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EDITOR’S NOTE

In the last issue of this magazine, I made you a promise—that I would help translate the complicated business of government. In this issue, I hope to keep that promise. You will read a story demystifying our local taxes. In his message to residents, Interim City Manager Tony Piasecki defines what a city manager does in a council-manager form of government. Another story addresses the vital role citizen advisory boards play in informing policy and helping plan our community’s future. The police and fire departments are teaming up this summer to raise awareness about Burien’s ban on fireworks.

You will also find several stories about ordinary citizens who are showing up to protect our watershed, help our community’s youth, and advocate for quiet skies over Burien. We are grateful for the passion and dedication of the volunteers and engaged citizens who put their own time and energy into projects that are #MakingBurienAwesome.

But since it is summer, we haven’t devoted the entire issue to a civics lesson. You will read about the many ways you can enjoy the summer—from the farmers’ market to Music in the Park. If you are new to Burien, or just want to re-discover your hometown, there’s a lot happening! Help spread the word about all the great things taking place in Burien by using the hashtag #buriensummer.

Enjoy the summer. Work hard, play hard. And soak up some sun!
— Emily Inlow-Hood
City of Burien Communications Officer & Executive Editor, Burien Magazine

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Rezmie Sath was one of the eighth grade students who built a rain garden at Sylvester Middle School in honor of Earth Day.
PHOTO COURTESY OF LINDSAY PEYTON, WESTSIDE SEATTLE
Looking Ahead

By Tony Pusecki, Interim City Manager

In my more than twenty years serving as a city manager, I’ve found not many people understand what a city manager does. As Burien City Council is poised to select a new manager, I thought it would be helpful to explain how a city manager works with elected officials and residents to help the City serve its residents.

In Burien, we follow a council-manager form of government. This type of government combines the strong political leadership of elected officials with the strong managerial experience of an appointed manager or administrator.

Born out of the U.S. progressive reform movement at the turn of the 20th century, the council-manager system was designed to combat corruption and unethical activity in local government by promoting effective management within a transparent, responsive, and accountable structure.

It’s the elected officials who make policy, through the deliberation and passing of ordinances and resolutions in public meetings. The city manager provides oversight of the day-to-day operations of the city. In this way, the elected officials are free to devote time to policy planning and policy development. The manager is hired to serve the council and the community. He or she brings training and experience in administering municipal or county projects and programs.

As you may be aware, the City Council is going through a process to find the next city manager. I will be here until a
MESSAGE FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

PART OF WHAT WE ALL LOVE ABOUT BURIEN is how much our neighbors are willing to roll up their sleeves and contribute time and effort to making Burien a great place to live, work, and do business. This spring, we were honored to recognize and celebrate the contributions of many of our dedicated community members.

CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

In April, we recognized Larry Cripe and Wendy Meyers-Wenger as the 2017 Burien Citizens of the Year. Mr. Cripe helped start the Burien Quiet Skies Coalition, which has been a dedicated and articulate voice for the Burien community on the impacts of the increased airplane traffic over the City of Burien. Ms. Meyers-Wenger, owner of Highline Tutoring Center in Burien, has inspired thousands of students to reach their full potential, and through relationships with public and community organizations, brought her services to where they are needed most.

CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

We also appointed new members to several citizen advisory boards (see page 8 for full story). The Council relies on the expertise and knowledge of these advisory board members to help inform our policymaking. They provide an integral communication channel between Council and the community. We know the board members lead busy lives. We are grateful for the time they invest in our community.

VOLUNTEERS

We also want to acknowledge all the volunteers who have spent thousands of hours helping the City better serve our residents. Not only do our volunteers help keep our programs going strong, but they also provide another important link between City staff and the community. Thank you to everyone who has stuffed envelopes, provided free professional services for residents at the Community Center, helped with block watches and crime prevention programs, and assisted with special events. Our city is grateful for your service.

LISTENING TO RESIDENT CONCERNS

And finally, we have heard significant feedback from Burien residents and business owners about public safety, including violent crime and property theft. We’ve also heard from our community about the need to both focus efforts on assisting people experiencing homelessness as well as minimizing the negative impacts of homelessness on our city. We have already discussed these issues during several Council meetings, and will continue to do so in order to identify potential solutions. Our City works better when our community understands the work we do here on City Council. Thank you to everyone who has emailed, called or come to Council meetings to discuss your concerns. You can find our contact info listed in the City Directory. Or please join one of our Monday night City Council Meetings—in person, on Channel 21, or streamed online.

– Your Burien City Council

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

January–April 2017

- Ordinance 667: Approving the Subdivision Westview at Manhattan
- Ordinance 666: Amending the 2017-2018 Biennial Budget
- Ordinance 657: New BMC Chapter 13.10 entitled Surface Water Management
- Ordinance 651: Relating to Ascertaining Immigration Status or Religion
- Ordinance 650: NERA Port Subdivision & Street Vacation
- Ordinance 648: Significant Tree Amendments
- Resolution 391: 2017 Comprehensive Plan Docket
- Resolution 390: Public Hearing to Consider a Vacation of an Alleyway in Valley View Addition
- Resolution 389: Adopting a New City Logo
- Resolution 388: Peter Western Bridge
- Resolution 387: Arbor Lake Emergency
- Resolution 385: Ad Hoc Human Services Committee

PROCLAMATIONS:

January–April 2017

- Affordable Housing Week
- Citizen of the Year
- Commemorating 25th Anniversary Vote for Incorporation
- Earth Day
- National Peace Officers Memorial Day, May 15, 2017
- Sikh Heritage Day
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month – April

(Back row) Councilmembers Debi Wagner, Austin Bell, Steve Armstrong, and Bob Edgar. (Front row) Mayor Lucy Krakowiak, Deputy Mayor Nancy Tosta and Councilmember Lauren Berkowitz.
JUST SAY NO to Backyard Fireworks

WATCHING FIREWORKS LIGHT UP THE SKY is an exciting way to celebrate a special event or holiday. However, backyard fireworks can also be a recipe for disaster. This Independence Day, protect your family and home from the dangers of fireworks. Instead, attend a public display, and leave the lighting of fireworks to the professionals.

NO SUCH THING AS SAFE FIREWORKS

Fireworks cause thousands of burns and eye injuries each year. Even sparklers burn hot enough to cause third-degree burns.

Fireworks also pose a serious risk of house fires. It only takes one stray bottle rocket to land in a gutter with dry leaves, and someone’s home, and potentially the family and pets inside the home, are lost. Every year, hundreds of homes catch on fire because of fireworks.

“There’s no such thing as safe fireworks,” says Ray Pettigrew, Burien Fire Marshal. “No one would risk losing their home, or serious injury to their family, if they understood the dangers of fireworks. There are safer alternatives.”

One of those safer alternatives is going to a public fireworks display. Not only is it safer, but you also get to enjoy the artistry of fireworks designed and launched by professionals.

IT’S ILLEGAL TO LIGHT FIREWORKS IN BURIEN CITY LIMITS

Need more convincing that there are other ways to celebrate Independence Day? Try having to pay a $125 fine. Lighting fireworks in Burien city limits is illegal (see Burien Municipal Code Chapter 5.30). If you get caught possessing or lighting fireworks in city limits, you will be cited with a civil infraction that carries a $125 fine.

Burien Police Department will be sending out extra patrols on July 4th to respond to calls about fireworks and hand out tickets.

Captain Bryan Howard, Burien Police Department says, “Residents should think twice before lighting off fireworks at home. Those few minutes of fun could cost you.”

RESPECT YOUR NEIGHBORS AND PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

While the bang of a bottle rocket is a thrill, some military veterans who may suffer from PTSD find the loud noises trigger panic attacks and other negative feelings.

The loud noises can also be terrifying for our pet family members. Birds and other wildlife don’t get a kick out of it either. Nesting birds may be scared away from their nests, and the stress of the loud noises may cause animals to flee into roadways.

There are a lot of ways to still have fun on Independence Day. Go to the Burien Independence Day Parade, enjoy a picnic or barbecue, go to a public fireworks display, or watch the Space Needle fireworks on television. But in Burien, just say no to backyard fireworks.

HOW HOT DOES A SPARKLER BURN?

- SPARKLERS
  - Glass melts at 900°F
  - Wood burns at 575°F
  - Cake bakes at 350°F
  - Water boils at 212°F

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new person is hired and to assist with the transition. The new city manager will be coming on board in the middle of several major projects including:

- Upgrading our financial and IT systems, along with a complete redesign of the City website.
- Boosting economic development efforts. This includes retaining the businesses we already have and attracting new ones to the community.
- Stewarding and maintaining our infrastructure, including the replacement of the Peter Western Bridge.
- The PROS planning process, an extensive public engagement process to help our Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department envision the next six years of services.

