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Tukwila: The City of Opportunity, the Community of Choice

COME WORK WITH US!

The City of Tukwila provides an engaging, productive and safe work environment. We are proud to offer excellent benefits and competitive salaries.

You can search our listing of current employment opportunities, with job descriptions, qualifications, salary and other information about the open positions.

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The City of Tukwila is an equal opportunity employer.

The upcoming election includes City positions...

Hear from your Tukwila candidates!

To help Tukwila residents get to know the candidates for the Mayor and Council positions in the upcoming election, the City of Tukwila offers its third *Video Voters' Guide* as a resource for voters. Each candidate for City office participated, recording a two-minute statement. These were compiled into the voter's guide video, which is introduced by the City's summer interns from Foster High School.

You can find the Tukwila Video Voters' Guide on the City's website – TukwilaWA.gov/VVG – or by searching “2019 Tukwila voters' guide” on YouTube.

This year's general election will be held on November 5.

REGISTER!

You can register to vote until 8 days before election:

Online: OLVR.VoteWA.gov/

By mail: Find forms at KingCounty.gov/Elections
Available in multiple languages; must be received, not postmarked, by 8-day deadline

In person, through Election Day, at:

King County Elections headquarters –
919 SW Grady Way Renton, WA 98057

King County Administration Building –
500 - 4th Ave, Room 440, Seattle, WA 98104

For more information, call 206-296-VOTE (8683).

Hey! Summer's not over yet!

More Summer Fun

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

Más Diversión en el Verano

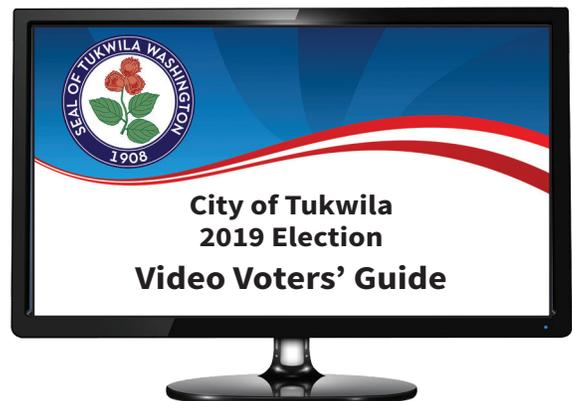
21 de agosto: Fiesta de Verano en el Centro Sullivan

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



Tukwila City offices will be closed on Monday, September 2, in observance of Labor Day.



**This popular program sold out once...
now there's more mailboxes available!**

Tukwila wants to help you prevent mail theft!

You hear many stories about corporate hacks, social networking scams and online threats putting your identity at risk. Although mail theft may seem quite tame at first glance, the majority of known ID theft is perpetuated via low-tech methods: stolen wallets, stolen trash and stolen mail.

Mail theft is a common way that identity thieves can steal your identity; career crooks make a stable living from snatching letters, bills and junk mail.

Mail theft is highly under-reported because most people don't realize they have been victimized.

What information can be collected from stolen mail?

- ☞ Name and address
- ☞ Social Security number
- ☞ Telephone numbers
- ☞ Email address(es)
- ☞ Credit card and bank account information
- ☞ Pre-approved credit card offers
- ☞ Employment history

How can your stolen information be used?

- ☞ Identity theft
- ☞ Employment-related fraud
- ☞ Loan fraud/payday loan fraud
- ☞ Bank fraud
- ☞ Benefits fraud
- ☞ Tax refund fraud

Reduce your risk! Take advantage of this special offer to get one of the best mailboxes on the market.



Tukwila's Crime Prevention Program is offering a

Mail Manager Pro by Mail Boss curbside locking mailbox

to TUKWILA HOMEOWNERS at a special price!



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); price includes sales tax)

PLUS
installation by Tukwila Public Works Department staff available on request



Application is available online: TukwilaWA.gov/mailbox
or contact Chris Partman,
Community Policing Coordinator,
Tukwila Police Department,
Desk: 206-431-2197 Cell: 206-271-6069
Email: C.Partman@TukwilaWA.gov



Mayor's Message

Tukwila: A place to work, shop, dine, play... and live!

