

Burien City News

The Community with Great Connections

June 2009

CITY COUNCIL MESSAGE

The opening of Burien Town Square is truly an historic event for the City of Burien. Town Square is what our City's founders envisioned for downtown when they formed the City in 1993.

At the time, the City's downtown was in an economic decline following an era of vitality in the 1950s and 1960s, when people from throughout the community and region came to Burien to shop. Then the big shopping malls came on the scene, better roads and highways made driving easier, and the shoppers left the downtown. The City's first City Council had as one of its main goals revitalizing downtown and creating a city center where people could gather as a community.

Today, 16 years later, we celebrate the opening of such a place, with our beautiful new Burien City Hall/King County Regional Library building, the new park and streets, and the residential/retail structure, the first of three that will eventually be part of Town Square. This is the focal point of our community, the city center our founders envisioned. It's a place where people can meet, come to shop or dine, do business at City Hall or check out a book at the library, or just sit on a bench, relax and people-watch in the park. The park and surrounding streets also will be the site of community gatherings and events such as concerts, festivals, and the Farmers Market.

The new Burien Transit Center, which just opened a few blocks from Town Square, is an important part of Burien's revitalization. A good public transportation system enables people to live, work, relax and do business downtown, without having to drive themselves. We look forward to light rail serving downtown Burien some day in the future.

We invite everyone to come downtown to Town Square on June 13 and join the dedication ceremony and celebrate this historic moment.

— Your City Council

Burien Town Square Dedication Celebration

Everyone is invited to the Grand Opening of Burien Town Square on Saturday, June 13. The ribbon-cutting begins at 10 a.m. in the park/plaza on the south side of the building along SW 152nd Street. Guest speakers will include Mayor Joan McGilton, Bill Ptacek of the King County Library System, and Dan Rosenfeld of Urban Partners. Following the ceremony, guests can view the interior of the City Hall/Library, explore the park and tour the new Transit Center. Artists responsible for the art pieces in the park will talk about their artwork, and entertainers will perform throughout the event in the park and inside the library.

Selected units in the Urban Partners residential/retail building will be open to the public for model tours. Guests can enjoy refreshments and music in the courtyard, which is one floor above the ground level (look for signs). Discover Burien wants people to spend the day downtown enjoying Town Square, and shopping and dining at nearby shops and restaurants, many of which will be offering Grand Opening specials. A scavenger hunt will be conducted with prizes from downtown merchants.

State-of-the-Art City Hall/Library

The new City Hall/King County Regional Library is a 60,000 square foot state-of-the-art structure that uses natural processes and was built "green." The library takes up the first two floors of the building; City Hall is on the top floor. A large ground-level room for public meetings and other gatherings will be shared by the Library System and City, which will use the room as its Council Chambers. City Hall has moved to the Town Square site and opened there on May 19. The library opens on June 13.

"Building Green" – The City Hall/Library building is in the application process to be LEED-certified, a measurement of "green" sustainable materials and processes used, such as water-efficient plumbing fixtures, low-energy lighting and recycled construction materials. Features such as bicycle storage and a changing room for staff encourage alternative means of transportation. Several parking stalls in the garage are designated for alternative fuel vehicles. Landscaping around the building is designed to help keep the building cool.

A People Place – The one-acre park in the center of Town Square features grassy areas, crushed granite pathways, and water features that include an interactive fountain for children. Mushroom-shaped stools are placed throughout park, along with other benches and places to sit. For concerts and other performances, people will be able to sit on grassy areas above the amphitheater steps facing the stage. For larger festivals and other events such as the Farmers Market, 5th Avenue SW leading into Town Square will be blocked off to add space. (The Farmers Market will move to Town Square on July 2.)

Saturday, June 13
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

4th Avenue SW & SW 152nd Street

9:45 - 10 a.m. Highline High School Band
10 - 11 a.m. Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony
11:30 - 2 p.m. Library, City Hall & Park Tours

ENTERTAINMENT

The Toy Boats *Eclectic ensemble*
Mango Son *Seven-piece Latin Band*
Linda Severt *Music, puppetry*
Eric Ode *Children's entertainer*

REFRESHMENTS!



