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EDITOR'S NOTE

HOLIDAYS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER, and many of us are preparing for visits from family and friends. How about showing off Burien to those visiting guests? In this issue, you can learn about some of the new holiday events happening in downtown Burien (page 17). And while you are showing guests our beautiful downtown, support one of Burien's local businesses (page 15), including some of the businesses opening up in new spaces (page 16). And to make sure our holidays are safe and secure, Burien police and fire departments provide a few tips for preventing package theft and holiday fires (page 25).

Thank you to everyone who took the time to tell us what you think of *Burien Magazine* in our magazine survey. We heard people love that the *Recreation Guide* is now in the magazine. We also heard you want to read more stories about the Burien community. Even though the survey is closed, I always welcome your thoughts on how this magazine could be better. The *Burien Magazine* is not just a city newsletter—we aim to tell stories about the community we all love.

We are busy putting together our calendar for next year, which will be published here: burienwa.gov/burienmagazine. If you have a community story you think we should highlight, send a note to *communications@burienwa.gov*.

Happy holidays and happy reading,

Emily Inlow-Hood
Communications Officer & Burien Magazine Executive Editor

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Lamington cake from Burien's Australian Pie Company. Read on page 14 how buying local helps Burien.

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CITY HALL | CITY MANAGER

BY BRIAN J. WILSON, CITY MANAGER
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WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT BURIEN is that there is room for both long-standing traditions and the energy and ideas of newcomers. Burien boasts hundreds of small, independently owned businesses. Some of those businesses have been in operation since the 1960s and are embedded in the family memories of long-term Burien residents. These same small businesses are often connected to each other, with family members and friends owning multiple businesses. But our newcomers are also creating buzz (see page 7), while at the same time creating new memories for the Burien community. They all contribute to the unique character of Burien.

That's why it's great to see local businesses, both old and new, work together to bring both visitors and Burien residents into our local businesses.

Burien First Fridays, new this year, is encouraging participating businesses to stay open later on the first Friday of the month by providing entertainment or some other special incentive to draw visitors in.

Discover Burien and the Seattle Southside Chamber of Commerce support these efforts. B-Town Beat, Burien's long-standing art walk, is working with First Fridays and local arts groups to provide a monthly arts experience on Burien's First Fridays.

And I'm pleased to announce that the City of Burien is launching the *It's a Wonderful Burien* event series (see page 18). Burien's Town Square will be lit up with lights, and every weekend something new will be happening—from a traditional "posada" to winter pop-up markets. We hope this event will become a new tradition for you and your family.

Your feedback is valued and appreciated. Please let me know your thoughts and how the City can better serve you.

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Council MESSAGE

Council passed unanimously this fall two significant pieces of legislation designed to protect renters, improve the condition of rental housing in Burien, and improve the relationship between landlords and tenants.

Last winter, Council chambers were packed with residents of the Fox Cove Apartments who pleaded with the Council to help them avoid being displaced when their apartment complex was sold. The new property owner had plans to renovate the apartments and acted within his legal rights in terms of the number of days given for residents to leave their homes, but the timing was short, causing significant hardship for many residents. Residents also told stories about the condition of their apartments—mushrooms on the ceiling, broken cabinets, and unanswered maintenance requests. As a Council, we realized we needed to consider ways to help ensure renters in our community were protected from unsettling displacements and unsafe housing conditions.

We also knew that before passing this type of legislation, we needed to hear from both renters and landlords. Council directed City staff to conduct community engagement to hear from all stakeholders, so that what was presented reflected the voices of those most affected by the new policies.

We are grateful to the many residents who attended the four dedicated community meetings and numerous council meetings, telling sometimes painful stories about the difference these rental housing policies could make in their lives. Nearly half of our housing units are occupied by renters, who would not have places to live if we did not have landlords willing to provide rental housing. We appreciate the many landlords who also attended the sessions, providing a valuable perspective and input on the policies the Council was considering.

These policies will not overly burden landlords who are already conducting their business in an ethical and fair way. Instead, we are making sure that all landlords are operating within the same high standards.

Learn more about new rental housing policies on page 6.

GET INVOLVED

The Council encourages Burien residents to understand the business of the City as well as discussions on specific topics that are brought before the City Council. There are several ways to engage:

- Attend a Monday night City Council meeting: in person, on Comcast's channel 21, or streamed online at burienwa.gov/burientv. See schedule of meetings (*burienwa.gov/calendar*).
- Watch for scheduled public meetings or public hearings on specific projects and topics (*burienwa.gov/calendar*).

The Council is interested in hearing from residents and businesses. Ways to provide meaningful input include:

- Send emails to the City Council at *council@burienwa.gov* or to each individual Councilmembers' email address (*burienwa.gov/councilcontact*).
- Contact Councilmembers at their City phone number (*burienwa.gov/councilcontact*).
- Attend a Council meeting and speak for up to two minutes during public comment.

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Amending the Burien Zoning Map, Moore, Aseffa and Wu Rezone Requests

Ordinance 713:
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Ordinance 714:
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Renting in Burien

New Laws Aim to Improve Rental Housing in Burien

BY EMILY INLOW-HOOD, COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

The Burien City Council passed new laws this fall that will provide more protections for renters and help improve the condition of rental housing in Burien. Here's a summary of what you need to know about the new laws. You can find more information at: *burienwa.gov/renting*.

Rental Housing Inspection Program

Beginning this December, the rental housing inspection coordinator will begin to build an inventory of properties within the scope of the program, and inspections will begin in 2021. The rental housing inspection coordinator will manage the program, working with renters and landlords who need help with rental housing issues.

The new program will help the City of Burien track housing conditions in rental units. Details of the program will be developed over the next year, in time for inspections to begin in 2021.

The City will conduct extensive outreach to landlords, property managers, and renters in 2020. Information about the new program and other rental housing policies will be added to the City's website in 2020.

Questions about the program? Or do you need to report an issue? Learn more at: *burienwa.gov/rhip*.

New Rental Housing Policies Explained

The new rental housing policies are designed to protect renters and improve renter-landlord relationships.

- **Just cause eviction (JCE):** A landlord can only evict a tenant for specific reasons and must follow notification and timeline requirements. The policy also requires landlords secure a court order before evicting a tenant.
- **Deposit requirements and installment payments permitted:** Renters will be allowed to pay their security deposit, non-refundable move-in fees, and last months' rent in three consecutive equal installments in cases of fixed-term tenancies of three months or longer, or two equal installments if month-to-month. This is not applicable when last months' rent is not required or if the security deposit and non-refundable move-in fees do not exceed 25 percent of the first months' rent.
- **Distribution of information:** A landlord must provide written information about rental criteria. The landlord will also be required to provide City-produced information packets that include summaries of the new rental policies, the Burien Property Maintenance Code that sets minimum standards of habitability, the Washington State Residential Landlord-Tenant Act, forcible and unlawful detainer laws, and fair housing laws. The policy also requires the City put code enforcement and voter registration information on its website.
- **Notice of sale of low-income housing:** This policy requires property owners notify the City of their intent to sell properties if their property contains five or more rental units and at least one of those rental units has rent considered affordable to households at or below 80 percent of the area median income. Notice must be mailed to the City 60 days before the property is listed for sale.
- **Housing ombudsperson:** A housing ombudsperson will investigate housing disputes, educate and advise tenants and landlords, and help resolve conflicts between landlords and tenants. The City is exploring several different staffing options to fulfill this requirement.

The City will launch an education campaign in 2020 to educate landlords and tenants on the new policies and the rental housing inspection program. The City will also provide information packets, translated into multiple languages, for landlords to distribute to tenants. These information packets will be available by early 2020.

Learn more at
burienwa.gov/renting

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BUILDING BUSINESSES FROM THE GRASSROOTS

BY RIO FERNANDES, COMMUNICATIONS INTERN

One of the major focuses for Burien's economic development is to find ways to support local businesses from the grassroots, helping aspiring entrepreneurs start and build successful businesses. It's this focus that guided the choice to award Ventures Nonprofit and StartZone with the Community Development Block Grant and 2019 Port of Seattle's Economic Development Grant funds, respectively.

"The City wants to provide training and resources to support the creation and growth of new businesses," said Chris Craig, Burien's economic development manager. "We don't want our community members going somewhere else to start a business. We want them to build in Burien so we need to provide them the support here to get off the ground. The goal is to enhance our entrepreneurial ecosystem."

Ventures is receiving $45,000 from the Community Development Block Grant to provide two sets of "business basics" courses, one in English and another in Spanish, in Burien. Their eight-week course teaches individuals everything about starting and running a business and connects them to potential investors at the end of the course.

StartZone will be providing marketing and social media courses for current and aspiring business owners, helping them learn how to best promote their business online and in the community. They also provide one-on-one business consultations to make sure individuals are being properly guided.

Craig believes this dedication towards helping entrepreneurs build a successful foundation is vital to growing Burien and is something that is occasionally overlooked.

"A lot of the time, when we are interacting with a business, they've already gone through their ideation stage, are confident in funding, and are looking for a site or permitting," said Craig. "This is about working with the folks that haven't gotten that far. In a way, it's like an incubator for businesses."

"New and aspiring entrepreneurs need a support system to make their vision a reality."

CHRIS CRAIG
Burien's Economic Development Manager

Applications for these opportunities have already began, with StartZone already recruiting to fill up its classes, which will be held during the remainder of the year. Ventures will begin filling its classes starting in 2020.

For Craig, the reason people should be excited about these opportunities is clear.

