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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

Welcome to the new *Burien Magazine*!

BURIEN MAGAZINE is a collaborative partnership between the city of Burien and involved community residents. My wife Denise and I are Normandy Park residents, but we believe Burien is “our” city, too. We shop in Burien, we dine in Burien and we attend and support Burien civic events.



As publishers of city magazines for the surrounding communities of Normandy Park and Des Moines, our experience tells us that Burien residents can benefit from a four-color, glossy magazine that the city can use to inform the community: about city services, civic and cultural events—all the activities that make Burien a vibrant and healthy residential city.

The City owns the magazine and generates all the editorial content. As a resident of Burien, you will learn the details of City initiatives from the City leaders themselves. You’ll learn about local civic and cultural events, and what’s happening with the schools, the roads and the parks.

Burien Magazine is also designed as an economic development tool to help the local retail community grow foot traffic from the residents who are your customers. As Burien-based retailers you can access affordable advertising rates, with revenues from those advertisers going directly to the City to help underwrite the costs of producing the magazine, allowing us to continue to provide local retailers with an effective and affordable marketing tool.

We hope you enjoy this inaugural issue of *Burien Magazine*, and I hope you will share with me your feedback on what we’ve provided here so that we can continue to offer you a quarterly magazine tailored to the specific needs of our community.

I look forward to hearing from you! — *Peter Philips, Publisher*

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This photo, taken by local photographer Michael Brunk of NWlens.com at the 2014 Seahurst Beach Family Campfire event, captures the evening lights along the shoreline at Seahurst Park. This shoreline underwent major restoration in 2013 and reopened to the public just a month prior to the Campfire event. The Seahurst Park restoration project made this shoreline the largest stretch of restored salmon habitat in the entire Puget Sound. For information on the upcoming 2015 Campfire event, flip to page 24.

IT'S TRULY A GREAT TIME FOR BURIEN

As you'll read in this inaugural issue of Burien Magazine, our community is strong and growing, and we are working everyday to make this a great place to live, work, and play.



ATTENDANCE AT THE weekly Farmer's Market is up significantly, ground has broken on two significant downtown developments, parks are being improved and facilities expanded, and new trails have opened for public use.

We're even using innovative techniques to increase the useful life for our streets, and we're looking for ways to better manage stormwater for environmental benefits.

The City Council has made economic development a key priority. So in this first City Manager message, I'd like to talk about support for current and new businesses. We've been working to improve our permit process to make it easier to navigate, and we're improving customer service across the board. Burien highly values public input as an important element in all we do. We offer a variety of methods for people to weigh in on city decisions and to share their ideas on how we can further improve our quality of life.

- We are working with Discover Burien to conduct a business survey this year, which will help us even better understand the needs and desires of our local business community. We should see results by this fall.
- Late in 2014, we initiated a Permit Process Customer Survey, and the results are encouraging and insightful. Contractors, architects, and builders expressed a profound, even personal, sense of appreciation for our user-friendly processes which they described as both "fair" and "personable." I'm proud that a large majority of interviewees "strongly agreed" that our staff are seen as "knowledgeable, helpful, and hard-working" and that we "effectively communicate and enforce the City's building and planning codes."
- We also learned how we can get even better. Some respondents said they would like to see our online application process made more user-friendly. Others suggested we make it easier to navigate permitting for complex development projects. Even with good people, some businesses still have challenges, and I'm committed to addressing those problems while ensuring our buildings are safe. We'll follow up on these and other suggestions, and we'll continue to stay in touch with our customers.

- Another way community members provide critical feedback is through the bi-annual Community Assessment Survey. Results from the most recent survey came out in August 2014. In it, more than half of Burien residents agreed that the City is proactively encouraging economic growth. We have work to do in several areas, including public safety and community engagement, and the City Council is prioritizing and budgeting for those areas.
- Beyond surveys, residents and business owners in Burien are encouraged to serve on advisory boards like the Business and Economic Development Partnership where they can actively participate in improving City processes and strengthen our local economy. If you'd like to be considered to serve on a board, check out our webpage at www.burienwa.gov/boards.
- Our staff comes to work each day ready to be responsive to community needs and helpful in solving problems. While of course none of us is perfect, every day I hear from people who have received great service from a Burien employee. We'll continue to strive for excellence, and we will look for opportunities to continuously improve.

I think we see our region's economic recovery at work here in Burien. There's evidence in the construction activity happening near City Hall, new businesses are opening, and I see more 'help wanted' signs. We appreciate your input and help, and I'm committed to leading and managing City organization so we deliver real results. Thanks to our residents, our elected leaders, our employers and employees, I'm delighted to say that Burien is open for business. — *Kamuron Gurol, City Manager* ■



In June, the City Manager joined Burien City Council Members Debi Wagner and Bob Edgar, pictured here, at an Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Conference. ▲

MESSAGE FROM THE CITY COUNCIL



▲ (Back row) Deputy Mayor Nancy Tosta, Councilmember Gerald Robison, Councilmember Lauren Berkowitz, Councilmember Steve Armstrong, (front row) Councilmember Debi Wagner, Councilmember Bob Edgar, Mayor Lucy Krakowiak.

These days it can be a real challenge for local residents to stay connected to their neighbors and the larger community. With the growing world of social media, it can even be easier to keep current with events a half a globe away than to know what's happening in our local community. As your City Council, we are looking for new and better ways to facilitate a better sense of connectedness, right here in Burien.

Our Community Outreach and Engagement program is one of the Council's top priorities, and our City's efforts will be guided by these objectives:

1. Be proactive in shaping Burien's future;
2. Communicate even more effectively with residents and businesses;
3. Strengthen citizen involvement.

Over the course of the past year, we've directed city staff to evaluate the outreach and engagement practices and techniques we've been using, to make specific improvements to expand their reach, and look for new ways to engage the community. The evaluation has been comprehensive, looking at how the City interacts with stakeholders in person, online, through the media, at events, through promotions, and in volunteer opportunities such as citizen boards and commissions.

You may have seen more activity and postings on the City's Facebook and Twitter pages, and perhaps you've seen us on Instagram. Maybe you've enjoyed a City-sponsored event or dropped by the City's booth at the Farmers Market. You'll see even more engagement in the months to come as we build our capacity for community outreach and engagement even further.

This new magazine format for our quarterly newsletter also comes out of the City's efforts to improve community engagement. With this new format, we hope to be able to share more information across a greater number of readers, to activate collaboration between government and the private sector, and to communicate with more imagery in order to transcend language barriers like never before.

We hope you enjoy this inaugural issue of *Burien Magazine*.

As always, we look forward to hearing from you, so please never hesitate to reach out. You can find our contact info listed on the City Directory. Or please join one of our Monday night City Council meetings - in person, on Channel 21 or streamed on-line. Thank you for being a valuable part of the Burien story!

