



# TUKWILA CITY PAGES

SPRING BREAK CAMP AT TUKWILA COMMUNITY CENTER – APRIL 3-7

A week full of games, arts, crafts, and field trips for K-6th graders. Drop off as early at 6:30AM, pick up by 6:00PM. Breakfast & snacks provided, space is limited. Fee for week: resident/\$120, non-resident/\$150. Call 206-768-2822 to register.

The City of Opportunity  
*The Community of Choice*

Please join us for an open house!  
**Tukwila's Public Safety Plan**

Saturday, March 18 – 10:00AM to 12:00NOON  
Fire Station 54 – 4237 S 144th Street in Tukwila

- Join us to:
- ◆ Learn about safety improvements
  - ◆ Tour Fire Station 54
  - ◆ Enjoy breakfast and kid-friendly activities
  - ◆ Share your ideas and opinions!

**FREE pancake breakfast**  
**Child care provided**  
**Parking available across the street at Foster High School**

Can't make it to the Open House?  
Give us your thoughts online!

[TukwilaPublicSafetyPlan.Participate.Online](http://TukwilaPublicSafetyPlan.Participate.Online)

Residents recently approved a Public Safety Bond to ensure a safer Tukwila for generations to come, by funding vital updates to safety facilities and equipment, organized under Tukwila's Public Safety Plan. Since November, the City has been hard at work planning for these upgraded facilities. We'd like to share what we've done, and **we want to hear from you!** Your thoughts and perspectives will be key to the successful implementation of the Public Safety Plan.



## City staff provides valuable knowledge to students at Foster High School

### Teen CPR Class

Firefighter Josh Kelch recently volunteered to teach CPR to students at Foster High, many of whom are Teen CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) members. The students gave up their evening to sit through a 4½-hour class after a long day of school. The students performed amazingly and earned certificates from the American Heart Association in First Aid, CPR and AED (Automated External Defibrillators). More importantly, Tukwila can be proud that it has 11 more trained teens in the community ready and willing to help!

### Bulldog Academy

The City of Tukwila Police Department has a dedicated, full-time School Resource Officer (SRO), located at Foster High School. Officer Balcom, the current SRO, has developed a curriculum for Bulldog Academy, a high school version of the Tukwila Community Police Academy. This nine-week afterschool program, which runs through April, educates youth about what the police do, and the laws and ethics governing them.

In Week 3 of the Bulldog Academy at Foster High School, the roughly 25 students enjoyed a presentation by Tukwila K9 Officer Frank and K9 Detective Sturgill. The officers discussed K9 case law, criminal procedure, cool stories, and the duties of both tracking and narcotics canine officers, followed by hands-on demonstrations. Officer Frank showed the students how he trains



Ace – a tracking canine – to obey out in the field, and then the students ran with Officer Frank as Ace tracked and captured Detective Kunsman hiding behind the high school portables. Detective Sturgill stashed drug decoys throughout the classroom and showed the students how Apollo differs as a narcotics canine from a tracking canine. The students had a wonderful time; there was a lot of laughing, photos taken, and quality interaction.

## Mayor's Message

### A vision of a neighborhood's future

Last month, the City partnered with the Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU) in conducting a community workshop to help us reimagine the Tukwila International Boulevard (TIB) neighborhood. This event was the result of a successful grant application to CNU made by the City in August of 2016. CNU is a national organization of design professionals whose mission is "building places people love."



I want to thank everyone who participated in the workshop. Turnout at every session was high, and participation was lively and productive. The CNU team of experts asked property owners, residents, businesses and potential developers what should be done to create a vibrant and walkable neighborhood.

Here are three main themes from the feedback given at the workshop:

1. **Respect our vision for TIB:** "An area that is a complete neighborhood with thriving, multicultural residential and business communities with vibrant places where everyone can live, work, shop and play. The area is a safe and walkable destination with an authentic main street that is connected to other destinations. There is an emphasis on self-sustaining, living wage employment opportunities here."
2. **Preserve our cultural diversity.** We want to make sure that the culturally diverse businesses and residents in the area remain an integral part of the neighborhood, and are not priced out by improvements.
3. **Improve safety in places like the light rail station, parks and other public areas.** We need to better develop spaces that encourage legitimate public activity and discourage crime.

After collecting a significant amount of feedback, the CNU team concluded the workshop on Saturday with several ideas and visuals to show a potential future TIB. They recommended things such as:

- ◆ Re-striping TIB to include on-street parking and a bike lane, and adding more protected crossings; and
- ◆ Amending the zoning code to allow for higher buildings, less parking, smaller blocks, and pedestrian alleyways.

Some things can be done relatively quickly and inexpensively. Yet others such as code changes take longer, and private infill development takes even longer. Long-term residents have seen the fruits of our labor on TIB over the past 20 years, but we all recognize there remains work to be done. Of course, the City will work with residents, business owners and other stakeholders on how these ideas can be implemented. These changes certainly won't happen overnight, but over time we'll see great changes on TIB that will benefit generations to come. The City looks forward to working together and doing great things for the TIB neighborhood.

Allan Ekberg  
Allan Ekberg, Mayor

## City seeks Siting Advisory Committee members

The City of Tukwila is looking for four community volunteers to sit on the Public Safety Plan Siting Advisory Committee. This group will provide input and advice to City officials while siting new facilities for our first responders.

The Public Safety Plan has two general components:

**Public Safety Bonds:** In the November 8 General Election, Tukwila voters approved issuance of general obligation bonds not to exceed \$77,385,000 to pay for:

- Replacement of three seismically-deficient fire stations (Stations 51, 52 and 54)
- Guaranteed funding for fire equipment and apparatus for the life of the 20-year bond
- Construction of a Justice Center to house the Tukwila Police Department and Municipal Court

**Public Works Shops Replacement:** The City's aging shops will be replaced by allocating an equal amount of funds from the General Fund and Enterprise Fund to cover the cost of constructing the new facility.