"It's about building a path to prosperity," he said. "New and aspiring entrepreneurs need a support system to make their vision a reality. We want to provide training resources and tools to assist in growing their business because that growth benefits the community. One of the things we hear from businesses is they want to be a part of the community's fabric and contribute to Burien's continued success."

Peter Western Bridge Plans to Open by End of 2020

Construction has begun on the replacement for the 67-year old Peter Western Bridge (2200 block of S 116th Street between Military Rd and 24th Ave S). The bridge is scheduled to open by the end of 2020.

The project is occurring in two phases. The first phase, which is now complete, involved demolition and removal of the bridge and temporary stabilization of the stormwater facilities and streambed. The second phase, now underway, includes the construction of a permanent replacement bridge, permanent stormwater facility repairs, and restoration of the streambed and adjoining ravine side slopes.

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A project like this involves not only the design and construction of the bridge, but also the securing and reviewing of permits from local, state, tribal, and federal agencies, and the purchase of right-of-way from private property owners. The regulations are in place to make sure that the bridge is safe for car traffic and to protect the environment.

Hamilton Construction Company was awarded the $4.59 million contract to construct the new bridge.

The public will be invited to a re-dedication ceremony.

Why did the bridge have to close?

In February 2017, severe winter weather caused severe erosion, undermining three of the bridge columns. The bridge was deemed structurally deficient and closed.

Learn more about the project at: *burienwa.gov/peterwestern*

ANEW Connects People to Construction Careers

This is part of our ongoing series featuring organizations that receive grants from the City of Burien Human Services Fund.

BY MICHELLE MILLER, ANEW, DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND OUTREACH

ANEW was founded in 1980 by people dedicated to improving the access and advancement of women in non-traditional career pathways such as construction and manufacturing. ANEW is the oldest, continuously running pre-apprenticeship program in the nation with a unique and successful reputation for training people to enter the construction industry. The organization continues to focus on equity and inclusion for men, women, and people of color through pre-apprenticeship programs, employment navigation, and financial support for individuals who desire a family wage career in construction.

ANEW partners with over 17 apprenticeship programs in the Puget Sound region. Students are able to learn in the same training facilities used by apprenticeship programs. In addition to the apprenticeship programs, ANEW collaborates with public partners, other pre-apprenticeship programs and employers. Because of their strong partners, they are able to see clients successfully apply to and be accepted into apprenticeship programs. ANEW also offers retention services to clients for two years, resulting in increased retention for pre-apprenticeship graduates.

In 2018, ANEW served 14 Burien residents and as of October 2019 had served nine Burien residents.

Attend an info session to learn more about ANEW services.

Dates and times for upcoming sessions are listed on their website at: ***anewaop.org***

Andrea, a recent student who now works as a laborer for Shamrock Company, says, "If it wasn't for ANEW and their program helping me get the supplies I need and set me up in order to be successful, I probably wouldn't be as far ahead as I am today. I am truly grateful."

Brandi is another success story. Referred to the ANEW program after graduating from the Department of Corrections Pre-Apprenticeship program (TRAC) in late December, Brandi earned her OSHA 10 and First Aid/AED certification cards and was progressing quickly through the curriculum. But one of the barriers she needed to overcome was getting her driver's license renewed after she lost it due to multiple unpaid parking tickets. She was connected to the Nanci Tudor Foundation who helped her work with the Tacoma Municipal Court to establish a payment plan. While she was waiting for her driver's license to be reinstated, she found she had a passion for carpentry. She applied for the Carpenters Local 30 apprenticeship program and in just a few short weeks was hired by Sellen Construction as a first-year apprentice earning $26.35 per hour. Her TRAC program experience and her stellar performance at the ANEW pre-apprenticeship's program was cited as the reason she was hired. She is still working with Sellen Construction and is currently at the Seattle Children's Hospital jobsite where she is earning $27.55 per hour and working 40+ hours a week.

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BURIEN BUSINESSES IN THE SPOTLIGHT

BY LORRAINE CHACHERE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

Word is getting out about what makes the Burien business community so unique. Recently, these businesses have been featured in national and local media. If you haven't yet gotten to know these Burien gems, hopefully this will inspire you to explore your neighborhood!

"... it's a place for the community to come together.""

"I can't wait to get back to Burien!"

"Of course the food is awesome!"

Burien's "Eat Streets"

Looking for a fun foodie adventure? Explore Burien's 'eat streets' for a wide array of tasty treats by Jackie Varriano, *The Seattle Times*

"At a glance, the area of 152nd and 153rd streets between First Avenue and Ambaum Boulevard in downtown Burien might not seem like much. Strip malls line the wide streets, hardly a building standing over three stories. But look closer and this handful of blocks is chock-full of restaurants, bars, markets and more. Take a stroll and you could find just about anything your heart desires … From memelas to tibs and all that's to come, I can't wait to get back to Burien."

Han's Sausage and Delicatessen

There's a delicious taste of Deutschland right in the heart of Burien by Malia Karlinsky, *Seattle Refined*

"Of course the food is awesome!" said another customer Francis Brown. "They smoke a lot of their own meats and you find things that you usually don't find in other places."

909 Coffee & Wine

Neighborhood nosh: Burien's 909 Coffee & Wine by Brandon Burnstead, *Seattle Refined*

"909 is a staple in Burien for a reason. It's more than a restaurant — it's a place for the community to come together."

Moore Coffee Shop

The cutest of latte art comes to Burien at Moore Coffee Shop's newest location by Julia Leonard, *King 5 Evening*

"Decorated with eye-catching latte art, Moore Coffee Shop is known for their delicious lattes, topped with masterpieces in the foam of each cup you drink. The art is so loved, and so cute, that dedicated fans have posted over 4,000 pictures of their drinkable art on Instagram."

Pigfish Café

Named after the owners' kids, Burien's Pigfish Café offers fresh, perfectly cooked burgers in a familial setting by Natachi Onwuamaegbu, *The Seattle Times*

"Like so many of the ingredients, the restaurant seemed like an homage to the community, to Burien and to family."

Sitka Living

New Burien shop offers custom goods made by local artists by Chelsea Lin, *Seattle Magazine*

"*FASHION MEETS FUNCTION: At Sitka Living, customers will find an array of customizable furniture… plus home decor and gifts made by local artists."*

Medzo Gelato Bar & Travel Café

The Best Ice Cream Shop in Every State by Amy Schulman, *Travel + Leisure*

"This Burien favorite is rather unassuming — a tiny shop outfitted with a few tables and funky trinkets — but the lines that creep out the door say otherwise. Everyone's here for the gelato..."

Is this Seattle's – and Burien's – best gelato? by Bethany Jean Clement, *The Seattle Times*

"Presentation matters, too — gelato is "an art and a science," Jennifer says — so rose, for example, gets prettily decorated in the case with little dried rosebuds from Burien's Phoenix Tea Shop. Fareed says their approach to the process has been called "fanatical," and notes that they strive to source not just the highest-quality ingredients, but "as much as we can: local." The raspberry balsamic sorbet, a concoction Jennifer dreamed up, incorporates vinegar from Burien's branch of The Oilerie…"

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FILLING A NEED WITH EMPTY BOWLS

BY RIO FERNANDES, COMMUNICATIONS INTERN

A smile comes across the face of Dana and John Lasswell when they talk about Empty Bowls, a local Burien charity event that they've been volunteering with for over a decade.

"This is the kind of event where you get to give and get," said Dana. "You get to put this work into the event and see how much it means to people."

Empty Bowls has become a staple of the Burien community by fusing the work of local potters and the goodwill of the community to support the Highline Area Food Bank and White Center Food Bank. Started in 2006, Burien Empty Bowls is hosted by the Burien Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department and Discover Burien. It's a nationwide event, with Burien joining the effort and raising nearly a quarter of a million dollars over its lifespan.

Potters from the Moshier Art Center create ceramic bowls that are donated for purchase by those attending Empty Bowls. The purchased bowls come with soup, bread, and dessert from local restaurants and other community organizations like nursing homes and hospitals. Patrons get to keep their bowls, are treated to a hearty meal, and know that the proceeds are going towards a good cause.

"One of the special things about this event is that there is a level of instant gratification," said Dana. "You work your tail off for the day and get to see all this money and energy for a great cause and see how much the community cares."

As the event has grown, so too has the need for planning and preparation to make sure there are the necessary amount of supplies. To guarantee this, Dana organizes a studio event where potters come and produce anywhere between 100 to 150 ceramic pots over the day. This work supplements the independent effort that many of the potters are contributing on their own time.

"Anytime the studio is in break, we have artists setting aside time for Empty Bowls days where they come in and work on their ceramic bowls," said Dana. "The artists really band to together and it's just wonderful to see."

All of this work is critical to the event's success, with Dana saying they normally go through roughly 1,200 bowls during the day.

For John, one the best parts of the event is seeing the enthusiasm that local restaurants bring to the event with their eyes on claiming the trophy for the best soup.

"We started having judges sample the soups from the different restaurants so we could start handing out an award," said John. "It's awesome because you see how much work they're putting into their soups, the freshness of the ingredients and the time they spend preparing it. It makes the event that much better."

While the preparation for the event feels daunting, Dana knows that it's worth it.

"It's always a bit intimidating when you're trying to warm up around a hundred gallons of soup and setting up hundreds of bowls," she said. "But we love it, and the community loves it, and that is why everyone feels so good to participate in it."

