Progress you can see – an update on our Public Safety Plan projects

A lot has been happening on the City’s Public Safety Plan projects, including a few recent major milestones.

Have you been on Tukwila International Boulevard near South 150th Street lately? Then you have certainly seen the transformation – the Justice Center’s steel framework has now been erected. The two-story building will hold the City’s Police Department, Emergency Operations Center and Municipal Court. The roof and structural walls are scheduled to all be in place by the end of November. This will allow workers to focus on the interior finishes during the worst of our region’s weather. The structural walls will not show the final design – a metal panel finish with custom art – until 2020. The Justice Center is scheduled to open during the fall of 2020.

Also, Fire Station 51 is now a very visible project. Its steel form is largely up on location at the intersection of South 180th Street and Southcenter Parkway. In anticipation of growth in the service area, this two-bay fire station was designed to be “future proofed.” The design allows the City to easily add one more bay and the necessary sleeping quarters associated with increased staffing. Fire Station 51 is scheduled to open in the summer of 2020.

The function of Tukwila Fire Department headquarters will be transferred from Fire Station 51 to the new Fire Station 52. Currently under construction on the City Hall Campus, its driveway is located off of 65th Avenue South across from Tukwila Park. The two-story building will house three apparatus bays, Fire Department Administration offices, and bunk rooms for up to eight firefighters. Currently the project has earthmoving equipment leveling the site, site utilities being installed, and forms for retaining walls being built. Fire Station 52 is scheduled to open in the spring of 2021.

What can I find inside this Hazelnut?

- InMotion Tukwila
- Art display at TCC
- 2020 Census information
- How government works
- Board openings
- Cone zone updates
- Tukwila’s FREE community wi-fi
- Tukwila Village Food Hall
The Tukwila Arts Commission is pleased to feature local artist, John Taylor at the Tukwila Community Center through November 2019. John’s installation – “Mr. Zig Zag at the Duwamish Curve Café” – includes 30 colorful mixed-media paintings. Each painting is unique and each compliments the overall work. John has an artist’s social scheduled for mid-October.

About the Artist

John Taylor received his BA from Alfred University in NY and MFA from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He has been awarded project grants from 4/Culture Seattle in 2010 and 2019 including this project. In 2010 he received the Distinguished Staff Award from the University of Washington. 2008 he was nominated for the Needy Fellowship for the Beknke Foundation Award and a Gap Grant from Artists Trust in 2007. In 1983 he was awarded an Artist Fellowship in Painting from the Artist Foundation in Boston Massachusetts.

John, known for his ceramics and pottery, has exhibited locally and nationally. This will be his first all painting exhibition on the west coast. This exhibit is made possible with generous help from 4Culture.

Contact Information

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“Mr. Zig Zag at the Duwamish Curve Café” by artist John Taylor
Mayor’s Message

Getting ready for the 2020 Census: More residents counted = more federal funding for community

As the 2020 U.S. Census approaches, Tukwila residents, community members and business owners need to understand the importance of completing the Census. As the federal government’s largest statistical agency, the Census Bureau is responsible for providing current figures and facts about the American population, places and economy.

Why is it important? Each year, the federal government allocates hundreds of billions of dollars to states and communities based on that Census data. Cities like Tukwila use these statistics to plan for a variety of needs:

• New roads, schools, hospitals, and emergency centers
• Future housing for all segments of the population
• Funding services for those experiencing homelessness
• Determining the number of our state’s representatives in Congress, and for redrawing district boundaries.

However, we need your help in reaching out to our diverse “hard-to-reach” communities.

• Encourage families to report all children – including newborns – living at home. This helps service providers and families determine where to spend the $675 billion in local funding for food and health programs

• Encourage and assist non-English speakers with self-responding to the 2020 Census. They can complete the census online or by telephone, in 13 available languages. 59 language guides are also made available.

• Connect community members with faith-based or community-based organizations. This will ensure that all members receive the resources and information needed to respond accurately when taking the Census.

• Most importantly, let them know that census responses will not be used against any person by any government agency. Federal law requires that the Census Bureau keep all data information confidential. Any use of census bureau responses are only to be used for producing statistics to better serve all people.

