



TUKWILA CITY PAGES

The City of Opportunity
The Community of Choice

City seeks
volunteers to help with
playground project



Tukwila Parks and Recreation is the recipient of a KaBOOM! playground grant, funded by Foresters Financial. A new playground will be installed at Cascade View Community Park on Saturday, July 8. Cascade View is one of Tukwila's most frequented and played-in parks – children and adults alike gather there to socialize, play games, and enjoy the park's amenities. Play is central to a child's ability to grow into a productive adult. Let's ensure kids get the balance of play they need to thrive!

To make this happen, **we are working to secure 160 volunteers** to help with the build and installation of the playground. Are you available on July 8? Would you like to help make the park a better place for kids to play? All you need is a go-getter attitude and a smile – no playground building experience is necessary. We are also seeking volunteers to be team leaders – again, there is no experience necessary except the desire to lead and motivate a team. In addition to the big build day, there is a site preparation day on Thursday, July 6, when approximately 30–40 volunteers will be needed. More information:

- ★ Volunteers should be age 18+
- ★ Volunteers will assemble playground pieces, mix concrete, move mulch, help with food, play games with kids, and much more.
- ★ Volunteers should wear closed toe shoes and comfortable clothes you don't mind getting dirty; leave valuables at home.
- ★ Youth activities provided. ★ Gloves, goggles, breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Please join us and show that play matters to you! Register to volunteer at TukwilaWA.gov/kaboom. Questions or comments? Please email Stephanie.Gardner@TukwilaWA.gov, or call 206-767-2342.

SCENE AROUND THE CITY



May 25 "Coffee with a Cop" event at Westfield Southcenter Mall Starbucks



Pilot program tests effectiveness of speed reduction effort

Neighbor complaints and a RADAR study indicated excessive speeding on South 160th Street. The City of Tukwila is testing a pilot program where speed cushions have been installed on South 160th. With the upcoming closure of 42nd Avenue South, additional traffic is expected on South 160th, and this pilot program will allow the City to determine the effectiveness of speed cushions in the Tukwila community.

Speed cushions are either removable speed humps or speed tables that include wheel cutouts to allow large vehicles to pass unaffected, while reducing passenger car speeds. They can be offset to allow unimpeded passage by emergency vehicles and are typically used on key emergency response routes.

If successful, the City may install speed cushions at additional locations in other residential neighborhoods that are determined to have excessive speeding problems. How do you think they're working? Residents are encouraged to offer feedback about the project in writing, by emailing David.Sorensen@TukwilaWA.gov or by sending a letter to David at 6200 Southcenter Boulevard, Tukwila, WA 98188.

The discharge of fireworks in the City of Tukwila is prohibited, but you can take part in a Tukwila tradition: Family Fourth at the Fort – Tuesday, July 4 Entertainment, food, fireworks – it's all at Tukwila's Fort Dent Park!

Changes for customers paying their bills

Effective June 26, front counter cashing hours in the City of Tukwila Finance Department will change, as follows:

Monday.....	8:30AM to 4:00PM
Tuesday.....	8:30AM to 4:00PM
Wednesday.....	8:30AM to 4:00PM
Thursday.....	10:30AM to 4:00PM
Friday.....	8:30AM to 4:00PM

The change was made to allow adequate time for daily transaction balancing and cashing out. Although in-person payments will not be accepted after 4:00PM daily, customers can still drop off payments in our City Hall drop boxes, or pay online or via the new 24/7 automated phone payment system. The Department remains open until 5:00PM for other assistance. For more information, please call 206-433-1835.

Payment by phone – For those residents that pay their water, sewer or storm drain bill through the City of Tukwila, we have implemented a new automated phone payment system or IVR (Interactive Voice Response). You will need your 10 digit account number to use this automated system. To make a payment by phone, please call 206-433-1835 and listen to the menu of options. The system has step-by-step instructions and does require you to confirm information entered before proceeding. At any time you can hang up and the payment will not process.



Bulldog Academy graduation

Tukwila's School Resource Officer Adam Balcom – with assistance from Tukwila officers – created a student police academy at Foster High School. Meeting weekly, this "Bulldog Academy" taught students different aspects of law enforcement, providing hands-on demonstrations covering a variety of subjects including defensive tactics, verbal de-escalation, role-playing scenarios, K9 demonstrations, detective work, and crime scene investigations.



Students were honored at their June 2 graduation ceremony held in Council Chambers at Tukwila City Hall. Officer Balcom received a commendation for connecting with the students, allowing us to get to know them as they took the time to learn about law enforcement.

See 2016 report on Tukwila's Drinking Water: TukwilaWA.gov/WaterQualityReport

24TH Annual

REGISTER NOW FOR TUKWILA'S COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE 2017 ONE DAY ONLY! Saturday, August 19



Sign up to hold a yard/garage sale at your Tukwila home, at the same time as your neighbors across the city! Declutter, earn money and shop for bargains, while helping reduce the amount of waste going to our landfills.

