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EDITOR'S NOTE



What a Ride!

THIS EDITION IS MY FINAL ONE AS EDITOR OF *BURIEN MAGAZINE*, and as I flip back through these first five editions, I must say: it has been an absolute pleasure to found this publication. My goal from the start has been to make government more accessible, to demystify City policies and processes, and to increase a sense of connectedness between the City as an organization and the broader community. The *Magazine* is the cornerstone platform to that end, but it is by no means the only way in which we have increased transparency. We continue to grow our social media presence, a website overhaul is now underway, and soon the City will launch a new brand that will shout to the world how great it is to call Burien "home."

I've deeply enjoyed getting to know the Burien community, its hopes and dreams, and the people who make it the special place that it is.

Thank you for your readership,

— *Katie Whittier*
City of Burien Communications Officer &
Executive Editor, Burien Magazine

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MESSAGE FROM THE CITY COUNCIL



▲ (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.

IT'S AN EXCITING TIME TO INVEST IN BURIEN. We see momentum building in everything from construction permits to community engagement, and we're harnessing that momentum to improve the lives of our residents. As you can see on the graphic below, we're seeing record-setting permit applications for development — and it's happening all throughout our community.

DOWNTOWN

Anyone who spends much time near City Hall has witnessed firsthand some of the most significant construction projects in Burien's history. The two developments broke ground a year ago this summer, and the first is slated to open later this year. The Merrill Gardens development will include 126 independent, assisted living, and memory care apartments. And next year, the other development comes online with 229 market-rate apartments: studios, one- and two-bedrooms.

The retail spaces on the ground floor of our Town Square condos are starting to fill up, and shops are turning over all throughout our downtown core, with vibrant new options for residents and visitors alike.

We've also been looking for ways to improve mobility in and around our core by conducting a Downtown Mobility Study to examine everything from parking to transit options to learn how people access Downtown Burien. You can read more about the results of the Study on page 10. The Study will guide City policies on zoning, regulations, and other means to maximize economic activity downtown. Think "park once, shop twice," or even "take the bus, shop, have lunch, shop more, walk to the Farmers Market, and so forth" — that's what we want to achieve.

NERA

Growth isn't limited to just our downtown core. We've been working for many years to repurpose land that had to be vacated when the Port built the third runway. We call this area of Burien the Northeast Redevelopment Area, or NERA for short. In May, the City closed on a \$4.5 million real estate deal, and the developer has already broken ground on what will be a 238,000 square foot cold storage facility, bringing an economic life to the east edge of the City.

WELLNESS SECTOR

The Wellness sector of our economy is growing too. In June, CHI Franciscan celebrated the grand opening of its new facility near Five Corners. The new 48,000 square foot facility offers expanded care and leading-edge technology to patients throughout our region. We are delighted by their expansion and the continued strengthening of our Wellness sector.

Also in June, the City approved a permit application to upgrade the Group Health facility located on 146th St SW in Burien. Group Health plans to build a new, modernized structure in place of their current facility and is using the latest techniques in Low Impact Development

throughout their upgrade, including stormwater infrastructure. Their new and improved facility will be another feather in the cap for Burien's Wellness sector.

SAFETY & POLICING

Even though our overall violent crime went down 22% in 2015, and we had no homicides last year, this year (2016) has been more challenging. Improving public safety continues to be a top concern amongst residents, businesses, and City Leadership alike.

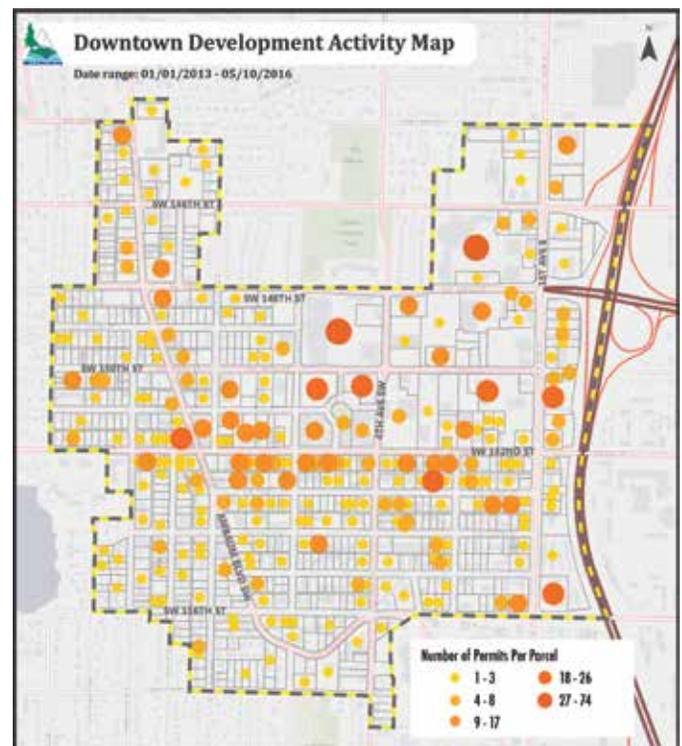
We have a well-trained police force in Burien, and we do what we can to stretch our funds as far as possible. Last year, we launched a new 4/10 schedule to overlap shifts so that more officers were on duty during the times of day when we typically saw the most calls. Already, we're seeing good results from the 4/10 schedule:

- We've added 150 Emphasis Patrols since its implementation. By contrast, in the six months before the new schedule began, officers were so busy they were only able to operate one, single Emphasis Patrol.
- Our overtime costs have decreased 18%.
- Our response times are improving across the board, with responses to the highest-priority calls taking, on average, just three and a half minutes.

We're also really cracking down on drunk drivers. In 2015, our Police Department added a DUI enforcement position and subsequently undertook 159 DUI investigations. That's a large number. Our message is clear: DO NOT DRIVE UNDER THE INFLUENCE IN THE CITY OF BURIEN.

As you can see, it's a busy and dynamic time to be in Burien. It's exciting to be part of the team that's leading Burien to a more prosperous future. If you haven't been downtown in a while, it's worth your time to drop by and see all the changes, especially on a Thursday when the Farmers Market is alive with activity. We look forward to sharing more exciting news in the months to come! - Your Burien City Council

▼ Below is a beat map for permit applications throughout the downtown area. The permit data ranges from January, 2013 – May 2016. The burnt orange circles represent more permit activity and are business or construction-based. The smaller, yellow circles represent a wider range of permit application types.



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Strategic Plan Complete



BURIEN'S STRATEGIC PLAN WAS ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL at its June 20 meeting and is now serving to guide our biennial budget-setting process. Staff and Council worked together in the months since its launch in February to build the Plan, which identifies the City's core service priorities as well as opportunities for enhancements in the coming two biennia. You can view the adopted plan in the centerfold of this issue of *Burien Magazine*.

The *City of Burien Strategic Plan 2017-2020* organizes, aligns, and communicates the City's priorities, and guides work programs within the organization. As you'll see, it identifies four focus areas,

and I'd like to explain a little bit about each one.

SAFE Community

We hear from residents and businesses frequently about their desire to increase safety in our community. Strengthening our policing capacity and improving our infrastructure are the two main avenues to meet that need in the coming budget cycles. There are a number of different initiatives we can tackle to achieve our goals, and Council will identify through the 2017-18 budget which initiatives to tackle first.

HEALTHY Community

The health of a community depends on clean natural environments, opportunities for recreational exercise, social interconnectedness, and supports for our most at-risk residents. In Burien, we take our health even farther by fostering the arts and celebrating our cultural diversity. We must continue to nurture and grow these aspects of our community to remain the healthy and vibrant place that we know and love.

DYNAMIC Community

Burien isn't immune from the pressures of development as the region's economy strengthens, and we want to make sure we manage this growth in targeted, purposeful ways. We will continue to build upon the economic development goals that were set in 2014 as well as identify new ways to keep up with increased demands for permits.

STRONG City Organization

As I mentioned in my last *Magazine* update, Burien operates with fewer staff per resident than just about any Puget Sound area city of our size. The average ratio of city staff per 1000 residents in our peer city group is 2.41, while Burien's is only 1.37. While this means your tax dollars might reach farther here than in other cities, it also limits our ability to fulfill our core responsibilities, respond to growth or offer new services, and to meet emerging community priorities. That's why our Strategic Plan includes an emphasis on organizational capacity – working toward a staffing level that allows us to meet community expectations and modernizing technology to help them do their jobs as efficiently as possible.

With the Council's approval in June, we are moving forward to translate these strategies into actionable budget items. Be sure to review the Plan in its entirety on pages 15-18. We believe it provides a solid course of action to guide Burien through the year 2020.

As always, thank you for all that you do to make Burien an exceptional place to live, work, and play. It is truly an exciting time to be a part of this community!

— Kamuron Gurol, City Manager



Lead Me Safely Home

By Katie Whittier, Communications Officer

IT SEEMED TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE: 3.2 ACRES FOR SALE IN BURIEN, WITH A VIEW, at a price point within reach. “I’m like no way,” said Ryan Roumonada, reflecting back on the Zillow post he found in December 2015.