Empty Bowls

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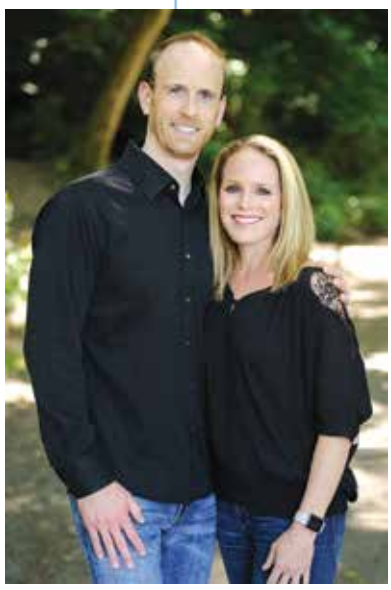

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Shopping Local Supports Your Neighbors and Your Community

BY LORRAINE CHACHERE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

Burien is fortunate to have an eclectic mix of shopping and personal services, a wide range of restaurants spanning a variety of countries and cuisines, and an array of neighborhoods to explore. As the holiday shopping season nears, shopping locally supports Burien's unique and vibrant character by keeping those dollars here in our community.

With every purchase, you pay a sales tax. Even small purchases can add up to a major impact. Whether it is the purchase of a coffee, or a major purchase such as a car, those tax dollars go towards fixing potholes, recreation programs for youth and seniors, the hiring of police officers, and many more community benefits.

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GIVE THE GIFT OF A BURIEN EXPERIENCE.
Give a gift certificate from a Burien business. This gives your friends and family another reason to visit you and our unique business community.

EXPLORE YOUR COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOODS.
Try a new restaurant, shop, or even secure your auto, dental, medical, financial, and other professional services locally.

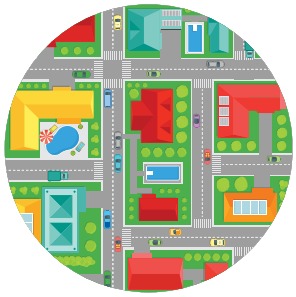
STAY A WHILE.
With a busy year-round calendar of events in Burien, linger after the event and commit to visiting at least one business during or after the event.

MEET ME IN BURIEN.
When you have out-of-town visitors, take them to a coffee shop or restaurant before exploring the region. Encourage them to buy their souvenirs at one of the many unique gift retailers in Burien.

EAT AND SHOP GLOBALLY.
We're lucky to have restaurants and specialty food markets that serve food from around the globe. Think of any type of world cuisine and chances are you can find the ingredients right here in Burien.

CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY:
Receive personalized attention and support local skills, goods, and services.

STRENGTHEN LOCAL ECONOMY:
The small business owner and the people they employ are typically locals.

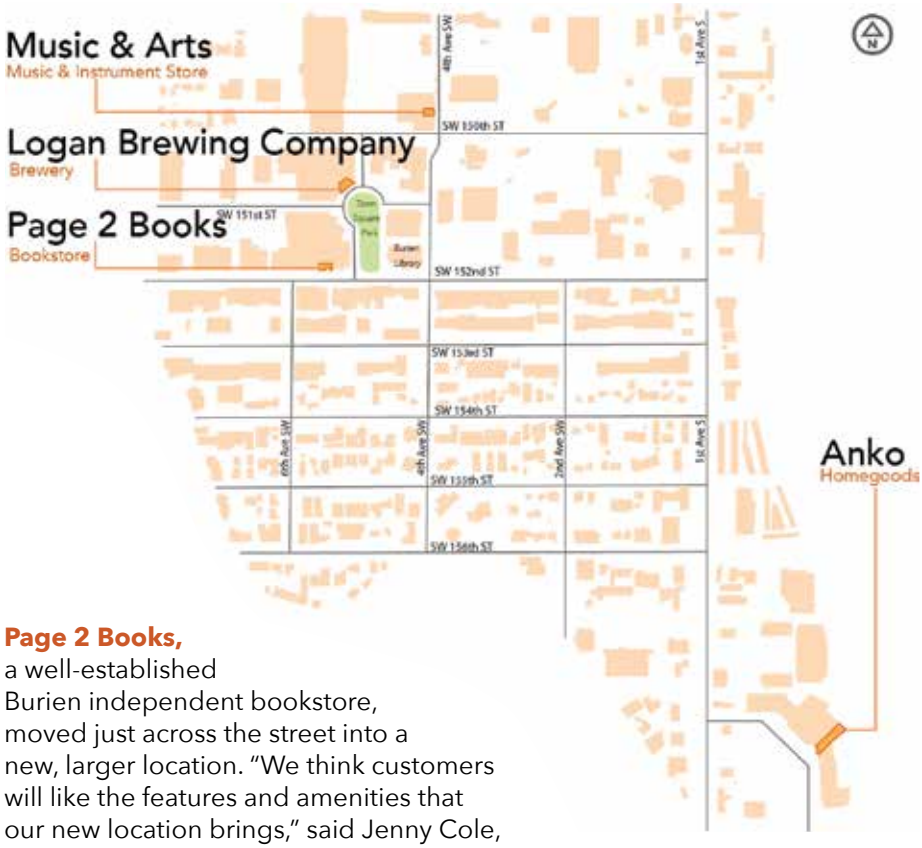


KEEPING BURIEN UNIQUE:
Sustain businesses that add both social and economic value to residents, our community.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT:
Taxes contribute to parks, recreation, infrastructure, and services that strengthen Burien.

Businesses Expand into New Spaces

Both new and long-standing businesses are finding new homes in some of Burien's empty storefronts. Pay them a visit!



Music & Arts, an existing downtown Burien business, has a new home in the Burien Town Square development, near LA Fitness center. The business aims to foster a love of music in both children and adults by providing a one-stop shop for renting or purchasing musical instruments, repair services, and music lessons.

▶ **MUSIC & ARTS**
14901 4th Ave SW Suite 102

If you have been to any of the Farmer's Markets this season, you probably met the owners of **Logan Brewing Company,** who are eagerly sharing their upcoming plans to open a taproom in early 2020 in the ground floor retail space of the Maverick Apartments. This new small craft brewery coming to Burien says they are charity-focused and will offer a family friendly atmosphere and fun video games.

▶ **LOGAN BREWING COMPANY**
510 SW 151 Street

Page 2 Books, a well-established Burien independent bookstore, moved just across the street into a new, larger location. "We think customers will like the features and amenities that our new location brings," said Jenny Cole, co-owner and general manager of Page 2. "We'll have an expanded area for children's books, educational toys and games, arts and crafts and science kits. We'll have better display areas for the artists whose works we feature. We'll have improved space to host book-club meetings, author events and other activities."

▶ **PAGE 2 BOOKS** 560 SW 152nd Street

Anko, an Australia-based store, opened their newest location in Burien in September to great fanfare. Anko is located at the Five Corners location, 16840 1st Avenue S, Suite 300. Anko aims to provide "…great products at irresistibly low prices." Anko specializes in simple design for home goods, clothing, gifts, and much more!

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it's a WONDERFUL Burien

Come to downtown Burien to support local businesses and celebrate the magic and wonder of the winter season. Winter lights will illuminate Town Square Park every night in December, inspiring people to come to downtown Burien for unique dining, shopping, and seasonal experiences. Come check out what Burien has to offer!

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The Christmas Spirit

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NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 31, 4 P.M.

Bright Nights in Burien

TOWN SQUARE PARK, BURIEN

Burien's Town Square will be illuminated by winter twinkly lights every night in December.

NOVEMBER 30, NOON – 7 P.M

Miracle On 152nd Street

TOWN SQUARE PARK, BURIEN

Discover Burien kicks off the holiday season in downtown Burien to coincide with Small Business Saturday®. With craft vendors, Santa's workshop, winter lights, and a movie in the park–it's a full day of holiday happenings!

DECEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22, NOON – 4 P.M.

Burien Winter Market

TOWN SQUARE PARK, BURIEN

Discover Burien's weekly Winter Market offers free photos with Santa at his workshop, craft vendors, music, and more!

DECEMBER 6, 5:30 – 8 P.M.

Family Fun Run: Winter Edition

TOWN SQUARE PARK, BURIEN

Free scavenger hunt style event for runners and walkers of all ages. Holiday attire and colorful lights encouraged!

DECEMBER 7, 10 A.M.-3 P.M.

Moshier Holiday Pottery Sale

MOSHIER ART CENTER, BURIEN

Come to this amazing sale to find hundreds of handmade items such as mugs, bowls, serving dishes, garden art, jewelry, and more!

DECEMBER 7, 1 P.M. AND 6 P.M.

The Nutcracker Ballet

HIGHLINE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, BURIEN

Momentum brings the classic tale of Clara and the Nutcracker to life. A holiday treat with lush music, beautiful costumes, and magical dancing.

DECEMBER 8, 4 – 6 P.M.

Las Posadas

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A rich Mexican cultural holiday tradition for the whole family featuring the posadas, a special art exhibit, and a mini-pop up mercado of local artists coordinated by Nepantla Cultural Arts Gallery. Hosted by Para los Niños & Highline Heritage Museum.

DECEMBER 14, 2 P.M. AND DECEMBER 15, 2 P.M.

ChristmasSounds in Burien

HIGHLINE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, BURIEN

Northwest Associated Arts proudly presents their annual Christmas tradition, ChristmasSounds in Burien. Five choruses totaling nearly 150 singers, ages 9 to 90, sing in the season, delighting audience members of all ages!

Holiday Bazaars

Many schools and community organizations will be offering craft and bake sales. Make sure to support your local community!

See full event details at
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Plastic Bag Ban Aims to Protect Environment

BY EMILY INLOW-HOOD, COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Why is Burien joining more than 30 other jurisdictions in Washington state, as well as cities and countries across the world, in banning single-use, plastic carryout bags?

The simple answer is that single-use plastic bags are bad for the environment. But there's more to it than that.

