

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

January 31, 2014

Members of the City Council
City of Mountlake Terrace, Washington

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

- The City Council's next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 3, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Agenda items include: (1) Review 2013 Comprehensive Plan Performance Measures and 2014 Planning Commission Work Program; (2) Appoint Arts Advisory Commission Member; and (3) Resolution Appointing City Clerk as the City's Claims Agent.
- The City Council's next work/study session is scheduled for Thursday, February 13, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Agenda items include: (1) Review of 2014 Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission Workplan.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS, EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER EVENTS

- **Coffee with the City:** Citizens, business owners and others from the community are welcome to attend and ask questions or have a casual conversation with city officials. Feel free to drop in and enjoy a cup of coffee and hear what's going on in the City, provide input about City services and events, and ask questions. This casual monthly event is scheduled at the Recreation Pavilion, 5303 228th Street SW as follows:

- Wednesday, February 12, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the Jungle Room

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

- **Washington Aerospace Training & Research (WATR) Center:** The innovative aerospace job-training program sponsored by Edmonds Community College is going strong. A tour of the WATR facilities (which received \$2.5 million in start-up funding from Boeing) at Paine Field was provided this week for members of the Edmonds Community College Presidents Advisory Committee, a committee that includes the city's Community and Economic Development Director Shane Hope. After a three-month training program, successful graduates receive a job skills certification that is accepted by Boeing and numerous other aerospace companies. Three-quarters of WATR graduates have become employed and the program is receiving national recognition for its innovation and effectiveness.
- **Small Business Opportunity:** Next Wednesday, February 5, the City will host the first of six monthly seminars that provide access to free training, resources, networking, and information for business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs. The series focuses upon effective research, business plans, financing, export markets, and culminates with a 'Dolphin

Tank' session that will allow participants to present their plans to experienced funders in an encouraging but challenging manner. The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), City of Mountlake Terrace, Snohomish County WorkSource, and Girandola are the partners that will provide the series of seminars, called Launch Lab: Mountlake Terrace. Interested persons may contact Dave Baron, Economic Development director, at 425-744-6230.

- **Gas Line Project:** Puget Sound Energy (PSE) is beginning a citywide gas line inspection program. The intent is to see if any natural gas lines have been inadvertently installed through sewer lines (a condition called a "cross bore"). Inspectors will be examining sewers to look for cross bores. Although these conditions do not pose any immediate danger, no one would want to be cutting through a sewer line and hit an unknown gas line. PSE is partnering with Hydromax USA to examine the sewers throughout local neighborhoods. Hydromax employees will carry identification badges that have their names, photos, and ID numbers. An inspection does not mean that the sewer contains a gas line, only that the lines are being examined to be sure. Any cross bores will be subsequently fixed. For questions contact Hydromax at 1-800-371-3886 or visit PSE online.
- **Main Street Project:** Design of the Main Street Revitalization Project, as well as preliminary design for the future Gateway connector roadway, is moving forward. The City's project team met this week with the Snohomish PUD and other utility franchises (Frontier, Comcast and Black Rock/Zayo) to discuss the Main Street project, especially the undergrounding of facilities. Current design considerations include the Vineyard Park development on 56th Avenue, where street improvements would occur ahead of the rest of the project. Meanwhile, Economic Development Director Dave Baron submitted on behalf of the City a state capital budget appropriation request for approximately \$3.3 million for the 2014 legislative process. This recognizes that, given uncertainty about whether any transportation moneys will be available from the legislature this year, the state capital budget is another potential source for Mountlake Terrace.
- **Grants and Loans:** The Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB), a state agency, has announced a new, very low interest loan program aimed at redeveloping vacant or abandoned non-residential properties within incorporated areas. Awards have a \$2M maximum at an interest rate of 2%. Roads and transportation are eligible projects. The program's criteria appear to particularly fit the Gateway Boulevard project Freeway/Tourist district. City staff are looking at submitting an application later this spring.
- **TIGER CUBS Act:** Congressman Rick Larsen has sent a letter to US Dept. of Transportation Secretary Foxx about his TIGER CUBS legislation, which would provide a 20 percent set-aside from federal TIGER funds for cities with populations between 10,000 and 50,000. This legislation is a direct result of the discussion between Congressman Larsen and the Mountlake Terrace City Council and reflects the Congressman's interest in meeting the transportation needs of Mountlake Terrace and other cities.
- **AWC Education:** The AWC Education Advisory Committee met on January 29 in Olympia to plan education and training programs for elected officials as part of AWC's ongoing services. Community and Economic Development Director Shane Hope participated. The