Ryan grew up in Burien on a typical city lot near the Gregory Heights neighborhood. He went to Highline Public Schools and graduated a Pirate. He understands Burien – a close by city with plenty of space. It’s accessible to Seattle where both he and his wife, Erin, work. Ryan founded SOS Cold Brew Coffee which operates out of the South Park neighborhood in Seattle. Its proximity to Burien makes the location of the dream property that much better. And the icing on top? It’s close to Sea-Tac International Airport: they’re travelers.

Erin grew up in Lake Stevens. Her father spent his career building houses. Renting a space in increasingly-crowded

West Seattle was never a “forever” proposition for her, but risking a terrible commute to live in a woody setting didn’t make sense for either of them. So as California Ave SW and SW Admiral Way densified around them, they stayed put.

“It’s getting so densely populated there,” Ryan said. “They’re tearing down old houses and putting up four- or six-plexes on the lot, and no one’s planning for parking.”

Once they found that too-good-to-be-true listing on Zillow, they pounced. By early 2016, their dreams were beginning to take shape. “It feels like you’re in the middle of the forest,” Ryan says when he talks about his new property. “I finally get woods – I get to build forts and stuff.”

Forts aren’t the first piece of infrastructure on his mind. Building his dream house – that’s what consumes his waking moments when he’s not running his business and enjoying life with his family. It’ll be a two-story colonial with huge west-facing windows and a large deck. It’ll include a mother-in-law space

▲ Ryan Roumonada overlooks a portion of his property with excitement, hopeful of what’s to come.

“It’s just how I am: I like to know what’s going on and like to figure it all out.”

RYAN ROUMONADA



by which he and Erin can generate income if they wish. He might build some terraced gardens but much of the land will remain as is: beautiful and natural.

Sure, they heard horror stories about

the hurdles and frustrations of building a dream home from scratch, but they're more prepared than most starry-eyed dreamers. Ryan's father-in-law spent his career in the home-building business. When combined with Ryan's experience as an entrepreneur, the two are well prepared to launch a project like this one.

Ryan is no stranger to project management, and he doesn't shy away from challenges, so he decided early to self-manage the process. "I could have hired a general contractor to do it all, but that would've run me between \$60,000 and \$80,000," he said.

Instead, he dove into Burien's Municipal Code, reading into the early hours of the morning to understand the process ahead of him. "I probably would have done it all anyway, even with a GC. It's just how I am: I like to know what's going on and like to figure it all out."

But it wouldn't be an easy process. Like all developers, he knew he needed a land use permit from the City in order to build on the property. What he learned very quickly, however, was that he would also need to go through a special type of review because of its location within what's called a Critical Area.

IT'S POSSIBLE THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE WERE INTERESTED IN THE PROPERTY but didn't want to have to go through what Ryan's going through to get to a point where he can build," said Niomi Zinn, the City of Burien planner assigned to manage his land use permit process.

The property lies near the buffer zones of four different stream tributaries. While this feature contributes to the stunning beauty of the land, it also indicates that erosion is likely to happen there, and any development near streambed buffer zones could hasten the erosion and put his future house at risk if not done properly.

Fresh off of the December 9, 2015 winter storm that caused a landslide not far from this location, City officials felt especially motivated to ensure safety in permitting new construction on any slope that might be unstable. But Ryan's slope was different from the landslide area in a number of ways, not the least

of which was its sheer distance from the shoreline and associated tides. He tried to describe these differences in detail and finally asked whether a City staffer could join him in-person to see the property for themselves. It surprised him when we agreed.

"I'm glad [Niomi] was able to meet with me out here. She was able to see the cause of the slope," Ryan said.

Niomi learned early in her career as a planner that seeing a property in-person makes a big difference in being able to assess the lay of the land. "Land changes over time," she explains. "Plus, there are certain features that aren't depicted as well by a map as by seeing it in person. It helps to confirm descriptions and analysis that consultants provide us."

Seeing the land in-person also helps her to be able to respond to questions and comments from the public during the land use review. When she visits a site, she arms herself with a camera so

that she is able to document specific trees, slopes, and other features that could be impacted. This helps her to complete the assessment process on a permit, allowing her to compare her observations to existing maps, environmental studies, and geotechnical reports.

"It's better to be detailed and take our time at the front end because if we communicate clearly early on, it can help us be proactive and solve problems that might lead to delays as the project moves forward," said Niomi.

WHY SHOULD A CITY – OR ANY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT, for that matter – be able to dictate what a landowner can do with their private property? The line between private rights and public interests is a long-contested



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one dating back to the very inception of the concept of government. In Burien, as in communities all across Washington and beyond, public interest in the activities on private property boil down to a few key principles: public health, public safety, and general welfare.

Allowing construction on an unstable piece of land risks the safety of whoever resides there. While that might be a risk worth assuming for the original landowner, once the property passes to the next buyer, will they be as keen on the risks? This is why City of Burien Zoning Code calls out certain areas as being Critical Areas, necessitating further review, and often, geotechnical studies to identify the safest way to build on the property.

Does it add a few months to the permitting process? Can it be costly? Certainly. And delays can be heartbreaking for anyone anxious to set foot inside their dream home. But a few months for extra study to ensure safety could easily pay off in a single storm or seismic event that might have destroyed the house and thereby shattered those very same dreams. Or worse.

“We have to make sure his house can stay safely intact and doesn’t impact the environment, both human and natural, in a way that might cause harm,” Niomi said. “There were multiple factors we needed to look at on his property – proximity to streams and steepness of the slope, in particular.”

She visited Ryan’s property early in the morning to accommodate his work schedule. Her goal was to confirm the steepness of the slope near where construction would occur as well as to make sure the permit application was complete. She spoke with him about the trees he would have to remove in order to accommodate the house. There weren’t many: because the trees are one of Ryan’s favorite aspects of the property, he isn’t interested in losing any more than necessary in order to build his home.

Niomi examined the site and was able to see a likely reason behind one particularly steep slope: decades ago, a roadbed had been constructed through it. This construction happened before Salmon Creek Ravine became a protected area, when plans for development of that

“He sees himself as a citizen of an entire community; he’s not just building a house for himself.”

NIOMI ZINN



area were beginning to take shape. The development never materialized, but Ryan is left with a steep slope directly below where his new house will go.

Other parts of the property were very stable by comparison. In her review, Niomi was able to both clarify and confirm information provided in Ryan’s permit. Had she not been able to travel to his property, put on her boots, and walk around with him there, could she have provided the same level of customer service? It isn’t likely.

NOTICING THE PROXIMITY OF NEIGHBORS AND THE VIEWS THROUGH HIS PROPERTY, she was curious about whether he had had any contact with them. “I get worried about neighbors because lots of times, when people buy property, they sometimes forget that their home may affect others around them, and that can sometimes lead to conflict.”

Because he is proposing to build a new home on a vacant lot in a Critical Area, the public has the right to comment on his permit and even appeal the City’s decision on whether and how the land will be developed. Frustrated or worried neighbors can cause significant delays in the permit process, so Niomi was

particularly interested to find out what, if any, outreach Ryan had done already.

Fortunately, Ryan is determined to do things the right way, even if it isn’t convenient. He’s not one for cutting corners or making the easy choice. The home right next door was originally built in the early 1900s, and over time, various owners built additions and grew it into a peaceful estate. From the start, Ryan worked closely with that homeowner in the design and placement of his own house in order to preserve the views and maximize the privacy of both lots.

“I was really impressed to find out that he already knew who the neighbors were and had talked to them,” Niomi said. “I was surprised when he told me he designed the placement of his home on the property to preserve his neighbor’s view. He sees himself as a citizen of an entire community; he’s not just building a house for himself.”

RYAN HAS A LONG ROAD TO NAVIGATE, and working through the City’s permitting process is just one of the steps along the way. He also interacts with Seattle City Light, King County Water District 20, Southwest Suburban Sewer District, and other agencies as he moves forward with his plans. Add to this all of his coordination with builders, designers, and contractors, and it becomes clear how much dedication a dream home requires. As he describes it, a lot of self-managed home building projects grow into an effort of patience, and he spends a lot of time readjusting his expectations. “Everything takes longer than you think it will.”

But there have been fun surprises along the way too. After the City published its Notice of Application on his property, a woman named Judy reached out to him. Judy grew up here from the time she was two years old. Now 75 and living in Ellensburg, Judy told him about the treehouses which used to populate the land – remnants of which can still be found. She regaled about her family’s band, called Rowdy Ridge Rough Riders, and how they used to host big backyard



◀ Planner, Niomi Zinn (left) and Senior Planner, David Johansen (right) are featured here during a project review. City planners regularly perform peer reviews in order to ensure that analysis is accurate and consistent.

says Niomi.

Ryan put it this way: “Burien is about the right size – small enough to be hands-on but large enough to have its own building permit staff.”

