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TUKWILA CITY PAGES

The City of Opportunity
The Community of Choice

Tukwila holds second annual celebration of veterans

Veterans attending the 2016 Veterans Day Ceremony on November 10 were recognized and thanked for their service.



Large neighborhood planning effort coming – watch for TIB Neighborhood Rising in 2017

Looking toward the future in Tukwila, the City is exploring how to improve the experiences of current and future residents, businesses and visitors in the Tukwila International Boulevard (TIB) neighborhood. Revising development rules and focusing public and private investments will help fulfill the vision, goals and policies for the TIB neighborhood adopted in 2015, as set forth in the City's Comprehensive Plan.

To move in this direction, the City of Tukwila is working with CNU (www.CNU.org), a national organization of professionals whose mission is "building places people love." A weekend workshop – "TIB Neighborhood Rising" – is being organized for early in 2017 (February 23–26). Lead by CNU, this kick-off event invites the public to participate in open houses and focus groups, and to review ideas that will influence the future of the neighborhood.

The CNU team of experts will be seeking input from property owners, residents, businesses, and others concerned about the character and future of the neighborhood. They will ask what should be done to create a vibrant and walkable neighborhood. Participants will discuss sidewalks, streetscapes, smaller blocks/streets, and city facilities – where they should go and how they should be configured to provide the most benefit for the community.

TIB NEIGHBORHOOD RISING
February 23- 26, 2017

Please save the dates and stay tuned for specific details on times and place. You'll find more information at TukwilaWA.gov/TIBPlanning about the City's TIB neighborhood efforts. While there, you can also sign up to receive email updates and announcements.

Introducing Tukwila's new Community Engagement Manager

Tukwila is proud of its ongoing commitment to high-quality customer service and community engagement. Following a recent retirement, the City reworked that position to specifically focus on these critical areas. The City is pleased to announce that Mia Navarro has joined the organization as the City's new Community Engagement Manager. Among her responsibilities in this capacity, she will serve as Tukwila's lead for the award-winning Community Connectors program. Mia will also be the City's point person for working with the Tukwila School District and other school districts serving our community. Among her tasks is the development of an intern and job shadow pilot program with interested students at Foster High School. She will also serve as a public advocate, representing residents and other stakeholders' interests when issues arise.

Mia comes to Tukwila from the Tacoma Housing Authority, and has a strong background in working with a wide variety of people in all stations of life. She was selected because of her experience, her enthusiasm, and her genuine demonstrable interest in helping this community. Mia will be out and about getting to know Tukwila's neighborhoods and residents – be sure to introduce yourself when you see her!



Mayor's Message



First budget speech under my belt

In the realm of City business, it is again budget season. At the Monday, November 7 City Council meeting, I formally presented my budget to the Council for their consideration. Same as for 2015/2016, this budget was developed collaboratively by City leadership, the Council, and key staff. Rooted in the foundation of the goals set forth in the City's adopted Strategic Plan, this biennium's priorities are to:

- Cultivate safe, attractive and welcoming neighborhoods
- Promote dynamic urban environments
- Leverage effective partnerships and collaboration
- Encourage healthy, safe and affordable housing
- Maximize Tukwila's significant economic strength and potential
- Ensure organizational effectiveness and responsible financial stewardship; and
- Foster civic pride and an informed community

The 2017/2018 budget is fiscally sound, and the forecast for the coming years – barring an economic event – shows that our City remains in good fiscal health.

This budget has been more collaborative than previous budget processes in which I have taken part. It is the product of much hard work from the Council, City staff, residents who participated in our budget outreach efforts, and the broader community. This year we held two in-person open houses on the budget, as well as an online open house. Community members were able to review and discuss our identified priorities, and tell us which items in the proposed work plan were most important to them. Beyond the open houses, we also mailed information on the budget to each residence, published multiple articles on the City Pages in the Tukwila Reporter, utilized TukTV on Comcast Channel 21, and reached out through the City's social media platforms.

The City Council played an integral role in the budget process this year. Over the summer and into fall, each Council committee performed significant preliminary review of all facets of the budget. This collaborative work, in my opinion, resulted in a better budget. The upfront work and review provided by the Council allowed us to incorporate their thoughtful feedback, including additional investments in direct human services funding.

Budgets are guiding documents that lay out the priorities, work plan and road map for the next two years. I am pleased with the collaborative effort in developing this work product for presenting to the Council, and look forward to their review process as we finish the City's 2017/2018 biennial budget.

