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EDITOR'S NOTE



THIS IS THE FINAL ISSUE WE celebrate our 25th anniversary of incorporation. As we look back at how much we have grown as a community, our choice of cover art is an appropriate reminder of where we started (page 22). On page 14 you will see photos from some of our most memorable events this year, including an event that brought together dozens of past mayors and

councilmembers with our current community leaders. Because it takes a community to #MakeBurienAwesome, we are also helping some of our local businesses celebrate their special anniversaries (page 13), as well as highlighting products made right here in Burien (page 12)!

Starting with the spring issue, *Burien Magazine* will look a little different. We are combining the publication of the Recreation Guide with *Burien Magazine*. By joining the production of these two publications and increasing the number of issues printed, the cost per issue actually goes down due to economies of scale. We hope this new format will make it easier for our residents to find programs and services through the Recreation Guide, as well as improve the magazine's usefulness to our residents.

And finally, this time of year is when we connect with family and friends, and meditate on what it means to be part of a community. Read a special message from our city manager (page 4) and find a story about the role food banks play in fighting hunger in our community (page 15).

From all of City staff, we wish you a happy holiday season.

Emily Inlow-Hood
Communications Officer &
Executive Editor, Burien Magazine



◀ Cover Picture

Before real estate agents had drones, Burien had Gunther's Tower. George Gunther, a prominent real estate developer in the Burien area, constructed a stairwell around a tall Douglas fir tree leading to a lookout platform where interested buyers could look over land he was offering for sale near Lake Burien.

ILLUSTRATION BY BRETT PIPER, PLACED ON SIGNAL BOX (SEE PAGE 22)

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**BY BRIAN J. WILSON,
CITY MANAGER**

ON BEHALF OF EVERYONE HERE AT THE CITY, I want to wish you and your family all the best over this upcoming holiday season. It is a time to celebrate and give thanks for our families, the blessings we enjoy, and for all of us at the City, the support we receive on a daily basis from the community we serve. There are many in our community who are less fortunate. Looking out for our neighbors, donating food and services, and finding ways to make a positive difference for others is emblematic of why Burien is a unique and special community.

We are committed as public servants to provide quality services effectively and efficiently. Our mission is to implement Council policy in a fair and equitable manner and ensure our actions are ethical, value-based, and indicative of best practices in the public service field. The issues we face as a commu-

partnership, and alignment within the community to be the most effective. We are committed to this effort!

Again, my best to you over the holiday season. As always, my door is open. Please contact me if you have input or ideas on how we can better serve you.

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CouncilMESSAGE

In the past few months, the Council has introduced important legislation in three areas that offer short-term solutions to critical issues while at the same offering long-term protection of the community:

- **Tenant Protections.** In October, Council approved immediate assistance to residents facing eviction. They also directed staff to engage community stakeholders in the development of an action plan to provide more tenant protections for renters, as well as a more proactive code enforcement program to enhance the quality of housing in Burien. Council will hear more updates on this topic in the coming months.
- **Protecting the environment.** Council is exploring a possible ban on plastic bags and ensuring businesses have enough time to come into compliance. Council is also exploring a more comprehensive policy that would address single-use plastics.
- **Public safety.** While a number of cities in the Seattle/south King County area are experiencing a rise in criminal activity, the Burien City Council is exploring both short- and long-term options to enhance public safety in Burien. These efforts would combine law enforcement and human services enhancements to address violence, youth violence, gang activity, and property crime in Burien.

2019-2020 Budget

A primary responsibility of a Council is to develop and pass a balanced budget. The Council's goal is to pass a balanced budget that is sustainable, meets the needs of our community, and complies with state and federal requirements.

Despite the financial challenges that lay ahead, the Council recognizes the importance of supporting critical services like public safety, stormwater management, and street maintenance, and supporting quality of life services such as parks and recreation programs and human services. As the needs of Burien grows, the Council



Back row, from left to right: Councilmember Bob Edgar, Councilmember Krystal Marx, Deputy Mayor Austin Bell, Councilmember Nancy Tosta. **Front row, from left to right:** Councilmember Pedro Olguin, Councilmember Lucy Krakowiak, Mayor Jimmy Matta.

must work collaboratively and in partnership with other agencies and other local cities, to identify new or enhanced revenue sources to address emerging issues and maintain our sound financial health.

Advocating for Burien at the State and Federal Level

Part of the Council's role, as Burien's elected leaders, includes advocating for Burien in the state and federal legislature. In October, the State and Federal legislative agendas were approved, which reflect the priorities of the Council in support of legislation that addresses Burien's interests and areas of concerns. A legislative agenda enables the City Council, City staff, and the City's contract lobbyists to advocate and support legislation that benefits Burien and its residents. Read the legislative agenda at: burienwa.gov/legislativeagenda.

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 follow the workings of the Council:

- Attend the Monday night City Council meetings—in person, on Channel 21, or streamed online. 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. Public comment plays an important role in

providing feedback to the Council. Here are ways to share meaningful input:

- Send emails to the City Council at council@burienwa.gov or to each individual Councilmembers' email address, which can be found listed in the City Directory on the City's website.
- Contact Councilmembers at their City phone number, which can be found listed in the City Directory on the City's website.
- Attend a City Council meeting and speak to the Council for up to two minutes during the public comment time.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 691: Amending the 2017-2018 Biennial Budget to Recognize Additional Grant Awarded Revenue and Related Expenses

Ordinance 692: Amending the 2017-2018 Biennial Budget for Contract Services for the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department

Ordinance 693: Amending the Change Fund Balance to Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00)

Ordinance 695: Amending the System for Issuance, Use and Control of Credit Cards by City Officials and Employees

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 402: Conditionally Approving the Tran Subdivision Preliminary Plat and Adopting the Hearing Examiner's Findings of Fact and Conclusions in Support of Said Approval

Resolution 403: Authorizing Investment of City of Burien Monies in the Local Government Investment Pool

REIMAGINING Burien's Urban Center

City to Develop Regional Growth Urban Center Plan

BY THARA JOHNSON, SENIOR PLANNER

DOWNTOWN BURIEN IS ABOUT TO GET a new plan that will help our community establish a vision for growth, sustainability, and livability within Burien's Urban Center. The City needs your help to create the plan.

Downtown Burien has long been an important commercial hub for Burien residents and the Highline region. To recognize its concentration of services and potential for growth, the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) designated downtown Burien as a Regional Urban Growth Center in June 2005.

Encompassing downtown Burien, the urban center covers 353 acres, or 7.4 percent of the total City area. This designation helps Burien attract more economic development, transportation, and other infrastructure investments.

In addition to helping the City be more eligible for certain grants and services, concentrating growth in urban centers helps governments provide public services and infrastructure more efficiently and helps to protect our natural spaces. PSRC requires all cities who have Regional Urban Growth Centers to develop an Urban Center Plan.

The entire process will be completed by the end of 2019. More information: burienwa.gov/urbancenterplan.



Map of Burien's urban center boundaries.

GET INVOLVED

The City has contracted with MIG Design, Inc. to develop the plan and a comprehensive visioning process, which will include stakeholder and visioning committees that could provide recommendations for housing, employment, transportation options, and services. The City will host workshops, open houses, and public meetings as the Urban Center Plan is developed.