Ultimately though, it doesn’t take a lot to remind Ryan that the efforts are worthwhile. The permitting process, the coordination, the late-night studying of Municipal code – it will all pay off. “I get out here to the property, and this is what I hear.” He stops. As if on cue, a birdcall rings out from a nearby tree. Others echo down the ravine. Wind rustles the trees nearby. He laughs – it isn’t hard to understand why he loves the place enough to endure the challenges along the way. “I just look at all the positives and keep going forward.” ■

concerts and parties for friends.

Ryan’s mind alighted with visions of his future, whispered from the property’s past. Maybe he’ll host grand parties here himself. Maybe this peaceful setting will become a beloved gathering place for friends and family, with new traditions being built upon the old. He wants to memorialize this jovial past: he is designing a hearth for the living room that will read, “Rowdy Ridge.”

RYAN’S PERMIT CONTINUES TO MOVE FORWARD, and even if time seems to crawl while he waits, he counts himself lucky. “My buddy has been trying to build a house out in [east King County]. The permit process took so long that his permit expired and he had to reapply.”

While being a small jurisdiction has a number of challenges, Burien comes with a handful of advantages as well. Permit-seekers benefit from a high-touch, personal approach here that they might not experience in large governmental agencies like Seattle or King County. “I like being able to get to know applicants,”



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DOWNTOWN MOBILITY STUDY:

Driven by the Community

By Ryan Chambers, Communications Intern

DURING THE SUMMER, YOUR THURSDAYS ARE SET. With a booming Farmers Market at Burien Town Square, you know you can hop in your car, buckle up the kids, and head downtown for a day in the sun. Fresh produce, water activities for the little ones – a perfect summer day, right?

As you steer your car into the Library Parking lot, though, you might struggle to find parking spots available. Underground parking? Same struggle. You might try finding street parking along 152nd, but nope. Municipal lot? Aha! Parking at last! By that time, you might feel frustrated that you spent so much time looking for parking, wondering where the signs were that pointed to the lot. Three blocks isn't that far; one would think on a busy day there would



be plenty of other parking options downtown.

Well, you're right. On a busy day, only about 57 percent of the downtown parking spots are filled:

just over half. There are plenty of spots, but during peak times (like the Farmers Market), parking spots directly on 152nd are taken up rather quickly. Where else is there to park? That's where we come in. With the assistance of consultant Fehr & Peers, the City may have found a way to ease the stress of finding downtown parking: wayfinding.

What do we mean by wayfinding? If you aren't an urban planner, such a term might be confusing. Put simply, wayfinding is the signage used to help residents and visitors navigate around a space, both by car and on foot.

"I believe improving our signage is very do-able," says Chris Craig, Economic Development Specialist. "When people better understand how to get around, they have a more positive experience coming to downtown Burien."

Transportation and parking are concerns for every city, and while Burien's parking challenges pale in comparison to Capitol Hill or even

▼ *A brisk walk down a thriving 152nd street will take you any place that you would want to go. A modern-styled library, a seemingly endless selection of local restaurants and businesses. Opportunity is endless here!*



Columbia City, we recognize that we must be proactive to ensure effective mobility throughout our downtown core. That's why last fall, we launched a Downtown Mobility Study. Through it, we sought to find solutions to challenges we hear about from residents.

The Downtown Mobility Study was a community-driven (pun intended) look at Burien's needs – from the viewpoint of our residents, stakeholders, and business owners. According to its introduction, the purpose of the study is "to improve transportation options to and through the downtown area, with a specific

THE STUDY WORKED TO ADDRESS THREE OVERARCHING GOALS:

- Improve multimodal connections within Burien
- Increase the multigenerational appeal of our downtown core
- Elevate Burien's position in the region

▼ One of many forms of public transportation taking off from the Burien Transit Center; A focus of the Downtown Mobility Study.

focus on bicycle and pedestrian mobility, transit connectivity, and parking."

"This study was community-driven," said Craig. "The City wanted to address a collection of concerns we were hearing from residents, and we wanted to do so in a holistic and well-informed way."

Fehr and Peers – the consulting agency which conducted the study for the City hosted two days of open house style storefront studies and evening town hall workshops to learn about residents' needs, desires, and concerns when it comes to accessing their downtown area. The in-depth information gathering allowed the consultants to prepare recommendations for City Council that reflect the ideas and feedback that residents shared with them.

Overall, City staff were pleased by the level of engagement from Burien residents and businesses during this study. "The study included more than just 2-3 minutes of conversation," Craig said. "The questions led to in-depth, informational interviews."

Of those 100 plus interviews, a few themes emerged. Residents care about parking, car and bike mobility, overall walkability, and transit connectivity.

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CITY OF BURIEN LEADS THE PACK IN STORMWATER TRACKING

New Technology Takes Stormwater Inspections into the Future

By Ryan Chambers, Communications Intern

HOP IN THE DELORIAN DMC-12: WE'RE GOING BACK IN TIME.

THE YEAR IS 2015, AND TIME STOOD STILL FOR BURIEN'S STORMWATER INSPECTOR CREW as they spent yet another day sifting through countless amounts of dingy and dusty old King County stormwater drainage files searching for a single history file on a stormwater facility.

Earlier that year, the City decided to take over from King County the task of inspecting countless amounts of private stormwater drainage systems located throughout Burien that were previously inspected by King County. "When Burien took over inspections from King County, we received boxes and boxes of files," says Brian Tornow, Stormwater Inspector for the City of Burien.

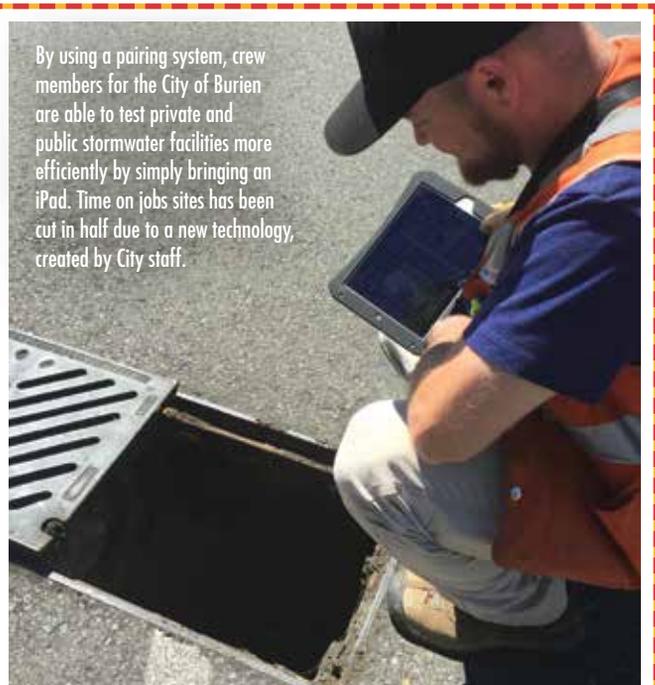
Tornow explains it this way: before the city decided to take over the inspection process, King County stormwater inspectors were required to carry around multiple loads of heavy, weathered files to each and every job site they went to. Not only did the inspectors have to carry around the physical copies of files, maps, and plans, but they also had to write their notes by hand when visiting sites. Those notes would be jotted down, transported back to their office, transcribed into a Microsoft Excel sheet by a coworker, verified by the originator, and then finally – if there were any issues regarding the stormwater drain – a letter would be mailed to the property owner.

HAVE I LOST YOU YET?

The system was a mess. It was difficult for the inspectors to get their work done efficiently. There had to be a way to simplify this process.

Then, like a strike of lightning, City staff had a "Great Scott!" moment: technology could solve the problem. The team had already been issued iPads, but they were severely underused. They didn't really fit into the multitude of manual steps necessitated to maintain the paper filing system.

Tornow says they knew that they had to find a way to simplify the process. "We needed to better utilize the technology we already had."



By using a pairing system, crew members for the City of Burien are able to test private and public stormwater facilities more efficiently by simply bringing an iPad. Time on jobs sites has been cut in half due to a new technology, created by City staff.



▶ This GIS map is the official view of Burien Stormwater Inspectors. On a day-to-day basis inspectors follow the color-coded emblems to ensure that the stormwater technology is working properly.

BACK TO THE FUTURE:

By January 2016, a team of Burien staff had created a monumental improvement in stormwater tracking by becoming one of the first jurisdictions in the State of Washington to develop convenient, mobile stormwater mapping at the touch of a screen.

Burien inspectors worked with IT staff to create a virtual private network (VPN) link that connects their City-issued iPads with their office desktops. The result? More emphasis on field work while cutting back on time spent in City Hall.

Inspectors and IT staff worked to couple Cityworks (a computerized asset management system) with the City's geographic informational system (GIS). By pairing the two, inspectors can view a color-coordinated visual map of nearby drainage systems. They can pan through the nooks and crannies of various stormwater drains on a Google-Earth-like template.

The streets of Burien – like all cities in the State of Washington – are lined with a wide variety of different and intricate stormwater systems, each having individualized criteria for inspection based on the King County Surface Water Management Manual. Some of the systems include curbside drains (catch-basins), wet/dry ponds, vaults, and rain gardens, each containing different sub-categories. In total, Cityworks has 17 or 18 individualized inspection options to choose from.

