



# Burien

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** Mike Martin, City Manager  
**DATE:** February 23, 2009  
**SUBJECT:** City Manager's Report

### I. INTERNAL CITY INFORMATION

#### A. Growth Management Act, Growth Targets Update for King County (Pg. CM-27)

City of Burien staff is participating in a process to establish New Growth Targets for King County and Cities. This effort is in preparation for The Growth Management Planning Council consideration of updates to county and city Growth Targets along with other amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies in 2009 and 2010. Attached you will find a briefing paper that was prepared by King County and the Suburban Cities Association. This briefing paper summarizes the process and how it relates to Burien and our comprehensive plan update process scheduled for completion in 2011. Staff believes this is an excellent informational resource to assist in communicating with elected officials and the public about the growth targets update process. Questions regarding the attachment should be directed to David Johanson, either via phone (206) 248-5522 or e-mail [davidj@burienwa.gov](mailto:davidj@burienwa.gov).

#### B. Taking Aim @ Graffiti (TAG) Update

Council asked to be updated on how many businesses had signed up for our pilot graffiti removal program, TAG, and how many have actually had graffiti removed. More than 200 business/property owners have signed up for the program, and 22 requests (for 21 different properties) have been received and graffiti has been removed.

#### C. Burien Teens and Parks Host New Event

The Burien Teen Leadership Council (BTLC) put on new event, "Dinner and a Movie" Night on February 13. Thirty teens and BTLC members came and enjoyed pizza, pop and a movie on the big screen. Admission was \$3 or 3 cans of food. The canned food will be donated to the Highline Food Bank.

#### D. Daddy-Daughter Dance Held

On Saturday, February 7, the Parks and Recreation Dept. held its annual Daddy-Daughter Dance. Two sessions were held to meet the demand from residents who enjoy this very popular event. For some of the fathers that participate in this event, this annual family tradition has been going on for ten years.

**E. Adopt-a-Park Update**

2008 was another successful year for the Adopt-a-Park program thanks to all the volunteers, businesses and non-profits groups like REI, Volunteers for Outdoor Washington and locally the Shorewood Community Club neighbors and Environmental Science Center. The program had 220 participants during the year and logged 904 hours of work, averaging 75 hours of volunteer work each month in our city parks. Projects included invasive plant removal at several parks, maintenance along the North Nature Trail at Seahurst Park and installation of native plants in cleared areas. In 2009 the program is excited to add Kevin Alexander as a Volunteer Park Steward at Seahurst Park. He is going to lead monthly volunteer work parties on the fourth Saturday of each month from 10 am until noon. Kevin has been working in the park over the past year removing invasive plants and is motivated to get the community more involved in this process. For more information about his plans, please visit [www.seahurstpark.org](http://www.seahurstpark.org).

**F. Mathison Park Vegetation Removal**

The use of goats for brush control is certainly not a new concept, but for City of Burien Parks and Public Works staff it has been an opportunity to try a greener option to mechanical or chemical vegetation removal. Over a ten day period a herd of 100 goats have been busy at work removing unwanted blackberry, ivy and other invasive species of plants at Mathison Park. Staff is finding that the goats will work over a variety of terrain, mostly during daylight hours and prefer the supple stems and green foliage over the waxy and stiff leaves or thick canes. After their assignment at Mathison the goats will relocate to the Hermes Depression flood control facility for a week or so, followed by a few days visit to Seahurst Park. Adopt-A-Park volunteers are especially excited about the Seahurst visit in that the goats will initiate some difficult headway into extremely thick blackberry and ivy patches, allowing for follow up volunteer work to gain better access to the site and the main thicket structures. The goat herds have been contracted through Goat Trimmers, one of three greater Seattle service providers that routinely travel as far as California to perform vegetation removal services.

**G. GYM JAM Meets Northeast Burien Family Recreation Needs**

Designed as a neighborhood-based family fitness & wellness program during the winter months, the City's Thursday night GYM JAM is being held again at Cedarhurst School. Seventy-eight (78) participants attended last week's (February 12) program. Rotating activities include Basketball, Soccer, Movie Nights, Karaoke, Tag Games, Hip Hop Dancing, and Crafts. A major program goal is to offer a healthful recreation program that family members can engage in together. Cedarhurst is Burien's elementary school with the largest free/reduced lunch population (71%) and also has a high ethnically-diverse population, including 40% Hispanic and 23% Asian students.

## **H. Annexation Open House**

On February 12, 2009 City staff hosted a Burien Proposed Annexation Informational Open House at the Boulevard Park Library. This event was the third in a series of open houses planned by staff. The event was attended by approximately 40-45 people.

Questions and comments raised during the open house will be incorporated into the Burien Annexation web page located at [www.burienwa.gov/annexation](http://www.burienwa.gov/annexation). Interested parties may also receive future open house information by signing up for the Annexation Email List or calling the Burien Annexation Hotline at 206-436-5555. The next event coming up will be a Public Hearing held by the Boundary Review Board regarding Burien's proposed annexation. The meeting date(s) have been set for March 30 and April 1. The location has not been finalized. Details will be posted at [www.burienwa.gov](http://www.burienwa.gov) once the location has been set.

## **I. DTV Transition Update**

**Congress has voted to delay the DTV Transition until June 12, 2009.**

While Congress has set **June 12** as the date for the national switch to digital TV, local stations across the country were given the option of shutting off their analog broadcasts sooner.

Nearly all Seattle-area stations have confirmed that they are **delaying their DTV switch until June 12**: KCTS (PBS), [KING](#) and KONG (NBC), KIRO (CBS), KOMO (ABC), KCPQ and KMYQ (Fox), KSTW (CW), and KUNS (Univision). Only KWPX (ion) will shut off their analog signal on February 17.

Local activities

- The Leadership Academy with Para Los Niños at the Burien Community Center has launched a Spanish language hot line at 206-988-3760. They will also be holding educational sessions in Spanish. Flyers will be distributed in the Highline School District through information packets sent home with students.
- A representative from the FCC held a hands-on training session at the Burien Community Center on February 12, 6:00 PM-7:00 PM. A total of 6 sessions have been held at the Community Center since January 2008.