-Your Burien City Council

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BURIEN *by* MAP

By Katie Whittier Trefry
Burien Communications Officer

Twenty years ago, if you wanted to go on vacation, you likely purchased or borrowed maps and spent hours planning how you would get to your destinations, routing your way around, and getting lost once you arrived anyway. How many otherwise pleasant adventures were spent wrangling a map in the passenger seat, or worse, shouting at the passenger who wrangled the map for you? Now, we can speak into a handheld device and not only will it read instructions to us in real-time, but it will automatically re-route us when we get lost and might even recommend alternate routes when it detects congestion ahead, all while calculating your arrival time minute by minute. No one can deny the ways mapping technology is changing the way we live, think, and do business.

The City of Burien isn't exempt from the mapping revolution. Geographic Information System (GIS) technology is transforming how staff operates. The ability to track the placement of City infrastructure on a map has always been critical to the City's mission – developers need to know where such infrastructure is located as they plan their developments, addresses need to be allocated and property lines clearly delineated, and put simply, the City needs to know what's where in order to address problems, keep things running smoothly, and plan for improvements.

In the past, the City had to rely on hard-copy maps to track this type of information. But as soon as one aspect of the map changed, the entire map had to be replaced – a costly, time-consuming, and less-than-accurate process. Over the course of a single project, a map might need dozens of updates, making it a challenge to keep entire teams on the same page, literally. Even as computer technology advanced, and maps could be more easily updated, the maps would usually be stored in static files, such as a PDF. Like a hard-copy map, a PDF map could be out-of-date the instant it was saved.

GIS technology changes all of that. GIS allows the City to update maps in real time. What does this mean? Imagine you're a business owner looking to purchase a property and upgrade it to fit your business use. You check out the City's online map of the property you wish to buy and the area around it to find out where the

stormwater infrastructure lies – the catch basins and storm drains that are so important in order to prevent flooding on the property. Meanwhile, City workers are upgrading or fixing stormwater infrastructure on the block next to your desired property. Later that day, you go back into the online map and see the changes the City made, enabling you to update your planning immediately without having to double- or triple-check with the City. Then, when your plans are finished and you approach the City for final permit approval, you are sitting around a table with staff and business partners who all have the same exact, up-to-date map in front of them.

In short, the GIS system used by the City improves communication about infrastructure and makes planning both easier and more efficient.

But there's more – this information isn't available just to planners and developers. Residents and visitors too can access this dynamic mapping system at any time through our website. A visit to www.burienwa.gov/maps brings you to the Stormwater Mapping Application, our first GIS-enabled mapping system. Even if you're not entirely sure what stormwater infrastructure is, you might be amazed by how the Application works.

Want to measure the distance between two points on the map? It's as easy as a click or two. Want to



draw out a route to print it for a visitor to find your house the ‘scenic’ way? The Application lets you draw right on it and create maps of your own. Want to report a concern area to the City? Make a map of it and send it to us – no need to spend time trying to describe the problem area, answer half a dozen questions, then have to do it all over again when another staff member joins the team or a neighbor wants to know more as well. If a picture is worth a thousand words, then an interactive, real-time map might be worth exponentially more.

While we are miles – or some might say “light years” – ahead of many of our peer cities, we are only beginning to scratch the surface of the potential to use GIS technology in City operations. As we look for ways to expand beyond stormwater infrastructure, perhaps by partnering with other utilities in the area, GIS

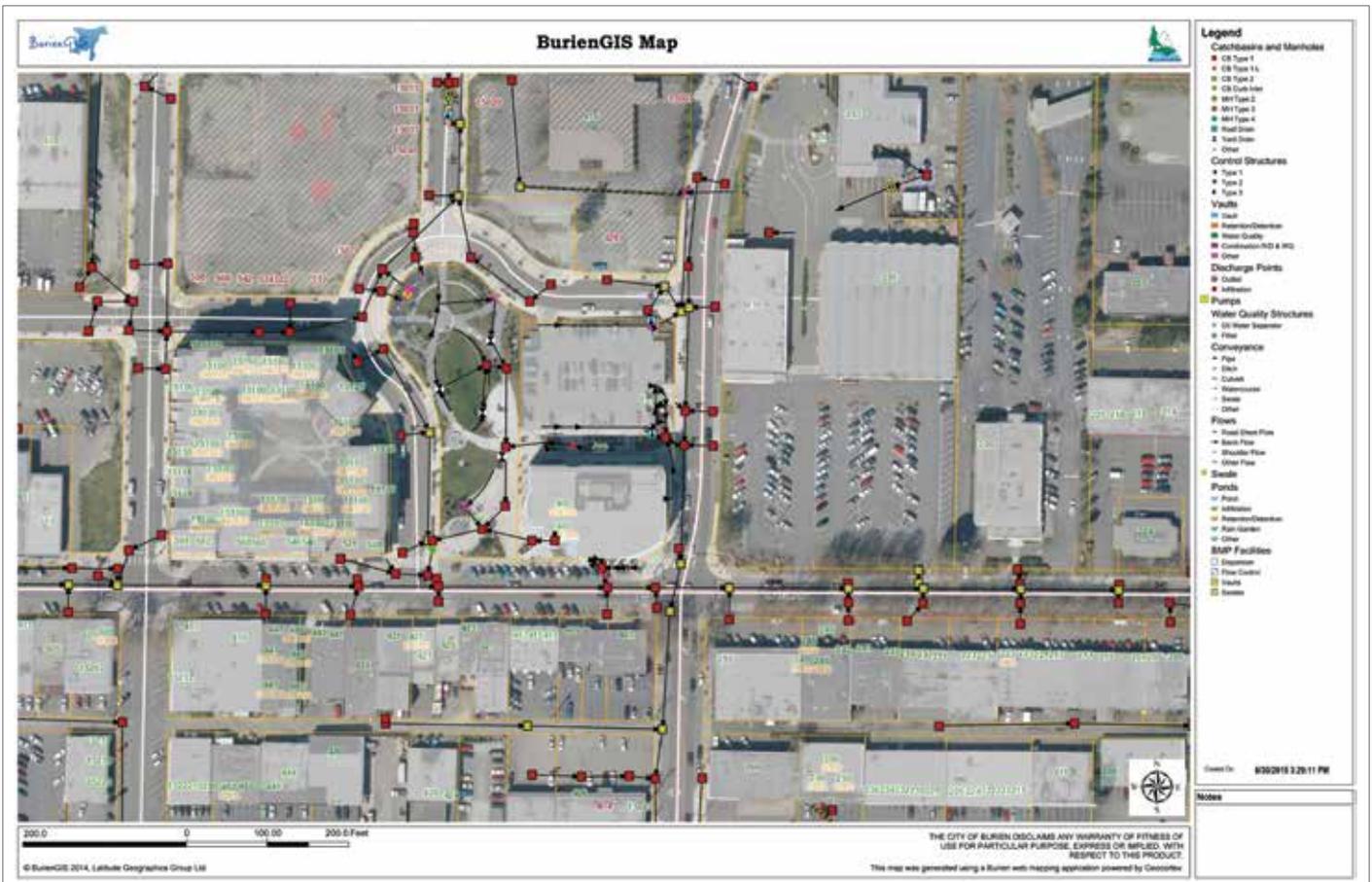
technology will become an even more important tool in how we do business.

