



TUKWILA CITY PAGES



Can you help? Take part in the City's annual giving program for Tukwila families in need. Donate new, unwrapped gifts for children or teens, blankets, gloves & warm hats for families, or cash/gift cards for us to do the shopping! Get more information at TukwilaWA.gov/spirit.

The City of Opportunity
The Community of Choice

City of Tukwila
PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN
ONE YEAR OF WORK, LOTS OF PROGRESS!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE

WHEN: Saturday, December 2 – 10:00AM to 12:00NOON
WHERE: Community Room at Water District #125 offices
3460 South 148th Street, Tukwila

Come learn about:

- the project's progress and accomplishments
- how participant feedback during the last open house/online open house influenced Public Safety Plan implementation
- where the key public safety facilities will be located and how the sites were selected

Hear individual updates on all the new facilities. Review the conceptual design of Fire Station #51. Speak with the architects and share your thoughts. We want your feedback!

Snacks and drinks provided • On-site parking available • Kids activities
You can also participate at our 24/7 online Open House – visit TukwilaPublicSafetyPlan.Participate.Online

2017 Tukwila Holiday Lights

Many community members like to demonstrate their holiday spirit with amazing light displays. If that sounds like you, enter your home or business in our 2017 Holiday Lights Contest. Categories range from residential to commercial, houses to apartments/condos. Judging will take place the week of December 11, between the hours of 4:00-9:00PM. Winners will receive an official yard sign to announce their victory in lighting excellence.

Entry forms with complete contest information are available online – TukwilaWA.gov/Lights – or in person at City Hall and the Tukwila Community Center. Entries are due by noon on Friday, December 8, 2017.

42ND AVENUE S project update

Having experienced several challenges slowing progress on this complex project, the City does not expect to complete either the culvert replacement or the utility undergrounding until the first part of next year. Re-opening 42nd to through-traffic is also anticipated then, although construction impacts within the work zone could continue into next autumn.

Recent work includes installation of a new Gilliam Creek stream bypass system to allow for higher stream flows during culvert construction. Between Southcenter Boulevard and S 160th Street, expect continued:

- 42nd Avenue road closure from Southcenter Blvd to S 160th Street.
- Installation of utility vaults within the work zone.
- Work on new underground power utility trench
- Installation of new storm drainage and sewer system components.
- Installation of temporary shoring wall to allow for Gilliam Creek culvert excavation and installation.

If you have any questions or concerns about this project, please contact Project Construction Manager Mike Ronda at 206-433-7194 or via email at Mike.Ronda@TukwilaWA.gov.



Mayor's Message

Tukwila's Public Safety Plan: Balancing difficult decisions and positive outcomes

One year ago Tukwila voters approved the Public Safety Plan bond to fund the replacement of three fire stations and pay for fire apparatus/equipment for 20 years. The Plan also includes construction of a new justice center to house Tukwila's Police Department and Municipal Court, and a new consolidated public works facility funded equally from the City's General and Enterprise funds. Following a year of hard work putting the Plan into action, the next critical step is acquiring the properties needed for these new facilities.

At their October 16 Regular Meeting, the Council heard from the Siting Advisory Committee, which recommended acquiring the following properties:

- Fire Station #52** – North parking lot of the existing City Hall campus.
- Fire Station #54** – the east side of 42nd Avenue S, between S. 130th and S. 140th Streets, which was previously a Star Nursery site.
- Justice Center** – Properties between Tukwila International Boulevard and Military Road near South 150th Street.
- Public Works Facility** – Three properties between the Duwamish River, Tukwila International Boulevard, South 112th Street and East Marginal Way.

On November 6, the City Council held a public hearing and voted to approve an ordinance authorizing condemnation authority for the recommended properties for Fire Station 54, the Justice Center, and the Public Works Facility.

How did we get here?

- Fire Station Location Study:** Identified the best locations for Stations #52 and #54 to ensure equitable response times across the City, based on factors like travel times, natural barriers such as the river, and areas with historically higher numbers of 911 calls.

Creation of Public Safety Plan Siting Advisory Committee: Comprised of four community members, two councilmembers and the Public Works director, this group was charged with oversight and advice on the siting of the five facilities. They met monthly during the siting process, and made a unanimous recommendation to the City Council on the final preferred sites.

Community Involvement: At its March 18 open house regarding facility siting, the City asked for and received feedback that was incorporated into the siting criteria developed for each facility. In August the City hosted an additional, well-attended open house, where attendees met the architects for the fire stations and justice center, reviewed a map detailing potential zones for the various buildings, and provided feedback on the identified areas.

Evaluating the Options: The City identified a long list of potential properties for each building. Those properties that did not meet key siting criteria – such as size, site access, core operational requirements, and access to transit – were removed from the list. Each remaining property on the smaller list was then scored based on the siting criteria.

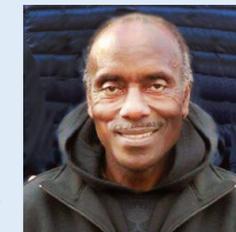
As we move forward from this point, the City remains committed to working with property owners to identify voluntary sales. In addition, the City is developing a business assistance plan to address concerns of businesses that may be displaced during this process. The Public Safety Plan is a very complex project, balancing difficult decisions and positive outcomes for our community. We know that building these facilities to protect our community now and in the future will leave a positive, lasting legacy.

Allan Ekberg
Allan Ekberg, Mayor



In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24.

COUNCIL CORNER



Thoughts from retiring long-time Councilmember

First elected in November 1981, Councilmember Joe Duffie has served in office ever since. In honor of his retirement from the City Council, we have asked him to share some highlights and wisdom.