More information regarding the DTV transition can be found on our website at: [www.burienwa.gov/digitalTV](http://www.burienwa.gov/digitalTV)

## II. COUNCIL UPDATES/REPORTS

### A. **City Receives 2009 Inaugural Address of Governor Chris Gregoire (Pg. CM-31)**

Burien has received a letter from Governor Christine Gregoire, transmitting her 2009 Inaugural Address. The letter is attached, and the 2009 Inaugural Address booklet will be on file in the City Manager's office should any Councilmember wish to review it. It is also available online at:

<http://www.governor.wa.gov/speeches/speech-view.asp?SpeechSeq=203>

### B. **Letter of Thanks Received From White Center Food Bank (Pg. CM-32)**

The City of Burien has received a thank you letter from the Executive Director of the White Center Food Bank for holding a food drive. A copy of the letter is attached.

### C. **Association of Washington Cities (AWC) 2009 Nominating Committee (Pg. CM-33)**

Council has received a memo from AWC regarding the qualifications needed to serve on the 2009 Nominating Committee, which determines a list of potential candidates for election to positions on the AWC Board of Directors. If you wish to be considered for appointment to the 2009 Nominating Committee, the attached letter provides pertinent details.

### D. **North Highline Unincorporated Area Council (NHUAC) (Pg. CM-35)**

The North Highline Unincorporated Area Council sent the Burien City Council a copy of their February 2009 newsletter. A copy of this newsletter is attached.

### E. **January 2009 Citizen Action Report (Pg. CM-39)**

Staff has provided Council with the January 2009 Citizen Action Report (attached).

### F. **Contracts over \$25,000 signed by City**

The City has recently signed the following budgeted contract for 2009 that is over \$25,000:

- Microflex for \$89,500 for 2009 Business License Processing, B&O Tax, Sales Tax, And Utility Tax Auditing Services.

### G. **Public Hearing Notice (Pg. CM-47)**

Notice of Public Hearing on March 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Highline School District Educational Resource & Administrative Center (ERAC), 15675 Ambaum Blvd. SW, to receive public comments on the proposal to Adopt amended State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Procedures.

## **GMA Growth Targets Update for King County**

This briefing paper was prepared by King County and the Suburban Cities Association as a resource for local planning staff in communicating with elected officials and the public about the growth targets update process.

### ***New Growth Targets for King County and Cities: Key Points***

- The Growth Management Planning Council is considering updates to county and city **Growth Targets** along with other amendments to the **Countywide Planning Policies** in 2009 and 2010.
- Updated targets provide a framework for local **GMA comprehensive plan updates** due in 2011 while accommodating new **state population projections**.
- Updates to CPPs and targets are guided by Multicounty Planning Policies and the Regional Growth Strategy contained in **Vision 2040**.
- During spring 2009, local governments will review draft targets for both housing and jobs. Final targets to be adopted by GMPC in fall 2009 with ratification by the county and cities.

### **Planning for Growth under the Growth Management Act**

Under Washington State's GMA, King County and its cities must adopt comprehensive plans that accommodate 20 years of anticipated population and employment growth. Plans must provide for land uses and densities, capital facilities and transportation infrastructure, that are sufficient to meet future needs. Local governments have discretion as to how they will accommodate the growth within their borders. Local jurisdictions must update their comprehensive plans at least every 7 years. Cities in King County last completed their plan updates in 2004. The deadline for the next plan update is December 2011.

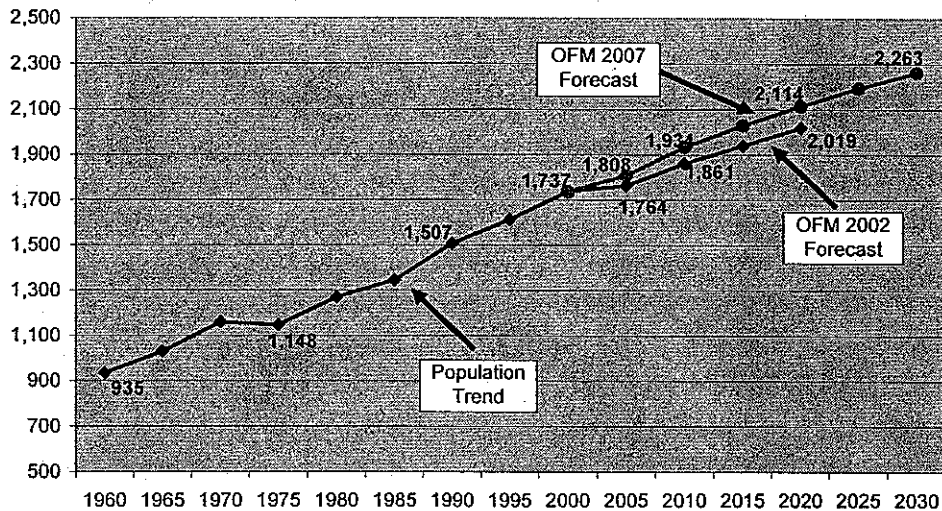
Every five years, the state Office of Financial Management (OFM) issues population projections for each county in the state as a basis for GMA planning. Based on these projections, counties and cities collaborate in determining local allocations of that growth. The act requires that local growth numbers be updated at least every ten years.

### **New Population and Employment Projections for King County**

In King County, growth targets are policy statements indicating the minimum number of households and jobs each jurisdiction plans to accommodate during the current Growth Management period. The targets are based on the OFM population projections along with employment forecasts produced by the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC). The county is an attractive region which, over the long term, is expected to see robust amounts of growth.

- OFM released new projections in 2007, which show King County growing at a faster rate than previously forecasted. The result: nearly 100,000 more people countywide in 2022 than currently planned for. Overall, the county is expected to grow by about 450,000 people between 2006 and 2031 to a total population of 2.3 million. The graph on the next page shows the new projection as an extension of historical trends and compared with the 2002 OFM projection.
- The latest employment forecasts released by PSRC in 2006 show growth in the county, over this same period, of nearly 450,000 jobs to a total of 1.7 million jobs.

### OFM Population Trends/Forecasts for King County Numbers in thousands



#### Adoption of Growth Targets by the Growth Management Planning Council

The GMPC is a formal body consisting of elected officials from King County, Seattle, Bellevue, other cities and towns, special purpose districts, and the Port of Seattle. The GMPC responds to the GMA requirement that counties and cities collaborate to develop and adopt Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs). Household and job growth targets are contained in the CPPs.