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
Sue Blazak, Deputy Mayor	241-4647
Rose Clark, 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

North Highline Annexation Headed for August Ballot

The City of Burien's proposed annexation of a southern portion of North Highline is headed toward a vote of residents who live in the proposed annexation area.

The proposed annexation cleared a major hurdle on April 16, when it was approved by the Boundary Review Board of King County after a public hearing was held on the issue.

The Burien City Council voted on April 27 to request that King County hold a special election on August 18, 2009, concerning the proposed annexation. King County took action on May 11, placing the measure on the Aug. 18 primary ballot.

Only registered voters living in the proposed annexation area will be eligible to cast a ballot. Voting will be done by mail. The proposed annexation requires a simple majority for passage.

If approved, the annexation will take effect in early 2010. The annexation would add 1,700 acres to the City and approximately 14,000 residents, increasing the total City

population to about 45,000.

The City has conducted various open houses over the past several months at North Highline locations to explain the annexation measure to residents and answer questions. Questions and comments raised during the open houses have been incorporated into the Burien Annexation Web page located at www.burienwa.gov/annexation.

North Highline residents can easily determine from the web page if they live in the annexation area. Interested parties may receive future open house information by signing up for the Annexation Email List or calling the Burien Annexation Hotline at (206) 436-5555.

ANNEXATION OPEN HOUSE

Learn how annexing to Burien would affect you and your community

Tuesday, June 16
6 - 7:15 p.m.

Southern Heights
Elementary School
11249 14th Ave. S

BRING YOUR QUESTIONS!



Alice Madsen
Education Leader



Kevin Alexander
Environmental Leader



Harvey Aulgur
Business Leader



Dane Johnson
and Kathy Justin
Community Leaders

Outstanding Citizens Work to Make Burien a Better Place

The City of Burien honored our Citizens of the Year at the annual citizens awards program held on March 6.

Harvey Aulgur was chosen as Business Leader. Aulgur, owner of Sounds on Wheels and member of the Burien Business & Economic Development Partnership (BBEDP), helps small businesses get started and volunteers other services around the community.

Dane Johnson and Kathy Justin won the 2009 Community Leaders award for their work on the Burien Arts Commission and the Burien Interim Art Space event that took

place on January 24.

Alice Madsen, Dean for Professional and Technical Programs at Highline Community College, was honored as the Educational Leader. Madsen was recognized for her work in obtaining grant funds supporting the health care industry in Burien. She has helped obtain funding for the Welcome Back Center, which helps international graduates obtain U.S. professional work credentials.

Kevin Alexander was named Environmental Leader for his efforts to protect Seahurst Park, his work on Adopt-a-Park, and as a founding member of Sustainable Burien.

Metro's New Transit Center in Burien Opens

King County Metro opened the new Burien Transit Center on May 30, to coincide with Metro's June service changes.

The new transit center has a long passenger platform that can accommodate eight buses, and up to eight on-site layover spaces for coaches. Other amenities include new passenger shelters, benches, improved lighting and monitored security.

Buses are loading and unloading at off-street bays rather than at the curb on 4th Avenue SW, and passengers are able to transfer between routes without crossing a busy street. The bus layover spaces reduce the time required for buses to travel between off-site layovers and the transit center, lowering costs and improving service. Public art at the transit center provides a visual connection with the new Burien Town Square.

Construction of the new transit center began in July 2008. Planning and design were undertaken with input from a community advisory group made up of Burien-area residents, local business owners, and members of the City of Burien staff. This group helped King County conduct public outreach and review public comments received during the outreach effort, and provided feedback from a Burien community perspective.

The transit center project cost approximately \$12 million, which included funding from a combination of local and federal grant funds. The new transit center is for buses only and closed to all other general purpose traffic.

City's Wellness Program for Employees Recognized

The City was recently recognized for its commitment to employee health with the Association of Washington Cities' 2009 Well City Award of Achievement. The City's Wellness Program is intended to address escalating health care costs through helping employees improve their health by reducing health risks. In addition, such programs help employers reduce workers' comp claims, decrease absenteeism, achieve wiser employee use of health care resources, and improve productivity.