These systems are tracked regularly to ensure that the water quality remains up to standard. The drains are a filtration system for oil, sludge, and a multitude of other gunk(s) that could be harmful to the Pacific Northwest's water quality; thus, it is extremely vital that they be checked for any sort of physical defect.

Burien's new cutting-edge approach allows inspectors to detect and report abnormalities within private and public stormwater drainage systems quicker than ever seen before. With a smile on his face, Tornow says that the process of identifying key issues within their stormwater system has been simplified

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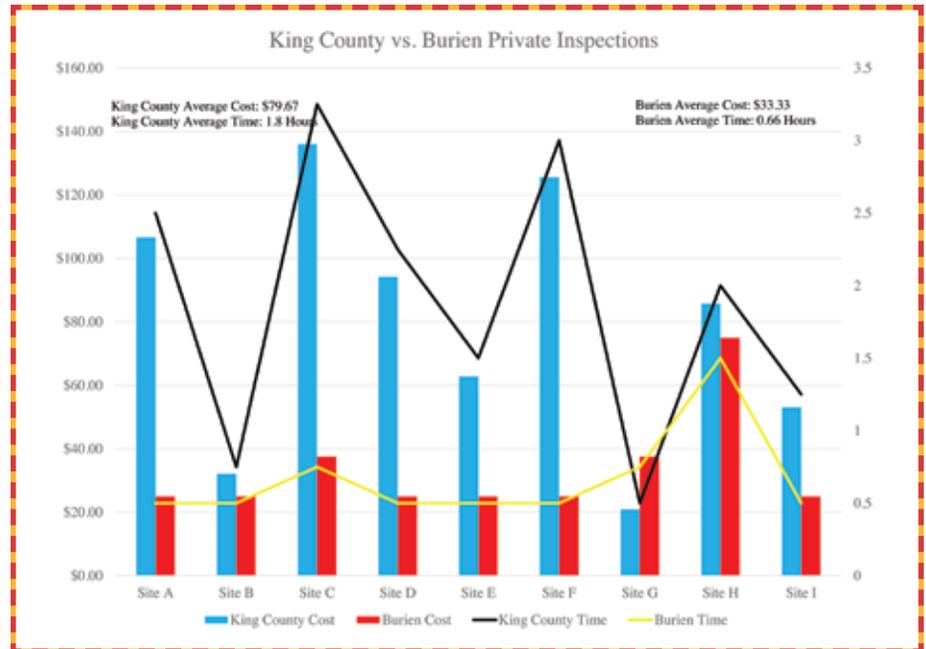
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by pairing Cityworks with GIS. No more hand-written notes. No need to duplicate the process by manually inputting information into computers back at City Hall. Right from the iPad, letters are automatically drafted and sent, allowing stormwater problems to be fixed sooner and with less room for error.

“As soon as the field work is done the letter to the owners can be sent. The whole thing saves time because it’s direct – everything happens on the site,” said Tornow. The time saved on inspections is crucial, Tornow says that a King County inspection from beginning to end takes upwards of two hours to complete, whereas his inspections take only about 30 minutes, since all the paperwork is done in real time.

BETTER YET?

No more sifting through countless boxes of files searching for a single site. Inspectors can now look up individual drains on-the-go both quickly and accurately. “For me, it’s a lot easier to just bring one thing as opposed to maps, plans, and writing out notes by hand. All I need is an iPad. It lets me spend more time in the field than in the office so I can



cover more ground,” says Tornow. He also said that Cityworks is not only good for employee efficiency, but for the residents of Burien because the new efficiencies save taxpayer dollars.

Now, King County wants to build a similar program.

“We are two, three years ahead of what a lot of other jurisdictions are doing,” says Tornow. “Everything has been running

► *Saving tax dollars: On average Burien stormwater inspections are half of the cost and half of the time of King County’s.*

really smooth; it is good for the people of Burien because it is cheaper and does a better job of tracking our stormwater system.” ■

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Additionally, wayfinding and alleyway revitalization were of particular interest to participants.

Findings from the study were presented to the City Council this summer, and the City Council can now review its recommendations to decide what to implement and when.

Among the recommendations were:

- Increase the time limit on downtown street parking from its current two-hour limit.
- Alter the parking pattern along SW 152nd St to increase safety and visibility.
- Activate alleyways to make them safer and more useful public spaces.
- Increase pedestrian access by improving sidewalk conditions around the downtown core, especially on SW 153rd St.
- Increase wayfinding signage throughout the City’s core.

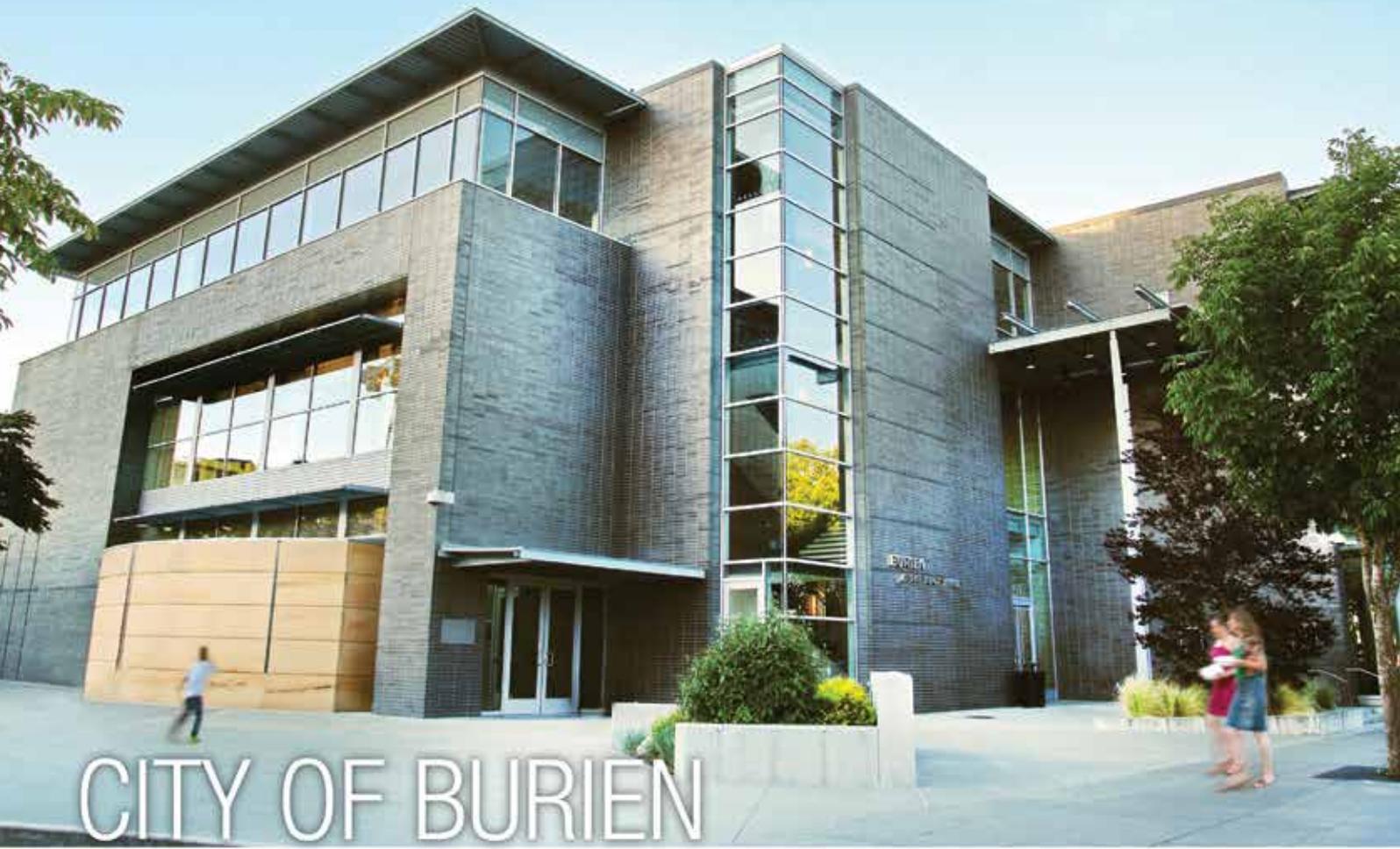
Alleyway activation is perhaps another urban planning term you might not have heard before. Think of it this way: as you walk through a downtown core, you might move from

one street full of activity to another, and on your way, pass a quiet or even dangerous-looking alley. Alleys don’t have to be a dead spot between two vibrant streets – alleys can have character and attractions of their own, drawing attention rather than neglect.

“Our goal with alleys is to encourage walkability and safety, make it feel like you are supposed to be there. It’s something businesses and community members can really benefit from,” says Craig.