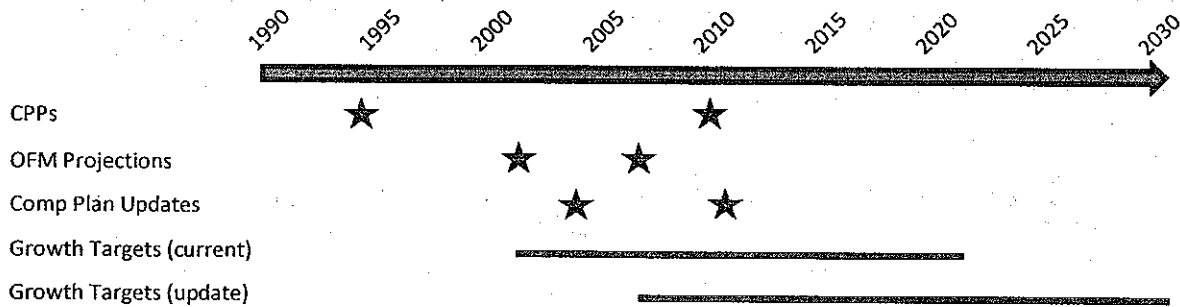
The CPPs were originally adopted by the GMPC in 1994. Growth targets were updated in 2002, for a planning period extending to 2022. The county and cities incorporated those targets into their 2004 plan updates. The GMPC will be considering new updates to the targets based on the new population projections from OFM, thus providing substantive guidance to cities as they update their 20-year comprehensive plans once again. New growth targets would extend the countywide planning period out another 9 years, with a horizon of 2031, 20 years beyond the 2011 comprehensive plan update requirement.

The CPPs establish the policy framework for allocating growth targets. Those policies include:

- 1) Limiting growth in Rural and Resource areas,
- 2) Focusing growth within the existing Urban Growth Area, within cities, and within designated Urban Centers and Manufacturing/Industrial Centers,
- 3) Improving jobs-housing balance within four planning subareas, and
- 4) Fostering a pattern of growth that ensures efficient use of infrastructure and can be served by public transportation.

Development of the targets, which are formally adopted by the GMPC and ratified by the county and cities, involves extensive coordination among staff from throughout the county. Through this process, every jurisdiction is expected to take its fair share of growth. The rationale for the staff recommended target allocation is based on best available demographic, economic, and land use data, and also incorporates unique factors and local policies.

The timeline below gives an overview of the schedule for GMA planning actions for King County.



### New Policy Guidance from *Vision 2040*

The Puget Sound Regional Council recently adopted *Vision 2040*, a growth management, transportation, and economic development strategy for the 4-county region. With *Vision 2040*, the PSRC has amended its Multicounty Planning Policies (MPPs) to address coordinated action around a range of policy areas, including land use and development patterns. The GMPC will be updating its countywide policies in 2010 to bring them into consistency with the MPPs.

*Vision 2040* also contains a Regional Growth Strategy that provides substantive guidance for planning for the roughly 1.7 million additional people and 1.2 million additional jobs expected in the region between 2000 and 2040. The Strategy retains much of the discretion that counties and cities have in setting local targets, while calling for broad shifts in where growth locates within the region. In comparison to current targets and plans, the Strategy calls for:

- **Increasing** the amount of growth targeted to cities that contain regionally designated urban centers (to include both metropolitan centers and many suburban cities)
- **Increasing** the amount of growth targeted to other large cities (with combined population and employment of at least 22,500)
- **Decreasing** the amount of growth targeted to Urban designated unincorporated areas, Rural designated unincorporated areas, and to smaller cities
- Achieving a greater **jobs-housing balance** within the region

New growth targets for King County are expected to move toward achieving the desired pattern of growth laid out in *Vision 2040*, while recognizing the long-term nature of the regional land use goals and the many challenges involved in “bending the trend” away from past growth patterns.

### Next Steps

Staff work toward updated growth targets for King County is underway now. In the coming months, cities will be asked to review and provide input on a range of potential future growth scenarios. Based on this process, recommended draft targets may go to the GMPC as early as July 2009, with a vote for adoption possible at the council’s September 2009 meeting. Once adopted, growth targets must be ratified by the county council and cities.

As described in this paper, the proposed update schedule for the CPPs and growth targets is intended to meet state, regional, and local policy objectives. Adopting targets ahead of the 2011 comprehensive plan updates will ensure that appropriate and timely planning can be done to accommodate projected growth. Many cities will find that their current land uses and densities do accommodate housing and jobs needed through 2031; others may need to adjust their plans and regulations in the 2011 update. With an updated CPP framework, including growth targets, in place, all cities will be in a much better position to align their plans with both *Vision 2040* and the GMA.

Questions about King County's growth targets can be directed to Chandler Felt, King County Office of Strategic Planning and Performance Management at (206) 263-9693 / [chandler.felt@kingcounty.gov](mailto:chandler.felt@kingcounty.gov), or to Michael Hubner, Suburban Cities Association at (253) 856-5443 / [mhubner@ci.kent.wa.us](mailto:mhubner@ci.kent.wa.us).

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE  
Governor



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February 4, 2009

The Honorable Joan McGilton  
Mayor of Burien  
415 Southwest 150th Street  
Burien, WA 98166

Dear Mayor McGilton:

I recognize the tremendous strain being placed on families and businesses throughout our state, and I want to reiterate my commitment to partnering with you in revitalizing our economy and securing a future of health and prosperity for our people. These are unprecedented times, and Washingtonians are looking to us, as leaders, for hope and renewal.

First, we must balance our budget by focusing on basic needs, but tightening our belts alone is not enough. In my second inaugural address, which I have enclosed for you, I outlined my proposal to create jobs, assist struggling families, and bring Washington in line with the demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. At the heart of this package is my *Washington Jobs Now* plan, which accelerates economic recovery by creating 20,000 new jobs for working families, rebuilding roads and schools, and building a foundation for future generations by investing in green jobs. At the same time, I am proposing an expansion in food stamp eligibility, additional help for homeowners facing foreclosure, a temporary increase in unemployment benefits, and a temporary across-the-board reduction in UI taxes for employers. Our communities need relief now, and I have urged the Legislature to move quickly and implement these measures as soon as possible.

In addition to economic recovery, we must look at this crisis as an opportunity to reform state government to meet the demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We will build an intelligent and efficient platform to meet the evolving needs of our families and our communities.

The challenge before us is great, but, with courage to make tough decisions and generosity toward one another, we will ensure that the great state of Washington is equipped to grow and prosper. We have the support of our country's President and the ingenuity of our people; together, we will emerge from this crisis stronger than ever before.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine O. Gregoire".