In 2014, Tukwila's City Council set out a bold vision for the Southcenter District of the City: a true neighborhood where people shop, dine, play, work, and also *live*. Since that time, the City has made needed investments to make the Council's vision a reality.

The City updated zoning in the Southcenter District to allow multi-family residential. A new transit center on Andover Park West opened. In 2018 we completed the Southcenter Pedestrian Bridge over the Green River and pedestrian improvements along Baker Boulevard. People living in the core of the Southcenter District now have an easy walk to the commuter train station to commute to work.

The City's vision of residency for the Southcenter District finally began to materialize last year with the opening of Airmark Apartments. Located in the same building as Hotel Interurban, Airmark's 371 apartments are the first multi-family residential units in the Southcenter District.

In the winter of 2020, Marvelle at Southcenter – an Alliance Residential development located at the intersection of Andover Park East and Baker Boulevard – will open. This 55+, active senior community will feature 166 units with abundant amenities. We are also negotiating with other developers about adding more multi-family residential in the Southcenter District.

The Southcenter District just might be the region's best-kept secret as a place to live. It's a walkable environment, with so many things to do within a short walk:

- ▶ More than 150 restaurants, like Odin Brewery, Din Tai Fung, and Claim Jumper
- ▶ A train station that offers a ten-minute train ride to Seattle or a weekend trip to Portland
- ▶ Rugby and soccer matches at Starfire Sports
- ▶ Shopping at Westfield Southcenter
- ▶ Dozens of entertainment establishments like iFly, DEFY Seattle (*formerly Flying Circus*), and Round 1
- ▶ Miles of walking trails

In the coming years the City will make additional investments in the District such as installing art along Baker Boulevard, completing a Tukwila Pond master plan, and sponsoring special events.



Our next fun event in the Southcenter District this summer is the Seattle Sounder's Rave Green Run on **Sunday, September 22**. It's a 5k fundraiser for the team's non-profit foundation. Find out more at RaveGreenRun.org. I hope to see you there!

Allan Ekberg
Allan Ekberg, Mayor

City seeks volunteers to serve on boards and commissions

Volunteers are a vital part of government's existence and are deeply appreciated. Advisory bodies provide guidance to decision-makers and bring public participation into the process of government. Ideally, the members represent the diverse viewpoints of the community, and offer comprehensive recommendations to the City Council. Current openings are:



Arts Commission: Position #7, Resident

Community-Oriented Policing Citizen Advisory Board: Student Representative

Equity & Social Justice Commission: Student Representative

Library Advisory Board: Position #7, Resident and Student Representative

Park Commission: Position #4,

Community Representative and Student Representative

More information plus the Application for Appointment can be found at TukwilaWA.gov/boards.



Keeping our eyes – and yours – on the Public Safety Plan projects

by Kathy Hougardy,
2019 Council President

It's hard to believe, but the days are shortening and it seems like we are hurtling toward autumn. These are exciting days for our Public Safety Plan projects, as we can see the progress unfold before our eyes. The foundation is going in at both Fire Station 51 (corner of Southcenter Parkway and S. 180th St) and the Justice Center (Tukwila International Boulevard and S. 150th St). We should see steel rising later this month.

Additionally, the City Hall campus is bustling with activity as work begins on Fire Station 52, being built on the upper back lot (*pictured below*). Site grading work is expected to last through the fall, avoiding the rainy season. And the City has purchased two of three properties for the Public Works site (between Tukwila International Blvd, S. 112th St, E. Marginal Way). A Public Works Facility Master Plan will be presented to the Council in August.

I've received some feedback that the Council could do a better job of communicating with the public about project status and budgets. There are also claims that we're going to ask the public for more money, or that the Justice Center will include a new jail – neither of which is true!

