



# TUKWILA CITY PAGES

## Tukwila's first Strategic Plan: Making a blueprint for the City's future

The City of Tukwila is developing its first Strategic Plan to set the course for Tukwila's future. The Strategic Plan will be a guiding document for the long-term desired future for the community, as well as prioritized and phased action steps for achieving that vision.

To help in the planning, the City wants to hear from YOU, whether you're a resident, employee, business owner, or "friend of Tukwila." Your input will help shape the future of the community! Look for upcoming meetings and other opportunities to have your say in how Tukwila should proceed for the next decade.

### Take the online survey!

At the start of this planning process, the City has created an online survey (available June 20) and invites you to take a few minutes and provide your input. Questions focus on topics like "What do you want our community to be like in the future?" Please go to our Strategic Plan page online – [www.TukwilaWA.gov/StrategicPlan.html](http://www.TukwilaWA.gov/StrategicPlan.html) – and click on the questionnaire link.



It's time to think about how you'd like to see your city move forward, with changes or in its image. Tomorrow's Tukwila starts today!

## Tukwila graduates its first Community Emergency Response Team class

On May 19, the City's first Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members received their certificates of completion. City Councilmembers Dennis Robertson, Joe Duffie and Kate Kruller participated in the class along with nine other community members, including representatives from the Tukwila School District, Water District 125, the local Amateur Radio Club and the Museum of Flight.

Following a large disaster event within our community, professional responders will likely be spread thin as they provide help in multiple locations, resulting in response delays in many areas. CERT members are taught basic response skills they can put into action to provide immediate assistance until professionals are available. Class sessions are filled with practical hands-on activities, spread over several weeks. The CERT class ends with a simulated disaster. Instructors for CERT include professional responders from the Fire Department, Emergency Management and Critical Incident Stress Management professionals.

To make the final functional drill as realistic as possible in a simulated environment, Fire and Police Explorers played the role of victims, receiving make-up to simulate injuries. Victims were placed inside buildings and outside under cars and other areas, requiring students to locate them and then move them to a central medical treatment area. The drill was "well organized and as good as it gets," said one class participant.



The City appreciates the assistance and dedication of the Explorers and of these first volunteer CERT graduates for helping the community be better prepared to respond to disaster events!

Interested in taking the CERT class? The next class will be held in the fall; specific dates are yet to be determined. Contact Mary Hobday, Emergency Management/Public Education, at 206-971-8742 or email [CERT@TukwilaWA.gov](mailto:CERT@TukwilaWA.gov).

## The Green River is in our Care

Stormwater pollution and its impact on Puget Sound was the focus of a City of Tukwila presentation on May 15, 2012 to the 5th grade science classes of Tukwila Elementary School. The students learned about storm drains and specific things they can do to protect the water that flows into storm drains. The students were well-prepared for the presentation because Tukwila Elementary science teachers had already taught them about the Green River; now they know "Puget Sound Starts Here" right in Tukwila.

The fifth graders were taught one of the simplest things they can do to prevent stormwater pollution is to not allow oil or soapy water into our storm drainage systems. The students also learned that it is bad for the environment if their pet's waste was not scooped up because, when left behind, it eventually makes its way through the drainage system to the waters of the Green River and the Sound.

The presentation was part of the City's ongoing community awareness program to educate the public about stormwater and to encourage people – including young children – to take an active part in preventing pollutants from getting into our area's storm drains and ultimately into Puget Sound.



At a recent City presentation, three 5th grade science classes at Tukwila Elementary learned how to keep pollution out of the City's storm drainage system.

## IN OBSERVANCE OF THE INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY, CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 4.

### COUNCIL CHAT

Second Saturday of each month, from 10:00AM to 12:00PM  
Come join the talk at the  
**FOSTER GOLF LINKS CLUBHOUSE**  
13500 Interurban Avenue S

*Council Chat is an opportunity to stop by and informally speak with a Tukwila City Council member about anything on your mind regarding your community.*

Next Chat: Saturday, July 14

## Come enjoy 23rd annual live summer performances

Behind the Scenes is the theme for this year's CASTT plays. CASTT (Community Actors Summer Theatre in Tukwila) will present an evening of one-act plays on July 20 and 21 at the Foster Performing Arts Center. There is no charge for the show, but canned food will be collected at the door for the local food bank.