Christine O. Gregoire  
Governor

Enclosure





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February 3, 2009

Michael Lafreniere  
Burien Parks & Recreation  
425 SW 144<sup>th</sup> St  
Burien, WA 98166

Dear Michael,

Thank you for holding a food drive for the White Center Food Bank which brought in 377 pounds of food. The loyal support that you have shown for hungry families is greatly appreciated.

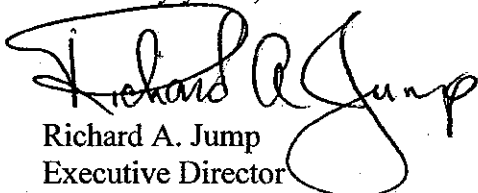
The White Center Food Bank has been providing emergency food relief in this community for over thirty years. In the past two years food insecurity has grown. The rising cost of housing, food, and health care, cutbacks in federal funding for housing and food assistance, and the loss of manufacturing jobs leave many working families short of food. Stories about the rising costs of food and hunger are in the press almost daily. The WCFB continues to provide much needed emergency food relief while promoting efforts to fight poverty.

Last year we served a record 17,000 families, delivering almost 900,000 pounds of food worth about \$1.5 million dollars. We do this with two paid staff and over 100 volunteers. We are currently serving 1,800 families a month.

The WCFB is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Our federal tax ID number is 91-1167830. Per IRS regulations, no goods or services were received in exchange for this donation. The White Center Food Bank relies heavily upon the contributions of donors like you to continue to ease the pain of hunger in our community. Each month we provide food to more than 5,000 individuals in need.

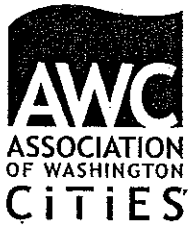
On behalf of the White Center Food Bank, and all the people that have received help because of your generous donation, we thank you!

Gratefully yours,

  
Richard A. Jump  
Executive Director

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February 2, 2009

TO: Mayors and Councilmembers  
FROM: Karen Rogers, AWC President  
SUBJECT: **2009 Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee is one of the most important opportunities available to you as an AWC member. The Nominating Committee is responsible for soliciting the membership to determine a list of potential candidates for election to positions on the AWC Board of Directors. The qualifications to serve on the committee are:

- Have held an elected city position for at least two years
- Not running for a position on the 2009/2010 AWC Board of Directors
- Available to attend all meetings of the Nominating committee

If you meet these qualifications, you are eligible for consideration of appointment to the 2009 Nominating Committee. **If you would like to be considered, please e-mail DeAnn Hartman at [deannah@awcnet.org](mailto:deannah@awcnet.org) by Tuesday, March 3, 2009.**

**Information about the 2009 Nominating Committee**

The AWC Bylaws state that the President shall appoint a committee of not less than seven and not more than eleven members, such members to be split based upon the proportionate incorporated population east and west of the Cascade Mountain Range. The Committee shall include no more than two members from any one Board district. The President shall only appoint city officials who have served in an elected city position for at least two years. Notice of such appointments and the date of the place of the first meeting of the Nominating Committee shall be given to each member immediately following said appointments. Members of the Nominating Committee shall not be eligible to run for a Board of Directors position during the year in which they serve on the Nominating Committee. AWC Bylaws 3.12.7

Committee members will be reimbursed by AWC for expenses incurred for attending the May meeting of the committee. AWC typically does not reimburse expenses for the second meeting because it is held in conjunction with the AWC Annual Conference.

<b>Meetings:</b>	<b><u>First Meeting</u></b>	<b><u>Second Meeting - Tentative</u></b>
Date:	Friday, May 1, 2009	Tuesday, June 23, 2009
Time:	11:00 am to 2 pm	To be scheduled
Location:	SeaTac hotel TBD	Spokane Convention Center, Spokane

Questions about the nominating committee process should be directed to DeAnn Hartman at AWC at 1-800-562-8981 or send email to [deannah@awcnet.org](mailto:deannah@awcnet.org)

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## EVERGREEN SWIMMING POOL - WILL IT BE LOST? BY ED MARRS

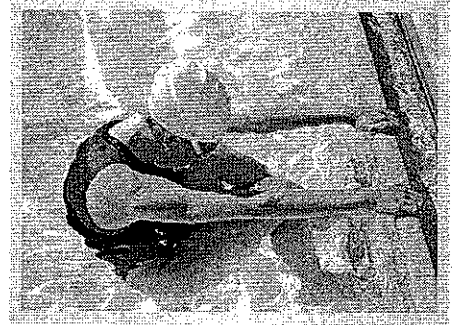
My name is Ed Marrs and I am the President of White Water Aquatics swim team. I am writing this letter to ask North Highline residents for it's support to help keep Evergreen pool open. We are a year round USA Swimming club. The Olympians you watched last summer are all members of the same organization. We have approximately 70 kids on our swim club. Our primary pool is Evergreen. If Evergreen were to close it would put extreme hardship on our club. The other pool we use is Foster High

School. That pool nor any other pool in our area have the pool space or time to accommodate our whole swim club at one time. We have swimmers from the communities of White Center, Burien, Des Moines, and West Seattle. Not Only does closing down Evergreen affect our swim club but it affects the community. If one were to Google "poverty swimming drowning" you would find that there is a direct correlation between water fatalities, accidents, and economic standing. The poorer the

community is the more water fatalities and accidents there are. Closing Evergreen pool would make it difficult for residents of this area to enroll in swimming lessons. The closest pools are Chief Sealth High School and Foster High School. If any one has questions for me, I can reached be at :

edmarrs@gmail.com or cell phone 206-290-3666.

Thank you for your time in considering this issue.  
Marrs, President,  
White Water Aquatics



## FIRE SAFETY TIPS BY NORTH HIGHLINE FIRE CHIEF SCOTT LAVIELLE

### General Safety Habits

Keep flammable items at least three feet away from anything that gets hot.  
Never smoke in bed.

Keep matches and lighters away from children.

### Cooking

Keep flammable items like towels and clothing away from the stove.

Keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen and get training from North Highline Fire District on how to use it.

### Portable Heaters

Keep blankets, curtains, furniture and other flammable items away from heaters.  
Plug heaters directly into a wall socket and unplug when not in use.