Those thin plastic grocery bags are used for just a few minutes before they end up in the garbage can, eventually going to the landfill. Plastic bags are light, carrying easily in the wind out of trash cans and landfills and becoming litter along our roads and creeks or clogging storm drains. Plastic bags are buoyant and so float in the water column and can be mistaken for jellyfish or other food by wildlife. Wildlife, especially marine animals, eat or get entangled in the bags. As the bags shred from exposure to the elements, they break up into smaller microplastics in our waters, wreaking more havoc on plankton, mussels, salmon, and whales. Plastic has been found in the stomachs of over 660 species.

Plastic bags also harm our recycling and composting efforts. Our recyclables go to recycling centers where they are sorted and separated into different materials so that they can be baled and sent on for further processing. Plastic bags clog the rollers on the sorting machines. The City of Portland has documented that a quarter of their workers' time is spent removing plastic bags from the sorting line. Plastic bags also get tossed into composting bins along with organic material, leading to "contamination" of the compost. The composting facilities try to remove some of the plastic but are unable to remove the majority of it.

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Plastic Bag Ban in Effect January 1, 2020

Starting January 1, 2020, businesses will no longer be able to hand out single-use, carryout plastic bags in restaurants and retail establishments.

For more information, please visit: *burienwa.gov/plastics*.

Why bring your own bag?

Plastic bags are made from oil and gas, two nonrenewable resources that contribute to greenhouse emissions. And while paper bags are recyclable, compostable, and decompose readily in the environment, they are not a perfect alternative. The best way to eliminate unnecessary waste is to bring your own reusable bag to the store. And they're easier to carry when full of groceries!

Seniors Program Offers Cure for Loneliness

BY RIO FERNANDES, COMMUNICATIONS INTERN

For adults over the age of fifty, the City of Burien offers a variety of programs that range from classes that focus on health and wellness, history, fitness, special interest, trainings, local day trips, and everything in between.

"In all my years of working with seniors, it's become clear that the range of classes is something they want," said Kristy Dunn, a recreation supervisor who specializes in senior programs with the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department. "Their interests are deep into their wellness, how they can live longer, and their desire to always be learning."

The wide variety of classes and programs is one of the strengths of the program, allowing participants to explore and grow their interests. Participants can go from learning how to better use their laptop or smartphone, to taking a balance fitness class, or traveling to Port Angeles to enjoy the Dungeness & Seafood Festival.

Each class or program offers different benefits to the participants, but there is one overarching good from every one.

"Socialization is key for them to remain healthy," said Dunn. "Many of them like to age in place, which means they want to participate in those things that create socialization in a community."

Dunn takes pride in the program's ability to serve a variety of needs, hoping that it can be seen as a one-stop-shop—providing individuals with not only programs and services at the Burien Community Center, but also providing referrals for services in Burien or the surrounding area.

She also makes sure that the programs and services are guided by community need, using data from the City's community survey and comments from individuals to inform not only the types of programs offered, but also how they are delivered.

"I think the biggest thing about the senior program is having people tell me their stories about the program and what it means to them," said Dunn. "That's why we do this work here."

"This kind of work is about passion, helping relieve social isolation and helping seniors live happy and healthy lives."

KRISTY DUNN
Recreation Supervisor

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services department offers a number of free and low-cost drop-in activities.

All drop-in programs are held at the Burien Community Center, 14700 6th Ave SW.

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To learn more about Burien's senior programs, visit *burienwa.gov/seniorprograms.*

Burien Culture Hub Connects Artists to Community

BY EMILY INLOW-HOOD, COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

BURIEN CULTURE HUB started in 2012 as an online information resource for arts, heritage, and culture in Burien. The website's founder, Virginia Wright, collects information from individual artists and arts groups and publishes it on the website and on the Burien Culture Hub's social media. The website also hosts a directory of local artists.

"Our overall goal is to provide a centralized resource for people to get information about arts and culture in Burien," said Virginia Wright, the creator of Burien Culture Hub and a former Burien Arts Commissioner.

The Arts Commission awarded Arts & Culture grant funding to Burien Culture Hub for 2020, the first time the project has received any City funding. The money will be used to facilitate a major redesign of the website and increase its reach through targeted advertising.

"One of the things we heard during our 2018 Artist Meet & Greet program is that working artists were looking for more ways to connect to each other," said Gina Kallman, cultural arts supervisor for the City of Burien. "We are excited to be able to help Burien Culture Hub grow in order to help artists connect with each other and the community to learn more about the arts in Burien."

Wright says that she has a number of volunteer opportunities for community members, including writing original content for the website, posting content to the Hub's social media, and compiling data for the group calendar and artist directory. She will also be offering internships for young people interested in gaining experience in digital communications.

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Reducing Harm and Preventing Crime

BY AARON BURKHALTER, LEAD PROJECT MANAGER — BURIEN

The Burien Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program began in early 2019 as a crime-reduction tool to find solutions for people who commit law violations as a result of behavioral health issues.

"Burien's officers have done a great job connecting with our community and building relationships with those that we interact with. We often engaged with people committing minor offenses, but had limited tools other than traditional criminal justice approaches. Now the officers on the street have another tool available to connect people to resources in a more meaningful way," said Burien Police Chief Ted Boe.

Burien's LEAD program offers an effective alternative to traditional criminal justice approaches through the collaboration of the Burien Police Department, City of Burien, King County Prosecutor, social workers, and outreach workers. Twice each month, representatives from these groups meet for the Operational Work Group, which started meeting in April. Supported by LEAD project managers, the group evaluates potential clients and reviews existing clients. The group looks for personal and environmental circumstances that may contribute to them engaging in criminal activity.

If someone qualifies for the program, they are assigned a case manager who, after an initial screening, attempts to address any immediate or crisis needs, such as shelter for the night or safety strategies. The case manager then schedules a more in-depth assessment. They work with the client to develop an individual intervention plan, which may include assistance with housing, treatment, family reconnection, mental health care, education, job training, job placement, licensing assistance, legal help, small business counseling, childcare, or other services. LEAD outreach workers or care coordinators will follow up with the individual to implement the intervention plan and coordinate as needed with the officers that individual encounters, with neighborhood residents and businesses, and with prosecutors.

"Having case management is different than just interacting with an officer," said Tiarra Dearbone, Burien LEAD project manager. "Having case managers provide support through a harm-reduction model has already helped improve the circumstances of the people referred into the program."

LEAD established the Policy Coordinating Group to oversee the LEAD program and help establish it in Burien. The group, made up of stakeholders from the local business and faith communities as well as representatives from city government, police, prosecutor's office, and individual community members, first met last December.

The program began official operations in April. At the outset, the Burien Police Department identified 25 people who not only could benefit from LEAD services, but who had also caused the biggest impact in the community. To date, Burien Police have referred 35 people to the LEAD program. Officers are able to divert clients at an arrest and charge, but most people enter the program through social contacts with the Burien Police Department's High Visibility Team.

In December, LEAD plans to open an office in Burien on 148th Street, which includes space for outreach workers and case managers to meet with clients. The space will also support expansion of the LEAD program to White Center and West Seattle. The LEAD multi-disciplinary team is also working to help establish employment and job-readiness training opportunities for clients.

"We have found success in the relationships built with people who, historically, have been unwilling to engage previously," said Dearbone. "This has helped clients enroll in services that they were previously unwilling to consider, subsequently reducing harm to themselves and the community."

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Connecting People to Shelter and Services

BY CHIEF THEODORE BOE, BURIEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

In early 2019, we saw an increase in the number of people setting up tents in parks and staying in the parks after they closed in the evening, in violation of the existing Burien Municipal Code. The parks were not equipped to provide sanitary living conditions for the campers and became a public health concern. This made it difficult for other Burien residents to visit the parks and use them for their intended purpose—recreation.

To address the specific issue of camping in parks, the Burien Police Department partnered with City of Burien human services and parks maintenance staff to identify a way to return the parks to a condition that supported access for all Burien residents. Together, we enlisted input from social service and health outreach workers, residents, community partners, and the city attorney in an effort to find a legal and compassionate path forward. This effort culminated in a pilot project that was implemented at the start of the summer and ran throughout the summer months. At the end of the pilot project, Council directed staff to make this approach permanent.

The pilot project focused on finding a balance between connecting those camping in the parks to services and enforcing the park's no camping rules. During the four-month pilot, everyone asked to leave the parks at closing was presented options for indoor shelter prior to being asked leave. Only one arrest was made for refusing to leave a park after closure. The new approach was a success in terms of connecting those individuals to services and restoring our parks to places where all residents could enjoy them.

While we felt good about our success in connecting people to services and restoring our parks to spaces our whole community could use, we know this program only meets a small portion of the need in our community. Much more is needed to address the root causes of homelessness. That's why we are supportive of collaborative programs, such as our Navigation Team, Community Resource Center, Community Court, and LEAD. Each of these programs are designed to provide options that are more likely to be productive than cycling people through the criminal justice system for crimes rooted in extreme poverty.

We rely on the hard work and courage of our social service networks, elected leaders, local business community, housing providers, faith communities, and others to help prevent our community members from having to live outside.

Police will never solve homelessness in Burien alone. We rely on the hard work and courage of our social service networks, elected leaders, local business community, housing providers, faith communities, and others to help prevent our community members from having to live outside. As the weather gets colder, the harsh realities our city's homeless community face get worse. As a police department, we are committed to exploring creative and collaborative ways to solve complex problems.