The plays this year include an elementary school cast doing an adaptation of the mechanics scene from *Midsummer Night's Dream*. Ever wonder where budding directors get their start? This one-act play gives a look at an elementary student aspiring for a career in directing. One problem: the cast isn't up to the task of doing Shakespeare.

**We're Not Making This Play Up As We Go-Honest!** by Bradley Walton is a play about what happens when the cast gets sick and stage crew have to fill in for the actors. It is a very funny show about what happens when stage crew finds the only prop – a bowl of gravy – as the only thing worth talking about. This show's cast is middle schoolers.

**Sound Cues** by Michael Vukadinovich is a play about what happens in the sound booth while the show is going on. You hear the sound effects in a play, but do you ever wonder what else goes on in the sound booth? This play – done by a high school cast – will give a humorous look into the technical side of theatre.

**Box Office** by Claudia Hasss is a play about the workings of a community theatre box office, where there's more drama than on stage. Everything from a new age minister who thinks the theatre is a church to a housewife who thinks the theatre's rummage sale is the show.

An evening of fun for all ages. For more information, call 206-767-2342.

## Mark your calendar for these Tukwila family-friendly summer events: Touch-A-Truck - Saturday, June 23; Family Fourth at the Fort - Wednesday, July 4

Come enjoy a fantastic **WATER AEROBICS** workout at the Tukwila Pool with GAMB! Classes offered nightly Monday–Thursday, 6:00–7:00PM Drop-ins welcome!

**TUKWILA POOL**  
4414 South 144th Street, Tukwila  
206-768-2822  
[poolinfo@TukwilaWA.gov](mailto:poolinfo@TukwilaWA.gov)

## Fireworks Reminder

Fireworks of any kind are strictly prohibited in the City of Tukwila. It is illegal to possess, manufacture or discharge fireworks of any kind in Tukwila (including those termed "safe-and-sane"). It is also NOT legal to purchase fireworks outside the City limits and bring them into the City.

Enjoy a public fireworks display with your family – like the Family 4th event at Fort Dent – and avoid the dangers and fines associated with fireworks possession and discharge. Thank you for helping us keep the 4th of July safe in Tukwila.



## 2012 Annual Overlay & Repair Program

The City's Annual Overlay and Repair Program rehabilitates roadway surfaces throughout the City. This year will see repairs at Tukwila Parkway and Andover Park West, from Midland Drive to South 180th Street. Construction is anticipated to begin in early August and be completed by the end of the year.

## 2012 Annual Small Drainage Program

The City's Annual Small Drainage Program is designed to correct isolated small drainage problems throughout the City. Work on this year's projects is anticipated to start in July and be completed by October.

Specific locations for 2012 projects include:

- Gilliam Creek, Southcenter Boulevard crossing
- South 128th Street/37th Avenue South pipe repair
- Tukwila Parkway outfall
- Ryan Hill pipe repairs
- Fort Dent outfall improvements
- S 107th St Drainage Extension (at Beacon Ave S)
- 52nd Avenue S/53rd Avenue S Drainage Extension
- South 114th Street

## City project wins award

On May 22, the American Public Works Association recognized the City of Tukwila with its 2012 Washington State Project of the Year Award for the Tukwila Urban Center Access (Klickitat) Project. This road project won the category of Transportation, \$5–\$25 million range. The City of Tukwila, Guy F. Atkinson Construction LLC, and CH2M Hill, Inc., were acknowledged for their outstanding achievement in managing and constructing this regionally significant road project.



## Southcenter Parkway extension update

Construction of the Southcenter Parkway Project, which began in July 2009 between Minkler Boulevard and South 200th Street, is nearing completion. The project included demolition of the golf driving range; import of earth to build a new roadbed; asphalt paving; concrete curbs; gutters and sidewalks; street lighting systems; new traffic signals; landscaping and irrigation systems; a new sanitary sewer pump station; and new sanitary sewer, water mains, and storm drainage systems. There are two new large areas of mitigation for stream and wetlands. Rainy weather conditions have slowed the final paving process, but once completed with traffic striping, the road should be reopened to the general public in early July.

