**Backyard Wildlife Festival**

Saturday, May 11 – 10:00AM–3:00PM

Learn to create a welcoming environment for wildlife. Explore plants and resources to support birds, bees, butterflies and more. There’ll be music, guest speakers, enrichment workshops, garden art and plant vendors.

*BackyardWildlifeFestival.org*

*Location: Tukwila Community Center, 12424 - 42nd Ave S*

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**CommUnity 5k Walk**

Saturday, May 11 – Starts at 10:00AM

Tukwila Parks & Recreation and Global to Local invite families, strollers and pets to this free community walk along the beautiful Duwamish River Trail.

*Register at TukwilaWA.gov/OnlineRegistration*

*Location: Tukwila Community Center, 12424 - 42nd Ave S*

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**Touch a Truck**

Saturday, July 27 – 9:00AM to 1:00PM

Join the fun and hop in a bus, sit in a fire truck and honk some horns in heavy-duty rigs with us! We’ll educate families on safety as we provide activities to help equip kids with the tools to make decisions in case of an emergency. Horn free 12-1pm

*Location: Westfield Southcenter Mall, south parking lot*

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**Community Garage Sale**

Saturday, August 17

Save the date to hold a yard/garage sale at your home, at the same time as your neighbors throughout Tukwila! Clean out your closets, earn money, and shop for bargains while helping support reuse and recycling.

*Location: All around town*

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Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for complete event lineups and special announcements: @TukwilaParks
See You in the Park! Expanded Event Schedule! Come meet up with your friends and neighbors! These events are held on Wednesdays, beginning at 5:30 PM; family-friendly music and entertainment starts at 6:30 PM. All See YOU in the Park! events feature art projects, activities, food and freebies.

June 12: Make Your Mark in the (future) Park
Help create a new neighborhood open space play area for neighborhood children! We’ll provide tools, supplies, art projects, music, food, and heaps of fun.
Location: South 146th and Military Road

June 26: Hazelnut Park Hootenanny
Bring your neighbors and friends for an evening of music, history, art, and a happening good time!
Location: 14475 - 59th Avenue S

July 10: Bicentennial Park Party
Walk, ride, or run into the park for music and a celebration along Green-Duwamish River Trail.
Location: 6000 Christensen Road

July 24: Crestview Bark in the Park
Bring your pooch and plan to have a hound-errific evening in one of Tukwila’s newest dog play areas.
Location: 16200 - 42nd Avenue S

August 7: See You in the Sprinklers
We’re turning up the sprinkler system for a splashing-good time and sweet summer treats – DO NOT miss this event!
Location: Tukwila Community Center 12424 - 42nd Avenue S

August 21: Sullivan Center Summer Shindig
Celebrate summer and community with music, dance and food, sharing the fun with local organizations and resources.
Location: 14350 Tukwila International Blvd

Putting our resources where our residents are!
This year Tukwila is proud to present twice as many See You in the Park events for your summertime entertainment. In alignment with the City’s priority-based budgeting, Tukwila’s Parks and Recreation Department has determined that neighborhood parks and the residents that visit them are their priority for this community. Because of this, the Department has decided to end Family Fourth at the Fourth (an event largely attended by non-residents).

Más Diversión en el Verano

Nos VEMOS en el Parque! Han extendido sus Eventos!
¡Reúnete con tus amigos y vecinos! Los eventos serán los miércoles, empezando a las 5:30 PM; baile y entretenimiento empieza a la 6:30 PM.
¡Todos Nos VEMOS en el Parque! Los eventos tendrán proyectos de arte, actividades, comida y premios.