My door is open to all residents who have an idea or want to make sure their voices are heard during a particular policy discussion. You can contact me at tonyp@burienwa.gov.
**DILE NO a Los Fuegos Artificiales en el Jardín**

Ver los fuegos artificiales iluminar el cielo es una manera emocionante de festejar un acontecimiento o fiesta especial. Sin embargo, encender fuegos artificiales en el jardín también puede ser una receta para causar un desastre. Este Día de la Independencia, protege a tu familia y tu casa de los peligros de la pirotecnia. En su lugar, asiste a un espectáculo público y deja que los profesionales sean quienes enciendan los fuegos artificiales. **NO EXISTE TAL COSA COMO PIROTECNIA SEGURA**

Los fuegos artificiales causan miles de quemaduras y lesiones oculares cada año. Incluso las bengalas se calientan lo suficiente como para provocar quemaduras de tercer grado. Los fuegos artificiales también representan un serio riesgo de incendio en las casas. Basta con que un cohete se desvíe y aterrice en una canaleta con hojas secas, para que la casa de alguien, y potencialmente la familia y mascotas que se encuentren dentro, se pierdan. Cada año, cientos de casas arden en llamas por los fuegos artificiales.

“No existe tal cosa como la pirotecnia segura”, señala Ray Pettigrew, Jefe de Bomberos de Burien. “Nadie arriesgaría el perder su casa o le causaría un daño grave a su familia si entendiera el peligro que representa la pirotecnia. Para eso hay alternativas más seguras”.

Una de esas alternativas es ir a un espectáculo público de fuegos artificiales. No solo es más seguro, sino que además puede apreciar el talento artístico de los profesionales que diseñan y lanzan los fuegos artificiales. **ENCENDER FUEGOS ARTIFICIALES DENTRO DE LOS LÍMITES DE BURIEN ES ILEGAL**

¿Necesita más razones para convencerse de que existen otras formas de celebrar el Día de la Independencia? Imagine tener que pagar una multa de $125. Encender fuegos artificiales dentro de los límites de la ciudad de Burien es ilegal (consulte el Código Municipal de Burien, Capítulo 5.30). Si es atrapado en posesión de fuegos artificiales o encendiéndolos dentro de los límites de la ciudad, será citado con una infracción civil que lleva una multa de $125.

El Departamento de Policía de Burien desplegará una serie de patrullas adicionales el 4 de julio, para responder a los reclamos por fuegos artificiales y multar a las personas. Bryan Howard, Capitán del Departamento de Policía de Burien, señala que: “los residentes deberían pensar dos veces antes de encender fuegos artificiales en casa, ya que esos pocos minutos de diversión podrían costarles caro”.

**RESPETE A SUS VECINOS Y PROTEJA EL MEDIO AMBIENTE**

Si bien es emocionante cuando estalla un cohete, para algunos veteranos del ejército, que tal vez sufran de trastorno por estrés postraumático (Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, PTSD), los ruidos fuertes desencadenan ataques de pánico y otros sentimientos negativos.

Los ruidos fuertes también pueden aterrizar a nuestras mascotas. Los pájaros y otros animales silvestres tampoco se divierten a costa de la pirotecnia. Los pájaros podrían salir volando de sus nidos del susto, mientras que el estrés por los ruidos fuertes podría hacer que los animales escaparan a las carreteras.

De todas maneras, existen muchas formas de divertirse el Día de la Independencia. Vaya al Desfile del Día de la Independencia de Burien, disfrute de un picnic o una barbacoa, vaya a un espectáculo público de fuegos artificiales o vea por televisión la transmisión de los fuegos artificiales en el Space Needle. Pero en Burien, dígale no a los fuegos artificiales en el jardín.
CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARDS

Helping Plan the Future of Our Community

Citizen Advisory Boards are an essential way for local governments to engage citizens in the democratic process. Board members volunteer their time to help plan the future of their communities. Advisory boards study issues important to the community they serve, take in public testimony, perform independent research, and review staff reports and recommendations. The advisory boards then are able to discuss, analyze, formulate, and forward well-developed, thoughtful recommendations to the City Council.

Burien has four citizen advisory boards. Members are appointed by City Council and serve four-year terms. Board meetings are open to the public. Planning commission meetings are broadcast online and on Channel 21.

This spring, the Council appointed 18 board members to three advisory boards. Congratulations to all the incoming board members and thank you for your service!

ARTS COMMISSION

The Arts Commission’s role is to advise and make recommendations to the City Council regarding the improvement and furtherance of artistic activities within the City.

Current Arts Commission members:
- Tess Rosii-Busichio (Term expires March 2021)
- Shelley Brittingham (Term expires March 2019)
- Gaylloyd Sisson (Term expires March 2021)
- Alistair Christopherson (Term expires Mar. 2019)
- Jade Makana (Term expires March 2021)
- Erik Christopherson (Term expires March 2019)
- Dane Johnson (Term expires March 2019)
- Kathy Justin (Term expires March 2019)
- Melinda Behrman (Term expires March 2021)

Meetings: 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Fourth Tuesday of the month
(No meeting in July & December)
Where: Burien Community Ctr., 14700 6th Ave S., Burien, WA

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board’s role is to advise and make recommendations to the City Council regarding recreational programming and the acquisition, promotion, improvement, maintenance, and use of City Parks.

Current Parks & Recreation Advisory Board members:
- Linda Schwaber, Pos. 1 (Term expires Mar 2021)
- Aaron Hayden, Pos 2 (Term expires March 2019)
- Kate Kelly, Pos 3 (Term expires March 2019)
- Angela Spears, Pos 4 (Term expires March 2019)
- Siri Nelson, Pos 5 (Term expires March 2021)
- Lee Moyer, Pos 6 (Term expires March 2021)
- Kellie Bassen, Pos 7 (Term expires March 2021)

Meetings: 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm • Third Wednesday of each month
Where: Burien Community Ctr., 14700 6th Ave SW, Burien, WA

BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

The BEDP’s role is to advise and make recommendations to the City Council regarding the economic development within the City.

Current BEDP members:
- Rodolfo Hernandez McIntyre (Term expires March 2019)
- Joshua Halpin (Term expires March 2019)
- Garry Crane (Term expires March 2021)
- Dean Anderson (Term expires March 2021)
- Matthew Wendland (Term expires March 2021)
- Jay Hasbrouck, Jr. (Term expires March 2021)
- Suzanne Greive (Term expires March 2019)
- Robyn Desimone (Term expires March 2021)
- Daniel Poiree (Term expires March 2019)
- Nancy Scholl (Term expires March 2019)
- Michael Prato (Term expires March 2019)
- Robbie Howell (Term expires March 2019)
- Pier David (Term expires March 2021)
- Discover Burien, Denise Ferguson, Standing Member

Meetings: 7:30 am to 9 am
Second & Fourth Fridays
(Meeting dates can change; please check calendar on burienwa.gov.)
Where: City Hall, 400 SW 152nd St, Suite 300, Burien, WA

PLANNING COMMISSION

The purpose of the Planning Commission is to provide guidance and direction to the City Council on Burien’s future growth through review, analysis, and recommendations regarding the City’s Comprehensive Plan and related land use documents.

Current Planning Commission members:
- Curtis Olsen, Pos 1 (Term expires March 2018)
- Amy Rosenfield, Pos 2 (Term expires March 2018)
- Douglas Weber, Pos 3 (Term expires March 2018)
- Butch Henderson, Pos 4 (Term expires March 2018)
- Kim Davis, Pos 5 (Term expires March 2020)
- Kaelene Nobis, Pos 6 (Term expires March 2020)
- Anna Markee, Pos 7 (Term expires March 2020)

Meetings: 7:00 pm • Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month
Where: City Hall, 400 SW 152nd St, Burien, WA
1st Floor Multipurpose Room /City Council Chamber
Meet Burien’s New Economic Development Manager, **ANDREA SNYDER**

“I am eager to work with businesses and residents to discover and develop new opportunities that really fit and work well for Burien.”

When Andrea Snyder joined the City of Burien as the new Economic Development Manager, she saw a city full of promise.

“Burien is very authentic and full of entrepreneurs and small businesses that give it a very unique feel,” says Snyder. “I have the sense that Burien is built from the ground up by its own residents, with one-of-a-kind businesses.”

There are several big projects that Snyder will be helping lead, including: implementation of a wayfinding system, attracting a hotel to the community, and developing a strategy to retain existing businesses and attract new businesses to the area.