What motivated you to run for a Council seat back in 1981?

The City permitted construction of an apartment building in our neighborhood and did not ask the residents how they felt about it. I came down to the Council Chamber and asked why they would do this without informing the neighborhood, and the City Council at the time told me they could do whatever they wanted. I told them that – as long as I was paying a penny in taxes – I would have a say-so, and I also told the Council President that after the next election he would be out of a job. I ran against him, he lost, and I have been in office ever since. I've told people that to run against me, you would have to work very hard. Now I'm ready to hand it over.

What is one of your proudest accomplishments?

I was the first black Councilmember and at that time people thought a black person would not be able to be elected. I was treated as a newcomer but I proved that if you put yourself out there and work hard for the people, you can find success. I have a lot of people to thank for supporting me in my political career, but in particular I want to recognize Louise Strander, Frank Todd, Ed Bauch, Maxine Anderson, and Helen Nelson.

What is something you have learned from 35 years of public service?

The value of working together is one of the most important things I have learned. When the Council can work through differences and collaborate, things go much easier. We have to make decisions as a group of seven. The Council must also listen to the community. We work for the people and carry out their interests. It is important to involve the neighborhoods in decision-making.

What is your advice for others seeking a career in public service?

People need to know they have a voice and it should be heard. There are opportunities for young people, and I think they should start early to think about how they want to run their lives and their city. I have seen several people I knew as students from Tukwila Elementary who have run for office. I am extremely proud of Senator Joe Fain, who I met when he was five years old and is now a State Senator.

What are you going to do with your free time?

I am looking forward to having time off to spend with my family. I am also going to continue working to push for trade programs in Tukwila schools. We have got to get shop programs back. Kids today are not hearing enough about good paying blue collar jobs that can provide for lifelong success. We need to focus on getting the trades back in schools.

Is there anything else you'd like to share with the Tukwila community?

Yes - Together We Stand, Divided We Fall. And, IF YOU CAN'T FIND IT IN TUKWILA, YOU DON'T NEED IT!

COUNCIL CHAT – Saturday, December 9 – 10:00AM to 12:00NOON at Foster High School (coincides with Foster's Craft Fair!)

Clean-up Collection Event

Saturday, December 2 – 8:30AM to 3:30PM

Two locations!

- Church by the Side of the Road
3455 South 148th Street
- Tukwila Community Center
12424 - 42nd Avenue South

For a complete list of accepted items and any restrictions, watch your mail for our Collection Event flyer...

In partnership with Waste Management, this Tukwila Event allows ALL residents to drop off hard-to-dispose-of items!

ITEMS ACCEPTED INCLUDE
Electronics • Scrap Metal • Large Appliances
Furniture • Cardboard • Yard Waste

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED INCLUDE
Automotive Waste • Household Hazardous Waste
Construction/demolition materials • Toilets

or find it online at TukwilaWA.gov/cleanup

Interested in finding a public record? Tukwila invites you to come and GET-IT!

Public records provide valuable openness and transparency into the conduct of government at all levels. The public has the right to know how they are being treated under the law, if their government is behaving ethically and fairly, and what their money has been spent on. The advent of the Internet and the information age has facilitated more convenient access to public records.

For years, Tukwila has demonstrated its accountability towards providing public records. Through its website, the City makes documents available for inspection in its "Digital Records Center (DRC)." There you can find information about Council and committee meetings, city contracts, ordinances, resolutions and more.

Permit D05-002 - INSURANCE AUTO AUCTION - DIESEL FUEL TANK
Permit D05-003 - MAD PIZZA - TENANT IMPROVEMENT
Permit D05-004 - HAYEK LEATHER - FENCE
Permit D05-005 - LOWE'S - WALLS AND DOOR
Permit D05-006 - WINNERS RESTAURANT - DEMOLITION
Permit D05-007 - SOUTHCENTER MALL - WILSON LEATHER - EXIT CORRIDOR
Permit D05-008 - SC-3 RETAIL - SHELL

Building and Land Use permit records (dating back to the first permit issued by the City in 1958) are now available in the DRC! The City Clerk's goal of convenient, 24/7 online access to these records—at no charge—is now a reality.

As a means of back-up protection, the City has been microfilming its paper records for years, and technology now exists to create digital files from those rolls of microfilm. After a vendor digitized hundreds of thousands of images from over 400 rolls of microfilm, staff in the City Clerk's Office began the work required to ensure accurate record retrieval. Using the unique permit number as the common denominator, each digital record – from microfilm rolls, indexes, aperture cards, CDs, drawings and plans – was intuitively renamed to effectively tie the information together. The end result is that permit records are available in sequential order, keyword searchable, and available for self-service by the public AT NO CHARGE. Time spent by City staff ensured optimal clarity, provided quality control review, and incorporated requirements of the State's Public Records Act. Additionally, it was discovered that the images held by the City's document management system, Laserfiche, are actually better than the original paper copies! As the foundation for the Digital Records Center, Laserfiche enables searches for permit information by permit number, parcel number, applicant's name, address and other parameters.

This cross-departmental project was managed in-house by the City Clerk's Office working closely with staff from Community Development, Technology Services, and the City Attorney's Office. Anyone seeking development information is invited to COME AND GET-IT! A link to the Digital Records Center can be found on the front page of the City's website at TukwilaWA.gov; under the "HOW DO I..." box, select "Access Public Records." If you have any questions about public records or need help, contact the City Clerk's Office at 206-433-1800.

HOW DO I...
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