



# TUKWILA CITY PAGES

## Reminder: Setting off fireworks in Tukwila is not allowed. Join us for a great celebration at Family Fourth at Fort Dent Park!

City offices  
will be closed  
on Thursday, July 4

### COUNCIL VOICE

by Kathy Hougardy,  
2013 Council President

#### Saturday radio communications event

On Saturday, June 22 the Tukwila Emergency Communications Team (TECteam) invites you to join them for their annual Field Day exercise, held from 12:00-5:00PM, at Tukwila Fire Station 51, at 444 Andover Park East. This exercise is part of the national annual Field Day event, organized by the American Radio Relay League, the national association for amateur radio.

The purposes of Field Day are multifold. This drill is an opportunity to: simulate setting up and operating communications equipment in less-than-ideal emergency circumstances; educate the public on the value of communications during an emergency; get unlicensed citizens "on the air" making radio contacts across the state or country; and it's a competition to make as many radio contacts as possible during the event, while promoting interest in the hobby and having fun!

Visitors can try their hand at operating a High Frequency radio (no license necessary as they'll be accompanied by a licensed operator), learn about the communications facets of the City's Emergency Preparedness plan, learn about the volunteer opportunities with the TECteam, and get any questions answered relating to amateur radio or emergency communications.

The Tukwila Emergency Communications Team was formed 18 months ago, recruiting volunteers who live or work in Tukwila to learn about amateur radio communications (also known as "ham radio"), emergency preparedness, formal incident command structure, and other skills needed in an emergency. The Team is providing its time and skills to the City of Tukwila Office of Emergency Management for deployment in the event of an emergency requiring unconventional communications. Experience has shown that traditional communications - cell phone, landline phone, commercial radio, Internet - can be impacted early on in an emergency. Amateur radio communications get through when these other systems which rely heavily on infrastructure fail.

For more information about the TECteam or to learn more about amateur radio, its relevance in the 21st century and its use in Emergency Preparedness, visit the TECteam website at [www.TukwilaRadioClub.org](http://www.TukwilaRadioClub.org).

#### EVERYONE

**TUKWILA'S FAMILY 4TH** starts at 4:00PM at Fort Dent Park, starting with food, activity booths and entertainment, and ending with the annual fireworks display at 10:00pm.

#### FAMILIES & KIDS OF ALL AGES

King County Library again hosts their **SUMMER READING PROGRAM**. Kids track books they have read and receive prizes just for reading. The Library also will be hosting **storytimes** in English, Somali and Spanish. Take advantage of additional programs that the library offers, including computer help, classes on job hunting skills, play groups for preschoolers and their caregivers, a teen book club, and art/drama/science times for kids. Go to [KCLS.org](http://KCLS.org) or call 206-242-1640 for more information.

Summer's a great time to enjoy the **TUKWILA POOL**. Enjoy lessons, lap swims, fitness classes, and various open swims every day of the week. New programs include a Female-Only Swim and the Tukwila Tiger Sharks Summer Swim Team. Three special events will be offered: **Splash into Summer** on June 22; a **Scout's Swim Day** on July 20, where Scouts can complete skills needed to earn merit badges and interest projects; and a **Floating Movie Night** on August 31. Call 206-267-2350 for more information.

#### KIDS

Kids need some run-around and get-it out-of-their-system time? Drop them off at Cascade View Community or Foster Memorial Park for the **SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM**. It's for children ages 5-12 and it's free! Times are 11AM to 2PM, Monday-Thursday, July 1 through August 22. (The hours may be adjusted for bad weather.) In conjunction with the City of Seattle, Tukwila offers the **FREE Summer Sack Lunch Program** for the first 100 participants daily, ages 1-18. Lunchtime is 11:15AM-12:15PM at the Tukwila Community Center, and 12:00-12:30PM at Cascade View Community and Foster Memorial Parks, Monday thru Friday. Lunches are served at each location regardless of the weather.

#### Ideas for summer fun in Tukwila (part 1)

One of the things I love about living in Tukwila is that we have the advantages of living in a large metropolitan area, and yet Tukwila still retains the small town feel. In fact, you don't even need to leave town for summer activities. Our city does a great job of providing things to do and places to go with friends and neighbors. Here are some of the upcoming events that you can enjoy this summer; I'll give you even more suggestions next month.