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1. **Build a kit.** Create an emergency preparedness kit with at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food and water for your home and office. Prepare kits for vehicle road travel and winter weather evacuation.
2. **Make a plan** and practice the plan with your family and those who depend on you.
3. **Stay informed** and know the weather approaching so you are prepared for whatever Mother Nature throws our way. Knowing winter weather hazards and where to find resources to prepare is vital to protecting your property and those you love.

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Learn more about winter weather in the Pacific Northwest and ways you can prepare at: *takewinterbystorm.org*

To find information about local conditions or alerts, follow the City of Burien on Facebook (@cityofburien) and Twitter (@burien), or visit *burienwa.gov*

Don't let the Grinch Steal Your Holiday Packages

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The holiday season is a busy time with shopping, decorating, parties, and family gatherings throughout the month of December. You may not be home when the gift you ordered online is delivered to your front porch, but someone else may be watching.

Below are some ways you can protect your packages from holiday looters.

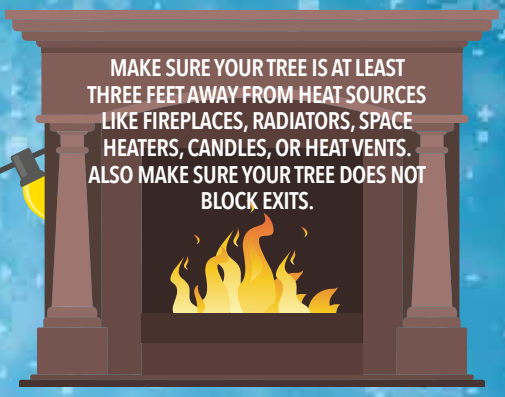
- Use smart package lockers
- Have packages delivered to your workplace/office
- Install security cameras
- Require signature on delivery
- Reroute or reschedule delivery
- Require vacation package hold
- Insure your upcoming packages
- Install a locker on your porch and provide access instructions
- Send packages to a neighbor that you know will be home

IF YOU BELIEVE YOUR PACKAGES HAVE BEEN STOLEN:

- Verify that the package was delivered
- Call the police to file a police report
- Contact the retailer
- Contact the shipping company
- Check your credit card benefits
- Check your insurance

PUT A FREEZE ON WINTER HOLIDAY FIRES

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.



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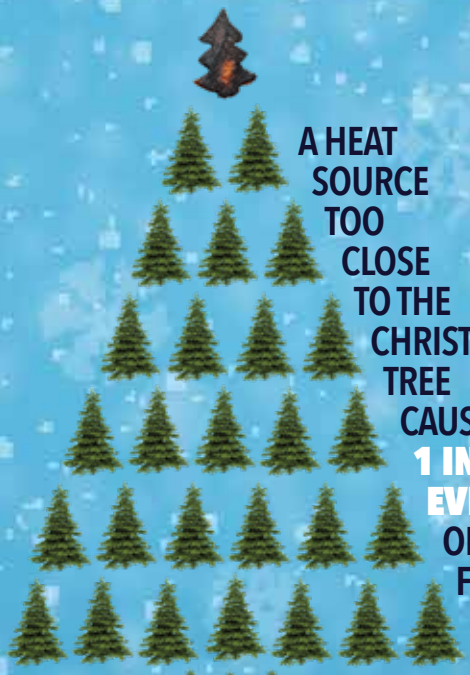

A HEAT SOURCE TOO CLOSE TO THE CHRISTMAS TREE CAUSES **1 IN EVERY 4** OF TREE FIRES.

DECEMBER

26 GET RID OF YOUR TREE AFTER CHRISTMAS OR WHEN IT IS DRY.

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KEEP CANDLES AT LEAST 12 INCHES AWAY FROM ANYTHING THAT BURNS.

For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit: usafa.fema.gov and nfpa.org.

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Alquiler en Burien

Las Nuevas Leyes buscan mejorar la vivienda de alquiler en Burien

POR EMILY INLOW-HOOD, OFICIAL DE COMUNICACIONES

El Ayuntamiento de la ciudad de Burien aprobó nuevas leyes en este otoño para proporcionar más protecciones a los inquilinos y ayudar a mejorar las condiciones de la vivienda de alquiler en Burien. Mientras tanto, aquí hay un resumen de lo que usted necesita saber acerca de las nuevas leyes. Puede encontrar más información en: burienwa.gov/renting.

Programa de inspección de viviendas de alquiler (Rental Housing Inspection Program, RHIP)

Comenzando el 1 de noviembre de 2019, el coordinador de inspección de la vivienda de alquiler comenzará a crear un inventario de las propiedades dentro del ámbito del programa e inspecciones que a partir del 2021. El coordinador de inspección de la vivienda de alquiler gestionará el programa, trabajando con los inquilinos y propietarios que necesiten ayuda con los asuntos de la vivienda de alquiler.

El nuevo programa ayudará a la ciudad de Burien a rastrear las condiciones de la vivienda en las unidades de alquiler. Los detalles del programa se desarrollarán durante el próximo año, a tiempo para las inspecciones que comienzan en 2021.

La ciudad de Burien llevará a cabo extensas actividades de extensión para los propietarios, administradores de propiedades e inquilinos en el año 2020. La información sobre el nuevo programa y otras políticas de vivienda de alquiler serán añadidas al sitio web de la ciudad en 2020.

¿Tiene preguntas sobre el programa? ¿O necesita reportar un problema? Obtenga más información en: burienwa.gov/rhip.

Explicación de las nuevas políticas de alquiler de viviendas

Las nuevas políticas de vivienda de alquiler están diseñadas para proteger a los inquilinos y para mejorar las relaciones entre el inquilino y el propietario.

- **Causas de desalojo (Just Cause Eviction, JCE):** Un arrendador solo puede desalojar a un arrendatario por razones específicas y debe seguir los requisitos de notificación y de plazos. La política también requiere que los arrendadores obtengan una orden judicial antes de desalojar al arrendatario.
- **Requisitos permitidos para el depósito y pagos fraccionados:** Los inquilinos tienen permitido pagar un depósito de garantía, tarifas de mudanza no reembolsables, y el alquiler de los últimos meses divididos en tres pagos fraccionados consecutivos iguales en caso de los contratos de alquiler fijos de tres meses o de más larga duración, o dos pagos fraccionados iguales si es mensual. Esto no se aplica cuando no se requiere el alquiler de los últimos meses o si el depósito de garantía y los cargos no reembolsables de la mudanza no exceden el 25 por ciento del alquiler de los primeros meses.
- **Distribución de información:** Un arrendador debe proporcionar información escrita sobre los criterios de alquiler. También se le requiere al arrendador que proporcione paquetes de información producidos por la ciudad que incluyan resúmenes de las nuevas políticas de alquiler, el Código de Mantenimiento de la Propiedad de Burien que establece normas mínimas de habitabilidad, la Ley de Arrendadores-Inquilinos Residenciales del Estado de Washington, leyes de detenciones ilegales y forzosas, y leyes de vivienda justa. La política también requiere que la ciudad ponga la aplicación del código y la información sobre el registro de votantes en su sitio web.
- **Aviso de venta de vivienda para personas de bajos ingresos:** Esta política le requiere a los dueños de las propiedades que le notifiquen a la ciudad de su intento de vender las propiedades, si su propiedad contiene cinco o más unidades de alquiler y al menos uno de las unidades de alquiler se ha considerado asequible para las familias en o por debajo del 80 por ciento del ingreso medio del área. El aviso debe ser enviado a la ciudad por correo electrónico 60 días antes de que la propiedad esté a la venta.
- Defensor de la vivienda: Un defensor de la vivienda investigará las disputas de vivienda, educará y aconsejará a los arrendatarios y arrendadores, y ayudará a resolver conflictos entre arrendadores y arrendatarios. La ciudad está explorando diferentes opciones del personal para cumplir con este requisito.

La ciudad de Burien lanzará una campaña de educación en 2020 para educar a los arrendadores y arrendatarios sobre las nuevas políticas y el programa de inspección de la vivienda de alquiler. La ciudad también proporcionará paquetes de información, traducidos en varios idiomas para que los arrendadores se los entregue a los arrendatarios. Estos paquetes de información estarán disponibles a comienzos del 2020.

Obtenga más información en *burienwa.gov/renting*

La prohibición de bolsas de plástico busca proteger el medio ambiente

POR EMILY INLOW-HOOD, OFICIAL DE COMUNICACIONES

¿Por qué Burien se une a otras más de 30 jurisdicciones en el estado de Washington, así como a otras ciudades y países en todo el mundo, en la prohibición del uso de bolsas de plásticos de un solo uso?

La respuesta sencilla es que las bolsas de plástico de un solo uso son malas para el medio ambiente. Pero hay más que eso.

Esas bolsas delgadas de plástico solo se usan por unos minutos antes de que terminen en un contenedor de basura, con el tiempo, terminan en el vertedero o en las calles. Las bolsas de plástico son livianas, por lo que el viento fácilmente se lo lleva de los contenedores basura y de los vertederos y se convierten en basura a lo largo de nuestras carreteras y arroyos y obstruyen las alcantarillas pluviales. Las bolsas de plástico flotan en el agua y pueden ser confundidas por medusas u otros alimentos para la fauna silvestre. La fauna silvestre, especialmente los animales marinos, comen o se enredan en las bolsas. A medida que las bolsas se rompen en pedazos por la exposición a los elementos, se descomponen en microplásticos más pequeños en las aguas, lo que causa más estragos que afectan a los plánctones, mejillones, salmones y ballenas. Se ha encontrado plástico en los estómagos de más de 660 especies.