WHAT’S NEXT FOR GIS AT BURIEN?

When you enable “imagery” to display in the Stormwater Mapping Application, you may notice that even though the stormwater diagrams are up-to-date, the aerial photos underneath them are not. Burien’s aerial photos are now thirteen years old. A decades-old practice, cities and counties have long documented growth, boundaries, and landscape via aerial photos. Planners, developers, and historians rely on such information and expect it to be updated as often as feasible. But

aerial photography isn’t cheap. How does a city the size of Burien go about updating aerial photos?

Over the next several months, Burien will work with King County and other regional jurisdictions on the 2015 Regional Aerial Project. This project will document the region with digital photographs from the birds-eye view. Last time Burien updated its aerial photos, in 2002, the project cost \$85,000 but thanks to both advances in technology and the ability to partner with others in the region, this year’s update will cost less than \$5,000. And this illustrates yet another way that technology is changing how the world operates: by saving taxpayer dollars. ■





“It is about boosting the economy in Burien and also boosting the health and vitality of our residents, the Farmers Market is a great place where we are able to do both.”



ANDREA REAY
Discover Burien Executive Director

Farmers Market

By Alyssa Wilson, Burien Communications Intern

THE SOUND OF LIVE, UPBEAT MUSIC TRAVELS THROUGH Town Square, replacing the usual splashing sounds from the water park. White covered tents filled with colorful local produce, flowers and handmade goods line each side of 152nd Street. Some take a break from shopping and dance in front of the band, while others spread out in groups to eat lunch in the sun from their favorite food trucks—this is what you can expect every Thursday as the Burien Farmers Market takes over Town Square.

The Burien Farmers Market happens on Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on 5th Avenue and 152nd Street. The market starts at the beginning of May and ends in mid-October. Each week, fifty to sixty vendors sell food, handmade goods, fresh farm products, and fresh baked products.

▼ Seasoned Chefs offer cooking demonstrations at the Discover Burien Booth at noon each week.



BURIEN FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays from
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5th Avenue and 152nd St.
Beginning of May
through mid-October.

Andrea Reay, Discover Burien Executive Director, says that the Farmers Market serves two areas that the organization finds important: economic development and community engagement. Approximately 3,000 people come to Burien each Thursday to support local farmers, vendors, restaurants and businesses, and this helps the economy, she says.

Unique from other Farmers Markets, the Burien Farmers Market focuses on buying local and requires that all vendors sell local, handmade goods.

“Every market has their niche,” Reay says. “We really believe in buying Burien, buying local, supporting our local families and independent businesses.”

Simultaneously, the Market helps the community engage in healthy lifestyles.

“We want to encourage people to live healthier, active and more vibrant lives. Part of that is having access to fresh produce,” Reay says. “The market not only provides access, but is affordable and teaches [the community] how to prepare it too.”

This year a new component was offered at the Farmers Market: the Seasoned Chef. Each week a group of community members, including Bob

Ewing, Steve Lemons, Rick Cosgrave, Gary Christianson and Paul Larson, offers cooking demonstrations from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Discover Burien booth. The Seasoned Chefs use mostly food from the Market to show how a variety of available produce can be prepared. Throughout the demonstration, the chefs offer samples and provide recipes so the meals can be easily replicated.

“It’s that dual-purpose. Not only are people eating healthy because they see that it’s easy to prepare, but it’s affordable when you purchase it at the Farmers Market, so you’re more likely to go home and prepare it,” Reay says.

Also new this year, food trucks have been added to the Farmers Market including Nibbles, Full Tilt and the Luchador Taco Truck. ■



TAG! YOU'RE IT.

Is your pet licensed yet?

By Alyssa Wilson,
Burien Communications Intern

When it comes to keeping your pet safe, you're it. The City of Burien requires pet owners to purchase a license annually for all dogs and cats that are six months old or older, according to Title 6 of the Burien Municipal Code.

Burien Community Animal Resources & Education Society (CARES), is a non-profit corporation that provides animal control services for Burien. With a Burien pet license, lost pets will receive a free ride home the first time they stray. If a pet is found without a license, owners will face charges including an impounding fee, violation fee, and kennel fees.

CARES IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- Enforcing Burien Municipal Code Title 6 Animals
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Burien, WA 98116

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GROUNDBREAKING: Merrill Gardens' properties will complete Town Square

By Alyssa Wilson, Burien Communications Intern

NINE PUBLIC OFFICIALS in matching white construction hats stand around a mound of dirt, each with a shovel in hand, during the Merrill Gardens groundbreaking event on June 25th, 2015. Behind them, bulldozers and tractors are driven by construction workers in Carhardt pants and bright, reflective clothing. In unison, the public officials dig into the mound of dirt – a symbol of the exciting groundbreaking for the two developments that will complete the Burien Town Square vision.

“These two major investments in Burien’s downtown core show how far our economy has come and how much potential Burien has to grow.”

DAN TRIMBLE

BURIEN ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Soon, the construction site with bulldozers and mountains of dirt will be transformed into multiple story buildings and serve as new homes for the community in Burien on the corner of 5th Avenue SW and 151st Street, across from City Hall. The City of Burien partnered with Merrill Gardens, Pillar Properties, and Legacy Partners to develop the remaining phases of Town Square that consist of two developments: one on each side of 151st Street.

On one side of the street, a Merrill Gardens senior living community is taking shape. Construction on the development started on May 29th,

2015 and is expected to be complete by late summer of 2016. The community consists of 126 independent, assisted living and memory care apartments.

On the other side of 151st Street, market-rate apartments are being built which, upon completion, Pillar Properties will manage. The complex will include studio, one bedroom, and two bedroom apartments throughout the 228 units.

The properties are a good investment for Burien, said Dan Trimble, Burien economic Development Manager. “These two major investments in Burien’s downtown core show how far our economy has come and how much potential Burien has to grow,” he said.

Both developments will include limited retail on the ground levels, as well as underground parking. Together, these properties will bring intergenerational living to the downtown area. ■

 <p>TOWN CENTER APARTMENTS Started in 2015 Finish 2016-17</p> <p>•</p> <p>228 UNITS Studio, one bedroom, and two bedroom apartments</p>	 <p>MERRILL GARDENS SENIOR LIVING Started in 2015 Finish 2016</p> <p>•</p> <p>126 UNITS Independent, assisted living and memory care apartments</p>
<p>NEW CONSTRUCTION IN TOWN SQUARE</p>	

▼ Officials gather to officially break ground on the two downtown developments. From left to right: Bill Pettit (R.D. Merrill Company President), Burien Mayor Lucy Krakowiak, Burien Community Development Director Chip Davis, Kerry Nicholson (Legacy Partners Senior Managing Director), Dave Eskenazy (Merrill Gardens President), Kitty Milne (former Burien City Council Member), Rose Clark (former Burien Deputy Mayor), and Burien Deputy Mayor Nancy Tosta. Hidden from view is Andrea Reay, Discover Burien Executive Director.