### Electricity

Never Overload electrical outlets.  
Avoid running cords under carpet, furniture or through walls.

### Practice Home Fire Safety

(If you qualify, the fire department will provide and install smoke detectors free of charge)

### Smoke Alarms (When you are sleeping you lose your sense of smell)

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including sleeping areas.  
Test and dust smoke alarms monthly, change the batteries yearly.  
Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.

### Fire Escape Drills

Make a fire escape plan with two exits out of every room.  
Practice your plan twice a year.  
Identify an outside meeting place to gather after escaping.  
Teach children that firefighters are their friends who can help.

### In Case of Fire (Follow Your Escape Plan)

Crawl low under smoke.  
Feel the doors.  
If the door is hot, use your second way out.  
Go to your outside meeting place and then call for help.

For more information on fire safety, first aid, CPR, and other fire department programs, please contact us at: 206-243-0330.

**NHUAC Community Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at: 1243 S.W. 112th Street**

**Water District 20 Commissioner Meetings are held the first Wednesday and third Thursday of each month at: 10:00 a.m. at: 12606 1st Ave. So.**

**North Highline Fire Commissioners Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. at: The North Highline Fire Station at: 1243 S.W. 112th Street**

### PARK TO BE SOLD? BY GREG DUFF

Imagine buying a car and just before you take delivery, the seller removes the tires. This is what Ron Sims is trying to do to the City of Burien. At the January 8th meeting of the North Highline Unincorporated Area Council (NHUAC), Rod Brandon and Nori Catabay from King County made a presentation to the Council on Affordable and Workforce Housing in North Highline. They did a 20 minute presentation complete with pictures, graphs, and enough mention of firefighters to turn even the hardest hearts into mush. They emphasized how important it is for everyone to be able to afford a house and to live near where they work. It all seemed fine until they started getting in to details. There are two areas in North Highline that King County wants to sell to developers. One is at: 206 S.W 112 St. and the second is Puget Sound Park at: 126th and 1st Ave. South. Puget Sound Park is a 5-acre park that King County let run down for the last few years and now they want to sell it and build

houses. Nori stated that one of the desired results is "preservation and improvements to open spaces and parks." Does this make sense to take away a 5-acre park to build houses and then save a little tiny pocket park? Nori did not have a good response when that was brought to her attention. The Council had several questions for the presenters. "don't we have enough low income housing in North Highline? Wouldn't a park be better for kids than cramming more houses into a small area?" The final most important question was asked: Isn't there a proposed annexation area that Burien is going to annex?" They did not have a good response. Mike Martin, Burien City manager was in the audience. Imagine his surprise hearing this for the first time. Here is an area that will probably become Burien and King County wants to sell it off to help the budget deficit. Why not let Burien decide what to do with it? When asked how long this would take, Rod and Nori said that it would not be sold before anything was decided with annexation. Mike Martin disagreed. The

sale could take place before citizens have a chance to vote. This is an underhanded attempt by Ron Sims to try and cure a budget deficit that he created. What happens when King County finally cures the budget deficit and then we have no more parks - just lots of low income housing? The NHUAC adopted a resolution urging King County to place a moratorium on the sale of public lands in the PAA. I urge the citizens of Burien and North Highline to contact Ron Sims and Dow Constantine and let them know you are opposed to the proposal. The North Highline area is either going to belong to Burien or Seattle. Don't strip away the parks that make this area valuable.

**SEE BACK PAGE FOR CONTACT INFORMATION TO WRITE OR E-MAIL YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO SAVE YOUR PARK**

### PUGET SOUND PARK BY CHRISTINE WALDMAN

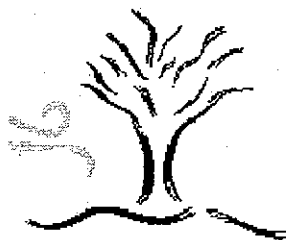
Located off 1st Ave So. & 126th S.W., just north of Albertsons, this 5 acre park has a small playground, benches, picnic tables, a walking/running track and a very large open field. While visiting the park for the first time on a chilly Saturday afternoon, I spoke with several people walking their dogs. All were surprised to hear that King County is planning on selling the park to developers.

I was told this park is not only used by people walking their dogs, but retirees who enjoy daily walks around the track and park goers who simply enjoy the open space. Those who live near the park feel it is invaluable to their neighborhood. As I was leaving, one of the dog walkers reminded me that once our parks and open spaces are taken from us, we cannot get them back. These parks

belong to all of us, so get out and enjoy them.

If you are interested in volunteering or adopting this or any other King County Park, call 206-296-4452 or go to King County Parks on the web @

[www.kingcounty.gov/parks](http://www.kingcounty.gov/parks).



## KEEPING AN EYE ON OUR NEIGHBORHOODS SUBMITTED BUT NOT WRITTEN BY PAM ODEGARD

Today, shortly past noon on November 20, 2008, my wife was sitting in the dining room and noticed a young guy banging on the front door across the street. She watched him give up there and wander over next door. Linda continued to invisibly observe while he went to the front door and knocked, then to the door at the end of the driveway. He knocked there for a bit, then he went around the south side of the house. At this point, my wife called 911. A few

minutes later, several police cars arrived silently. They investigated around the outside of the house, then apparently determined he was inside the house. The policemen deployed themselves strategically around the house with guns drawn, then a police car drove into her driveway and announced over the PA system that "we know you're in there, come out with your hands up." After some period of time, he came out, was handcuffed, and the

police explored the contents of his back pack. The police then called the home owner on her cell phone and asked her to come home to verify that this person had no right to be in her house.

She did, and the young man was hauled off to jail.

### THANK YOU FOR WATCHING AND TAKING ACTION!

And for making the call to 911, and for providing a statement to the police and

for agreeing to testify in court if needed to convict the perp! A police man came to our house later and thanked my wife for her action. He also advised that this type of thing will become more and more frequent with the economy in the toilet, as it is now!

**KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN AND HELP PROTECT OUR NEIGHBORHOODS!**

## BENSON'S BEST BITES BY BARB PETERS

We welcome a new delicatessen in Manhattan Village, Normandy Park. Benson's Best Bites is located at:

17851 1st Ave. South  
(206)- 243-2420

The owner Ezra Benson, is the son of Mary Beth Benson who owned Benson's Fashions in Des Moines for over 42 years. The day I was there, Ezra and both of his daughters were working. You will find

this deli has a very warm atmosphere and is very low key. The cheese selection was unbelievable and the sandwich & soup menu offered a variety of choices. All sandwiches are \$5.99, the soup is \$2.50 a cup and \$4.00 a bowl. The soups are made fresh daily as are the breads and pastries. The refrigerated section carries a variety of nuts, pastas, sausages, and more.