committee discussed upcoming education opportunities at future “mayors exchange” events and for other venues, especially the June 2014 AWC conference.

ENGINEERING UPDATES

- **228th/Cedar Way Overlay and Rechannelization Project:** Work continues on the 228th/Cedar Way Overlay and Rechannelization Project. This project will restore the roadway pavement and re-channel 228th Street SW from 39th to 44th Avenues West and Cedar Way from 227th to 232nd Streets SW. Work includes pavement milling, pavement repairs, and asphalt overlay. In selected areas the roadway will be widened by relocating the curb and sidewalk. New channelization will provide bike lanes on 228th and on 44th/Cedar Way. Other work includes minor upgrades to drainage facilities, adding or upgrading curb ramps, and traffic signal modifications at 228th and 44th. Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) will be installed at 229th Place & 44th and at 228th & 42nd Place. The RRFBs will be similar to those now installed at 216th & 68th near Premera Blue Cross. For the week of February 3, expect lane closures and delays, but no detours.
- **Town Center Regional Stormwater Facility:** Construction continues on the Town Center Stormwater Facility project that will build a regional stormwater infiltration facility under the parking lot next to the Mountlake Terrace Library and Veterans Memorial Park (232nd Street SW & 58th Avenue W). The library is open regular hours during construction. The existing library parking lot is currently closed. Follow the signs off 58th Avenue W for parking.
- **Puget Sound Energy (PSE) Natural Gas Main:** Work continues on the PSE gas main extension project on 56th Avenue W. The contractor is now preparing for the final pavement repairs. The work began by 244th Street SW and is progressing to the north, ending by 230th Street SW. For the week of February 3, work will focus on 56th Avenue W, north of 236th Street SW. Expect lane closures but no detours. There may be occasional delays while equipment is moved. Normal work hours are 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

RECREATION UPDATES

- **Community Spotlight Event:** The Recreation Pavilion will once again be hosting community spotlights. Many organizations participated last year and are again encouraged this year. Possible organizations include: ESCA, MTYAA, Friends of the Arts, Mountlake Terrace Senior Center, Mountlake Terrace Library, Recreation & Parks Commission, NPIS, National Night Out Committee, MLT D.O.G., and the Garden Club. Please call the Pavilion for more questions or to schedule your organization.
- **Verdant Health Commission Meeting:** Recreation & Parks staff met at the Verdant Health Commission offices along with representatives of Celebrate Edmonds, the Cities of Edmonds, Lynnwood and Brier. Celebrate Edmonds discussed their request for a marked walking trail within the City of Edmonds. Verdant asked if other cities were interested in the same topic. Brainstorming on possible partnerships now and in the future ensued. All groups agreed to meet again soon to follow up.

- **Pool Liner:** Recreation & Parks staff met with Myrtha Pools last Friday to discuss possible improvements to the current pool liner. Future improvements could be done in part based on warranty work.
- **Weekend Events:** Racquetball tournament is scheduled at the Recreation Pavilion this Saturday with over 20 participants enrolled. Also this weekend are numerous party rentals and a special discounted \$3 recreation swim during the 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. time slot in honor of the Super Bowl and our Seattle Seahawks.
- **Summer Craze:** Recreation staff are working on the first proof of the next edition of the summer Craze. This edition is in the first step of building the brochure and will culminate on April 1st when it is mailed to customers.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UDPATES

(January 22nd thru January 28th, 2014)