“PLAY 60”

On June 3, Councilmember Jerry Robison accepted a \$7,500 check from the NFL along with Cedarhurst School Principal Bobbi Giammona at a huge school assembly with 700 excited, screaming kids in attendance.

“Play 60” is the NFL’s program that encourages kids to be active 60 minutes a day to help reverse the trend of childhood obesity. In addition to Seahawks Ricardo Lockette and Julius Warmesley, Sea Gals and team mascot Blitz also attended the event.

Following the assembly, students enrolled in the Parks Department’s B.E.A.R Club afterschool program at Cedarhurst School participated in work-out activities and physical games with Seahawks players. The grant will be used to extend physical recreation activities to additional Burien children. ■



“As we looked at Burien’s emerging assets, its filmmaking community stood out as a unique opportunity for growth. By raising awareness of our growing filmography, we hope to show our appreciation for those that have already found Burien to be an attractive location and let others know that we are a welcoming location for visual arts.”

DAN TRIMBLE
BURIEN ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

(upper) On May 14th, Burien officially launched its Film Office with a “film cutting” event at the Tin Room downtown. Here, City Economic Development staff and local filmmaker Scott Schaefer prepare to cut the film. ▶

(lower) Burien City Council Member Steve Armstrong watches with others in the crowd as the film is cut, marking the official start of the City’s Film Office. ▶

BURIEN FILM OFFICE

A COMMUNITY RESOURCE

The Creative Economy is alive and well in Burien, home to the Burien Actors Theatre, Hi-Liners Theater, Burien Arts Association, Moshier Arts Center, the B-Town Beat, and the Highline Performing Arts Center. Within Burien’s borders lies the Puget Sound Skills Center, which houses programs like Fashion Design & Marketing, DigiPen Video Game Programming, and Broadcast Communications, and serving the

greater Burien area is Highline College with even more great programs.

The City’s Film Office aims to raise the profile of film in Burien and throughout our region by providing resources to filmmakers, actors, designers, and writers alike, such as:

- information on filming locations around town
- streamlined permitting if site locations need to use public-right of way, etc.
- connections to funding resources available through programs like Washington State’s Motion Picture Incentive Program
- region-wide promotional opportunities and resources
- and connections to existing local talent.

The Office can serve as a catalyst for filmmakers to reach out to actors and set-designers, for costume-designers to find screen writers, and so on. For more information, visit the Office’s homepage at www.burienwa.gov/film. ■



City of Burien Adopts Updates to Its CRITICAL AREA ORDINANCE



*By Katie Whittier Trefry
Burien Communications Officer*

Washington's Growth Management Act (GMA) requires jurisdictions like Burien to review their critical areas policies from time to time in order to keep up with the best available science. These updates are built into the periodic review process of the City's comprehensive plan which has been underway for the past several years. This spring, Burien's Critical Area Ordinance was updated through the Community Development Department.

On March 23rd, the City Council and Planning Commission held a joint study session to hear recommendations from staff and consultants on how to modernize the Critical Areas Ordinance. Overall, Burien's policies and regulations aligned with GMA requirements, though only a few provisions were identified as being inconsistent with current state law. These topics became the focus of efforts to update critical areas regulations, and staff set out to work with consultants on drafting changes.

Draft changes were presented to the Planning Commission. Through a series of meetings, including a public hearing, the Commission reached consensus on proposed amendments to the critical areas regulations. On May 27th the Planning Commission continued discussing the proposed changes and unanimously recommended the City Council adopt the a set of amendments to the existing Critical Areas Ordinance. At the June 15th City Council meeting, the Council considered the recommendations of the Planning Commission and made slight adjustments to the text and increased the buffer width of category IV wetlands. The final amended ordinance with the proposed changes was unanimously approved and on June 23rd, the updated ordinance went into effect.



▲ PHOTO CREDIT - Meagan Schmieder, City Staff

WHAT IS A CRITICAL AREA?

Critical areas include the following spaces and ecosystems: wetlands; areas with a critical recharging effect on aquifers used for potable water; fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas; frequently flooded areas; and geologically hazardous areas.

In terms of wetlands, the Washington State Department of Ecology updated the Western Washington Wetland Rating System in June 2014. This update included recommendations for buffer widths based on wetland buffer science that emerged in 2013. Whether a wetland buffer is effective at protecting water quality depends on how wide the buffer zone is, what type of vegetation it contains, the geochemical and physical properties of the soil, whether pollutants are present and where they're coming from, and what path the surface water takes through the buffer.

WHAT WAS UPDATED?

Multiple areas of focus were identified during the review and update process, ranging from administrative text edits applying best available science to our development standards. The more substantive updates changed the protective regulations, or regulations that protect sensitive spaces and ecosystems. Generally, the changes improve or enhance protections to critical areas by requiring mitigation when an area might be disturbed, by improving the requirements for protective fencing and critical area notice signage. Lastly, amendments were necessary to ensure the regulations were consistent with State law. These changes altered the buffer widths for streams and wetlands. Most notably, the changes increase buffer widths for the lowest category streams and wetlands.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The changes and updates to the Critical Areas Ordinance will now be incorporated into our Shoreline Master Program (SMP). These updates will occur in the coming months. The City website and Facebook page are great way to stay informed. ■



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NERA: READY FOR BUSINESS

By Katie Whittier Trefry, Burien Communications Officer



This spring, the City of Burien, in partnership with the Port of Seattle, finished work on the first phase of its Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA) project. This project included the construction of four regional stormwater infiltration facilities and a new regional trail along the Miller Creek corridor, as well as creating new public open spaces, enhancing wetlands, and improving fish

passage in the project area. In celebration of its completion, the City hosted a ribbon cutting at the boardwalk along the new trail in April.



◀ City of Burien Mayor Lucy Krakowiak speaks to attendees at the Ribbon Cutting on April 8th.

▶ Underground stormwater infiltration chambers allow water to move through the project area efficiently and effectively



The NERA project team (from left to right): Curtis LaPiere, Otak Inc. Landscape Architect; Sharlene Sherwood, Otak Inc. Landscape Architect; Allan Royal, Port of Seattle Real Estate Development Manager; Chris Ewing, Otak Inc. Construction Inspector (back); Lori McFarland, Otak Inc. Construction Management Engineer; Dan Trimble, Burien Economic Development Manager (back); Russ Gaston, Otak Principal; Dan O'Brien, Burien Stormwater Engineer (back); Maiya Andrews, Burien Public Works Director; Ryan Hawkins, Otak Project Manager (back); Linda Stewart, Port of Seattle Aviation Community Partnerships Director; Mark Griffin, Port of Seattle Real Estate Development Group Manager.