Volunteers Help Clean Up Their Community



Burien Clean Sweep on April 25 was another great success, with dozens of volunteers spreading out across the community to pick up trash and other debris. Left, members of Taproot Church clean up an alleyway along SW 153rd St.; right, Lacy Gunderson was with a group of Highline High School students collecting litter along 2nd Avenue S.

Burien Partners with Cities to Build New Jail

The City of Burien is partnering with several neighboring cities to build and operate a 668-bed jail. The cities hope to have the new jail ready to open in mid-2011 and use it to house misdemeanor offenders.

Additional jail space is needed because in 2000, King County notified all cities that it would no longer provide misdemeanor jail beds. Most offenders at a misdemeanor jail have been arrested, or sentenced to jail time, for property crimes such as theft, driving offenses, and criminal trespass. The average length of stay for these inmates is approximately 14 days.

The preferred site for the jail is located in the City of Des Moines, on property currently

owned by the Port of Seattle. The site is southwest of the intersection of South 208th Street and what was formerly 18th Avenue South. The vacant site is approximately 14 acres, heavily wooded, and not practical for other development based upon its proximity to the airport and associated aircraft noise.

The partnering cities – Burien, Des Moines, Federal Way, Renton, SeaTac, and Tukwila – have formed an organization known as the South Correctional Entity (SCORE) to build and operate the jail.

SCORE is soliciting members of the public to participate in a Community Outreach Team. Interested parties should submit their letter of interest to: Penny Bartley, SCORE Community Outreach, 1055 South Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057.

Census Preparing to Count Heads in Burien

The U.S. Census Bureau is preparing to conduct a census in 2010 to determine the number of people residing in the United States. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens and noncitizens.

Census workers currently are in Burien conducting Global Positioning System canvassing to determine addresses of all houses, condos, apartments and any other living unit. Distribution of census questionnaires will begin in the fall of 2009 and continue into next year. The majority of questionnaires will be sent by mail, although some may be distributed in person in cases where the

questionnaire was not returned or an address could not be determined.

Noncitizens should not fear cooperating with the Census Bureau by filling out and returning the questionnaire. All information about residents and their answers to the questions are strictly confidential and can't be shared with any other government agency, including police, IRS, FBI and Immigration.

The U.S. Constitution mandates a headcount every 10 years. The population totals from the census will determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives. The totals also affect the level of federal funding in communities such as Burien.

City of Burien 2009

MUSIC AND MOVIES IN THE PARK

Lake Burien School Park - SW 148th and 16th Ave SW

THURSDAY NIGHT CONCERTS 6:30-8:00 PM	FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIES Movies start at dusk (at or around 8:30 pm)
<p>▲ JULY 2 ▲ TOTAL EXPERIENCE COSPEL CHOIR One of the People Who Never Shout Essentials</p> <p>▲ JULY 9 ▲ BOTTLE ROCKIT See the Party Before the Party Let's Out on the Cage!</p> <p>▲ JULY 16 ▲ FAMILY FIESTA FEATURING: EVOLUCION LATINA La Gensacion Juvenil</p>	<p>▲ JULY 23 ▲ MANOCHI HI Fandango's Best Reggae & Soul Rhythm Society!</p> <p>▲ JULY 30 ▲ DEADWOOD REMYAL Some of the Best!!! & John Gresh!</p> <p>▲ AUGUST 6 ▲ THE STAXX BROTHERS An Ed and Everage Band F.H. Hop, P.A. Band Power! Funk</p>
<p>▲ AUGUST 14 ▲ JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH IN 3D!</p> <p>▲ AUGUST 21 ▲ DOUBLE FEATURE! FREAKY FRIDAY & THE DAY MY PARENTS BECAME COOL</p> <p>First club showing in Burien! Come see why you know in this great silver film made in our hometown!</p>	

FOR MORE INFORMATION 206-988-3700 OR WWW.BURIENPARKS.NET

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Strategy for Northeast Redevelopment Area Progressing

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 existing and planned surrounding land uses.

