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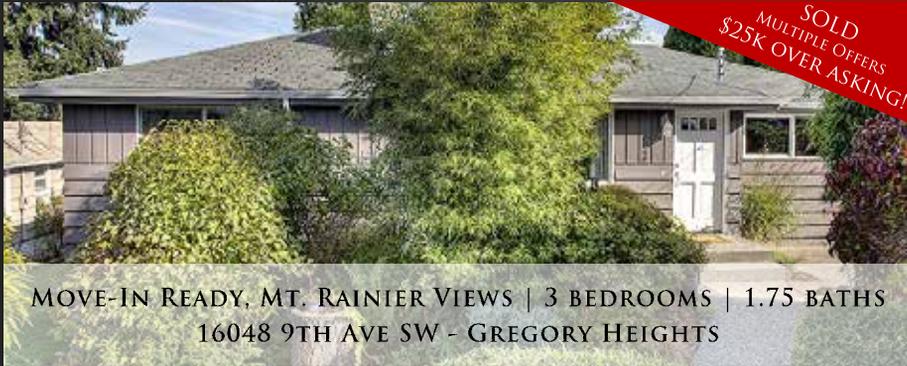
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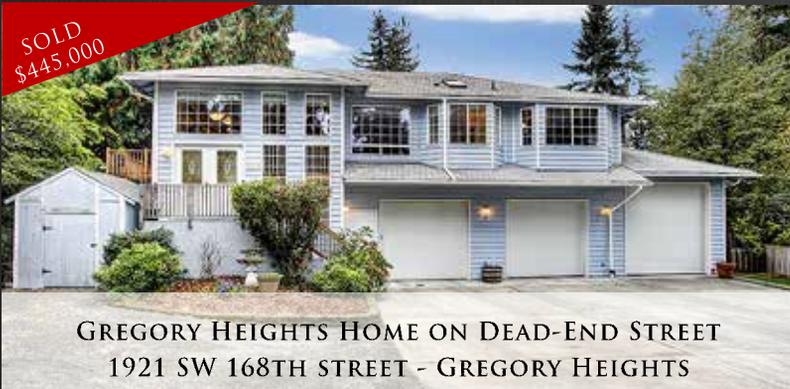
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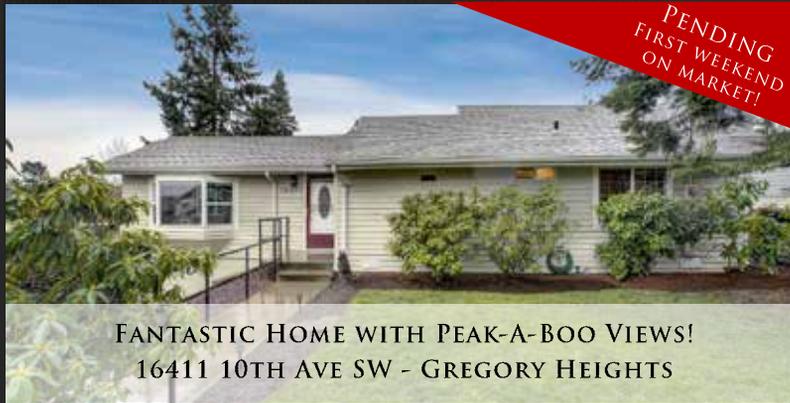
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## PUBLISHER'S NOTE

### Friendly and Approachable

AS WE GO TO PRESS WITH THE SPRING ISSUE OF *BURIEN MAGAZINE*, city staff and their advisers are deeply involved in a branding initiative begun last November, which should be completed later this year. (See story on page 8.)

Those of us who live here know that Burien is a friendly and approachable city, with unique amenities that have heretofore been a little hidden from those who don't live here: a dynamic and walkable downtown, verdant public parks—and public access to saltwater beaches.



Working with local branding experts, city administrators hope to be able to better leverage our brand to support economic development that benefits all of us who live, shop and work in Burien.

So too does *Burien Magazine* serve to support the Burien brand. *Burien Magazine* provides residents, city administrators and the retail business community a common communication tool to reinforce the dynamic nature of our community. City administrators use *Burien Magazine* to share with residents initiatives and programs that make Burien the uniquely attractive city we know it to be. Residents want to shop local and patronize our local restaurants, coffee houses and shops. The magazine gives them information about who those local businesses are, and in turn those businesses are able to drive locals to their retail stores through affordable advertising in their local magazine.

I encourage you to patronize those local businesses that support *Burien Magazine* through their advertising. The support of these businesses is a testament to their investment in our community. Be sure you thank them for that support when you're in their shops! — *Peter Philips, Publisher*

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### ◀ Cover Picture

Staff at JayRay, our contract branding agency, snapped this photo during the 2015 Farmers Market season. The 2016 season kicks off on May 5th!

# A Path to the Future



*“If you don’t know where you are going, any road will take you there,”* wrote novelist Lewis Carroll more than a century ago. At the City of Burien, we have several roadmaps to point the way: the Comprehensive Plan that guides our development and land use decisions; the 2011 Vision Statement that helps to define our core identity; and soon, the results of our City Branding Initiative will help us communicate our message even more effectively. In 2016, we’re taking it a step further to better integrate that vision for the future into the City’s budget process by working through a deliberative strategic planning process.

In February, we got the process started with two evening retreat sessions with the City Council. The plan that results from the process will organize, align, and communicate the work and priorities of the City over the next two bi-annual budgets. It will build on existing goals to set a clear course for Burien and to guide policy decisions between budget cycles. Aided by experienced consultants who have worked with other cities to develop their strategic plans over the years, we will draw on many of Burien’s strongest assets and examine some of our key challenges as we look to the future.

The City Council has made community engagement a high priority, so as the process moves along we will use our biannual community survey as a mechanism for community comments. That survey is conducted via telephone calls to Burien residents and uses statistical methods to ensure we accurately capture our community’s voices. We’ll also have an online survey where you can respond to questions on important issues and Burien’s future needs. We value your insights and thank you in advance for your willingness to participate.

By June, the strategic plan will be finalized and ready to inform our summertime budget development process. The City Council can then use the plan in their budget review and adoption process in the fall. With a multi-year strategic plan in place, we will have a stronger framework than ever before to guide the policy decisions that deliver real results for the Burien community. As you’ll read in the coming pages, creating a solid blueprint for the next five years is just one of many ways that we are striving to deliver effective programs and services to improve our community’s quality of life.

Across a variety of city departments and functions, our staff works hard and smart every day to provide high quality public services. Every day I find wonderful examples of how our most important community assets - our residents, families, workers and businesses – are solving problems, building our strengths and investing in our future. Our city staff is delighted to contribute to this continuing story.

I hope you enjoy this latest edition of *Burien Magazine*. I look forward to providing more updates in the editions to come. Thank you, — *Kamuron Gurol, City Manager* ■



▲ City Manager Gurol, Deputy Mayor Edgar, and Councilmember Wagner traveled to Olympia in January to advocate for Burien as part of AWC’s City Action Days.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

**T**HE YEAR WAS JUST FOUR DAYS OLD WHEN we rolled up our sleeves and set to work on our 2016 City Council agenda. Since January 4th, we've started a process to build a multi-year strategic plan to lay a foundation for our biannual budget cycles; we've approved undertaking a comprehensive upgrade of our city website to be delivered later this year; we've taken big steps toward developing the NERA property; and the year has just begun. It's sure to be a significant year for Burien.