What IS true is that the costs of constructing these projects are a great deal more than originally projected. Rapidly escalating costs are a regional problem driven largely by market forces, as construction activity around Puget Sound is unprecedented. The Tukwila School District, Port of Seattle, WSDOT and Sound Transit are also facing significant budget gaps for their current projects due to this growth environment.

We appreciate the efforts of the project team and Construction Manager/General Contractor, who have been working hard to keep the budgets

down and projects economically lean, making the best use of our dollars.

Not only that, your Council is keeping a close watch and making budget adjustments every step of the way, receiving valuable aid in our decision-making. Steve Goldblatt, the Program Management Quality Assurance consultant, provides independent third-party advice directly to the Council.

The City's Public Safety Bond Financial Oversight Committee, a team of five community volunteers, keeps an eye on expenditures on behalf of the Council and the community. Just last month the Committee reported that project expenditures align with the purposes of the Public Safety bond passed in the 2016 election.

I hope this provides some useful information. Take a look at the Public Safety Plan page – TukwilaWA.gov/PublicSafetyPlan – to see renderings, site plans, meeting materials, monthly project management reports, and even time lapse construction cameras. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any other Councilmember or provide comment in writing or in person at a Council meeting.



Parking impacted by construction of fire station

One of the Public Safety Plan projects – Fire Station #52 – is currently beginning construction on the City Hall campus. Located behind the City's 6300 Building, the project site eliminates many vehicle stalls, resulting in less parking available for visitors.

Please be aware that finding a space could be particularly difficult on those days when the court is holding hearings or has a scheduled jury trial. Parking is also tight at the 6300 Building, home of the Permit Center. If you have business at the City offices, allow yourself a few extra minutes to get a parking place.

City Council Actions – Highlights from May and June 2019

- Approved a Development Agreement with Home-
stead Community Land Trust for proposed Riverton
Cascade project (*Ord. 2604*)
- Rezoned property at 12677 East Marginal Way S. to
Commercial/Light Industrial for King County Metro
Training Facility project (*Ord. 2605*)
- Honored memory of Patti Southard and her
contributions to City of Tukwila (*Res. 1958*)
- Awarded “Tukwila, City of Opportunity Scholarship”
funds to two high school students
- Awarded a bid to Tucci & Sons, Inc., for the 2019
Overlay and Repair Program
- Authorized an agreement for Community
Development Block Grant funds for the 2020 Minor
Home Repair Program
- Authorized the Maximum Allowable Construction
Cost for the new Justice Center
- Approved lodging tax funds for an International Food
Truck Roundup, public art in the Southcenter District,
Tukwila Pond, and the Rave Green Run
- Clarified the types of multi-family dwellings permitted
in the Tukwila South Overlay District (*Ord. 2608*)
- Approved acceptance of WSDOT grant funding for the
Transportation Demand Management Program
- Adopted 2020-2025 Six-Year Transportation Improve-
ment Program (*Res. 1961*)

APPOINTMENTS

Congratulations to community member Eileen English, who was confirmed to Human Services Advisory Board. Tukwila thanks you for your volunteer service to our community!

The complete text of all legislative items is available online in the Digital Records Center at TukwilaWA.gov. For additional information about any of these actions, call 206-433-8993.



Planning today for Tukwila’s economy tomorrow

Self-driving cars? Miniature satellites? Virtual reality retail? What does the future hold for Tukwila’s economy? To position our City for the future, we are creating an Economic Development Plan. And we hope you will create it with us.

Over the next few months, we will delve into Tukwila’s current role in the Puget Sound economy and trends affecting the region. We will examine our City’s strengths and challenges, and we will look for answers to questions like “What makes Tukwila special?” and “What is our vision for our future?”

Sign up at TukwilaWA.gov/EDP to learn more about Tukwila, share your input, and even get a chance to win delicious Seattle Chocolates made here in Tukwila.

