

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

July 11, 2014

Members of the City Council  
City of Mountlake Terrace, Washington

Dear Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and Council Members:

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

The City Council's next work/study session is scheduled for Thursday, July 17, 2014 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the interim City Hall Council Chambers located at 6100 219<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Suite 220. City Council agenda items include: 1) Review of Comprehensive Plan Environment Chapter Update, 2) Northwest Washington Incident Management Team (IMT) Presentation, 3) Discussion on the City's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration.

The City Council's next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 21, 2014 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the interim City Hall Council Chambers located at 6100 219<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Suite 220. City Council agenda items include: 1) Approval of 2014-2015 Interlocal Agreement for Snohomish Regional Drug and Gang Task Force (SRDTF) (tentative), 2) Approval of 2014-2015 Interlocal Agreement for the Northwest Washington Incident Management Team (IMT) (tentative), 3) Approval of Interlocal Agreement Amendment Allowing the Town of Woodway to Join the Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 8 Salmon Recovery Council.

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- **Lakeview Trail Open House:** The design for the Lakeview Trail project is nearing completion. An Open House will be held on Wednesday, July 30, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Mickey Corso Community Clubhouse at Ballinger Park 23000 Lakeview Drive. There will be a short presentation at 7:00 p.m.
- **Coffee with the City:** Residents, 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 228<sup>th</sup> Street SW as follows:
  - Wednesday, August 13, 2014 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Jungle Room
- **Main Street Open House:** Save the date, Thursday, August 21, for an open house for the community to learn more and provide input on the Main Street Revitalization Project. The venue is Mountlake Terrace Library from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The Main Street Project will design roadway reconstruction and street, pedestrian, and bicycle enhancements along with improvements to utilities, street lighting and signals, stormwater systems, and undergrounding of overhead power along 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue (236<sup>th</sup> Street north to 230<sup>th</sup> Street), and 232<sup>nd</sup> and 234<sup>th</sup> Streets, as well as along 236<sup>th</sup> Street from 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the Transit Station.

Some of the project benefits include 1) Creation of 1,400 new long-term jobs and 188 project related jobs; 2) Establishing a transit-oriented community with enhanced connections to the new Transit Center, with regional light rail service within the next 9 years; 3) Providing better access to transportation choices while improving connectivity to regional and local job centers; 4) Improving area traffic flow, reducing congestion, and enhancing pedestrian and bicycle use; 5) Encouraging healthy and active lifestyles in a walkable urban setting; and 6) Improving the economic competitiveness of the project area, its residents, and the region.

- **2014 “Arts of the Terrace” Call for Artists:** Mountlake Terrace Arts Advisory Commission is seeking paintings, prints, drawings, miniatures, calligraphy, photographs, 3-Dimensional and Artisans’ works for its 36th Annual Juried Art Show. Over \$4,000 in prize money is available. “Arts of the Terrace” is held September 27 – October 5, 2014. Deadline for entries is August 30. To enter or to view the prospectus online, go to [www.cityofmlt.com](http://www.cityofmlt.com) and on the home page under “most requested services” click on “Arts of the Terrace”.

## **COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES**

- **New Community and Economic Development Director’s Kick-off Activities:** Steve Osguthorpe, Community and Economic Development Director, spent his first week and a half familiarizing himself with current projects proposals and the people who are active in Mountlake Terrace’s development interests. He has met individually with each member of his staff to get to know them personally, to understand their roles in the city’s operations, and to hear their ideas on continuous improvement. He also met with staff collectively to express his management style, leadership values, and expectations for a teaming environment and excellent customer service. Finally, he began dialogue with some of the key players in the Town Center planning efforts, and has arranged follow-up meetings to keep the engineering and planning process for that development moving forward. Steve has met briefly with the City Council and will make his first presentation to the Planning Commission on July 14. Items to be discussed include proposed amendments to the Town Center Subarea Plan Map.
- **Townhome project in Town Center nears completion:** Twelve new townhomes in the Town Center are nearly complete. The residences, located on 55<sup>th</sup> Ave W between 234<sup>th</sup> and 236<sup>th</sup> Street SW, have been built on two single family lots combined into a single lot. The development consists of five structures, consisting of 2 or 3 townhomes each, garages and served by a shared driveway. A pedestrian environment is provided along the street frontage. The appeal of home ownership with a minimum of yard maintenance, allowed through the Fee Simple Unit Lot Subdivision process, is strong based on the positive reception townhomes have experienced in the Town Center and elsewhere in the City, to date (234<sup>th</sup> Townhomes (6 plus one apartment), Hall Lake (8), Monterra (53), and Abbey Court (6). The townhomes are 2 to 4 bedrooms, units range in size from 1421 to 1747 square feet in size, and range in price from \$279,960 to \$329,960. Seven of the townhomes are already listed for sale; 3 units have pending sales.
- **Light Rail coming to Tour d’ Terrace, July 26-27:** Sound Transit will host a booth at this year’s Tour de Terrace where the community can learn more about the preferred Lynnwood Link Light Rail Extension route and station locations between Northgate Mall and Lynnwood Transit Center. In Mountlake Terrace, the proposed route is elevated from 244<sup>th</sup> St SW (King/Snohomish County line) to 228<sup>th</sup> with a station at 236<sup>th</sup>, the Transit Center.

