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What a Year!

This is my first edition of Burien Magazine and let me tell you, putting this together was extremely rewarding. As I sat down and began to plan, I looked back at every single page that we have published since August of 2015. I admire how far the Magazine has come since our first edition. The Magazine’s intent is to make government more accessible, and to increase a sense of connectedness between the City and community. It’s my personal goal to broaden the reach of the Magazine, which is why the City has launched a social media campaign to better advertise Burien Magazine and general City news.

During the release of the previous edition, I started the hashtag #BurienMagazine and tagged each individual story listed in that edition. Progress through social media campaigns has simplified spreading the word that Burien is the place to bring business, raise a family, and to call home. Make sure to follow Burien on Twitter: @Burien and Facebook at facebook.com/CityofBurien for daily news and updates!

This edition means a lot to me. I was given the opportunity to get to know the Burien community, tell its story, and learn about the history. It is truly a remarkable place. Thank you for your readership. Enjoy!

Ryan Chambers
City of Burien Communications & Executive Editor, Burien Magazine
MESSAGE FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

As 2016 draws to a close it is time to look at the accomplishments that have been made in Burien over the past 12 months. We are excited to continue serving the Burien community and are looking forward to ringing in the 2017 New Year! Below are some of Burien’s accomplishments from this past year.

Economic Development: NERA Groundbreaking

On August 31st a groundbreaking ceremony was held for a 241,140 square foot Cold Storage Warehouse Facility in the Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA). Mayor Lucy Krakowiak, Deputy Mayor Edgar, and Councilmembers Tosta and Bell were in attendance to the groundbreaking. Speakers at the event included: Mayor Krakowiak, Port of Seattle Commission President John Creighton, Rob Adams from Tippmann Innovation, and Western Distribution Services President John Naylor. Dan Mathews, Chair-Elect of the Seattle Southside Chamber of Commerce, was the Master of Ceremonies.

During her speech, Mayor Krakowiak addressed three key points as to what has been accomplished by NERA’s first industrial construction: bringing new jobs to Burien; increasing and diversifying Burien’s revenue base; and proactively managing transportation and storm-water infrastructures.

Community Development: Burien Shoreline Master Program

On June 6th, 2016 we adopted Ordinance No. 640, amending Burien’s Shoreline Master Program to comply with State Law. This followed amendments to our Critical Areas regulations in the previous year (2015) to comply with changes to the Growth Management Act (GMA). The amendments to the Shoreline Master Program align the regulations that apply to the shoreline jurisdiction (200 feet from the water) with those that apply to the remainder of the City.

Public Works: Capital Project Accomplishments

Anyone who has wandered around the city has seen some of the amazing work Burien Public Works has done. Here are some of the things accomplished in 2016:

- Applied Slurry Seal to 10 lane miles of City streets — extending pavement life at a reduced cost.
- Installed a new paved trail on S. 132nd St., between 9th and 10th Ave. S.
- Installed a new rectangular rapid flashing beacon on a mid-block cross walk on Military Road and added a paved trail that is heavily used by students of Hilltop Elementary School.

The two trail projects were funded with a Community Development Block Grant provided by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. This grant was awarded through a competitive application process by the King County Housing and Community Development Consortium.

Finance: 2017 Budget

We’ve been holding budget hearings in preparation for the adoption of 2017-2018 Biennial Budget. Adopting the budget is one of the most important things we do, as it sets the policy and program priorities for the next two years.
BURIEN WELCOMES INTERIM CITY MANAGER TONY PIASECKI, who was hired on October 10th of this year. Tony is an experienced City Manager with over thirty years in public service. He may be familiar to you as the former City Manager of our neighboring city, Des Moines.

Mr. Piasecki began his career in Phoenix, Arizona, after completing a Master of Public Affairs from the University of Texas at Austin's Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs. During his eleven years in Phoenix, he progressed from Management Intern in the City Manager’s office to Customer Services Administrator of the Water Services Department.

In 1996, Tony was hired as Des Moines Assistant City Manager, serving in that role until 2002, when he became City Manager. During his tenure, Tony guided the City Council through a wide range of issues and projects that included labor contract negotiations, zoning code revision, and capital projects like a $4 million rehabilitation of Des Moines historic Field House, Ball Field, and Grandstand. With fourteen years as the Des Moines City Manager, Tony is familiar with issues that are important to Burien residents and is focused on keeping the Burien community moving forward.

Message from City Staff

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ired on as a GIS (Geographic Information System) Technician, Sergio Vazquez has handled everything from local addressing to maintaining Burien’s intricate GIS system.

The University of Washington graduate left school wanting to do something that involved some form of analysis, seeking employment that involved problem-solving.

Sergio’s involvement in a Fantasy Football league in High School helped lead him to his current career path. Because of his involvement in a league, Sergio discovered that he loved working with numbers. He won his league’s championship by dissecting the numbers of each of his individual “players” and building his own algorithm for success. “Sports taught me that I like statistics and numbers, and from that, and my other internships I decided that I wanted to keep on that sort of track,” said Sergio.

While enrolled full-time at UW, he worked as the GIS Intern for Normandy Park. He also worked for a non-profit as a part of his capstone project, where he was introduced to the application of real-life GIS systems. He received his bachelors in Geographic Information Systems in June 2015. Sergio is currently building Burien’s IT capabilities, helping the City move into the future of the GIS world.

Sergio can be reached at sergiov@burienwa.gov or 206-248-5502.
8 EASY WAYS to Keep Stormwater Clean During the Winter Season

By Ryan Chambers, Communications Intern

VERSIZED WINTER COAT? Check. Seahawks sideline beanie? Check. And let me guess, your current coffee drink is something like a 16 ounce peppermint white mocha, extra hot. Tis the season; winter is in full swing.