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Framework for Strengthening Families

BY COLLEEN BRANDT-SCHLUTER, HUMAN SERVICES MANAGER

Every child deserves the protection and support of both family and community. Healthy and safe families raise healthy and safe adults. On August 6, 2018, the Burien City Council acknowledged this fact by voting to approve the Framework for Strengthening Families. The framework was adopted so that the City could take a holistic approach to supporting lifelong success for our families and addressing the root causes of violence in our community. **By focusing on families, we are building a better future for our kids and our community.**

The first step in the framework is to gather community feedback on what is working and not working with current services, and identifying whether there are barriers to accessing existing services (see burienwa.gov/humanservicesfund for a list of organizations the City current funds through the Human Services Fund).

From that process, the City may learn that there are gaps in the services we fund, or find that people do not know about the services that exist. The City may also find that not enough of a particular type service is being provided, or that there are barriers to accessing a service because it is not culturally appropriate or accessible for other reasons. The goal of the conversations is to mobilize our community's strengths, formal resources, and informal supports to improve quality of life and achieve positive results for children and families. The community engagement process will help define the Framework's work plan.

The Framework organizes current services into a set of categories based on the Best Starts for Kids protective factors.* These categories were selected so that the City can be in the best position to receive funding from the King County Best Start for Kids program.

What is a protective factor?

A protective factor is "a characteristic at the biological, psychological, family, or community (including peers and culture) level that is associated with a lower likelihood of problem outcomes or that reduces the negative impact of a risk factor on problem outcomes."**

The City recognizes that prevention, intervention, youth development, and family regeneration alone won't stop violence in our community. Law enforcement is a critical partner. Learn more about the Framework for Strengthening Families at burienwa.gov/framework.

*Best Starts for Kids, King County. kingcounty.gov/elected/executive/constantine/initiatives/best-starts-for-kids.aspx

**Risk & Protective Factors. youth.gov/youth-topics/youth-mental-health/risk-and-protective-factors-youth



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Building a Secure and Healthy Community: 2019-2020 Human Services Funding Allocation

BY COLLEEN BRANDT-SCHLUTER, HUMAN SERVICES MANAGER

In recognition of the significant need for human services support in our community, the Burien City Council allocates a portion of the General Fund budget to grant funding to organizations delivering direct service in our community.

\$6.50 per capita is allocated to the Human Services Fund, equaling \$345,000 per year. The next application cycle starts in 2021. The City will also receive close to \$45,000 per year in human services funding from the federal government’s Community Development Block Grant. The total allocation of funding per year for the 2019-2020 grant cycle is \$390,000.

The City of Burien is part of the Human Services Funding Collaborative, a group of 17 cities in King County whose human services staff have come together to make contracting for services more streamlined and efficient. This not only saves staff time and money, but standardizes reporting and data collection so that funders and taxpayers can more easily evaluate outcomes.

How are organizations selected for funding?

In 2017, the Council launched the Human Services Commission, a seven-member advisory board that evaluates the applications for human services funding and advises Council on human services issues. In 2017, the City also hired its first human services manager to help manage the human services funding process, support the commission, coordinate human services for Burien residents, and provide some direct service.

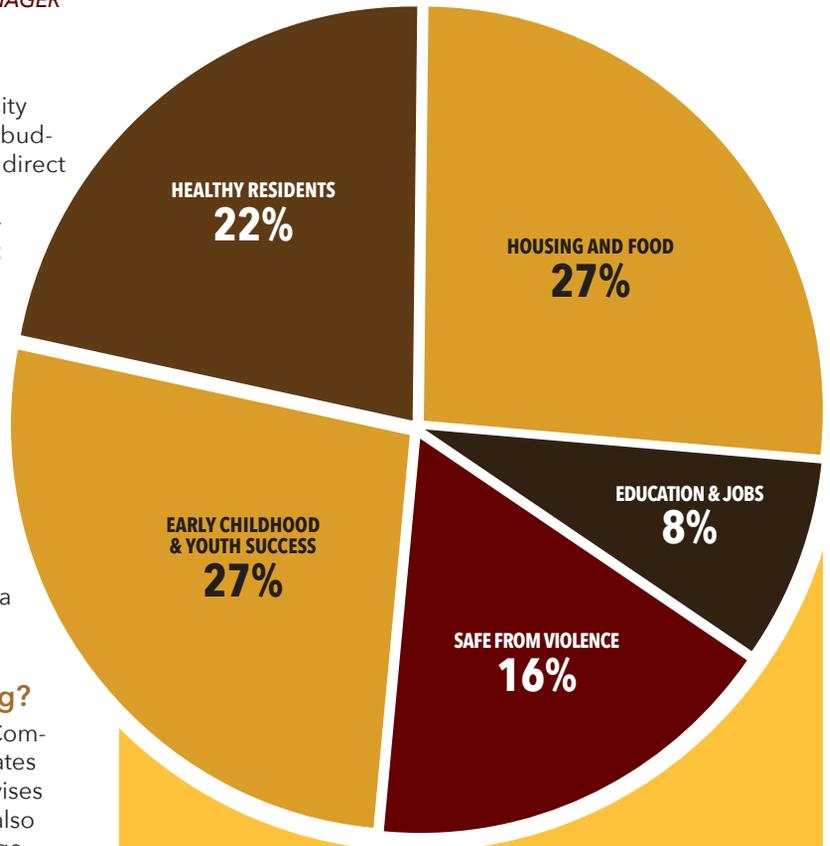
Every two years, the Council determines funding priorities. For 2019-2020, priority was given to programs that help

Burien community members:

- Have secure, affordable housing and food adequate to their needs
- Be safe from violence within their families, neighborhoods, and communities
- Be healthy, physically, and mentally
- Have the education and job skills that lead to employment in living-wage jobs
- Have early childhood education and youth success

This is the first year the Human Services Commission has been involved in the evaluation of human services funding applications. The City received 58 eligible applications requesting \$939,397. The Commission recommended 37 organizations receive funding. The Council approved the Commission’s recommendations for funding on October 1, 2018.

Funds will be dispersed to organizations quarterly over a two-year period. Organizations receiving funding are required to submit quarterly outcome reports. Find the full list of organizations receiving funding as well as past evaluation reports at: burienwa.gov/humanservicesfund.



COMPREHENSIVE OUTLOOK ON HUMAN SERVICES FOR BURIEN RESIDENTS

Burien residents are eligible for state and federal programs that help with health care, housing, food access, and other critical needs. Below is a short list of some specific sources of funding and programs for human services in Burien.

- City of Burien Human Services General Fund
- Federal Community Development Block Grant Human Services Allocation
- King County human services funding, including:
 - Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) funds programs and services for people living with or at risk of behavioral health conditions.
 - Best Starts for Kids supports King County families and children so that babies are born healthy, children thrive, and young people grow into happy, healthy adults.
 - Veterans, Seniors and Human Service Levy (VSHSL) connects servicemembers and veterans, residents age 55 or older, and vulnerable populations to programs and services that help them live healthy, productive and meaningful lives.
- Community organizations also receive funding from private foundations, donations, and other grant programs to support their service to Burien residents.



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5th Avenue Calming Project

In response to resident concerns about speeding and safety on 5th Avenue S, the City of Burien will be installing traffic calming features and minor drainage improvements. Project location is 5th Avenue S corridor, between S 116th and S 126th Streets.

