



TUKWILA CITY PAGES

To help reduce winter traffic impacts and property damage due to localized flooding, regularly inspect storm drain inlets in front of your house or business, and keep the grates clear of leaves and debris. Best time to check? "Maintain your drain before the rain!"

Green construction for Tukwila?

Tukwila's Department of Community Development is currently studying the recently published International Green Construction Code. The study is intended to determine the feasibility and consequences of adopting this Code for Tukwila. If adopted, it would apply to commercial building and new multifamily residential building construction. Application to new single-family residential buildings is an option that would also need to be considered.

Green buildings (referring to construction as opposed to paint color) are designed and constructed to be environmentally responsible and resource-efficient throughout the building's life cycle. The International Green Construction Code is the first published code to address the impact of buildings and structures on the environment.

Although there are currently nationally recognized green building programs, all are intended to be voluntary and market driven. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is probably the most widely recognized program, which provides third-party certification of green buildings and certification of third-party design professionals. In contrast, the International Green Construction Code governs by mandatory design and construction provisions once adopted by a jurisdiction.

Is this a program that Tukwila should undertake? A focus of the study will be investigating the short-term and the long-term consequences. If you would like to know more about this new code or Tukwila's building requirements, contact Tukwila's Building Official Bob Benedicto at 206-431-3675.



BOLO (Be On the Look-Out) for wire thieves

Although it has been an ongoing problem regionally, copper wire theft seems to be zeroing in on Tukwila. Most recently, thieves stole wire from traffic sensor loops and two different sets of streetlights here in Tukwila, leaving one neighborhood in the dark with gaping holes in the sidewalk where hatches were removed to steal the wire. According to Tukwila Public Works, this weekend theft – estimated at around \$4,000 – is in addition to about 15 other incidents during 2012, which thus far have cost the City approximately \$14,000, plus 250 man-hours in repairs. Besides being costly, stealing wire is a dangerous activity, which can affect our citizens by creating potential electrical hazards and by disrupting necessary electric service. It takes a community of eyes and ears to stop this expensive form of vandalism. Please call 911 if you:

- Notice people on a residential or commercial construction site at night, on a weekend or a holiday.
- See anything unusual like open hatch covers in a sidewalk, an open substation gate, open equipment cabinet, dangling wire or suspicious personnel near these facilities.
- Hear anything sounding like metallic banging outside.

- As extra precautions:
- Store bolt cutters, wire cutters, and similar tools in a secure location, and never leave them out while you are away.
- Never enter or touch equipment inside a substation; stay away from power lines and anything touching a power line.

If you have any information regarding suspicious activities, call 911. Help spread the word about the dangers and costs of electrical wire theft.

See something? Say something!



Tukwila businesses recognized for stormwater efforts

The City of Tukwila's Stormwater Management Program is honored to acknowledge N.C. Machinery, Red Dot Corporation and Tukwila's Extended Stay America for aggressive maintenance of their private storm drain systems. Because of their efforts, contaminants and sediments that would have made it to the Green River, then the Duwamish River and consequently to Puget Sound have been collected and disposed of appropriately. These contaminants are the pollutants that collect on impervious surfaces such as asphalt parking lots, and then get washed away into the catch basins when it rains.

If your company is taking steps to maintain your storm drainage system, Tukwila's Public Works Department would like to know. Please submit your company's name, address, and name of a contact person. We will verify your accomplishment, then add you to our list of Stormwater Champions! Please contact us by phone at 206-431-2442, or send an email to SWMP@TukwilaWA.gov.

A good idea, for when nobody's home

When you're going to be away from home for some time, it's a good practice to stop delivery of your mail and newspaper so as not to advertise that no one is home. On Wednesdays, the Seattle Times delivers a "Savings Source" advertising supplement to homes and apartments in King County. An accumulation of these publications indicates the dwelling may be vacant. As a crime prevention tactic (and for a neater neighborhood), you can request to be removed from the delivery list by submitting your name and address to pwood@seattletimes.com.



December 19-31
6:30AM to 6:00PM
(Monday thru Friday;
no camp on December 25)

Fee: All 8 days for \$176
Resident fee: \$160
Daily rates also available

Though the weather outside be frightful, things will be heating up inside Tukwila's Winter Break Camp, where kids can play when school is out! Great fun with something for everyone; activities include games, arts & crafts, sports, and so much more!

Campers must bring a sack lunch and beverage each day. A light breakfast & afternoon snack will be provided.

Space is limited; register early!

Call 206-768-2822

Tukwila Pool closed during renovations

Tukwila Pool is currently undergoing major renovations! The \$1.66-million Capital Improvement Project includes:

- New pool liner and tile
- Air handling system upgrades and controls
- Shower temperature controls
- ADA pool chair lift
- Motor & pump replacements
- Locker room renovation
- Improved exterior access
- Boiler upgrades
- Pool chemical controls
- Lighting renovations
- Pool cover

These improvements will provide you a more enjoyable, comfortable experience AND a more energy-efficient Tukwila Pool!

During the closure, you can keep up-to-date on all the changes happening at the Pool by clicking the Project Update Page link at www.TukwilaPool.org.

We are sharing photos of the progress, background information on the project, and some history of the Tukwila Pool.

We'll also have weekly contests for a chance to win Tukwila Pool swag!

The Pool is scheduled to reopen early in February of 2013. The Pool's staff will be responding to voicemail and email during the closure. To contact them, please call 206-267-2350 or email POOLINFO@TukwilaWA.gov.



The deep end, exposed! Draining the water was just the first step in the renovation process for Tukwila Pool.