What to expect in the mail from the Census Bureau in 2020

March 12–20
Invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census

March 16–24
Reminder letter – If you have not responded

March 26–April 3
Reminder postcard

April 8–16
Reminder letter & paper questionnaire

April 20–27
Final reminder postcard before Census Bureau Enumerator follows up in person

Our goal is to keep you informed and updated on all things related to the Census throughout the year and in 2020.

Allan Ekberg, Mayor

Would you like to be a Census Taker?

The United States Census Bureau is recruiting people to assist with the 2020 Census count. Census jobs provide great pay, flexible hours, paid training, and weekly pay.

Interested in joining the 2020 Census team?

Apply online!

You can learn about the jobs, including eligibility and requirements, at their website:

2020census.gov/jobs

Come work with us!

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

Search our listing of employment opportunities at GovernmentJobs.com/careers/TukwilaWA

The City of Tukwila is an equal opportunity employer
In the City of Tukwila, the Mayor and Councilmembers are elected by and work directly for you, the residents. The Mayor is not our “boss,” nor are we his, as is the perception of some people.

In the United States, most governments at every level are organized into three separate branches – legislative, executive, and judicial. This idea was founded by Charles-Louis de Secondat, an 18th century political philosopher. He argued that political authority should be divided into three separate but equal branches to be truly effective.

Each level of government has its version of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches, and none of these branches have authority over the other. You can see the three separate branches reflected in local levels of government as follows:

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Because each level of government has an increased amount of area of jurisdiction, their three branches have increasing amounts of staffing and authority as well. Another fact: city laws generally can’t conflict with or override our county, state or federal (national) laws. For example, King County’s laws can’t conflict with Washington State or Federal laws, and Washington State laws can’t conflict with Federal laws.

In our city’s model of government, the Council sets policy, and the Mayor implements policy. What exactly do we mean by policy? Policies guide the direction of the City. Policies can be guidelines, rules, regulations, laws, principles or directions.

The City Council does not have direct authority to intervene in the day-to-day affairs of the City. The Mayor’s job description does not allow him to make policy decisions. For example, the Council has adopted a Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program (a policy) for the City. It is the job of the executive branch – in this case the Public Works Department as overseen by the Mayor – to enforce this policy.

Setting the City’s budget is the Council’s most powerful way to create policy. In Tukwila this is done every two years; we’re almost halfway through the current 2019-2020 biennial budget. The work on the City’s 2021-2022 budget will begin early in 2020. This long process involves staff at all levels and rigorous Council review and deliberation.

Another interesting fact: in our region we have two kinds of municipal government models. One is the Mayor-Council form of government, where the Mayor is elected directly by the people. Cities that have this Mayor-Council style include Renton, Federal Way, and Tukwila, where we elect our Mayor every four years.

The second model is the Council-Manager form of government. Councilmembers are elected by the people, and the role of Mayor is selected from the councilmembers by a vote of the council. This type of mayor does not have any special authority over the other Councilmembers but is considered the ceremonial head of the city. The councilmembers then hire a City Manager to oversee the administrative affairs of the city, and who is accountable to the full council. Examples of Council-Manager cities include SeaTac, Burien, and Des Moines.

Please take note of these holiday closures for City offices:

- **Tuesday, November 11:** Veterans Day
- **Thursday and Friday, November 28 & 29:** Thanksgiving holidays
- **Wednesday, December 25:** Christmas holiday
- **Wednesday, January 1, 2020:** New Year’s Day
City Council Actions – Highlights from July and August 2019

- Authorized surplusing of Ford Expedition and transfer of ownership to the Zone #3 Fire Explorers (Res. 1962)
- Updated the Solid Waste Utility Tax (Ord. 2609)
- Issued Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds relating to the Public Safety Plan projects (Ord. 2610)
- Issued Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds relating to the Public Safety Plan projects (Ord. 2611)
- Expressed support for King County Proposition No. 1, the 2020-2025 Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Levy (Res. 1963)
- Authorized intergovernmental purchasing agreement with the University of Washington to procure furniture for the Justice Center
- Accepted completion of 144th Street Phase II Project
- Authorized contract with KPG, Inc. for design of the Storm Water Quality Retrofit Project
- Authorized contract with WSDOT for Transportation Demand Management Program Allocation
- Authorized purchase of snow and ice response equipment
- Authorized the use of automated traffic safety cameras in school zones (Ord. 2612)

APPOINTMENTS

Congratulations to the following community members who were confirmed to Boards and Commissions. We thank you for your volunteer service to our community!