Proposed calming feature and drainage improvements include:

- Compact roundabouts
- Mid-block chicanes
- Radar speed signs
- Intersection control revisions at S 116th Street
- Channelization and signing modifications along the corridor
- Landscaping
- Low-impact drainage improvements such as bioretention swales
- Possible illumination improvements

The design phase will be completed in winter 2019 with construction following late spring 2019.



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What is “traffic calming?”

Traffic calming is the deliberate slowing of traffic in residential areas by building speed bumps or other obstructions.

How do I report traffic issues?

The new City website has an easy-to-use tool where you can report issues online at burienwa.gov/report. Or call Burien City Hall, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at 206-241-4647.



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Construction Update: Peter Western Bridge

Project Location

The 2200 block of S 116th Street (between Military Road and 24th Avenue S).

Project Overview

On February 9, 2017, City staff responded to a report of severe erosion occurring below the Peter Western Bridge. The bridge was closed for structural inspection, which revealed two bridge columns had been completely undermined. A third column was only partially supported. The bridge was declared structurally deficient.

The City applied for and has been awarded emergency funding to demolish and remove the existing structure, construct a replacement bridge, repair damaged stormwater facilities in the ravine, and restore the eroded streambed.

The project is occurring in two phases. During the first phase, the bridge was demolished and removed and the stormwater facilities and the streambed were stabilized. During the second phase, a permanent replacement bridge will be built and crews will make permanent stormwater facility repairs and restore the streambed and adjoining ravine side slopes.

Current Status

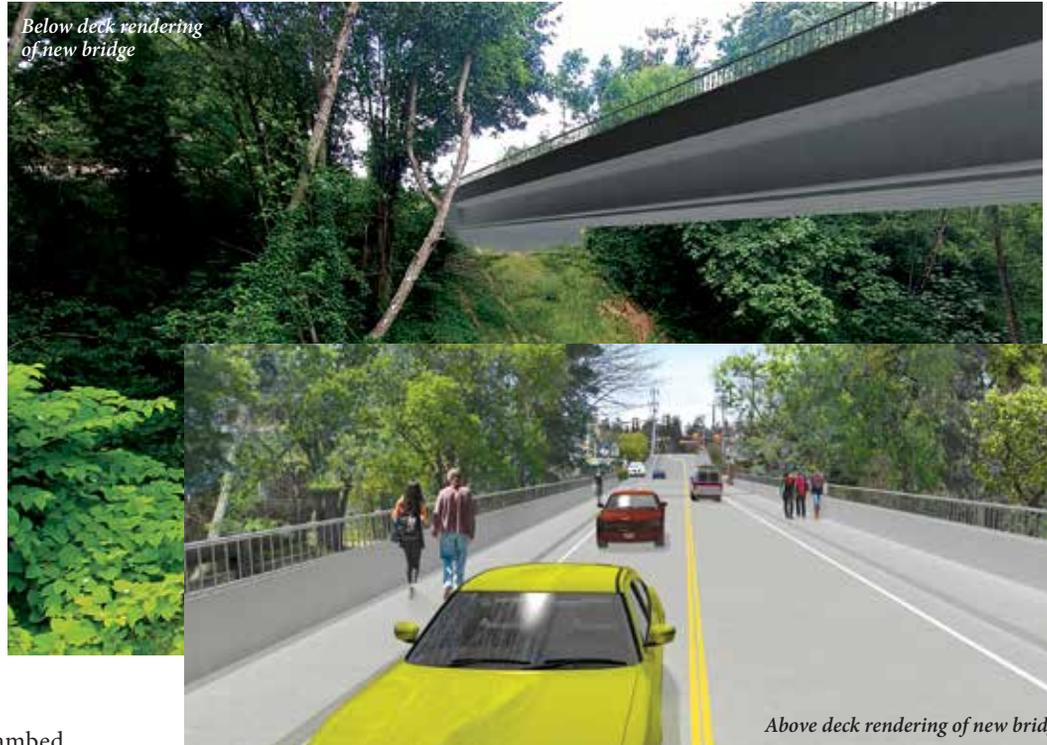
Based on the current design progress, the bridge will be under construction in early 2019, and will open to traffic in the fall of 2020. This timeline assumes there are no issues in obtaining the necessary property rights and permits to do the work.

Estimated Project Completion Date

Project completion date is dependent on requirements from environmental permits.

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BY CHRIS CRAIG, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

We all know that Burien is home to hundreds of small and unique retail and restaurant businesses. But what may not be known as widely is there are quite a few products *made* right here in Burien.

Some are only sold out of a Burien retail outlet, while others are shipped throughout the country. When shopping local this holiday season, consider getting something made in Burien!

Give the gift of Burien's foodie paradise

From chocolates to sausage, many food products are made right here in Burien.

Dan the Sausageman – winner of the U.S. Small Business Association's Washington State Small Business of Year award, Danny House ships sausages throughout the country. Hans Sausage and B&E Meats are two more places to get your meat fix on!

Armoire Chocolat and Bakery Nouveau – Burien boasts not just one, but two chocolatiers! Armoire makes their chocolates in Burien and sells it here and in shops around the region. Bakery Nouveau makes chocolate in Burien for all of their other locations.

Australian Pie Company – You can get a taste of "down under" in downtown Burien, or at QFC, PCC, or one of the hundreds of locations across six states Aussie Pies are sold.

Guadalupe Market – Watch tortillas being made fresh at Guadalupe Market. Grab your taco fillings while you're there!

Classic Eats – Their first-class cookies are served in the Alaska Airlines first class lounge.

Eat Local and Maven Mercantile – Too busy to cook? Buy fresh, pre-made meals made right here in Burien.

Elliott Bay Brewery – Wash down a good meal with a B-Town Brown or one of their other seasonal organic beers brewed onsite.

Natural Pet Pantry – Your furry friends get hungry, too. Natural Pet Pantry makes fresh pet food, which they sell in Burien and at 29 other locations across the Puget Sound.

Burien doesn't just make food

Emerald City Mattress – Get a good night's sleep with a mattress made in Burien.

Phytelligence – Those apples you are eating may have started from a plant grown in greenhouses in Burien.

Citlali Creativo – Go old-school-meets-new-tech and send lasercut invitations for your wedding or quinceañera.

This list doesn't count the many services—from graphic design to tree trimming—you can find in Burien. Our businesses provide full service for our community.

Who did we miss? If you know of another product made in Burien, let us know! Email Chris Craig, Economic Development Specialist at chris@burienwa.gov.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BURIEN BUSINESSES

We asked Burien businesses to help us celebrate our 25th anniversary of incorporation by sharing their important anniversary milestones with us. Help us congratulate these local businesses!



Organization	Anniversary	Fun Fact
Pollock Insurance	70th	The 70th anniversary is the Platinum anniversary.
Dr. Toni Calvo Waldbaum, DDS	54th	The hardest substance in the human body is tooth enamel.
Adorable Pet Lodge	47th	Or 329th anniversary in dog years.
Serenza Salon	35th	At any time, around 90% of the hairs in your scalp are growing and 10% are resting.
Heaven Sent Daycare	25th	Congratulations! You are the same age as the City of Burien.
Professional's Tax Service	25th	Cowboy boots are exempt from sales tax in Texas.
El Riconsito	21st	National Taco Day is October 4.
Australian Pie Company	20th	Australians eat 270 million meat pies every year.
Wayne's Grocery	20th	Actor John Wayne's real name was Marion Morrison.
PlayCreation	12th	The tallest swing measures nearly 289 feet and was constructed in Durban, South Africa on May 14, 2011
Be Yoga	7th	International Day of Yoga is June 21.
Blakley Septic Service LLC	3rd	According to the 1891 toilet paper roll patent, the toilet paper should unspool over the roll and not under.
Blissful Knewad	3rd	Comedian Bob Hope lived to be 100 and had a massage every day as part of his health regimen.
School of Professional Home Inspection	2nd	Bubble wrap was originally invented to be used as textured wallpaper.
Christy Romoser Designs	1st	Feng Shui literally translates to "wind-water" in English.