Progress on Study Efforts

The consultant team has completed the existing conditions analysis phase, which included the delineation and 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.

The concepts were further developed and analyzed considering market and economic conditions and potential infrastructure development costs. The refined concepts were presented at a public meeting held on April 29, 2009. More than 100 citizens and representatives from local businesses and agencies participated in the meetings, providing valuable input regarding concerns and visions for the future of the area.

Conceptual land uses for the NERA have been developed by subareas that were configured based on existing conditions of the area, including topography, Miller Creek and associated wetlands, infrastructure and property

ownership. Recommended land uses broken down by subarea include flexible light industrial, office, airport compatible uses including cargo and warehouse in subareas east and south of Miller Creek and commercial/large retail for the subarea south of SR 518. Land use recommendations include strategies for redevelopment.

The potential redevelopment scenarios analyzed development of possible implementation strategies. Planning-level cost estimates of potential development and infrastructure costs were prepared to better understand each scenario. Preliminary financial analysis of the various redevelopment scenarios also detailed the projected costs and potential revenue.

During the April 29 public meeting the public was asked to comment on potential environmental impacts of the plan. Information from the meeting will be incorporated into the redevelopment study recommendations and the next stage in work for the NERA – updating the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. Information and materials presented at the April meetings can be viewed on the City website (see address below).

Next Steps

The NERA Strategy will now move forward with draft recommendations based on research and findings from community and stakeholder participation. The recommendations will be available this summer for public review and comment. For more information, please contact the City of Burien Department of Community Development at NERA@Burienwa.gov or go to the City website at www.burienwa.gov/index.asp?nid=320.

Coming Soon: Radio Station Broadcasting City Information

Watch for information this summer about a new Burien radio station, 540AM, broadcasting exclusively local information. The City of Burien is setting up an antenna next to the community center, and will broadcast local

emergency information when needed, City news and public service announcements in English and Spanish. Signals from the low-watt station will be heard primarily in the Burien area.



NEW CRAFT MARKETPLACE & FABULOUS FOOD!!!

4th Avenue SW & SW 146th Street

SATURDAY

- 8 -11 a.m. **HIGHLINE KIWANIS
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**
Burien Fire Station, 15100 8th Ave SW
- Noon-2 p.m. **SKATE BOARD COMPETITION**
Register @ Noon , \$5, Helmet required

Main Stage

- 10 a.m. New City Dance Academy
11 a.m. Youth & Teen Sounds NW
Noon Momentum Dance
1:15 p.m. **DYNO JAZZ—**
EMP's SOUND-OFF Winner!
3 p.m. **PEARL DJANGO**
4:30 p.m. **THE TEMPO'S**

Gallery Stage

- 11 a.m. Abyssinian Belly Dancers
12:15 p.m. **SOHOYINI AFRICAN DANCE**
1:30 p.m. **JUMP ENSEMBLE**
3 p.m. *Central Services presents*
THE BOARD of EDUCATION
4:30 p.m. **THE JANGLES**

On The Street & In The Gallery

- 10 a.m. **ZACK ARMSTRONG--**
Bellingham Circus Guild
- 2:30 p.m. Block Party B-Boys
3 p.m. **BUBBLEMAN**
Chalk Drawing, Plein-Art, Art Garage
& Burien Arts Gallery Exhibits

SUNDAY

- 9 a.m. **5K RUN & 1K
SUPERHERO DASH**
www.getmeregistered.com
or 8am day of race
- 10 a.m.-
4 p.m. **FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW
& CHILI COOK-OFF**
www.discoverburien.com

Main Stage

- 11:30 a.m. Highline Community Band
12:45 p.m. **AFRICAN ALL-STARS**
2:30 p.m. **GEOFFREY CASTLE**
4 p.m. **JERRY & THE PHILBILLYS**

Gallery Stage

- 11:30 a.m. **ERIC ODE**
12:45 p.m. **BRIAN BUTLER**
2:30 p.m. **BALKANARAMA w/**
Abyssinian Dance
3:30 p.m. **BOYS of GREENWOOD GLEN**

On The Street & In The Gallery

- 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. **Anunnaki Project TRAPEZE**
1 p.m. **DEVIL's DANCE PARADE-**
African ConeXion Project '09
MARIACHI FIESTA MEXICANA
Chalk Drawing, Plein-Art, Art Garage All Day
& Burien Arts Gallery Exhibits

www.burienstrawberryfestival.org

INFO: (206) 988-3700



The new shelter is just a few steps from the beach.

