



# TUKWILA CITY PAGES

**GET PREPARED!!** Be ready for the predicted colder and wetter weather ("La Niña") by using the helpful winter preparedness checklists found on this great website: [TakeWinterByStorm.org](http://TakeWinterByStorm.org)

## Surface Water Management Program Workshop

The City's Surface Water Management Program (SWMP) is in full swing. The Public Works Department will be hosting a workshop for the purpose of updating the SWMP for 2012:

**Wednesday, January 18, 2012**  
**5:00 to 6:00PM, in Conference Room No. 1**  
**City of Tukwila Public Works Department**  
**6300 Southcenter Boulevard Tukwila, WA**

Five elements of the SWMP will be evaluated:

- Public Education and Outreach
- Public Involvement and Participation
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
- Controlling Runoff from New Development, Redevelopment and Construction Sites
- Pollution Prevention and Operation and Maintenance for Municipal Operations

If you are unable to attend the January 18 SWMP Workshop but would like to provide suggestions or ideas, please contact us by one of the methods listed below. Your input will be very valuable to the City's effort to reduce stormwater pollution and erosion. Send your SWMP comments to Greg Villanueva:

Phone: 206-431-2442  
Email: [Greg.Villanueva@TukwilaWA.gov](mailto:Greg.Villanueva@TukwilaWA.gov)  
Mail: Greg Villanueva, NPDES Coordinator  
Tukwila Dept. of Public Works  
6300 Southcenter Blvd., Suite 100  
Tukwila, WA 98188

Also included for review at the Workshop will be the City's Draft Surface Water Comprehensive Plan. Your comments or questions regarding storm drainage concerns are also welcome. Hope to see you there!

## Where Good Healthy Fun gets all wet

Get a head start on those New Year's resolutions with a pass to the Tukwila Pool! Ten-Punch Cards start at just \$27 for Youth & Seniors or \$36 for Adults. Visit us at 4414 S 144th St. Tukwila, WA 98168 to get your pass today.

Looking for a fun, affordable activity to share with the family? Come swimming at the Tukwila Pool! We offer Family Swims every day of the week. Adult admission is just \$4, kids \$3, and children under 4 are free. To find the times for scheduled swims, please visit our website at [www.TukwilaWA.gov/recreation/recpool.html](http://www.TukwilaWA.gov/recreation/recpool.html), or call 206-267-2350.

**Tukwila Pool**  
**4414 South 144th Street**

## Residents can recycle Compact Fluorescent Bulbs



Tukwila residents can now recycle their used Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) bulbs free of charge at Tukwila City Hall. Thank you to Puget Sound Energy for providing this opportunity for free collection and recycling for CFL bulbs!

**Where:** Bring used CFL bulbs to the Tukwila City offices at 6300 Southcenter Boulevard. A special CFL collection box is located adjacent to the Recycling/Environmental Information Stand in the front corridor, main floor, east side of building. CFL bulbs are also being collected at Tukwila's Community Center, located at 12424 - 42nd Ave S in Tukwila.

**Why:** Using compact fluorescent light bulbs is a great way to save energy. CFL bulbs use up to 75% less energy and last much longer than incandescent bulbs. Although CFL bulbs are safe to use, they do contain a very small amount of mercury, a toxic substance that can affect the brain and kidneys. If CFLs are broken or disposed of improperly, mercury could be released, harming the environment and posing a health hazard. Therefore, CFLs should not be disposed of in garbage or landfills. It is important that these products are disposed of safely and responsibly.

**How:** The best way to handle burned out Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) bulbs is to recycle them. CFL bulbs that are placed in the special collection box at Tukwila City Hall will be gathered and sent to a special facility for recycling. They will be broken down into component materials (metal, glass and mercury phosphor powder), and reused in other products.

**What else:** Please note that linear fluorescent tubes are not accepted at Tukwila City Hall - "twisty" compact fluorescent bulbs only! For additional ways to recycle both CFLs and linear tubes, please check out:

[your.KingCounty.gov/solidwaste/facilities/hazwaste.asp](http://your.KingCounty.gov/solidwaste/facilities/hazwaste.asp)  
and [www.TakeltBackNetwork.org](http://www.TakeltBackNetwork.org)



Some recyclers may charge fees for transportation, recycling or disposal costs.

