law Enforcement Training Academy in Burien.

Conducted together with Burien and SeaTac Police Services, the program was designed to increase the understanding between citizens and their police departments through citizens education. It is free for anyone who lives or works in the cities of Burien and SeaTac.

For information and an application for the academy, contact CSO Nicki Maraulja at (206) 296-3333 or see [www.burienwa.gov/index.aspx?nid=99](http://www.burienwa.gov/index.aspx?nid=99).

## Crime-Prevention Seminar for Apartment Owners, Managers

Tuesday, March 24, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.    Wednesday, March 25, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Highline Community College

An educational program is offered for apartment owners and managers on how to identify and reduce potential crimes in their apartment complex, and how to deal with problem tenants. For information or to register, contact Burien Police Officer Roy Galusha at (206) 296-3370.

# Noticias de Burien

Para nuestros lectores hispanos

March 2009

## Instalan cámaras en los semáforos de intersecciones importante

Se han instalado cámaras en tres de las intersecciones más transitadas de la 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South. Empezarán a sacar fotos el 1 de marzo para reducir el número de conductores que se pasan el semáforo en rojo.

Después de un periodo de prueba de 30 días, el dueño de todo vehículo que se pase un semáforo en rojo recibirá por correo un aviso de infracción y una multa de \$101. Durante el periodo de prueba del 1 de marzo al 1 de abril, recibirán una advertencia.

Se ha instalado señalización en las áreas alrededor de las intersecciones para avisar

a los conductores de la existencia de las cámaras en los semáforos. Las cámaras se han instalado en las intersecciones de mayor volumen de tránsito:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue S y la SW 148<sup>th</sup> Street
- 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue S y la SW 152<sup>nd</sup> Street
- 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue S y la SW 160<sup>th</sup> Street

Las cámaras funcionan las 24 horas y sacan fotografías y video de todos los vehículos que se coman el rojo en la intersección. No se saca la foto sino hasta producirse una infracción, y las cámaras sacan foto de sólo la parte trasera del vehículo infractor y sus placas.

## Primeras fases de la plaza Town Square abrirán en primavera

Las primeras fases del proyecto *Burien Town Square* se terminarán en primavera y verano del año en curso. Esto incluye el edificio residencial y comercial en la esquina sudoeste del sitio, la infraestructura de *Town Square*, la Alcaldía y Biblioteca Regional del Condado de King, y el parque y plaza centrales.

El edificio de condominios y comercios de Urban Partners está 90% terminado y recibirá a los primeros inquilinos en la primavera. Aproximadamente el 40% de las 122 unidades residenciales de la Fase Uno se ha vendido. El 26 de enero, en una presentación al Concejo Municipal, Dan Rosenfeld de Urban Partners dijo que las ventas de los condominios estaban

lentas, pero que se planea una importante campaña de publicidad para la primavera. Rosenfeld agregó que las ventas deberían ir en aumento una vez que se termine la construcción y los condominios cuenten con residentes.

La construcción de la Alcaldía y Biblioteca y del parque central sigue su curso de acuerdo al calendario del proyecto. La Alcaldía se abrirá a mediados de mayo, y la biblioteca y el parque en junio. Se está planeando una celebración de inauguración para mediados de junio. Habrá más información sobre la gran apertura en el sitio web de la ciudad y en la edición primaveral de *Noticias de Burien*.

## El Departamento de Parques se trasladará al edificio de la biblioteca

El Departamento de Parques y Recreación de Burien está haciendo planes para mudarse del Centro Comunitario de Burien al edificio que actualmente sirve de sucursal de las Bibliotecas del Condado de King. La biblioteca abandonará el edificio en junio para mudarse a la nueva Alcaldía y Biblioteca del Condado de King en el *Burien Town Square*.

El Centro Comunitario ocupa actualmente una antigua escuela primaria en el 425 SW 144th St., un viejo edificio que necesita de muchas mejorías. Todas las oficinas y programas del Departamento de Parques y Recreación, incluyendo todos los pro-

gramas para ancianos, se trasladarán al nuevo y espacioso sitio una vez realizada la remodelación. El interior de 20.000 pies cuadrados se convertirá en oficinas, salas de reunión, un salón para artes y artesanías, estudios, y áreas para otras actividades. Se agregará un nuevo gimnasio que contará con caminadoras, bicicletas estáticas, y otros equipos.

La ciudad arrendará oficinas y salones de clase del actual Centro Comunitario a programas externos tales como el *Preschool Coop*, *Meals on Wheels* y el *Burien Little Theater*, y agencias tales como Para los Niños.



Una nutrida multitud gozó de la presentación de los acróbatas que escupen fuego en la gran apertura del *Burien Interim Art Space* (espacio para arte temporal de Burien), ubicado en la parte noreste de *Burien Town Square*, en la SW 150th St. y la 6th Ave. SW. En este espacio se exhibirán diferentes obras de arte a lo largo del año, y servirá de punto de reunión para la comunidad.