There is also a specialty baking section in the back. Drop on by and let us know what you think. You can leave us comments and reviews on your experience on our website at:

[www.northhighlineuc.org](http://www.northhighlineuc.org)



## COMMUNITY'S ART MEMORIAL BY HEIDI JOHNSON

NHUAC had our final fundraising event last year and accomplished our goal for the community of raising enough money to install an art memorial in memory of Deputy Steve Cox on behalf of his tremendous efforts for making a difference in our community.

Once again, the art memorial will be installed in the Steve Cox Memorial Park when it is completed.

We have been working with the artist of choice to create the memorial and are currently in the process of choosing the final memorial pieces.

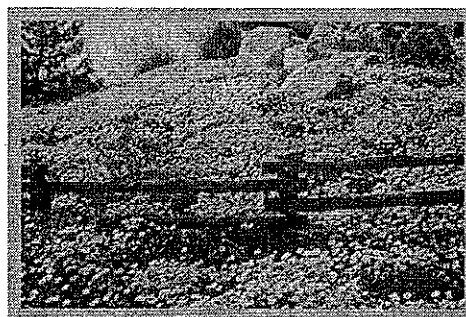
We want to thank each and every person in our community who requested this memorial for Deputy Steve Cox.

It was so overwhelming to witness our community members and all the people from everywhere coming together to make this project a reality.

It truly has been an effort filled with genuine care and commitment to.

We could not have done this without any of you, and all your generosity.

Thank You Everyone

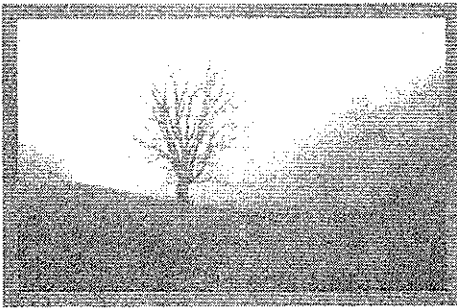




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### About Us

The members of NHUAC are all volunteers.

Some have been involved with community issues and the county for a long time while others are brand new. Members come with different backgrounds and interests. Some are interested in land use, some are interested in roads, some are interested in crime & graffiti, and some don't have any particular interest. Some come to learn. Some come to lead. Some come for help.

The one thing that members have in common is simply interest in their neighborhoods and communities and the willingness to come together for a couple of hours a month in an attempt to influence outcomes. It's the combined experience and interest that brings us together.

NHUAC Elections will be held on May 21st 2009. We will inform you about times and place in our upcoming April Newsletter

Articles are not necessarily the views or opinions of NHUAC, but of the writer

**Upcoming NHUAC Meetings: 03/05/09 - 04/02/09 - 05/06/09**

#### NHUAC Graffiti Management Program

Please report graffiti with address, you can make the report via our web-site or by calling the KCSO Boulevard Park Storefront at:

206-296-0387

Graffiti is a major problem in our community. If not removed, graffiti can cause blight; increase criminal activity in the surrounding neighborhoods; reduce property values, and gives the impression that North Highline is not committed to providing clean and safe environments for residents and visitors.

#### Annexation

Voting to Annex to a neighboring city is not too far away. Be sure to keep up on annexation issues by visiting:

Burien City web site at:

[www.BurienWa.gov](http://www.BurienWa.gov)

&

The Seattle City web site at:

[www.cityofseattle.net](http://www.cityofseattle.net)

Additional annexation info can also be found on our web site!

### "ATTENTION PLEASE"

Because King County has intent to try to sell one of our large parks next to Albertson's on 126th Street and 1st Ave. So. to housing developments to build more homes leaving us with less open spaces for children to run, play, and exercise and because open public spaces are important to the health, growth, and development of children as well as for our community, it is important that we voice our concerns.

King County also intends to close Evergreen swimming pool located next to Evergreen High School. Our pool is another vital asset that is used by our children and seniors for exercise and fun. Please let them know how important these two issues are to our community residents, and to our surrounding communities.

Please contact: [ron.sims@kingcounty.gov](mailto:ron.sims@kingcounty.gov) & [dow.constantine@kingcounty.gov](mailto:dow.constantine@kingcounty.gov), [reagan.dunn@kingcounty.gov](mailto:reagan.dunn@kingcounty.gov) [pete.vonreichbauer@kingcounty.gov](mailto:pete.vonreichbauer@kingcounty.gov) [jane.hague@kingcounty.gov](mailto:jane.hague@kingcounty.gov), [julia.patterson@kingcounty.gov](mailto:julia.patterson@kingcounty.gov) [larry.phillips@kingcounty.gov](mailto:larry.phillips@kingcounty.gov), [kathy.lambert@kingcounty.gov](mailto:kathy.lambert@kingcounty.gov) [larry.gossett@kingcounty.gov](mailto:larry.gossett@kingcounty.gov), [bob.ferguson@kingcounty.gov](mailto:bob.ferguson@kingcounty.gov) to ensure that our vital community assets of open spaces remain, our swimming pool stays, and so that our public park does not disappear.

**Executive Ron Sims address:** Chinook Building 4015th Ave. Ste 800 Seattle, WA 98104 / Phone: 206-296-4040 / Fax: 206-296-0194 TTY Relay: 711

**King County Council's address:** 516 Third Ave. Rm. 1200 Seattle, WA 98104 / Phone: 206-296-1000 / Toll Free: 800-325-6165 / TTY/TDD: 206-296-1024 / Fax: 206-296-0198

The Neighborhoods of North Highline include:

Beverly Park, Boulevard Park, Glendale, Riverton Heights, Salmon Creek, Shorewood, South Park, Top Hat, and White Center.