12 de junio: Hacer su Marca (futuro) en el Parque
¡Ayude a crear una nueva vecindad para abrir una Área de Juegos para los niños! Nosotros proporcionaremos herramientas, proyectos de arte, música y comida y mucha diversión.
Ubicación: South 146th and Military Road

26 de junio: Festival Folk en el Parque Avellana
Traete a tus vecinos y amigos a una noche de música, historia, arte y pasar una noche agradable!
Ubicación: 14475 - 59th Avenue S

10 de julio: Fiesta del Parque Bicentenario
Camina, pasea, o corre dentro del parque con música y una celebración por los Ríos Verdes y Duwamish.
Ubicación: 6000 Christensen Road

24 de julio: Crestview Ladrar en el Parque
Traete a tu mascota y planeen pasar una noche agradable en el nuevo parque para mascotas.
Ubicación: 16200 - 42nd Avenue S

7 de agosto: Nos Vemos en los Aspersores
Vamos a prender nuestro sistema de los aspersores de salpicaduras, pasar un gran tiempo y comer dulces – ¡NO te puedes perder este evento!
Ubicación: Tukwila Community Center 12424 - 42nd Ave S

21 de agosto: Fiesta de Verano en el Centro Sullivan
Ven y celebra el Verano y nuestra comunidad con música, baile y comida, comparte la diversión con recursos organizaciones locales y recursos.
Ubicación: 14350 Tukwila International Blvd

Siguenos en nuestra pagina de Facebook y Instagram para ver nuestros eventos especiales: @TukwilaParks
In 2017, Tukwila initiated its formal high school internship program. Our goal then and now is to expose Tukwila’s young people to government service and potential careers.

As of April 1, we are recruiting for the third year of this successful program. The timeline is as follows:
- Applications are due by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, April 30.
- Interviews will take place between May 7 and May 17.
- Applicants will be notified of their determination by May 27.
- Internships will be active between July 8 and August 30.

Each department will host an intern, providing students a broad opportunity to learn about City departments: what they do and how they work together to serve our residents and community. These students are exposed to the diverse, living wage careers available in city government. Getting real-world work experience develops skills that are transferable across many fields and work places, and between government service and private industry.

If you know someone who would be interested in this opportunity, tell them to apply! Requirements for a few positions are students age 18 or older, but most require students at least 14 years old and enrolled in high school. High school seniors are eligible for these internships.

The Internship application is available on the City’s Employment Opportunities website.

I look forward to hosting our third year of high school students this summer, supporting them on their road to success. To learn more about the High School Intern Program, contact Community Engagement Manager Niesha Fort-Brooks at Niesha.Fort-Brooks@TukwilaWA.gov, or 206-454-7564.

Another excellent tool in the career toolbox is the opportunity for construction trade apprenticeships. The surge of current construction highlights the need for trained professionals in all building trades. I encourage you to pick up a copy of the 2019 Construction Apprenticeship Guidebook at City Hall, or find it online at TukwilaWA.gov/apprentice. If you know anyone whose life could be positively impacted through an apprenticeship, please point them in this direction!

Allan Ekberg, Mayor
One of the things that I have loved about Tukwila since the day we moved here in 1993 are the eclectic neighborhoods. A one-hundred-year-old farmhouse (like the one we live in) might be next to a newly-constructed home, with mid-century modern homes and other types on the same street. Each type of house has its own character – and its own type of yard. Because one of my favorite leisure activities is gardening, I love looking at the different types of gardens and landscaping – and tending my own. Working in the yard helps me clear my mind and focus on the beauty of nature, whether sunshine or rain. I take great pleasure in my garden and enjoy watching it change throughout the seasons.