Scenic New Picnic Shelter Opens at Seahurst Park

Seahurst Park’s wonderful new waterfront picnic shelter facility is now available for rental, offering a spectacular Puget Sound view. The new shelter area offers 13 picnic tables and grills, along with a wide gravel and ADA-accessible beachside trail, short staircases to lower beach areas, and decorative plinths. Six different picnic site rental options are available, depending on a group’s size and needs. Call Parks at (206) 988-3700 or go to www.burienwa.gov/index.asp?NID=342. The Parks and Recreation Department’s Seahurst Park Upland Renovation Project was recently awarded a Citation of Merit from the Washington Recreation & Parks Association.



SeaFair Pirates Will Join Burien's July 4th Parade

The committee planning Burien’s annual July 4th parade has announced that the SeaFair Pirates will be part of this year’s parade. The committee is currently receiving applications from groups wanting to participate in the parade.

This is the parade's 87th year in Burien. The parade route will be west to east on SW 152nd Street, the same as in previous years. The annual bike race will be prior to the parade, which begins at 3 p.m. The parade application can be found on the City’s website, www.burienwa.gov.

Anyone wishing to help out on the planning committee should contact Councilmember Rose Clark at (206) 241-4647 or through email: rosec@burienwa.gov.



Learn to be a Beach Naturalist this Summer

Join the Beach Naturalist Program 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. Come for an hour or stay as long as you like. Bring family, bring friends or explore on your own! For more information about the Beach Naturalist program or for directions to the beaches, visit the website at 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	June 20, 9 a.m. – noon, Morning with Moon Snails
Sunday	June 21, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Monday	June 22, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lowest tide!
Tuesday	June 23, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Lowest tide!
Sunday	July 5, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Sunday	July 19, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Low tide for early risers
Monday	July 20, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Low tide for early risers
Tuesday	July 21, 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Funding Approved for 4th Avenue SW Project

After weeks of a regional process to evaluate and compare dozens of transportation projects, Burien’s 4th Avenue SW Pedestrian Safety Project received approval from the Puget Sound Regional Council for federal funding through the federal economic stimulus package. The \$625,000 in federal funding will help the City add a sidewalk and other improvements to enhance pedestrian safety along 4th Avenue SW between SW

153rd and SW 156th Streets.

Another project that Burien had hoped would be funded, King County Metro’s Transit Oriented Development (TOD) parking garage at the Burien Transit Center, did not receive federal stimulus funding. Since the conclusion of that competition Metro has submitted the TOD project for a different federal funding competition; the results of that should be known by the fall.

Ask the Right Questions when Hiring Yard Care Company

Do you know what questions to ask landscaping companies to ensure their services result in a healthy yard? Are your landscape professionals doing all they can to minimize use of hazardous chemicals to reduce risks to children, pets, fish, and wildlife? Are your landscapers offering solutions that will minimize your long-term watering and maintenance costs?

Knowing the right questions to ask landscape professionals will protect the health of your children and pets, save you money in the long run, and make your yard a sustainable part of the larger Puget Sound environment.

King County offers a checklist of questions to ask and issues to consider when choosing a landscaping company. Go to www.kingcounty.gov and search for “Choose_Landscaper.pdf”.

Tree Planted in Memory of Dottie Harper



A celebratory tree was planted in honor of Arbor Day and in memory of Dottie Harper, a longtime community activist who founded the Burien Arts Commission. The flowering kousa dogwood tree was planted on Arbor Day, April 8, at Dottie Harper Park, 4th Avenue SW and SW 146th Street. Helping plant the tree were (from left) Erin Williamson, executive director of the Burien Arts Association; Burien Mayor Joan McGilton; and Pam Harper, longtime arts activist and friend of Dottie Harper.