Las bolsas de plástico también perjudican nuestros esfuerzos de reciclaje y compostaje. Nuestros reciclables van a los centros de reciclaje donde son clasificados y separados en diferentes materiales para que puedan ser empacados y enviados a su posterior procesamiento. Las bolsas de plástico obstruyen los rodillos de las máquinas clasificadoras. La ciudad de Portland ha documentado que un cuarto del tiempo de sus trabajadores se dedica a remover las bolsas plásticas de las líneas de clasificación. Las bolsas de plástico también son arrojadas a los contenedores de compostaje junto con el material orgánico, lo que causa la "contaminación" del abono. Las instalaciones de compostaje tratan de remover parte del plástico, pero no son capaces de eliminar la mayoría de él.

¿Por qué llevar consigo su propia bolsa?

Las bolsas de plástico están hechas de petróleo y gas, dos recursos no renovables que contribuyen a las emisiones de gases de efecto invernadero. Y aunque las bolsas de papel son reciclables, pueden transformarse en abono y descomponerse fácilmente en el ambiente, no son una alternativa perfecta. La mejor forma de eliminar un derroche innecesario es llevar consigo su propia bolsa reutilizable a la tienda. ¡Estas bolsas son fáciles de llevar aun cuando están llenas de comestibles!

Programa para adultos mayores ofrece cura para la soledad

POR RIO FERNANDES, PASANTE DE COMUNICACIONES

La ciudad de Burien les ofrece a los adultos mayores de cincuenta años una variedad de programas que van desde clases que se centran en la salud y el bienestar, la historia, el acondicionamiento físico, el interés especial, los entrenamientos, las excursiones locales de un día, y todo lo demás.

"En todos mis años trabajando con adultos mayores, se ha vuelto claro que la variedad de clases es algo que queremos," dijo Kristy Dunn, supervisora de recreación que se especializa en los programas para adultos mayores con el departamento de Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services. "Sus intereses se centran en su bienestar, cómo pueden vivir por más tiempo y su deseo de aprender siempre."

La gran variedad de clases y actividades es una de las fortalezas del programa, lo que les permite a los participantes explorar y aumentar su interés. Los participantes pueden ir de aprender a cómo usar mejor sus laptops o teléfonos inteligentes, o tomar una clase de salud física, o viajar al puerto de Los Ángeles para disfrutar del Dungeness & Seafood Festival.

Cada clase o programa ofrece diferentes beneficios a los participantes, pero hay un bien general en cada uno de ellos.

"La socialización es clave para que se mantengan sanos," dijo Dunn. "Muchos de ellos quieren envejecer en el lugar, lo que significa que ellos quieren participar en esas actividades para crear la socialización en la comunidad."

Dunn se enorgullece de la capacidad de los programas para atender una variedad de necesidades y espera que pueda ser visto como una ventanilla única, lo que les proporciona a los individuos no solamente con programas y servicios en el Centro Comunitarios de Burien, sino también remisiones para otros servicios en Burien o en el área circundante.

Ella también asegura que los programas y servicios son con base en las necesidades de la comunidad, se usan datos de la encuesta de la comunidad de la ciudad y comentarios de individuos para informar no solo los tipos de programas que se ofrecen, sino también cómo se ofrecen.

"Creo que lo más importante del programa para los adultos mayores es que la gente me cuente sus historias sobre el programa y lo que significa para ellos", dijo Dunn. "Este tipo de trabajo es sobre la pasión, ayudar a mitigar el aislamiento, ayudar a que ellos vivan una vida feliz y saludable, es por eso que hacemos este trabajo aquí."

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Para más información sobre el programa para adultos mayores de Burien, visite *burienwa.gov/seniorprograms*

Prepárese para las tormentas de invierno

LAS TORMENTAS DE INVIERNO PUEDEN TRAER VIENTO, nieve, hielo, granizo, truenos, rayos y hasta tornados al noroeste del Pacífico. Estos fenómenos meteorológicos a menudo causan cortes eléctricos y cierres de vías.

La preparación para el clima de invierno consiste en

TRES SENCILLOS PASOS:

1. **Prepare un kit.** Cree un kit de preparación para emergencias con suministro para al menos tres días de alimentos no perecederos y agua para su hogar y oficina. Prepare los kits para el viaje por carretera y la evacuación en invierno.
2. **Haga un plan** y póngalo en práctica con su familia y los que dependen de usted.
3. **Manténgase informado** y conozca el clima que se aproxima, de manera que esté preparado para lo que sea que la Madre Naturaleza nos disponga. Conocer los riesgos del clima de invierno y dónde encontrar los recursos para prepararse es vital para proteger su propiedad y a sus seres queridos.

Para más información sobre el clima de invierno en el noroeste del Pacífico y las maneras en el que se puede preparar, visite: takewinterbystorm.org.

Para encontrar más información sobre las condiciones y alertas locales, siga a City of Burien en Facebook (@cityofburien) y en Twitter (@burien), o visite burienwa.gov.

No permita que el Grinch robe los paquetes en las fiestas

La temporada de fiestas, durante todo el mes de diciembre, es una época llena de compras, decoración, fiestas y reuniones familiares. Cuando el regalo que solicitó en línea llegue a su porche delantero, es posible que usted no se encuentre en su hogar pero que alguien lo esté mirando. Estas son algunas de las maneras con las que puede proteger sus paquetes de los ladrones de fiestas.

- Utilice casilleros inteligentes.
- Solicite que le entreguen los paquetes en su lugar de trabajo u oficina.
- Instale cámaras de seguridad.
- Solicite que se firme la entrega.
- Redirija o reprograme la entrega.
- Pida que retengan sus paquetes en vacaciones.
- Asegure los paquetes que están por llegar.
- Instale un casillero en su porche y proporcione instrucciones de acceso.
- Envíe paquetes a un vecino que usted sepa que estará en casa.

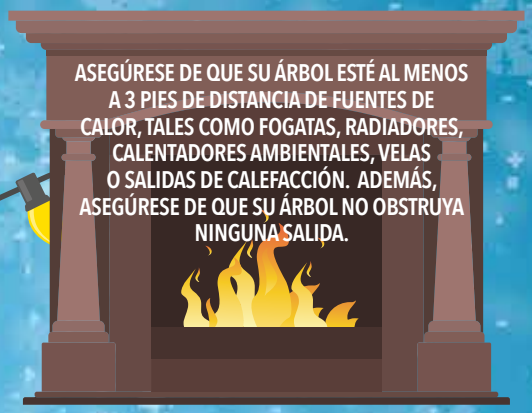
SI CREE QUE SUS PAQUETES HAN SIDO ROBADOS:

- Verifique que el paquete fue entregado.
- Llame a la policía para presentar una denuncia.
- Póngase en contacto con el vendedor.
- Póngase en contacto con la empresa de transporte.
- Revise los beneficios de su tarjeta de crédito.
- Revise su seguro.

CONGÉLE

LOS INCENDIOS PROPIOS DE LAS FESTIVIDADES DE INVIERNO

Es divertido decorar para las fiestas de invierno, pero las decoraciones pueden aumentar el riesgo de incendio en el hogar. Cuando decore su hogar esta temporada, sea consciente con el fuego.



LEA LAS INSTRUCCIONES DEL FABRICANTE EN RELACIÓN CON LA CANTIDAD DE CORDONES DE LUZ A CONECTAR.

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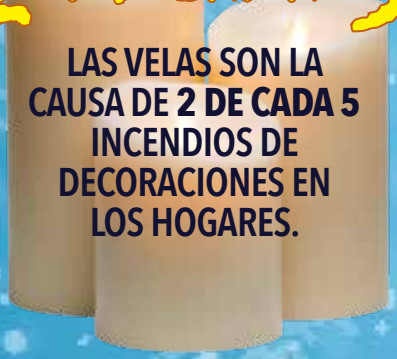

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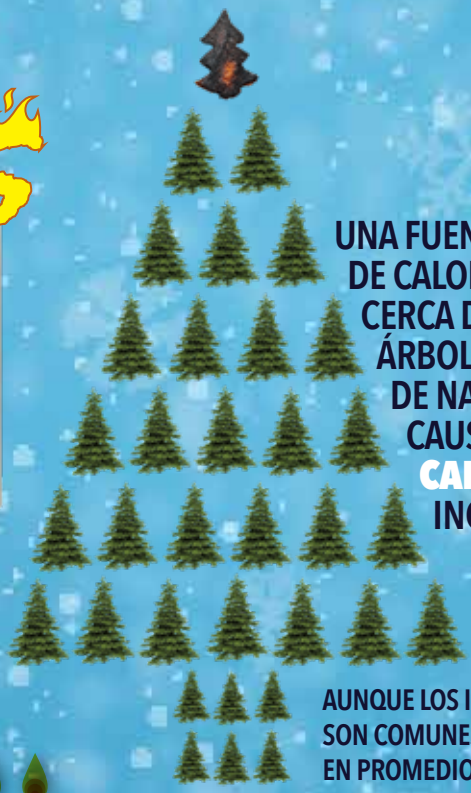

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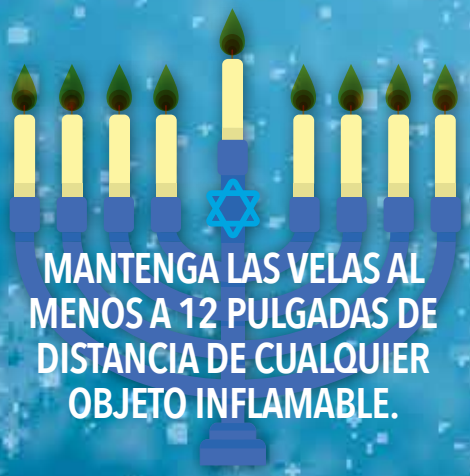

MANTENGA LAS VELAS AL MENOS A 12 PULGADAS DE DISTANCIA DE CUALQUIER OBJETO INFLAMABLE.