The City Council is now reviewing the recommendations from the study in order to implement changes in a way that makes sense for the community as well as for the City’s budget. Like all studies, recommendations can’t be implemented all at once, and not every recommendation will make its way to reality. But with a toolbox of ideas from which to draw, the study can help to inform City decision-making on mobility throughout our downtown core.

To learn more about the study, visit <http://burienwa.gov/mobility>. ■



CITY OF BURIEN

STRATEGIC PLAN 2017-2020

BURIEN COMMUNITY VISION

A vibrant and creative community, where the residents embrace diversity, celebrate arts and culture, promote vitality, and treasure the environment.

BURIEN'S FOCUS FOR THE COMING FOUR YEARS

Through 2020, the City of Burien will prioritize delivering core services and ensuring the community's key infrastructure needs are met. This Strategic Plan identifies how City Council and staff will advance these shared commitments during the 2017/18 and 2019/20 biennia.

This Strategic Plan describes areas of emphasis that will be prioritized based on expressed community desires. Much of the City's work will continue as it always does, with this Plan focusing on particular areas of emphasis for this time period.

GOALS, INITIATIVES, & STRATEGIES



SAFE Community



1. *Enhance public safety through effective policing and an increasing focus on prevention and community engagement.*
 - a. Support community interest to build staffing capacity for both supervision and response.*
 - b. Increase community engagement, including crime prevention strategies.
 - c. Focus on crime reduction through crime analysis and predictive policing models.*
2. *Steward the City's basic infrastructure, making sure it is safe and maintained to standard.*
 - a. Take care of our streets by investing more resources to maintain current pavement conditions.*
 - b. In high priority areas, help Burien pedestrians by improving existing sidewalk conditions.*
 - c. Further promote safety by increasing our capacity for routine street maintenance.*
 - d. Maintain our parks facilities and equipment to provide a high quality visitor environment.*

HEALTHY Community



5. *Enhance Parks and Recreation facilities and programs.*
 - a. Through the PROS plan process, evaluate the needs of all community members and develop a plan that may include a new community recreation center and other park and recreation facilities to best meet those needs.*
 - b. Enhance programs for youth and teens, with a focus on City-subsidized programs.*
 - c. Improve efficiency and enhance customer experience by upgrading the parks registration system.*
6. *Provide quality, holistic services for vulnerable populations and at-risk community members.*
 - a. Support vulnerable populations and at-risk community members, and the community-based organizations that serve them, in cooperation with other partners.*
 - b. Support success for all Burien children by further strengthening our partnership with Highline Public Schools.
7. *Protect and improve the quality of Burien's natural environment.*
 - a. Promote Low Impact Development (LID) for new and retrofit development projects.
 - b. Increase recycling participation and reduce litter.
 - c. Seek to reduce noise and air pollution impacts associated with SeaTac Airport in partnership with others.*
8. *Celebrate arts and culture.*
 - a. Increase the City's support for public arts.*
 - b. Enhance the quality and number of community events and celebrations.



DYNAMIC Community



3. *Promote a thriving local business community and a positive community spirit.*

- a. Retain and strengthen existing Burien businesses through proactive efforts.*
- b. Focus on increasing locally-owned small businesses.
- c. Attract new business investment through communications, outreach, and targeted use of incentives.*
- d. Improve Burien's community image with a refreshed brand and a marketing campaign.*
- e. Establish new ways to better engage diverse communities in civic conversations and activities.*
- f. Implement the Downtown Mobility Study and develop an Urban Center Plan for downtown.
- g. Proactively work to attract lodging and complementary conference and arts facilities.
- h. Foster community development and community leaders, both locally and regionally in South County.

4. *Optimize customer service and support private investment in Burien.*

- a. Ensure fast and reliable permitting for public and private development.*
- b. Improve efficiency and enhance customer experience through innovative and modern permit systems.*
- c. Update and modernize key city codes and policy documents.*

STRONG City Organization



9. *Continue to strengthen the City team.*

- a. Attract, retain, and develop employees through a competitive compensation and benefit package, employee development, and accountability.*
- b. Increase staff capacity in critical areas to advance community priorities.*
- c. Continue to protect and enhance the City's financial strength.*

10. *Upgrade critical information technology systems and address key facility needs.*

- a. Upgrade the City's financial management IT system.*
- b. Upgrade the City's Records Management IT system.*
- c. In partnership, develop a strategy for a permanent Public Works maintenance facility to increase efficiencies and accommodate needs.

PLAN DEVELOPMENT & IMPLEMENTATION

How was the Strategic Plan developed?

The strategic planning process was a collaborative effort between the Burien City Council and Leadership Team. Emphasis was placed on responding to community preferences communicated to elected officials and staff and voiced in the City's Community Survey. This input communicated strong community interest in ensuring public safety and investing in basic infrastructure.

How will the Plan be implemented?

The Strategic Plan will be central in guiding Burien's actions and investments in the coming years. Its Goals will be the prism through which decisions are made and items are funded. The Plan will help us:

- Stay focused on what is most important, keeping community priorities in front of elected officials and City staff, partners, and community members.
- Establish aligned efforts across the City organization, guiding Council goal setting and Departmental work plans.
- Prioritize the use of resources, guiding staff development of budget proposals and framing Council's adoption of a final budget.

Progress towards the Plan's Goals will be regularly reviewed by Council and the City's Leadership Team and updates will be shared with the community.

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RECICLA MAS. ¡ES FACILÍSIMO!

brings recycling information in Spanish to King County communities

By Matt Manguso, King County Solid Waste Division – Communications Specialist

Every day, residents and businesses toss hundreds of pounds of potentially recyclable materials into the garbage that goes to the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill to be buried. This waste of resources contributes to climate change and makes it more difficult for King County to ensure that we leave the environment in a better condition for generations to come. In order to reach our goal of a 70 percent recycling rate and achieve zero waste of resources, it will take a concerted effort by every county resident and business to do their part by recycling and composting more.

Our county is growing, and in the past few decades, King County's Spanish-speaking population has vastly increased. This diversity means we must update our outreach methods for recycling and composting basics. We want the King County Latino community to know: Recicla Mas. ¡Es facilísimo! (Recycle more, it is easy!)

For the past five years, the King County Solid Waste Division's Recicla Mas. ¡Es facilísimo! curbside education program has provided recycling, composting, and waste reduction and prevention information to the county's Spanish-speaking residents.

This first-of-its-kind recycling program teaches recycling at community events, in small workshops, and through community networks in King County, reaching about 5,000 residents each year. The program is supported by community educators who help to design and implement the education program with a web page, a Facebook page, and recycling tool giveaways that King County residents can use to recycle and compost more.

The program's community educator partners, the Facilitadores de Reciclaje, teach and answer questions about the importance of recycling to members of their communities.

If you or your family and friends would like to find out more about recycling, composting and other garbage and recycling topics visit <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/reciclamas/index.asp>. Contact us for answers to your questions.

We hope to see you at one of our future events, and don't forget to like us on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/kcreciclamas> <https://www.facebook.com/recyclemore>



▲ One of many community events held by Recicla Mas. ¡Es facilísimo!

▼ Kids are able to spin the wheel and earn prizes at another Recicla Mas. ¡Es facilísimo! community event.



RECICLA MÁS. ¡ES FACILÍSIMO!

provee información sobre reciclaje en español a las comunidades de King County.

Pie: Los educadores de la comunidad asisten a eventos para llevar el mensaje e información sobre reciclaje al público. King County desea que la comunidad latina conozca a Recicla más. ¡Es facilísimo!

Cada día, los residentes y los negocios tiran cientos de libras de materiales potencialmente reciclables a la basura, los cuales terminan en el relleno sanitario regional de Cedar Hills para ser enterrados. Este desperdicio de recursos contribuye al cambio climático y hace más difícil para King County asegurar que dejemos un medio ambiente en mejores condiciones para las futuras generaciones. Para alcanzar nuestra meta de 70 por ciento de tasa de reciclaje y cero desperdicios de recursos, se requerirá el esfuerzo conjunto. Necesitaremos que cada residente y cada negocio contribuyan con más reciclaje y compost.

Nuestro condado está creciendo y, desde varias décadas, la comunidad hispanohablante de King County ha crecido también de manera significativa. La diversidad significa que debemos actualizar nuestros métodos de acercamiento con la comunidad

referentes al reciclaje y al compost. Queremos que la comunidad latina de King County conozca Recicla más. ¡Es facilísimo!

Desde hace cinco años, el programa Recicla más. ¡Es facilísimo! de la División de Desechos Sólidos de King County ha proveído información en español sobre reciclaje, compost y reducción del desperdicio a los residentes hispanohablantes.

Este programa de reciclaje pionero de su tipo lleva la información sobre reciclaje a la comunidad a través de eventos, talleres y colaboraciones con la comunidad. Esto nos ha permitido llevar la información a aproximadamente 5,000 residentes cada año. Este programa es apoyado por los educadores de la comunidad quienes ayudan a diseñar e implementar el programa educativo utilizando herramientas como sitio web, página de Facebook y guías en español que permite facilitar los procesos de reciclaje y compost para los residentes de King County.