#### KIDS AND YOUTH CAMPS

Need someplace for your kids to go during the summer while you are at work, or do you want to get them off the couch and away from their video games? Send them to Tukwila Parks and Rec **SUMMER CAMPS**. Their days will be full of activities that include field trips, games, arts and crafts, swimming and more. There are now even specialty camps including **Critter Camp** (animals), **Fashion, Cooking and Theater**, and of course many different sports. Extended camp hours are available for working parents. Also, ask about the revamped financial assistance program to make camp affordable for your family budget.

#### TEENS

Middle and High Schoolers: After your last day of school on June 18, head on down to the football field for the **SUMMER KICKOFF FESTIVAL FOR TEENS** at Werner Neudorf Stadium. There will be lots of great events including obstacle courses, bouncers, 9-hole mini golf, volleyball, basketball tournaments with trophies, video game systems, and lots of great food at prices teenagers can afford. Then you can keep up with your friends at the **SUMMER TEEN LATE NIGHTS** every Friday from June 21 through August 16, at both the Tukwila Pool and Tukwila's Community Center.

#### SENIORS

The **TUKWILA COMMUNITY CENTER** has some great, creative **trips** lined up this summer for adults 50 years young and over, including Suquamish Museum, a Grandparent/Grandchild trip to the zoo (how fun is that!), outdoor theater and a Mariner's baseball game. There are also several different transportation options offered by Tukwila to get you where you need to be. Call 206-768-2822 or check your Parks and Recreation brochure for more information.

#### OUTDOORS & SPORTS

**TUKWILA PARKS AND REC PROGRAMS** will host summer outdoor field trips for adults and older children, including hiking and white water rafting. They also offer swimming lessons, martial arts courses, and adult fitness classes. Summer sports camps for kids include baseball, cheer, basketball, tennis and soccer.

#### ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

**MOVIES ON THE GREEN** (at Foster Golf Links) and the **FAMILY OUTDOOR SUMMER CINEMA** (at the Tukwila Community Center) will offer free outdoor movies on certain evenings throughout the summer. For more information, check your Parks Brochure or visit [www.tukwilawa.gov/recreation/recmain.html](http://www.tukwilawa.gov/recreation/recmain.html).

Do you like being involved in the performing arts? Tukwila's Community Center offers **arts classes** for kids and adults in dance, music, piano and ukulele.

#### LOVERS OF FLORA & FAUNA

A Tukwila **GARDEN PARTY AND TOUR** event will be held on July 13, featuring select gardens of our own Tukwila residents. The \$10 pre-admission, or \$15 admission on the day of the event, will include the tours, snacks and refreshments, plus musical entertainment.

The Community Center is offering a class series titled **Grow, Eat, Grow**, featuring farm tours, an introduction to composting, and a class on raising and keeping chickens. Is it time for your dog to become a well-mannered pup? There are **obedience classes** for that, too, at the Community Center.

#### LOVERS OF SALES & BARGAINS

On August 17 & 18, it's the 20th Annual **TUKWILA COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE!** Whether shopping for some treasures or selling for some extra cash, this event will make you happy!

#### You may be eligible for 2012 utility tax rebates

In 2003 the City of Tukwila imposed a Utility Tax and added surcharge to Seattle City Light customers as a contract fee. The City established policy to rebate these additional taxes and contract surcharge fees to low-income seniors (62 or older) or permanently disabled residents who may be eligible for electric and natural gas utility rebates.

#### Criteria for eligibility

- ◆ At least 62 years of age or permanently disabled.
- ◆ Have combined income of less than \$31,150 or less than \$27,250 if single.
- ◆ Be a Puget Sound Energy or Seattle City Light customer.

#### Required information due by June 30, 2013

- ❖ Completed application and notarized supplemental affidavit at the Finance Department in Tukwila City Hall.
- ❖ Copy of 2012 Income Tax Return.
- ❖ Copy of Puget Sound Energy or Seattle City Light 12/31/12 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 2012. For additional information, call Fiscal Coordinator Lily Jue at 206-433-7190.

### Mayor's Message

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to Tukwila for its 2011 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management, the highest level of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

These awards are issued by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA), a non-profit professional association that promotes the professional management of governments with policies and practices that enhance sound financial management of public resources. The CAFR was evaluated by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, including the demonstration of a constructive "spirit of full disclosure", to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

At the May 28 City Council Meeting this Certificate was presented to Finance Director Peggy McCarthy, along with an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement for an individual, department or agency designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR. The City is proud to receive recognition for our high standards in financial reporting.

You can find this document online at [TukwilaWA.gov/Finance/CAFR\\_2011.pdf](http://TukwilaWA.gov/Finance/CAFR_2011.pdf).