Winter is arguably one of the best seasons the Pacific Northwest has to offer; the daily forecast consists of rain, rain, and more rain, what’s not to love? With a relatively dry summer, Washington State is looking to have a very, very wet couple of months.

Now, I know what you’re thinkin: “What’s different with that? That’s pretty standard here.” Honestly, my answer would be, “nothing, really.” However, when I brought the topic up to Burien’s Stormwater Outreach Specialist, Mary Eidmann, I got a completely different response than I expected.

Mary pointed out the window, right into the cloudy, gray sky and said, “The extra rain we are going to see could be a real issue. If people aren’t preparing their homes for stormwater runoff, then our streams and Puget Sound could be in real trouble.”

“How so?” I said, puzzled. “Well, for starters, anything that goes down the storm drains goes straight into the Puget Sound through local streams like Miller, Walker, or Salmon. That means all of the pollutants, trash, and contaminants that may be spilled or left on the road or driveway ends up in the water we enjoy.”

“I wasn’t aware that every little bit counts. What can I do to help prevent this from happening?” Just 4.7 seconds later Mary handed me a list of eight best practices, which are easy ways I can help keep the stormwater runoff from my house clean. I couldn’t keep them to myself so, here they are:

1. THINK ABOUT A GETTING RAIN GARDEN

   If your basement seems particularly prone to flooding, this option is definitely worth looking into. A rain garden - a planted depression that allows rainwater runoff from impervious urban areas (your roof or driveway) - can direct water away from your foundation.

   Rain gardens allow water to filter through the soil naturally, taking care of the excess pollutants that may otherwise enter the Sound through the stormwater drains.

   Already have a rain garden? Great! Just make sure to remove any leaves that block the inflow or overflow access.

   BONUS: Its attractive curb appeal may increase your property value.
2. STORE CHEMICALS INDOORS

Don’t store paint or other chemicals outside. Even if your paint or chemicals are “covered” on the side of your house it still isn’t completely safe from Mother Nature. The winter rain will wash the chemicals down the stormwater drains, into the Puget Sound.

3. CHECK FOR LEAKS

When you’re winterizing your car, make sure to check for and fix leaks. The wet weather can make it hard to see those leaky wet spots on your driveway—now everything is wet with rain! (See Don’t Drip and Drive on page 19)

4. SCOOP THE POOP

We all know the struggle. You take the dog out early in the morning, it woke you up from the best sleep you had ever had, you haven’t even had your first cup of coffee yet! Then the dog decides it’s time to do “the deed.” Mary isn’t saying that right at that moment (unless it is public property) you have to go pick up the poop, rather she advises people to pick up the poop more frequently than normal.

Why do it more frequently, you ask? Well, other than protecting the bottoms of your shoes and your carpets; the phosphorus and nitrogen in the poop run into the streams and create algal blooms. When these algal blooms die, they suck up all the oxygen and create a hypoxic environment. This means there is no oxygen for other creatures—like salmon.

As for taking your dog on walk or to the dog park, you know the drill: Always scoop the poop immediately!

5. HOLD BACK ON FERTILIZERS AND PESTICIDES

Eliminate or reduce fertilizer and pesticide use—same process as with dog poop. Fertilizers release excess phosphorus and nitrogen into the waterways resulting in poor water quality and habitat degradation. For alternative to chemicals, try natural yard care tips like:

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- Planting companion plants that deter pests
- Pulling weeds by hand
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If you have permeable pavement or concrete, do not apply sand, abrasives or salt during slick winter weather – this can clog the pore spaces and lead to costly pavement rehabilitation. When temperatures rise above freezing, any remaining snow should melt and drain down through the pavement instead of refreezing into black ice.

7. DRAINAGE ISSUES

If you see standing water on your street, you can help!

1. Take some time when it’s dry outside to locate the storm drains, also called catch basins, near your home. This will help you during a storm.
2. If it’s too late for that, look for the low spot. The storm drain is mostly likely located in or near the lowest spot of the puddle, covered by leaves. That’s why it’s not draining properly.
3. Take a shovel or a push broom and uncover the storm drain by brushing the leaves away. Depending on how much water has built up, you might need to use some muscle! As the standing water drains, more leaf debris will flow over the drain, meaning you might have to do this a few times.
4. If you are struggling, go ahead and call the City of Burien for help at 206-241-4647.

8. GOOD STORMWATER
HOUSE KEEPING

1. Mow and trim ditch lines—if you don’t the culverts can get clogged easily during storms
2. Keep drains/catch basins clear of debris
3. Check the culverts that go under your driveways. If they’re full of debris and sediment call the City of Burien and we can clean them out.
HIGH ENERGY, A LOT OF RAIN, and a fair amount of puddle jumping. That was the scene at the brand new South 132nd Pedestrian/Bike Trail on Wednesday, October 26th. It was fitting that the ceremony was opened by a flood of Cedarhurst Elementary students walking down the pathway. After all, the trail was built for that very reason.

Brian Victor, Burien’s Capital Project Manager, opened the event by thanking all who made the trail possible: The King County Community Development Block Grant, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, KPG, Inc. (Seattle), The Blueline Group (Kirkland), and W.S. Contractors, LLC (Bonney Lake).

Victor pointed at the rain garden, just 100 feet away, the trees that lined the walkway, and the grass that hadn’t yet sprouted.

He told students “We built this trail for you! We wanted to give you a safe area to walk to school. We wanted to give you cool things to look at while you are walking to school.”

Notable speakers of the event included: Deputy Mayor Bob Edgar, King County Councilmember Joe McDermott, King County Community Development’s Kathy Tremper, Department of Community & Human Services Terry Mark, US Department of HUD’s Jack Peters and Cedarhurst Elementary School Principal Bobbi Giammona. Councilmember Nancy Tosta (left), Deputy Mayor Bob Edgar (middle), and King County Councilmember Joe McDermott cutting the ribbon on the new walkway on S. 132nd street, which will be heavily used by Cedarhurst Elementary School students.