## Proyecto de limpieza Burien Clean Sweep, sábado 25 de

Prepárese para la limpieza anual de nuestra comunidad, *Burien Clean Sweep*, que se celebrará el sábado, 25 de abril. Se invita a todo residente a participar en este esfuerzo para mejorar el aspecto del centro y de los vecindarios al recoger basura y escombros de las calles, aceras, y parques. El día comienza a las 8 de la mañana en la Estación de Bomberos de Burien, en el 15100 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.W. Los participantes se inscribirán y se les asignará un área. Todos deben traer sus propias herramientas, guantes, y ropa para la lluvia si hace falta. Para mayor información o para inscribir un grupo, comuníquese con *Discover Burien* al (206) 433-2882.

## Entrega de premios a los ciudadanos de Burien

Viernes 6 de marzo, de las 6 a las 10 de la noche

Estudio de Yoga Karuna Arts

819 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> St. en el viejo Burien

Entradas: \$25

## Legislative Actions

Legislation approved by the Burien City Council  
December 2008 - January 2009.

### RESOLUTIONS

**Resolution 285** Fee Schedule for Permit Fees and other Community Development and Land Use Fees. 12/29/08

**Resolution 286** Authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements with Burien Town Square Parcel 1, LLC and RECP/UP Burien II, LP granting a 10 year limited multi-family property tax exemption for Town Square development phases 1 through 3. 2/2/09

**Resolution 287** 2009 SCATBd Agreement 2/2/09

**Resolution 288** Calling For Annexation By Election of a Portion of the North Highline Unincorporated Area. 2/2/09

### ORDINANCES

**Ordinance 496** Amending the 2008 Budget. 11/17/08

**Ordinance 497** Amending the Burien Comprehensive Plan, includes text amendments, Comprehensive Plan Map amendments and zoning map amendments. 12/29/08

**Ordinance 499** 2009 Property Tax Levy. 11/17/08

**Ordinance 500** Adopt 2009-2010 Biennial Budget. 11/17/08

**Ordinance 501** Approves Final Plat for Highline Village. 11/17/08

**Ordinance 502** Amends BMC Chapter 12.38 – Street Trees and Trees on City Property. 12/29/08

**Ordinance 503** Setting City Hall Office Hours. 11/17/08

**Ordinance 504** Authorizing Approval of the Interlocal Agreement Creating the Administrative Agency known as the South Correctional Entity (SCORE). 1/12/09

## City Council Message . . .

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Planning for the Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA) continued in 2008, with public workshops conducted on plans to transform the area north of the airport to commercial and industrial uses compatible with airport operations. The City also worked with the state Department of Transportation to begin planning for a new interchange at SR 518 and Des Moines Memorial Drive that would provide better access to this area for large trucks as well as other vehicles.

The North Highline annexation proposal moved forward in 2008 with the cities of Seattle and Burien tentatively agreeing to annexation boundaries for each City. We

look forward to a vote in 2009 by the residents of the Burien's annexation area, and if the annexation is approved, we look forward to welcoming these 14,350 new residents to our wonderful city.

The new year promises to be one of continued progress and celebration as we watch Burien being transformed into a modern, vibrant city for years to come.

Don't forget the annual Burien Clean Sweep coming up April 25. We hope to see a big crowd out helping clean up our streets and parks. Also, watch for announcements on dedication ceremonies planned for mid-June for the new City Hall/Library and Town Square Park.

*Your City Council*

## First Grant Awarded from Neighborhood Matching Fund

The Hurstwood Neighborhood has been awarded the first Neighborhood Matching Fund Grant. The \$4,000 award will be used for landscaping improvements around the existing neighborhood sign located at the intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW and 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW.

The improvements will include topsoil, trees, shrubs, groundcover, granite boulders, and cobblestone to create a dry stream appearance. Volunteers from the neighborhood will be donating their time to help with the installation of the new landscaping.

2009 Funding is still available for other neighborhood groups. 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 other types of eligible projects include neighborhood identification signs, public art, tree plantings or a basketball hoop.

Now is a great time for your neighborhood to start planning an improvement project! Contact Stephanie Jewett at (206) 439-3152 or [stephaniej@burienwa.gov](mailto:stephaniej@burienwa.gov) for more information.



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## Help Plan Fourth of July Parade

The committee that plans the Independence Day Parade and festival in Burien seeks new members to provide fresh ideas for the annual event. People interested in helping out can contact City Councilmember Rose Clark at [rosec@burienwa.gov](mailto:rosec@burienwa.gov)

## View Council Meetings Online

Citizens, including those in the North Highline area, have access to live and archived streaming video of City Council meetings on the City of Burien website: [www.burienwa.gov](http://www.burienwa.gov). On the left of the home page, look for "View our streamed council meetings".

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