- Arts Commission: Dylan Mahler
- Equity & Social Justice Commission: Gabriela Quintana
- Lodging Tax Advisory Committee: Jean Thompson, Miesa Berry, Jim Davis, Asia Wen, Mike West, Ben Oliver, Dan Lee, Ashley Messmer

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.

An excellent opportunity to see how you can help your community

The City of Tukwila is assisted in its operations in several areas by the volunteers who serve on our Boards, Commissions and Committees. These advisory bodies provide guidance to decision-makers and represent the diverse viewpoints of the community, bringing public participation into government. Volunteers serve a vital function by offering their time and expertise as members.

The following advisory bodies have terms ending this year:
- Civil Service Commission
- Community-Oriented Policing Citizens Advisory Board
- Equity and Social Justice Commission
- Human Services Advisory Board
- Library Advisory Board
- Park Commission
- Planning Commission.

If you’re interested in serving on one of these advisory bodies, please submit a completed Boards and Commissions Application for Appointment to the Mayor’s Office by 5:00 PM on November 15, 2019. A link to the application and additional information about all of the boards, commissions and committees can be on the City’s website at TukwilaWA.gov/boards. For more information, please call 206-433-1850.

Are you interested in SeaTac Airport issues?

The City is seeking two community members to represent the Tukwila community on the Port of Seattle’s SeaTac Airport Stakeholder Advisory Round Table (StART). The StART committee includes staff and community members from adjacent cities, the Port of Seattle, airlines and air cargo companies.

StART provides an opportunity to discuss concerns and voice feedback regarding SeaTac Airport construction projects, programs and operations. Meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of every other month from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. The term of service runs from January 2, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

If you’re interested in this opportunity, please submit a completed Boards and Commissions Application for Appointment to the Mayor’s Office by 5:00 PM on November 15, 2019. A link to the application can be found on the City’s website at TukwilaWA.gov/boards. For more information, contact Brandon Miles at 206-431-3684.
2019 Street Overlay & Repair Program

The 2019 program is nearing completion. Road sections included South 124th Street, South 128th Street, South 137th Street, 52nd Avenue South, South 200th Street, Andover Park East, and parts of the Fort Dent Park parking lot. The construction began in late May and will be completed by late October 2019, weather permitting.

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

South 196th/200th Street Bridge Repair

The construction contract for the South 196th/200th Street Bridge Repair Project was awarded to Nordvind Company, who began work in early October. This work includes a full road closure to vehicular traffic of the bridge, which is anticipated to reopen by Thanksgiving. Pedestrian/bike travel through the work zone will be allowed during most of the project. Detour routes will be posted for each phase of the work to provide appropriate travel information to commuters. Our goal is to complete finish-up construction work by the end of 2019.

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

Green the Green

The Green the Green project is a public-private collaborative effort to restore sections of the Green River shoreline. Currently, non-native species thrive in the aftermath of river channelization, flood protection and land use development. A restored native plant community will provide shade and food production for threatened Chinook salmon and other aquatic species. The project also provides health and aesthetic benefits to the community.

With partner Schneider & Schneider, the City is restoring more than 1,100 lineal feet of shoreline across from Fort Dent Park. The City is also restoring 781 lineal feet of river shoreline with the Harnish Group. Over the past year, the contractor cut and treated approximately 70,000 square feet of Himalayan Blackberry, English Ivy and other non-native species. Suppressing these plants takes several passes before new planting can take place, which is scheduled to begin in January 2020. Project construction is made possible through grants from the State’s local watershed agency, the King County Flood Control District, and the Rose Foundation.

