



TUKWILA CITY PAGES

The City of Opportunity
The Community of Choice

Mayor's Message

National Mayors Group gathers to focus on inclusiveness



As Mayor I have the privilege of attending events associated with the United States Conference of Mayors. When the call went out earlier this year to attend the inaugural meeting of a new initiative called *Mayors and Business Leaders Center on Inclusive and Compassionate Cities*, I heeded the call. Inclusiveness is of paramount importance in support of our great diverse city.

Taking place in early November, the meeting was an immersion in opposition to racism and discrimination of all kinds. The location: Montgomery, Alabama, birthplace of the civil rights movement. This year *The Legacy Museum: From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration* opened there. We were the first group of elected officials to view it. The museum speaks to the multitude of abuse and hardships faced by slaves in the South, the fight for freedom, segregation, the right to vote and other civil rights, and the obstacles preventing same.

The day before, I spent several hours walking through the museum. I stood on the steps of the church where Martin Luther King had rallied. I stood at the bus stop where Rosa Parks was arrested for not relinquishing her seat. I visited The National Memorial for Peace and Justice, walking amongst monuments marking the name, date, county and state where more than 4,400 lynchings occurred between 1877 and 1950. It was somber and raining, giving the impression of tears amongst the fallen.

That evening we had a discussion on race and justice with the Museum's founder Bryan Stevenson. The many conversations covered a variety of topics: how the museum began, how important it is to acknowledge wrongs in order to move on, how the museum supports the movement of inclusion, compassion, and social justice. The following day we discussed responding to acts of hate and violence in cities. The Mayors of Louisville and Orlando talked of their recent hate-crime events. We all declared our desires to insure our communities are inclusive and compassionate.

I appreciate the opportunity to speak with other mayors on these vital topics and look forward to contributing to the initiative. We have a unique city which I love. Each mayor I spoke with was surprised by our diversity, the number of languages spoken in our schools, the nighttime population of nearly 20,000 versus the daytime population of 150,000, and the industry, services and retail sectors that make up the city. As Mayor, I have worked to move the City forward in terms of its workplace diversity. We are striving toward having a workforce that more closely reflects the makeup of our community, and we look proudly at the City's recent hires – including department directors – through eyes of inclusivity.

Allan Ekberg
Allan Ekberg, Mayor

2018 Wish List

- Art Supplies
 - Blankets
 - Books
 - Games
 - Grocery Store Gift Cards
 - Hats, mittens, scarves
 - Hygiene items
 - Small kitchen appliances
 - Sporting equipment
 - Toys (all ages)
- Donate cash and we will do the shopping. 100% of all donations are used to purchase items of need for Tukwila children & families.
- Drop-off sites:
Tukwila Community Center
Tukwila City Hall
Tukwila Fire Headquarters, Station 51

SPiRiT of GiViNG

Help over 350 Tukwila children and their families in need.

Contribute items from the wish list, organize a giving drive, or volunteer. Collection event on now through December 11.

For More Information
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A testimonial from a company that cares

Strong-Bridge Envision – a technology enablement and business optimization consulting company – has been the lead sponsor and partner of the Spirit of Giving program for several years. Besides significant financial support provided by the company, their employees personally contribute a significant amount of volunteer time and financial support as well. The impact of their dedication to this program is really a commitment to the children and families in Tukwila, ensuring they are cared for throughout the holiday season and winter. This program would not be what it is today, if not for Strong-Bridge Envision and their caring employees.

Some thoughts from Strong-Bridge Envision

Beyond our business mission, our purpose is to make a difference – to make a positive, lasting impact in our communities. We put people at the center of our company – to co-create an environment where our people feel invested, and where every person feels proud to work.

Serving our communities is a vital part of living our values – being successful goes hand in hand with giving back. In many cases, our work is happening right where we live. To be an active contributor to creating good in these spaces is, simply put, the right thing to do. It is important, then, that we create opportunities between our people and the needs of their communities. Our people are active in selecting the community partnerships with nonprofits across the country, making it that much more connected – and meaningful – to where we are located.

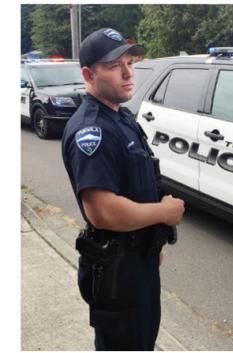
Spirit of Giving is a perfect example of working with our teams and our community to make a difference. 13 years ago Renea Rayner approached the founders of the company about a program that she was passionate about and highly invested in – Spirit of Giving. She and her husband Dan have been avid supporters of Spirit of Giving, and involve their entire family each year. It was an easy decision for the company, when you find a worthwhile cause coupled with individual's willingness to selflessly give of themselves – it simply makes sense. Since that time, Strong-Bridge Envision and their employees have joyfully been involved each year in supporting Spirit of Giving with Black Friday shoppers, gift wrappers, and store setup and assistance. To a person, individuals who have participated each year have said it is one of the highlights of their holidays.

It's simple to give money – which we do – but it is personal when you're rolling up your sleeves to help. That balance is what we're after.