In Burien, she will be working with the Burien City Council, the Business and Economic Development Partnership, Discover Burien, residents, and business leaders to promote economic development in Burien.

Snyder says, “Burien’s residents and businesses really care about what happens here and take the time to get involved to influence what happens. I am eager to work with businesses and residents to discover and develop new opportunities that really fit and work well for Burien.”

Interim City Manager Tony Piasecki says, “We were very impressed by Andrea’s experience. She brings not only rich experience working with cities and business owners, but also understands how to help cities thrive during growth and change. We are very lucky to have her join our team.”

Snyder has a Master’s in Public Administration from the University of Washington Evans School and a BA in Pre-Law from the University of Wisconsin. She also served for two years in the Peace Corps in Niger, West Africa.

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While the kids are out for summer vacation, our Public Works department is taking advantage of the dry and sunny weather to get much needed maintenance and improvement projects completed. Here are the major construction projects going on near you this summer. For up-to-date information about these projects, go to: burienwa.gov/publicworksprojects.

**BURIEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

### BURIEN TOWN SQUARE PARK WATER FOUNTAIN RENOVATION

**LOCATION:** Burien Town Square

**PROJECT DETAILS:** This project repairs the underground plumbing system that powers the spray park. The renovation will include: replacement of existing plumbing system (supply and drain lines); hardware updates to filtration system; addition of debris trap/stormwater diverter and select mechanical equipment; and restoration of water feature landscaping/walkway.

**IMPACTS TO NEARBY RESIDENTS:** The spray park will not be available for public use until the end of July. Special events surrounding the water feature area will remain as scheduled but the area around the spray park will not be available during those events.

**PROJECT TIMELINE:** May 1 through mid-July

**CONTRACTOR:** Nordic Construction

### 2017 SLURRY SEAL

**LOCATION:** In 2017, the Salmon Creek, Beverly Park, and Evansville neighborhoods will receive slurry seal.

**PROJECT DETAILS:** Slurry seal is a cost effective tool for extending the pavement life on residential and low volume streets. Typically, this form of roadway maintenance is applied to streets that are in fair to good condition.

**IMPACTS TO NEARBY RESIDENTS:** Streets will be closed to thru-traffic during active construction phase. Information about the project will be mailed to nearby residences several weeks in advance and 72-hours before actual work begins.

**PROJECT TIMELINE:** Summer 2017

**CONTRACTOR:** TBD

### SR 518 OFF-RAMP (WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION)

**LOCATION:** The new two-lane off-ramp will cross over 8th Avenue South and join Des Moines Memorial Drive below, creating access to the Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA).

**PROJECT DETAILS:** The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is working with the City of Burien to add a new two-lane off-ramp from eastbound State Route 518 to Des Moines Memorial Drive to support the planned redevelopment of NERA. This is the third leg of the interchange at this location.

The new off-ramp at the intersection of eastbound State Route 518 and Des Moines Memorial Drive will improve freight and vehicle access to the NERA, which the City of Burien plans to redevelop into a job-creating commercial center with airport-compatible land uses.

**IMPACTS TO NEARBY RESIDENTS:** Drivers can expect periodic closures on 8th Avenue South at SR 518. Concurrent sidewalk and other local improvements on 8th Avenue South will not require closures.

**PROJECT TIMELINE:** Summer 2017 through Winter 2018

**CONTRACTOR:** The project is currently advertised for competitive bidding.
**LORA LAKE CLEANUP (PORT OF SEATTLE)**

LOCATION: Former site of the Lora Lake Apartments, 15001 Des Moines Memorial Drive S., Burien

PROJECT DETAILS: The Port of Seattle has begun the environmental cleanup at the former site of the Lora Lake Apartments to make the property suitable for future development. The Port purchased this site for the third runway project and found the soil had been contaminated long before the apartments were built. Together with the Washington Department of Ecology, the Port finalized a cleanup and monitoring plan, which were available for public comment before Ecology gave final approval to do the following by the end of 2018:

- Excavate and remove approximately 25,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil and haul it to an off-site landfill. About 1,000 truck trips are expected, with trucks and other equipment entering and leaving the site via a driveway on Des Moines Memorial Drive, just south of the site. Dust monitoring equipment and water will control any airborne particles, and trucks will pass through a wheel wash as they depart.
- Encapsulate contaminated sediment at the bottom of the man-made Lora Lake to permanently immobilize it.
- Restore the lake to a wetland status, similar to the restored wetlands just to the south.

More information at: [http://www.portseattle.org/Environmental/Site-Clean-Up/Pages/Lora-Lake.aspx](http://www.portseattle.org/Environmental/Site-Clean-Up/Pages/Lora-Lake.aspx)

IMPACTS TO NEARBY RESIDENTS: Truck traffic and construction noise between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

PROJECT TIMELINE: May 2017 through 2018

CONTRACTOR: Scarsella Bros.

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**PETER WESTERN BRIDGE DEMOLITION AND BUILD**

LOCATION: Peter Western Bridge: The 2200 block of S 116th Street (between Military Rd and 24th Ave S)

PROJECT DETAILS: In February, 2017, the ravine below the Peter Western Bridge experienced significant erosion caused by a severe winter storm. The erosion undermined the structural integrity of the bridge. The City of Burien was 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 will occur in two phases. Phase 1 will demolish and remove the bridge and temporarily stabilize stormwater facilities and the streambed. Phase 2 will install a permanent replacement bridge, permanent stormwater facility repairs, and restore the streambed and adjoining ravine side slopes.

IMPACTS TO NEARBY RESIDENTS: Between the hours of 7:00 a.m and 10:00 p.m there will be considerable construction noise and activity in preparation for the demolition, and as the site is cleaned up and temporarily stabilized afterwards.

PROJECT TIMELINE: The demolition project should last about one month. We anticipate the new bridge will be open to the public by the end of 2018.

CONTRACTOR: TBD

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**8TH AVE S STORMWATER RETROFIT PROJECT**

LOCATION: 8th Ave S

PROJECT DETAILS: This spring, Burien will begin an upgrade of the stormwater treatment for approximately 80 acres of residential neighborhood. Currently, stormwater in this area is not managed or treated before discharging into Miller Creek. This project will improve the quality of water that ends up in our local creeks and Puget Sound by taking the following measures:

- Divert some of the stormwater to a facility for infiltration and treatment.
- Install a stormwater pipe along 8th Avenue South to divert flows from private property, onto city property, and to treatment before discharge into Miller Creek.

IMPACTS TO NEARBY RESIDENTS: Neighbors should expect periodic closures on the following streets through fall 2017:

- South 146th—from 8th Avenue South to 10th Avenue South
- 8th Avenue South—from South 146th to South 152nd
- South 152nd—from 8th Avenue South to Des Moines Memorial Drive
- Des Moines Memorial Drive—at the intersection with South 152nd

PROJECT TIMELINE: TBD

CONTRACTOR: Scarsella Bros.
Your Taxes Explained

TAXES ARE HOW THE CITY OF BURIEN PAYS FOR essential services such as public safety, parks maintenance, recreation classes and activities, planning, and general administration. The City of Burien receives several taxes that are assessed and collected in a variety of ways.

WHERE DO YOUR PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS GO?

- **42%** Highline School District $5.71235
- **15%** Burien/Normandy Park Fire District #2 $1.80776
- **14%** City of Burien $1.36228
- **10%** King County $1.37065
- **10%** King Co. Library $0.45118
- **4%** Emergency Medical Services $0.26305
- **2%** Regional Transit Authority $0.25000
- **2%** Port of Seattle $0.01229
- **1%** King Co. Flood Levy $0.11740

SALES TAX

A sales tax is a consumption tax on the sale of goods and services. Burien charges a one percent sales tax. When you add sales taxes charged by the State, King County, and Regional Transit Authority, the combined sales tax rate is 10 percent. Sales tax is the largest source of revenue for the City of Burien.

Learn more about sales tax at: [http://dor.wa.gov/content/findtaxesandrates/](http://dor.wa.gov/content/findtaxesandrates/)

PROPERTY TAX

Property tax is a levy on the value of a property. Property taxes are levied by the City, State, Highline School District, Fire District #2, King County, Regional Transit Authority, King County Library System, and the Port of Seattle. The City of Burien’s tax rate is $1.36 per 1,000 of assessed value, which is less than 10 percent of the total property tax collected. All property taxes are collected by the King County Treasurer’s Office after the King County Assessor determines the value of each property.

While property tax rates may vary depending on the tax jurisdictions each property belongs to, the 2017 rate for the majority of Burien is $13.53.

