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The Hazelnut

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42nd Avenue South bridge replacement update

The 42nd Ave S Bridge Replacement project recently achieved several important milestones. The design team has finalized the complete set of design drawings, analysis reports, and an updated construction cost estimate. City staff and utility companies are currently reviewing these documents and will provide final comments to be incorporated into the construction bid package next year.

Another key milestone is the completion of a Memorandum of Agreement for historic preservation, required under state and federal regulations. The Washington State Department of Transportation, the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation,

and local tribes have all approved the City's commitment to document the history of the existing bridge and to avoid disturbing important cultural resources within the project area. This agreement, which took more than a year to complete, clears the way for the next steps in the environmental permitting process.

On the funding front, the 2026 Supplemental Washington State Transportation Budget includes \$17 million from the Move Ahead Washington program for the 2027-2029 budget cycle. This funding aligns with the City's anticipated construction schedule and strengthens our ability to pursue additional federal funding needed to fully finance the project.

Please use this QR code to access the project webpage, where you will find the latest updates and additional resources.



*Rendering of the proposed
42nd Avenue South bridge,
looking north*



2026 STATE OF THE CITY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

with Mayor Thomas McLeod



EVENT SCHEDULE 5:00PM – Doors open
6:00PM – Presentation
7:15PM – Reception

Foster Performing Arts Center
Location: 4242 South 144th Street

All participants are welcome. If you need reasonable accommodation to participate in this event, please call 206-433-1850 or email Mayor@TukwilaWA.gov at least seven days before the event.

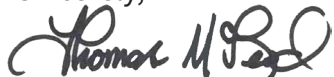
TukwilaWA.gov/StateofCity

I invite you to join me for my annual State of the City address to be held on **Wednesday, April 29 at 6:00PM** at the **Foster High School Performing Arts Center**. This is an opportunity to hear about what the City of Tukwila has accomplished in the past year and highlights about the vision for 2026.

The event will include informational tables, providing you with opportunities to meet City staff and community partners. Learn more about services and programs available to members of the Tukwila community. Light refreshments will be served.

I am looking forward to this event and hope you can join me.

Sincerely,


Thomas McLeod, Mayor



COME TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE RESOURCE TABLES SET UP AT THIS EVENT
Get information and answers from the City and our community partners

CITY DEPARTMENTS

Community Development
Finance
Mayor's Office
Municipal Court
Parks & Recreation
Police
Public Works

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

BECU	Puget Sound Energy
Greater Seattle Korean Association	Puget Sound Fire
HealthPoint	Recology
Highline College	Seattle City Light
King County Elections	Sokh Hoops
King County Library	Sound Health
King County Metro	Sound Transit
Northwest Education Access	Tukwila Historical Society
Partners in Employment	Tukwila Pool

Surface Water Management Plan comment period is OPEN

A healthy community depends on well-maintained stormwater systems and surface water environments. Flooded streets, polluted streams and lakes, landslides, and degrading plant and animal habitats affect everyone.

Tukwila's Storm and Surface Water System Plan is updated every year to account for growth and development in the City, changing climate conditions, evolving state and federal stormwater regulations, and updates to the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Some benefits of effective storm and surface water management include:

- ▶ Reduced flooding and damage to businesses and homes from storms
- ▶ Clean water in lakes and streams for safe recreation, such as fishing and swimming
- ▶ Improved and restored plant, animal, and aquatic habitats
- ▶ Minimized erosion and landslide occurrences

Did you know YOU can comment on Tukwila's Surface Water Management Plan? The comment period is open now. Residents have an opportunity to shape surface water policy. Think about what the water quality in your community means to you.

What stewardship opportunities would YOU participate in?

- ▶ Adopt A Drain: care for a drain near your home, work or school; name it, report online (get a yard sign and welcome package).
- ▶ Adopt a Spot: care for a trail or park near your home or work.
- ▶ Green Tukwila Partnership: participate in environment restoration planting, weeding and other projects on City owned properties.

Pollution enforcement: What escalating policies do YOU support? (All choices require polluters to clean up their pollution at their expense or be billed for City services.)

- ▶ Technical assistance until compliance
- ▶ Technical assistance until compliance, with a fine
- ▶ Issuance of Notice of Violation and Order to comply, with fines and penalties

Is your priority of clean water for:

- ✓ You ✓ Tukwila ✓ Puget Sound

Scan the table of contents to see what is covered in this plan at TukwilaWA.gov/SWMP2026.