Brian Victor, City of Burien’s Capital Project Manager shares a laugh with some of the students of Cedarhurst Elementary, who were in attendance and sang at the ribbon cutting ceremony.
Tosta, Interim City Manager Tony Piasecki, and various members of the Burien City staff also attended.

The Cedarhurst Choir performed three songs and closed out the event, and two students expressed their gratitude towards the City and all involved for trail. “I am really grateful for this trail, and everyone who helped build it,” one student said.

Principal Giammona expressed gratitude to the City for the trail to students: “Do you see how many different types of people worked on this project? Planners, engineers, construction workers, there are so many people involved. This is what you can achieve, anything is possible.”

Students and staff from Cedarhurst braved the elements and strolled past the rain garden on the newly paved path on South 132nd Street.

HILLTOP ELEMENTARY SIDEWALK AND CROSSING

Weather was not an issue at Hilltop Elementary School on Thursday, October 27th as community members joined together to celebrate the ribbon cutting of the brand new rectangular rapid flashing beacon light and paved sidewalk.

Councilmember Nancy Tosta opened the ceremony - sharing gratitude for those parties involved. After heavily preparing for a month, members of the Hilltop band filled the gym with music, leaving those in attendance in awe.

In November of 2013 a group of mothers whose children attended Hilltop Elementary sent a letter to the City of Burien’s Public Works Director, Maiya Andrews. In that letter the Women’s Justice Circle, a grassroots community organizing program from the Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center, voiced their concern about
the crosswalk on Military Road. The group suggested a crossing light and a reduction in traffic speed. The mothers also sent individual statements about their concerns to the City, in total approximately 23 signatures were sent to Burien officials.

Ms. Andrews and her staff took the parents’ concerns seriously and developed and implemented the improvements. Now, here we are. The mothers who shared their concern were given the opportunity to see the project come full circle, and they thanked all involved. The second project included paving a pathway leading from Military Road to the school. The 200-300 foot path is now ADA certified and is easily accessible for any student who chooses to walk to school. The walkway will also featured some artwork from the students of Hilltop, a mural of the Hilltop’s own artwork will line the walls of the path. With the completion of both projects Burien is happy that students can continue walking to school in a safe environment.
The Farmers Market came to a close in the middle of October, capping another successful year for the community-wide event. More business is good business as the Market looks forward to next year.

From 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays, Burien Town Square was packed with local residents – rain or shine – who enjoyed local, handmade goods and fresh produce from local growers, all while supporting local business owners in Burien. Many of the 50-60 vendors filled 5th Ave SW weekly, some of them returning from past years while others were just beginning.

“It was a really steady year, we battled weather for a lot of it but we did well, it was a really exciting to see the growth.” said Debra George, of Discover Burien.

Market growth seemed to be the continued message from Ms. George, who said the momentum taken from this year’s Market will most definitely carry onto the next. “There were some new vendors this year, which was exciting. The growers did very well this year, which is great.” The additions of Merrill Gardens - the high-end senior living community - and the 229 Legacy/Pillar market-rate apartments to Town Square will lead to an increase in residents in the downtown core, which is also great for the Market.

This year, thousands of people made their way down to the Market, making the downtown core a hot commodity during the work week. Whether it was roaming the booths or sitting down with a bite to eat and watching local performances this year’s market proved that Burien offers an endless amount of entertainment.

The increase in residents will be essential to market expansion, which will trickle down 5th Ave SW. The added street space will give Burien residents more shopping options while allowing local business owners the opportunity to better market their businesses.

“This is good for Burien,” said George. “We are just really, really excited about next year!”

By Ryan Chambers, Communications Intern

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EL MERCADO DE AGRICULTORES VIENE CERCA

De Ryan Chambers, Interno de communication

A TEMPORADA 13 DEL MERCADO DE AGRICULTORES TERMINO A MEDIADOS DE OCTUBRE, logrando ser otro año de éxito en los eventos de la amplia comunidad. Más negocios son los que se esperan en el mercado para el siguiente año.

Durante los Jueves, de las 11 de la mañana a las 6 de la tarde, el centro de Burien se encuentra lleno con residentes locales -lluvia o sol- donde se disfrutan productos frescos y hechos a mano por productores locales. Todo es para ayudar a la producción local.

50-60 vendedores y sus puestos llenaron la nueva avenida del centro (5th Ave SW) cada semana. Algunos regresaron de los años pasados mientras otros apenas empezaron a vender este año.

“Fue verdaderamente un año estable en donde batallamos con el clima pero lo hicimos bien, fue muy emocionante mirar el crecimiento” dijo Debra George de Discover Burien. Este año, miles de personas llegaron al mercado cada jueves. En esos días, el centro es un lugar muy popular. La gente se distrae vagando por las cabinas, sentados comiendo algo, o simplemente mirando los eventos locales. En este año el mercado comprobó que se ofreció gran entretenimiento.

El crecimiento del mercado parecía ser el mensaje que continúa de George. Quien dijo que el impulso llevado de este año en el mercado se va ha usar definitivamente para el siguiente año.

“Hubo nuevos vendedores este año, eso fue emocionante. Los productores hicieron muy bien y eso fue estupendo. “En adición, los nuevos jardines de Merrill y los 229 Legado/Pilares apartamentos que van estar rectos para el ano que viene tendrán un impacto grande

El mercado era extremadamente popular hacia el final de la estación. Destacados a continuación: Burien residentes paseo por la 5ª Avenida en un hermoso soleado Jueves. Fotos cortesía de Amanda Snyder.