If you know of a Burien business celebrating an important milestone anniversary, please contact: chrisc@burienwa.gov

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Year IN Review

Not only did we celebrate 25 years of cityhood this year, we also celebrated many firsts. Take a stroll down memory lane with us.

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- 1. The community came out to celebrate summer at **Music in the Park**. The City-sponsored event has been going strong since 1999!
- 2. Discover Burién helped us celebrate our 25th Anniversary at their annual **Boo in Burién!**
- 3. Seven Burién mayors celebrate Burién's birthday. From left to right: Brian Bennett, Lucy Krakowiak, Noel Gibb, Wing Woo, Burién's first mayor Dr. Arun Jhaveri, current mayor Jimmy Matta, Kitty Milne.
- 4. Both Burién's **Arts-A-Glow** and **Día de los Muertos** events broke attendance records this year.



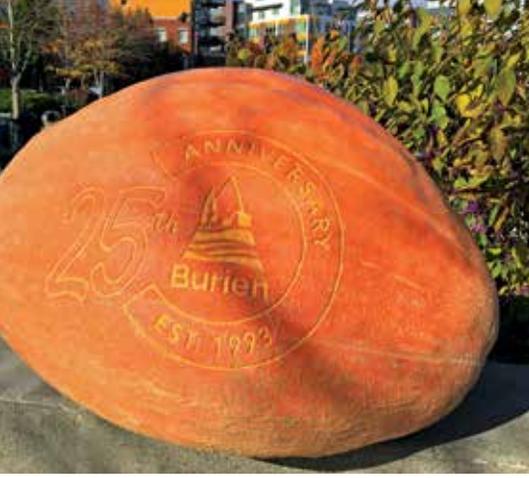
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Food Banks Offer Lifeline for Burien Community

BY COLLEEN BRANDT-SCHLUTER, HUMAN SERVICES MANAGER

Editor's Note: This is a story in our continuing series highlighting organizations that receive City of Burien Human Services Funding.

There is nothing more essential than food. Not only can we not survive without it, but it also plays a central role in how communities and families connect. Hunger can affect people from all walks of life. Many families in Burien are just one job loss or medical crisis away from food insecurity.

In 2013, 24 percent of Burien households reported running out of food and not having enough money to buy more. This was the fourth highest rate in King County.* Lack of adequate food can affect both physical and mental health. According to Communities Count, children who grow up in homes without enough food are at increased risk of illness and of experiencing academic and psychosocial problems.

Food banks play a critical role in our response to hunger and food insecurity. The City provides funding for two area food banks.

While food banks will always take a monetary donation, there are times of year where food donations are more welcome. Consider waiting until February to make a big donation of food.

White Center Food Bank

The White Center Food Bank began in the mid-1970s as an emergency response to assist struggling families and individuals in the greater White Center and Highline areas during a major economic downturn. Much like today, many in the community were facing difficult economic conditions that left them in need of emergency food resources.

In 1982, the White Center Emergency Food Association was formally incorporated and is today known as the White Center Food Bank. Current programs include daytime, evening, and seniors-only food distributions; Mobile Food Bank Program for seniors and disabled clients; a Baby Pantry for diapers, formula, baby foods and equipment; community demonstration gardens and P-patches; cultural foods buying program; and grocery rescues and cooking

demonstrations that double as nutrition lessons. Intake services are provided in four languages, and all written materials are provided in five languages.

Service area: the White Center Food Bank serves residents in the community bordered by SW Myrtle Street (to the north, in West Seattle) to 140th Street SW (to the south, in Burien) between Puget Sound and SR 509.

Location: 10829 8th Avenue SW, Seattle, WA 98146

Phone: 206-762-2848

Website: whitecenterfoodbank.org

How to Access Food

Distribution hours: Mondays 12–4 p.m., Wednesdays 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Thursdays (seniors only) 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Food distribution is by appointment. Go here to schedule an appointment: whitecenterfoodbank.org/service-hours

The White Center Food Bank offers customers a diversity of services, providing food assistance and nutrition programs, and home delivery and a mobile food bank for those with special needs, as well as a baby pantry for diapers, baby food, and other newborn needs.

All customers are provided with Healthy Food Gift Certificates that can be redeemed at local grocery partners including, the Samway Market, Lee's Produce Market, and Hung Long Asian Market.

How to Donate

The White Center Food Bank accepts food donations Monday–Friday from 8 a.m.–4 p.m. Monetary donations are accepted in person, through their website, or text-to-give platform, 206-745-3901.

2017 Impact

The White Center Food Bank was awarded \$18,000 for food bank support in 2017 from the City of Burien Human Services Fund. They served 3,450 Burien clients and distributed over 448,000 pounds of food to Burien families.

- Not only did Burien get several new Councilmembers this year, but longtime Chief of police, Scott Kimerer retired. Chief Ted Boe was selected to be the next Burien Chief of Police. Here he is speaking with residents over one of the many cups of coffee he has shared with the community in his first few months on the job.
- During the first **Great Day of Play** event, kids had a chance to paint a city made of cardboard boxes and showcase their vision of what Burien would look like in 25 years.
- In collaboration with many South King County municipalities and community organizations, the first two **StormFests** were an enormous success. Read the full story on page 17.

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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SAFETY: It's Up to All of Us

BY CATHERINE CARBONE ROGERS, CHIEF COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER, HIGHLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Safety is a community-wide issue. That was the clear message from community members attending safety meetings held last spring by Highline Public Schools in partnership with community leaders.

Community members came together around a vision for community safety that consists primarily of four components: an inclusive social environment; safe public spaces; safe schools; and empowered community members.

Several priority issues emerged from the discussions:

- Community climate
- Mental health and substance use
- Crime and violence
- Child and family support
- Government and politics
- Law enforcement
- Socioeconomic systems
- School climate
- Bullying

Participants suggested community-based, school-based, and individual-level strategies for addressing priority issues and achieving the community vision.

Suggested strategies included:

- Improving the social and physical community environment
- Providing services to community members
- Improving partnerships, including with law enforcement
- School emergency planning
- Prioritizing student and community voices
- Increasing civic engagement

Highline Public Schools has a number of strategies in place related to these community priorities:

- An extensive emergency preparedness and response plan, including tabletop drills.
- Focused efforts on building positive school culture to create safe school environments.
- Significant resources committed to social-emotional strategies for both staff and students, including explicit behavior expectations and restorative practices.

- Partnerships (both on and off school campuses) that provide extended learning opportunities for students, mental health and social-emotional supports, and gang prevention/intervention.
- Student conduct policies that provide a range of disciplinary measures, including parent conferences, restitution, in- and out-of-school suspensions, and expulsion. If a student presents a safety threat, they will be suspended or expelled.
- A team of social workers and counselors who provide social and emotional support to students and staff in crisis situations.

Read more about safety in Highline Public Schools at bit.ly/HPSReport.