## MPD to form Citizens Pool Advisory Committee

The Tukwila Pool Metropolitan Park District Board of Commissioners, established by voters in August 2011 to save the Tukwila Pool, is now accepting applications to form the Citizens Advisory Pool Committee. The Board has determined that ongoing involvement and participation from Tukwila community members and Tukwila business owners is an essential component toward achieving the goals of the District.

The purpose of the Committee is to:

- Plan, promote and recommend policy and standards for construction, development, maintenance and operations of aquatic facilities within the Tukwila Pool Metropolitan Park District (TMPD).
- Develop and recommend programs to promote aquatic services and inform the public of aquatic facilities that are available for public use.
- Encourage, recommend and aid programs related to aquatics services and enrichment.
- Explore ways and methods of obtaining private, local, state, and federal funds to promote aquatics projects and programs within the community.
- Promote donations to pool; set standards for such gifts.
- Render any other advice and assistance related to aquatics services.

The selection process will include a thorough review of applications, interviews and background checks. Appointments will occur in early February, with the first meeting of the Committee to be held in early March. Applications can be downloaded from the City's website at [www.TukwilaWA.gov/mayor/boards.pdf](http://www.TukwilaWA.gov/mayor/boards.pdf), and will be accepted through January 17, 2012.

For more detailed information, please contact Tukwila Parks and Recreation Director Rick Still at 206-767-2342.

## COUNCIL CHAT

On the second Saturday of each month, from 10:00AM to 12:00PM

Come join us at our new location:  
**FOSTER GOLF LINKS CLUBHOUSE**  
13500 Interurban Avenue South

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

**Next Chat: Saturday, January 14**

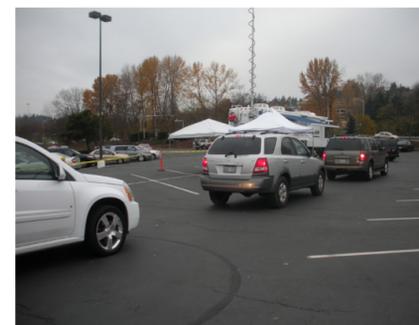
## Share your winter adventure and win!

Seattle Southside - the City's visitor center - wants to hear about your favorite winter adventures. Let us know how you spend your Seattle Southside winter and be entered to win an amazing prize package. Share your favorite place to play in the snow, your secret ice skating spot, the best place for hot chocolate or a funny family story. Visit [www.SeattleSouthside.com/winter-adventure](http://www.SeattleSouthside.com/winter-adventure) to enter and read other winter adventures.

One winner will receive:

- 2 round trip tickets on Alaska Airlines flying to/from Seattle
- 4 night stay at Seattle Airport Marriott or Seattle Waterfront Marriott
- \$1,000 Westfield gift card
- Dinner for 4, including gondola ride, at Summit Restaurant at Crystal Mountain
- Family package at iFLY Indoor Skydiving for up to 5 people, includes a DVD of your flight and 10 flights

*Your journey must start in Seattle Southside, i.e., from a hotel, relative's house, personal residence, etc. Limit one entry per person. Sweepstakes runs through April 20, 2012.*



## Police Department holds Food and Toy Drive at Westfield Mall

On Saturday, December 3, the Tukwila Police Department, in partnership with Westfield Southcenter Mall, held a Food and Toy Drive benefitting the Tukwila Food Pantry and the Tukwila Parks and Recreation Department Holiday Giving Program.

As a result of generous Tukwila residents and mall shoppers in the area, many cartloads of food and bags of toys were donated to the Tukwila Food Pantry and Tukwila Parks and Recreation Holiday Giving Program. Just as importantly, \$2,600 was raised for these two groups, helping ensure a happier holiday for struggling families here in Tukwila.

