Tukwila recognized for street project

Each year the Washington State Asphalt Pavement Association (WAPA), Washington State Department of Transportation, American Public Works Association and the Washington Association of County Engineers issue awards to the most outstanding paving projects in Washington. This year, the City of Tukwila hosted 13 other paving projects as the recipient of the WAPA award for the overlay and repair done on East Marginal Way South. The award will be presented at the WAPA annual meeting in November.

A Council vacancy is coming in January 2016

Because the current mayoral race in Tukwila involves two sitting Councilmembers, there will be a vacancy on the Tukwila City Council in January of 2016. As the remaining Councilmembers will appoint an individual to serve in the vacant position through the term’s end in December 2017. The City Council will publish formal notice of vacancy along with application materials later this year. If you would like to be notified of forthcoming information regarding the vacancy, send a message to CityCouncil@TukwilaWA.gov, or call 206-433-1893.

Improvements continue on Tukwila International Boulevard

Down on Interstate Avenue the roadway is really taking shape. Important underground utility infrastructure has replaced what was badly in need of repair. You can see how the upgrades to both sidewalks and greenery are now on their way, where at one time pedestrians were at risk walking alongside the road. In our Tukwila Urban Center, a great deal of City Council effort and coordination has been implemented in preparation for a new 19-story high rise that will be home to apartments and hotel rooms. Soon the foundation will be poured and our city’s first high rise will be going up!

Tukwila’s roadway project is noticeable in our Tukwila Urban Center, a new greenway complex on Tukwila International Boulevard, on Tukwila Parkway and along Sound Transit Center Boulevard. This is a smart investment. Putting in new complete streets, sidewalks, and bike lanes, will improve safety for everyone. In an effort to protect our children on the way to school, Tukwila has completed its Safe Routes to School project at both Cascade View Elementary and Thorneby Elementary. New safe sidewalks and paths now make it easy to walk or roll to school.

You also might have noticed that Tukwila has been replacing streetlights with LED lights in locations around the city. This work pays for itself in a very short period of time and will save taxpayers a lot of money!

In support of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) the Tukwila Community Center is partnering with the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the South King Economic Development District (SKEDD) to raise money and awareness around the issue of domestic violence and abuse. Members of the Tukwila Community Center staff will be selling raffle tickets until December 31, 2015.

Over 200 Tukwila residents took advantage of the City’s September 29 collection event. Containers dropped off at Sa’s Super Saver Foods and the Tukwila Community Center enabled participants to drop off hard-to-dispose-of items – some even making multiple trips! Residents expressed their appreciation for this service provided by Tukwila in partnership with Waste Management.

Workers at the event collected the equivalent of 5,400 40-gallon containers!

Fall clean-up collection event

Yard waste (4)

Buildings/structure scrap metal (2)

Electrical waste (1)

Furniture/mattresses (7)

- - - Help families build better lives - - -

- Hats, scarves, gloves, socks, umbrellas and winter coats
- New pillows, twin comforters, towels and yojimens
- Educational books
- Young adult’s teen literature
- Art supplies
- Shampoo/conditioners, soap, razors, feminine hygiene products, comb/brushes, toothbrush/toothpaste
- Gift cards in grocery store
- Canned food

Over 100 families will receive gift cards totaling more than $10,000 and other household products.

2015 Tukwila Holiday Lights Contest

It’s the time of year when folks enjoy sharing their holiday spirit (twinkle twinkle and amaze!) on display! The City of Tukwila invites you to enter your home or business in our annual Tukwila Holiday Lights Contest. Winning entries will be chosen by a panel of judges and will be announced at the December 2, 2015 City Council meeting. Winners will be selected in the following categories:

- Classic Holiday
- Holidays Around the World
- Holiday/Journey Contest
- Snowman Contest
- Holiday/Theme Contest
- Improv
- Christmas Cards
- City Hall or Other

Judging will take place the week of December 7, 2015. There will be three winners, one in each category. Open to all!

Every veteran deserves a safe, stable place to call home

Some of our most vulnerable veterans, including those transitioning out of homelessness, those who are unaccompanied youth, and others who have experienced homelessness, face challenges in securing and maintaining a safe, affordable home. The need for safe and stable homes for homeless veterans is greater than ever before.

On November 9, the City of Tukwila will be hosting a public meeting to discuss how it will use a $1.2 million grant, awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, to support the construction of a new 72-unit apartment community called Northwest Flair.

The Northwest Flair complex is a mixed-income development that includes 48 units for veterans and 24 units for low-income seniors. The development is being funded through HOME and CDBG funds, in addition to the grant.

The property consists of two separate buildings: one containing veterans units and the other containing senior units.

Homes at Northwest Flair will have a wide range of amenities, including a community room, a fitness center, a cyber cafe and a 48 seat theater. The property will be managed by the Veterans Housing Authority of Puget Sound.

The City of Tukwila has worked with a number of agencies and organizations to develop this project, including the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Department of Labor, the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, the City of Tukwila, and the Housing Authority of the City of Tukwila.

We are excited to announce that the Northwest Flair development is moving forward and we are looking for interested parties to join us in providing support services for our veterans.

Landlords who are interested in providing support services for veterans are encouraged to contact Tukwila’s Community Center at 206-433-0825 or by email to admin@tukwilaWA.gov.