Superintendent Susan Enfield and other district leaders work closely with law enforcement leaders from Burien and other municipalities in the district to improve the safety of the whole community, including Highline schools.

"I have great faith in our ability to come together and find solutions that will ensure Highline is the safe, welcoming community we all want it to be," Enfield said.

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR THE UTILITY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM?

The City of Burien offers utility tax relief for low-income Burien households. The program offers an annual reimbursement for the six percent utility taxes paid on telephone (not including cellular) and basic cable television. It also removes the six percent utility tax from your upcoming bills for gas and electricity provided by Puget Sound Energy, and solid waste removal (garbage) provided by Recology CleanScapes.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Resident of Burien
- Annual income under \$37,450 for a single household; \$42,800 for a two-person household.
- Applications are processed once per year and are due by mid-December. Find the application and full qualification information: burienwa.gov/utilitytax.

More questions? Contact Lori Fleming at lorif@burienwa.gov or 206-248-5518.

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Highline Area Food Bank

The Highline Area Food Bank is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the gathering and the distribution of food for those in need in the Burien and greater Highline area.

A group of churches in 1983 started the Trinity Church Food Bank and the John Knox Food Bank. With the continued demand for food from an increasing population and limited space, a group of seven churches formed in 1995 the Highline Area Food Bank. In 1996, it moved into the Manhattan Community Hall.

Location: Manhattan Community Hall, 18300 4th Avenue S, Burien, WA 98148

Phone: 206-433-9900

Website: highlineareafoodbank.org

Service area: The Highline Area Food Bank service area includes:

- North of 192nd Street
- South of 116th Street
- East of SR 509 – 140th Street
- West to Puget Sound
- East to Pacific Highway S/Military Road

How to Access Food

Distribution Hours: Tuesdays 12:00–2:30 p.m., Thursdays 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m., and the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month 5:30–7:00 p.m.

How to donate

Food bank donations can be dropped off at the Normandy Park QFC. According to their website, they are looking for:

- **Canned food:** tomatoes, sauce, meat, tuna, soup, fruit, vegetables, peanut butter, jelly

- **Meal in a can:** chili, stew, ravioli, etc.
- **Meal in a box:** burger/tuna helper, macaroni and cheese, etc.
- **Packaged food:** pasta, cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, rice, beans, etc.
- **Hygiene products:** shampoo, toilet paper, toothpaste, soap, feminine products, deodorant
- **Baby supplies:** diapers (medium and large), diaper wipes, formula, baby food

2017 Impact

The Highline Area Food Bank was awarded \$18,000 for food bank support in 2017 from the City of Burien Human Services Fund. They had more than 19,800 visits from 3,222 Burien residents. They distributed over 617,000 pounds of food to Burien families.

**Households that ran out of food, King County (2011, 2013), Communities Count. www.communitiescount.org/index.php?page=food-hardship-insecurity*

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STORMFEST INSPIRES THE NEXT GENERATION OF SCIENTISTS

BY MARY EIDMANN, ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SPECIALIST

“It made the usual boring things fun, and [made] us a part of what we can do to help our community.” This is what one sixth grader said after spending the day at Des Moines Beach Park to learn about stormwater science.

This spring and fall, the Highline School District sent their entire sixth-grade cohort (approximately 1,100 students) to participate in an experiential stormwater festival called StormFest, designed to teach them about stormwater and watershed science through a fun, inquiry-driven learning experience.

Funded by a Department of Ecology GROSS grant and a Port of Seattle ACE grant, StormFest is a coordinated effort between the municipalities in the Highline School District, including Burien, Des Moines, Normandy Park, SeaTac, and King County and the nonprofits FutureWise and Environmental Science Center.

MAKING STORMWATER SCIENCE BOTH FUN AND MEANINGFUL

Because the Highline community is very diverse, the StormFest Committee created an inclusive curriculum and learning environment by ensuring transportation and language were not barriers to participation. Station educators and 32 interpreters, representing 18 languages, helped the students have a positive learning experience.

Station educators and interpreters were recruited from the community and from diverse backgrounds. Event organizers wanted to give children of color a chance to see people who looked like them working in the sciences, maybe inspiring the next generation of scientists!

One teacher said after the event: “Students were able to share vocabulary words (intolerant, tolerant, permeable, impermeable, watershed, pollution) at our morning meeting today. I have a high percentage of English-language learners (ELL) students, so that was very impressive!”

When developing the curriculum, the StormFest committee referenced research about how to teach kids who had experienced trauma, are learning English, or who are low income. The research showed the learning environment should be outside the classroom and highly interactive. The Committee also learned that the school district itself needed to have barriers removed. For this reason, the project funded 100 percent of the costs, including transportation to and from the event.



Another teacher said after the event: “We would like to thank you for such an amazing day today! It was so well organized, the volunteers were so knowledgeable, and the kids had such a great time. We were saying this might have been the best field trip we’ve ever participated in! We hope to do this again next year!”

WHAT’S NEXT FOR STORMFEST?

The StormFest Committee will be developing a toolkit that will be available to any school district in the state starting next summer. The toolkit will include the full curriculum and station materials, available to school districts at no cost.

WHY TEACH KIDS ABOUT STORMWATER SCIENCE?

In western Washington, polluted stormwater and litter flows straight into our local lakes, rivers, creeks, and Puget Sound, affecting wildlife such as orcas and the salmon they eat. Even in arid areas of the state, reducing pollution in our stormwater has benefits. Stormwater there also flows into lakes, rivers, and creeks, which can harm salmon health. It can also seep into the water table, affecting drinking water quality.

Kids who learn that what they do has a big impact on local water quality teach their families about how to be good stewards of our local waters.

Recology Rates Changing

Recology, like other utilities, raises its rates every year to pay for increased cost of labor, disposal, and other operating costs. Starting January 1, 2019, the rate increase will be a little higher to offset increased costs related to changes in international recycling market standards.

Rates will increase by \$1.35 per month for residential customers and \$2.25 per cubic yard for commercial and multi-family customers.

China tightens recycling import rules (National Sword/Blue Sky).

In 2017, China enacted “National Sword 2017,” which has disrupted the recycling industry worldwide. Until recently, China has been the largest importer of recycled materials in the world. The National Sword policy makes China’s rules on recycled imports stricter. China will only accept recycled materials if they are less than one percent contaminated with garbage. Other countries have started to move toward this standard as well. China further committed to this policy in 2018, changing the name to “Blue Sky.”

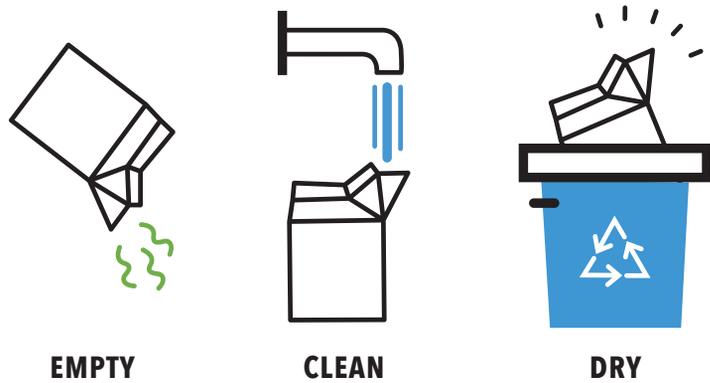
Previously, Chinese recycling facilities would accept materials contaminated with up to five percent garbage. China is also not renewing many licenses for Chinese recyclers, which has significantly decreased demand for imported recycled materials. With fewer buyers, there is a surplus of materials in the market, which has lowered the price Recology and other recyclers receive when they sell the recycled materials.