Los vendedores de flores son siempre una parada popular para los asistentes al mercado.

para los residentes mayores que vivirán cercas del mercado.

Este incremento de los residentes es esencial para la expansión del mercado.

Se ha agregado mas espacio a la calle 5 Ave SW. Eso da oportunidad para mejorar el mercado de los negocios.

“Esto es bueno para Burien” dijo George. “Estamos muy emocionados para el próximo año.”
Burien Late Night holds a different view. “Kicking them out doesn’t do any good,” said current Burien Teen Programmer, Patricia “Trish” Mejia. “Our programs are authentic, very different than others and that’s what we strive to be. We [Late Night Staff] are authority figures that aren’t viewed as a “threat.” We’ve created such positive relationships with our Teens. When they make a mistake, we give them an opportunity to make things right. In turn, hopefully they walk away learning a valuable lesson.”

Once the suspension was over Luke was required to complete mandatory volunteer hours. Casey Stanley, Burien’s current Recreation Manager who was a Recreation Program Assistant then, told him he should volunteer at Late Night on Friday nights to earn back trust with the program.

After keeping his head down and working hard Luke found that he was destined for this kind of work, he loved working with kids. As a volunteer, he got a taste of what it was like to be depended on by others. When he wasn’t there, teens wanted to know why. They wanted him there every week, regardless of what he had going on. As Luke’s passion grew, so did...
his responsibilities. Luke was hired as a part-time Recreation Leader, and a couple of years after that he became a program lead.

Believe it or not, this is not uncommon at Burien Parks and Recreation. Burien Parks and Rec has had 26 past program participants become City employees directly from programs like Late Night. Take it from another former Late Night attendee turned employee, Trish. “I started coming to Late Night when I was 12 years old,” said the Seahurst, Sylvester, and Highline grad. “I was hired at the age of 16 for Summer Camp and by my senior year at Highline I was working with the Late Night Program as a Recreation Leader. It was all about Late Night – that is where we wanted to be. The answer to the question: what are you doing this weekend, was always, Late Night!”

While working part-time with After School programs, Late Night, summer camp as well as coaching Preschool Sports, Trish also spent five years working for a record label. After leaving the music industry in 2011, Trish immersed herself back in the youth programs in Burien and realized that this, too, was her passion. Today, she is a full-time Parks employee, and is loving every minute of it. “This is the first time in my life I can confidently say that this is where I am supposed to be. Burien is my hood, these kids are my jam!”

Bringing authenticity back to Late Night, ultimately just being “real” with them is what keeps the programs alive. Trish never took her position with the City for granted, from day one she knew that she could make a positive impact in the City that raised her. “I’ve worked so hard to bring these programs back to life, and even before I took on the lead role, I put full time energy and passion into a part time position,” said Trish.

“I refuse to let the teens of this community down.” That dedication, and realism is what attracts teens to the program.

Staff members don’t set out to be heroes. They strive to be a dependable, relatable mentor to all teens. “We are their constant,” said Trish. “They rely on us, and count on us to be there.”

Taking pride in what you do is key to Parks and Rec’s program mission: to know every single kid’s name and face that walks through the Late Night doors.

The relationship with the Parks and Rec employees and teens who attend the program is unique. Teens are given responsibilities and are expected to follow them. “We treat them like they are adults, not like they are kids. We have high expectations, and hold them accountable for their actions,” said Trish.

“There are good people here. That’s the reason most of us keep coming back,” said Highline High School sophomore Gerald Hood. “Coming here has changed a lot about me. I want to be someone that younger kids look up to… I want them to think ‘Look, he made it, I can make it too.’ I really want to attend a four-year college when I graduate.”

Gerald comes for basketball, but is well known to both Late Night programmers and staff. He, along with at least 20 other teens I spoke with that night point to Trish, as the reason they continue to come to a Late Night on a Friday night.
UNC MOMENTO ENTRE EL APRENDIZ Y EL MENTOR SERÁ SIEMPRE INTEGRADA EN LA MEMORIA


Luke tenía 17-18 años, era conocido porque no tenía una actitud muy positiva y durante una noche de participar se hizo evidente. En 1999, Durante un viernes, por la noche en una sección de aros, Luke tuvo una discusión con un empleado. Le gritó y le dijo malas palabras al empleado, lo llevaron afuera del edificio con un policía. Fuera del edificio la discusión continuaba y la consecuencia fue que lo esposaron y fue suspendido del programa por un mes. Normalmente, con este tipo de circunstancia se pensaría que ese joven estuviera completamente fuera de poder participar en el programa. “La noche de jóvenes de Burien comprueba tiempo con tiempo que no están para eso, sacarlo del programa no les ayuda” dijo el presente líder de los jóvenes Patricia Mejía “Trish”, “nuestro programa es auténtico muy diferente a otros es por esos que nos esforzamos”. Los empleados son figuras de autoridad con el reto de crear un ambiente positivo en las relaciones con los jóvenes cuando ellos tienen un error les damos la oportunidad para hacer las cosas mejor. Esperamos que ellos puedan continuar aprendiendo una lección.

Cuando Luke fue suspendido se les exigió que completarán horas de trabajo voluntario. El asistente del programa de recreación en ese tiempo era Casey Stanley. Quién ahora es trabaja como directora de recreación de Burien.

Después de andar con su cabeza para abajo y completando su servicio, Luke encontró que su destino era trabajar con niños. El ama trabajar con niños como voluntario y aprendió que le gustaba trabajar con niños menores. Fue contratado como empleado de medio tiempo de líder de recreación y años después llego hacer líder del programa. Creerlo o no todas estas cosas se encuentra en la comunidad de recreación y los parques de Burien.