Tukwila's Police Department thanks everyone who supported this food and toy drive. The success of the event confirmed their belief that - even during these tough economic times - people are thoughtful and giving. Especially appreciated is the generous donation of time by Tukwila Police Explorers, Foster High School students and Highline Community College students, who spent many hours waving signs by the side of the road and carrying donations from cars to the sorting tables, despite the cold!

And please remember that, even if you missed the event on December 3, the community's need for your assistance will last beyond the holiday season. Diapers, baby formula and toilet paper are always needed, as well as a selection of foods that can be eaten without cooking or packed in aseptic packing/pouches, to help accommodate those who have difficulty in opening the foods or who have no means to prepare meals.

## January Programs at Foster Library

### FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

**Alphabet Adventure Story Times**  
Tuesdays, January 3, 10, 17 & 24 - 7:00PM  
Ages 6 and younger with adult

**Wednesday Wiggles Story Times**  
Wednesdays, January 4, 11, 18 and 25, 10:15AM  
Ages 1 to 3 with adult

**Foster Library - 206-242-1640**  
**4060 S 144th Street, Tukwila**

### FOR TEENS

**Game On**  
Mondays, January 2 & 30 - 3:00PM  
Play videogames at the library!

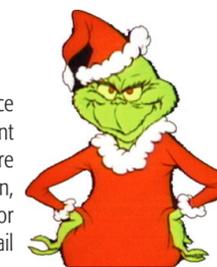
**Study Zone**  
Mondays, January 2, 9, 23 and 30, 6:00-8:00PM  
Homework help from trained volunteer tutors

**Teen Zone**  
Wednesdays, January 4, 11, 18 and 25, 3:00PM  
Study, make crafts, play games & watch movies!

**Meeting agendas, City programs, recreation activities, publications and more... the most current information is always available at [TukwilaWA.gov](http://TukwilaWA.gov)!**

## Crime Prevention... after the holidays

Tukwila's Crime Prevention Resource Team has some timely tips to help prevent you from becoming a victim. For more Crime Prevention Program information, contact Community Policing Coordinator Chris Partman at 206-431-2197, or email [crimeprevention@TukwilaWA.gov](mailto:crimeprevention@TukwilaWA.gov)



## Stop thieves from casing your gifts

Most of us enjoy the fun of post-Christmas shopping, when the prices are right. Unfortunately, thieves also find this to be a great time to "shop," but for them that means at your house.

Some things to think about as you unwrap and assemble your gifts:

- **Can that big-screen TV be easily seen by someone walking or driving by your house?** If so, think about ways to make it harder for a potential thief to easily spot a desirable target, such as keeping blinds partly closed or changing the location of the TV or gaming system.
- **Do you put those large boxes out at the curb for recycling, or overfill the garbage can with Styrofoam packaging?** This shows the bad guys exactly what they can expect as a "reward" for breaking into your house. Consider recycling only the number of boxes that will fit in your bin each week until they are gone, and do the same with bulky packaging. You can also take the packing materials over to Ikea in Renton, where they take cardboard and all that Styrofoam packaging for free and recycle it.

## Selling Online Safely

After assembling the new Christmas goodies, it's time to decide what to do with the items you have displaced. One popular method of clearing clutter from your home is to list items for sale online with a service such as Craigslist. It's a very good way to sell unneeded items without having to pay for an ad, plus thousands of people check the listings daily.

A few tips to keep you safe when selling anything to someone you don't know:

- Do not have anyone come to your house, and do not tell the buyer exactly where you live.
- Always meet the prospective buyer in a public place that is well-lit and has people around.
- Never meet a buyer alone.
- Do not advertise expensive items this way. Look for more secure ways to sell valuable electronics or jewelry. As a rule of thumb, if the sale price is more money than you'd want in your purse or pocket when going to the store, it might not be safe to sell to an anonymous buyer.
- Ebay or other online auction sites are safer venues for selling these items, where you can receive and electronic payment after setting up a "Paypal" or other account to receive funds that are separate from your primary bank account. The down side: most of these sites charge sellers a fee for listing items.