

The Hazelnut



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Tukwila: The City of Opportunity, the Community of Choice



The Tukwila community is doing its part to reduce litter and protect wildlife! On November 18, the City Council adopted an ordinance that will regulate carryout bags at Tukwila's stores. Effective September 1, 2020, stores will no longer be giving out single-use thin plastic bags. Look for more information to come in 2020.

What can I find inside this Hazelnut?

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It's never too early to think about snow and ice

Each year on November 1, Tukwila begins its preparation for winter operations, ensuring our readiness to deal with storms. The City has a Snow and Ice Plan for maintaining a total of 217 lane miles with the resources allocated. At times this is challenging, due to the timing and onset of the stormy weather and available personnel and equipment.

The Snow and Ice Plan incorporates four snow removal routes, each with first and second priority level roads. When these roads are cleared, we then proceed to general residential areas. *(See map of Snow and Ice Priority Routes on page 2.)*

The City also employs an extensive preventive treatment of liquid deicer. Applied to streets between 15-36° on dry, moist or light snow, it keeps precipitation from sticking to the pavement. The deicer also prevents future icing, and is especially beneficial if a significant storm rolls in.



Tukwila street crew photos from February 2019 snowstorm



Before a winter storm hits, take three simple steps

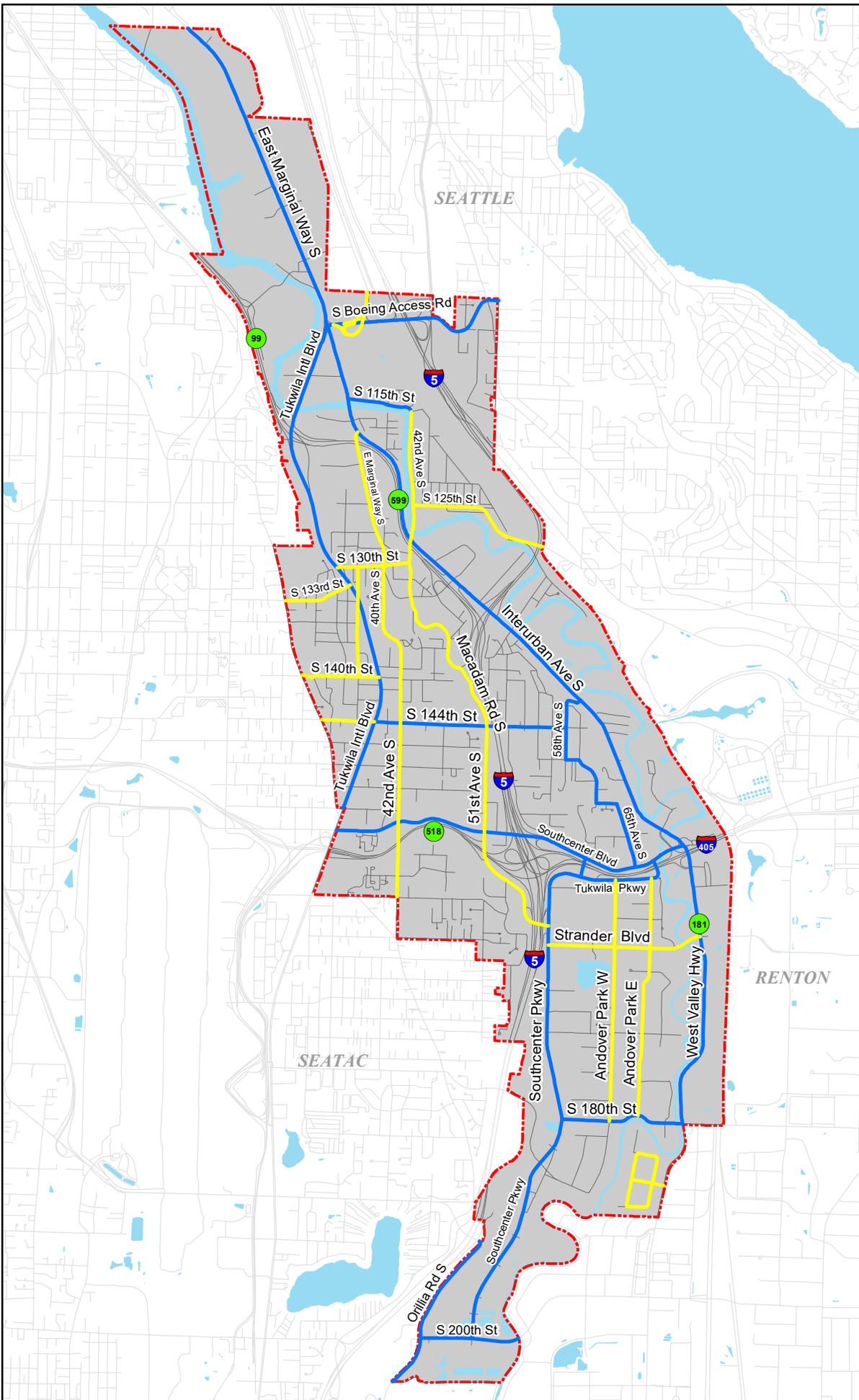
It's not a question of 'if' but 'when' the next storm hits... will you and your loved ones be ready? And what do you need to do to be better prepared at home, work, school and on the road? Our winter weather preparations can help us be more prepared for an unforeseeable natural disaster, like a catastrophic earthquake. Now is the time to make ourselves ready!