It is estimated that the City of Burien will receive $7.6 million from property tax in 2017, which is the second largest source of revenue for the City. Levies approved by voters in 2016 increased King County property taxes in 2017, which funds additional investments:

- **Schools**: Highline School District Room to Learn Bond
- **Fire protection**: King County Fire District #2 levy
- **Transportation**: Sound Transit 3


UTILITY TAX

Utility taxes are the third largest source of revenue for the City of Burien. It is estimated that the City will receive $2.56 million from utility taxes in 2017. The City of Burien charges a six percent utility tax on cable, telephones, cellular phones, electricity, and natural gas. There is also a six percent tax on solid waste that is dedicated to transportation infrastructure maintenance.

B&O TAX

The City of Burien collects a Business and Occupation (B&O) tax on businesses with gross receipts in excess of $200,000 per year. The B&O tax rate is 0.10 percent (one-tenth of one cent). It is estimated that the City of Burien will receive more than $1.2 million from the B&O tax in 2017. Of this amount, approximately $480,000 will be used for economic development activities.

TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT FUND (TBD)

The Burien Transportation Benefit District (TBD) was formed in 2009 to fund transportation improvements within the District. The District boundaries are the same as the City’s.

The TBD is funded by an annual vehicle license fee charged on all vehicles registered with the City of Burien. It appears on your vehicle license renewal bill as “TBD.” In 2017, the excise tax increased from $10 to $20. The first $10 is used to pay half the debt service on a major overlay project that was completed in 2011. The second $10 is being used to expand the annual pavement management program, which includes overlay and other pavement treatments that extend the life of our streets. It is estimated that the City of Burien will receive $670,000 from TBD fees in 2017.

Learn more about the transportation benefit districts at: [http://www.dol.wa.gov/vehiclereservation/localfees.html](http://www.dol.wa.gov/vehiclereservation/localfees.html).

There are other sources of funding for City services, including gambling tax, franchise fees, state shared revenues, charges for services, fines and penalties, grants and other funding from other branches of government. You can find the full budget here: burienwa.gov/budget.

This is part of our ongoing series in the Burien Magazine on making our City’s finances more transparent. See Burien Magazine, Spring 2017 for a story about the 2017–2018 budget.
Sus Impuestos Explicados

LA CIUDAD DE BURIEN USA LOS IMPUESTOS PARA PAGAR por servicios esenciales, tales como seguridad pública, mantenimiento de parques, clases y actividades de recreación, planificación y administración en general. La Ciudad de Burien recibe varios impuestos que son tasados y recaudados de varias formas.

IMPUESTOS SOBRE LA VENTA

Un impuesto sobre la venta es un impuesto de consumo sobre la venta de bienes y servicios. Burien cobra uno por ciento de impuesto sobre la venta. Cuando suma los impuestos sobre la venta cobrados por el Estado, el Condado de King y la Autoridad de Tránsito Regional, la tasa de impuesto sobre la venta combinado es 10 por ciento. El impuesto sobre la venta es la mayor fuente de ingresos de la Ciudad. Conozca más sobre el impuesto sobre la venta en: http://dor.wa.gov/content/findtaxesandrates/.

IMPUESTO A LA PROPIEDAD

El impuesto a la propiedad es la recaudación fiscal sobre el valor de la propiedad. Los impuestos a la propiedad son recaudados por la Ciudad, el Estado, el Distrito Escolar de Highline, el Distrito de Bomberos #2, el Condado de King, la Autoridad de Tránsito Regional, el Sistema de Bibliotecas del Condado de King y el Puerto de Seattle. La tasa de impuestos de la Ciudad de Burien es de $1.36 por 1,000 de valor tasado, el cual es menos del 10 por ciento del impuesto a la propiedad total recaudado. Todos los impuestos a la propiedad son recaudados por la Oficina del Tesorero del Condado de King, después de que el Tasador del Condado de King determine el valor de cada propiedad.

Aunque la tasa de impuesto a la propiedad puede variar dependiendo de la jurisdicción fiscal a la que pertenezca cada propiedad, la tasa de 2017 para la mayoría de Burien es de $13.53.

Se estima que la Ciudad de Burien recibirá $7.6 millones en impuestos a la propiedad en 2017, lo que representa la segunda mayor fuente de ingresos de la Ciudad. Las recaudaciones fiscales que aprobaron los votantes en 2016 aumentaron los impuestos a la propiedad del Condado de King en 2017, los cuales financian las siguientes inversiones adicionales:

- Escuelas: el enlace Espacio para Aprender del Distrito Escolar de Highline
- Protección contra incendios: recaudación de impuestos del Distrito de Bomberos #2 del Condado de King
- Transporte: Sound Transit 3


IMPUESTO POR SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS

El impuesto por servicios públicos es la tercera mayor fuente de ingresos de la Ciudad de Burien. Se estima que la Ciudad recibirá $2.56 millones en impuestos por servicios públicos en 2017.

La Ciudad de Burien cobra un seis por ciento de impuesto por servicios públicos sobre cable, teléfonos celulares, electricidad y gas natural. También existe un seis por ciento sobre desechos sólidos que se destina al mantenimiento de la infraestructura de transporte.

IMPUESTO SOBRE LA ACTIVIDAD ECONÓMICA

La Ciudad de Burien recauda un impuesto sobre la actividad económica (Business and Occupation, B&O) sobre los negocios con una facturación bruta que exceda los $200,000 por año. La tasa de impuesto sobre la actividad económica es de 0.10 por ciento (un décimo por ciento). Se estima que la Ciudad de Burien recibirá más de $1.2 millones en impuestos sobre la actividad económica en 2017. De este monto, aproximadamente $480,000 se usarán en actividades de desarrollo económico.

FONDO DE BENEFICIO DE TRANSPORTE DEL DISTRITO

El Fondo de Beneficio de Transporte del Distrito (Transportation Benefit District Fund, TBD) de Burien se creó en 2009 para financiar las mejoras de transporte dentro del Distrito. Los límites del Distrito son los mismos que los de la Ciudad.

El TBD se financia con las comisiones anuales de licencia que se cobran a todos los vehículos registrados en la ciudad de Burien. Aparece en su renovación de licencia de vehículo como “TBD.” En 2017, el impuesto sobre bienes específicos aumentó de $10 a $20. Los primeros $10 se usan para pagar la mitad de lo adeudado por un gran proyecto de revestimiento que se completó en 2011. Los otros $10 se usan en este momento para expandir el programa anual de gestión de pavimento, que incluye revestimiento y otros tratamientos al pavimento para prolongar la vida de nuestras calles. Se estima que la Ciudad de Burien recibirá $670,000 en comisiones del TBD en 2017.


Existen otras fuentes de financiamiento de los servicios de la Ciudad, incluidos los impuestos a las apuestas, comisión de franquicias, ingresos compartidos con el estado, cobros por servicios, multas y penalizaciones, subvenciones y otros financiamientos de otras ramas del gobierno. Puede encontrar el presupuesto completo aquí: burienwa.gov/budget.

¿ADÓnde VAN LOS DÓLARES DE SU IMPUESTO A LA PROPIEDAD?

Distrito de Bomberos #2 de Burien/Normandy Park $1.80776

Condado de King $1.37065

Ciudad de Burien $1.36228

Biblioteca del Condado de King $0.45118

Servicios de Emergencia Médica $0.26305

Autoridad de Tránsito Regional $0.25000

King Co. Flood Levy $0.11740

Financiamiento de la Escuela Estatal $2.03205

Distrito Escolar de Highline $2.71235

$0.01229

42%

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SUMMER IS WHEN WE GET TO ENJOY THE BEST FOODS OUR REGION has to offer. Luckily, you don’t have to leave Burien to enjoy healthy and fresh food from around the world.

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Envisioning the Future at Highline High School

Voters approved a bond in November 2016 to rebuild Highline High School, preserving as much of the facade as structurally and financially feasible. The project has entered the design phase.

STUDENTS, STAFF, AND THE COMMUNITY WORK WITH ARCHITECTS TO SHAPE DESIGN OF NEW FACILITY

By Rosie Eades, Communications Specialist, Highline Public Schools

O RCHESTRATING THE REBUILD OF A HISTORIC HIGH SCHOOL requires a combination of science, art, teamwork, and community.

In March, a group of school staff, students, community members, architects, and educational planners met for two days to build a vision of how teaching and learning will happen in the future. In April, they met again to sharpen the ideas that will shape the design of the new facility.

A design review committee of HHS parents, staff, and community members will be providing feedback to Bassetti Architects twice monthly. The group toured other high schools in May to research details. The architects are also interviewing district support staff to capture other facility needs—from food service to security to athletics.