What does this mean for Recology’s operations?

Currently, sorting facilities are designed to produce bales of plastics and papers with less than five percent contamination. Recycled material must now be five times cleaner or China and other countries will not accept it. In order to meet these new specifications, Recology has already increased staffing and slowed down the sort lines to reduce contamination, and invested in technology and equipment to adjust to the new market conditions.

What does this mean for Recology customers?

Only clean, high-quality plastics and papers can be recycled and made into new products.



Paper with any traces of food or liquid on them, cardboard with grease from pizza boxes, dirt, leaves, or plastic bags are all contaminants that must be removed.

The new regulations will affect our customers through stricter monitoring for contaminants in the blue bin. As a general rule, all material should be **EMPTY**, **CLEAN**, and **DRY**.

Information will come out soon about how you can be a recycling hero! Clean recyclers will be entered into a drawing to win one year of free garbage service. Thank you for helping to work with our recycling partner, Recology, to lead Burien to a more sustainable future.

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FAMILY *Valentine's* Ball

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Dance the night away with your favorite little person. Admission includes refreshments, dancing and photo of the couple in Cupid's Corner.



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See www.dannymansmith.com for instructor's work.

Introduction to Wet Felting

SATURDAY WORKSHOP
JAN 26, 10:30AM–2:30PM

NEW Create colorful pieces of felt art including a felted ball, cording and your very own votive candle vessel. Laura will provide a comprehensive introduction to the craft of felting, from fleece selection, where to source materials and equipment and wool preparation.

Felted Hat Workshop

SATURDAY WORKSHOPS
MAR 23 & 30, 10:30AM–2:30PM

NEW Create a traditional or whimsical wet felted hat. Using resists, lay down wool fiber and then work with hot water and soap to felt the fibers. On the second day of the workshop learn how to embellish and create fun designs on your hat using needle felting.

Sewing Lab: Gifts with Heart

Saturday, February 2, 9:00am–12:00pm

NEW Ages 9–13. Create your own works of heart! Learn to use a sewing machine to create a heart shaped pillow with a cool photo pocket and then use your hand sewing skills to make felt bookmarks and keychains in shapes that you design. Keep your creations or give them as gifts! Beginners and students with previous experience are both welcome.



Youth Spring Break Camps

Spring Break ESCAPE

APRIL 8–12

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Grades 1–6. Fun with arts & crafts, group games, camp songs, field trips and much, much more!

Kid's Clay Camp: Hidden Functions

April 8–12
1:00pm–3:00pm

Ages 7–11. Learn how to make functional pottery that hides out as other everyday objects. Make a jar that looks like a hamburger, or a mug that looks like a boot!

LEGO Adventure Camp

April 8–12
1:00pm–3:00pm

Ages 6–14. Calling all LEGO fans, beginning to masters. LEGO Adventure Camp will take your skills to the next level. We'll explore a variety of themes, scales, and building techniques.

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Public art not only beautifies our city, but is also free and accessible to all. It builds community, and it's a source of pride and an expression of civic identity. Public art deters graffiti and tagging. The City supports public art through the Art in Public Places program and through partnerships with local artists and organizations. The list of murals, sculptures, and other artistic expressions within city limits continues to grow.

Signal Boxes Art

This fall, artists transformed 10 signal boxes (the metal boxes that protect the machinery controlling traffic signals) into beautiful pieces of public art. Vibrant imagery was printed on vinyl wraps and installed around signal boxes along 1st Avenue S and Ambaum Boulevard.

These 10 artworks were selected from 72 submissions received by the Burien Arts Commission and represent a varied and broad combination of artistic styles. The Commission's selections were approved by Burien City Council on August 20, 2018. Funding for the work comes from Burien's Art in Public Places grant program.

The Arts Commission was pleased with the large pool of applicants and is very excited to see the installation of art to the community. Currently, the Arts Commission plans to support more public art projects, with council approval.

Artists chosen: Morgan Bak, Peter Christensen, Raymond Fernandez, Shannan Folino, Maureen Hoffmann, Ted Larson, Vikram Madan, Brett Piper, Jake Prendez, and Amaranta Sandys.

View the signal box designs at: burienwa.gov/publicart

BY AMY MOOSMAN,
COMMUNICATIONS
ASSISTANT



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Survey to Uncover Gaps in Services for Seniors

IN 2017, VOTERS APPROVED THE VETERANS, SENIORS and Human Services levy. The King County initiative represents a major investment in servicemembers and veterans, residents age 55 or older, and vulnerable populations by connecting individuals and families to affordable housing, job training, employment, behavioral health treatment, and more.

The City of Burien has received funding from the levy to improve services for our older residents and those living with disabilities.

The City was granted \$105,110, which will pay for the installation of ADA accessible doors and a hearing loop system at the Burien Community Center. The grant will also fund a survey to gather information about the current needs of our residents age 55 or older. This is the first time the City has conducted a survey of this kind.

About the Senior Needs Assessment Project

This fall, City staff started working with community partners to assess the health and wellness needs of Burien seniors, focusing on the areas of transportation, housing, physical health (medical conditions/disease, foot care, dental, etc.), mental health, socialization, nutrition, and fall prevention.

Outreach is being designed so that seniors who are low income and from communities of color are included in the process. The survey will help uncover possible gaps in the types of services offered or barriers to accessing those services.

In December, City staff will evaluate the survey findings and develop an implementation plan to address any needs or gaps in



services revealed by the survey. King County will be releasing the next round of funding in 2019. The City intends to apply for funding to support enhancing services for Burien's senior residents.

Learn more about the Senior Needs Assessment project: burienwa.gov/seniorsurvey.

Are you a senior?

If you are over the age of 50, you can access Burien Senior Programs at the Burien Community Center. Check out the latest Recreation Guide for more info. burienwa.gov/registration.

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2017 Public Safety Annual Report

BY THEODORE BOE, BURIEN POLICE CHIEF

Every year, the Burien Police Department publishes a public safety report. The annual report contains information on the department's service efforts and accomplishments.

Changes at the Burien Police Department

There were significant changes in leadership in the last year with the selection of a new police chief, new captain, and the election of a new sheriff. In 2017, two new grant-funded officer positions were added and focused on quality of life crimes in the downtown business core.

After receiving feedback from the community, officers, and leadership, the Burien Police Department is working on developing in three areas in 2018 and beyond: building community relationships, addressing criminal behavior, and supporting and developing our employees.

2017 Trends

There were 20,648 dispatched calls for service in 2017. This is a decrease from 2016. Response times to calls did not change significantly from 2016.

Crimes classified as "part 1" crimes, such as homicides, rape, and aggravated assault, decreased in 2017. Crimes classified as "part 2" crimes, such as DUI, disorderly conduct, and disturbing the peace, is trending upward. As Burien's population has grown, part 1 crime has decreased, but part 2 crime has increased.

In an effort to increase data quality, the King County Sheriff's Office has upgraded to a new record management system. The 2017 report will be the last year we use a system called Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR). In 2018, we have started using a system called National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). The new system will give us a much more accurate picture of crime in our city. While this new data will not allow us to compare stats to past years, it will allow us to compare our crime data to neighboring cities and bring us in line with the national best practices for crime reporting.