Noticias de Burien

Para nuestros lectores hispanos

June 2009

La anexión de North Highline pasará a votación en agosto

La anexión propuesta por la Ciudad de Burien de una sección del sur de North Highline se decidirá por voto popular de los residentes del área de la anexión.

La propuesta de anexión se sobrepuso a una valla importante el 16 de abril, cuando obtuvo la aprobación de la Junta de Revisión de Lindes del Condado de King, tras celebrarse una audiencia pública sobre el tema. El 11 de mayo, el Condado de King procedió a incluir la medida en la papeleta de las elecciones primarias del 18 de agosto.

Sólo los electores inscritos que residen en el área de la anexión podrán votar por esta medida. La votación será por correo, y el requisito para aprobar la anexión es la mayoría simple de los votos.

De aprobarse, la anexión entraría en vigor a principios de 2010, agregando 1.700 acres a la Ciudad, como también aproximadamente 14.000 residentes, aumentando a aproximadamente 45.000 la población total de Burien.

El Censo se alista para contar los residentes de Burien

La Oficina del Censo de Estados Unidos se prepara para realizar el censo de 2010 para determinar el número de personas que residen en los Estados Unidos. Esto incluye a personas de toda edad, raza, grupo étnico, o ciudadanía.

Los trabajadores del Censo ya están en Burien para realizar estudios con el Sistema de Posicionamiento Global, a los fines de determinar la dirección de toda casa, condominio, apartamento, u otra vivienda. El cuestionario del Censo empezará a distribuirse en otoño de 2009 y seguirá durante 2010. La mayoría de los cuestionarios se

La Ciudad ha presentado varios eventos informativos en los últimos meses en distintas partes de North Highline para informar a los residentes sobre la anexión y contestar preguntas. Los comentarios y preguntas del público están incluidos en el sitio web dedicado a la anexión en www.burienwa.gov/annexation.

En este sitio web, los residentes de North Highline pueden determinar fácilmente si viven en el área de la anexión. Interesados pueden recibir anuncios de futuros eventos informativos al inscribirse en la lista de correo electrónico de la anexión, o a la línea telefónica dedicada a la anexión al (206) 436-5555.

EVENTO INFORMATIVO SOBRE LA ANEXIÓN

*Entérese de cómo la anexión a Burien
afectaría a usted y a su familia*

Martes 16 de junio 6 - 7:15 p.m.
Escuela primaria
Southern Heights
11249 14th Ave. S

enviará por correo, pero la entrega podría ser en persona si el cuestionario es devuelto por la Oficina de Correos o la dirección no se ha podido verificar.

Aquellos que no son ciudadanos no deben temer cooperar con la Oficina del Censo al llenar y devolver el cuestionario. Toda la información sobre los residentes y sus respuestas a las preguntas son estrictamente confidenciales y no se pueden revelar a ninguna otra dependencia gubernamental, incluyendo la policía, Servicio de Rentas Internas (IRS), FBI, o Inmigración.

Ceremonia de Dedicación de Burien Town Square

Sábado 13 de junio

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
4th Ave SW y SW 152nd Street

9:45 -10 a.m. Banda de la Preparatoria de Highline
10 - 11 a.m. Ceremonia de Inauguración
11:30 - 2 p.m. Visitas a la biblioteca, parque, y Alcaldía

Se abre el nuevo centro de tránsito en Burien

El nuevo centro de tránsito de Burien tenía previsto abrir el 30 de mayo para coincidir con los cambios en el servicio de autobuses Metro en junio.

Los autobuses se detienen en andenes al lado de la calle en vez de parar junto a la banqueta de la 4th Avenue SW, como lo hacían en el anterior centro de tránsito, de modo que los pasajeros pueden cambiar de ruta sin tener que cruzar una transitada calle. Estas plazas para autobuses reducen el tiempo necesario para viajar al centro de tránsito, lo cual a su vez reduce los costos y mejora el servicio. Las obras de arte públicas en el centro de tránsito crean un vínculo visual al nuevo Burien Town Square.