Your sale will get FREE publicity! The City will publish a list of all the sale addresses in local papers and online. You'll also receive a Tukwila Garage Sale kit with a small sale sign, "how-to" tips, and a list of re-use agencies that take donations.

Register by July 15 for free publicity

To hold a yard sale, tell us your:

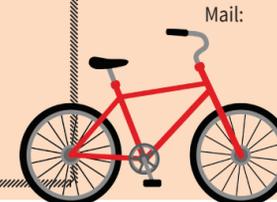
- ▶ Name
- ▶ Sale address, with zip (& mailing address if different)
- ▶ Phone number
- ▶ Email address

Here's how → Online: www.TukwilaWA.gov/yardsale

Email: Recycle@TukwilaWA.gov

Phone: 206-433-7178

Mail: City of Tukwila Recycling Program
6300 Southcenter Boulevard
Tukwila, WA 98188



TO BE LISTED IN THE SALE AD, SIGN UP BY JULY 15!



Mayor's Message

First responders need space to work and a little of your patience

We have seen some very serious injury collisions recently, and I want to take this opportunity to talk about how you can support our first responders when these accidents occur.

First, remember that police, firefighters and medics are working hard at the scene to help people who are fighting for their lives. Please give them some privacy and try not to stare. Imagine those fighting for their lives are your family or friends, rather than strangers causing you to be late. Imagine that it's *you* trapped in a car fighting for your life.

Second, know that serious injury and fatality accidents are treated as crime scenes, meaning that a large area (over 100 yards for particularly bad accidents) must be closed. This enables investigators to reconstruct the scene, determine what has happened and what caused the accident, and interview witnesses. Our first responders do everything they can to make sure that the families of those involved understand what happened and have accurate documentation for insurance and legal purposes.

Third, give first responders some space and your patience. If you are caught in the backup from a road closure due to a serious accident, please be patient and move through the area cautiously and respectfully. Working on roadways is very dangerous. As a community, we must respect and protect our firefighters, EMT's, medics and police officers who all work these scenes together.

Our first responders work hard to provide aid and to complete investigations as thoroughly and quickly as possible, having even recently deployed some new technology that has significantly cut down the time necessary to complete these collision investigations. Tukwila Police attempt to keep up-to-date traffic and road closures on their Twitter feed (@TukwilaPD) so you can know what is happening. We also work with our media partners to reach a larger audience regarding closures and incidents.

Tukwila has a staff of amazing firefighters and police officers who are truly outstanding professionals. Also benefitting from service by King County's world-class Medic One personnel, we are truly fortunate to have such a great first responder community and network here in the Pacific Northwest.

Allan Ekberg, Mayor

Tukwila City offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.



COUNCIL CORNER

by De'Sean Quinn, Councilmember



As we prepare for summer vacation and celebrate the 2017 graduating class at Foster High, I want to take a moment to say thank you to all the parents who've worked hard to ensure their children succeed in our schools. A thriving community is one where every child has the opportunity to prosper through education. As the legislature works on addressing McCleary, one thing we can do locally is maintain strong parental involvement in the school environment. My wife Nichole and I have made the commitment of active involvement in our son's school, because we know that parent engagement benefits the entire school community. I spoke with some local school board members, teachers and fellow Tukwila Elementary PTSA parents to come up with the following helpful tips for parents:

- **Get connected.** There is no better way to know what's happening in your child's school.
- **Watch yourself grow.** By volunteering at school, you gain valuable experiences and personal confidence.
- **Set clear expectations** for yourself, your child and your child's teachers.
- **Have a plan in place.** Be ready for the challenges of new pressures and juggling multiple classes.
- **Monitor and limit** the use of electronics and other distractions.
- **Speak up.** Because PTSA is a forum for exchanging ideas, you are encouraged to provide input and more effectively suggest change at your child's school.

One of the other activities that I am involved in alongside my Council duties is serving on the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission (WSCJTC). I am honored to have been appointed by Governor Jay Inslee to serve on this Commission, which was created to establish standards and provide training and certification to criminal justice professionals, including police officers and local corrections officers. We engage in partnerships with experts from across the nation to develop innovative strategies and training methodologies, assuring that officers around the state have the skills for success. As an advocate for public safety in Tukwila I feel compelled to educate myself on issues affecting our officers. I want to make sure that I can contribute to informed decision-making in support of our officers, from looking at budgets to innovating law enforcement tactics in our city. I am also very proud that Tukwila contributes to the Criminal Justice Commission by providing defensive tactic training classes.

I hope everyone in Tukwila enjoys a fun, healthy and SAFE summer!

Council Chat

Speak with a Councilmember about what's on your mind!
Cascade View Park
14211 - 37th Avenue S

Next Chat: Sat, July 15

10:00AM to 12:00 NOON