Have thoughts to share? Please send your comments to SWMP@TukwilaWA.gov.

Questions? Please email SWMP@TukwilaWA.gov



Got something that needs fixing? We're back!

KING COUNTY REPAIR EVENT – FREE

Tuesday, April 28 – 3:00 to 6:00PM

Tukwila Community Center

At King County's free community repair events, skilled volunteers strive to fix and mend electronics, small kitchen appliances, small furniture, toys, tools, clothing and other textiles. At last year's repair event at Tukwila Community Center, they worked on about 80 items, successfully fixing or mending 75% of them. For the others, the volunteers provided helpful advice.

For more info, visit KingCounty.gov/repair-events, contact repair events coordinator Tom at 206-477-4481, or email Tom.Watson@KingCounty.gov.



Recognizing sustainable transportation leaders

The City of Tukwila proudly celebrates these employers. Collectively, they reduce 300,000 driving trips per year on our roads!

The Boeing Company ▲ *BECU*

CellNetix ▲ *City of Tukwila*

Harnish Group, Inc. ▲ *Hartung Agalite Glass Company*

King County Housing Authority ▲ *Metro South Base*

The Krusteaz Company ▲ *The Museum of Flight*

Olympic Heritage Behavioral Health ▲ *USPS*



Employer Commute Trip Reduction Programs play a critical role in reducing traffic congestion and pollution by promoting transit, carpooling, teleworking, biking, and walking. These efforts resulted in the following environmental and financial benefits:

Cleaner Air – 15,000,000 pounds of CO₂ emissions avoided annually

Cleaner Water – 88 pounds of airborne particulate matter from brake wear and 44 pounds of airborne particulate matter from tire wear avoided annually

Gas Savings – 800,000 gallons of gasoline and \$2,000,000 consumer dollars saved on gasoline

Data comes from the 2023-2025 CTR survey of employees at 15 worksites

Smoke Alarms Save Lives!



American Red Cross



Working smoke alarms can cut the risk of death from home fires in half.

That's why we're rallying volunteers, fire departments and partners to **Sound the Alarm**.

Together, we're installing **FREE** smoke alarms in your community.

Request a smoke alarm installation today!



Saturday, April 25

10:00AM – 3:00PM

Request alarms at
tinyurl.com/mu7tckyt
or email
kinghfc@redcross.org
with questions.



Scan to learn more



The Red Cross provides help, regardless of citizenship status. We do not share client information with any external entities. Volunteers are clearly branded with the Red Cross emblem.



COUNCIL CORNER



Stay informed, get involved

*by Armen Papyan,
2026 Council President*

Spring has arrived and the transition of seasons feels like a fresh start in many ways. This month I'd like to share our new group Council portrait for those that may not know members by face or name. We have had a lot of turnover the last couple of years, and so it feels grounding to be on this team pictured here:

As I write this, we are gearing up for our annual retreat, where we will focus on effective group dynamics and a cohesive approach to our role as legislators. While we work toward those goals, I would like to invite you, the community, to engage with us and share your views. Here are some ways to stay informed and connected:

- » Visit Tukwila's meeting and community calendar at TukwilaWA.gov/events.
- » Attend a Council meeting in person, online, on Channel 21, or via MS Teams.
- » Subscribe to email delivery of meeting agendas at TukwilaWA.gov/city-clerk.

- » Email the entire Council at CityCouncil@TukwilaWA.gov, or individual councilmembers via the info on the back cover.
- » Provide your public comment on any topic for up to five minutes at a Regular Meeting or Committee of the Whole.
- » Read minutes of Council and Committee meetings online.
- » Apply to serve on a City board, commission, or committee.
- » Review summaries of recent City Council actions in the Hazelnut, then go online to read more.
- » Follow the City of Tukwila on social media at Facebook.com/CityOfTukwila



Your Tukwila City Council

(From left to right) Verna Seal, Joe Torres Camacho, Kate Kruller, Jane Ho, Dennis Martinez, Hannah Hedrick, and Armen Papyan.

Open House on update of Critical Area regulations

Wednesday April 15 – between 5:30-8:00PM
Sullivan Center – 14350 Tukwila International Blvd.

