



TUKWILA CITY PAGES

The City of Opportunity
The Community of Choice

Southcenter District new projects dedication

Friday, June 22, 2018
at 10:00AM

For almost 50 years Tukwila's Southcenter District has been known as the Puget Sound's premier shopping, dining and entertainment district. Now something new is coming to the District – housing.

The newly completed Washington Place building – the tallest between Seattle and Tacoma – includes the Hotel Interurban plus 371 residential units. Next door to Washington Place, Alliance Residential has started work on the Marvelle at Southcenter with 166 housing units.

This year the City completed construction of the Southcenter Pedestrian Bridge. The bridge will help the new residents and people who work in the Southcenter District get to and from the Sounder Train station, with a walk taking between 10 and 15 minutes.

On Friday, June 22, the City will dedicate this new walkable Southcenter. The event will start at the pedestrian bridge for a dedication, move the Marvelle for a groundbreaking, and then end at the Hotel Interurban for a ribbon cutting. For more info, go to @Southcenter50 on Facebook or call 206-431-3684.



Mayor's Message

Summer is upon us, have fun and be safe

As one of my favorite seasons in Tukwila, I'm pleased to welcome summer back. The City always hosts a variety of events and activities for families and individuals to enjoy. From Family 4th at the Fort, to Touch-a-Truck, to See You in the Park events, to outdoor movies, there's something for everyone to enjoy, largely due to the great work of our Parks and Recreation Department that hosts these events each year. You can find event details in the Tukwila Activities Guide at

TukwilaWA.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation

Also, new event: Tukwila Family FEST at Cascade View Community Park. We'll celebrate Tukwila's families and diversity with music, games, arts & crafts, and a huge variety of back-to-school resources.

The 2018 Family 4th at the Fort event has changed a bit. For safety reasons, BBQs and grills will no longer be allowed at the event. Unfortunately, we've had some close calls over the years with hot coals being discarded in dry grass and garbage cans. We've also had increasing complaints about smoke bothering many of our guests. The safety and health of our community will always be our number one priority. Although grills and BBQs are now banned at Family 4th at the Fort, folks are still encouraged to bring in their own holiday food (plus we will have a great array of food truck vendors, too!).

Focusing on safety also brings the reminder that fireworks – any kind – are illegal in the City of Tukwila. They were banned 22 years ago after the voters approved an advisory ballot measure. While enforcement of illegal fireworks is very difficult – citations require officers to observe someone setting them off – the City staffs up over the holiday and does emphasis patrols in order to address fireworks complaints. Please leave the fireworks to the professionals and join us at Family 4th at the Fort this year; the legal fireworks display starts at dusk.

Finally, another great community event all about safety is the annual National Night Out event on the evening of Tuesday, August 7. Started as a way for people to meet their neighbors, deepen relationships and prevent crime, Night Out is a great community-building event that allows new and long-time residents to visit, helping neighborhoods flourish. These events are often held by Neighborhood Block Watch groups, but anyone can host one. Planning on hosting a Night Out event this year? Let us know at TukwilaWA.gov/NNO! Each year staff from all of our departments fan out across Night Out events to better get to know our residents. Who knows, perhaps Apollo the famous Tukwila Police dog will join your neighborhood event!

I look forward to seeing you while enjoying these events. Enjoy your summer and stay safe!

Allan Ekberg
Allan Ekberg, Mayor

City of Tukwila PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN

PROGRESS UPDATE - See the designs for Fire Station 51 and the Justice Center

Learn more about the Public Safety Plan and changes to public safety facilities.

Come to our in-person open house:
Saturday June 23 from 10:00 a.m. to noon
Tukwila Fire Station 54
4237 S 144th St, Tukwila, WA 98168
• FREE Bouncy house, coffee and donuts
• Parking available across the street at Foster HS
• Learn about employment and subcontracting opportunities related to the Public Safety Plan

Visit the Public Safety Plan Website:
www.TukwilaWA.gov/PublicSafetyPlan

Questions?
Please contact us at 206-454-7566 or PublicSafetyPlan@TukwilaWA.gov

Summer Sack Lunch Program

AGES 1 TO 18 YEARS In cooperation with the City of Seattle, we are pleased to offer you the FREE Summer Sack Lunch Program. Sack lunches will be available to the first 100 participants each day. Lunches will be served during inclement weather.

Tukwila Community Center
JUNE 28–AUGUST 24
11:15AM–12:15PM, Mon–Fri
12424 - 42nd Ave S
Cascade View Community Park
JULY 2–AUGUST 24
12:00–1:00PM, Mon–Fri
14211 - 37th Ave S



Summer Playground Program

JULY 2–AUGUST 24

FREE! AGES 5–12

GAMES
ACTIVITIES
ARTS & CRAFTS

Our supervised drop-in program is back and ready for another exciting summer of games, group activities and arts and crafts projects. Program hours may be adjusted during inclement weather.

Cascade View Community Park
14211 - 37th Avenue South
Monday–Friday, 11:00AM–2:00PM

Lunch served 12:00–1:00PM • No program July 4th

See You in the Park

July 11 5:00–7:00PM
Foster Park 13919 - 53rd Ave. S.
July 18 5:00–7:00PM
Riverton Park 4401 S. 133rd St.
July 25 5:00–7:00PM
Tukwila Park 15460 - 65th Ave. S.



Bring your family, invite your neighbors, and tell your friends to pack a picnic and prepare for an evening of live music, lawn games, arts & craft projects, and more! Free treats & goodies to first 200 attendees! We're looking forward to seeing YOU at the Park.