Los educadores de la comunidad, los Facilitadores de Reciclaje, educan y responden a preguntas de los miembros de la comunidad acerca de la importancia de reciclaje.

Si a usted o su familia y amigos les gustaría saber más acerca de reciclaje, compost u otros temas relacionados a la basura y el reciclaje, visite www.kingcounty.gov/reciclamas. O póngase en contacto con nosotros para responder sus preguntas.

Esperamos verlos en futuros eventos y ¡no se olvide de seguirnos en Facebook! www.facebook.com/kcreciclamas ■

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Commerce

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THE LEGAL BASIS OF PLANNING IN WASHINGTON
Ray Liaw, Attorney at Law
The constitutional basis for zoning, the statutory basis of planning in Washington State, and early planning statutes. Constitutional issues in land use planning.

7:10 – 7:40
THE GMA AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING BASICS
Anne Fritzel, AICP
Overview of the Growth Management Act requirements for local planning. Development regulations, capital facility spending, and other tools for implementing the comprehensive plan. Urban Infill to accommodate growth and Regional Growth Centers.

7:40 – 7:50 • **BREAK**

7:50 – 8:20
ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
Roger Horn
Roles and responsibilities in the planning process. Legislative vs quasi-judicial decisions, tips for encouraging public involvement, best practices for effective meetings.

8:20 – 8:50
OPEN GOVERNMENT LAWS
Ray Liaw, Attorney at Law
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
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Graduate! Highline:

A COMMUNITY-LED MOVEMENT ADVOCATING STUDENT SUCCESS

By Ryan Chambers, Communications Intern

IMAGINE, EVEN IF JUST FOR A SECOND.

You're 17-18 years old and you're on the cusp of graduating high school. Remember what that feeling was like. Did you know what your next step would be? Had your grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and parents asked you where you were going to college? What you wanted to be when you grew up?

Imagine if you weren't asked those questions. Imagine what the term "future" might mean to you in such circumstances. Making it through high school would be a monumental achievement, perhaps one your friends with less tenacity couldn't reach themselves. Would there be room in your life to consider college?

"A high school diploma is absolutely critical, absolutely attainable and key to future success in college, in the workforce and in life," said the U.S. Department of Education's Delegated Deputy Secretary John King. But attaining that diploma is easier for some than for others, for reasons that have little or nothing to do with educational capacity and a willingness to work hard. It can be especially difficult for a teen who may be working one or two jobs to help put food on the table.

The terms graduation and diploma mean different things depending on the student, and perhaps nowhere in Washington is this more apparent than in the highly-diverse five high schools in the Highline School District. Anyone who has experienced graduation themselves, whether personally or from witnessing family and friends' graduations, can agree that their joy is indescribable as they watch their child, nephew, grandchild, or friend walk across the stage to grab their

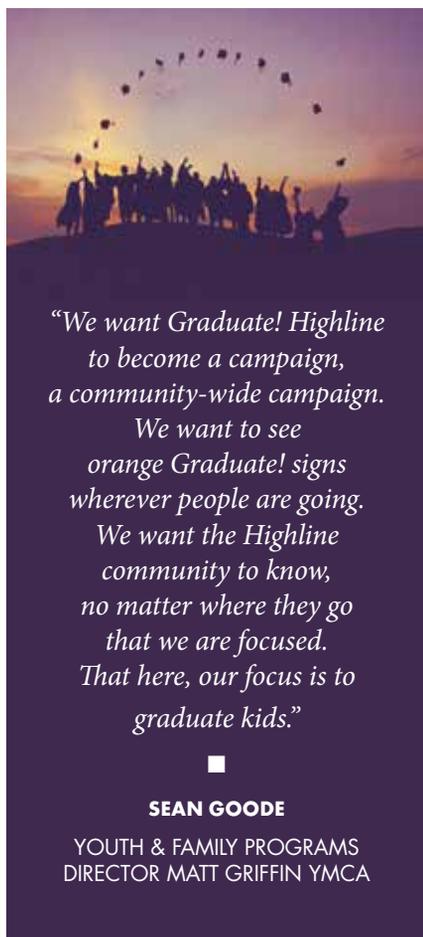
hard-earned diploma.

In order for that special moment to happen, every student needs to feel supported in some way. They need to be aware that the community backs them and is congratulating them on a tremendous life achievement.

In 2014, the Highline School District's graduation rate was 62.4 percent. According to the U.S. Department of Education that was approximately 20 percent lower than the nation's average. After the implementation of the District's Strategic Plan, established by Highline Superintendent Dr. Susan Enfield, the District's graduation rate climbed to 70.3 percent in just one year.

It's a huge step in the right direction, but Dr. Enfield and the community as a whole knows we can do even better, but that requires help. Out of the need for help, a new movement was born — a movement known as Graduate! Highline.

In a short amount of time Graduate! Highline - a community-based grassroots movement - is setting a community standard for encouraging and supporting Highline kids at an early age and doing so by focusing



You can sign up to be a part of the **Graduate! Highline** movement by visiting <http://graduatehighline.com/join-us>

▼ Darwin Jones, Sounders FC Forward and proud graduate of Highline Public Schools.



on three critical areas: Early Learning, Middle School Transition, and College Career Readiness.

"Graduation needs to have meaning to kids early on in their education," said Highline Schools Foundation Executive Director, Ashley Fosberg. The movement wants to change the rhetoric of "if you graduate" to "when you graduate" for the Highline students, prompting them to think about the next steps in life after they graduate high school, making a diploma a stepping stone.

Community involvement is essential to the Graduate! Highline movement. Already, it has earned support from the leadership boards of the Seattle Sounders, Boeing, and many other organizations around the region.

"In order for Graduate! Highline to succeed it needs to be driven by the community. We want to graduate more kids. We are better than a 70 percent graduation rate," says Fosberg.

Graduate! Highline takes its inspiration from Graduate Tacoma! a program that was implemented in 2010 when Tacoma Public Schools had a graduation rate of 58 percent. Tacoma set a goal of achieving an 87 percent graduation rate by the year 2020 and is well on its way to achieving it. Graduate! Highline is shooting even higher, with a goal of reaching 95 percent graduation rate by 2017: ambitious, but do-able according to the movement's Leadership Team.

"We are happy that the graduation rates have gone up, we celebrate that, but it is difficult because 70 percent graduation rate isn't something to be celebrated. It just isn't going fast enough," says Fosberg.

Graduate! Highline finds strength in numbers when it comes to encouraging students to achieve success. Its leadership encourages members of the community to participate in the movement in any way possible. Fosberg wants every member of the Highline community to become a part of the movement, "If you just sign up we can give you a multitude of different ways to help. There are lots of opportunities."

The passion for success runs deep throughout the movement, "We are deeply committed to our graduation goal, and we recognize it will take the entire community to make it happen," said Superintendent Susan Enfield. "It is inspiring to see the community come together and show our students that we believe in them." Sean Goode, the Youth & Family Programs Director at the Matt Griffin YMCA continued saying, "We need them, there are not simple solutions but there is tremendous opportunity if we stand together."

So, how can you help? It's easy. Attend the public kick-off event, which will be held on September 16 at noon at Matt Griffin YMCA in SeaTac. The event will

be held to announce Graduate! Highline to community members, telling them that it is here and explaining how members of the Highline community can get involved. Here, community members can sign up to be a part of the movement and learn more about the board's goals.

The meeting is a celebration of the progress that has been made in the one year Graduate! Highline has existed, but is also a grounding ceremony that will

detail just how far this movement has to come in order to succeed. Lunch will be provided at the event, special guests will also be featured throughout the hour.

"It should transfer into a rallying point in our public schools. Right now, there is no sense of pride in our schools or in our kids; our kids are amazing, this movement can gain back some community pride," says Fosberg. ■

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By Ryan Chambers, Interno de la Comunicación.

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Tienes 17 or 18 años de edad y estas apunto de graduáre de la preparatoria. Recuerdas que sentimientos sentías. Sabías cuál era el siguiente paso ha seguir?

Te han preguntado tus abuelos, tíos, tías, primos y hasta tus padres, donde vas ha ir al colegio?

Que quieres ser cuando seas grande?

Lograr terminar la preparatoria puede ser un monumento del gran existo, quizás alguno de tus amigos con menos tenacidad no podrá alcanzarlo.

Habrà un espacio en tu vida para considerar el colegio?

“ El diploma de la preparatoria es completamente crítico, absolutamente alcanzable y la llave de un futuro de éxito en el colegio, en lo personal y en la vida.” esto dijo El: U.S. del Departamento de Educación Delegado, Diputado y

Pueden inscribirse para ser parte del movimiento **Gradúate! Highline**, visitando <http://graduatehighline.com/join-us>

▼ Darwin Jones, Sounders FC Forward and proud graduate of Highline Public Schools.

“Nuestras meta es de encender una comunidad-amplia con Esfuerzos alrededor de los estudiantes. Nosotros queremos reunir la comunidad, civil, fe, negocios y filantrópicos líderes de ayuda a la comunidad de personas jóvenes en grandes y pequeñas maneras. Cuando los niños están completamente apoyados, tiene un mejores éxitos.”