During spring break, geotechnical engineers took soil samples and a masonry expert examined the brick facade on the north, east, and west.

The state approved an alternative approach to construction, called general contractor/construction management (GC/CM), for Highline High School. Using the GC/CM approach will increase teamwork and reduce the risk of cost overruns. The general contractor will be selected during the design phase and be part of the planning team. The application process opened in late April, with selection and approval scheduled for June.

Bassetti Architects will introduce an initial concept design for HHS in August and a schematic design for review by January 2018. The community will be notified of opportunities to view the early conceptual and schematic designs.

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#BurienSummer

YOUR GUIDE TO MAKING THE MOST OF THE SUMMER SUNSHINE

SUMMER IS BUSY IN BURIEN. Kids are outside, at the playground, or enjoying summer camp. People are working in their gardens, or basking in the natural beauty in our local parks and beaches. Summer festival season is in full swing. And after a cold, wet winter and spring, we are all eager to soak up some sun.

Whether you are new to Burien or a long-time resident, summer is the perfect time to re-discover your hometown. There are lots of things to do in Burien. Let this guide help you enjoy your #buriensummer.

SUMMERTIME IS PARTY TIME IN BURIEN

From the Burien Strawberry Festival, with its very own breakdancing competition, to Burien’s first PRIDE festival, summertime is a party in Burien. Our annual Independence Day parade is a great way to show your community spirit. Awesome Kids Day is where kids can bounce, dance, get creative, learn about healthy eating and how to be a great citizen, win prizes, and most importantly, have FUN! And save your dollars for the Carnival Days and Balloon Glow at Puget Sound Park in late July. Nothing says summertime like a roller coaster ride.

Check out pages 25-29 for a listing of more events you can enjoy this summer.

SHOP LOCAL

BURIEN FARMERS’ MARKET

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You could spend every weekend in Burien this summer and find something new to experience. Tell us what you plan to do this summer using the hashtag #buriensummer.

SOAK IN THE SUN

Stay Active

Stroll through the tall trees or comb the beach at Seahurst Park. Or bring your kids at low tide and explore the beach with a Seattle Aquarium Beach Naturalist. Bicycle down the new King County bike/walk Lake to Sound trail that just opened up this spring (enter at Des Moines Memorial Drive north of S 176th St.). Or download a parks & trails map from the Burien website and discover a new part of our community, burienwa.gov/trails.

FROM SUMMER CAMPS TO ZUMBA CLASSES, there is something for all ages at the Burien Community Center this summer. Check out pages 26 and 27 for a listing of some of the programs and classes you can take or be sure to pick up the latest Burien Recreation Guide.

WANT A CHANCE TO MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS AND GET EXERCISE? Join a WABI-sponsored Walk n’ Talk, held every 1st Sunday at 2:00 pm. WABI’s Weekday Walkers meet every third Wednesday. Go to www.wabi.org for each month’s meet-up location and walking route.

IF YOU ARE AGE 50 OR OLDER, sign up for one of the fun trips our Senior Trip Program has planned. Upcoming trips include a tour of Westport Winery, a day in North Bend, and a trip to the Sequim Lavender Festival.
#BurienSummer
(VERANO EN BURIEN)

SU GUÍA PARA DISFRUTAR AL MÁXIMO EL SOL BRILLANTE DE VERANO

El verano está lleno de actividad en Burien. Los niños salen de casa, ya sea en el parque infantil o disfrutando del campamento de verano. Las personas trabajan en sus jardines o disfrutan de la belleza natural en nuestros parques y playas locales. La temporada del festival de verano se encuentra en marcha. Luego de un invierno y una primavera húmeda y fría, estamos ansiosos por tomar el sol.

Si usted es nuevo en Burien o lleva largo tiempo como residente, el verano es el tiempo perfecto para redescubrir su ciudad natal. Hay muchas cosas que se pueden hacer en Burien. Permíte que esta guía lo ayude a disfrutar su #buriensummer (verano en Burien).

DISFRUTE DEL SOL Y MANTÉNGASE ACTIVO

Pasee a través de los altos árboles o visite la playa en el Parque Seahurst. También puede llevar a sus niños en marea baja y explorar la playa con un naturalista de playa del acuario de Seattle. Dé un paseo en bicicleta por el sendero del lago del condado de King hasta la ruta de Sound que acaba de abrir en esta primavera (entre por Des Moines Memorial Drive north of S 176th St.). O descargue un mapa de rutas y parques del sitio web de Burien y descubra una nueva parte de nuestra comunidad, burienwa.gov/trails.

ES HORA DE FESTEJAR EL VERANO EN BURIEN

Desde el Festival de la Fresa (Strawberry Festival) de Burien, con su propia competencia de breakdance, hasta el primer Festival del ORGULLO Gay (PRIDE festival), el verano es una fiesta en Burien. Nuestro desfile anual del Día de la Independencia es una gran manera de demostrar su espíritu en la comunidad. Awesome Kids Day es donde los niños pueden saltar, bailar, ser creativos, aprender sobre comida sana y saber cómo ser un buen ciudadano, ganar premios y lo más importante: ¡DIVERTIRSE! Ahorre sus dólares para Carnival Days and Balloon Glow en el parque Puget Sound a finales de julio. Nada identifica al verano como un paseo en una montaña rusa.

Revise las páginas 25-29 para ver una lista de otros eventos que puede disfrutar este verano.

COMPRE LOCALMENTE EN EL MERCADO DE PRODUCTORES DE BURIEN

El mercado de productores de Burien inició su 14ª temporada el 4 de mayo. Ubicado en 5th Ave SW, el mercado de productores de Burien abre cada jueves, de 11 am a 6 pm, desde mayo hasta octubre, así llueva o salga el sol.

Asistirán muchos de sus vendedores favoritos, así como nuevos vendedores y ofrecerán mercancías locales y artesanales. Comprar víveres en el mercado de productores constituye una buena manera de aprender sobre nuevos alimentos, relacionarse con los agricultores y productores, y aprender sobre la alimentación saludable.

Los niños pueden dirigirse al carrito de comida rápida de frutas (Fruit is Fast Food) y llevarse un pedazo de fruta fresca. Eric “Two Scoops” Moore y Hendry Witherspoon animarán la hora de almuerzo con música en vivo. Usted podría pasar cada fin de semana en Burien durante este verano y encontrar algo nuevo para vivir la experiencia. Díganos lo que planea hacer este verano usando la etiqueta #buriensummer (verano en Burien).

¿DESEA TENER LA OPORTUNIDAD DE CONOCER A SUS VECINOS Y HACER EJERCICIO? Únase a Walk n’ Talk patrocinado por WABI (Walk/Bike) que se organiza cada 1er domingo a las 2:00 pm. Los caminantes del día de la semana de WABI (WABI’s Weekday Walkers) se encuentran cada tercer miércoles. Diríjase a www.wabi.org para ver los lugares de encuentro de cada mes y las rutas para caminar.

DESDE CAMPAMENTOS DE VERANO HASTA CLASES DE ZUMBA, existen eventos para todas las edades en el Centro Comunitario de Burien este verano. Revise las páginas 26 and 27 para que vea una lista de algunos de los programas y clases que puede tomar o para asegurarse de tomar la última guía de recreación de Burien.

SI USTED TIENE 50 AÑOS O MÁS, REGISTRESE para uno de los viajes divertidos que tiene planeado nuestro programa de viajes para adultos mayores (Senior Trip Program). Los próximos viajes incluyen un recorrido por la bodega de vinos de Westport (Westport Winery), un día en North Bend y un viaje al Festival de Lavanda en Sequim (Sequim Lavender Festival).

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Retired Airline Pilot Gathers Neighbors to Keep Quiet Skies over Burien

In 2016, Larry Cripe noticed that airplane traffic over his home had increased. Wondering what was going on, he talked to other neighbors to see if they had noticed the same thing. After many attempts to get information from the airport and the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA), he and other Burien residents formed the Burien Quiet Skies Coalition, a nonprofit whose mission is to restore the quiet skies over the greater Burien area.

Cripe was a critical part of bringing together residents to advocate for the Burien community in negotiations with the FAA and City of Burien. In 2017, the Burien City Council voted to enter into negotiations and potential legal action against the FAA. Throughout the negotiations and legal process, Cripe served as a dedicated and articulate spokesperson for the Burien community on the impacts of the increased airplane traffic over the City of Burien.