BACKGROUND ON NERA

Burien's Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA) launched in late 2007 through the adoption of the City of Burien Comprehensive Plan. With the construction of Seattle-Tacoma International Airport's third runway, existing land uses in the NERA site became incompatible with airport operations, necessitating new strategies to develop this site. The City partnered with the Port of Seattle (a major landowner of the site) to produce the NERA Redevelopment Plan and Implementation Strategy which would ultimately determine how best to rehabilitate the site for uses compatible with present and future aviation activities.

Particularly advantageous for development, the site is located next to Sea-Tac Airport, State Routes 518 and 509, and Interstates 5 and 405. The City and the Port recognized this early-on and, in efforts to attract development by removing as many barriers as possible,



designed and constructed stormwater facilities ahead of any development. Such forward-thinking allowed the facilities to be located to maximize the site's efficiency in terms of both environmental impacts and available, developable land.

In 2013, the City and the Port partnered again, this time to develop a Master Drainage Plan (MDP) and to construct its first phase. This phase was completed in 2014 and will manage stormwater runoff for about 50 acres of redevelopment. It consists of four regional stormwater infiltration facilities which, after public comment revealed the importance of providing recreational access, were designed and constructed to include a regional trail system, public open spaces, wetland enhancements, and fish passage improvements at the site. The partnership between the City and the Port – managed through an Interlocal Agreement – allowed for shared funding, property, and staff resources.

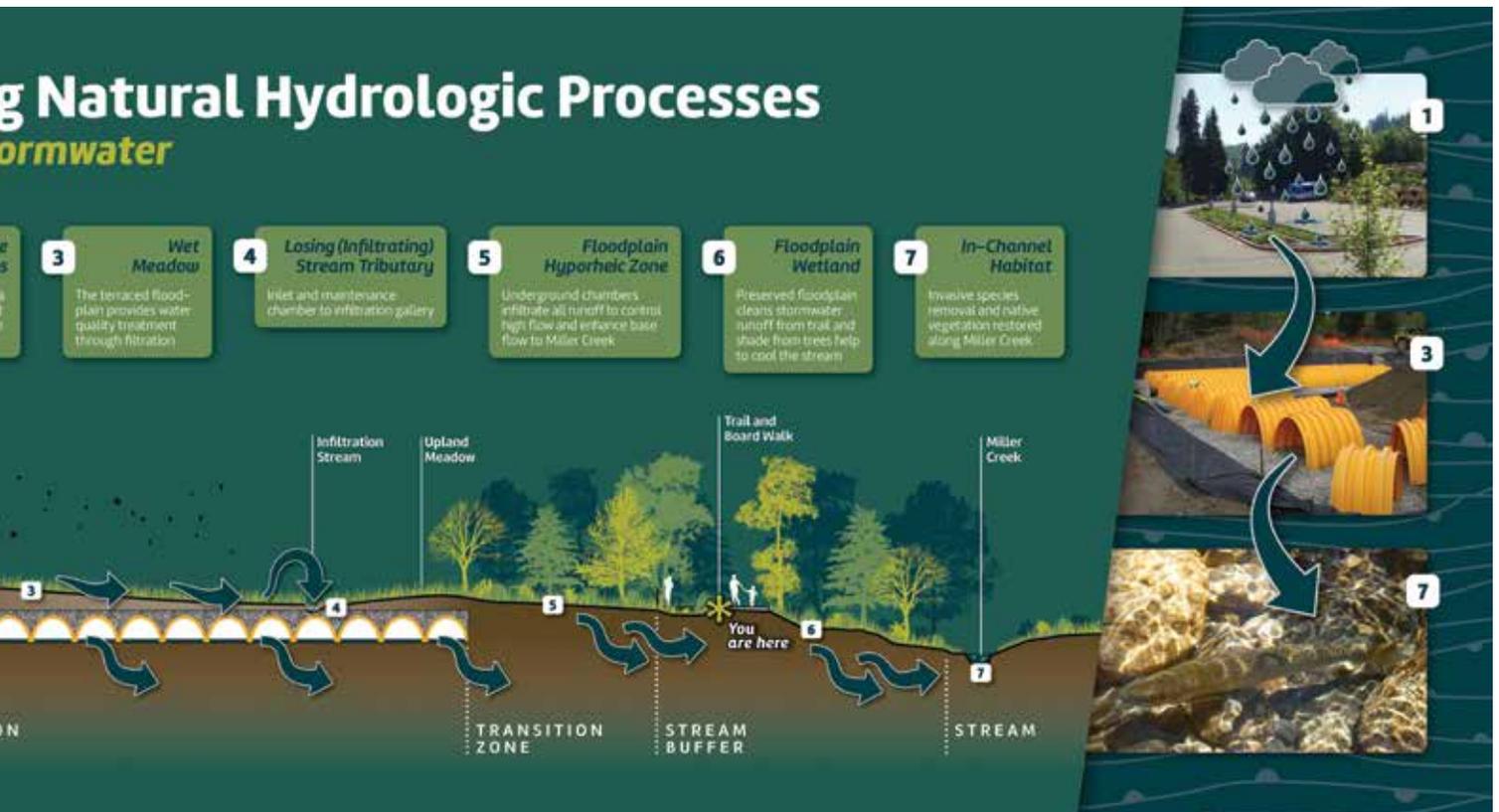
The NERA project and the MDP are guided by an overarching goal to restore natural hydrologic processes in the West Fork Miller Creek Watershed by providing flow control and water quality treatment where little existed before, thereby opening the door to sustainable development now and in the future. Once fully-constructed, the NERA MDP will treat and infiltrate stormwater runoff from approximately 150 acres: 92 acres of redevelopment plus 58 additional acres of existing street and residential neighborhood east of the site. Through it all, the project sought to implement low-impact development (LID) techniques and minimize the impacts to both wildlife and airport operations.

Funding for the project came from the City of Burien, Port of Seattle, the King County Parks Levy, Washington State Department of Ecology's Water Quality Retrofit grant program, and the Washington State Department of Commerce's Community Economic Revitalization Board's grant program.

NERA TODAY

The end result allows more pedestrian connectivity than ever before, more open spaces for the public to enjoy, and opportunities for faster redevelopment in an otherwise restrictive part of our city. Educational signage installed along the shared-use path will serve to increase public awareness of stormwater treatment, fish passage, and wetland areas.

A walk along the new Miller Creek Trail takes you from Des Moines Memorial Drive north to S. 140th St. over half a mile of paved path. It traverses alongside Miller Creek, through wetlands, and through a mix of wooded area and open spaces. Ultimately, the path will connect with other regional bike trails as well, adding to the recreational opportunities enjoyed by residents of Southwest King County. ■





"This new shuttle is the latest example of how we are delivering customized, flexible transit service that meets the specific needs of communities. The route will better connect downtown Burien to important local destinations – including Highline Medical Center – and the rest of King County."

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"After the elimination of Route 139, I worked with the community to find a new option that restored key service for students and seniors in Burien. Route 631 is a good step in the right direction to meet our service needs."

KING COUNTY COUNCILMEMBER
DAVE UPTHEGROVE



"Being able to offer multiple transportation options around critical routes like this one is a win for the City and for King County Metro. We encourage our residents and visitors to take full advantage of the service now that it's up and running."