Approved funding from King County Veterans, Seniors and Human Services levy for an Older Adult Recreation and Services Needs Assessment and accessibility improvements at TCC

Approved interlocal agreement with Normandy Park, Burien, Des Moines SeaTac and Federal Way for Sea-Tac International Airport Impact Study

Approved Interagency agreement with King County to construct a segment of the Lake-to-Sound Trail

Increased the gambling tax for card rooms (Ord. 2590)

Created a business license fee exemption for card rooms (Ord. 2593)

Adopted a 2019 Legislative Agenda (Res. 1949)

Approved $1.1M in grant funding from the State for the East Marginal Way South Stormwater Falls Project

Adopted a 2019-2024 Financial Planning Model and Capital Improvement Program (Res. 1953)

Updated business license fees (Res. 1952)

Adopted a balanced budget for 2019-2020 (Ord. 2597)

Adopted Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (Res. 1954)

Strengthened standards for private residential rental program inspectors (Ord. 2600)

Amended the Ethics Code for Elected Officials and created an Ethics Officer role (Ord. 2601)

Adopted Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program (Res. 1955)

Elected Kathy Hougardy 2019 City Council President

Established titles, scope and schedules for the 2019 Council Committees (Res. 1956)

Confirmed Vicky Carlsen as Finance Director effective April 15

Authorized joining other regional cities and King County in the South King Housing & Homelessness Partnership

Approved lodging tax funds for Seattle Southside Regional Tourism Authority, Museum of Flight, and Starfire Sports

Awarded a bid to Westwater Construction Company for two Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon pedestrian crossings on Tukwila International Boulevard at South 140th and South 141st

For additional information about any of these items, call 206-433-8993.

Appointments

Congratulations to the following community members who were confirmed to Boards and Commissions between October 2018 and February 2019. Tukwila thanks you for your volunteer service to our community!

- Jan Bolerjack
- Ivan Cockrum
- Sheila Coppola
- Joe Duffie
- Nora Gierloff
- Karen Simmons
- Kimberly Karnes
- Scott Kruize
- Nerissa Metully
- Steve Miller
- Nichelle Page
- Noe Rodriguez
- Verna Seal
- Tosh Sharp
- Karen Simmons
- Dixie Stark
- Louise Strander
- Dat Tran
- Geraldine Ventura
Arrival of spring brings return to work on street, crossing improvements

The City of Tukwila recently began construction of two new pedestrian crossings on Tukwila International Boulevard near South 141st Street. These two new crossings will include pedestrian-activated Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons, marked crosswalks, pedestrian refuge islands, advanced signing, lane rechannelization and ADA ramps. Construction is scheduled for completion in early June.

The 2019 Annual Asphalt Overlay and Repair Program is scheduled to be under construction in late spring/early summer and will include roadway resurfacing with ADA improvements at various locations throughout the City. The preliminary 2019 location list includes:

- South 128th Street, east of Military Road
- South 137th Street, west of Macadam Road
- 52nd Avenue South, from 53rd Avenue South east to Interurban Avenue South
- South 200th Street between Orillia Road and Southcenter Parkway

The 2019 Overlay and Repair Program will also manage the scheduled repairs at Fort Dent Park, and repairs to Andover Park East near Baker Boulevard from damage caused by a water main break in late 2018. For inquiries about either of these projects, contact Scott Bates at 206-431-2193 or Scott.Bates@TukwilaWA.gov.

Tukwila’s storm drains... and you

Administered by the EPA and DOE, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program addresses water pollution by authorizing governments to perform many aspects of the program, including permitting and enforcement. Stormwater runoff is generated from rain and snowmelt events that flow over land or impervious (not allowing fluid to pass through) surfaces, such as paved streets, parking lots, and building rooftops. The runoff picks up pollutants like trash, chemicals, oils, and dirt/sediment that can harm our rivers, streams, lakes, and coastal waters. Benefits of effective stormwater runoff management include protection of wetlands and aquatic ecosystems, improved water quality and flood control.

Tukwila has an aggressive commercial storm drainage inspection program that targets illicit discharges to a drainage system. However, the pollution in our creeks, wetlands and rivers is often a result of individual human activity, which is also subject to enforcement.

Did you know...?