Former Teacher and Business Owner Inspires Students to Reach their Full Potential

As a public school teacher, Wendy Meyers-Wenger saw that while some students thrived at school, others struggled and needed extra help that the school couldn’t provide. Meyers-Wenger felt her gifts as a teacher might be best served in providing that help outside the classroom. That is what led her to start the Highline Tutoring Center thirty-four years ago. Currently located in the heart of downtown Burien, her tutoring center has worked with dozens of organizations and schools to bring her services where they are needed most.

Some of her students are immigrants who speak English as a second language. Others have learning disabilities or other challenges that make it difficult for them to achieve success in school. Meyers-Wenger has always tried to make her services affordable in order to help reach all of Burien’s diverse communities. Over the course of her career, she has inspired thousands of students to reach their full potential.
On March 20, 2017, the Burien City Council proclaimed April to be Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the city of Burien. The proclamation encourages all residents to join advocates and communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence.

Sexual violence is a major public health, human rights, and social justice issue. When we uproot harmful beliefs, and instill values of equality and respect, we can begin to change the culture that perpetuates sexual assault.

How can you get involved?

- Start conversations online and in person. Follow King County Sexual Assault Resource Center on social media to share KCSARC’s conversation starters and awareness-building tools.
- Talk to the young people in your life. Everyone has an opportunity to talk about consent, healthy boundaries, and positive relationships. 100 Conversations (100conversations.org/) can help guide conversations with teens; KSARC’s “He told me not to tell” can help conversations with children.
- Believe, listen to, and share the stories of survivors of sexual assault. Amplify the stories of survivors to raise awareness about the prevalence and impact of sexual violence. Go to: http://www.kcsarc.org/category/blog-tags/amplified-stories.
- Reach out if you—or someone you know—needs help. You can call the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center, 24-7. It’s never too late to get help: 888.99.VOICE (888.998.6423).


Burien Recognizes Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Burien C.A.R.E.S. Offers Low-Cost Spay & Neuter Surgeries for Cats

Burien C.A.R.E.S. is teaming up with the Feral Cat Spay & Neuter Project to offer low-cost spay and neuter surgeries for cats. The service is available for both owned pet cats as well as free-roaming (feral) cats. Male pet cats can be altered for $15 and female cats for $25. Free-roaming cats will be altered free-of-charge.

Other low-cost services available include vaccines ($10 each), flea treatment ($5), deworming ($5), and microchipping ($20).

The spay and neuter service will be offered, every Tuesday. You can bring your cat(s) to the C.A.R.E.S. shelter Monday night, and for pet cats, pick them up the following afternoon. We have limited space each week so you must call Burien C.A.R.E.S. and make an appointment.

C.A.R.E.S. supports the TNR (‘Trap-Neuter-Return’) method for managing local feral cat populations, and we encourage anyone with unaltered free-roaming cats to also take advantage of this program. Feral cats will be spayed/neutered, ear-tipped for future identification, and returned for re-release after healing time. C.A.R.E.S. also offers low-cost humane cat trap rentals ($2/day), and can in many cases assist with trapping, as well as educating about the benefits and process of TNR.

‘Kitten season’ is upon us, so don’t delay! If you have unaltered cats, take advantage of this inexpensive program by contacting C.A.R.E.S. today at (206) 812-2737, or email at BurienCares@gmail.com.
Transforming a Muddy Puddle into a Rain Garden

by Mary Eidmann, City of Burien Stormwater Outreach Specialist

Partners Team Up to Get Students Outside and Learning about Stormwater

Burien’s mid-century charm is part of what makes our built environment unique. But, the pipes, pumps, ditches, and detention ponds engineered to manage stormwater (otherwise known as “grey infrastructure”) are beginning to show their age. Burien’s aging grey infrastructure carries stormwater away as fast as possible, which hurts aquatic environments by routing contaminants to creeks and rivers instead of allowing the natural cleaning process of filtering through soil.

The City of Burien has invested significant resources into upgrading our stormwater systems (see 8th Ave S project story on page 24). However, there are many things ordinary people can do to prevent stormwater pollution. That is why I work with community partners and other City departments to educate the community about stormwater.

SPARKING YOUTH INTEREST IN SCIENCE AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

One of my projects started in the summer of 2016, when I was approached by an eighth grade science teacher at Sylvester Middle School, Katelen Phelan, about installing a demonstration rain garden on campus. Ms. Phelan, who was in the process of planning a new stormwater curriculum unit for her students, jumped on board. It seemed like pure luck that at this same time, Washington Green Schools and ECOSS, both local environmental nonprofits, were seeking out a school interested in carrying out an on-campus environmental service project. The partnership was born!

The partnership assisted Ms. Phelan in setting up a stormwater curriculum for her students. The students spent three weeks learning about stormwater pollution and the corresponding negative effect on our habitats. They also learned about every day human behaviors that contribute to stormwater pollution, like washing your car in your driveway, fertilizers and pesticides, dog waste, car leaks, and topping off the gas tank. Most importantly, they learned about green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) solutions like rain gardens, bio-swales, rainwater cisterns, and permeable pavement.

At the end of the unit, the students formed groups to create their own stormwater solution for the Sylvester Middle School campus. Stormwater professionals from City of Burien, Washington Green Schools, ECOSS, and King County attended the final project presentations and gave professional feedback to the groups. Some groups had strikingly creative ideas for their rain garden solutions, such as native bee or bird habitat, and growing food to be served in the cafeteria.

The students were notified at the beginning of the unit that the best stormwater solution would be selected as a real life project. Because most of the groups designed a rain garden, that is what the partnership chose to install on their Earth Day, Day of Service. It was important to everyone that the rain garden contain a seating area for science classes to use, which the landscape architect incorporated. They were also able to include a rain cistern in the design.
DAY OF SERVICE ARRIVES

On April 19, 2017, students were joined by volunteers from the Seattle Sounders, Starbucks, Washington Green Schools, and City of Burien on the Sylvester Middle School Campus to install a rain garden and cistern. They also put in native plantings in the school courtyard, as well as removed invasive plants. Students also helped paint a mural designed by Matthew Wenz that will be hung near the new rain garden (see picture).

Despite the wet weather, everyone was hard at work and had a great time. By the afternoon, we were happy to see the sun come out! It was obvious how much pride they had in their project. One 8th grader asked Ms. Phelan if they could do MORE projects like this! That alone made the whole project worth it.

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Shley Townes moved to the Puget Sound region in 2015 from Philadelphia to pursue her passion for environmental science and sustainability. Excited by the opportunity to work alongside environmental justice advocates and aquatic scientists, she joined the Miller-Walker Basin Volunteer program as a community-trained Habitat Steward during the winter of 2016.

Our community is fortunate to have someone with Townes experience helping take care of our local creeks. Not only does she bring technical expertise in environmental development and reforestation, but she also has rich experience working across many different cultures and languages.

Townes has traveled to more than 45 countries on six continents, studying and working at various international environmental organizations and institutions. Much of her professional work has consisted of researching and investigating the dynamics of culturally-specific contexts and local environmental issues in Africa, South America, and Asia. Townes says, “Only four percent of people working in the biological sciences are African-American. One of my biggest goals this summer is to have more people of color and youth join us in the Miller-Walker program. People of color need to be more represented in the environmental science community in order to elevate their concerns and perspectives on community restoration.”

Join a Volunteer Restoration Work Party!
Help remove invasive plant species and plant native species along Miller Creek. You will learn the importance of maintaining healthy ecosystems, become familiar with local flora and noxious weeds, and gain valuable restoration work experience.

Free lunch is provided!

When: 9:30 am-12:30 pm on Saturday, July 8, 2017 and Saturday, August 26, 2017.

Where: Burien—along the Miller Creek trail—from the intersection of S. 144th St. and S 144th Way, walk south along S 144th Way, and turn right onto the trail. We’ll be on the right.

What to bring: A filled water bottle. Please wear sturdy clothes that will protect you from the weather and thorny plants, and that you don’t mind getting dirty! Gloves, tools, lunch and light refreshments are provided.

All are welcome. No experience necessary. Training is provided.

We all can be good stewards of Miller and Walker Creeks

Most of Burien sits within the Miller-Walker Creek Basin. Whether you live right next to the creeks or a mile away, your actions can help improve water quality and reduce stormwater pollution in the creeks and beyond. Good stewardship of our land and water not only protects the fish and wildlife that...
WHEN WE THINK OF A BEAUTIFUL STREET, it almost always is lined with trees. Many of us have fond memories of a favorite tree we climbed as a kid. Experts say that just looking at a tree can reduce stress by lowering blood pressure and muscle tension. In Japan, “forest bathing” has become a new form of healing that involves simply wandering along forest trails and spending time in other natural places.

Our connection to trees goes beyond just the good feelings they produce. Urban forests, with a mature tree canopy, do wonders for air purification, water management, reduced energy consumption, and public health.