Agency Assists	Brier	Edmonds	Lynnwood
Year to Date	4	6	1
Week	0	1	0

Patrol Statistics	Week	Year to date
Police Reports	76	265
Arrests / Misd. / Felony	29	60
Traffic Infractions	112	325
Verbal Warnings	77	307
Traffic Collisions	7	23
DUI's	0	2
FIR'S	19	83

Burglaries	Commercial	Residential
23200 La Pierre Dr		X
6500 233 rd PL SW		X
22000 38 th Ave W		X
23400 Lakeview Dr		X
4800 221 st St SW		X
4600 220 th St SW		X
4200 219 th St SW		X

Investigations	Assigned / Week	Closed / Week	Assigned YTD	Closed YTD
Cases (Including DV)	9	7	30	26

Vehicle Thefts/Recoveries/Prowls:

- 4700 222nd St SW Stolen Vehicle Recovery
- 6000 244th St SW Stolen Vehicle
- 22800 Lakeview Dr Stolen Vehicle
- 4300 236th St SW Stolen Vehicle
- 22000 56th Ave W Stolen Vehicle
- 22300 45th Pl W Theft from Vehicle

Significant Incidents:

- Case 14-0213: Detectives following up on a theft case from a local store were able to identify the suspect from the video surveillance at the store. The suspect was confronted and admitted to the theft. The case has been referred to the prosecutor for prosecution.
- Case 14-3059: Detectives got a tip on pawned property from a burglary. They were able to recover the stolen property and contact the suspected seller. The suspect denied being involved in the burglary. Unable to charge the suspect with the burglary, he was charged with trafficking in stolen property.
- On January 23 shortly after midnight, Mountlake Terrace Patrols responded to Swedish Hospital to contact a victim of a reported robbery and assault. The victim had a large baseball-size welt on his forehead and a black eye. He also had a large cut on his left forearm. The victim gave a series of ever-changing stories about the incident, making it difficult for the officers to follow any possible leads to the suspects. The victim was not forthcoming about the identities of his assailants, and became uncooperative when questioned. Detectives following up on the case determined it was a ‘drug rip’ in which the alleged victim was trying to ‘short’ the suspects on a sale of marijuana. The investigation continues.

Code Enforcement Property of the Week:

On January 2, Code Enforcement received an anonymous complaint about code violations at a property located in the 22900 block of 40th Place W. The complaint was regarding rodent attractants including trash and old wood piles. Code Enforcement inspected the property and observed two vehicles appearing inoperable and unused in the driveway of the property. Also observed in the driveway was an old refrigerator, some miscellaneous debris and an old pile of wood. These are violations of MTMC 8.15.050B1 (all motor vehicles that are junk, inoperable or unused for 30 days or more shall be stored inside a fully enclosed structure), MTMC 8.15.040H (all broken or discarded household furniture, furnishings or equipment, or any appliances not in an approved enclosed structure, in the front, side, or back yard of a property) and MTMC 8.15.040A6 (woodpiles that are not properly stacked or accumulations of wood debris, such as branches, that could become a fire hazard or harbor rodents). On the same day, Code Enforcement opened a code violations case and sent notice to the property occupants.

On January 28, the occupants responded to the violations and advised that they would be correcting all the violations within two weeks. Code Enforcement will perform a follow up inspection on February 11.



NEWS RELEASES

The following news release was issued this week and can be found [here](#):

- The Calligraphers Group Exhibit Opens February 1
- Council Selects Next Mountlake Terrace City Manager
- UW Student Team Presents Options for Ballinger Park
- Council Appoints Dale Jeremiah to Park Commission
- First Cottage Housing Development Breaks Ground
- Revitalization Continues with Capital Projects

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **Upcoming City Council meeting dates:**
 - Monday, February 3, 2014 - Regular City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 - Thursday, February 13, 2014 Work/Study Meeting
 - Review of 2014 Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission Workplan (tentative)
 - February 18, 2014 Regular Meeting (Tuesday)
 - Review of 2014 Community Policing Advisory Board Workplan (tentative)
 - 2013 Year- End Police Department Report

- Approval of Interlocal Agreement for locating Edmonds' utilities in Mountlake Terrace (tentative)

Sincerely,

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City of Mountlake Terrace