Tukwila WORKS

*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 to download the app, go to:
TukwilaWA.gov/TukwilaWorks



HOME REPAIR LOANS

0% INTEREST - NO MONTHLY PAYMENTS

*For low- and moderate-income
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REPAIR OR REPLACE:

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- Furnaces
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- Weatherization
- Mobile Home Repair

*Eligibility requirements apply
For more information, go to
KingCounty.gov/HousingRepair*

KingCounty.gov/HousingRepair

Department of
Community and Human Services
Housing Repair Programs



Tukwila residents
Call 206-263-9095
TTY 711 Service





CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS



Boeing Access Road (BAR) bridge over Airport Way

The BAR over Airport Way Bridge is the only remaining structure on the BAR corridor that has not been seismically upgraded. The current schedule is to design and construct the seismic improvements by 2020 to receive 100% funding from the federal Bridge Replacement Advisory Council. There will be some impact to the travel lanes during construction. The project is expected to be advertised for bids in December 2019, with construction to begin in early 2020.

Contact: Adam Cox at 206-431-2446 or Adam.Cox@TukwilaWA.gov



53rd Avenue South residential street improvement

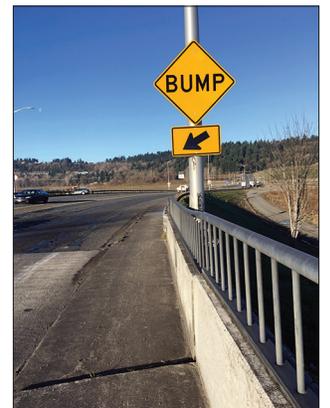
Running from South 137th Street to South 144th Street, the 53rd Avenue South project included sidewalks on both sides of the roadway, illumination, a new storm drainage system, water and sewer upgrades, and replacement of overhead utilities with underground cables. Most of the roadway construction has been completed, and utility undergrounding is ongoing for Comcast and CenturyLink. The construction contractor is currently working on all tasks and items that need to be fixed or completed for Seattle City Light (SCL). Once accepted by SCL, their utility undergrounding will begin.

Contact: Peter Lau at 206-431-2454 or Peter.Lau@TukwilaWA.gov



South 196th/200th Street Bridge Repair

The South 196th/200th Street Bridge Repair Project construction bids have been advertised, with the bid opening scheduled for August 20, 2019. Traffic detour plans have been reviewed with the City of Kent Public Works Department. Our goal is to have the project under construction by the end of 2019. The current traffic control plan shows full closure of the bridge for multiple weeks during the major bridge repair.



Contact: Mike Ronda at 206-433-7194 or Mike.Ronda@TukwilaWA.gov

2019 Street Overlay & Repair Program

This year's overlay program is underway. After assessing road conditions throughout the City, seven locations were chosen for overlay and repair work:

South 124th St • South 128th St • South 137th St
52nd Ave South • South 200th St • Andover Park East
Parts of the Fort Dent Park parking lot

The construction began in late May and will be completed by October 2019, weather permitting.

Contact: Scott Bates at 206-431-2193 or Scott.Bates@TukwilaWA.gov.



Overlay work in progress on South 128th Street



PROJECT DESIGN

Strander Boulevard Extension Phase 3

On June 10, 2019, City Council directed staff to stop the Strander Boulevard Extension Phase 3 project, relinquish the grant funding, and reimburse the federal funds spent to date. Public Works is in the process of notifying all funding agencies by letter/email.

Contact: Hari Ponnekanti at 206 431-2455
or Hari.Ponnekanti@TukwilaWA.gov



Riverton Creek Flapgate Removal Project

Originating within the forested slopes of the Riverton neighborhood, the east and west forks of Riverton Creek flow north and join just before entering a pipe under SR 599. Just downstream from there, the creek flows through two culverts with defunct flapgates and into the Duwamish River. With this Riverton Creek Flapgate Removal Project, the City will remove the culverts, which are a fish barrier, to restore full-time fish passage into Riverton Creek. The creek will take on a more natural character as the restored riparian forest develops with the introduction of woody material and tree snags along the riverbanks. This tidally-influenced creek provides an opportunity to provide an important off-channel rearing habitat to threatened juvenile Chinook salmon within the critical transition zone – the area where fresh and salt water mix - and improve passage for Riverton Creek's modest Coho runs.