As the City begins the process of implementing the Public Safety Plan, it recognizes the importance of having additional voices advising its efforts. As such, the Administration and Council created the Siting Advisory Committee, with the following responsibilities:

- Meet regularly to review outreach efforts, provide advice on strategies and tactics for outreach, and identify key audiences.

- Participate in public outreach efforts such as town hall meetings, review feedback generated by the community, and verify that common themes heard from the community are being incorporated into siting decisions and facility plans when feasible.
- Provide the City Council with feedback about the physical siting process and outcomes.
- Provide the City Council with outreach advice, such as reviewing materials and identifying other groups to contact.
- Review potential sites and provide feedback.

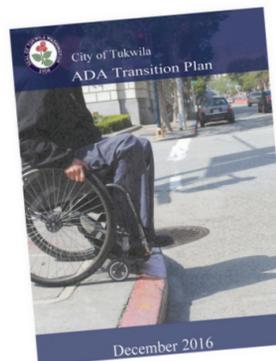
The Committee will be made of seven individuals: four community members, including one representing business; two members of the City Council; and the Public Works Director. The Committee will meet on a schedule determined by the flow of information to evaluate. The Committee will report on its activities to the Council a minimum of once every six months, and will report more frequently prior to Council decision points, in order to provide up-to-date advice.

Interested community members can fill out the Boards and Commissions application located at [TukwilaWA.gov/Boards](http://TukwilaWA.gov/Boards). The deadline for application filing is Friday, March 31, 2017 at 5:00PM. Questions? Contact [PublicSafetyPlan@TukwilaWA.gov](mailto:PublicSafetyPlan@TukwilaWA.gov) or [Rachel.Bianchi@TukwilaWA.gov](mailto:Rachel.Bianchi@TukwilaWA.gov).

**Vendor applications now being accepted** – The annual Backyard Wildlife Festival will be held on Saturday, May 13 at the Tukwila Community Center. Event organizers are expanding vendor opportunities by adding more local artisans and educational exhibitors to the event. If interested in selling your locally hand-created wares or sharing information about an organization's mission that relates to educating and inspiring people to welcome wildlife into backyards, gardens and communities, please visit [BackyardWildlifeFestival.org](http://BackyardWildlifeFestival.org) or call Tukwila Parks and Recreation at 206-768-2822.



## Tukwila's plans for public accessibility are ready for your review and comment



Tukwila's Draft ADA Transition Plan documents are now available for public review. This ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan establishes the City of Tukwila's ongoing commitment to providing equal access for all, including those with disabilities. In developing this plan, the City of Tukwila has undertaken a comprehensive evaluation of its right-of-way facilities and programs to determine what types of access barriers exist for individuals with disabilities. This plan will be used to help guide future planning and implementation of necessary accessibility improvements.

Viewable online at [TukwilaWA.gov/ADATransitionPlan](http://TukwilaWA.gov/ADATransitionPlan), the documents are also available in print for viewing at Tukwila City Hall in the City Clerk's office, the Permitting Center in Suite 100 of 6300 Southcenter Blvd, and the Tukwila Community Center. Alternate accessible formats will be made available upon request, including braille, large font, or audible versions. During the comment period, the Public, City Council, and staff are encouraged to take this opportunity to review and submit feedback.

Your input is important. Public comments and suggestions about the plan will be accepted now through **March 31, 2017**. For more information about this project or how to get involved, please call 206-433-0179 or email [ADA@TukwilaWA.gov](mailto:ADA@TukwilaWA.gov)



by Dennis Robertson,  
2017 Council President

Ever wonder what it's like to be a Council President? The most important thing to know is Tukwila Councilmembers take turns being Council President. Tukwila decided thirty years ago to eliminate the political games involved in deciding who the Council President is by simply taking turns. Every year the role rotates down the Council roster by seniority. Sometimes, because of elections, a Councilmember may get a turn more often than every seven years.

The President has three important roles. First, the President appoints the members and chair for each of the four standing committees and any special committees. Second, the President presides at the biweekly Committee of the Whole (COW) meetings and approves all the agendas for the Regular Council Meetings and the COW meetings. Finally, in the absence of the Mayor, the President becomes Mayor pro tempore until the Mayor returns.

Approving the agendas doesn't sound like that big of a deal, but it is. A past Councilmember, Pam Linder, taught me to not only review the agenda items to ensure they are ready for Council consideration, but to also review how staff is presenting the material to ensure that it answers the questions that individual Councilmembers are likely to ask. If the issue is very complex or controversial I go one step further. I try to come up with a way to handle the discussion so that all questions are answered, Councilmembers are given opportunities to discuss and learn from each other, and the group can arrive at a conclusion. The trick is being impartial so the decision, while not necessarily the one I would choose, is the decision the majority of the Council wants.

The COW meetings frequently run for over three hours. That's a long time carefully listening to and moderating others, especially elected officials. But it's exciting because doing it well means individual Councilmembers feel good about the meeting and our residents feel good about the policy decisions being made.

Finally, if you run into me at Safeway and I start acting a little pompous because I'm the high and mighty Council President, please remind me that I'm only here because it was my turn!

**Council Chat**

Council Chat is a monthly chance to stop by and informally speak with one of your Tukwila City Councilmembers about anything on your mind regarding your community.

Next Chat: Saturday, April 8

Let's get together to talk! 10:00AM to 12:00 NOON  
Billy Baroo's at Foster Golf Links  
13500 Interurban Avenue S