BURIEN CITY MANAGER
KAMURON GUROL

THERE'S AN EASIER WAY TO GET AROUND BURIEN

By Katie Whittier Trefry, Burien Communications Officer

On June 8th, King County Metro and the City of Burien rolled out the new 631 shuttle – a transit route that links Highline Medical Center, the Gregory Heights and Seahurst Neighborhoods, downtown Burien, and the Transit Center.

The Burien Community Shuttle Route 631 replaces the former Route 139, which served the same area but was canceled last September due to low ridership. With the shuttle service, riders will benefit from having a flexible area where they can call ahead to schedule off-route service.

Hopelink will operate the shuttle service under contract with Metro. ■



▲ Burien City Council Member Bob Edgar and King County Council Member Dave Upthegrove hop off at the Burien Transit Center along their first ride.

▼ Burien Deputy Mayor Nancy Tosta chats with King County Metro staffer Malva Slachowitz prior to boarding the first route of the morning.



▲ Burien City Council Member Lauren Berkowitz boards the last ride on Route 631's first day.



▲ City and County leadership were there to welcome the shuttle on its first day.

Schedule for Rt 631 Burien Community Shuttle

June 8, 2015 - Sept. 25, 2015
Monday through Friday except holidays (July 3 and Sept 7)

Operates weekdays approximately
every 30 minutes from about 8 am to 4:30 pm

Leaves Burien Transit Center	Leaves Highline Medical Center	Leaves 21st Ave SW & SW 152nd	Arrives Burien transit center
<i>First departure</i>			
7:56 am	8:00 am	8:11 am	8:19 am
<i>then every ...</i>			
:26 and :56 past the hour until 11:56 am	:30 and :00 until 12:00 pm	:41 and :11 past the hour until 12:11 pm	:49 and :19 past the hour until 12:19 pm
<i>Driver break</i>			
12:41 pm	12:45 pm	12:56 pm	1:04 pm
<i>then every ...</i>			
:11 and :41 past the hour until 4:11 pm	:15 and :45 past the hour until 4:15 pm	:26 and :56 past the hour until 4:26 pm	:34 and :04 past the hour until 4:34 pm

For questions call **Metro Rider Information** at 206-553-3000.
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BURIEN ROUTE 631

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MULTI-MODAL

Space for two bicycles

Burien's SLURRY SEAL PILOT PROJECT

By Katie Whittier Trefry, Burien Communications Officer

THIS SUMMER, IF YOU TRAVEL AROUND NE Burien, it's likely that you've seen the City's latest improvements to road maintenance: slurry seal. The City initiated its Slurry Seal Program this summer to lengthen the life of its roads at a fraction of the cost of complete repaving. The project area included portions of streets in Northeast Burien between Glendale Ave S and S 128th St, east of SR 509.

"We're excited to put this state-of-the-art maintenance method to work on our streets," said Maiya Andrews, Public Works Director for the City of Burien. "As we all know, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and that's especially true when it comes to caring for our infrastructure."

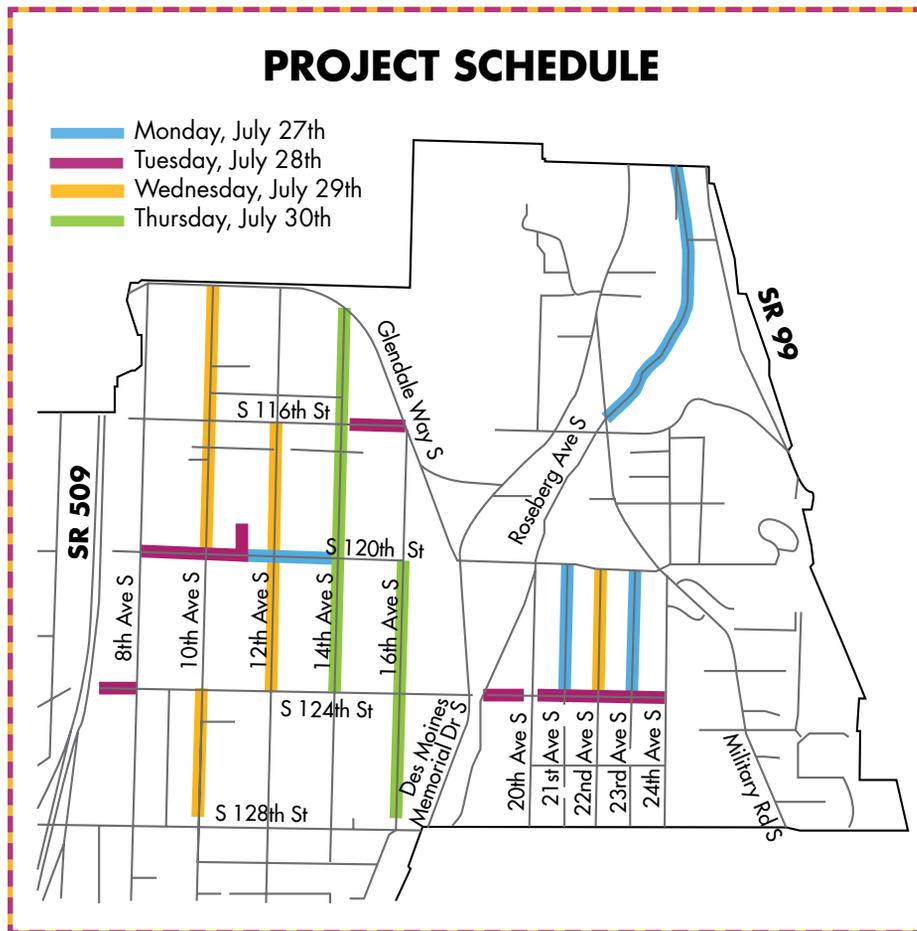
Slurry seal is a mixture of fine aggregate and emulsified

asphalt applied to residential roads. Considered to be preventive maintenance, slurry seal extends the life of existing asphalt by sealing it from the harmful effects of water penetration and sun. Slurry seal is a cost-effective treatment that provides a new wearing surface to last an additional three to seven years. Because slurry seals need to be applied during warm, sunny weather to cure properly, the program needed to be completed during summer months.

Crews went to work on the streets during the final week of July and wrapped up by August. The City is evaluating this year's program and its results to determine future opportunities to utilize slurry seal to preserve our streets. Thank you to residents in NE Burien for your patience throughout the process – we hope you enjoy your newly resurfaced streets! ■



- ▶ Slurry seal is applied to a street surface as a hot, thick material. It requires about four hours to dry and must be applied in hot, dry weather in order to seal properly.
- ▶ Select street segments in Northeast Burien underwent the slurry seal process in late July. Should this year's pilot project be deemed successful, the "facelift" could expand to other streets next summer.





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Improve Your Neighborhood with City Funds

The Neighborhood Matching Fund matches volunteers' contributions with cash. The contributions of volunteers can vary—including volunteer labor, local resources, donated materials, professional services, or simply the matched dollar amount. Each project is eligible for up to \$5,000 and a total of \$10,000 is available yearly to sponsor these projects.