Contact: Mike Perfetti at 206-433-7192 or Mike.Perfetti@TukwilaWA.gov

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Help restore Tukwila's urban forest

Work parties are planned to care for our precious natural open spaces, keeping them healthy, safe and beautiful. Bring friends and family to join with Tukwila neighbors and businesses. Learn about trees, using tools, and more.

Upcoming Work Parties

| | | |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Sept 13 | Tukwila Park | 9AM-12PM |
| Sept 21 | Duwamish Hill Preserve | 10AM-1PM |
| Oct 5 | Tukwila Park | 9AM-12PM |
| Oct 10 | 128th St & 37th Ave S parcel | 11AM-2PM |

Ayude a restaurar el espacio verde urbano de Tukwila

Los grupos de trabajo tienen la tarea de cuidar nuestros preciosos espacios abiertos naturales, mantenerlos en buen estado, seguros y hermosos. Invite a amigos y familiares a unirse a los vecinos y empresas de Tukwila. Conozca acerca de árboles, cómo utilizar las herramientas y mucho más.

Futuros grupos de trabajo

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|--------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 13 de sept. | Tukwila Park | De 9 A.M. a 12 P.M. |
| 21 de sept. | Duwamish Hill Preserve | De 10 A.M. a 1 P.M. |
| 5 de oct. | Tukwila Park | De 9 A.M. a 12 P.M. |
| 10 de oct. | 128th St & 37th Ave S parcel | De 11 A.M. a 2 P.M. |

TukwilaWA.gov/GreenTukwila

Ka caawi inay soo celiso deegaan-magaaleedka cagaarka ah Tukwila

Dhinacyada shaqada waxa la qorsheeyey inay daryeelaan meelaheena furan ee dabiiciga ah ee qaaliga ah, inay caafimaad qabaan, badbaado iyo qurux yeeshaan. Waxaad u soo kaxaysaa qoyska iyo asxaabta jaararka iyo ganacsiyada Tukwila. Wax badan ka ogow geedaha, agabka la isticmaalayo, iyo macluumaad dheeraad.

Dhinacyada Shaqada Soo Socda

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| Sebteember 13 | Tukwila Park | 9SUBAXNIMO-12DUHURNIMO |
| Sebteember 21 | Duwamish Hill Preserve | 10SUBAXNIMO-1DUHURNIMO |
| Oktoobar 5 | Tukwila Park | 9SUBAXNIMO-12DUHURNIMO |
| Oktoobar 10 | 128th St & 37th Ave S parcel | 11SUBAXNIMO-2DUHURNIMO |

Giúp khôi phục không gian xanh trong đô thị của Tukwila

Chúng tôi đang lập kế hoạch các ca làm việc để chăm sóc cho các không gian mở tự nhiên quý giá của chúng ta, giữ cho chúng lành mạnh, an toàn và đẹp đẽ. Hãy đưa bạn bè và gia đình cùng đến tham dự với những người hàng xóm và các doanh nghiệp tại Tukwila. Tìm hiểu thêm về cây cối, cách sử dụng công cụ và hơn thế nữa.

Các Ca Làm Việc Sắp Tới

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Ngày 13 tháng 9 | Tukwila Park | 9 GIỜ SÁNG-12 GIỜ TRƯA |
| Ngày 21 tháng 9 | Duwamish Hill Preserve | 10 GIỜ SÁNG-1 GIỜ CHIỀU |
| Ngày 5 tháng 10 | Tukwila Park | 9 GIỜ SÁNG-12 GIỜ TRƯA |
| Ngày 10 tháng 10 | 128th St & 37th Ave S parcel | 11 GIỜ SÁNG-2 GIỜ CHIỀU |

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Henry Hash, *Director*..... 206-433-0179

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Joseph Todd, *Director*..... 206-454-7575

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13500 Interurban Avenue South
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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

7:00PM in Council Chambers
Regular Meetings 1st/3rd Mondays
Work Meetings 2nd/4th Mondays