## Restoration of Tukwila's trail

In 2009 temporary emergency flood control measures were installed in response to concerns brought about by damage to the Howard Hanson Dam, which is run by the US Army Corps of Engineers (COE) to regulate flooding along the Green River. Now that the COE has completed repairs to the dam – which is operating at its full design capacity – the City of Tukwila will soon issue a construction contract to remove the Hesco and Supersac flood barriers that have kept our trails closed.

The cities of Auburn, Kent, and Tukwila have been working with the King County Flood Control District to secure funding for the removal of the flood control measures. In June 2012, the Flood District approved funding to cover 75% of the removal and restoration costs with the remaining costs to be funded by the affected jurisdictions. Restoration work is expected to start in late July and is scheduled to be completed by November, 2012.

Work will consist of removing the barriers from both the west and east side of the Green River, restoring the traffic lanes on West Valley Highway, repaving the trail, and other restoration work. The Green River Trail will remain closed even after the flood measures are removed since the existing pavement has been extensively damaged and will require significant repairs before reopening to the public.

## The Hyde Shuttle comes to SeaTac and Tukwila!

Need to go shopping? Want to visit the Community Center? Have a doctor's appointment in Tukwila or SeaTac? On June 4, 2012, Senior Services introduced a new neighborhood van service in SeaTac and Tukwila for seniors age 55 years and older and for people of all ages with disabilities. The Hyde Shuttle offers free door-to-door service anywhere within the city limits of both cities, transporting riders to the SeaTac and Tukwila Community Centers, grocery shopping, the library, bank, to visit a friend, cultural and social activities, for medical appointments or any local errands.

Take a free ride on the Hyde Shuttle!

- ❖ Sign-up by phone
- ❖ No forms to fill out
- ❖ Lift-equipped vehicles
- ❖ Request service up to 30 days in advance
- ❖ Same-day service on space-available basis
- ❖ Service Hours: Monday–Friday, from 9:00AM to 4:00PM



Senior Services – the most comprehensive non-profit agency serving older adults and their loved ones in Washington State – operates the Hyde Shuttles in partnership with King County Metro. To request a ride, please call 206-727-6262 or visit the website at [www.SeniorServices.org](http://www.SeniorServices.org).



## Sign up now for National Night Out Against Crime

Tuesday, August 7 is National Night Out (NNO), an annual event celebrated across the U.S., Canada and military installations. Each year, hundreds of Tukwila residents join their neighbors in celebrating an evening of fun while sending the message to criminals that they are not welcome in Tukwila! Citizens come together to meet one another and share crime prevention tips.

In partnership with Tukwila School District 5th grade classes, the Tukwila Police Department sponsored a poster contest with National Night Out Against Crime as a theme. Copies of the winning artwork will be provided to event sponsors for use as neighborhood flyers.

After 5:00PM on Tuesday, August 7, Tukwila Police and Fire Departments, along with City Council members, Code Enforcement officers and Tukwila Human Services representatives, will visit each neighborhood event that has been "registered" by Wednesday, August 1. Target Corporation is a national sponsor to NNO. Southcenter Target employees will be riding with City personnel visiting neighborhood parties with free prizes for kids. Any event that registers early will receive a packet of crime prevention material to have on hand at NNO.

Types of neighborhood events vary. Most neighborhoods plan a potluck barbecue to take advantage of the wide and wonderful ethnic food contributions Tukwila residents have to offer. Other suggestions are a pizza and pool party, ice cream social or coffee/dessert potluck. Bring your neighbors together and don't limit your ideas! Consider holding a neighborhood work party to help out an elderly or disabled neighbor.

Register your event online by visiting the Crime Prevention page on the City of Tukwila website, [www.TukwilaWA.gov/police/pdcrimep](http://www.TukwilaWA.gov/police/pdcrimep). You can also contact Community Policing Coordinator Chris Partman at 206-431-2197 or email [c.partman@TukwilaWA.gov](mailto:c.partman@TukwilaWA.gov) to register or for more information about NNO.