Burien, just like other parts of the Puget Sound region, is losing our trees. In the last decade, Burien has lost approximately 25 percent of its urban tree canopy.

How can you help protect our urban tree canopy?

There are things you can do today to help protect our urban tree canopy—now and in the future.

• Protect the trees you already have on your property. A qualified arborist can talk to you about the right way to prune your trees and care for them.

• Don’t “top” your trees. Not only does this damage the health of the tree, it also makes them more likely to fail.

• If you cut down a tree, replace it with one or more trees that make sense for that space.

• Plant the right tree in the right place. For example, don’t plant underneath powerlines.

City staff are here to help. We can help you select a qualified arborist, or answer questions about when you can and can’t cut down a tree. Go to: www.burienwa.gov/trees. Or call the City at (206) 248-5510.

PROTECTING OUR URBAN TREES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

“To exist as a nation, to prosper as a state, and to live as a people, we must have trees.”
— THEODORE ROOSEVELT

#ThinkTrees
Protecting Puget Sound from Stormwater Pollution

8th Ave S Stormwater Retrofit Project Helps “Green” Burien’s Infrastructure

STORMWATER POLLUTION IS THREATENING THE HEALTH OF PUGET SOUND (see sidebar). To help address this problem, the City of Burien is working to “green” our infrastructure while at the same time supporting future economic development.

This spring, the City of Burien began construction on the 8th Ave S Stormwater Retrofit Project. The project upgrades the stormwater treatment system for the 8th Ave S subbasin, an area that covers approximately 80 acres of residential neighborhood. Currently, stormwater in this area flows down one pipe directly into Lora Lake, which is owned by the Port of Seattle, and is not managed or treated before discharging into Miller Creek.

This project will build a new system to re-direct the stormwater away from Lora Lake and into two stormwater treatment facilities. For the most part, this system will be placed underneath existing roadways and associated rights-of-way. The project has three main components:

- Install new stormwater pipe along S 146th St to re-direct stormwater to the City’s Regional Stormwater Facility #5 (see map).
- Build a new stormwater facility southwest of Lora Lake on S 152nd St.
- Install new stormwater conveyance (pipe) to re-direct water to the stormwater facilities.

The treatment facilities will remove sediment, oil and floating debris from stormwater that flows from the area. The system will also remove dissolved copper, zinc and total phosphorus from the water. Studies have shown that these pollutants cause serious damage to fish health and water quality.

The system will also improve the flow of the water, which will help the surrounding soil filter rainfall more effectively. It will also help lower the temperatures of Miller Creek during the summer months by increasing the groundwater-fed baseflow in the creek, making it a more hospitable environment for fish and other wildlife.

Once installed, the new system will improve the quality of water that ends up in our local creeks and Puget Sound, helping fish and other aquatic life survive our increasingly urbanized environment.

This project is part of a larger effort to improve the water quality in the Miller Creek watershed by helping the stormwater system mimic natural processes, as you would see in a forest. The project is near the Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA) and is included in the City’s NERA Master Drainage Plan. The Master Drainage Plan’s purpose is to improve the Miller Creek watershed while at the same time helping support the re-purposing of the land to support future economic development opportunities.

WHAT IS STORMWATER POLLUTION?

Stormwater runoff is rain that falls on streets, rooftops or other developed land, picking up and mixing with what’s on the ground. The polluted runoff then rushes into nearby gutters and storm drains and flows directly into Puget Sound’s streams, lakes, rivers and bays. In most areas, stormwater runoff enters these waters without being cleaned of pollutants. This is causing serious damage to our local watershed and to Puget Sound.

Learn how you can help prevent stormwater pollution: burienwa.gov/waterschool

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depend on it, but it also has benefits for you. By doing things in your own backyard to protect our watershed, you enjoy a healthier home and yard for your children and pets.

ABOUT THE MILLER-WALKER BASIN STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

The Miller-Walker Basin Stewardship Program is working to clean up and improve the health of Miller and Walker Creeks for aquatic life, environmental health, and people. Additionally, the Program exists as a resource for information and assistance for community members about the health of the local environment and Puget Sound.

It is jointly funded by City of Burien, City of Normandy Park, City of SeaTac, Port of Seattle, and King County.

Learn more about Miller-Walker Creeks Stewardship: http://tinyurl.com/moua5h

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COST OF PROJECT:
The cost of this project is estimated to be $1.9 million. Funding comes from City Surface Water Management fees, the Port of Seattle, and a Department of Ecology grant.

CONTRACTOR: Scarsella Bros.

IMPACT TO NEARBY RESIDENTS: Neighbors should expect periodic closures on the following streets through fall 2017:
- South 146th—from 8th Avenue South to 10th Avenue South
- 8th Avenue South—from South 146th to South 152nd
- South 152nd—from 8th Avenue South to Des Moines Memorial Drive
- Des Moines Memorial Drive—at the intersection with South 152nd

Several other construction projects are also occurring in the southern portion of the NERA. See page 24 for details.

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2017 MUSIC IN THE PARK AND THEATRE TOO!

City of Burien Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

THURSDAY NIGHT CONCERTS

6:30–8:00pm
Lake Burien School Park
SW 148th and 16th Ave SW
July 13 • Mambo Cadillac
High Octane Salsa & Latin Jazz
July 20 • Missy G Country Band
Country
July 27 • 85th Street Big Band
Big Band
Aug 3 • Bootleg Sunshine
Dynamic NewGras
Aug 10 • LeRoy Bell & His Only Friends
Soulful Singer Songwriter
Aug 17 • Fun Addicts
Wear your dancing shoes!

THEATRE IN THE PARK!
The 14/48 Projects Presents
Coyote Stories
The mischievous Coyote encounters many different animals along his path, and delights in misleading and deceiving them.
Saturday, July 22, 2pm
Dottie Harper Park
421 SW 146th St
Saturday, July 29, 2pm
New Start High Sch. Garden
614 SW 120th St

Burien Arts Association and GreenStage Presents
Shakespeare in the Park
Lake Burien School Park
14640 18th Ave SW
Saturday, July 29, 7pm
Comedy of Errors
Saturday, Aug 5, 7pm
Richard II

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Burien Parks & Recreation offers a variety of recreation, art, and education classes for all ages; from preschool sports skills through senior trips to the theater and everything in between. Browse the Recreation Guide or register online.

Register.BurienParks.net

Family Fun Run and Scavenger Hunt!

All Ages • Free!
Aug 31
5:30–8pm
REGISTER ONLINE.

RAFFLE PRIZES FOR ALL AGES!
Burrion Parks & Recreation offers a variety of recreation, art, and education classes for all ages, from preschool sports skills through senior trips to the theater and everything in between. Browse the Recreation Guide or register online.

**YOUTH CAMPS**

**Camp CRAZ** **GRADES 1–5**
Our day camp covers a great mixture of fun activities for everyone! Campers can sign up for 1 week or spend all summer with us.

**Teen Scene** **GRADES 6–9**
Teens, join us for 11 weeks packed with games, activities, and trips! Sign up for 1 week or spend all summer with us. There will be daily field trip adventures!

**Youth Baking Camp** **AGE 8–12**
All the best pastries in five days! Join us as we spend the week baking scones, cookies, cupcakes and fruit tarts; just to name a few.

**Youth Cheer Camp** **AGE 8–12**
Go! Fight! Win! Join us during this camp as we learn fun cheers, simple stunts, and great dance moves. You'll be able to march with Mt. Rainier High School’s Cheer Leaders in the Burien 4th of July Parade. Register by June 9.

**Youth Soccer Camp** **AGE 7–12**
Perfect for beginners or those looking to improve their skills. The camp will focus on the basic skills and fundamentals of the game, as well as teamwork and sportsmanship.

**SkyHawks Sport Camps** **AGE 4–12**
Skyhawk multi-sport programs are tailored to your child’s age and skill level while teaching life lessons such as respect and teamwork. Children will learn the rules and essential skills of each sport.

**TEEN ART**

**Digital Photography** **AGE 10–16**
In this introductory class, learn the skills to take amazing photographs that tell your story! Come away with images and prints that you can be proud of. You’ll learn the foundation skills of shooting, composition, and an introduction to Adobe Lightroom.

**Teen Printmaking Week** **AGE 10–15**
Discover the art of printmaking! Students will learn to create monotype, relief prints and more using water based inks, handmade stencils, found objects, and plants. Come to class ready to get messy and create original prints made by you.