Contact: Habitat Project Manager Mike Perfetti at 206-433-7192, or Mike.Perfetti@TukwilaWA.gov

Small Drainage Program

The 2019 contract, which completes numerous stormwater improvements throughout the City, was awarded to KC Equipment. Sites scheduled for improvements include:
• CIPP lining at South 130th St at South 33rd Place South,
• South 140th Street at 38th Avenue South,
• South 152nd Street at 42nd Avenue South,
• 40th Avenue South at Southcenter Boulevard, and
• Southcenter Boulevard at 61st Avenue South.

There will also be site access improvements to the Gilliam Creek inlet south of Southcenter Boulevard, and at the Gilliam Creek control structure north of Southcenter Boulevard. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in late October and will be completed by late October 2019, weather permitting.

Contact: Ryan Larson at 206-431-2456 or Ryan.Larson@TukwilaWA.gov

Riverton Creek Flapgate Removal Project

Riverton Creek provides important off-channel rearing habitat potential for threatened juvenile Chinook salmon and other fish species. This tidally-influenced creek lies within the critical transition zone – the area where fresh and saltwater mix. The project involves the removal of two culverts with flapgates that severely limit salmon access into Riverton Creek. A new Green River Trail pedestrian bridge will be installed over the creek. Approximately 1,200 lineal feet of creek bank and backwater wetland will be restored with native plants and large woody debris. Also, 400 lineal feet of Duwamish River shoreline will be revegetated.

Staff recently submitted a Joint Aquatic Resources Permit application to federal, state and local agencies. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2020.

Contact: Habitat Project Manager Mike Perfetti at 206-433-7192, or Mike.Perfetti@TukwilaWA.gov
Tukwila’s FREE Community Wi-Fi

City of Tukwila staff has been installing access points connected to our City fiber network. These access points provide free high-quality internet to Tukwila residents.

To access our free internet service, look in your device’s Wi-Fi settings for Tukwila CommunityWiFi. If it’s available, it will show as a network choice. Tap on the link. Next, on our Welcome screen, tap “Proceed” to sign in. If you have trouble connecting, contact wifi@TukwilaWA.gov.

The initial service area was selected based on the highest concentration of Tukwila School District students. Other areas will be added as the program allows.

El área inicial de servicio fue seleccionada con base en la mayor concentración de estudiantes del Distrito Escolar de Tukwila. Se añadirán otras áreas a medida que el programa lo permita.

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Tukwila Village Food Hall – Food Innovation Network

Imagine entering a space where you’re surrounded with delicious and diverse foods from all over the world available for purchase. This vision – the Tukwila Village Food Hall – will be the first of its kind in South King County. Currently under construction, the Food Innovation Network (FIN) plans to open this 2,900-square-foot facility in spring 2020.

The Tukwila Village Food Hall includes:

- a commercial kitchen with four cook stations,
- a community dining area,
- five food retail stalls, with one stall assigned for cooking demos and food and art pop-ups

The project provides twenty food businesses access to affordable commercial kitchen space. Also, eight entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to sell their food on site and build a strong customer base.

A program of Global to Local, Food Innovation Network helps entrepreneurs develop and build their own food businesses. It provides training, mentoring, affordable kitchen space, and customer connections. FIN’s mission is to:

- enhance the local food system,
- increase access to healthy food,
- create pathways for success, and
- support resource- and idea-sharing to engage the diverse communities of SeaTac/Tukwila and South King County.

FIN uses a collective impact model to bring community perspective and organizational expertise together in collaboration.
**Read about Tukwila’s FREE Community Wi-Fi on page 7**

### Wi-Fi BILAASHKA Bulshada Tukwila

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### Wi-Fi GRÁTUITO de la comunidad de Tukwila

El personal de City of Tukwila instaló puntos de acceso conectados a nuestra red de la ciudad. Estos puntos de acceso ofrecen internet gratuito de alta calidad a los residentes de Tukwila.

Para acceder a nuestro servicio gratuito de internet, busque Tukwila CommunityWiFi en las configuraciones de Wi-Fi de su dispositivo. Si está disponible, se mostrará como opción de red. Haga clic en el enlace. A continuación, en nuestra pantalla de bienvenida, presione “Proceed” (proceder) para registrarse. Si tiene problemas para conectarse, póngase en contacto con wifi@TukwilaWA.gov.

Consulte la página 7 para ver un mapa del área inicial de servicio.

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**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

7:00pm in Council Chambers

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