You are invited to a City open house regarding an update of the City's regulations on critical areas, such as streams, wetlands and steep slopes.

Critical areas provide ecosystem services to the City, filtering water, cleaning the air, providing habitat for animals and recreation opportunities for the community. Updating regulations requires integrating best available science (BAS) and balancing City goals to protect and enhance the

environment, while ensuring adequate capacity for the City to grow. In this process, regulations – such as the distance required between construction and critical areas – will be evaluated.

Interested? You are invited to drop in at any point during this time to speak with staff, learn more about the process, and provide your opinions. Light food and beverages will be provided. Please reach out to **Planning @TukwilaWA.gov** with any questions or if you'd like to sign up for updates. Hope to see you there!

Watch a video and learn more about Critical Areas in Tukwila at TukwilaWA.gov/CriticalAreas.

Keeping our Tukwila clean – how we're tackling litter and how you can help

Litter isn't just unsightly, it affects our neighborhoods, natural spaces, transportation corridors, and overall quality of life. In 2025, the City of Tukwila dedicated substantial time and resources to responding to litter concerns across the community. Thanks to both City crews and residents who report issues, we continue working together to keep Tukwila clean, safe, and welcoming.

Our 2025 litter response, by the numbers

Between the internal City work orders and community-submitted Tukwila Works requests, our crews completed a significant amount of litter-related work last year:

Total work orders: 188

Total labor hours: 1,268

Total cost: \$89,000.27

These totals reflect the time, effort, and funding required to address litter across the City. By reducing the amount of debris that accumulates in the first place, we can redirect these resources toward other essential public services.



A cleaner City starts with all of us

Thank you to everyone who reports issues, volunteers their time, or takes simple steps each day to prevent litter. Your efforts make Tukwila a cleaner, healthier, and more vibrant community for all.

How you can be part of the solution

Small everyday habits, combined with community involvement, go a long way toward keeping litter off our streets and out of our waterways.

- ❖ Use a litter bag in your vehicle to avoid accidental or intentional littering.
- ❖ Secure your load when transporting items – unsecured loads are a major source of roadside debris.
- ❖ Don't overfill your curbside carts; overflowing lids allow trash to escape. If you need a larger cart, contact Recology at 206-944-3900 or visit [Recology.com/Tukwila](https://www.Recology.com/Tukwila).
- ❖ Bag your trash before placing it in your curbside cart to prevent loose items from blowing away.
- ❖ Volunteer to support ongoing litter reduction efforts:
 - Participate in the City's **Adopt-a-Spot** program to maintain a local area you care about: TukwilaWA.gov/adopt-a-spot
 - Attend special litter clean-up events hosted throughout the year.
 - Join the State's Adopt-a-Highway program: wsdot.wa.gov/business-wsdot/highway-signs/adopt-highway
- ❖ Report litter so crews can respond quickly:
 - For issues on public streets within Tukwila, report to the City of Tukwila, including via Tukwila Works: TukwilaWA.gov/residents/engage/tukwila-works
 - For interstates, state routes, and on/off ramps, report to the WA Department of Ecology at ecology.wa.gov/waste-toxics/solid-waste-litter/litter



Annual street improvement program resumes

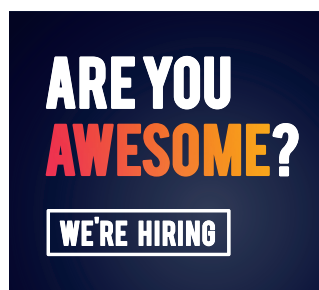
Tukwila's annual Overlay and Repair Program preserves and maintains the City's street structure in a safe and usable condition. This year's street overlay project resumes on April 1, weather permitting. 51st Avenue South, which becomes Macadam Road South, has been selected for a pavement overlay due to its fair-to-marginal condition. The project also includes some paving near Klickitat Drive and the I-5 South onramp..

Crews will get boots back on the ground once the weather forecast shows ideal paving conditions (not weeks of rain).

Project website: TukwilaWA.gov/AnnualOverlay



Macadam Road South



The City of Tukwila is hiring for a variety of exciting opportunities, including full-time and seasonal positions across multiple departments. This is a great time to join a team dedicated to serving one of the most diverse and vibrant communities in the region. We offer highly competitive salaries and comprehensive benefits designed to support you and your family.