Holiday closures for City offices
Thursday and Friday November 22 & 23
Thanksgiving holidays

Tuesday December 25
Christmas holiday

Tuesday January 1, 2019
New Years Day



Tukwila Police officer saves 6-month-old baby

What did you do on Halloween? Dustin Johnson, a Tukwila police officer who's only been with the department since May, saved a life. Officer Johnson decided to work a few extra hours on Halloween. He and several officers responded to a call at an apartment unit off Tukwila International Boulevard.

When they arrived, Officer Johnson saw a 6-month-old baby on the ground struggling to breathe, tongue swollen and hot to the touch. He cleared her airway and started CPR until she became responsive.



Having overcome her 104.5° temperature, Baby Lamiayla is now home and doing much better. Officer Johnson – who received photos and videos from the mother – recently enjoyed a baby/officer reunion.

Officer Johnson joined Tukwila Police after 12 years in Baton Rouge, where he earned several awards for his life-saving efforts. Officer Johnson is one of several lateral (experienced) officers coming to the Police Department during the past year.

2018 Tukwila Holiday Lights Contest

It's almost December, which means it is time to show off your holiday spirit with bold and beautiful light displays. The City invites you to enter your home or business in our fifth annual Holiday Lights Contest. Judging will take place the week of December 10, 2018 between the hours of 4:00-9:00PM. Winners will receive an official yard sign declaring victory in lighting excellence for all to see.

Entry forms will be available after November 19 on the City's website or in person at City Hall and the Tukwila Community Center. Completed entry forms will be due by 12:00 noon on Friday, December 7, 2018.

Use transit? Your input is requested

This fall, Metro is asking those who live or work in Tukwila to help them identify local mobility needs that might be filled through their Community Connections program.

Tukwila is well connected to the regional transit network, but geographic and physical barriers, including I-405 and I-5, limit some users' access to this network. Many residents live in places that are not within walking distance of transit, and current transit options in several of the city's neighborhoods are indirect or infrequent. Additionally, the Tukwila International Boulevard Station and Interurban Avenue South park & ride lots are nearly full by early morning.

Metro wants to hear from you about your transportation needs! Please take their survey by December 14. For a hard copy survey, call 206-431-3670, or go online to SurveyMonkey.com/r/TukwilaCC.

COUNCIL CORNER

by Verna Seal,
2018 Council President



Telling State legislators what they can do to help us

On November 19, the City Council will adopt our legislative agenda for the 2019 Washington State legislative session, which begins on January 14, 2019. The priorities adopted by your Council provide policy direction to guide staff in determining support or opposition to legislative matters at the State level. This is important to our community because many of these decisions directly impact the services provided by the City. These are the draft legislative agenda items approved by the Committee of the Whole.

Transportation & Infrastructure

- Join the US DOT, Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board, the cities of Renton and Tukwila and other partners to fund the Strander Extension project, which would increase freight mobility and remove 55,000 vehicles a day from I-405, 167, and other nearby roadways.
- Provide funding for critical local infrastructure, including the Allentown Bridge, which is structurally deficient and functionally obsolete.
- Create stable, reliable infrastructure assistance funding for cities to assist in repairing roads, bridges and other public infrastructure that support economic development.

Housing & Human Services

- Fully fund the State Housing Trust Fund to provide resources for affordable housing.
- Create new and expand existing local options to generate revenue for housing and human services, and for the capital construction of affordable housing.
- We strongly encourage the State to adequately fund human services programs for the health of the safety net.

Law Enforcement

- Increase funding for law enforcement training to ensure that all police officers have access to key resources that save lives.
- Change the day rate for Dept. of Corrections inmates to ensure equitable reimbursements for local facilities such as SCORE.

Revenue Reform

- Allow cities the authority and flexibility to address the fact that growth in the cost of services continue to outstrip revenues.
- The State should amend the law that limits annual property tax growth to 1 percent and work with cities to authorize additional funding flexibility and opportunities at the local level.

Shared Revenue

- The State must continue its role as a partner with cities, including reinstating funding for the Public Works Assistance Account and Community Economic Revitalization Board.
- Work with the coalition of other cities hard-hit by the change to destination based sales tax, to reestablish tax mitigation payments – ended in 2018 – which provided Tukwila over \$1.2 million annually to replace lost revenue.
- In addition, the State must retain the local share of liquor taxes to allow jurisdictions to address impacts – such as public safety – of privatizing liquor in our cities.

Education

- Implement needs-based funding for allocation of social/emotional student support resources, and expand funding for learning opportunities for summer school students.
- Increase funding for homeless students and secondary ELL students.
- Incorporate early learning for low income students as a part of Basic Education.

Preserve Lodging Tax Flexibility

- Ensure the definition of "tourist" in Washington State remains flexible, which will allow jurisdictions and Lodging Tax Advisory Committees to distribute lodging tax dollars in a manner that best serves each individual community.

If you have any questions regarding these legislative items, please call 206-433-8993.

Come work with us!

Search our listing of employment opportunities with requirements, salary and other information at GovernmentJobs.com/careers/TukwilaWA

The City of Tukwila provides an engaging, productive and safe work environment, in addition to providing excellent benefits and competitive salaries.