- 1 **Build a kit.** Create an emergency preparedness kit with at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food and water for your home and office. Also advised are go-kits prepared for vehicle road travel and winter weather evacuation. Find great checklists at TakeWinterByStorm.org/checklists/
- 2 **Make a plan.** Practice the plan with family and those who depend on you.
- 3 **Stay informed.** Know about the approaching winter weather, so you can be prepared for whatever Mother Nature throws our way. Anticipating weather hazards and knowing where to find preparation resources are vital to protecting your property and those you love.



City of Tukwila

Snow & Ice Priority Routes



Snow & Ice Routes

- 1st Priority
- 2nd Priority
- Street
- City Limits



Not to Scale



Date: November 26, 2019



Mayor's Message

Tukwila: Feeling good about this caring community

As 2019 comes to a close, I am struck once again by the way this community comes together to lift up our neighbors. Many thoughtful individuals, groups and businesses are consistent supporters of great programs that serve the Tukwila community. From volunteering to fundraising to mentoring, every day seems to bring an account of an amazing act of kindness performed by a member of our community for someone else. Let me take this opportunity to highlight a few wonderful programs and stories of philanthropy in Tukwila.

Spirit of Giving

Tukwila Parks & Recreation and the Tukwila Children's Foundation have joined forces for the 2019 Spirit of Giving Campaign. Together, with the help from generous businesses, organizations and community members, the program reduces financial stress for caregivers and helps create a time of ease and joy for Tukwila children this winter. Each December families are identified by the Tukwila School District and City of Tukwila Human Services Department. These families are referred to a private event, where they can select items for their children. In 2018 the Spirit of Giving Campaign helped over 300 children and their families by providing items of need – such as hats, mittens, blankets and hygiene items – and gifts that spark happiness, such as toys, art supplies and books.

Tukwila Children's Foundation

For 20 years the Tukwila Children's Foundation has worked to meet the unmet needs of Tukwila's children. Not only are they a major sponsor of the Spirit of Giving program, they have also provided scholarships for Tukwila School District students, and provided emergency funds for Tukwila schools.

Stillwaters

In 2014 a group of dedicated Tukwila residents and churches coalesced to address the growing number of children facing homelessness in the Tukwila School District. After discussions with representatives from the District, the Tukwila SnackPack program was born. The SnackPack program provides weekend food for students experiencing homelessness in all five Tukwila schools. Residents, businesses and City staff regularly donate food for the Snackpack program, which is then distributed by Stillwater volunteers to each school in the district.

Tukwila Pantry

Every year approximately 20% of Tukwila's population is served by the Tukwila Pantry. It not only supports our residents, but also those in Burien, Boulevard Park and SeaTac. The Pantry is funded by public and private organizations, as well as individual donors, and is a key resource for many of our residents, relying on a broad network of volunteers.

I know many of our neighbors regularly volunteer and financially contribute to the programs mentioned here, along with others in our community. Our City employees also make a difference, volunteering in Tukwila, regularly filling the SnackPack donation bins, hosting dinners at Tent City 3, and financially supporting the Spirit of Giving program. We are very fortunate to have such a strong ethic of service among our residents, businesses and employees. I thank each of you for your support of this community.

Allan Ekberg
Allan Ekberg, Mayor



Start here:
TukwilaWA.gov/TukwilaWorks

*Potholes? Illegal parking?
Flooding? Dumped garbage?*
Use the City's reporting tool *Tukwila Works* to report and track progress on non-emergency issues, using the City's website or via our smartphone app.

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

Council Corner



Sharing appreciation for the Council and its accomplishments

by Kathy Hougardy,
2019 Council President

As 2019 winds down, I want to share what an honor and privilege it has been to serve as the Council President this year. Many thanks go to my fellow Councilmembers – Dennis Robertson, Verna Seal, De’Sean Quinn, Kate Kruller, Thomas McLeod, and Zak Idan.

I am proud to have served alongside this group of smart and committed people as we grappled with the issues – large and small – and subsequent decisions of the Council. In 2019 we considered some major issues including shoreline regulations, plastic bag usage, fire service, traffic cameras, street improvements, and more.