Para más información acerca de cómo prevenir incendios en temporada de invierno, visite: usafa.fema.gov y nfpa.org.

Thuê Nhà tại Burien

Các Luật Mới Nhằm Mục Đích Cải Thiện Tình Trạng Thuê Nhà tại Burien

TÁC GIẢ EMILY INLOW-HOOD, CÁN BỘ TRUYỀN THÔNG

Hội Đồng Thành Phố Burien đã thông qua các luật mới vào mùa thu năm nay, các luật này sẽ bảo vệ quyền lợi của người thuê tốt hơn và giúp cải thiện tình trạng thuê nhà tại Burien. Thành Phố Burien sẽ khởi động chiến dịch giáo dục cho cả chủ sở hữu và người thuê nhà trong năm 2020. Trong lúc này, dưới đây là tóm tắt về những thông tin quý vị cần biết về những luật mới. Quý vị có thể tìm thêm thông tin tại: burienwa.gov/renting.

Chương Trình Kiểm Tra Nhà Ở Cho Thuê

Bắt đầu từ ngày 1 tháng 11 năm 2019, điều phối viên kiểm tra nhà ở cho thuê sẽ bắt đầu xây dựng danh sách liệt kê bất động sản trong phạm vi của chương trình này và công tác kiểm tra sẽ bắt đầu vào năm 2021. Chương tình kiểm tra nhà ở cho thuê sẽ quản lý chương trình, làm việc với người thuê nhà và chủ nhà cần trợ giúp với các vấn đề thuê nhà.

Chương trình mới này sẽ giúp Thành Phố Burien theo dõi các điều kiện nhà ở trong các nhà cho thuê. Chi tiết về chương trình sẽ được xây dựng trong năm tới, kịp thời cho công tác kiểm tra sẽ bắt đầu vào năm 2021.

Thành Phố Burien sẽ thực hiện công tác tiếp cận mở rộng tới chủ nhà, quản lý bất động sản và người thuê nhà trong năm 2020. Thông tin về chương trình mới và các chính sách về nhà ở cho thuê khác sẽ được bổ sung trên trang web của Thành Phố trong năm 2020.

Quý vị có thắc mắc về chương trình? Hoặc quý vị có cần báo cáo vấn đề? Tìm hiểu thêm tại: burienwa.gov/rhip.

Giải Thích về Chính Sách Thuê Nhà Mới

Chính sách thuê nhà mới được thiết kế để bảo vệ người thuê nhà và cải thiện mối quan hệ giữa người thuê nhà-chủ nhà.

- Trục Xuất Có Lý Do Chính Đáng (JCE): Chủ nhà chỉ có thể trục xuất người thuê nhà vì những lý do cụ thể và phải tuân thủ các yêu cầu về thông báo và thời gian. Chính sách này cũng yêu cầu chủ nhà phải có lệnh của tòa án trước khi trục xuất người thuê nhà.
- Các yêu cầu về tiền đặt cọc và khoản thanh toán trả góp được phép: Người thuê nhà sẽ được phép thanh toán tiền đặt cọc bảo đảm, phí chuyển nhà không hoàn lại, và tiền thuê của tháng cuối cùng theo ba đợt thanh toán liên tiếp với số tiền bằng nhau trong trường hợp thuê nhà có thời hạn cố định từ ba tháng trở lên, hoặc hai đợt thanh toán với số tiền thanh toán bằng nhau nếu thuê theo tháng. Quy định này không áp dụng khi không yêu cầu tiền thuê của tháng cuối cùng hoặc tiền đặt cọc bảo đảm và phí chuyển nhà không hoàn lại không vượt quá 25 phần trăm tiền thuê nhà của tháng đầu tiên.
- Cung cấp thông tin: Chủ nhà phải cung cấp thông tin bằng văn bản về tiêu chuẩn thuê nhà. Chủ nhà cũng sẽ phải cung cấp gói thông tin do thành phố phát hành bao gồm bản tóm tắt các chính sách thuê mới, Bộ Luật Bảo Trì Bất Động Sản của Burien đặt ra các tiêu chuẩn tối thiểu về khả năng cư trú, Đạo Luật về Chủ Nhà-Người Thuê Nhà của Tiểu Bang Washington, luật cầm giữ trái phép và bất hợp pháp và luật nhà ở công bằng. Chính sách này cũng yêu cầu Thành Phố đăng tải vấn đề thực thi bộ luật và thông tin đăng ký cử tri trên trang web của thành phố.
- Thông báo bán nhà ở cho người có thu nhập thấp: Chính sách này yêu cầu các chủ nhà thông báo cho Thành Phố về dự định bán bất động sản của họ nếu bất động sản có từ năm phòng cho thuê trở lên và ít nhất một trong những phòng đã cho thuê đó được xem là có giá phải chăng đối với hộ gia đình ở mức thu nhập bằng hoặc dưới 80 phần trăm thu nhập trung bình của khu vực. Phải gửi thông báo qua đường bưu điện cho Thành Phố 60 ngày trước khi niêm yết bán bất động sản.
- Thanh tra nhà ở: Thanh tra kiểm tra nhà ở sẽ điều tra các tranh chấp về nhà ở, hướng dẫn và tư vấn cho người thuê nhà và chủ nhà và giúp giải quyết các mâu thuẫn giữa chủ nhà và người thuê nhà. Thành Phố đang nghiên cứu một số tùy chọn nhân sự khác nhau để thực hiện yêu cầu này.

Thành Phố Burien sẽ khởi động chiến dịch giáo dục vào năm 2020 để giáo dục chủ nhà và người thuê nhà về các chính sách mới và chương trình kiểm tra nhà ở. Thành Phố cũng sẽ cung cấp gói thông tin được dịch sang nhiều ngôn ngữ, cho chủ nhà để phát cho người thuê. Các gói thông tin này sẽ có sẵn chậm nhất vào đầu năm 2020.

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TÁC GIẢ: RIO FERNANDES, THỰC TẬP SINH VỀ TRUYỀN THÔNG

Đối với những người lớn trên năm mươi tuổi, Thành Phố Burien cung cấp nhiều chương trình theo nhiều lớp tập trung vào sức khỏe, sự khỏe mạnh, bệnh sử, tập thể dục, mối quan tâm đặc biệt, đào tạo, chuyến đi trong ngày tại địa phương và những lĩnh vực liên quan khác.

Kristy Dunn, một giám sát viên giải trí chuyên về chương trình dành cho người cao niên của cơ quan quản lý Dịch Vụ Công Viên, Giải Trí và Văn Hóa nói: "Trong suốt những năm làm việc của tôi với người cao niên, phạm vi lớp học là điều họ muốn. Mối quan tâm lớn nhất của họ là sự khỏe mạnh, cách thức để họ có thể sống lâu hơn và mong muốn của họ luôn là việc học hỏi."

Nhiều lớp học và chương trình khác nhau là một trong những điểm mạnh của chương trình, cho phép những người tham gia tìm hiểu và nuôi dưỡng sở thích của họ. Những người tham gia có thể tham gia các hoạt động từ việc tìm hiểu cách sử dụng máy tính xách tay hoặc điện thoại thông minh đến tham gia lớp tập thể dục cân bằng, hoặc đi đến Port Angeles để thưởng thức Lễ Hội Dungeness & Hải Sản.

Mỗi lớp học hoặc chương trình cung cấp các lợi ích khác nhau cho những người tham gia, nhưng có chung một lợi ích cho tất cả mọi người.

Dunn nói: "Xã hội hóa là yếu tố quan trọng để duy trì sức khỏe. Nhiều người trong số họ thích sống tại cộng đồng khi về già, điều đó có nghĩa rằng họ muốn tham gia vào các hoạt động giao lưu xã hội tại cộng đồng."

Dunn tự hào về khả năng chương trình phục vụ nhiều nhu cầu, hi vọng rằng chương trình có thể được xem như trung tâm một cửa—cung cấp cho cá nhân không chỉ các chương trình và dịch vụ tại Trung Tâm Cộng Đồng Burien, mà còn cung cấp giấy giới thiệu đến các dịch vụ tại Burien hoặc khu vực xung quanh.

Bà cũng đảm bảo rằng các chương trình và dịch vụ được định hướng theo nhu cầu của cộng đồng, sử dụng dữ liệu từ khảo sát cộng đồng của Thành Phố và ý kiến nhận xét đóng góp từ các cá nhân để không chỉ cung cấp thông tin về loại chương trình được cung cấp mà còn về cách cung cấp chương trình.

Dunn phát biểu: "Tôi cho rằng thành công lớn nhất của chương trình người cao niên là mọi người kể cho tôi nghe những câu chuyện của họ về chương trình và những điều có ý nghĩa với họ. Loại công việc này là đam mê, giúp giảm bớt cảm giác cô lập xã hội, giúp họ sống hạnh phúc và khỏe mạnh, đó là lý do tại sao chúng tôi làm công việc này tại đây."

Để tìm hiểu thêm về các chương trình dành cho người cao niên của Burien, hãy truy cập *burienwa.gov/seniorprograms*

Cấm Sử Dụng Túi Nhựa để Bảo Vệ Môi Trường

TÁC GIẢ EMILY INLOW-HOOD, CÁN BỘ TRUYỀN THÔNG

Tại sao Burien tham gia cùng với hơn 30 khu vực tài phán khác tại tiểu bang Washington, cũng như các thành phố và quốc gia trên toàn thế giới trong việc cấm sử dụng các túi xách nhựa, dùng một lần?