- It’s OK to wash your vehicle at home, but it is illegal to allow soapy water (including biodegradable soap) to enter a storm drainage system. Either wash your car on a water-permeable grassy area away from storm drains, or simply take your vehicle to a commercial car wash.
- When using pesticides, weed control or fertilizers, be sure to follow the manufacturer’s directions. Over-applied chemicals can wash into a local storm drains, contributing to storm water pollution.
- While the sanitary sewer system drains to King County’s treatment plant, storm drains on city streets do NOT. Tukwila’s storm water drainage eventually drains to the Green/Duwamish river. Only rainwater and snow melt are to go down a storm drain. Sediment or dirt in storm water is not acceptable.
- Regardless of the quantity involved, if you spill or release any hazardous material, you are responsible for its immediate cleanup. If your spill enters a storm drainage system, call 206-433-1860.

Proper Disposal

If you have hazardous household materials that you’d like to get rid of, you can take them to Seattle’s Transfer Station for free.

Location: 130 South Kenyon Street
Days/hours: Thursday–Saturday, 9:30AM–4:30PM

THERE IS NO FEE FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow... somewhere else.

At its March 18, 2019 meeting, the City Council recognized City staff for the exceptional response to the recent snow events. Tukwila Emergency Manager Jason Konieczka expressed appreciation for the professional services provided to the community by Police, Fire, Parks and Recreation, and the Public Works Department.

Photo of South 178th Place hill during the snowiest February on record.
Interest in running for local office?
Confidence in the future of your city comes easier when you know that good people are exploring ways they can take part in the workings of their local government. For those interested in serving the community by running for office, several opportunities are available this year in Tukwila. The City of Tukwila positions to be determined in the November 5 election are:

- Mayor of Tukwila
- City Council: Position #2
- City Council: Position #4
- City Council: Position #6

All positions are elected for a four-year term, 2020 to 2023.

Dates for filing with King County Elections are May 13 through May 17 (in person or online) and April 29 through May 17 (by mail).

There are many regulations and requirements associated with becoming a candidate for office. Detailed information regarding filing deadlines and fees, personal financial and public disclosure information, campaigning and more can be found online at KingCounty.gov/elections.aspx. If you have any questions, call them at 206-296-1565, or email Election.Services@KingCounty.gov. For information about the duties of Tukwila’s Mayor and Councilmember positions, go to TukwilaWA.gov/election.

Homeowners: ADU amnesty period ends in June
An Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) is a small, self-contained residential unit built on the same lot as an existing single family home. Often referred to as a mother-in-law apartment, examples of ADUs include an apartment over a garage, a basement apartment, and an addition to an existing home – separate living quarters with its own kitchen and bathroom.

Do you have an existing ADU on your property? If so, Tukwila has changed its regulations, and registration with the City is now required. There is an amnesty period through June 2019 to get a courtesy inspection from Tukwila’s Building Department. If your ADU was built without City approvals, additional code flexibility is available for applications received by this June.

Owners can register their ADUs – under more flexible zoning rules – by filling out a no-fee registration application at TukwilaWA.gov/ADU-App. More information is available at TukwilaWA.gov/ADU-FAQ. Questions? Please contact the Community Development Department at 206-431-3670.

Sign up for more news from the City
As part of Tukwila’s expanded communications, the City offers the E-Hazelnut delivered to your inbox with updates and helpful information. This newsletter is a monthly opportunity to share timely information, promote upcoming events and initiatives, and encourage two-way communications with Tukwila’s residents, businesses and guests. Go to TukwilaWA.gov, scroll to the bottom of the page, and click the “Sign Up” button.

You may qualify for discounts or rebate
In 2003 the City of Tukwila imposed a Utility Tax and added surcharge to Seattle City Light customers as a contract fee. With Resolution No. 1547, the City established policy to rebate the additional taxes and contract surcharge fees to eligible low-income seniors (age 62 or older) or disabled residents for electric and natural gas utility rebates.

Criteria for eligibility
- Must be at least 62 years of age or disabled.
- Disposable income from all sources must not exceed $32,000 per household.
- Must be Puget Sound Energy or Seattle City Light customer.