Dennis Robertson deserves a special thank-you, as he is retiring after 24 years combined service on the Council. We will miss his wisdom and his leadership, especially on issues relating to budgeting and the environment.

I also would like to emphasize the value of your involvement at the local level – following issues, attending meetings, and providing comments to the Council. Councilmembers value your input. If you have questions about how to be more involved, contact any Councilmember, or start with our staff at 206-433-8993.

This has been a year of change in Tukwila. Our Public Safety Plan projects – Fire Stations 51 and 52, and the Justice Center – are well underway. We’ll see these safe, modern and efficient facilities opening in next two years. The Tukwila Urban Center continues to evolve with new housing, plus more entertainment, dining and shopping options coming into the mix at every turn.

I would be remiss if I didn’t mention our two hometown teams – Seattle Seawolves and Seattle Sounders. Both teams practice at Tukwila’s own Starfire Sports, and both won their respective league titles in 2019!

Finally, I would like to welcome Cynthia Delostrinos Johnson to City Council Position 4. She will be sworn in at our January 6, 2020 meeting. We look forward to working with her on issues that will include zoning, economic development, city government performance measures, and setting Tukwila’s operating budget for 2021–2022.

City Council Actions – Highlights from September and October 2019

- Declared certain fixtures, equipment and outbuildings from the combined Public Works Shops facility as surplus (Res. 1964)
- Authorized an Interlocal Agreement with King County Fire Chiefs Association for Regional Automatic Aid
- Approved lodging tax funds for the 2020 Region Ready Conference and the International Food Truck Rally 2.0
- Adopted the 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan (Res. 1965)
- Accepted Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office funding for Chinook Wind Project
- Accepted completion of the Pedestrian Crossings at South 140th and South 141st Project
- Declared intent of the City to implement provisions of Substitute House Bill 1406 (Res. 1966 and Ord. 2613)
- Adopted revised Fire Department fee schedule (Res. 1967)
- Established penalties for the crime of exposing minor children to domestic violence (Ord. 2614)
- Authorized execution of amended interlocal agreement and other issues related to SCORE facility (Ord. 2615)
- Restated City’s commitment to being diverse, tolerant and inclusive (Res. 1970)

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.



Please take note of these upcoming holiday closures for City offices

Wednesday,
December 25
Christmas holiday

Wednesday,
January 1, 2020
New Years Day

It's 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 (2)
- 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 5:00PM on January 13, 2020. You can find a link to the application and additional information about all of the boards, commissions and committees on the City's website at TukwilaWA.gov/boards. Questions? 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 8:00PM. 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 5:00PM on January 13, 2020. 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.



SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST



Can you sculpt the most creative snowman, snow animal or snow fort in your neighborhood? This winter, each time the Tukwila School District cancels school due to snowy weather, City of Tukwila staff will be on the lookout for Tukwila's most unique snow sculptures.

Play along! Build a snow creation in Tukwila, take a photo, and use the hashtag #TukwilaSNOW. You will be automatically entered to win a \$25 gift certificate that can be used towards 2020 recreation programs. We'll give away one gift certificate each time school is canceled.

Let the snow games begin!!



SPIRIT of GIVING

Tukwila's Parks and Recreation Department and the Tukwila Children's Foundation send a sincere "Thank YOU" to community members, organizations and businesses for supplying toys and gifts to Tukwila's children this holiday season. From our hearts to yours, thank you for easing the financial stress of caregivers, and providing JOY to over 300 kids this December!



CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

53rd Avenue South

The 53rd Avenue South residential street improvement project from South 137th Street to South 144th Street included sidewalks on both sides of the roadway, illumination, a new storm drainage system, water and sewer upgrades, and undergrounding of overhead utilities. The construction contractor completed all punch list items for Seattle City Light (SCL); and SCL has scheduled their crews for the power undergrounding. Only after SCL completes the undergrounding and removal of the utility poles can the construction contractor complete the remainder of the road project.

The City placed temporary asphalt on South 140th Street east of 53rd Avenue South and filled in several concrete sidewalk gaps. The west side of 53rd Avenue South remains the only sidewalk path for pedestrian and ADA access, while the City increases protection for the public by filling in the east side sidewalk gaps with asphalt patches.

Contact: Senior Program Manager 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 is under construction, involving a full closure to vehicles from Southcenter Parkway to 58th Place S. The bridge remained open to pedestrians and bike traffic through the work zone for access to the Green River Trail and Three Friends Fishing Hole Park. The goal is to have the bridge open to vehicular traffic and the repairs completed by the end of 2019.