Any resident may apply for the grant whose proposed project is located in Burien and fits into one of four categories: neighborhood identification, public art or amenity, physical improvement, and youth or environmental sustainability. Each project must consist of two or more individuals with one person appointed to be the Neighborhood Project Coordinator.

The fund gives Burien residents the ability to improve the quality of life throughout their neighborhoods, just as New Futures, a youth and family services organization, is currently doing.

New Futures provides after-school programming and family advocacy for low-income students. The programs they provide help students succeed in school and life by supporting families socially, emotionally and educationally.

New Futures recognized a potential safety issue at a crosswalk located at 12312 Military Road South that many Hilltop Elementary stu-

The City of Burien offers a way for residents to use city funds in order to make positive, physical changes within the community through the Neighborhood Matching Fund.



By Alyssa Wilson,
Burien Communications Intern



dents cross on their way to school. A women's group facilitated by Carmen Gonzalez and Giselle Carcamo began working to increase safety in 2013. They petitioned for the stripes to be repainted and to install flashing LED lights. Parents also asked the school to provide crossing guards at this location.

Some improvements have been made to the crosswalk already and more are on their way, but the organization didn't stop there. They wanted to do more to brighten up the area, said Kate Elias, New Futures Site Manager.

"Once the students make it across the busy Military Road, they traverse into a drab alleyway that is lined by a chain link fence," Elias said.

The organization applied for the Neighborhood Matching Fund to brighten up this corridor. The project will consist of nineteen mural panels that will line the fence, all representing the same theme: "Hope grows here."

Student groups supported by parents and New Futures staff will be led by local artist, Kathleen McHugh, to create murals and make the final stretch to Hilltop Elementary School more welcoming. ■

◀ Children at New Futures children work with local artist Kathleen McHugh to paint murals that will line the chain link fence to the elementary school, brightening the alleyway.

▶ Alleyway to be brightened up with a mural using Neighborhood Matching Funds.

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“Fall” for Burien Parks!

ARTS-A-GLOW is the City’s annual evening lantern festival and procession on September 12. Experiencing this event is like no other; you have to be there to see it! Dottie Harper Park is transformed into a magical environment, with lit-up artist installations, lanterns, music, and performers. Event participants then proceed on a walk through the community with their lanterns, with many dressed up in costumes that also light up. This event showcases Burien’s creativity in all of its glorious forms.

www.burienwa.gov/Glow or 206-988-3700



BURIEN
arts-a-glow
2015

- lantern making
- artist installations
- face painting
- music
- performers
- food trucks
- ...and more!

Lantern Festival & Procession!
Festival de Internas y Procesion!

Saturday, September 12
5:00–10:00 PM

Dottie Harper Park
421 SW 146th

www.BurienWA.gov/GLOW
206.988.3700

By Debbie Zemke, Burien Recreation Manager

In addition to 300 different classes for preschoolers through senior adults, the fall season offers some of the most spectacular events of the year.

SEAHURST FAMILY CAMPFIRE is a unique event that allows everyone to feel like they’re at a campsite far away at a national shoreline or park. Celebrate our City’s beautiful Seahurst beach, watch a sunset over the Olympic Mountains, roast a marshmallow, and learn about sea life. You won’t believe you’re only minutes away from home.

www.BurienWA.gov/SeahurstCampfire or 206-988-3700



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A TRADITIONAL DAY OF THE DEAD CELEBRATION will be held as a new event at the Burien Community Center this year on Friday, October 30. Enjoy dance, music, food, arts and crafts while viewing altars/ofrendas that honor and remember ancestors and families.

www.burienwa.gov/DDLM or 206-988-3700



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BURIEN SENIORS STAY HEALTHY & HAPPY

By Debbie Zemke, Burien Recreation Manager

Lots of exciting new trips and activities have been offered for seniors over the last few months.

Almost all of the Parks Department daytime trips fill to capacity. Participants have visited Paradise at Mt. Rainier National Park, headed to Sequim to soak in the smells and beauty of the **Lavender Festival**, had “fun”-gi at the **Pacific Northwest Mushroom Festival**, and explored **Tacoma’s Proctor Arts Fest** and **Farmer’s Market**.

Summer and Fall are great times to get fit. Our **Enhance Fitness** class offers medium level aerobic exercise and encourages participants to work out in a fun and social atmosphere. It’s no wonder the program is always full! **SilverSneakers Classic** is new program offered for those 50 and older. Some health plans cover the cost of this class in full, so please stop by the Community Center to see if you qualify.

Newly-planned trips for fall include an **Artisan Cheese Making** class at a local farm, an **Uncorked Painting Party** where participants will enjoy a lunch and create their own masterpiece, and an observatory outing where you will take a trip **“Back to the Moon for Good.”**

The **“Taste of Tuscany”** annual spaghetti feed fundraiser will be held on September 18th and feature live dance music from Randy Litch, dinner, a glass of wine, and a silent auction. Tickets must be purchased by September 1st. Event sponsors are Daystar Retirement Living, Burien Nursing and Rehab, Discover Burien, and The Mark Restaurant.

A new free **“AARP Foundation Finances 50+”** is a financial capability program designed to motivate and empower participants to take charge of their financial future. Classes will begin in October. ■



In recent years, the playground at Dottie Harper Park was looking a bit “long in the tooth” so the Burien Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services (PaRCS) Department placed it on a schedule to be updated and renovated. The new playground is now open to the public.

The Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan adopted in February 2012 had identified this playground as being in need of replacement. Safety and accessibility standards for playgrounds have evolved over the years, and the PaRCS Department has sought to update the City’s various playgrounds as resources become available. In 2013 the Burien City Council agreed to replace this playground and added it to the City’s Park & General Government

DOTTIE HARPER PARK REOPENS TO THE PUBLIC PLAYGROUND

By Burien Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Staff

Local pre-schoolers gathered to help Mayor Lucy Krakowiak and Deputy Mayor Nancy Tosta cut the ribbon to the playground. Once the ribbon was cut, the fun began!



Capital Improvement Program as a project. At the same time, PaRCS staff began exploring the potential for grant funding, and focused on a traditional, competitive source for such projects, the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Administered by King County, the CDBG grant program provides funding for areas that meet certain income characteristics. The project was selected and the City was awarded a \$195,000 grant. The City also allocated \$10,000 of City funds for the improvements. The new playground was designed by a local firm, LA Studio, LLC and constructed by Sundstrom, Inc.

The new playground provides several climbing rocks, spinner, slide and swings. The playground was formally opened with a ribbon-cutting by Mayor Krakowiak on Wednesday, July 22. Numerous local and regional officials attended the event. ■



KIDS' DAY AT THE FIRE STATION

By John Zilke, Burien Fire Department



BE FIRE SAFE

»»»»»»»»»» THIS SUMMER ««««««««««

- Locate your grill away from trees and buildings.
- Charcoal Grills: only use starter fluids designed for charcoal barbecue grills.
- Gas Grills: check for leaks and make sure hose connections are secure.
- Turn off grill and fuel cylinder immediately after use.

