



# TUKWILA CITY PAGES

**GOT HOLIDAY PLANS? A reminder...**

**On July 4th, traditions rule: splashing in the kiddie pool. Volleyball and horseshoe skill, red glow of the charcoal grill. Tiki torches, flocks of kids, and 'tater salad (Uncle Sid's). But be aware - and tell the crowd - that fireworks are not allowed!**

It's illegal to possess, manufacture or use fireworks of any kind in Tukwila. It is also NOT legal to purchase fireworks outside the City limits and bring them into the City. Thank you for helping us keep the 4th of July safe (and Tukwila's dogs & cats thank you, too!)

## Night Out Against Crime is August 2; start making your party plans!

Think of it as a going-away party for neighborhood crime and drugs... yes, a party for the crooks!

Each year, the Tukwila Police Department sponsors a City-wide celebration to raise awareness in local anti-crime programs. The NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME is Tuesday, August 2, and residents in all neighborhoods are encouraged to join us.

Through NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, the Tukwila Police Department hopes to strengthen neighborhood spirit and partnerships with

## COUNCIL VOICE

### Tukwila Village: Meeting the City's Senior Housing Needs

by Allan Ekberg, Council President

Over the years, Tukwila's elected officials have expressed concerns about the lack of senior housing in our city. King County alone has a large population base of aging seniors – 180,000 individuals age 65 and over, according to census data. The demographics of Tukwila's residential population of 19,000 reflect a viable need for senior housing.

Census figures regarding Tukwila residents reveal that over 25% are age 45+; 15% are age 55+; and 1,000 households in Tukwila consist of individuals age 65+. And, the City's Council and administration have heard clearly that Tukwila's aging citizens wish to remain part of this community.

Currently there is no senior housing in Tukwila. The City's Comprehensive Land Use Plan sets forth the important goal of developing standards to meet the demands of a "full range of housing for persons in all stages of life." American "baby boomers" [this author's age group, by the way] are maturing, and the 4,500+ individuals age 45 or older residing within our City limits underscore the need to address senior housing.

Now this potential market has been recognized by interested property developers for the City-owned Tukwila Village site, located at the intersection of South 144th Street and Tukwila International Boulevard. In May, the Council was briefed on two responses to the City's Request for Qualifications; both developers advanced the vision of bringing senior housing to Tukwila. To that end, in early June the Council authorized the Mayor to enter into negotiations with the Tukwila Village Development Associates, LLC (also known as SHAG: Senior Housing Assistance Group) to work with the City.

For nearly two decades and in spite of some false starts, the vision of attaining senior housing in Tukwila has commanded the attention of Tukwila's Mayor, Council members, citizen groups and residents. Demographically, Tukwila is ripe for a senior housing market and we hope to see the fruits of this labor soon. As citizens, we have waited long enough.

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### City of Tukwila Shoreline Master Program Update



Public Hearing: Shoreline Master Program  
Monday, June 27 at 7:00PM,  
in City Council Chambers at  
Tukwila City Hall, 6200 Southcenter Blvd, Tukwila

The Shoreline Master Program is a land use plan that provides policy guidance and regulations for the area 200 feet on either side of the Green/Duwamish River (*hearing required by State Dept. of Ecology*).

Adoption of Tukwila's Shoreline Master Program is a joint effort between the City and the Department of Ecology. The City adopted its Master Program on December 14, 2009 and submitted it to the Department of Ecology for its review. The City was notified by Ecology in March 2011 that the majority of the Shoreline Master Program complies with State regulations on shorelines, and that only minor technical changes are required in order to receive final State approval.

The main technical corrections to the City's adopted Master Program required by Ecology are adding more detailed shoreline environment maps; including a summary chart of permitted uses in the shoreline environments; adding a shoreline environment for the area waterward of the ordinary high water mark of the river; modifying or qualifying certain uses; adding standards for locating signs in the shoreline; and clarifying building height standards.

Anyone interested in this land use plan is encouraged to attend the Public Hearing and provide comments to the City Council, or submit written comments by 5:00PM on June 27, 2011. Information about the corrections required by Ecology, the Shoreline Master Program adopted by the City and background materials can be found on the City's website at [www.TukwilaWA.gov](http://www.TukwilaWA.gov). If you have any questions, contact senior planner Carol Lumb at 206-431-3670 or email [Carol.Lumb@TukwilaWA.gov](mailto:Carol.Lumb@TukwilaWA.gov).

### Calendar reminder: Saturday, June 25

#### Rock 'n' Roll Seattle Marathon and 1/2 Marathon

Starting time: 7:00am  
Run begins in Tukwila by Gateway Corporate Center on Interurban Avenue  
For information about the course and road closures, click "Event Details" at [runrocknroll.competitor.com/seattle](http://runrocknroll.competitor.com/seattle)

### Calendar reminder: July 23-24

**18<sup>th</sup> Annual Tukwila Community Garage Sale**  
**You can shop! You can sell!**  
– Register to hold a sale by June 30 –  
• Online: [tukwilawa.gov/yardsale.html](http://tukwilawa.gov/yardsale.html)  
• Email: [rebecca.fox@TukwilaWA.gov](mailto:rebecca.fox@TukwilaWA.gov)  
• Phone: 206-433-7178

Tukwila has a new online address; look for us now at **TukwilaWA.gov**

### Road work continues on Southcenter Parkway South

Although construction was hampered by unusually wet weather conditions over last winter and this spring, our improving weather is allowing work on the Southcenter Parkway Road Extension – from Minkler Boulevard south to South 200th Street – to progress. Started in July 2010, this project is now scheduled to be completed by summer of 2012.