In January, Mayor Krakowiak sent a letter to the Sound Transit Board to communicate Burien's transportation needs and challenges as we look to the future. The Sound Transit Board will be making critical decisions this year about which projects will go to voters in the Sound Transit 3 (ST3) package in November. Expanding transit opportunities for Burien in ST3 is an issue which we, as a Council, speak with one, united voice.

Current candidate proposals for the ST3 package show light rail running between Burien, White Center, and West Seattle, ultimately linking to downtown Seattle. However, in addition to the Burien to West Seattle connection, we asked the Board to plan now for a project that would connect Burien to Sea-Tac Airport. This extension would complete a Burien to Seattle loop and maximize the overall value of the system by moving more people through it in both directions. The competition for light rail will be strong and of voters of our region will have the final say this coming November.

Sound Transit is also considering bus rapid transit (BRT) improvements in our region, and we agree that we need more bus options in order to maintain our connectivity in light of increasing regional congestion. To that end, we advocated for an efficient BRT route



▲ (Back row) Councilmembers Debi Wagner, Austin Bell, Steve Armstrong, and Deputy Mayor Bob Edgar. (Front row) Mayor Lucy Krakowiak; Councilmembers Nancy Tosta and Lauren Berkowitz.

through the SR518/I-405 corridor in order to increase access through this increasingly congested area. Put simply, we need new and multiple connections through Burien for residents, workers, and travelers to access the airport and beyond.

But transit isn't the only critical service for which we plan as your city leaders. When it comes to essential services like solid waste disposal – or to put it more simply, garbage – we look for how to get the most value per dollar paid. To that end, the City contracts with Recology Cleanscapes to provide affordable, effective garbage, recycling, and food/yard waste collection service to our residents and businesses. Recycling and composting – collectively known as “solid waste diversion” – can

be very confusing at times, but Recology Cleanscapes is here to help. Read more on page 14 – you might even be inspired to sign up for a tour of their South Seattle facility!

We hope you enjoy this issue of Burien Magazine. If you're a small business owner or thinking about becoming one, be sure to check out a listing of resources on page 22. Have an idea on how to improve your neighborhood but need help funding the improvements? Learn about our Neighborhood Matching Funds grants on page 26.

As a community, we can all accomplish bigger things by working together, and to that end, please never hesitate to reach out. You can find our contact info listed on the City Directory. Or please join one of our Monday night City Council meetings - in person, on Channel 21, or streamed on-line.

Thank you! - Your Burien City Council ■

## LITTER 101:

# What to know about keeping our streets clean



**H**ave you found litter in City streets and wondered whether litter is a problem specific to Burien? It isn't, and you're not alone in feeling frustrated.

By the Burien Code Compliance & Legal Team

### LITTER REMOVAL V. DETERRENCE MEASURES – UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCE

Dealing with litter in the City requires both work to remove the litter and measures that deter littering. When residents bring litter to our attention, they usually want the litter picked up as soon as possible. Some people may think that the City code enforcement officer has the ability to pick up all the litter.

### CITY CAPACITY

The City employs four street maintenance staff members who cover about 300 lane miles within City boundaries. Their time is dispersed over many different duties: repairing potholes, striping pavement, repairing damaged signs, taking care of trees and planter strips, and mowing back vegetation to prevent obstruction to travel. They also respond to requests for the City to pick up litter in streets and parks.

The City pays King County's Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention \$660 per day to employ a work crew for up to 50 contracted days per year to pick up litter. The City also funds \$40,000 per year for Discover Burien, a nonprofit, which employs five individuals to pick up litter 10 hours per week in the downtown business district.

### LITTERING IN THE STREETS – IT'S A CRIME

State statutes make it a crime to litter in the streets, depending on volume of litter. In order for the prosecution to succeed, we need evidence showing who did the dumping, how much was dumped, and where it occurred. Prosecution isn't cheap though: taxpayers pay not just court costs and attorney's fees to prosecute the crime, but also public defender costs if the accused is indigent.

State statutes criminalizing litter serve to deter people from littering, but as with many laws, some people fail to respect it. Surreptitious dumpers are difficult to catch and prosecute. In addition, homeless persons may not be motivated by threats of a heavy fine or jail time if they view themselves as having nothing to lose.

## GARBAGE ON PRIVATE PROPERTY – CODE ENFORCEMENT

What if your neighbor is allowing uncontained garbage to collect on his property? When you call the City, we have one code enforcement officer who covers all code investigations and complaints for the entire city.

It is vital that the City observes due process in private property complaints because these cases can result in a finding of law violation against the owner. The code enforcement officer must apply the care and adequate time to complete an unbiased investigation, provide warnings and written notices, and give the owner an opportunity to correct conditions. Whenever possible, the code enforcement officer tries to get the owner's voluntary compliance.

Our code enforcement officer is very often on the frontline encountering the problems of individuals in unfortunate circumstances. When appropriate, she offers vouchers for a garbage collection service or refers them to social service agencies.

An additional challenge in dealing with private property is that City employees can't clean it up without the owner's permission – unless the City first obtains a warrant of abatement. To get a warrant and have a chance at recouping the abatement cost, the

City would need to prove the existence of nuisance conditions in superior court. With the legal process, abatement of a nuisance can take many months, if not years, and incur associated public costs as well.

Ultimately, litter control requires the cooperation and support of community members. Some residents suggest that taxpayers pay for more surveillance cameras and policing of streets. Other cities have tried deterrence measures like passing ordinances that mandate participation in residential garbage collection, sets rates and charges, and requires residents to pay those charges.

Litter is a challenge that many cities like ours are constantly working to solve. With the help of engaged residents and neighbors who care, City resources stretch farther in keeping our streets clean.



### HOW WE PROCESS REQUESTS FOR LITTER REMOVAL

If you call the City's front desk or call code enforcement with concerns about litter, staff will want to know the location where you saw the litter. If it is in the street, your request will be referred to our Public Works Department. If you have evidence about who dumped the litter in the street, you will be referred to the Police Department to investigate the dumping as a crime. In rare cases, a property owner might find garbage dumped in an alley behind his or her property and perhaps discarded mail is among the contents. In that case, a notice would be issued to the name and address on the mail.



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More than 400 online survey responses. Dozens of phone interviews. Folders upon folders of documents from past visioning and identity processes.

Resident focus groups. Business focus groups. Competitive analyses of peer cities. Audits of material from multiple City publications. These activities are what made up the Discovery, or research, Phase of the City's Branding Initiative – a phase that began in early November and wrapped up near the end of February.

Four months of data gathering and analysis serves as the bedrock of the Branding Initiative, guiding us through the creative phase and into implementation this summer. With robust research to support the process, Burien's brand is poised to be an authentic one, a true indicator of who we are and what we aspire to be, and so much more than a logo.

Community members embraced this research phase, self-identifying to participate in focus groups and providing in-depth, thoughtful responses to surveys. As our consultants reached out, Burien reached back in a big way – the response to our appeals for participation have been impressive! Maybe this is one of the reasons why

# BRANDING BURIEN

## PART TWO: DIVING DEEP

This is the second article in a multi-part series covering Burien's Branding Initiative which is expected to culminate in early summer 2016.