Allan Ekberg
Allan Ekberg, Mayor

MAYOR: Allan Ekberg
COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Joe Duffie

COUNCIL MEMBERS: • Dennis Robertson • Verna Seal • Kathy Hougardy
• De'Sean Quinn • Kate Kruller • Thomas McLeod

Your helping hands would be welcome at a CODIGA PARK WORK PARTY! Saturday, December 3 – 9:30AM to 2:00PM
EarthCorps volunteers, called Puget Sound Stewards, focus on creating a beautiful and thriving natural area along the river at Codiga Park – removing weeds, spreading mulch, etc. For info, call 206-322-9296 x217 or visit EarthCorps.org/volunteer

We're on the edge of winter – here's some power outage safety tips

During a power outage:

- Only use flashlights or glow-sticks for emergency lighting; candles can cause fires.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed. Most food requiring refrigeration can be kept safely in a closed refrigerator for several hours. An unopened refrigerator will keep food cold for about four hours. A full freezer will keep its temperature for about 48 hours.
- Conserve water.
- Put on layers of warm clothing if it is cold outside.
- NEVER use gas ovens, gas ranges, barbecues or portable or propane heaters for indoor heating – they use oxygen and create carbon monoxide that can cause suffocation. If the power may be out for a prolonged period, plan to go to another location (the home of a relative or friend, or a public facility) that has heat to keep warm.
- Only use generators away from your home – NEVER run a generator inside a home or garage, or connect it to your home's electrical system. Turn off lights and electrical appliances except for the refrigerator and freezer. Even if it's dark, turn light switches and buttons on lamps or appliances to the "off" position.
- Turn off or unplug computers and other sensitive equipment to avoid damage in case of a momentary power "surge" when power is restored. (Consider adding surge protectors.)
- Leave one lamp on, so you'll know when the power is restored. Wait at least 15 minutes after power has been restored before turning on other appliances.



Operation Warm 2016 – Fire, Police and coats at Crestview Elementary

Tukwila Firefighters Local 2088, in partnership with the Tukwila Fire Department, held their second Operation Warm Coat Delivery Day on October 19. Thanks to generous support from donors, they were able to provide 138 brand new warm coats to every kindergartner at Thorndyke and Cascade View Elementary Schools. The event had Firefighters and Police Officers present to meet and give the kids safety demonstrations and talk about their jobs. Afterwards, the kids received their coats, took a tour of the police cars and fire trucks, and were given a goody bag. Thank you to the Tukwila Firefighters and donors for all that you do in our community!

Connect with Tukwila's Police Department!

Tukwila's Police Department recently launched two new social media accounts on Facebook and Twitter.

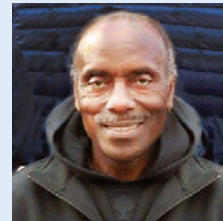
Like and Follow the Department to get useful tips or the latest information on an incident, or to learn more about the men and women who serve our community.

Search "Tukwila Police Department" on either or both, and Like or Follow today!



COUNCIL CORNER

by Joe Duffie, 2016 Council President



Appreciating our Veterans

My year as Council President is drawing to a close, and the holiday season is quickly coming upon us. I am very proud to say that the City hosted its second annual Veterans Day recognition event on November 10, and it was a great success. We were honored to have Lieutenant Colonel William Blakey as the guest speaker. If you were able to attend, I thank you very much. You all know how important it is to me to celebrate our nation's veterans. We must give thanks to all the veterans and their families. They sacrificed so much so that Americans can be free, and to them I say, "Free at last, free at last, thank God for our veterans."

Thanksgiving and Community Giving

Thanksgiving is a very special holiday where we can give thanks and appreciate the people, opportunities, and gifts in our lives. But let's not forget about the people in our community who are hungry. Please think about them when you are shopping – toss an extra can of food in your cart for the Tukwila Pantry or your local school or church. There is a drop-off location here at City Hall to benefit the Tukwila Pantry. The weather is cold and wet now and I ask all citizens to be thoughtful and kind and to consider those less fortunate. The City is conducting its annual "Spirit of Giving" program. There are many ways to participate, like hosting a toy, food or blanket drive at your workplace. Tukwila's Parks and Recreation Department can provide a bin and other materials, as well as pick up the goods. Call 206-768-2822 for more information.

Holiday Lights Contest

The 2016 Holiday Lights Contest is now open for entries. Download the form from the City's website or call 206-433-8993. Forms are due back on December 2 by noon, and judging will take place the following week between the hours of 4:00–9:00PM. Our judges will be looking for talented light designers in many categories, INCLUDING commercial property and apartment/condo decorated door. If you love decorating with lights, please consider participating by submitting an entry form.

Just a reminder—your Tukwila Council wants to hear from YOU. Learn more at the City's website at TukwilaWA.gov. Tukwila City Council meetings are aired live on Comcast Channel 21 and are also streamed live from Tukwila's website. All Committee meetings are open to the public as well, and Councilmembers host monthly Council Chats at various locations. Please feel free to call me anytime at 206-478-0089, or Council Analyst Laurel Humphrey at 206-433-8993.

And remember: Together We Stand, Divided We Fall.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Tukwila City offices will be closed on Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25; Monday, December 26; and Monday, January 2, 2017.

Meeting agendas, City programs, recreation activities, publications and more... get the most current information at TukwilaWA.gov!