Required information due by June 30, 2019
- Must complete application and notarized supplemental affidavit at the Finance Department in Tukwila City Hall.
- Must provide copy of 2018 Income Tax Return.
- Provide copy of your Puget Sound Energy or Seattle City Light December 2018 billing statement as verification of customer account status.

Payment process
Those applicants determined to be eligible will receive a rebate check from the City based on the actual taxes and surcharges paid for 2018. For more information, please contact Tukwila’s Finance Department at 206-433-1835.

Potholes? Illegal parking? Flooding? Dumped garbage?
The City’s reporting tool Tukwila Works allows users to report and track progress on non-emergency issues using the City’s website or via a smartphone app.

To report an issue or download the app, go to: TukwilaWA.gov/TukwilaWorks
On Monday, March 25, the Tukwila City Council gave the final go-ahead to build Fire Station 51 and to initiate the Justice Center project. This is a significant milestone for the City’s Public Safety Plan and a very exciting time in Tukwila. The City thanks the voters of Tukwila who passed the Public Safety Bond and the community for its commitment in supporting the work of our first responders.

For those passing by the site on Tukwila International Boulevard, construction at the Justice Center will be visible in April. Installation of project fencing at the site will be followed by demolition of the existing structures. The construction team will then be working on site clearing and grading, foundations and initial structure work. The project team will return to Council for permission to move forward with the remaining construction in May. The facility is expected to open in late summer 2020.

Like other jurisdictions and the private sector, the City is experiencing challenges in this very hot construction market that have resulted in cost escalation. Although Fire Station 51 came in above the revised project budget, savings from the Justice Center site were able to offset the increase. This has allowed the project team to move forward with both projects without adding to the overall program. An analysis of impacts associated with delaying these projects shows that such a delay would only add significant costs to the overall Public Safety Plan.

For each of the businesses displaced by the Justice Center, the City was able to achieve agreements that included financial assistance, permit credit, reduced rent and other incentives.

Work on Fire Station 51 will also begin in April, though the community will not see much movement on the site beyond project fencing until May. During this time, the team will be performing necessary engineering and other shop drawings, as well as mobilizing the various trades. Fire Station 51 will be located at Southcenter Parkway and 180th, and the community is encouraged to check out its progress over time. The station is expected to open in late 2020.

Fire Station 52, to be located on City Hall campus, is currently in the schematic design stage. (See rendering below.) Designated as the City’s future headquarters fire station, this facility will be accessible from 65th Avenue South near Tukwila Park.

Additionally, the City’s combined Public Works facility, located between East Marginal Way and Tukwila Boulevard south of S 112th Street, is in the master planning process. The goal for this project is to initiate improvements to one or more of the existing buildings later this year, and create a multi-year strategy to fully develop the site.

For more information about these projects, please visit TukwilaWA.gov/PublicSafetyPlan.

Look for work on public safety facilities to move forward
Let us help you prevent mail theft!

Tukwila’s Crime Prevention Program is offering a
Mail Manager Pro by Mail Boss
curbside locking mailbox
to TUKWILA HOMEOWNERS at a special price!

Stolen mail can provide thieves with your name and address, Social Security number, telephone number(s), email address(es), credit card and bank account information, and more. Take advantage of this special offer to get one of the best mailboxes on the market, PLUS – available on request – installation by Tukwila Public Works staff.

To participate in or learn more about this program, please contact:
Chris Partman
Community Policing Coordinator,
Tukwila Police Department
Phone: Desk – 206-431-2197; Cell – 206-271-6069
Email: C.Partman@TukwilaWA.gov

Heavy duty – 14- & 16-gauge galvanized steel construction – anti-pry latch locking mechanism – Innovative baffle door design allows delivery of small packages and parcels, but prevents fishing!

Your price through this program: $108
(more than a $50 savings – $159 on Amazon)