By Katie Whittier Trefry, Burien Communications Officer

*"Burien is very friendly and approachable in a way that many other cities ... are not."*

**KATHLEEN DEAKINS**

JAYRAY PRESIDENT  
JANUARY 4 COUNCIL MEETING

presentation. "Burien is very friendly and approachable in a way that many other cities... are not."

Part of JayRay's research included phone interviews with community stakeholders beyond Burien's borders, but whose careerpaths and involvements allow them to interact with our community in a number of ways. Here's a peek at a few of the things they said:

*"The shoreline is a hidden gem. [Seahurst Park] is a regional asset that is underutilized."*

*"The expense of living in Seattle pushes people south, and Burien has great access to Seattle."*

*"If [my wife and I] wanted to go out to dinner on the weekend we [used to] go to Seattle or Kent. Now we haven't [left] Burien in years."*

our consultant reported at the January 4 City Council meeting that a preliminary impression of Burien is that we're both "friendly" and "unpretentious."

"One thing that has come through already very clearly to me about Burien's personality is how Burien is never pretentious, and that's not a small thing," said JayRay President Kathleen Deakins at the January 4 City Council



Diversity  
Affordable  
Growing  
Historic  
Small-town  
Local  
Events  
Quiet  
Arts  
Transit  
creative  
quirky  
Laid-back  
Potential  
Friendly  
Home

We asked. You shared. Here are the top 20 words used to describe Burien in the online branding survey last fall. Is there a word you would add? Let us know at <http://bit.ly/Burien>.

Convenient  
Community

Unique  
Airport  
Puget Sound  
Historic  
Small-town  
Local  
Events  
Quiet  
Arts  
Transit  
creative  
quirky  
Laid-back  
Potential  
Friendly  
Home

The City of Burien will utilize branding as a tool to support economic development in six ways:

1. Differentiate us from our competitor cities
2. Communicate our vision and values
3. Retain existing and recruit new businesses
4. Drive sales and other tax revenue
5. Guide strategic marketing efforts
6. Build awareness and enhance community pride

From the Research Phase, we now move into the Creative Phase when our consultants will work on how to present Burien visually with a logo, colors and much more!

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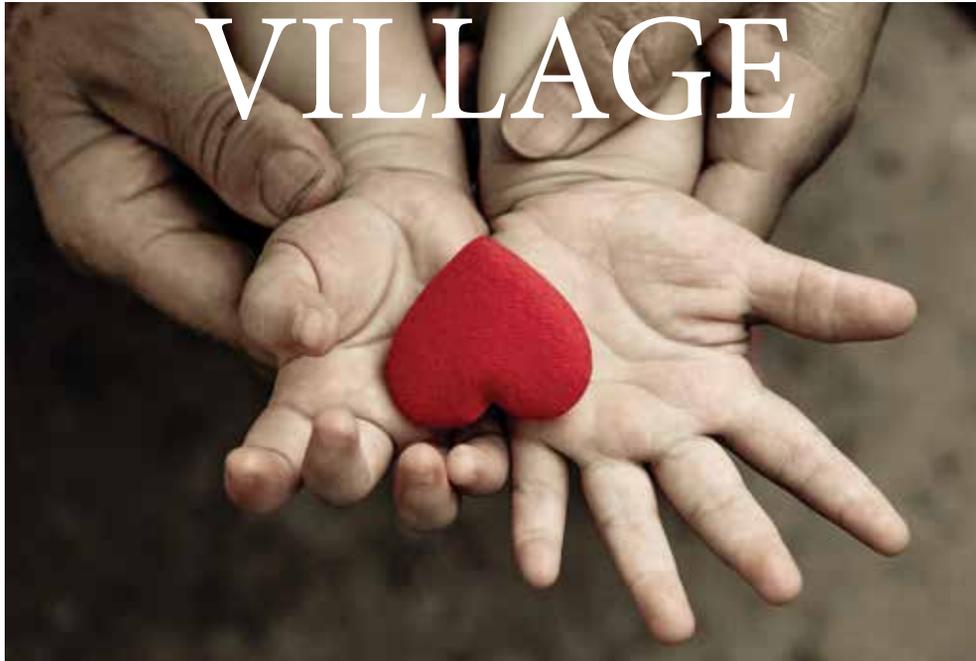


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# IT TAKES MORE THAN A VILLAGE



**I**T CAN FEEL HELPLESS TO SEE NEED IN THE COMMUNITY and not know how to help. What can just one person do to eliminate hunger, poverty, and suffering? What can just one non-profit agency do? What can just one municipality do?

Fortunately, there is strength in numbers. When resources are pooled together, we are able to do more collectively than we could on our own. In return we help more people and alleviate need. That's how Burien – a City with a small municipal budget relative to its population - is able to do so much with so little

We rely on partners who are experts in their respective fields to provide direct services to individuals in need. They accomplish this by using diverse best practices honed over their years of experience. Additionally they rely on us – a pool of government agencies from various cities, from the County, the State, and the Federal government – for funding. This allows us to impact more people with our scarce funds

## **BURIEN HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMMING:**

### Stretching Funds Farther by Working with Community Partners

*By Katie Whittier Trefry,  
Burien Communications Officer*

**ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE  
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TO BE CONSIDERED FOR  
2017-18 FUNDING.**

than we could if we had to develop programming on our own.

In the 2015-16 biennial budget, Burien allocated \$219,000 annually to human service programs and an additional \$50,000 to specifically address homelessness. With this funding, the City is able to assist more than 25 programs at 22 different agencies and organizations, ranging from housing and shelter through the

Domestic Abuse Women's Network, to employment services through Navos. Additional programs supported through Burien's funds include a help line for teens at Crisis Clinic, youth street outreach at Auburn Youth Resources, comprehensive sexual assault services at the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center, shelter and transitional housing at the Multi-Service Center, food bank support for four local food banks, and many more.

Years ago, the City laid out eight specific goals to guide the allocation of its funding. City leadership at the time looked to the United Way's goals as a model, and though United Way's goals and focus have changed over the years, the City of Burien continues to prioritize programs that address:

1. Self-sufficiency
2. Housing and Homelessness
3. Community Engagement
4. Early Intervention
5. Youth Success
6. Domestic Violence
7. Sexual assault and sexual violence
8. School readiness

▼ Hospitality House in Burien offers women a safe place to stay on their path to self-sufficiency. Here are three of the nine beds they operate.



Each spring, non-profits and other service provider agencies apply for municipal grant funding through a resource known as the Share1App. The Share1App came out of a partnership known as the Human Services Funding Collaborative (HSFC) which was formed in order to simplify the funding processes across local jurisdictions. A decade ago, human services agencies had to piece together their grant funding, applying for grants one city at a time because each had its own, unique application. This caused a huge strain on the agencies, drawing staff resources and time away from providing critical services in order to apply for funding through dozens of different portals. But then in 2010, cities across north, east, and south King County coordinated their grant

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#### GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT:

## HOSPITALITY HOUSE

Hospitality House is a nine-bed women's shelter located within Burien's borders. Since the year 2000, it has worked to provide transitional housing for single, homeless women and offers them services to help them increase their self-sufficiency. The goal of Hospitality House is to lead to housing stability for women who find themselves without a home and without a fallback plan. With a roof over her head, a bed to sleep on, food to eat, and case management services at her fingertips, a woman in need can find a second chance through programs offered at Hospitality House.