*Jim Haggerton*  
Jim Haggerton, Mayor

#### TUKWILA COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE Saturday, August 17 and Sunday, August 18

Sign up by July 20 to hold a sale; we'll give you free publicity & more!  
Register online at [TukwilaWA.gov/yardsale.html](http://TukwilaWA.gov/yardsale.html), call 206-433-7178, or email [Recycle@TukwilaWA.gov](mailto:Recycle@TukwilaWA.gov)

#### Tukwila students learn about connection between stormwater and healthy frogs

Frogs and stormwater quality were the emphasis for this year's public education and outreach at Tukwila Elementary School. As part of its Surface Water Management Program, Tukwila's Public Works Department provided a storm water presentation to Mrs. Fisher's third grade class on May 16, 2013. The surface water presentation was in support of the students currently learning about recycling and

other aquatic life - certain frogs make their home. A variety of aquatic life relies on every person making sure that nothing but rain goes down the storm drain. The third graders signed pledge cards to do their part to keep pollution out of the City's storm drainage system and thus keeping the water quality we depend on at a very high level... even for the FROGS!



#### Information about summer water bills and consumption

In 1999 the City of Tukwila - along with the cities of Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland, Redmond and the Sammamish Plateau - and Skyway Water and Sewer Districts joined together to form a corporation called the Cascade Water Alliance (CWA). The mission of this alliance is "to provide water supply and meet current and future needs of our members in a cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner." It provides a safe, clean and reliable water supply to almost 400,000 residents and more than 22,000 businesses.

An important goal of the CWA is water conservation. As summer approaches with its traditional water usage increases, here are some tips for saving water:

- 1 Run dish and clothes washers with full loads only.
- 2 Wash your car at a commercial car wash.
- 3 Keep irrigation systems maintained and leak-free.
- 4 Set your sprinklers to water only the area needed (overspray uses extra gallons of water).
- 5 Use a broom to sweep sidewalks and driveways rather than a hose.
- 6 Fix leaky faucets; small drips add up to many gallons of water lost.
- 7 Maintain a cover on hot tubs and swimming pools when not in use to cut down on evaporation.

The CWA has a program that provides conservation items such as showerheads, shower timers and faucet aerators for free; you pay only the postage. This program is available to any homeowner whose water provider is a member of the Alliance. If you are interested, contact CWA by phone at 425-453-0930 or online at [CascadeWater.org](http://CascadeWater.org).

Summer also sees a water bill increase as summer water rates go into effect from June through September - a pass-through of the raised prices from our provider. If your bill is higher than usual and shows increased consumption, other things to consider are:

- ◆ Cars being washed more often than at other times of the year
- ◆ Watering a summer garden or landscaping in addition to normal outdoor watering
- ◆ Recently filled a swimming pool
- ◆ Additional people in the home, including guests
- ◆ Irrigation system leaks
- ◆ Leaking toilets



Leaking toilets can add up to the needless loss of many gallons of water which in turn increases your water bill. To check for a leak, do the following:

- ▶ Lift the lid on the toilet tank and place a few drops of food coloring in the tank.
- ▶ Wait 15 minutes. DO NOT FLUSH TOILET.
- ▶ If color seeps into the toilet bowl, it is likely that the toilet flapper is worn out and needs to be replaced.
- ▶ Remove flapper from toilet tank and place it in a plastic bag. Take bag to the hardware store where their staff can assist you with purchasing a new one, if help is needed.

If your consumption still seems high beyond the above possibilities, a meter read is advisable. While NO WATER IS BEING USED, check whether or not the meter is turning; a moving meter can mean a possible leak. However, with a really slow leak the turning may not be noticeable initially, so read the meter, wait several minutes and then read it again. A different read indicates a leak.

Senior or permanently disabled citizens meeting certain criteria qualify for a reduced water rate in Tukwila. As always, our City staff would be happy to answer any questions you may have about your water service or billing. Call us at 206-433-1835.

**THINK CONSERVATION • BE WATERWISE  
ENJOY THE SUMMER!**

#### NEED MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE EVENTS?

Unless otherwise listed, you can call the Tukwila Community Center at 206-768-2822; consult the Parks and Recreation Spring/Summer Activities Guide, or visit the City's website at [TukwilaWA.gov](http://TukwilaWA.gov)

**Council Chat**  
Council Chat is a monthly chance to stop by and informally talk with one of your Tukwila City Councilmembers about anything on your mind regarding your community.

**Next Chat: July 13**  
Come join the talk from 10:00AM to 12:00PM at FOSTER GOLF CLUBHOUSE 13500 Interurban Ave S