Este programa tiene 26 participantes que ahora son empleados directos de este programa.

Trish “yo empecé a venir al programa de noche cuando tenía 12 años”

En el Seahurst Sylvester y a la escuela superior de Highline “yo fui contratada a la edad de 16 años para un programa de verano y el siguiente año en Highline trabaje en el programa de jóvenes por la noche como líder de recreación en la noche del programa de jóvenes y eso era lo que yo quería.

Cuando te sientas y escuchas a Trish hablar acerca del programa de recreación de jóvenes, uno puede ver que ella...
no nomás es solo una empleada, tiene pasión, energía, optimismo y cuando se junta con otros pueden crear la estrategia que se necesita en este programa. Es muy importante no dejar a los jóvenes abajo eso dice Trisha. La verdadera muchacha, El realismo es lo que trae a los jóvenes al programa. La relación que sea creado con los líderes del programa continúa. Caminas en una tienda de café y puedes mirar a los niños y a sus padres puedes tener una relación con ellos, este tipo de interacción con la comunidad expande ha un programa abierto fenomenal. Por ejemplo Luke sintió que tenía que hablar de su propia experiencia, algunas veces ponemos muchos acordes dentro de la comunidad de Burien. “yo quiero darles un ejemplo de cómo un modelo se debe mirar y lo voy a enseñar de la manera genuina donde los niños pueden mirar cuando es falso, ellos pueden mirarlo en el momento. Nota esto , Luke no trabaja para el parque de recreación con los jóvenes desde el año 2014. El está trabajando ayudando a las personas de la calle a los jóvenes de (18 a 24 años de edad ) en el área de Seattle , continúan con las historias de que fue enseñando cuando el era empleado en el parque de recreación de Burien. El programa es un gran apoyo en el sistema para los jóvenes. La relación de los jóvenes con los empleados es única. A los jóvenes se le dan responsabilidades Y esperamos que las cumpla. “Nosotros los tratamos como adultos, no como niños, tenemos expectaciones altas y son responsables de sus acciones” dijo Trish. Tener orgullo de lo que hacen es la llave para el programa de recreación y la misión es conocer cada joven individualmente; su nombre, su cara, y qué está pasando en su vida. El programa de líderes de recreación celebra sus voluntarios y empleados individualismo con ellos y los niños del programa. “Cada niño es especial como individuo nuestro trabajo es un compromiso con ellos. Nos aseguramos que hay una sonrisa para saludarlos cuando entran por la puerta” dice Trish. No importa que ha sido su pasado cada día es un día nuevo y aquí estamos. “Nosotros somos una trinchera con esos muchachos. Nosotros somos constantes, es sorprendente como los muchachos preguntan por los empleados, demandando que estén ahí. Construyeron una relación y pueden confiar con nosotros”. La tarde –noche de jóvenes es de 8:00 pm – 11:00pm En la Sylvester Middle School, 16222 Sylvester Rd SW Virtualmente cada Viernes – con algunas expectaciones durante el año los muchachos están atendiendo de la secundaria y la preparatoria, se les recomienda que asistan Y es gratis.
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GRADUATE! HIGHLINE KICKS OFF!

By Ryan Chambers, Communications Intern

HIGHLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT DR. SUSAN ENFIELD understands that family, friends, teachers, and many other community members light a student’s path to success. With that in mind, the Graduate! Highline program was created. The goal is to increase the District’s graduation rate to 95%; the method to achieve that success is community-wide involvement.

The program is modeled on the Graduate Tacoma effort, which increased high school graduations from 55% to 78% over five years. The Highline program boasts a long list of businesses, non-profits, and government agencies as partners, and welcomes volunteers, ideas, and additional partners.

The focus on community was evident at Graduate! Highline’s kick-off event in September. Parents, teachers, and community members were there alongside students of all ages to hear from Dr. Enfield and from Sean Goode, the Matt Griffin YMCA’s Youth Development Specialist. “That feeling of energy was really organic,” said Goode. “In a time where there are so many competing agendas, it’s really cool to see that a community can come together for one cause: to graduate our kids.”

SEAN GOODE YMCA Youth Development Specialist

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But perhaps the most important contribution came from Maikol Alvarado, a Highline High School senior. Maikol was an intern with the King County Prosecutors office when he was a Junior last year. He arrived from Honduras just three years ago. He spoke no English.

“Every day, I would go to the library and go through children’s picture books for hours to learn the..."
GRADUATE! DA INICIO EN HIGHLINE!

En septiembre 16 el gimnasio de Matt Griffin YMCA en Sea Tac estaba lleno de residentes de Highline deseando hablar del programa Gradúate! el movimiento de Highline.

El evento fue en la parte de inicio del 2016-2007 del año escolar, para eso también se reconoció Gradúate de Highline Como el primer año de existencia en la escuela del distrito Highline.

Caminando en el edificio los invitados fueron saludados por los estudiantes de 10-15 preparatorias. Los estudiantes estaban vestidos con los colores de su escuela, los guiaban para firmar en el área y después ir al gimnasio. Después de esto todo era energía.

Cuando abrieron las puertas del gimnasio todo era un ruido explotador, la banda de Global Connections High School tocaba su música, ayudando a desarrollar el sentido apropiado para el evento. Niños, jóvenes de secundaria y preparatoria junto con los padres y miembros de la comunidad, estaban en el gimnasio para participar en la foto del evento.

Los niños tenían signos que leían “Gradúate! Highline” “Clase de 2025” “Clase de 2022” “Clase de 2026” se tomaron fotos con una gran variedad y selección de apoyos.

Los ayudantes de Gradúate! Highline regalaron camisetas gratis y los que participaron se les dieron un almuerzo gratis y una bolsa de regalitos, no había ningún sentimiento de que estaba fuera de lugar. Todo estaba divertido.