Hospitality House relies on both paid staff and a team of volunteers who together serve about 80 women every year. With an overall annual budget of about a quarter million dollars, the City's \$10,000 funding might seem like only a drop in the bucket. But once combined with funds from neighboring cities like Tukwila, SeaTac, and Des Moines, and then combined with private donations from churches, individuals, and foundations, the impact really adds up.

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# COMINGS



## WELCOME AUSTIN!

ON JANUARY 4, Councilmember Austin Bell was sworn into office and took his place as the newest member of the Burien City Council. This came after weeks of briefings, meetings, and orientations – the standard onboarding process for all new Councilmembers. Community members welcomed him and congratulated the re-elected Councilmembers at a reception prior to the start of the January 4 Regular City Council Meeting.

Bell is a fourth-generation Burien area resident. In the early 1900s, his great-grandfather settled in what would ultimately become Burien. His son, Bell's grandfather, won a mayoral bid and would have become Burien's first mayor if the voters had approved cityhood in that election. Currently, Bell is working on his Master's degree in Urban Planning at the University of Washington. At his first meeting, the Council appointed him to represent Burien on the King County Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee (MSWMAC) and the Sound Cities Association (SCA) Public Issues Committee, as an alternate. ■

# GOINGS

*The Burien City Council of the City of Burien, Washington does hereby ask all Burien residents to join together in honoring Councilmember Gerald F. Robison and to thank him for his distinguished service to the City and community of Burien.*

► (Top): Outgoing Councilmember Robison was presented his proclamation by Deputy Mayor Tosta at the final Council meeting of 2015. (Bottom): In addition to the proclamation, he was presented with a Key to the City.



## THANKS JERRY!

ON DECEMBER 21, the City of Burien recognized Councilmember Gerald Robison for his service to the Council by issuing a proclamation in his honor and giving him a key to the City. Robison's term expired at the end of 2015 and he did not seek re-election. The proclamation was presented during a pre-Council meeting reception, during which Councilmembers and community members were invited to share their words of thanks.

Robison was elected to the City Council in November 2011. He had been appointed by the Council in early 2011 to complete the unexpired term of a retiring councilmember. Prior to his appointment to the Council, he served on the Burien Planning Commission as a member and vice chair. His other community activities have included the White Center Kiwanis, as Charter President and current Board member; founding member of the North Highline Unincorporated Council; Board member and President of the White Center Jubilee Days; Past President of the White Center Chamber of Commerce; and Treasurer/Director of the Manufactured Housing Community Preservationists. Robison has lived in the Burien area for nearly four decades, working in real estate before becoming an attorney in 1993. He owns the Law Office of Gerald F. Robison.

The proclamation reads, in part: The Burien City Council of the City of Burien, Washington does hereby ask all Burien residents to join together in honoring Councilmember Gerald F. Robison and to thank him for his distinguished service to the City and community of Burien. ■

# KNOW BEFORE YOU DIG. IT'S AS EASY AS DIALING 811.

Perhaps this is the time of year when you're reimagining your garden – how to expand it, what to grow, where on your property to start one at all. Maybe you're planning to build a new outdoor living space complete with shrubbery, lamp posts, and even a water feature. Or maybe this is the season you'll kick off your big remodel – a new addition to the house, a mother-in-law suite. But before your shovel hits the dirt to make your vision a reality, be sure to know what's under the ground. ■

## THE 811 PROCESS **811** FOR HOMEOWNERS

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 Notify your local one-call center by calling 811 or making an online request 2-3 days before work begins. [Click here](#) for information about your local one-call center and online service availability. The one-call center will transmit information to affected utility operators.
- 2 WAIT**  
 Wait 2-3 days (varies by state; please [click here](#) for state law information) for affected utility operators to respond to your request. On average, between 7-8 utility operators are notified for each request.
- 3 CONFIRM**  
 Confirm that all affected utility operators have responded to your request by comparing the marks to the list of utilities the one-call center notified. State laws vary on the process for confirmation; please check with your local one-call center for more information.
- 4 RESPECT**  
 Respect the marks. The marks provided by the affected utility operators are your guide for the duration of your project. If you are unable to maintain the marks during your project, or the project will continue past your request's expiration date (varies by state), please call 811 to ask for a re-mark.
- 5 DIG CAREFULLY**  
 Dig carefully. If you can't avoid digging near the marks (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state law), consider moving your project to another part of your yard. If you must dig near the marks or use machinery of any kind, please [click here](#) to read "The 811 Process for Contractors."

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# Waste Less, Save More, Reach Goals

**R**ECOLOGY CLEANSCAPES SERVES AS THE CITY OF BURIEN'S SOLID WASTE SERVICE PROVIDER. We offer affordable garbage, recycling and food & yard waste collection service to both residents and businesses in Burien and throughout other communities in the region too. As an employee-owned company, we envision a world without waste, where resources are used and re-used in a sustainable ecosystem that strives for their best and highest use.

Currently Burien's residents divert about 41% of their waste away from the local landfill and into recycling and composting facilities. But King County

*By Recology Cleanscapes Staff*

has set an ambitious goal of 70% waste diversion countywide by 2020, with an eventual objective of achieving zero waste of resources that have value for reuse, resale, and recycling by 2030. We've put together a few ideas about what you can do to help reach these goals.

**Recycle and compost as much as you can.** Place cans, bottles, paper, plastic containers and cardboard material in the blue recycling bin. All food items, including meat and dairy products, yard debris, and food-soiled paper, like pizza delivery boxes and paper towels,

go into the gray food and yard waste bin. For a complete list of everything that you can toss into these curbside bins, please visit [recologycleanscapes.com/burien](http://recologycleanscapes.com/burien).

What about difficult-to-recycle items like worn-out clothing and small electronics? The Recology Store Highline, located at the Five Corners Shopping Center in Burien (15858 1st Avenue S.) accepts these items and even fluorescent tubes and bulbs, batteries, Styrofoam™, worn-out appliances, bicycles, and more.

**Think outside the bin.** There are many ways you can re-think waste by repairing, selling, donating, or





▲ *Recyclables are sorted at Recology's South Seattle location.*

swapping your unwanted stuff. As the old saying goes, “one person’s trash is another person’s treasure!”

Reusing and donating items extends the life of useful products. When you buy something secondhand, you conserve the materials, energy, and water it would have taken to produce, package, and transport a similar new product. When you donate items you no longer need, you not only keep them out of the landfill, you also provide an opportunity for someone else to avoid those same costs of buying something new.

**Learn from the experts.** What happens to recyclables after they are collected at the curb? What do plastic bottles get recycled into? Recology CleanScapes offers tours of the local recycling center for both adults and students, providing the answers to many of your recycling questions. For more information or to sign up for a tour, visit [recologycleanscapes.com/about\\_us/recyclingtours/](http://recologycleanscapes.com/about_us/recyclingtours/).