■
DICE JD HILL,
DIRECTOR EJECUTIVO
DE MATT GRIFFIN YMCA Y
PORTAVOZ DE GRADUATED!
HIGHLINE LÍDER DEL GRUPO

Secretario John King. Para algunos es fácil obtener el diploma que para otros, por razones que tienen poco o nada que ver con la capacidad educativa o la disposición de trabajar duro. Puede ser muy difícil para un joven que está trabajando uno o dos trabajos para ayudar a mantenerse.

Los términos graduación y diploma significan diferentes cosas dependiendo del estudiante y quizás, en ninguna parte de Washington es más aparente la alta diversidad de las cinco escuelas en el Distrito Escolar de Highland. Cualquiera que ha experimentado una graduación ya sea personal, or testigo familiar o amigo, está de acuerdo del gozo indescriptible de mirar ese niño, sobrino, nieto o amigo caminar por el escenario para tomar el diploma que se ha ganado.

En orden que esos momento especiales pasen, cada estudiante necesita sentirse apoyado de alguna manera. Ellos necesitan estar conscientes que la comunidad los apoya y es de felicitarlos por los logros tremendos de por vida.

El 2014, en el Distrito Escolar de Highland el promedio de graduados fue de 62.4 por ciento.

En acuerdo con el U.S. Departamento de Educación había aproximadamente 20 por ciento menos del promedio de la nación. Después de la implementación de la Estrategia y el Plan del Distrito establecidos por el Superintendente de Highland Dr. Susan Enfield, las graduaciones del Distrito subió arriba de 70.3 por



ciento en solo un año.

Un gran paso en la dirección correcta pero Dr. Enfield y la comunidad sabían que podrían hacer la mejor. Pero eso requiere ayuda. Fuera de la necesidad de ayuda un nuevo movimiento nació un movimiento conocido como Gradúate! Highland.

Estamos en el segundo año, Gradúate! Highland- una comunidad- basada en un movimiento base — es establecer una comunidad normal que anima y ayuda a los niños de Highland en su temprana edad para enfocarse en tres áreas críticas: Aprendizaje Temprano, Transición de la Secundaria y el Prepararse para la Carrera del Colegio

“La graduación necesita tener significado para los niños en su educación.” Dijo la Directora Ejecutiva Fundadora de las escuelas de Highland, Ashely Fosberg. El movimiento quiere cambiar Lo retórico de “Si te graduarás ” Por “Cuando te Graduarás ” para los estudiantes de Highland, y motivarlos a pensar acerca del siguiente paso de su vida después de graduarse de la preparatoria , tener un diploma y los escalones ha seguir.

Las relaciones con la comunidad son esenciales para el movimiento de Gradúate! Highline.

Hemos , obtenido la ayuda de los Sounders de Seattle , Boeing y muchas otras organizaciones alrededor de la región.

“En orden para Gradúate! Highline de tener éxito necesitamos motivar la comunidad. Nosotros queremos que más niño se gradúen , somos mejor que 70 por ciento de promedio,” dijo Fosberg.

Gradúate! Highline tomó la inspira de Gradúate! Tacoma, un programa que fue implementado en el 2010 cuando las Escuelas Públicas de Tacoma tuvieron una graduación de promedio 58 por ciento. Tacoma puso una meta para llegar al 87 por ciento del promedio de graduados serán para el 2020 y están en el camino para lograrlo. Gradúate! Highline está apuntando más altos, con la meta de alcanzar un 95 por ciento del promedio de graduados para el año 2017: ambisiosos, para hacer lo posible con acuerdo de los miembros de la mesa directiva.

“Estamos felices que los promedios de graduación han llegado más arriba, estamos celebrando eso, pero,

es difícil porque el 70 por ciento del promedio de graduados no es algo de celebrar.

No han ido lo suficientemente rápido.” Dice Fosberg.

Gradúate! Highline encuentra la fortaleza en los números cuando se animan a los estudiantes alcanzar sus meta. Los líderes son miembros de la comunidad que animan a participar en el movimiento en lo que sea posible . Fosberg quiere que cada miembro de la comunidad de highline sea parte de ese movimiento “Si tu ya te inscribiste te podemos dar multitud de diferentes maneras de cómo ayudar. Hay muchas oportunidades.”

La pasión para salir adelante corre grandemente sobre el movimiento,

“ Nosotros estamos completamente comprometidos para nuestra meta de graduación y reconocemos que toma toda la comunidad para hacerlo posible ,” Dijo Superintendente Susan Enfield. “ Es una inspiración mirar a la comunidad estar junta y enseñar a los

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Enrichment Programs

A variety of classes are available for both children and adults. Class variety may include movement, crafting, dance, music, sport skills, open gym, etc.

Parents Night Out

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4th of July Parade

ON JULY 4TH, Burien's Independence Day Parade celebrated its 95th birthday! As the oldest Independence Day parade in King County and one of the largest Independence Day parades in the Pacific Northwest, the City is proud to partner with Discovery Burien to host this annual event. Check out some photos of this year's excitement. ■



KIDS' DAY AT THE FIRE STATION

By John Zilke, Burien Fire Department

KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #2 INVITES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY to join us in Burien's annual Fire Department Kids' Day! Last year, nearly 1,000 children participated in the event, which included:

- A display of fire engines, ladder truck, aid units, police cars, and other vehicles.
- Demonstrations of auto extrication, high-angle rescue, and more.
- Safety instruction for children (fire prevention, burns, electrical, and fire escape practice)
- Prize drawings, balloons, candy and hot dogs.
- Face painting, local mascots, games, and activities for the whole family!

Join us on Saturday, September 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the NEW Burien fire station!

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The event focuses on injury prevention and safety. Children can practice escaping from a burning house, squirt a fire hose, and answer questions to earn prizes. Low cost helmets for anyone over the age of one will also be available. We hope to see you there! ■



Cassidy Huff: 2016 BURIEN CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Middle Schooler Goes Above and Beyond to Help Fellow Burien Students

AS A TWELVE YEAR-OLD, CASSIDY HUFF BEGAN TUTORING SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS AT SYLVESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL when she realized that many of the communications challenges faced by the students there could be overcome with technology like iPads and voice recognition apps. The School had no money for iPads, though. So Huff had an idea: why not raise the funds herself?

Huff had a lot on her plate at the time: she was still recovering from her 33rd spinal surgery. Born with a rare genetic condition called Conradi Hunermann, she is no stranger to surgeries. In fact, she would go on to write an in-depth column for the B-Town Blog, a publication for which she often writes, outlining what it's like to be a young person and face surgeries so regularly. She is blind in her right eye, deaf in her left ear, and the right side of her body is about three and a half inches shorter than her left.

But Huff doesn't appear to let these challenges slow her down, nor does she draw inward. Instead, she seeks ways to help others. By mid-January 2015, less than two months after she began to fundraise, Huff had raised enough money to purchase iPads, protective cases, and communication apps for the entire special education class at Sylvester - seven students in all.

The City Council voted unanimously at its March 7th meeting to name Huff as the 2016 Citizen of the Year. Huff was honored with a reception at the start of the June 6th City Council meeting. As Citizen of the Year, Huff served as the Grand Marshal of the Independence Day Parade.

The Citizen of the Year Award is given to a resident or residents who has demonstrated community service and contribution by dedicating their time and going "above and beyond" to make the Burien community a great place to work, play, and learn. They demonstrate strong character, leadership, commitment, and community service in a way that benefits others. Last year's recipient was Eric Mathison.

Huff underwent her 35th surgery in March. ■

Cassidy Huff: CIUDADANA DE BURIEN DEL AÑO 2016

ESTA ALUMNA DE LA ESCUELA SECUNDARIA FUE MAS ALLÁ DE LO ESPERADO PARA AYUDAR A SUS COMPAÑEROS ESTUDIANTES DE BURIEN.