La superintendente Dr. Susan Enfield, quien dio el mensaje de estado de las escuela fue uno de los discursos más importantes del evento. Enfield y otros como Sean Goode especialista de desarrollo de jóvenes, YMCA y currente Maikol Alvarado de la preparatoria de Highline, también dieron discursos de su experiencia propia en el distrito.

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THE CITY OF BURIEN HAS A UTILITY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM that helps low income households offset the 6% utility tax imposed by the City on cable television, telephone, solid waste (garbage), electricity, and gas services by Puget Sound Energy. The program is available to Burien households that meet certain income guidelines: A one-person household must have an annual income below $31,650 and a two-person household below $36,150.

Eligible households receive a reimbursement for utility taxes paid and/or have the utility tax removed from their future bills. The average reimbursement last year was $40. Applications are due by the end of December each year; and must be renewed annually.

The City of Burien also has a program for eligible seniors and disabled persons to receive 30% off basic Comcast cable television rates. This discount does not apply to bundled services or other promotional offers.

Please call Burien City Hall at 206-241-4647 for more information or a copy of these applications. Applications are also available online at http://burienwa.gov/index.aspx?nid=850.

Low income households with Seattle City Light service are encouraged to call 206-684-3417 to learn about the utility discount programs they offer.

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BURIEN UTILITY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

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- **ELECTRICITY AND GAS SERVICES** provided by Puget Sound Energy.
- **SOLID WASTE** (garbage) provided by Recology CleanScapes (residential customers only).
- **TELEPHONE** (basic residential landline only, not cellular).
- **CABLE TELEVISION** (basic cable services, not satellite services).

English words for things,” Maikol said. His story was probably familiar to many students in the audience: Highline High Schools have over 500 students enrolled in ELL (English Language Learner) programs. Alvarado now has his sights set on being a lawyer as a result of his internship.

At the end of the celebration, Dr. Enfield asked a group of third graders, “What are you going to do after you graduate?” Each enthusiastically offered answers like, “become a doctor”, or “help people”. Graduate!

Highline wants to change the conversation around graduation from if to when. The support and involvement of the community can help students make that important walk into the future that begins with their high school diploma.

Interested in Graduate! Highline? You can find out more at http://graduatehighline.com.

Dr. Susan Enfield, Superintendent, Highline Public Schools unveiling the 2016 Highline graduation rates.
La ciudad de Burien tiene un Programa de Alivio con Servicio de Taxes que ayudan a las casas de familias de bajos ingresos con el 6% de impuestos de servicios de taxes para el cable, televisión, teléfono, basura, electricidad y servicios de gas.

El programa está disponible para las casas de familias que tengan reglas generales en cierto criterio de ingresos. Una persona soltera debe tener abajo de ingresos anual $31,650 y dos personas abajo $36,150.

El Programa de Alivio con Servicios de Taxes de Burien aplica a los siguientes servicios:

- Electricidad y servicios de gas proveídos por el Puget Sound Energy
- La basura proveída por Recology CleanScapes (solo para clientes)
- Teléfono (línea básica residencial, no para celulares)
- Cable de televisión (servicio básico, no para servicio de satélites)

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Programa de Alivio con Servicio de Taxes en Burien

Las casas de familia que serán elegibles recibirán un reembolso de los servicios de taxes pagados a tenerán el servicio de taxes removido de sus pagos futuros. El promedio de reembolso el año pasado fue de $40. Las aplicaciones tendrán que estar terminadas para finales de diciembre y cada año se tiene que renovar.

Las ciudad de Burien también tiene un programa para personas mayores que son elegibles o personas desabilitadas para recibir 30% del cable básico de Comcast y los pagos de televisión, este descuento adicional no se aplica a otros servicios o ofertas de promoción.

Por favor llame a la ciudad de Burien al 206-241-4647 para más información o para recibir una copia de las aplicaciones. Las aplicaciones están también disponibles por línea www.burienwa.gov/xxxxxxxxx

Casas de bajos ingresos con la ciudad de Seattle del servicio de electricidad están promoviendo llamar al 206-684-3417 para aprender no servicios de descuento que el programa ofrece.

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“Action” at the Burien Film Office

By Ryan Chambers, Communications Intern

Film is on the rise in Burien.

Washington Filmworks featured Burien as their location of the month in August, describing the community as, “a waterfront community with a backdrop of six miles of Puget Sound shoreline, expansive mountain views, and sunsets that provide breathing space from the confinements of a big city; giving life to a creative mix of actors, artists and writers that together form a strong film community.”

A creative hot spot, the notion of endless creativity was mentioned by longtime Burien resident Scott Schaefer, at a Burien Economic Development Dialog brainstorming session.

One post-it from the session read, “Encourage more ART! Especially FILM by creating a Film Office.”

What an interesting concept: providing a space where local filmmakers can come together as one and talk about their craft, detailing the positives of filming in Burien. The City thought it was a great idea, and asked Schaefer to assist in the organization of the Film Office on a volunteer basis. Schaefer has been involved with media of some form — writing, directing, and producing — since 1985 so it was only fitting that he be involved.

So here we are, in 2016. The Burien Film Office “Happy Hour” has seen eight months of events and is getting noticed in the community. The Tin Room Theatre at 923 SW 152nd Street hosts the event from 5:30 — 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month. The purpose of the happy hour is to highlight local filmmakers, local film events, and facilitate networking and collaboration between members of the arts community. September’s Happy Hour even showcased the comedy short “M.O.P.Z” which was filmed at Sunnydale School and was featured on the Adult Swim cable network.

There are many notable films that have happened in Burien, which takes some by surprise. Films like: “Safety Not Guaranteed”, “The Maury Island Incident”, “The Off Hours”, “Dead West”, “Every Beautiful Thing”, “Manic Pixie Wife Dream” and “Your Sister’s Sister” have all been filmed in Burien.

