



# Burien

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** Mike Martin, City Manager  
**DATE:** April 12, 2010  
**SUBJECT:** City Manager's Report

### I. INTERNAL CITY INFORMATION

#### A. PaRCS Prepares for the Big Move

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PaRCS) Department moved all recreation programs and staff offices to the new facility on April 9. The staff are especially excited to welcome all program participants and class instructors to the beautiful new City facility. An Open House event is planned for Saturday afternoon on May 15 to celebrate this wonderful new community gathering space by offering healthy food, entertainment, facility tours, program demonstrations, raffle prizes and discounts on summer session classes.

#### B. Bunny Breakfast & Spring Egg Hunt Held

Over 1000 children and their parents attended these two family events which were held on Saturday, April 3. Although heavy rains and wind occurred in the days preceding the event, the Spring Egg Hunt was held without rain. The indoor Bunny Breakfast was co-sponsored by the Burien Lions Club, who donate and prepare all the food for the event. Based on overwhelming crowds the past few years, the PaRCS Dept. re-organized the Breakfast this year as a "pre-sale-only" event, and sold-out all 200 tickets prior to the breakfast. There was also a huge demand for children portraits with the Easter Bunny. Photographic services for the portraits were provided this year by [www.PMPhotoBooth.com](http://www.PMPhotoBooth.com), who also donated their services.

#### C. City of Burien Arbor Day / Mathison Park Opening

On Tuesday, April 13 the City will be celebrating both Arbor Day (11am) and the completion of the new trail at Mathison Park (10am). A Mayoral Proclamation regarding the City's recognition of Arbor Day is also planned. Staff and volunteers will be planting a ceremonial, native vine maple tree in honor of Arbor Day. With the combination of the Arbor Day and Park Dedication ceremonies, staff expect to have in attendance representatives from the Recreation and Conservation Office, King County Youth Sports and Facilities Grant program, and the State of Washington's Urban Forestry program. Also on hand for the Arbor Day event will be the Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands, Peter Goldmark. As the elected Commissioner of Public Lands, Peter Goldmark manages the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and chairs the state Board of Natural Resources, which sets policy for the management of state trust lands.

**D. Online Program Registration Sees Huge Increase**

After recognizing that most of its registrants were not taking advantage of online registration for its recreation programs, the PaRCS Dept. eliminated its service fee beginning with its spring session of programs. Prior to the start of the new quarter, PaRCS also promoted the new fee waiver policy. As a result, the number of registrants taking advantage of this convenient service increased by 70% over the same 3-week period in March 2009.

**E. New Facility Atrium Features Community Partners**

The outdoor atrium of the former Burien Library was a beloved space that greeted patrons upon entrance with lush foliage and the renowned George Tsutakawa Fountain. Although the fountain was moved when the Library relocated, PaRCS is now working with both Sustainable Burien and the Puget Sound Skills Center (PSSC) to create another memorable visual space. Sustainable Burien will be planting and maintaining a native plant garden in the atrium, which will surround a new sculpture/fountain currently being designed and fabricated by PSSC high school students. PaRCS welcomes the presence of these local organizations as additional representations of "community" in the new community center.

**F. Grand Central Bakery Coming to Burien**

A building permit has been submitted for Grand Central Bakery to locate on 152<sup>nd</sup> Street in Burien. The business hopes to be open in Burien sometime this summer.

**G. Letter of Interest for Smart Growth Implementation Assistance**

Staff has submitted a letter of interest for EPA's Smart Growth Implementation Assistance program. Three cities in the U.S. will be selected to receive up to \$70,000 in technical land use planning assistance from an EPA-HUD-DOT sustainable communities partnership. The project we proposed was assistance for a corridor planning effort along Ambaum Blvd.—one of our work program items for 2010. Awards will be announced in late summer.

**H. North Burien Permits**

In the first couple of days since the April 1 annexation, three of the eight building permit applications submitted were from North Burien. This included a tenant improvement permit application for Puget Sound Plumbing and Heating to be located at 11803 Des Moines Memorial Drive S. This building is currently unoccupied and was previously used as an auto repair garage. The city also received 2 electrical, 1 plumbing and 1 mechanical permit for work in North Burien. Overall, the total permit applications from North Burien represented approximately 25% of all permits.

## **II. COUNCIL UPDATES/REPORTS**

### **A. Draft Shoreline Master Program Documents**

As requested at your April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, Councilmembers have now received a complete notebook containing the Planning Commission's recommended Shoreline Master Program and appendices. Copies are available for reading at the Burien Library and at City Hall, and online on our "Draft Shoreline Master Program Documents" page at <http://www.burienwa.gov/index.aspx?NID=851>

### **B. County Executive Visits Burien Lions Club**

King County Executive Dow Constantine addressed the April 7 meeting of the Burien Lions Club. Among those in attendance was Mayor Joan McGilton. Former City Councilmember Georgette Valle introduced the Executive, noting that Mr. Constantine had succeeded her in the state Legislature when he began his career in elective office. Executive Constantine reported on his efforts to improve County services by listening to the ideas of County staff and working with the County's partners in the cities. He praised the City of Burien for its successful annexation of the southern portion of North Highline.

### **C. South Correctional Entity (SCORE) Meeting Notices & Minutes to be Provided to Member City Councilmembers (Pg. 49)**

Attached is the SCORE Public Development Authority resolution that adopts the 2010 regular meeting schedule, and the latest meeting minutes for your information. SCORE is a multi-city jail collaboration.

### **D. Economic Indicator Graphs (Pg. 53)**

Attached are the Burien Economic Indicator Graphs with the most current data. We are seeing a modest rebound in the real estate market (as shown in our real estate excise taxes) but that same rebound has yet to show in the sales tax and unemployment figures.

### **E. March 2010 Citizen Action Report (Pg. 57)**

Staff has provided Council with the March 2010 Citizen Action Report (attached).

### **F. Advisory Board Meeting Minutes (Pg. 63)**

Attached are the following approved Advisory Board Minutes:

- November 24, 2009 Art Commission Meeting
- January 26, 2010 Art Commission Meeting
- February 23, 2010 Art Commission Meeting
- September 11, 2009 Business & Economic Development Partnership
- October 9, 2009 Business & Economic Development Partnership
- November 13, 2009 Business & Economic Development Partnership
- December 11, 2009 Business & Economic Development Partnership

**G. Notices (Pg. 79)**

The following Notices have been issued since the last City Manager Report:

- Cancellation of Planning Commission Meetings April 13 & 27, 2010
- Cancellation of Burien Parks & Recreation Board Meeting April 14, 2010