La construcción del nuevo centro de tránsito empezó en julio de 2008. El proyecto costo aproximadamente \$12 millones, con una combinación de subvenciones locales y federales.

Próximamente: Emisora radial con información de la Ciudad

Este verano habrá un anuncio de una nueva emisora de radio en Burien, la 540 AM, la cual transmitirá información local exclusivamente. La Ciudad de Burien está instalando una antena junto al centro comunitario, y habrá información de emergencia local, noticias de la ciudad, y anuncios públicos en inglés y español. La señal de esta emisora de baja potencia se recibirá principalmente en el área de Burien.

Fiesta Familiar de Burien

Jueves, 16 de julio
Con Evolución Latina
6:30 - 8 p.m.

Lake Burien School Park
SW 148th Street y 16th Avenue SW

Legislative Actions

Legislation approved by the Burien City Council
February - May 2009.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 505 Relating to SEPA Exemption for Burien's Urban Center. 2/9/09

Ordinance 506 SEPA Procedures 3/16/09

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Ordinance 509 Repealing Section 3.11.050(2) BMC and reverting to prior section regarding the threshold level for imposition of the City of Burien Business and Occupation tax. 4/13/09

Ordinance 510 Relating to Off-Site Commercial Parking Amendments to Burien Municipal Code Title 19 (Zoning Code). 5/11/09

Ordinance 511 Relating to Special Events; Adding a New Chapter to Title 12. 5/11/09

Ordinance 512 Relating to Right-Of-Way Permits; Amending Chapter 12.15 BMC to Conform to New Chapter 12.15 BMC (Special Events Permits) and Chapter 12.38 BMC (Street Trees and Trees on City Property) 5/11/09

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 289 Authorizing the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director to Apply for Grant from the State Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO). 4/13/09

Resolution 290 Relating to dates of City Council meetings. 3/23/09

Resolution 291 Granting Preliminary Approval of the Habtewold Subdivision. 4/6/09

Resolution 292 Calling for Annexation by Election of a Portion of the North Highline Unincorporated Area. 4/27/09



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Councilmembers Take Funding Requests to Washington, D.C.

Burien City Councilmembers Kathy Keene, Sally Nelson and Gordon Shaw traveled to Washington, D.C., in mid-March for meetings with Senator Maria Cantwell and staff members to the City's Congressional delegation. The Councilmembers presented the City's request for federal funding for the 1st Avenue South Phase 2 improvements (between SW 140th and SW 146th streets) as well as the transportation and other infrastructure

needs in the Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA). Councilmembers also expressed the City's appreciation for the \$150,000 in federal funding recently approved for emergency communications equipment in Burien. City Manager Mike Martin and Government Relations Specialist Lisa Clausen accompanied the Councilmembers and also participated in the discussions.

City Undergoing Routine Financial Audit by State

An auditor from the Washington State Auditor's Office is at City Hall for her third year as the auditor for Burien. Every year the Auditor's Office performs an independent audit of the City's financial statements to obtain reasonable assurance that the statements

are free of material misstatement. Burien has passed its audit with "no findings" each of the past 11 years and has been recognized by the State Auditor for its "exemplary" record.

Blazak Elected Deputy Mayor



Councilmember
Sue Blazak

Sue Blazak was elected to a term as Burien Deputy Mayor by City Council members earlier this year. Blazak was first elected to a four-year term on the Burien City Council, Position 1, in November 2005.



Miller Creek Stewardship

More than 20 volunteers helped clear weeds and add mulch at the Miller Creek renewal site at S. 144th Street on April 11 as part of the Miller Creek Stewardship Project. For more information, or to participate in the Miller Creek renewal effort, contact Basin Steward Dennis Clark, (206) 296-1909, or go to: www.kingcounty.gov/environment/watersheds/central-puget-sound/miller-walker-creeks.aspx.