**ADULT FITNESS**

**Cardio**
Early Bird Fitness
MixxedFit®
Zumba
Zumba Gold

**Strength Training**
Kettlebell Foundations

**Cross Training**
Croyo Fit

**Tai Chi**
Yang Tai Chi & Qigong in the Park
Chen Tai Chi in the Park

**Yoga**
Gentle Chair Yoga
Gentle Yoga
Yoga Stretch & Strength

**Adult Swim**
Shallow H2O
Deep H2O
Lap Swim & Water Walking

**Fitness 50+**
Enhance Fitness
SilverSneakers Classic
Sitting Fit

**SENIOR SMART DEVICE CLASSES**

**Better Understanding & Using Smart Devices** **AGE 50+**
If you are frustrated with the lack of instructions for your Smart Phone or Tablet, bring it with you to one or all of these classes and learn how to use the power of your handheld computer. Classes will be specific to either Apple or Android styles of device.

**Communication** **AGE 50+**
From fully understanding the keyboard and emojis to using your voice to do the typing, this class aims to make students more comfortable with the modern forms of communication available to smart devices.

**Navigation** **AGE 50+**
Don’t feel outsmarted by your smart device. Bring your phone or tablet to the computer lab and learn the gestures that will put you in control.

**Photography** **AGE 50+**
For many people touchscreen devices have replaced cameras as the primary device they use to take photographs. Learn how to take better photographs using your phone; then edit and share them.

Register.BurienParks.net
2018 PROS Plan
Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan

YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR VOICE

Be Part of the Future Vision for Burien’s Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

The City of Burien wants to hear from you during the planning process for our new Parks, Recreation and Open Space plan, otherwise known as a PROS Plan. Your voice will help guide the direction of Burien parks, recreation and cultural services and facilities for the next six years.

Every six years, the City of Burien Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PaRCS) department works with the community to update the existing PROS plan. Once adopted by the Burien City Council, the PROS plan helps guide the City’s management and development of park properties and recreation programs.

How to get involved

☐ ATTEND A WORKSHOP
Check website for locations & time
Three public workshops are currently scheduled for the public, with community focus groups and surveys to be scheduled soon.

June 14, 2017    July 18, 2017    August 16, 2017

☐ PARTICIPATE IN THE PROS SURVEY STARTING IN SPRING
www.burienwa.gov/2018ProsPlan

☐ ATTEND NEIGHBORHOOD CELEBRATIONS
Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

» JULY 19 at Southern Heights Elementary field // 11249 14th Ave S
» JULY 26 at New Start High school field // 614 SW 120th St
» AUGUST 2 at Manhattan School Playground Park // 18386 4th Ave S
» AUGUST 9 at Seahurst Beach // 1600 SW Seahurst Park Rd

For additional information about upcoming events, updates on the PROS plan process, locations & times, check the City of Burien website at:

www.burienwa.gov/2018ProsPlan

ABOUT THE PROCESS
The PaRCS Department selected Beckwith Consulting Group to facilitate community engagement during the PROS planning process. This will allow City staff, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and the City Council to hear what Burien residents want in their parks and facilities as well as recreation and cultural programs.

Here are the steps in the PROS plan process:

» Identify existing conditions and inventory of our parks and facilities.
» Identify current service levels for parks and recreation.
» Gather public comments and feedback, and identify public expectations, priorities, and goals.
» Explore partnerships, solutions, and funding opportunities.
» Create an implementation strategy for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to review and consider for City Council adoption.
» Prepare recommendations for City Council consideration and adoption.
NEIGHBORHOOD celebrations!

Come out and celebrate your neighborhood with music, family activities, and a chance to share your ideas about your community with City of Burien staff.

WEDNESDAYS, 6:30PM–8:00PM

JULY 19  Southern Heights Elementary field
11249 14th Avenue South

JULY 26  New Start High School field
614 SW 120th Street

AUG 2  Manhattan School Playground Park
18386 4th Ave S

AUG 9  Seahurst Beach
1600 SW Seahurst Park Rd

FOR MORE INFORMATION
ONLINE burienparks.net/neighborhoodcelebrations
EMAIL parksinfo@burienwa.gov
PHONE 206.988.3700

SAVE THE DATE!

APÚNELO EN SU AGENDA

PRÓXIMAS celebraciones

EN SU VECINDARIO LOCAL ESTE VERANO

Venga y celebre su vecindario con música, actividades familiares y la oportunidad de compartir sus ideas acerca de su comunidad con el personal de la ciudad de Burien.

LOS MIÉRCOLES EN LA NOCHE DE 6:30 P.M. A 8 P.M.

19 DE JULIO en el campo de la Escuela Primaria Southern Heights • 11249 14th Avenue South
26 DE JULIO en el campo de la Escuela Secundaria New Start • 614 SW 120th Street
2 DE AGOSTO en el parque de juegos de la Escuela Manhattan • 18386 4th Ave S
9 DE AGOSTO en Playa Seahurst • 1600 SW Seahurst Park Rd

PARA MAYOR INFORMACIÓN, llame al (206) 988-3700 o envíe un correo electrónico a parksinfo@burienwa.gov. Obtenga mayor información en www.burienparks.net/neighborhoodcelebrations.
Burien Police Department Releases the 2016 Public Safety Report

By Captain Bryan Howard, Burien Police Department

On April 24, 2017, Burien Police Chief Kimerer gave his annual public safety report to the Burien City Council and residents. The report details crime statistics from 2016 by category, and shows trends over time. Watch the recording of his presentation, which can be found in the City Council section of the City of Burien website.

Burien’s crime statistics are not much different than those in neighboring communities. Crime has increased in most categories. There was an increase in serious and less serious crime as compared to 2015, which was lower than other years. However, 2013 crime rates were even higher than 2016.

We take all crimes seriously at the police department. However, we try to use our resources strategically. We try to identify crime patterns and deploy our resources to address those patterns. For example, in 2015 we implemented a new patrol schedule which better aligns our staffing with 911 emergencies. This new schedule also provides for shift overlaps between the day and afternoon shifts, and between the afternoon and night shifts. This overlap allows us to plan emphasis patrols, which include foot and bicycle patrols.

One of our most significant areas of focus has been the downtown area, which is responsible for the majority of our 911 calls. We have worked very hard with our available resources to address crime patterns and crimes of disorder including alcohol violations, trespassing, vandalism, and theft. We still have a lot of work to do!

With the assistance of a federal grant, we are adding a sergeant and detective to our Proactive Team. This team will now be comprised of three detectives, a civilian community services officer, and a school resource officer. Rather than be reactive and answer 911 radio calls, they will focus on our most significant criminality patterns in an effort to reduce criminality.

An important part of preventing repeated incidents is looking for and addressing their root causes. Our community services and school resource officers have an open line of communication with our local social services providers, so we can make referrals and help get residents the assistance they need. We are not going to arrest ourselves out of drug addiction and mental illness-related issues, so it’s important we collaborate with providers to best serve our most vulnerable residents.

The most important element of reducing crime and ensuring the safety of our residents is you! Please do not hesitate to call us anytime you believe criminal activity is taking place, or believe we can offer assistance to anyone in need. You are an important part of our team and we are honored to serve you each and every day.

Read the 2016 Public Safety Report at burienwa.gov/policereport.
WITH THE SUMMER GRILLING SEASON HERE, you may be thinking about firing up the grill and cooking something delicious. Before you start grilling, here are some tips to keep you and your family safe.

- Only use your grill outside.
- Keep your BBQ at least 10 feet away from anything that can burn like your home, deck railings, and overhanging trees.
- Never leave your grill unattended and keep children and pets at least 3 feet away.
- Be sure to clean your grill after each use to avoid flare-ups that could ruin your food or worse yet, start an unwanted fire.

CHARCOAL GRILL SAFETY

- A charcoal chimney allows you to start the charcoal using newspaper. If you plan to use a fluid to light the charcoal, only use charcoal lighter fluid.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- After you’re done cooking, let the coals cool completely before disposing of them in a metal container.
- Never set the metal container on a deck or near other items that could catch fire.

PROPANE GRILL SAFETY

- For propane grills, check the propane hose for leaks before using it for the first time. Do this each year by using a solution of the dish soap and water. Rub the solution on the hose and each fitting. If there’s a leak you will see bubbles.
- If you smell gas while cooking, turn off the propane tank and the grill. If the leak stops, have the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call 911 for the Fire Department. Do not try to move the grill but move people away from it while you are waiting for the firefighters to arrive.
- Always open your gas grill lid before lighting it and store your spare cylinder in a safe place away from the grill. If the flame goes out, turn the grill and the gas cylinder off, then wait at least five minutes before relighting it. Make sure to turn the grill off when you were done cooking and leave it in a safe location until it is completely cool.
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