THE BURIEN / NORMANDY Park Fire Department will be hosting their annual open-house event on Saturday, September 12th. From 10am to 3pm, there will be a wide range of activities. The firefighters will demonstrate their skills in emergency automobile extrication and high-angle rope rescue. Children can practice escaping from a burning house, squirt a fire hose, learn about safety in many areas, and answer questions for prizes. Balloons, fire hats, and safety information will also be handed out. Low cost helmets for anyone over the age of one will also be available. *We hope to see you there!* ■



▼ Fire Fighters demonstrate an emergency automobile extraction at last year's Kids' Day event.



PLEASE “BOTHER” US!



▲ *Burien Police Department bike patrol.*

YOUR CALLS MATTER!

Fourth of July is always a busy time for public safety officers, and Burien is no exception. You may have seen our stepped-up police presence at work actively discouraging fireworks in the city. Fireworks are illegal here, but it takes a community effort to keep residents and neighbors from using them. Here are this year’s numbers:

- We handled 116 firework complaints between July 4th and 5th.
- Officers initiated 30 of those complaints.
- Officers issued 12 citations.
- Officers confiscated 200 pounds of fireworks.

In spite of these efforts, we still had one fire in the early hours on July 5th. Luckily no one was hurt. Thanks for your help to keep Burien safe and firework-free! ■



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By Captain Bryan Howard,
Burien Police Department

OFTEN SPEAK WITH RESIDENTS WHO TELL ME ABOUT A NEIGHBOR PROBLEM, car break-in, or other issue and how they wish the police could have been there to help. However, when asking them if they had reported the incident they reply they had not because they didn't want to "bother" the police for such a minor issue. In fact, many residents believe they should only call 911 for an extreme emergency and hesitate to call out of fear of keeping the police from helping others who have more urgent needs.

But our request is that you call us. You are not bothering us at all, and you've already paid for this service through your taxes. It's important for us to know where lower-level crimes are occurring because if the activity goes unchecked, it could escalate into more serious situations.

HOW YOUR CALL HELPS

Each day, we deploy extra officers in areas identified to need extra patrols. We analyze recent calls and ongoing crime trends, and we use 911 call data, to make these deployment decisions. This is known as "hot spot policing" and is a modernized approach to policing with limited resources. Cops are expensive, so proactively putting them in areas where they are more likely to encounter crime is a more responsible way to police a community.

This means that your calls are important to us and directly affect where we assign extra patrols.

Many times we have officers available to respond to any incident, and your call is vital to preventing crimes and apprehending criminals. Often, a person acting suspicious or found to be committing lower-level crimes may be wanted on more serious charges as well.

911 CALL CENTER

When you do call 911, you may be transferred to a non-emergency operator if there are other higher priority 911 calls to handle. The non-emergency operator will generate a "police incident" – officers see them on their Mobile CAD right in their car. Remember: the call receiver is required to ask lots of questions including the description of the person, any associated cars, and if any weapons were seen. Those questions do not delay our response but help us find the person and ensure everyone's safety.

.....
In summary, we are here to serve and you are not a "bother" when you call us. Rather, you are helping shape our patrols and make Burien an even better community! ■





SEPTEMBER 12 • 10AM - 3PM

KIDS' DAY

Burien Fire Station
8th SW & SW 151st

There will be many activities, including demonstrations in automobile extrication and high-angle rope rescue. Children can practice escaping from a burning house, squirt a fire hose, learn about safety in many areas, and answer questions for prizes.

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SEPTEMBER 19 • 10am – 3pm

BURIEN WELLNESS FAIR

Burien Town Square Park
4th SW & SW 152nd

Did you know that Burien has great health care and wellness resources? We do, and you can learn about them at a community health fair.

The fair is free, and there will be a lot to see and do, including:

- Free medical screenings
- Advice on preventative health care for all ages
- KCLS mobile lab demonstrating health and wellness databases (in Library parking lot)
- Give-a-ways and samples
- Family friendly entertainment



SEPTEMBER 12 • 5PM - 10PM

ARTS-A-GLOW LANTERN FESTIVAL

Dottie Harper Park
421 SW 146th

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SEPTEMBER 18 • 5pm – 7pm

TASTE OF TUSCANY

Burien Community Center
14700 6th Ave SW

Enjoy Burien Senior Program's Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser, with a 3-course meal, glass of wine*, Elvis performance, dancing and silent auction.

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SEPTEMBER 19-20 • Times vary by day

FALL CARNIVAL DAYS

Puget Sound Park
1st Ave SW & SW 126th



OCTOBER 2 • 6PM - 8PM

SEAHURST BEACH FAMILY CAMPFIRE

Seahurst Park
1600 SW Seahurst Dr.

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OCTOBER 24 • 10AM - 3PM

BOO IN BURIEN

Downtown Burien
SW 152nd



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OCTOBER 4 • Noon - 2PM

BURIEN BRAT TROT

Olde Burien
SW 152nd

OCTOBER 30 • 6PM - 9PM

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

Burien Community Center
14700 6th Ave SW

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Discover Wellness

By Andrea Reay, Discover Burien Executive Director

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO LIVE “WELL?” We toast to our health at dinner parties, but often don’t fully appreciate the value of our good health until it’s gone. Chronic diseases such as diabetes and heart disease are often preventable with lifestyle changes including diet and exercise and according to the CDC, chronic diseases are responsible for 7 of 10 deaths each year, and treating people with chronic diseases accounts for 86% of our nation’s health care costs.

Want to learn how you can better prevent chronic disease and live a happier, healthier life? Then don’t miss the city of Burien’s annual Wellness Fair. This is a free event for our community held annually at Town Square Park and this year to be held on September 19th from 10am-3pm. In previous years, the focus has been on treating disease. This year Discover Burien is proud to partner with the city and the main sponsor of the fair, CHI Franciscan Highline Medical Center, to focus more on offering education and resources that focus on prevention instead of just treatment.



“Our mission is to improve health. We hope people can come to the Wellness Fair, have fun and take away information that helps them feel better and be more active!”

JOYCE GLAVISH
HIGHLINE MEDICAL CENTER

New to the Wellness Fair this year will be a stage, offering live programming and education opportunities from leading healthcare and wellness professionals in our community. Not only will participants to the fair this year be able to learn about living healthy options, obtain free health screenings and receive other exciting giveaways from participating vendors. But, they will also have an opportunity to engage directly with leading healthcare professionals to learn how they can live their healthiest life, prevent disease and gain access to resources available in our community.

Health and wellness based business make up over 20% of all registered businesses in Burien. We are so fortunate to live in a community where access to health and wellness care is so readily available. We hope you will join us at this year’s Wellness Fair and take our community health challenge to live your best life.

For more information on events happening in our community, as well as specials and discounts offered by member businesses, please visit www.discoverburien.org. ■



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