Contact: Project Manager Adam Cox at 206-433-2446, or Adam.Cox@TukwilaWA.gov



Green the Green

The *Green the Green* Project is a public-private collaborative effort to restore sections of the Green River shoreline. The invasive species removal and control phase of the project is nearing completion. November 2019 saw the shoreline behind 14900 Interurban Avenue South prepared for planting with the placement of compost soil and bark mulch, in a City partnership with Schneider & Schneider. Native riparian planting will begin in January 2020.

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

PROJECT DESIGN

Boeing Access Road over Airport Way Bridge

The Boeing Access Road (BAR) over Airport Way Bridge is the only remaining structure on the BAR corridor that has not been seismically upgraded. The design is scheduled to be completed in December 2019. To receive 100% funding for the construction from the federal Bridge Replacement Advisory Council, the seismic improvements are planned to begin in early 2020.

Contact: Project Manager Adam Cox at 206-433-2446, or Adam.Cox@TukwilaWA.gov

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Update

Tukwila is in the process of updating its current 2019 Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) to reflect the requirements of our recently issued NPDES Phase II Permit. A SWMP Plan is a set of activities that Tukwila will use to meet the Phase II Permit requirements.

You are invited to bring your input or questions to the City's 2020 SWMP Plan at a

NPDES Workshop
Monday, December 17 – 9:00AM
in the Foster Conference Room at
6300 Southcenter Boulevard, Tukwila

Contact: NPDES Coordinator Greg Villanueva at 206-431-2442, or Greg.Villanueva@TukwilaWA.gov

Stormwater Quality Retrofit Project

This new project will bring exciting changes in the world of water quality and salmon recovery. Stormwater runoff from roadways is a significant contributor to water quality degradation. Stormwater containing copper, zinc, crumb rubber and petroleum from automobiles – all hazardous to salmon – enters creeks and rivers. The City and its consultant team are evaluating several public outfalls that discharge roadway runoff directly into the Green/Duwamish River. Two to four outfall area sites will ultimately be retrofitted with to-be-determined water quality treatment devices or other water quality solutions.

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

Green solutions that also save some green? Just leaf it to our Parks Maintenance staff



Parks Maintenance staff members spend each fall removing leaves from the walkways and turf at Tukwila's parks, trails and City facilities.



Tons of leaves are taken to a compost pile and turned over throughout the year to create a high-quality product that is then used throughout the park system. This process helps keep costs down in the parks maintenance budget, and supports City parks with a nutrient-rich product to help keep plants and shrubs healthy and beautiful.



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Welcome to the 2020 Census

Everyone counts.

The goal of this census is to count every living person in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place. Completing the census is required. We need your help to make sure everyone in your community gets counted.

Your information is confidential.

Federal law protects your responses. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics and cannot be used against you by any government agency or court.

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Chào mừng quý vị đến với Thống Kê Dân Số 2020

Tất cả mọi người đều được tính.

Mục tiêu của cuộc thống kê dân số này là tính tất cả mọi người hiện đang sống tại Hoa Kỳ, một lần, chỉ một lần thôi và ở đúng địa điểm. Việc hoàn thành thống kê dân số là điều bắt buộc. Chúng tôi cần sự giúp đỡ của quý vị để đảm bảo là mọi người trong cộng đồng của quý vị đều được tính.

Thông tin của quý vị được bảo mật.

Các câu trả lời của quý vị được bảo vệ bởi luật pháp liên bang. Các câu trả lời chỉ có thể được sử dụng để lập dữ liệu thống kê và không một cơ quan chính phủ hay tòa án nào có thể sử dụng các câu trả lời của quý vị để chống lại quý vị.

Quý vị có biết là mình có thể trả lời trên mạng?

Trả lời Thống Kê Dân Số 2020 dễ dàng hơn bao giờ hết. Video hướng dẫn cách trả lời Thống Kê Dân Số 2020 trên mạng có tại

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Ku soo dha woow Tirakoobka 2020

Qof walba waa muhiim.

Ujeeddada tirakoobka waa in la tiriyo qof walba oo ku nool Mareykanka, hal mar, oo kaliya, iyadoo loogu tagayo meesha/goobta saxda ah. Sameynta tirakoobka waa wax shuruud ah. Waxaan kaaga baahannahay inaad nagu caawiso hubinta in la tiriyo qof walba oo ka tirsan deegaankaaga.

Warbixintaadu waa qarsoodi.

Sharciga federaalka ayaa dhowraya jawaabahaaga. Jawaabahaaga waxa keliya oo loo isticmaalayo waa tirakoob ahaan, hay'ad dowladeed ama maxkamadeed midna uma isticmaali karaan adiga lidkaaga.

Ma ogtahay intarnetka in aad ku soo gudbin kartid jawaabahaaga?

Tirakoobka 2020 waa uu ka sahlan yahay kuwii hore. Fiidiyow hoggaan kuugu ah sida intarnetka loogu jawaabo Tirakoobka 2020 waxaad laga heleysaa

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

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