The goal for the Happy Hour was to create a more collaborative event throughout the tightknit Burien community, which is why it is free and is open to all-ages. “It created opportunity for the Burien film community to meet in one place and learn from each other. It was also about bringing out the positives of filming in Burien,” said Burien Economic Development Specialist, Chris Craig.

“I’ve always enjoyed working in the media,” says Schaefer. “Volunteering to help stimulate the local economy by encouraging filmmaking here is a lot of fun. There are a lot of talented people living in Burien and it’s exciting to see their work.”
THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS HERE and no matter what holiday you celebrate, you can reduce waste, conserve resources, and save money with these “green holidays” tips from the King County EcoConsumer public outreach program.

1. GREEN YOUR TREE. If a cut Christmas tree is part of your holiday tradition, support your locally-operated Burien-area tree lots and, when possible, choose trees grown in Washington state. Cutting your own tree on designated U.S. Forest Service land can save money and is relatively green because you forego all the carbon emissions associated with farming and transporting Christmas trees. To do this, you will need a permit from the U.S. Forest Service, which usually costs $10. When you’re done with your cut tree, local organizations may take it for a donation, or check the King County Tree-Cycling web page for other options. A living Christmas tree, which you might get at a local nursery, is another eco-friendly choice. Keep it outside in a pot for most of the year and bring it in for a week or so every December.

2. BUY AND BYE. For any holiday, choose gifts that have less environmental impact, such as well-made, durable items, or items made with less toxic materials or ingredients, or made from recycled materials. If the person you’re gifting is good with it, consider finding a used gift by joining one of the two Buy Nothing Facebook Groups in Burien. Those groups can also help you move along old items after you get new ones, or you can donate them to a charity that operates a local thrift store.

3. ENTERTAIN AND DECORATE LIGHTLY. You can now find energy-efficient LED lights for any holiday. Also, you can minimize your holiday footprint with your food and drink options. A number of Burien retailers offer healthy and sustainable food and beverage choices, or food and drinks with greener packaging.

4. USE A NET. Resources for making your holidays greener and saving money abound on the Internet or at the local library. Start with King County’s Green Holidays website at KCgreenholidays.com. It includes a sleighful of tips for holiday crafts projects and much more – even holiday lights recycling.

FUN TIPS FOR GREEN HOLIDAYS IN BURIEN

WREATH: Make your own wreath this holiday season – all you need are some wine corks, floral wire, and bells.

CREATIVE MENORAH: Traditional decorations don’t have to be typical, get creative by repurposing old or unused materials to create something truly unique.

TILE COASTERS: Unused tiles from previous projects makes a great set of coasters.
LOUDS, DAMP AIR – YOU KNOW WHEN RAIN IS COMING, but amidst the grey skies there are always rainbows to brighten the day! Where, you ask? It’s the one you’re currently walking through in the parking lot: a mix of oil, coolant, brake and transmission fluids.

While vehicle leaks most commonly occur drop by drop and hardly seem a threat, they accumulate over time, causing infrastructure and ecological concerns. As oil drips in the same spot over time—such as underneath a parked car—the asphalt pavement begins to degrade. That leads to costly pothole repair.

When rainwater falls on impervious surfaces such as paved streets and parking lots, unable to soak into the ground, it runs off and carries with it oil, vehicle fluids, and other contaminants into nearby storm-drains. The stormwater system then discharges the water into our streams and Puget Sound, harming aquatic life and affecting water quality.

According to the Washington State Department of Ecology, an estimated 7 million quarts of motor oil goes into Puget Sound every year. That’s equivalent to one tanker truck a day.

Developed in 2013, Don’t Drip & Drive is an informational and proactive campaign that encourages Washington auto owners to identify and fix fluid leaks on their car, not only for the safety and longevity of the vehicle, but of the wildlife, the preservation of habitat and the water quality of our rivers, streams, lakes, and ultimately Puget Sound.

Participating auto shops will provide a free leak check with 10 percent off repair costs if a leak is found (up to $50 savings). Since its beginning, 28,325 vehicle owners have been reached, and 79 percent of leaks found at participating mechanic shops have been fixed. “The Don’t Drip and Drive” campaign is creatively designed to allow local governments to be involved as little or as much as they want. The City decided to heavily incorporate Burien into this campaign because Don’t Drip and Drive goals closely align with our interest in protecting Burien’s creeks, streams, lakes, and Puget Sound,” said Mary Eidmann, the City of Burien’s Stormwater Outreach Specialist. Eidmann said that the campaign connects two very important Public Works Department goals:

1. PUBLIC OUTREACH REGARDING STORMWATER POLLUTION. When our residents hear about the campaign either through radio or social media, they not only learn why stormwater management is important, but how they can help. That last part is key. We aim to arm our residents with both knowledge and solutions.

2. ACTUAL STORMWATER POLLUTION REDUCTION. In this case, it is accomplished through fixed car leaks. Data continues to point to vehicle fluid leaks as the main source of contaminants leading to salmon mortality in the Puget Sound.”

Join in and be a part of the success by accessing the resources on the campaign’s website, www.fixcarleaks.org. You will find an interactive self-diagnosis chart, info on leak workshops, and a list of participating mechanics in Burien near you. Just use the leak-check locator!

Come to Puget Sound Skills Center on January 12th, 2017 from 8:00 am-10:00 am and 11:15am-1:30 pm and participate in the automotive technology program’s community service “No Leaks” event in partnership with the City of Burien and Don’t Drip and Drive.

- This will also include a free leak check, multi-point vehicle inspection, and recommendations for any repairs needed.