Câu trả lời đơn giản là các túi nhựa dùng một lần không tốt cho môi trường. Nhưng còn vì nhiều lý do khác nữa.

Những túi nhựa đựng tạp phẩm mỏng này chỉ được sử dụng trong một vài phút trước khi bị bỏ vào thùng rác, cuối cùng tới bãi chôn lấp, hoặc trở thành rác. Túi nhựa nhẹ, dễ dàng bị cuốn theo các cơn gió ra khỏi thùng rác và bãi chôn lấp và trở thành rác dọc theo các con đường và lạch hoặc làm tắc nghẽn cống thoát nước mưa. Túi nhựa nổi và vì vậy trôi nổi trong cột nước và có thể khiến động vật hoang dã nhầm với loài sứa hoặc thức ăn khác. Động vật hoang dã, đặc biệt động vật biển, ăn hoặc bị mắc vào những chiếc túi này. Khi túi bị xé thành những mảnh vụn do những yếu tố này, chúng phân hủy thành các hạt vi nhựa trong nước của chúng ta, tàn phá nhiều sinh vật phù du, trai, cá hồi và cá voi. Nhựa đã được tìm thấy trong dạ dày của hơn 660 loài.

Túi nhựa cũng ảnh hưởng tiêu cực đến nỗ lực tái chế và ủ phân hữu cơ. Rác thải tái chế của chúng ta được chuyển đến trung tâm tái chế nơi phân loại và phân tách thành các vật liệu khác nhau để có thể đóng kiện và gửi đi tiếp tục xử lý. Túi nhựa làm tắc nghẽn các con lăn trên máy phân loại rác. Thành Phố Portland đã ghi nhận rằng một phần tư thời gian của người lao động của họ là dành cho việc loại bỏ các túi nhựa khỏi dây chuyền phân loại. Túi nhựa cũng bị ném vào các thùng ủ phân cùng với vật liệu hữu cơ dẫn đến "nhiễm bẩn" phân hữu cơ. Các cơ sở ủ phân cố gắng loại bỏ một phần lượng nhựa nhưng không thể loại bỏ được hầu hết chúng.

Quy định Cấm Sử Dụng Túi Nhựa Có Hiệu Lực vào ngày 1 tháng 1 năm 2020

Bắt đầu vào ngày 1 tháng 1 năm 2020, các doanh nghiệp sẽ không còn có thể cung cấp các túi xách nhựa, dùng một lần tại các nhà hàng và cơ sở bán lẻ. Để biết thêm thông tin, vui lòng truy cập: burienwa.gov/plastics

Tại sao cần mang theo túi của quý vị?

Túi nhựa được làm từ dầu và khí đốt, hai tài nguyên không thể phục hồi góp phần gây phát thải nhà kính. Và mặc dù các túi giấy có thể được tái chế, ủ phân hữu cơ và dễ phân hủy trong môi trường, túi giấy không phải là một biện pháp thay thế hoàn hảo. Cách tốt nhất để loại bỏ rác thải không cần thiết là mang theo túi có thể tái sử dụng của quý vị đến cửa hàng. Và túi này cũng dễ mang hơn khi đựng đầy tạp phẩm!

Sẵn Sàng Ứng Phó với Các Cơn Bão Mùa Đông

CÁC CƠN BÃO MÙA ĐÔNG CÓ THỂ GÂY RA GIÓ, tuyết, băng, mưa đá, sấm, sét, và thậm chí lốc xoáy cho Tây Bắc Thái Bình Dương. Các biến cố thời tiết này thường gây ra mất điện và phong tỏa đường phố.

Chuẩn bị ứng phó cho thời tiết mùa đông bao gồm BA BƯỚC ĐƠN GIẢN:

1. **Chuẩn bị một bộ dụng cụ.** Chuẩn bị một bộ dụng cụ ứng phó trong trường hợp cần thiết với nhu yếu phẩm đủ dùng trong ba ngày gồm thực phẩm bảo quản được lâu và nước tại nhà hoặc cơ quan. Chuẩn bị bộ dụng cụ cho việc đi lại trên đường phố bằng xe và sơ tán trong thời tiết mùa đông.
2. **Lập kế hoạch** và diễn tập kế hoạch với gia đình và những người phụ thuộc quý vị.
3. **Cập nhật thông tin** và biết điều kiện thời tiết đang đến để chuẩn bị cho bất kỳ điều gì Mẹ Thiên Nhiên mang đến cho chúng ta. Biết các nguy hiểm về thời tiết mùa đông và nơi tìm nguồn hỗ trợ để sẵn sàng ứng phó là điều quan trọng để bảo vệ tài sản của quý vị và những người quý vị yêu thương.

Tìm hiểu thêm về thời tiết mùa đông tại khu vực Tây Bắc Thái Bình Dương và các biện pháp mà quý vị có thể chuẩn bị tại: takewinterbystorm.org.

Để tìm thông tin về các điều kiện hoặc cảnh báo tại địa phương, hãy theo dõi thông tin về Thành Phố Burien trên Facebook (@cityofburien) và Twitter (@burien), hoặc truy cập burienwa.gov.

Đừng Để Tiểu Quái Grinch Đánh Cắp Quà Tặng Giáng Sinh Của Quý Vị

Mùa giáng sinh là thời gian bận rộn với việc mua sắm, trang trí, tiệc tùng và các buổi gặp mặt gia đình trong suốt tháng 12. Quý vị có thể không ở nhà khi món quà quý vị đặt mua trực tuyến được giao tới trước hiên nhà quý vị. Nhưng rất có thể có ai đó đang để mắt đến món quà của quý vị. Dưới đây là một số cách để quý vị bảo vệ các bưu kiện của mình khỏi những kẻ trộm dịp nghỉ lễ.

- Sử dụng các tủ khóa thông minh dành cho bưu kiện
- Đăng ký giao các gói bưu phẩm đến nơi làm việc/văn phòng của quý vị
- Lắp đặt các máy quay an ninh
- Yêu cầu ký xác nhận khi giao hàng
- Đổi địa điểm giao hàng hoặc sắp xếp lại lịch giao hàng
- Yêu cầu giữ gói bưu phẩm dịp nghỉ lễ
- Mua bảo hiểm cho các gói bưu phẩm sắp tới của quý vị
- Lắp đặt tủ khóa ở hiên nhà của quý vị và cung cấp các hướng dẫn để cho bưu phẩm vào.
- Gửi các gói bưu phẩm tới một người hàng xóm mà quý vị biết sẽ ở nhà.

NẾU QUÝ VỊ CHO RẰNG CÁC GÓI BƯU PHẨM CỦA QUÝ VỊ ĐÃ BỊ ĐÁNH CẮP:

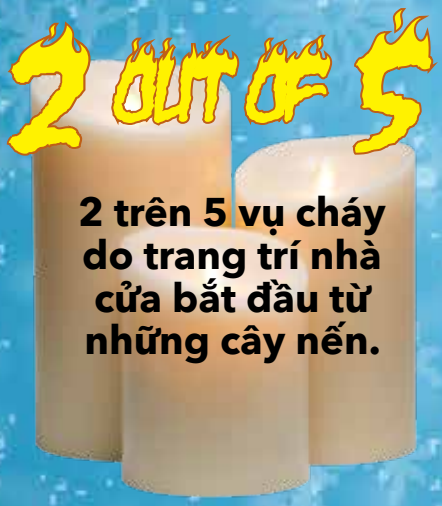
- Xác minh rằng gói bưu phẩm đã được giao
- Gọi cảnh sát để báo cáo
- Liên hệ với nhà bán lẻ
- Liên hệ với công ty vận chuyển
- Kiểm tra quyền lợi dành cho thẻ tín dụng của quý vị
- Kiểm tra bảo hiểm của quý vị

NGĂN CHẶN

CÁC ĐÁM CHÁY TRONG KỲ NGHỈ LỄ MÙA ĐÔNG

Việc trang trí cho kỳ nghỉ lễ mùa đông thật thú vị, nhưng các đồ trang trí có thể làm tăng nguy cơ cháy nhà. Khi quý vị trang trí nhà cửa trong mùa lễ hội này, hãy thận trọng với lửa.

ĐỌC HƯỚNG DẪN CỦA NHÀ SẢN XUẤT ĐỂ CÓ THÔNG TIN VỀ SỐ LƯỢNG CÁC MẠCH ĐÈN CẦN NỐI.



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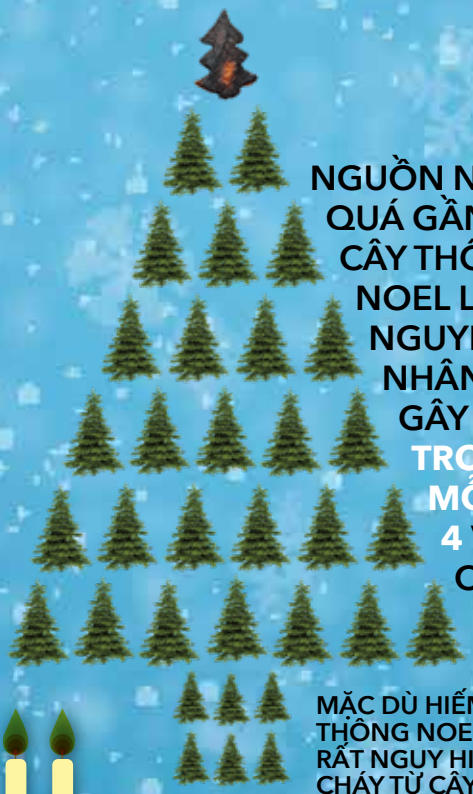

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