Tukwila Village Community Meeting

The City of Tukwila owns six acres in a prime location slated to become a special place – a mixed-use neighborhood center at the intersection of Tukwila International Boulevard and South 144th Street, offering convenient proximity to I-5, I-405, SeaTac Airport, downtown Seattle, and the light-rail station. "Tukwila Village" will include a King County Library branch, a neighborhood Police resource center and a plaza/park, in combination with other retail, office or residential space options.

Tukwila Village Development Associates (TVDA, the selected developer) and the City of Tukwila are co-hosting a **Community Meeting** regarding Tukwila Village on **Wednesday, November 28, from 6:00-7:30PM**. The meeting will be held at the Foster Commons in Foster High School, 4242 South 144th Street in Tukwila.

At this meeting, TVDA and the City are looking for public feedback regarding the updated, more detailed site plan, and guidance on the envisioned purpose and design for the outdoor plaza and indoor community commons. If you'd like to express your preferences for design of the plaza, commons, or even the site in general, then this is the meeting for you! Design topics will include types of indoor and outdoor furniture, fixtures, surface materials, landscaping, art, utilities and lighting, topography, etc. Feel free to bring images or photos with examples from plazas and/or indoor meeting rooms that you find fun, attractive, and functional.



Accessing your City's records

In 1972, Washington voters adopted Initiative 276, establishing the State's public disclosure statutes (now referred to as the "Public Records Act"). The Act requires that identifiable, non-exempt records maintained by the City be made available to members of the public upon request. An "identifiable" record is one in existence at the time a public records request is made and that City staff can reasonably locate. (Certain records are specifically exempt or prohibited from disclosure based on various applicable statutes.)

Records generated and retained by governmental agencies provide a valuable information trail, which helps provide answers to people's questions about government operations. Government agencies in Washington State must follow strict legal requirements regarding their records – for their preservation, their destruction, and their public accessibility. City records are created and preserved in many forms, including paper, microfilm, magnetic media (such as discs and tape), optical media (CDs and DVDs), and electronic formats.

Many of Tukwila's records are available via the City's convenient Digital Records Center, which was made accessible through the City's website early in 2011. (Click "Records Center" at www.TukwilaWA.gov.)

As Public Records Officer for the City of Tukwila, the City Clerk oversees compliance with the Public Records Act. The City's procedures for processing records requests provide the public full and timely access to information concerning the conduct of government, while being mindful of individuals' privacy rights and the desirability of efficient administration of our City government.

Members of the Tukwila City Clerk's staff are happy to provide assistance or answer questions regarding Tukwila's records. You can email TukwilaCityClerk@TukwilaWA.gov, or call 206-433-1800. Find out more about Tukwila's Public Records Request Policy online; visit us at www.TukwilaWA.gov/Clerk/PublicRecords.html.



Green River Trail Restoration - Winter Shutdown

Now that the Howard Hanson Dam is once again operating at full design capacity, the precautionary flood measures can be safely removed, and the trail systems can be restored for public use on both sides of the Green River. Over the last few months the City of Tukwila and its contractor have made excellent progress on the removal of the flood protection measures made necessary by the concerns with the Dam.

As of the end of November 2012, all remaining flood protection measures – including the sand-filled Supersacks and HESCO barriers – will have been removed from within Tukwila city limits.

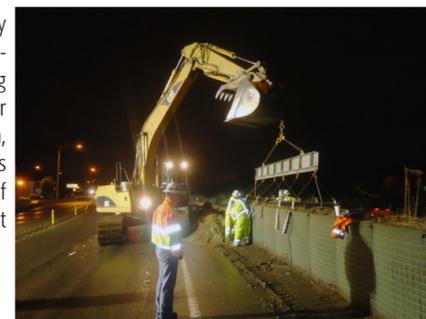
King County Flood Control District is funding 75% of the removal costs with the remaining 25% covered by the City of Tukwila. Unfortunately, securing that funding took some time, and the removal of the flood



control measures started later than anticipated. With that delay, the remaining trail restoration and paving activities were pushed forward into deteriorating wet winter weather conditions. The City and the contractor have mutually agreed to suspend construction efforts on the project until late spring 2013, when the weather will improve and paving can be completed properly.

Although significant restoration remains to return Tukwila's trail system to pre-flood measure status, the contractor – Goodfellow Bros., Inc. – will make every effort to secure remaining hazards so that the public can maintain some restricted use of the trail until the project is complete. Trail users are encouraged to pay special attention to trail conditions at specific locations where remaining hazards exist, and to be very careful and aware when using the trail, since warning markers may become dislodged during winter storms.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Green River trail restoration, contact the City's Department of Public Works at 206-433-0179.



Seasonal Safe Shopping

As the holidays approach, malls, retail businesses and grocery stores are more crowded than usual with busy shoppers. Keep the following in mind if you will be going out to do some Santa shopping (the rest of the year, too). Common-sense measures are the key to thwarting thieves. Some of the easiest things are the most effective:

- If you make several purchases and decide to put them in your car and then go back to do more shopping, lock your packages in your trunk and move your car to another parking location on the other side of the mall. Thieves often wait for people to stash bags in the car and resume shopping; you never know who's watching.

- If you buy a bulky item that cannot be hidden in the car, your next stop is home to unload it! Don't leave it sitting in the car while you do additional shopping or have a meal.

- Do not leave your GPS, laptop or any other attractive items visible in your vehicle.

Once you get your purchases home, store them in a location which cannot be seen from the outside, to prevent thieves from window-shopping your house!

COUNCIL CHAT

Second Saturday of each month, from 10:00AM to 12:00PM

Come join the talk at the **Foster Golf Links Clubhouse**
13500 Interurban Avenue S

Council Chat is an opportunity to stop by and informally speak with a Tukwila City Councilmember about anything on your mind regarding your community.

Next Chat: **Saturday, Dec 13**