Applications are reviewed daily. Don't wait – explore our current openings and apply today at

GovernmentJobs.com/careers/TukwilaWA



TUKWILA UNITED! Celebrate the world's game – together!



Follow all the excitement of the tournament – and everything happening in Tukwila – at Tukwila26.com

The world's largest soccer tournament is coming to the Seattle region. Tukwila will be a destination location for a variety of great experiences, including:

- A tournament viewing lounge at Westfield Southcenter
- A block party with live viewing, live music, and fun activities
- Community events at the Sullivan Center on Tukwila International Boulevard

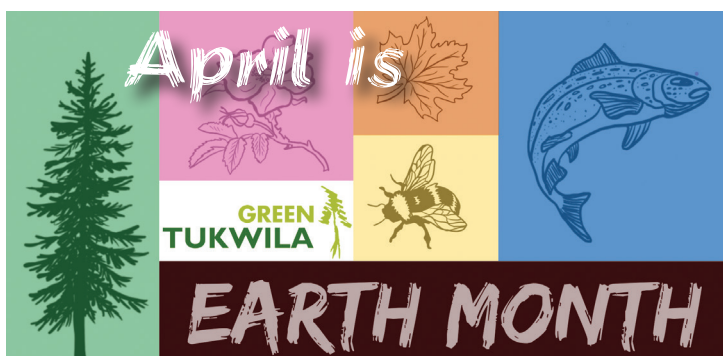


For dates, times, and other information, please visit Tukwila26.com to learn more.

THE HAZELNUT

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Tukwila, WA 98188

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Have you noticed more litter in your favorite park or along the Green River Trail? You can help! Tukwila Parks and Recreation invites residents, community groups, and businesses to join the **Adopt-A-Spot** program. This

year-round partnership helps keep parks and trails clean, green & welcoming for all.

Visit us online to learn how it works, what to expect, about your commitment, and what we provide:

TukwilaWA.gov/Adopt-A-Spot

Hands-on for Earth Month – Work Parties!

Local Forest Stewards need help removing noxious weeds in our parks to create healthy habitats for wildlife and a cleaner watershed for all. All work parties provide tools & training onsite; all identities are welcome.

See all the dates and locations on our website and please
SIGN UP: TukwilaWA.gov/GreenTukwila



Eco-Art: Come Paint Lupine with Green Tukwila

Beginner Adult Watercolor Class – Free & open to the public!
April 27 – 6:30–8:00PM – Tukwila Community Center

Join us for a relaxing and creative beginner watercolor! In each class, you'll learn about a Pacific Northwest nature topic while practicing simple watercolor techniques in a supportive, step-by-step environment.

🌿 All materials are provided 🌿 No experience needed

🌿 Free and open to the public 🌿 Registration is required

Sign up: **Tukwila.GreenCityPartnerships.org/event/571**

TUKWILA CITY HALL

6200 Southcenter Boulevard
City Hall campus in-person hours:
Monday–Thursday, 8:30AM–4:00PM
Phone: 206-433-1800 Fax: 206-433-1833
Email: Tukwila@TukwilaWA.gov
Website: TukwilaWA.gov

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City Clerk's Office..... 206-433-1800
Community Engagement 206-454-7564
Economic Development..... 206-433-1832
Human Resources – Personnel 206-433-1831
Human Services..... 206-433-7181
Emergency Management 206-971-8750
Technology Services 206-454-7575

Community Development Dept.

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Code Enforcement..... 206-431-3682

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Aaron BeMiller, *Director*..... 206-433-1835

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Pete Mayer, *Director and Deputy*
City Administrator 206-767-2342

Police Department

Eric Drever, *Chief*..... 206-433-7175

Public Works Department

Jen Tetatzin, *Director* 206-433-0179

Emergency – Fire, Police 911

MUNICIPAL COURT

15005 Tukwila International Blvd 206-433-1840

TUKWILA COMMUNITY CENTER

12424 - 42nd Avenue South
Recreation Division 206-768-2822
Senior Center/Services..... 206-767-2321
Facility Rentals 206-767-2323

FOSTER GOLF LINKS

13500 Interurban Avenue South
Pro Shop..... 206-242-4221

PUGET SOUND REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY

All fire-related services 253-856-4300
PugetSoundFire.org

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

7:00PM in Council Chambers
Regular Meetings 1st/3rd Mondays
Committee of the Whole.. 2nd/4th Mondays