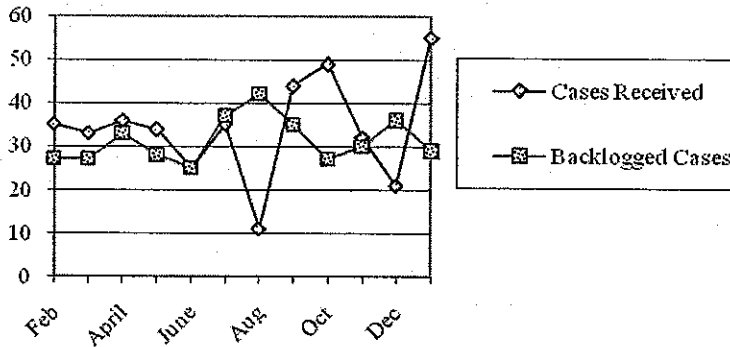
**CITY OF BURIEN**

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** February 9, 2009  
**TO:** Mike Martin, City Manager  
**FROM:** Scott Greenberg, Community Development Director  
**RE:** January 2009 Citizen Action Report

This report reflects the caseload for January and includes all backlog cases open as of January 31, 2008. As of that date, there were 55 open cases. 29 of the open cases are more than five weeks old and are considered backlog.

**Citizen Action Case Status**



	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan '09
<b>Cases Received</b>	35	33	36	34	25	35	11	44	49	32	21	55
<b>Backlogged Cases</b>	27	27	33	28	25	37	42	35	27	30	36	29
<b>Total Open Cases</b>	49	52	58	42	45	61	52	54	56	53	45	55
<b>% of Backlog</b>	55%	52%	57%	67%	56%	61%	81%	65%	48%	57%	80%	53%

As usual, please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions for additional improvements to this report.

Cc: Scott Greenberg, Community Development Director  
 Jim Bibby, Code Compliance Officer  
 Henry McLauchlan, Administrative Sergeant  
 Chris Bacha, City Attorney

Michael Lafreniere, Parks Director  
 Jan Voge, Building Official  
 Steve Clark, Public Works Director  
 Liz Ockwell, Assistant Planner



# Monthly Report to the City Manager

## *Citizen Action Request Case Status*

Report Date: 02/09/2009

Days Old	Department	CAR #	Date Received	Nature of Request	Complaint Information	Last Action	Date	Status
497	Code Enforcement	CAR-07-0461	10/01/2007	Nuisance	Abandoned materials and debris		02/03/2009	Open
465	Building	CAR-07-0526	11/02/2007	Building	15703 15TH PL SW Building Height Excessive Fill and Grade Non-conforming ADU	Other Letter	01/15/2008	Open
415	Planning	CAR-08-0004	12/22/2007	Planning / Zoning	3126 SW 172ND ST Construction covering fish habitat Question re: Shoreline Permits Violation of Federal Shoreline protection ?	Other - See Notes	11/25/2008	Open
392	Parks	CAR-08-0022	01/14/2008	Nuisance	14456 18TH AV SW Parking & nuisance	Enforcement Letter 1	01/18/2008	Open
384	Public Works	CAR-08-0033	01/22/2008	Other	Citizen is concerned about truck traffic on S 146th & Des Moines Memorial Drive	Other - See Notes	06/11/2008	Open
369	Public Works	CAR-08-0055	02/06/2008	Planning / Zoning	13526 14TH AV S Grading, Nuisance, Critical Areas	Meeting	08/11/2008	Open
355	Planning	CAR-08-0076	02/20/2008	Planning / Zoning	Home Occupation violation		03/18/2008	Open
334	Building	CAR-08-0097	03/12/2008	Building	3512 SW 172ND ST Building permit	Other Letter	08/26/2008	Open
314	City Attorney	CAR-08-0117	04/01/2008	Nuisance	12928 6TH AV S Vegetation	Other - See Notes	08/21/2008	Open
306	Building	CAR-08-0127	04/09/2008	Planning / Zoning	15903 MAPLEWILD AV SW Critical slope retaining wall replacement	Other - See Notes	08/18/2008	Open
203	Code Enforcement	CAR-08-0233	07/21/2008	Animals	1521 SW 160TH ST Nuisance, animals & RCW Add alleyway & KC	Case Preparation	01/16/2009	Open

Days Old	Department	CAR #	Date Received	Nature of Request	Complaint Information	Last Action	Date	Status
139	City Attorney	CAR-08-0326	09/23/2008	Nuisance	15839 6TH AV SW Nuisances	Case Preparation	01/16/2009	Open
131	City Attorney	CAR-08-0335	10/01/2008	Nuisance	821 SW 154TH ST Nuisance, Police	Site Investigation		
131	Code Enforcement	CAR-08-0338	10/01/2008	Sign Violation	Sign Violation	Enforcement Letter 1	11/24/2008 10/06/2008	Open Open
125	Building	CAR-08-0342	10/07/2008	Building	12055 30TH AV SW Building permit	Other - See Notes	12/24/2008	Open
118	Building	CAR-08-0361	10/14/2008	Building	611 SW 142ND ST Building - Demo Permit	Other - See Notes	11/26/2008	Open
109	Code Enforcement	CAR-08-0372	10/23/2008	Housing Concerns	143 SW 156TH ST Housing conditions	Case Received	10/23/2008	Open
104	City Attorney	CAR-08-0379	10/28/2008	Sign Violation	1022 S 144TH ST Signs / Business License	Case Preparation	01/23/2009	Open
104	Code Enforcement	CAR-08-0380	10/28/2008	Business License	625 SW 152ND ST Business License	Case Received	10/28/2008	Open
91	Code Enforcement	CAR-08-0399	11/10/2008	Nuisance	13227 2ND AV S Vegetation / Vehicles-Anderson	Phone Call	11/12/2008	Open
83	Fire Department	CAR-08-0402	11/18/2008	Fire Department Issue	12812 1ST AV S Fire Dept. / BL / Choose Up Enter.	Phone Call	12/10/2008	Open
82	Code Enforcement	CAR-08-0403	11/19/2008	Abandoned Vehicle	624 SW 136TH PL Vehicles / Leggett	Site Investigation	12/31/2008	Open
81	Code Enforcement	CAR-08-0405	11/20/2008	Sign Violation	13816 1ST AV SW Sign Violation / Adele's Flowers		01/16/2009	Open
80	Code Enforcement	CAR-08-0407	11/21/2008	Sign Violation	453 SW 153RD ST Abandoned Sign / Nielsen Bros.	Enforcement Letter 1	12/10/2008	Open