Construction between South 180th and Minkler Boulevard involved water main and sanitary sewer replacement which is now complete and in operation. Other work includes bringing ADA ramps into compliance with current standards, as well as sidewalk and curb replacement and repair. For safety reasons during construction, the creation of the new five-lane roadway between South 180th and South 200th Streets has resulted in the closure of Frager Road and detour routes being posted. The road bed is being graded to the new design elevation. Sanitary sewer systems – including a new sewage pump station – are under construction, along with storm drainage facilities and a new water system.

Once complete, the roadway will feature traffic signals, street lighting, and a new five-lane roadway connecting the southern end of the City to the central commercial core area.



### Calendar reminder: Week of June 20-24

**Solid Waste Annual Curbside Cleanup**  
Collection of large, bulky items like refrigerators, stoves, dryers and microwaves, plus smaller items like lawn furniture, small broken furniture, bicycles, BBQ grills, etc.  
Certain quantity limits and pickup restrictions apply. If you have questions, call Allied Waste at 206-682-9735 or Frank Iriarte at 206-431-2445.

**In observation of Independence Day, Tukwila City offices will be closed on Monday, July 4.**  
**Have a fun – and safe – holiday!**

### Think summer and kids!

Tukwila's Summer Camps are almost here. Whether it's an awesome day camp or a special Sports Camp, your children will enjoy every minute of this summertime fun!

For more information or to register, please call the Tukwila Community Center at 206-768-2822.

**REMEMBER US ON THE HOT DAYS!**  
**The SPRAY PARK at Tukwila's Community Center is now open. Splash hours are 10:00AM to 8:00PM daily.**

NAME OF CAMP	DATES	AGE GROUP
Preschool Camps	6/27-7/1 and 8/1-8/5	Ages 3-4
Camp Tukwilly	Weekly	Grades K-4
Adventure Camp	Weekly	Grades 5-6
Teen Trips	2x per week	Grades 7-12
Basketball Mini Camp	6/28-6/30	Ages 10-14
Sports for Shorts	7/11-7/15	Ages 4-7
Teen Fit Camp	7/11-7/22	Ages 13-16
Beginning Jump Rope Camp	7/18-7/22	Grades K-2
Beginning Double Dutch Camp	7/18-7/22	Grades 3-5
Junior Hoops Camp	7/25-7/29	Ages 6-11
All Star Basketball Camp	7/25-7/29	Ages 12-17
"Best Effort" Basketball Camp	8/8-8/10	Ages 7-14
Baseball Camp	8/15-8/18	Ages 8-13
Tennis Camp	8/15-8/19	Ages 5-10
Soccer Camp	8/22-8/26	Ages 6-12

### Stormwater Management: NPDES Update

As required by Washington State Department of Ecology's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II permit, the City is continuing with its education and outreach as specified in our Stormwater Management Program.

To help reduce costs, we recently partnered with the City of Kent and randomly selected 204 households for a phone survey to measure the public's knowledge of stormwater and pollution. (All survey results can be viewed on the City's NPDES website at [www.TukwilaWA.gov/pubwks/NPDES.html](http://www.TukwilaWA.gov/pubwks/NPDES.html).) The phone survey showed a growth in our citizens' overall understanding of the impacts of pollution on stormwater. With that said, there is still more to learn and pass on to those that have not yet been fully educated.

With outdoor activities ahead, we'd like to share some information:

- Stormwater runoff is the leading cause of pollution in rivers, wetlands and lakes. Therefore, to reduce environmental pollution, the challenge to our community is to help keep stormwater pollution-free.
- An illicit or unlawful discharge is anything that enters a storm drain system that is not made up entirely of stormwater.
- All water that goes into stormwater drains is not treated before being discharged into the environment.
- Sediment is pollution and should be prevented from entering the stormwater drainage system.
- Clean paint brushes is in a sink that drains into the sanitary sewer system, not outdoors.
- Washing a vehicle at a commercial car wash causes less pollution than washing a vehicle at home with biodegradable soap. The discharge at the commercial car wash goes into the sewer system and is treated, whereas washing a vehicle at home goes straight into the stormwater drainage, which is not treated.
- Residue from chemical treatments to kill moss is a source of pollution.
- Applying soap to oil and grease spots on outdoor concrete or asphalt and then rinsing it off with a hose is not a good method for protecting stormwater runoff.
- Carpet shampoo wastewater causes pollution to the environment and should not be disposed of in a stormwater drain.
- A mulching lawnmower reduces the need for using fertilizer and hence represents a valuable method for eliminating fertilizer pollution in stormwater.



As part of our stormwater outreach program, the City has installed markers at catch basins throughout the City (on public streets and parking lots). The purpose of the markers is to let you know that only stormwater should enter these catch basins, and that dumping anything else into them is not allowed.

If you have any questions or input for the Stormwater Management Program, please contact Tukwila's NPDES Coordinator Greg Villanueva at 206-431-2442 or email [greg.villanueva@TukwilaWA.gov](mailto:greg.villanueva@TukwilaWA.gov).