While curbside collection is not mandatory in the City of Burien, residents who self-haul their waste to the transfer station may be able to save

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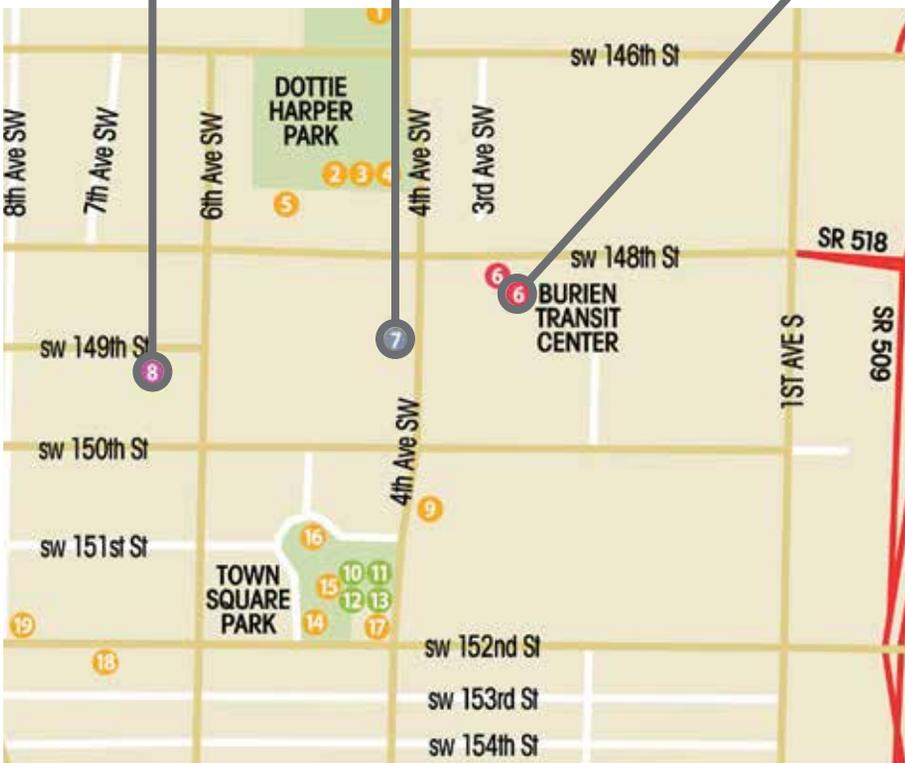


# #buriensunbreak

## THREE SPRINGTIME ADVENTURES THAT FIT IN A TWO-HOUR BURIEN SUNBREAK

By Katie Whittier Trefry, Burien Communications Officer

Long months cooped up inside while the rain pours – or drizzles – down from the ever-gray sky, day after day: some say spring is the hardest season to survive in the Pacific Northwest. But we're here to help. As you wait for the clouds to give way to another embarrassingly perfect PNW summer, here are a few outdoor Burien adventures you might want to snag during a brief sunbreak. Be sure to pack an umbrella though, just in case.



## BURIEN PUBLIC ART WALKING TOUR

**1.** The City of Burien made a commitment in 1998 to bring art to the community with its 1% for Art Program. Similar to municipal projects around the country, 1% of selected city project costs are set aside to be used on public art projects. The Burien Arts Commission is a volunteer advisory board appointed by the City Council that has the responsibility to recommend artworks that can expand a viewer's visual experience.

A walking tour of Burien's public art begins at the Community Center Annex (1) where you'll see Skate Park Tiles designed by John Arnold Taylor and installed in 2001. Next, visit Dottie Harper Park (2, 3, and 4) for the cedar and granite carvings created by Richard Beyer in 1974. The brick wall on the Community Center's exterior (5) was designed by Harold Balazs and built with the structure itself in 1969.

From there, visit the Transit Center (6) where Julie Berger's two-piece artwork Forest Illumination (2009) both welcomes transit riders and protects them from the rain. Across the street at the Burien Town Plaza (7), visit John Dunton's three pillars entitled Waiting for the Bus (2009).

Walk around the block to the courthouse (8) to see Phillip Levine's bronze dancer (1979) before heading to the library and Town Square Park for a whole collection of pieces both indoor and outdoor (10-17). Hint: even the floor in the library lobby is a work of art! Complete your stroll by heading west on 152nd St to see three more works of art (18-20), and don't be shy about ducking into one of the cozy shops to warm up with a snack or hot beverage.

For further information on Burien's public art and to download the official brochure, visit [www.burienpublicart.net](http://www.burienpublicart.net).

## TALE OF TWO TRAILS: MILLER CREEK & SEAHURST

**2.** The Burien Miller Creek Trail located within the Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA) opened to the public on February 6, 2015. The trail runs from Des Moines Memorial Drive north to South 140th St. Recreational improvements include a small parking lot and trailhead with interpretive signage and picnic tables. Along the trail there is wayfaring signage, park benches, trash receptacles, boardwalks and additional interpretive signage. The recreational components are part of the much larger NERA storm-water improvement project and provide an opportunity to take a leisurely walk or bike ride, while also offering educational messages about water quality and future development within the NERA.

The jewel of Burien's park system, Seahurst Park offers a saltwater beach on Puget Sound, views of the Olympic Mountains, reservable picnic shelters and tables, an adventuresome playground, and several trails. It is a favorite spot for area photographers and families. The parking lot has 184 parking stalls and an additional 5 accessible parking stalls in the Lower Parking Lot. No two visits to Seahurst Park are exactly alike. Orcas pass during salmon-run times of year. Families play in the water when it's hot outside. Cloudy days bring an intimacy to the view that sunny days just can't, and clear days remind us all why we put up with the rain. Sunbreak or none, Seahurst is always a great place to take in a wider view.