Mark your calendar! Tukwila Village Community Celebration – Saturday July 21 from 1:00 to 4:00PM
Ribbon Ceremony at 2:00PM – Tukwila Village Plaza – 14350 Tukwila International Blvd • Entertainment
Activities for Kids • Refreshments and more • Tour SHAG's new Tukwila Village Active Apartment Living for the Ageless

Got Trees?

Tree canopy on your home's property provides many benefits. It makes shade in the summer to cool our homes, and then – as the trees shed their leaves in the fall – allows the sun to warm our homes in the winter. To protect this canopy Citywide, Tukwila has adopted new rules on the number of trees, based on their diameter, that can be removed from a single-family-zoned property before tree replacement is required.

TREE SIZE (Diameter at breast height)	6"–8"	8"–18"	18"+
NUMBER OF TREES that can be removed in 36-month period without replacement	4	2	1

To calculate the diameter of your tree, measure around the trunk of the tree at 4½ feet above the ground, then divide that measurement by 3.14. Trees that are less than six inches in diameter can be removed without contacting the City. Removal of trees larger than 8 inches in diameter will require a permit.

If you are pruning your trees, the City offers some resources that can guide you through the proper way to remove tree branches and how to recognize when a tree might have a health issue. Two videos on the City's website provide step-by-step guidance on 1) proper pruning techniques, and

2) how to identify defects in trees that can lead to tree death. You can find these videos at TukwilaWA.gov/urban-forestry/.

Trees and their canopy clean the air we breathe, add value to our property, slow traffic when planted along our streets, and create healthier, safer communities. Taking care of your trees is just as important as maintaining your furnace or home's roof. Some preventative care – like watering when it is dry, keeping lawnmower and trimmer blades away from the trunk, and providing mulch at the base – will help keep your trees healthy for many years to come.

Questions? Call 206-431-3670 and talk to a planner about how the new tree rules may apply to your property, or visit the Permit Center located at 6300 Southcenter Boulevard, between 8:30AM and 5:00PM to speak to a planner in person.



One person's trash is another's treasure – be a seller or a shopper at Tukwila's 25th Annual Community Garage Sale – Saturday, August 18, 2018

Shop! On August 18, explore Tukwila and look for the bright yellow Tukwila Community Garage Sale signs. Enjoy all the great finds our community has to offer. A map and a list of sale locations will be available on the City of Tukwila's website at TukwilaWA.gov/yardsale beginning August 5. Ads will appear in local newspapers including the Kent and Renton Reporters. You can also pick up a map at:

Tukwila City Hall (6200 Southcenter Boulevard), or
Tukwila Community Center (12424 - 42nd Avenue South)

Sell! Register through July 20 to hold a sale. All garage sale participants get free publicity and a Yard Sale Kit with a small sign, tips for having a great sale, and a list of reuse agencies that take donations.

Register NOW! Online: TukwilaWA.gov/yardsale
Email: recycle@TukwilaWA.gov
Phone: 206-433-7178



City awards scholarships to students for continuing education



Scholarship recipients (and destinations) left to right:
Ida Sishu (WSU), Rodas Negussie (UW),
Siang Dim (NE University in Boston), Kristina Te (UW),
Tasha Hong (UW), Jessica Nguyen (UW).

At its June 4 Regular Meeting, the Tukwila City Council met and congratulated recipients of the 2018 "Tukwila, City of Opportunity" scholarships. In 2014 the scholarship program was created to provide financial assistance to high school seniors living in Tukwila to assist them in continuing their education beyond high school. Tukwila's City of Opportunity Scholarship program allocates \$10,000 per calendar year for scholarship awards, which can be used for college, community college, trade or vocational school expenses after high school.

Meeting agendas, City programs, recreation activities, publications and more... get the most current information at TukwilaWA.gov!

COUNCIL CORNER

by Verna Seal, 2018 Council President



Summertime is reading time!

You may or may not know that one of my defining characteristics is a lifelong love of books and reading. According to my Goodreads profile, I average nearly two books a week (not to mention I have 1,964 books on my "to reads" list)! There are many reasons for loving my light rail commute, such as reducing congestion and avoiding traffic stress, doing my part to help the environment, saving on parking fees... but also the READING TIME!

I serve on the City of Tukwila's Library Advisory Board, a group of community members who promote library activities, services and gift-giving. With that, I am excited to spread the word about the 2018 King County Library Summer Reading Program – its theme is *Libraries Rock* – offering an exciting lineup of programs and activities for all ages. Yes, even you adults can pick up your summer reading log, track your time, and win fabulous prizes.

The KCLS Summer Reading Program emphasizes science, technology, engineering, art and math, offering hands-on activities at all branches including the Tukwila Library located at 14380 Tukwila International Boulevard. Just a quick glance at the list on KCLS.org reveals programs about Lego building, magic shows, family story times, slide whistle building, hydraulic engineering, and MORE! Not only that, you can attend summer events like these at KCLS branches in our neighboring cities. Did you know there's a branch of the library at our mall, Westfield Southcenter?

There is one event I am SUPER excited about. Now in its third year, the *Reading Party in the Park* program is coming to Tukwila! Join us on Sunday, August 19 from 2:00 to 4:00PM at Duwamish Hill Preserve (3800 S 115th Street). Bring a blanket or lawn chair and your favorite summer read to join fellow readers for an afternoon in the park! Library staff will be on hand to answer questions about summer reading and make book recommendations. Local DJs and musicians will provide a relaxing soundtrack. Please mark your calendars.

Parents: Summer vacation is a wonderful opportunity for family togetherness, but one drawback is a three-month learning gap called the "summer slide." You can help your kids stay engaged in learning and retain momentum for the next school year by fostering their reading time, taking them to the library programs, and by getting a good book, relaxing in a comfy chair, and setting a good example yourself.

Happy reading!



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