Read past public safety reports and crime data at burienwa.gov/policedata.

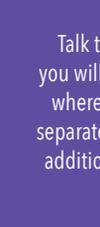
ARE YOU READY?

Three Steps to be Prepared



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. Kits prepared for vehicle road travel and winter weather evacuation go-kits are also advised.



Make a Plan

Talk to your family about how you will stay in communication, where you will meet if you are separated, and who might need additional assistance (children, elderly, pets).



Stay Informed

Listen to KIRO 97.3 FM, KOMO 1000 AM, or Burien 540 AM. Check online at rpin.org or burienwa.gov. Do not call 9-1-1 unless there is a life-threatening emergency.

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Don't Let the Grinch Steal Your Holiday Packages

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



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

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Encuesta para Descubrir Brechas en Servicios para Adultos Mayores

EN 2017, LOS VOTANTES APROBARON EL IMPUESTO para veteranos, adultos mayores y servicios humanos. La iniciativa del condado de King representa una inversión importante en miembros de servicio y veteranos, residentes de más de 55 años y poblaciones vulnerables creando vínculos entre personas y familias, y viviendas asequibles, capacitación laboral, empleo, tratamiento de salud del comportamiento y más.

La ciudad de Burien ha recibido los fondos del impuesto para mejorar los servicios para nuestros residentes mayores y aquellos que viven con discapacidades.

La ciudad recibió una subvención de \$105,110 que se usarán para la instalación de puertas accesibles conforme a la Ley sobre Estadounidenses con Discapacidades (Americans with Disabilities Act, ADA) y un sistema de bucle magnético para discapacitados auditivos en el centro comunitario de Burien. La subvención también financiará una encuesta para recopilar información sobre las necesidades actuales de nuestros residentes de más de 55 años. Es la primera vez que la ciudad realiza una encuesta de este tipo.

Acerca del proyecto de evaluación de necesidades de adultos mayores

Este otoño, el personal de la ciudad comenzó a trabajar con socios de la comunidad para evaluar las necesidades de salud y bienestar de las personas mayores de Burien, enfocándose en las áreas de transporte, vivienda, salud física (afecciones médicas/enfermedades, cuidado de los pies, dental, etc.), salud mental, socialización, nutrición y prevención de caídas.

La actividad de extensión está diseñada para incluir en el proceso a adultos mayores que tienen bajos ingresos y provienen de comunidades de color. La encuesta ayudará a descubrir posibles brechas en los tipos de servicios ofrecidos u obstáculos para acceder a esos servicios.



En diciembre, el personal de la ciudad evaluará los resultados de la encuesta y desarrollará un plan de implementación para abordar cualquier necesidad o brecha en los servicios revelados por la encuesta. El condado de King lanzará la próxima ronda de financiamiento en 2019. La ciudad tiene la intención de solicitar fondos para apoyar los servicios de mejora para los adultos mayores de Burien.

Obtenga más información sobre el proyecto de evaluación de necesidades de adultos mayores en este sitio: burienwa.gov/seniorsurvey.

¿Es usted un adulto mayor?

Si tiene más de 50 años, puede acceder a los programas para adultos mayores de Burien en el centro comunitario. Revise la última guía de recreación para obtener más información. burienwa.gov/registration



Licencia para Mascotas

Ahora, los dueños de mascotas de Burien tienen una forma más cómoda de administrar su licencia para mascotas. Nuestro nuevo sistema en línea PetTrack permite que los dueños de mascotas soliciten nuevas licencias, renueven licencias existentes y paguen las tarifas. Para obtener más información, visítenos en burienwa.gov/petlicense.

REINVENCIÓN del Centro Urbano de Burien

La ciudad desarrollará un plan de crecimiento regional para el centro urbano

EL CENTRO DE BURIEN ESTÁ A PUNTO de obtener un nuevo plan que ayudará a nuestra comunidad a establecer una visión para el crecimiento, la sostenibilidad y la habitabilidad dentro del centro urbano de Burien. La ciudad de Burien necesita su ayuda para crear el plan.

Durante mucho tiempo, el centro de Burien ha sido un importante centro comercial para los residentes de Burien y la región de Highline. Para reconocer su concentración de servicios y su potencial de crecimiento, el Consejo Regional de Puget Sound (Puget Sound Regional Council, PSRC) designó al centro de Burien como centro de crecimiento urbano regional en junio de 2005.

Junto con el centro de Burien, el centro urbano cubre 353 acres o el 7.4% del área total de la ciudad. Esta designación ayuda a Burien a atraer más desarrollo económico, transporte y otras inversiones en infraestructura.

Además de ayudar a la ciudad a ser más elegible para ciertos subsidios y servicios, concentrar el crecimiento en los centros urbanos ayuda a los gobiernos a brindar servicios públicos e infraestructura de manera más eficiente y ayuda a proteger nuestros espacios naturales. El PSRC requiere que todas las ciudades que tengan centros de crecimiento urbano regional desarrollen un plan de centro urbano.

Todo el proceso se completará a finales de 2019.

Para obtener más información, visite burienwa.gov/urbancenterplan.

PARTICIPE

La ciudad ha contratado a MIG Design, Inc. para desarrollar el plan y un proceso de visión integral, el cual incluirá a las partes interesadas y comités de visión que puedan proporcionar recomendaciones para vivienda, empleo, opciones de transporte y servicios. La ciudad organizará talleres, casas abiertas y reuniones públicas a medida que se desarrolle el plan del centro urbano.

¿CALIFICA USTED PARA EL PROGRAMA DE DESGRAVACIÓN FISCAL PARA SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS?

Burien ofrece desgravación fiscal para los servicios públicos destinada a los hogares de bajos ingresos de la ciudad. El programa proporciona un reembolso anual por el seis por ciento de los impuestos sobre los servicios públicos que se pagan por teléfono (no incluye celular) y televisión por cable básica. También elimina el seis por ciento de impuesto a los servicios públicos de sus próximas facturas de gas y electricidad, suministrado por Puget Sound Energy, y de remoción de desechos sólidos (basura) que suministra Recology CleanScapes.

REQUISITOS DE ELEGIBILIDAD:

- Residir en Burien.
- Tener ingresos anuales inferiores a \$37,450, en el caso de los hogares unipersonales o \$42,800 en el caso de las viviendas de dos personas.

Las solicitudes se procesan una vez al año y deben presentarse a mediados de diciembre. Obtenga la solicitud e información completa sobre la calificación en el siguiente sitio: burienwa.gov/utilitytax.

¿Tiene más preguntas? Comuníquese con Lori Fleming a través del correo electrónico lorif@burienwa.gov o por teléfono al 206-248-5518.

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- Lea las instrucciones del fabricante en relación con la cantidad de cordones de luz a conectar.
- Las velas son la causa de 2 de cada 5 incendios de decoraciones en los hogares.
- Mantenga las velas al menos a 12 pulgadas de distancia de cualquier objeto inflamable.
- Aunque los incendios de árboles de navidad no son comunes, cuando ocurren, son peligrosos. En promedio, 1 de cada 34 incendios de árboles de navidad informados termina en muerte.
- Una fuente de calor muy cerca del árbol de navidad causa 1 de cada 4 incendios.
- Asegúrese de que su árbol esté al menos a 3 pies de distancia de fuentes de calor, tales como fogatas, radiadores, calentadores ambientales, velas o salidas de calefacción. Además, asegúrese de que su árbol no obstruya ninguna salida.
- El día 26 de diciembre o cuando esté seco, deshágase de su árbol de navidad.