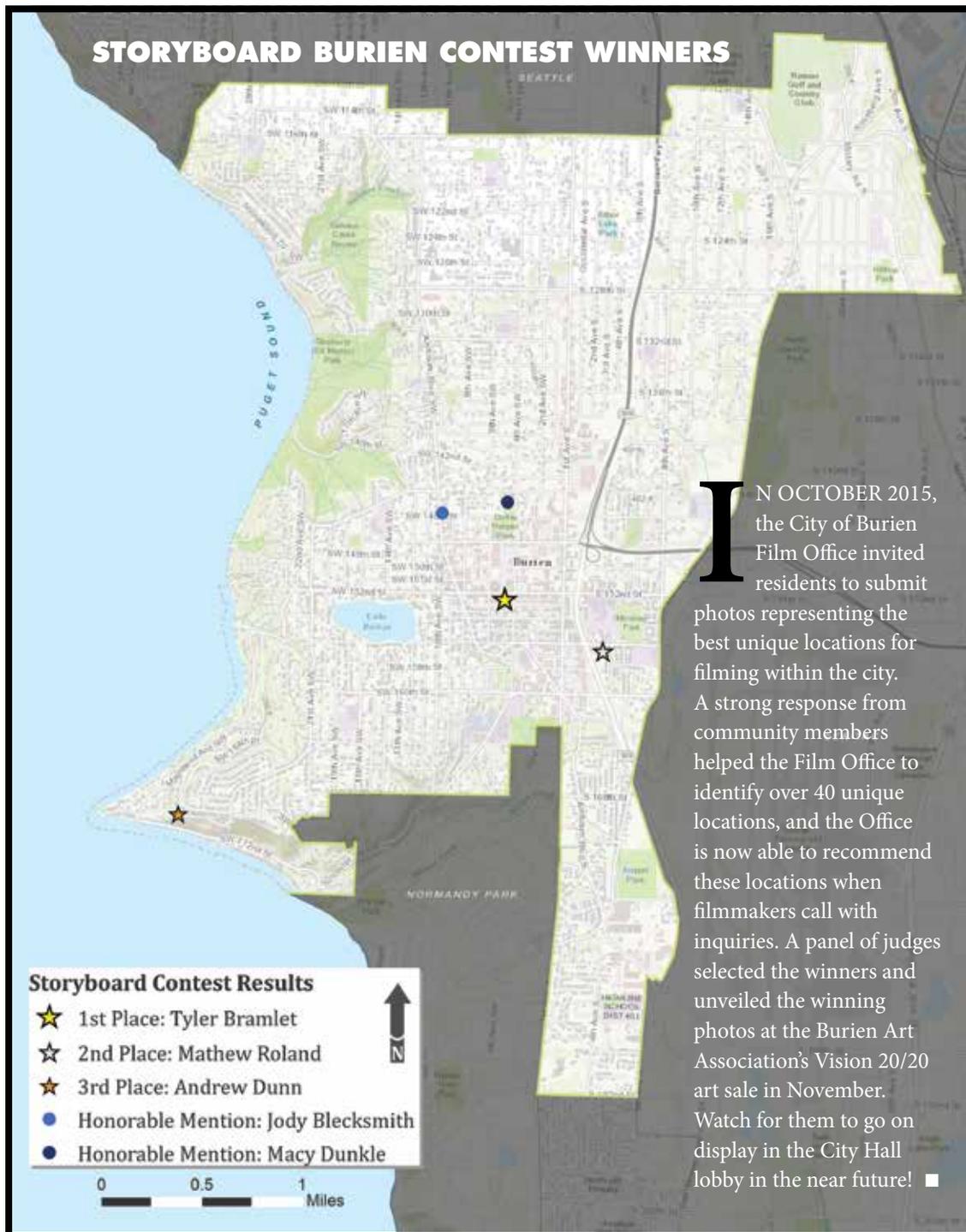


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## STORYBOARD BURIEN:

# Where will the next scene be filmed?

Organized by Lori Shannon, Economic Development Intern  
 Mapped by Sergio Vazquez, GIS Intern



**I**N OCTOBER 2015, the City of Burien Film Office invited residents to submit photos representing the best unique locations for filming within the city. A strong response from community members helped the Film Office to identify over 40 unique locations, and the Office is now able to recommend these locations when filmmakers call with inquiries. A panel of judges selected the winners and unveiled the winning photos at the Burien Art Association's Vision 20/20 art sale in November. Watch for them to go on display in the City Hall lobby in the near future! ■

### FIRST PLACE

Tyler Bramlet

The grand prize winning photo captures the color and vibrancy in the Art Alley between 152nd Street and 153rd Street behind Burien Press.

### SECOND PLACE

Mathew Roland

The second place winner showcases the grounds of the Genesis Global Spiritual Center at 233 S.156th Street.

### THIRD PLACE

Andrew Dunn

Third place was taken from the street in front of Three Tree Point Bed and Breakfast, and highlights Burien's Puget Sound views.

### HONORABLE MENTION

Jody Blecksmith

The artfully arranged tires and hand-painted red and yellow signage at Poblano's were the inspiration behind this honorable mention.

### HONORABLE MENTION

Macy Dunkle

Dottie Harper Park – offering rolling hills, dense forest, winding paths, and this unique stump carving – was the subject for this honorable mention photo.



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# SPRING CLEANING

## BURIEN GEARS UP FOR WHAT'S SURE TO BE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CLEAN SWEEP EVENT

By Andrea Reay, Executive Director, Discover Burien

**H**ERE IN BURIEN, WE TAKE OUR SPRING CLEANING SERIOUSLY. We clean out our closets, rake through the junk drawer that no longer shuts, and organize the garage in preparation for summer adventures. But we don't stop there. No, Burien residents take their spring cleaning all the way to the streets and work their way from neighborhood to neighborhood in a coordinated, communitywide day of action we call Clean Sweep.

Every April, hundreds of volunteers gather early in the morning at the downtown Burien Fire Station No. Two – rain or shine. Girl and Boy Scout troops,

church groups, sports teams, families, friends, and neighbors young and old join together to tidy our town. Mark your calendar for the morning of April 30 because true to the old saying, many hands do make light work.

"We're here to clean, to sweep, to make Burien beautiful!" said one volunteer at the 2015 Clean Sweep event.

We start at the Fire Station with hot coffee, baked goods, and fruit – all generously donated by our incredible local businesses. But we don't linger long before hitting the streets en masse, sleeves rolled up and gloves donned to tackle trash and beautify the city. We



### SUPPORT RELAY FOR LIFE - GIVE A NEW LIFE TO THE OLD CLOTHES IN YOUR CLOSET AT THE CLEAN SWEEP EVENT!

Volunteers with Relay For Life will be on hand to collect clothing for Value Village from 8am to noon. What's more, for every pound of clothes volunteers collect, Value Village will donate 20 cents to the Relay For Life event. Clean out your closet and fight cancer at the same time? You bet! Just drop by the Municipal Parking Lot – 631 SW 151st St.



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### ARE OLD DOCUMENTS CLUTTERING YOUR LIFE?

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◀ A group of enthusiastic volunteers gather for a picture before heading out to clean up the city at the 2015 Clean Sweep event.

sort recyclables, collect litter, remove graffiti, and sweep sidewalks. Recology CleanScapes, the event's main sponsor, brings extra collection trucks, dumpsters, and crews to keep up with us. The City's Public Works team helps too.

By noon, when we return to the Fire Station where we began, we'll enjoy our free hot dog lunch knowing that we have amassed more than five tons of garbage, at least 250 pounds of recyclables, and the sidewalks will nearly gleam when the sun catches them. This is community building. This is community pride. And in Burien, we take it seriously.

For more information on Burien Clean Sweep as well as a list of sponsors and community partners who make this event possible, and for information on future events, visit [www.discoverburien.org](http://www.discoverburien.org). ■



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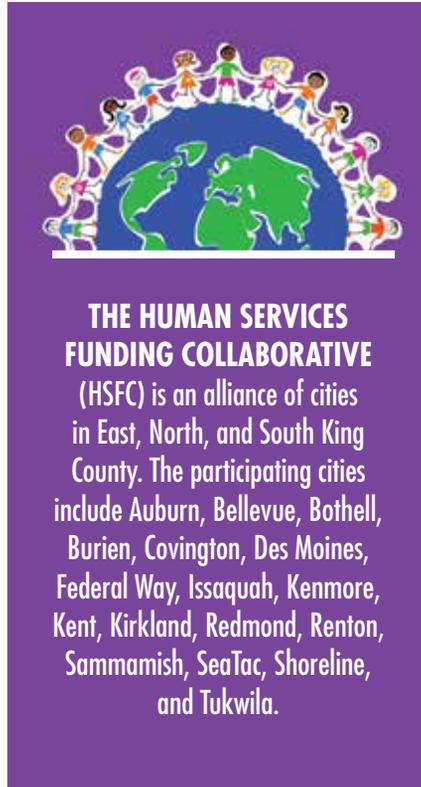
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processes to create a joint application system. Now, agencies apply through one online portal to be simultaneously considered for grants from multiple municipalities throughout the region.

Government funding is critical to human service agencies. Federal, state, county, and municipal programs often provide an important backbone for continuing operations in ways that individual donations and specific funding programs cannot. With stable day-to-day operational funding in place, agencies can direct private grants and individual donors to specific programming, long-term planning, and capital investments that appeal to donors or meet funding agencies' targeted missions. Together, private and public funding build upon each other to help a non-profit succeed.