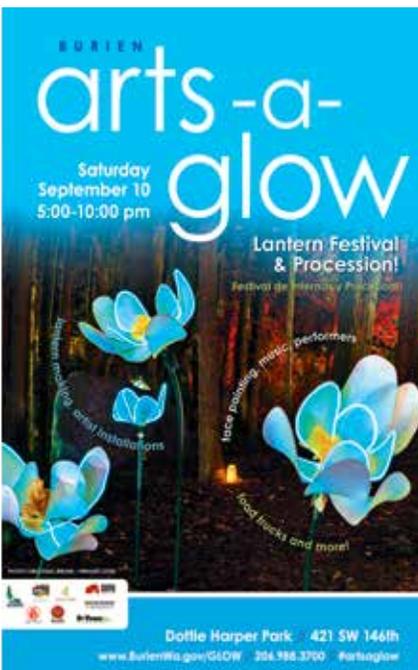
- Cassidy Huff, ha sus 12 años empezó ayudando a otros estudiantes de educación especial en la secundaria Sylvester. Ella se dio cuenta que podrían superar los retos de comunicación que enfrentaban usando tecnología como iPads y aplicaciones de reconocimiento de voz.
- La escuela no tenía dinero para comprar iPads, así que la niña Huff tuvo la idea: de recolectar fondos por ella misma.
- Huff tenía mucho que hacer en ese momento: se estaba recuperando de la cirugía # 33th de la columna. Nació con una rara condición genética de un síndrome de Chondrodysplasia punctata. Las cirugías no le son extrañas. De hecho ella regularmente escribe artículos para el B-Town blog el cual es una publicación en donde escribe frecuentemente. Ahí describe como ha su edad puede enfrentar regularmente cirugías. Esta ciega de su ojo derecho, sorda de su oído izquierdo y el lado derecho de su cuerpo es más o menos 3 ½ pulgada más pequeña que su lado izquierdo.
- Al parecer esos retos no detiene a la niña Huff o la mantiene aislada. Eso la ha ayudado a que ella busque maneras de cómo ayudar a otros. A mediados de enero del 2015, en menos de dos meses después de que ella empezó a recolectar fondos, la niña Huff recolectó suficiente dinero para comprar las iPads, estuches de protección y aplicaciones de comunicación para toda la clase de educación especial en Sylvester, fueron en total siete estudiantes.
- En la junta de Marzo 7 el ayuntamiento de la ciudad voto unánime y nombró a la niña Huff como ciudadana del año 2016. La niña Huff recibió honores en la recepción en Junio por junta del Ayuntamiento. En la recepción fueron reconocidos miembros de la junta de asesores y otros voluntarios de la ciudad. La niña Huff será honrada como líder del desfile del día de independencia como la ciudadana del año.
- El premio del ciudadano del año es dado al residente o residentes que han demostrado servicio en la comunidad contribuyendo con la dedicación de su tiempo haciendo de la comunidad de Burien un buen lugar para trabajar, jugar y aprender. Ellos han demostrado un carácter fuerte, liderazgo, compromiso y han dado servicio a la comunidad en maneras de beneficiar a otros. El año pasado el premio lo recibió Eric Mathison.
- Huff ha tenido ya la cirugía # 35 en Marzo. ■

FOR A FULL LISTING OF COMMUNITY EVENTS, PLEASE VISIT WWW.DISCOVERBURIEN.ORG/EVENTS.

• **SEPTEMBER** •



SEPTEMBER 10 • 10AM - 3PM
KIDS' DAY
 Burien Fire Station
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SEPTEMBER 10 • 5PM - 10PM
ARTS-A-GLOW LANTERN FESTIVAL
 Dottie Harper Park
 421 SW 146th St

SEPTEMBER 17 • 10AM - 3PM

WELLNESS FAIR
 Burien Town Square Park
 5th Ave SW & SW 152nd St

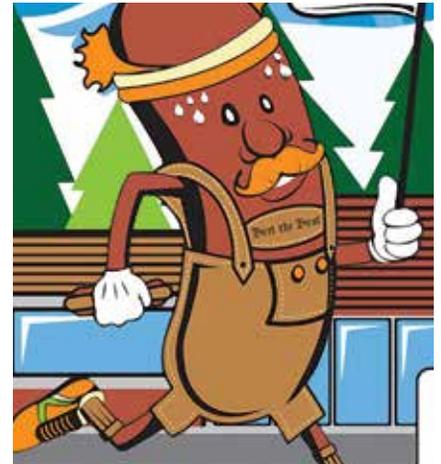


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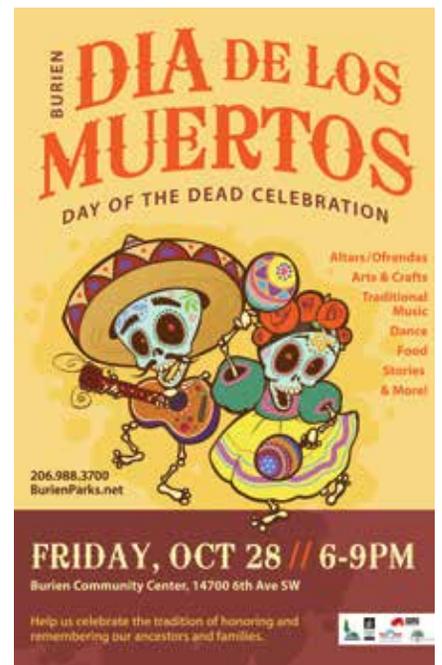
SEAHURST BEACH FAMILY CAMPFIRE
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• **OCTOBER** •



OCTOBER 2 • 1PM
BURIEN BRAT TROT
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OCTOBER 28 • 6PM - 9PM
DIA DES LOS MUERTOS
 Burien Community Center
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OCTOBER 29 • NOON - 4PM

BOO IN BURIEN

Downtown Burien
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SEPTEMBER 5 • Holiday Closure
Labor Day

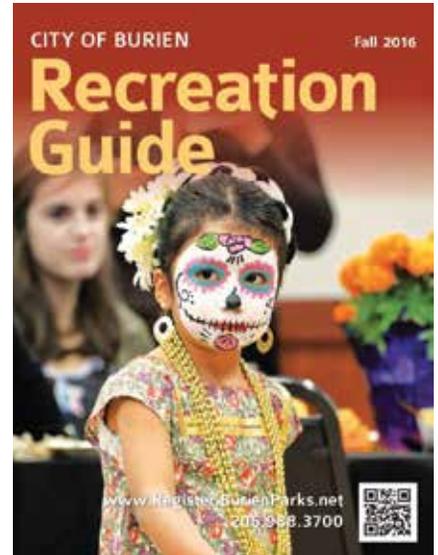
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Back to School!



By Captain Bryan Howard, Burien Police Department

THIS FALL MARKS THE THIRD YEAR OF THE ADOPT-A-SCHOOL PROGRAM OPERATED BY OUR BURIEN POLICE TEAM. The program matches specific officers with elementary schools throughout

the area, allowing them to get to know the school and its leaders, teachers, and students. When the officer isn't busy on another call, or anytime the officer has a few spare minutes, they drop by their assigned school to interact with the team there and offer support if they can.

By adopting a school, officers become the default point-of-contact when that school has a security need. Sometimes, schools call on their adopted officers to help staff an assembly or other special event on campus. Other times, they might just call with some basic security questions that the officer can easily address, given his or her familiarity with the property and culture at the school. In the rare event of an emergency, we do what we can to make sure the assigned officer is one of the responders because we know how helpful a familiar face can be when emergencies arise.

If you're a parent and you're planning to drop off your child on his or her first day of school this year, keep an eye open for adopted officers. For the special day, they'll be joined by our entire team – detectives included – to help welcome students back to school. We enjoy being on-site as students arrive on their first day. We like being a part of the excitement: friends reuniting with each other after a summer apart, new teachers to meet, and new classrooms to explore.

By being there on Day One, we hope to make it clear that we aren't scary. We're here for the students. We want to keep them safe. And we want them – and their parents – to know that we are only a phone call away, and often, we're even closer than that! Feel free to introduce yourself to us, encourage your kids to say hi, and don't hesitate to snap a selfie with us too – you can even tag us on Facebook!

These are just a few of the ways that the Adopt-a-School program helps to strengthen the relationship between our Police Department and the broader community. We look forward to another great school year, and we wish your students success in their studies! ■

▼ *Burien residents were given the chance to meet Burien Officers; some kids were even offered the opportunity to take a look inside a real police vehicle!*



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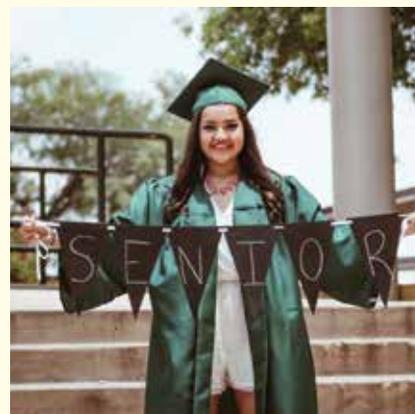
estudiantes a creer en ellos mismos.”

Cómo te podemos ayudar? Es muy fácil. Ven al evento público que será en septiembre 16 a las 12:00 pm en Matt Griffin YMCA en SeaTac. En el evento se anunciará Gradúate! Highline con los miembros de la comunidad para explicarles que es ahí como los miembros de la comunidad en Highline pueden participar. Ahí los miembros de la comunidad pueden inscribirse para ser parte de ese movimiento y aprender acerca de las metas.

En la junta será la celebración del progreso que se ha hecho durante el año de existencia de Gradúate! Highline, pero también será una ceremonia de

cómo empezó el movimiento con detalle y como ha llegado en orden para tener éxito. Un almuerzo se les dará durante el evento, habrá invitados especiales destacados será alrededor de una hora.

“Esto será transferido a un punto de reunión en nuestras las escuelas públicas. Por ahora, no hay sentido de orgullo en nuestras escuelas o que nuestros niños; nuestros niños son maravillosos, con este movimiento se ha podido obtener el orgullo de la comunidad.” ■





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