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80	City Attorney	CAR-08-0408	11/21/2008	Building	13430 1ST AV SW Building / Weythman	Case Preparation	01/23/2009	Open
76	Building	CAR-08-0417	11/25/2008	Building	16622 14TH AV SW Building Permit / Rogers	Case Received	11/26/2008	Open
68	Code Enforcement	CAR-08-0421	12/03/2008	Sign Violation	15607 1ST AV S Sign Violation/Tomi's Flower	Enforcement Letter 1	12/10/2008	Open
59	Code Enforcement	CAR-08-0434	12/12/2008	Graffiti	255 SW 153RD ST Graffiti / Cent. 21-Barth		01/05/2009	Open
54	Code Enforcement	CAR-08-0436	12/17/2008	Business License	401 SW 153RD ST Business License / Wash. First Ins.	Other - See Notes	02/02/2009	Open
38	Code Enforcement	CAR-09-0001	01/02/2009	Housing Concerns	208 S 187TH ST Housing / Roth	Meeting	02/03/2009	Open
34	Code Enforcement	CAR-09-0004	01/06/2009	Sign Violation	15405 DES MOINES MEMORIAL DR S Sign Violation / Discovery Landing	Case Received	01/06/2009	Open
33	Code Enforcement	CAR-09-0007	01/07/2009	Housing Concerns	1128 SW 134TH ST Housing Concerns / Knull	Case Received	01/09/2009	Open
33	Code Enforcement	CAR-09-0009	01/07/2009	Housing Concerns	16242 11TH AV SW Housing / Phillips	Case Received	01/08/2009	Open
33	Code Enforcement	CAR-09-0015	01/07/2009	Animals	11651 18TH AV SW Animals, chickens / Lamb	Phone Call	01/15/2009	Open
28	Code Enforcement	CAR-09-0011	01/12/2009	Business License	209 SW 152ND ST Business License / LaPreciosa	Case Received	01/12/2009	Open
28	Code Enforcement	CAR-09-0014	01/12/2009	Nuisance	14518 25TH AV SW Nuisance / Bull	Case Received	01/14/2009	Open

Days Old	Department	CAR #	Date Received	Nature of Request	Complaint Information	Last Action	Date	Status
27	Code Enforcement	CAR-09-0023	01/13/2009	Nuisance	829 SW 149TH ST Nuisance, Vehicle / Burien Towing	Case Received	01/13/2009	Open
27	Code Enforcement	CAR-09-0024	01/13/2009	Nuisance	Nuisance / Earnest	Enforcement Letter 1	02/02/2009	Open
24	Code Enforcement	CAR-09-0018	01/16/2009	Nuisance	Nuisance / Other LLC	NOV Issued	01/26/2009	Open
24	Code Enforcement	CAR-09-0019	01/16/2009	Sign Violation	152 SW 152ND ST Sign Violation / Other LLC	Enforcement Letter 1	02/03/2009	Open
24	Code Enforcement	CAR-09-0020	01/16/2009	Sign Violation	13424 1ST AV S Sign Violation / Room by Room	Enforcement Letter 1	02/03/2009	Open
20	Code Enforcement	CAR-09-0026	01/20/2009	Sign Violation	625 SW 154TH ST Sign Violation / NAPA	Phone Call	02/09/2009	Open
19	Code Enforcement	CAR-09-0030	01/21/2009	Building	15743 AMBAUM BL SW Mechanical Code / Wizards	Enforcement Letter 1	01/28/2009	Open
18	Code Enforcement	CAR-09-0031	01/22/2009	Nuisance	800 SW 135TH ST Nuisance / Russell	Case Received	01/22/2009	Open
18	Code Enforcement	CAR-09-0036	01/22/2009	Graffiti	13838 1ST AV S Graffiti / Coastal Foods	Case Received	01/22/2009	Open
18	Code Enforcement	CAR-09-0038	01/22/2009	Housing Concerns	11660 SEOLA BEACH DR SW Housing / Fladseth	Site Investigation	01/30/2009	Open
18	Code Enforcement	CAR-09-0033	01/22/2009	Graffiti	15019 AMBAUM BL SW Graffiti /	Case Received	01/22/2009	Open
17	Code Enforcement	CAR-09-0041	01/23/2009	Housing Concerns	301 SW 130TH ST Housing / Mall	Phone Call	02/03/2009	Open

Days Old	Department	CAR #	Date Received	Nature of Request	Complaint Information	Last Action	Date	Status
14	Code Enforcement	CAR-09-0043	01/26/2009	Abandoned Vehicle	447 SW 153RD ST Nuisance/Hobnobber	Phone Call	01/29/2009	Open
13	Code Enforcement	CAR-09-0046	01/27/2009	Sign Violation	15614 1ST AV S Sign Violation / Best Cut	Phone Call	02/03/2009	Open
13	Code Enforcement	CAR-09-0048	01/27/2009	Graffiti	630 SW 153RD ST Graffiti / Style you Know Style	Case Received	01/27/2009	Open
13	Code Enforcement	CAR-09-0050	01/27/2009	Nuisance	1202 S 136TH ST Nuisance / Dumping	Case Received	01/27/2009	Open
12	Code Enforcement	CAR-09-0052	01/28/2009	Graffiti	809 SW 149TH ST Graffiti / Arcadia Manor	Case Received	01/28/2009	Open
12	Public Works	CAR-09-0053	01/28/2009	ROW Issue	15206 24TH AV SW ROW & Bldg / Denman	Case Received	01/28/2009	Open
11	Code Enforcement	CAR-09-0054	01/29/2009	Sign Violation	631 SW 150TH ST Sign Violation / NorthStar	Case Received	01/29/2009	Open



# Public Hearing Notice

City of Burien 15811 Ambaum Blvd. SW (Suite C) Burien, Washington 98166-3066

## Hearing Information

The Burien City Council will hold a public hearing on **March 2, 2009** at **7:00 p.m.** at the Highline School District Educational Resource & Administrative Center (ERAC), 15675 Ambaum Blvd. SW, Burien, Washington to receive public comments on the following proposal:

## Applicant

City of Burien

## Proposal

Adopt amended State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Procedures

## File Name

2009 SEPA Procedures

File is available for viewing at Burien City Hall during regular business hours.

## Location

Applies city-wide

## How to Comment

Any person may submit written or oral comments or testimony at the public hearing, or may submit written comments prior to the hearing. Written comments may be submitted in person, via mail, e-mail or by facsimile. All documents submitted or requested as part of this application, including the City staff report are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

## Project Planner (for submittal of written comments or for more information)

Scott Greenberg, AICP  
Community Development Director  
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