Whether fighting substance abuse, preventing homelessness, or easing hunger, Burien's community partners know best how to have an impact. City support provides a return on investment that not only helps alleviate need in our community but allows our partnering agencies to leverage further



funding from donors and through private grants. In the end, it takes more than just one village to address human service needs in our community. ■

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time and money by subscribing to service with Recology CleanScapes. With curbside service you get:

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In addition to cost effective curbside collection, Recology CleanScapes customers may pay their bill, make changes to their account, and drop off many hard-to-recycle items at The Recology Store Highline.

*For more information about Recology CleanScapes' services and how to help increase Burien's recycling rate, please visit [recologycleanscapes.com/burien](http://recologycleanscapes.com/burien) online or contact Recology CleanScapes Customer Service at 206.767.3322. We'd love to hear from you!* ■

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## PULSE TENNIS AT LAKE BURIEN SCHOOL PARK

**3.** Looking for a new way to get in shape? Try your hand at Pulse Tennis! This new, innovative feature opened at Lake Burien School Park last fall. Pulse Tennis is an interactive, multisensory game designed to encourage active play. Targeted for ages 5-12 and allowing 2-8 participants, players take turns chasing and tapping lights as they "bounce" from one post to another. The LED light and sound patterns challenge hand-eye coordination, develop action and reaction skills, build muscle, and burn calories.

This Burien Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PaRCS) installation came out of a joint initiative involving several south county cities, King County Public Health, King County Parks, local hospitals, schools, businesses, and others organizations whose mission includes educating children and families about active living and promoting healthy activities and wellness.

"Kids might think of playground equipment as something that's just for fun, but we know the exercise and other benefits that youth get while at a playground are essential to their development, and we are proud of our partnership role in this initiative," says Kevin Brown, King County Parks Director. ■



By Nicolle Callier,  
Burien Communications Intern

**W**HO LET THE DOGS OUT? The City of Burien, that's who. After years of planning, and the continuous involvement of the community, the Burien Toyota and Chevrolet Dog Park officially opened its gates in January.

The efforts to establish this off-leash dog park were led by Burien's own volunteer group, The B-Town D.O.G. (Dog Owners Group). As animal enthusiasts and fellow pet owners, the B-Town D.O.G. recognized the need for an off-leash dog park in their community, a safe space where families and pet owners could unite and let their dogs be, well, dogs.

The Burien Toyota and Chevrolet Dog Park didn't just appear overnight. Many residents and community leaders

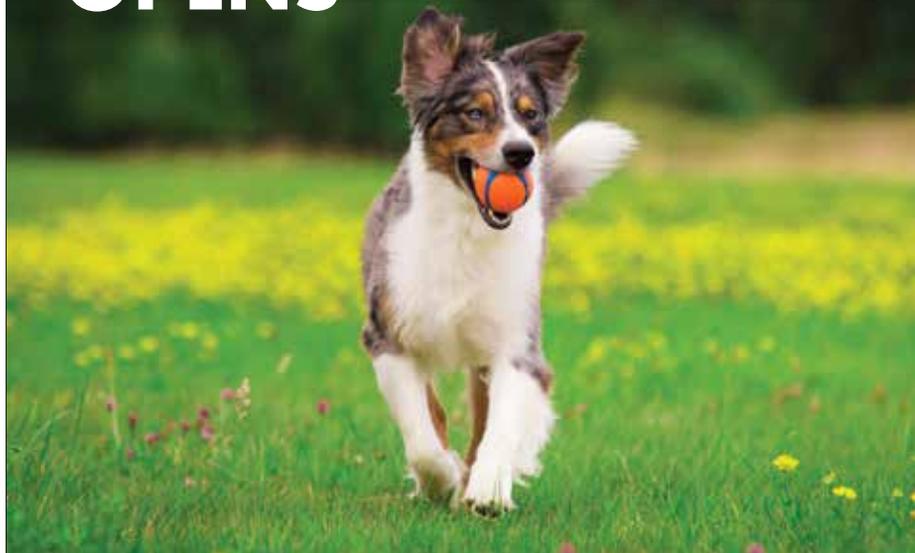
## WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT AN OFF-LEASH DOG PARK ANYWAY?

envisioned a dog park for years. You might wonder, what's so special about an off-leash dog park anyway? Well, this newly constructed dog park – located at 15810 6th Ave SW – is both special and inspirational because it was truly a collaborative effort among Burien residents, City officials, and generous sponsors.

This "tail" of one park all started back in October of 2012, when the B-Town D.O.G. initially made their request to City Council to build an off-leash dog park in Burien. Community members approached Council and Parks officials, speaking at Parks Board and City Council meetings about developing such a park. On July 1, 2013 their requests were answered and Councilmembers agreed to construct an off-leash dog park on an undeveloped site at Lakeview Park.

This was a huge victory for the devoted dog group. It was official:

# BURIEN'S FIRST OFF-LEASH DOG PARK OPENS



Though the park is open and most of the heavy lifting has been completed, the B-Town D.O.G. volunteers will continue their efforts to keep this dog park moving forward. Their ongoing efforts include providing hours of ongoing maintenance, organizing work parties for larger endeavors, and continued fundraising to add future park amenities.

A few pieces of unfinished business are still scheduled to be completed at the park including the installation of the Burien Toyota and Chevrolet Dog Park entry sign, a new drinking fountain, and a dog agility course. These will all be completed by early spring 2016, or sooner.

Burien would have its own off-leash dog park, but it would take some time. By December 2014, the City Council approved \$15,000 to go towards construction costs. These funds depended on an additional \$15,000 match to be raised by the B-Town D.O.G. volunteers.

This might have discouraged the B-Town D.O.G. group – how in the world were they going to raise the needed funds? What's more, the park wasn't slated to open until 2017, and Burien's puppies weren't getting any younger. How could just one local volunteer group make their dream



Without the dedication of The B-Town D.O.G. working closely with city staff, community leaders, and generous donations from sponsors this park would still be a dream in the minds' of many residents. It's unbelievable what transformation can occur in a community when individuals unite for a cause they are deeply passionate about. ■



- ▲ *The park itself is still taking shape. With help from dedicated volunteers and community partners, it is blossoming into a treasure that Burien's dogs are sure to love.*
- ◀ *City Councilmembers and dog park activists celebrate the matching funds raised by volunteers to augment the City's investment in the newly-opened dog park.*

a reality? The group rolled up their sleeves though, and set to work. To their amazement, it only took the B-Town D.O.G. volunteers two months to match the City Council's contribution.

From that moment on, everything else seemed to fall into place. Incredibly, the remaining cost of the park was raised by June 2015 – just six months after the City Council led with the first funds. Local car dealerships Burien Toyota and Chevrolet donated \$10,000 towards the construction of the dog park, and were offered naming rights as a result. The final funding piece came into place when Beneful - a dog food company – noticed the outstanding effort being put forth by the Burien community and decided to join in. Beneful agreed to fund the final \$20,000 towards the off-leash dog park and the final piece of the puzzle fell into place.