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



¿ESTÁ LISTO?

3 pasos para estar preparados



Arme 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. También se recomiendan los kits preparados para viajes por carretera en vehículo y los kits listos para llevar en caso de evacuación durante el invierno.



Haga un plan

Hable con su familia sobre cómo se mantendrán en contacto, dónde se reunirán si están separados y quién podría necesitar ayuda adicional (niños, ancianos, mascotas).



Manténgase informado

Escuche KIRO 97.3 FM, KOMO 1000 AM o Burien 540 AM. Revise los sitios rpin.org o burienwa.gov. No llame al 9-1-1 a menos que haya una emergencia que ponga en peligro la vida.

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 re programe 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
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- 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



QUÝ VỊ CÓ HỢI ĐỦ ĐIỀU KIỆN CHO CHƯƠNG TRÌNH GIẢM THUẾ DỊCH VỤ TIỆN ÍCH KHÔNG?

Thành Phố Burien có chương trình giảm thuế dịch vụ tiện ích dành cho các hộ gia đình có thu nhập thấp ở Burien. Hàng năm, chương trình hoàn trả 6 phần trăm thuế dịch vụ tiện ích đã trả trên các hóa đơn điện thoại (không bao gồm điện thoại di động) và truyền hình cáp tiêu chuẩn.

Chương trình cũng giảm 6 phần trăm thuế dịch vụ tiện ích từ các hóa đơn khí ga và điện sập tới do Puget Sound Energy cung cấp, và phí đổ chất thải rắn (rác) do Recology CleanScapes cung cấp.

CÁC YÊU CẦU VỀ ĐIỀU KIỆN HỢI ĐỦ:

- Là cư dân Burien
- Thu nhập hàng năm dưới \$37,450 đối với hộ gia đình một người, hoặc \$42,800 đối với hộ gia đình hai người.

Đơn đề nghị được xử lý mỗi năm một lần và phải nộp trước giữa tháng 12. Tìm đơn đề nghị và các thông tin chi tiết về điều kiện hội đủ tại: burienwa.gov/utilitytax.

Quý vị có câu hỏi khác? Liên hệ với Lori Fleming tại lorif@burienwa.gov hoặc theo số 206-248-5518.

Khảo Sát Về Khoảng Cách Chưa Được Loại Bỏ Trong Các Dịch Vụ Dành Cho Người Cao Tuổi

VÀO NĂM 2017, CÁC CỬ TRI ĐÃ PHÊ chuẩn Thu Thuế Dành Cho Dịch Vụ Nhân Sinh, Người Cao Tuổi và Cựu Chiến Binh. Tổ chức Sáng Kiến Quận King đã đệ trình kế hoạch đầu tư lớn cho các quân nhân và cựu chiến binh, các cư dân từ 55 tuổi trở lên và những cộng đồng dân cư dễ bị tổn thương bằng cách kết nối các cá nhân và gia đình với chương trình nhà ở giá rẻ, đào tạo nghề, việc làm, điều trị sức khỏe hành vi và hơn thế nữa.

Thành Phố Burien đã nhận tài trợ từ khoản thuế thu được để cải thiện các dịch vụ dành cho những cư dân lớn tuổi của chúng ta và người khuyết tật.

Thành Phố đã nhận được \$105,110 để chi trả cho chi phí lắp đặt cửa ra vào để tiếp cận ADA và hệ thống trợ thính tại Trung Tâm Cộng Đồng Burien. Khoản tài trợ này cũng được sử dụng để thực hiện khảo sát thu thập thông tin về các nhu cầu hiện tại của cư dân từ 55 tuổi trở lên. Đây là lần đầu tiên Thành Phố thực hiện loại khảo sát này.

Giới thiệu về Dự Án Đánh Giá Các Nhu Cầu Của Người Cao Tuổi

Vào mùa thu này, nhân viên Thành Phố bắt đầu làm việc với các đối tác cộng đồng để đánh giá nhu cầu chăm sóc sức khỏe và y tế của người cao tuổi tại Burien, tập trung vào các lĩnh vực giao thông vận tải, nhà ở, sức khỏe thể chất (tình trạng y tế/bệnh tật, chăm sóc chân, nha khoa, v.v.), sức khỏe tâm thần, xã hội hóa, dinh dưỡng và phòng tránh té ngã.

Phương pháp tiếp cận đang được thiết kế để người cao tuổi có thu nhập thấp và



thuộc cộng đồng đa màu có thể tham gia vào khảo sát. Khảo sát này sẽ giúp phát hiện những khoảng cách chưa được loại bỏ có thể có trong các loại dịch vụ được cung cấp hoặc những rào cản để tiếp cận các dịch vụ đó.

Vào tháng 12, nhân viên Thành Phố sẽ đánh giá các kết quả khảo sát và xây dựng kế hoạch thực hiện để giải quyết nhu cầu hoặc khoảng cách trong các dịch vụ mà khảo sát đưa ra. Quận King sẽ tiến hành giải ngân khoản tài trợ tiếp theo vào năm 2019. Thành Phố dự định xin tài trợ để hỗ trợ các dịch vụ nâng cao cho cư dân cao tuổi tại Burien.

Tìm hiểu thêm thông tin về dự án Đánh Giá Các Nhu Cầu Của Người Cao Tuổi tại: burienwa.gov/seniorsurvey.

Quý vị có phải là người cao tuổi?

Nếu quý vị trên 50 tuổi, quý vị có thể tham gia Các Chương Trình Dành Cho Người Cao Tuổi tại Trung Tâm Cộng Đồng Burien. Xem mục Hướng Dẫn Giải Trí mới nhất để biết thêm thông tin. burienwa.gov/registration

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- 2 trên 5 vụ cháy do trang trí nhà cửa bắt đầu từ những cây nến.
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- Nguồn nhiệt quá gần cây thông Noel là nguyên nhân gây ra 1 trong mỗi 4 vụ cháy.
- Hãy chắc chắn là cây thông của quý vị cách xa các nguồn nhiệt như lò sưởi, bộ tản nhiệt, máy sưởi, nến, hoặc ống khói ít nhất 3 foot. Đồng thời, hãy chắc chắn là cây thông không chặn lối ra vào.
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Để có thêm thông tin về cách ngăn ngừa các vụ cháy vào mùa đông, vui lòng truy cập: usafa.fema.gov và nfpa.org.



QUÝ VỊ ĐÃ SẴN SẴNG CHƯA?

3 bước chuẩn bị

1 Chuẩn Bị Bộ Dụng Cụ

Chuẩn bị một bộ dụng cụ cho trường hợp khẩn cấp với lượng thực phẩm không để hỏng và nước uống đủ dùng trong ít nhất ba ngày tại nhà và văn phòng của quý vị. Cũng nên chuẩn bị bộ dụng cụ cho việc đi lại trên xe và bộ dụng cụ sơ tán trong thời tiết mùa đông.

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3 Cập Nhật Tin Tức

Nghe đài tại KIRO 97.3 FM, KOMO 1000 AM hoặc Burien 540 AM. Kiểm tra trực tuyến tại rpin.org hoặc burienwa.gov. Không gọi 9-1-1 trừ khi có trường hợp khẩn cấp đe dọa đến tính mạng.

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

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