The Puget Sound Skills Center is located at 18010 8th Ave S in Burien.
EMPTY BOWLS: A Community Coming Together for a Cause
By Burien Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services

It takes a village.
At least that’s what Moshier Potters, Discover Burien, and Burien Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services think. The three teams pair to host one of Burien’s most successful, and rewarding events; Empty Bowls.

Empty Bowls is a project that developed at an east coast high school in the 1970’s, and has spread to communities all over the country. Businesses donate a simple meal of bread and soup, and potters donate beautiful handmade bowls. Participants pay a donation, choose a bowl, and enjoy soup and bread with others. All the proceeds from the event go to fight hunger in surrounding communities.

In 2006, pottery students at Moshier Community Art Center saw an opportunity to bring Empty Bowls to Burien. Their action, along with the partnerships of many local businesses sparked what the event is today. During the first year, students donated a couple hundred bowls and 260 people attended the event, raising over $3,400 for the Highline Food Bank.

“It was a crazy night,” said Cultural Arts Supervisor Gina Kallman. “We had no idea how many people would attend, we ran out of soup in the first 10 minutes! But, the gracious Burien restaurants came to the rescue and we were able to provide a simple meal to all.”

The event has grown enormously over the last 11 years, often taking the organizers by surprise. Empty Bowl attendance has doubled from one year to the next, resulting at times in a shortage of soup and bowls, but the Burien community has always been amazing, giving donations no matter what the circumstance. Currently, Moshier Potters donates over 1,300 bowls a year.

Over 1,000 people now attend the annual event, held the last Friday in January for both lunch and dinner, helping to raise over $20,000 for the Highline and White Center Food Banks.

At the 10 year anniversary, coordinators added a serving bowl auction that became very popular, wine tasting is also available.

The 12th annual Empty Bowls will take off on Friday, January 27th at the Burien Community Center, 14700 6th Ave. The project, which started in 2006, continues to be one of the most popular events hosted by Burien Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.
Seahurst Beach Family Campfire

By Ryan Chambers, Communications Intern

On September 23rd, a family campfire was hosted at Seahurst Beach to celebrate Burien’s beautiful beach, watch the sunset, learn about sea life, and most importantly roast marshmallows! The event dodged anticipated rain and turned out to be a serene Pacific Northwest night.

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Dia de los Muertos 2016

By Ryan Chambers, Communications Intern

On Friday, October 28th Burien families and residents gathered at the Burien Community Center to celebrate the Day of the Dead – the tradition of honoring and remembering our ancestors and families. Here are some of our favorite pictures from this year’s event, which was truly remarkable!

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Winter Fun
with Burien Parks

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A Year in Review

By Captain Bryan Howard, Burien Police Department

ANY ORGANIZATION SHOULD CONSTANTLY SEEK IMPROVEMENTS in order to deliver a better product or service to its customer. Public safety is the service we deliver the residents and visitors of this great city and we are always reevaluating how we conduct our business so we can make improvements along the way. Under the leadership of Chief Kimerer, we have recently finished an analysis of each position and made some adjustments to improve the service we provide to you.

After implementing a new patrol schedule, we converted a detective position to patrol to overlap our day and swing shifts, to better address workload and improve our response times to 911 calls. Our detectives are vital to us and do very important work, but we have already seen a positive impact with this change.

Traffic safety is important to us and our greatest area of concern is with impaired drivers. We moved our traffic officer from daytime to evenings to better address all traffic concerns, but with a special emphasis on the apprehension of impaired drivers. We also partnered with the City of Burien’s Public Works department, using grant money to purchase a new traffic safety trailer. This radar trailer can be positioned in neighborhoods to measure driver speed and flash a warning to speeders. This is proven to be a very effective tool in reminders drivers to reduce their speed, in what is usually their own neighborhood.

We have a new civilian Community Service Officer (CSO) working in Burien. A CSO focuses on helping us connect with the community we serve. He oversees our volunteer program and assists with the police explorer youth program. He assists with our annual citizen academy and works with the school resource officer to connect with our youth. He is replicating a program which was started at Evergreen High School and helping bring it to Highline High School called “Badges and Barbells”. This is an opportunity for cops and teens to workout afterschool together, and form more positive relationships. Our CSO also speaks fluent Spanish and is helping us better connect to our Latino residents. One of our biggest and most exciting changes is with our special emphasis team (SET). SET detectives are proactive rather than reactive. They focus on areas of repeated problems and coordinate resources between patrol and other detective units to eliminate the issue. We have just selected two new detectives and have a budget request to add a third detective and a supervisor with the assistance of federal grant money we were awarded. You may see them on bicycle patrols or foot patrols, or you might not notice them driving an unmarked car when an investigation requires they be more subtle. Their primary focus will be on lower level “crimes of disorder” including shoplifting, assault, theft, vandalism and trespassing. They will also work closely with our CSO and social services to offer needed assistance to our most vulnerable residents, including at-risk youth and the homeless. While our most serious crimes have declined or remained at a low rate, our crimes of disorder are on the rise. We are hopeful that proactive work and partnering with our social service providers can make a difference.

The most important element of an effective police department is YOU. Our community partnership is vital to effective policing. If you witness criminal activity of any kind, please help us by calling 911. Your report is not keeping us from more critical investigations as we prioritize all of our incoming calls. Many times, what seems to be a small issue turns into a large investigation. Just this week, an alert neighbor called us after seeing someone going through mailboxes. Officers responded and arrested four adults with possession of stolen mail. In addition, one person had a felony warrant and another had illegal drugs. As a result, one report of a mail theft resulted in felony arrests and may have prevented countless incidents of identity theft.

Burien Police is proud to serve you and your officers are among the best in law enforcement. Thank you for partnering with us and giving us the privilege of working in this great city!
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