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# Neighborhood Matching Fund

## Funds for Neighborhoods

The neighborhood matching fund gives Burien residents access to city funds to improve the quality of life in Burien neighborhoods. The City provides funds, up to \$5,000 per project, and the neighborhood matches the City's contribution with local resources of volunteer labor, donated materials or professional services, or cash. The goal of the neighborhood matching fund is to encourage projects that foster self-help, neighborhood pride, and beautify Burien's neighborhoods.

### What can you do?

- create a mural, sculpture, or historical display
- make a garden
- add street lights
- plant a tree
- build a bus shelter
- put up a basketball hoop



### How do you apply?

Applications for Neighborhood Matching Funds can be submitted at any time. Neighborhood groups interested in participating in the Neighborhood Matching Fund program must fill out and submit an application to Brandi Eyerly at Burien City Hall, 400 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> St, Suite 300, Burien 98166.

Application forms can be requested by phone at (206) 248-5519 or by email at [BrandiE@burienwa.gov](mailto:BrandiE@burienwa.gov).

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# Ciudad de Burien

## Fondo Apareado del Vecindario

### Fondos para los vecindarios

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#### Qué se puede hacer?

- crear un mural, escultura, o visualización
- sembrar un jardín
- poner farolas
- plantar un árbol
- construir una parada de autobús
- erigir un aro de baloncesto



#### Cómo solicitar?

Se puede presentar solicitudes para el Fondo Apareado del Vecindario en cualquier momento. Grupos vecinales que están interesados deben completar y rendir un solicitud a Brandi Eyerly en Burien City Hall, 400 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 300, Burien, WA 98166.

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# A Community that Cares

**W**ORKING IN A COMMUNITY THAT CARES ABOUT ITS SAFETY, watches out for its neighbors, and helps our law enforcement officers is an aspect of my career that I treasure deeply. And I'm not the only one – officers who work alongside me here in Burien feel the same way. Burien is a community facing real challenges, and it is full of community members who care enough to truly have an impact. With that in mind, I'd like to talk about a few incidents that happened over the winter.

The first incident happened on New Year's Eve just after dusk. A Burien resident had barely finished washing his girlfriend's car for her when he stepped across the street for a moment. He left

the car running, knowing he wasn't going far, but that didn't stop a man sporting a black beanie and two-toned backpack from jumping in the car to drive off with it. When the resident turned around and saw what was happening, he ran after the car, determined to stop the thief. Indeed he did stop the thief, but not before being lodged beneath the vehicle and run over twice.

Meantime, inside her house, a neighbor heard cries for help and rushed outside to find out what was happening. When she saw the man under the vehicle, she sprang into action, calling to her friend/roommate for backup and dialing 911 on her cell phone. In the critical minutes that followed, both women worked to keep the man conscious by speaking with him, encouraging him, pleading



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with him to hold on, and reminding him that help was on the way. But more importantly, they took action.

When it became clear that they couldn't move the vehicle forward or back without causing him more pain, one of the women ran to find a jack. Both worked to raise the car off of his chest. The jack didn't lift high enough to free the man but it was enough to release extreme pressure off of his chest.

Even once our officers arrived, the women kept helping. The officers lifted the vehicle and the women carefully pulled the man out from under it. He was transported to the hospital shortly thereafter and is still alive today because of the quick thinking and willing actions of his neighbors.

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*... the man's life  
was saved because  
his neighbors cared  
enough to act.*

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We'd seen a rash of these types of thefts this winter: idling cars were easy targets for opportunistic thieves. Though none of them turned as violent as this one did, we worked to spread the word about the threat. We posted warnings on social media and the community started talking. Sure, some people have the luxury of cars that prevent incidents like these, but the technology is still relatively new and not widely owned yet. But we knew if enough people took precautions to prevent the risk, the opportunists could be dissuaded and the frequency of these thefts would decrease. Community action can change behaviors.

It comes as no surprise that the next set of incidents to garner our Department's serious concern was the string of shootings in the month of January. Any shooting or violence in our city is unacceptable, let alone a series of them. Each

incident has been or is still being investigated with all of the resources needed to solve them. We have many detectives working long hours toward that goal.

It might go without saying but often, we can't share specifics about investigations like these because it is our duty to preserve the integrity of the case and pave the way for a successful prosecution. We worry, though, that our silence may be mistaken for forgetting, for moving on too quickly, or worse, for not caring. Please know that this is not the case, not in the least. These incidents must be resolved and thoroughly examined lest our community face the same threats over and over again.

Since mid-January, you may have seen an increase in patrol officers in the affected area. We're there in cars, on foot, and on bicycles in order to prevent additional violence and make it clear to everyone

that we will not tolerate criminal behavior. Is it a guarantee that violence won't break out there? No – guarantees like that don't seem to exist in this world. But is it making a difference? We think so.

It is normal for incidents like these to make a community feel vulnerable, and sometimes, the natural instinct is to withdraw, to disengage. But a few simple steps can help to fight this sense of isolation and bring the community back together; we're stronger together. Get to know your neighbors if you don't already, reconnect with them if you already do, help us keep an eye out for suspicious situations, and don't be afraid to call 911. By building on the strengths of Burien – our connectedness as a community and our desire to make it safer – we can demonstrate that crime and violence have no place in our city. ■

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# Empty Bowls

A COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING EVENT to benefit the Highline and White Center Food Banks celebrated its 11th year at the Burien Community Center on Friday, January 29th. Here are a few photos. Were you there? ■



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MARCH 26 • 9AM - 11AM

**SPRING SPEGGTACULAR**

Burien Community Center  
14700 6th Ave SW

Join us for a morning of delicious food, music, pictures and games. Start your morning with breakfast at 9am. At 10am stroll through the building visiting our critter, game, face painting, story and arts & craft rooms. Spring SpEGGtacular is a family event with activities geared towards ages 12 & under. Don't forget your photo with the bunny! Be sure to register quickly, Last year we sold out, so get your tickets early!

APRIL 30 • 8AM - 1PM

**CLEAN SWEEP & SHRED**

Burien Fire Station  
900 SW 146th

Clean up the city! Grab coffee and snacks at the Fire Station then head out in teams to tackle trash. Hot dogs are served for lunch when you return - hope to see you there!

BEGINS MAY 5 • 11AM - 6PM

**BURIEN FARMERS MARKET**

Burien Town Square Park  
5th Ave SW & SW 152nd

The 2016 Burien Farmers' Market kicks off in May and runs through October, every Thursday. Our Market now hosts between 40 and 50 vendors each week, including food booths, handmade goods, farm fresh products, and fresh baked products. Attendance varies from 1,500 to 2,000 people at each weekly event.



MAY 5 • 10AM - 3PM

**MOSHIER SPRING POTTERY SALE**

Moshier Art Center  
430 S 156th St.

Twice a year the potters at the Moshier Art Center gather to sell their handmade wares. Come to this amazing sale to find hundreds of items such as mugs, bowls, serving dishes, casseroles, garden art, soap dishes, jewelry, holiday items, and more! Come early for best selection. Checks or cash accepted.

MAY 12 • 5:30PM - 8PM

**FAMILY FUN RUN**

Burien Town Square Park  
5th Ave SW & SW 152nd

A perfect event for walkers and runners of all levels, the Family Fun Run takes off and ends at Town Square Park. Bring the whole family: there will be prizes!

**CITY HALL  
BURIEN LIBRARY**

**MAY 30**

Memorial Day, Holiday Closure



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