## ENGINEERING SERVICES UPDATES

- **Puget Sound Energy (PSE) Natural Gas Main:** The PSE gas main extension project on 56th Avenue W is complete with the exception of the final pavement overlay. Construction of the final pavement overlay on 56th Ave W is scheduled for the Summer/Fall of 2014, with the work beginning at 244th Street W and continuing north.
- **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 and 44th and 228th and 42nd Place. Volumes are being adjusted on the APS locator tones and voice files are being installed.
- **Vineyard Park:** 231st Street SW is closed between the west driveway into Roger's Market and 57th Avenue W. Alternate routes are 230th Street SW and 232nd Street SW. The franchise utility undergrounding work along the property frontage will begin the week of July 14.
- **McAleer Creek Culvert Replacement:** This project will reduce the occurrences of high water levels in Lake Ballinger by increasing the hydraulic capacity of McAleer Creek between the lake and Interstate 5. The construction will replace three existing culverts along the creek with three new bridges, and includes streambed restoration and streambank plantings. Removal of the culvert nearest to Lake Ballinger and construction of the replacement bridge was completed in September. Concrete walls at the bridge abutments will be poured the week of July 14. Work is expected to be completed in October 2014.
- **Lakeview Trail Project:** A grant of \$2,080,280 will fund construction of new pedestrian and bicycle facilities along Lakeview Drive and 236th Street SW, from the Interurban Trail to I-5. The improvements will increase commuting options for residents of Mountlake Terrace and other nearby jurisdictions. They will provide safe and convenient connections for pedestrians and cyclists from west Mountlake Terrace, east Edmonds, and the Interurban Trail to the Mountlake Terrace Transit Center and the Town Center. The grant award is estimated to fund over 80% of the construction costs. The city is currently preparing and reviewing the design plans in anticipation of advertising the project this fall. An open house will be held July 30.
- **Main Street Reconstruction Project** – As part of the environmental documentation for the Main Street Reconstruction project, geotechnical information needs to be gathered to characterize soil and groundwater conditions. This will be done through soil borings in thirteen areas throughout the project limits, asphalt cores, and non-destructive pavement testing. All borings will take place in existing city right-of-way and will not be on private property. This may result in lane closures, no detours. There will be flaggers to direct traffic during the work as necessary. Work in the intersections will have traffic control provided by a uniformed police officer. This work will be completed the week of July 14.

## RECREATION UPDATE

- **Mountlake Terrace Recreation and Parks is on the list:** Macaroni Kid North Sound has just published their "101 Summer Boredom Busters", a list of local events, activities, and ideas for kids and families. They compiled 101 fun ideas for local families to try this summer, including at-home fun, library events, indoor play areas, Puget Sound adventures, farmers markets, outdoor movies, splash parks, swimming pools, family-focused businesses, festivals, fairs, concerts, plays, skating, bowling, jump arenas, and more! Check it out at [101 Summer Boredom Busters](#).
- **ParentMap Golden Teddy Awards:** The Recreation Pavilion was named a finalist for the 2014 Golden Teddy Award for “Water Playparks and Pools”. Parent Map noted that the Pavilion is “..... famous region-wide for its warm pools and toddler-friendly lazy river...”. The Recreation and Parks Department has won numerous awards over the last few years including:
  - 2013 WRPA Program Award for FREE 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Swim Lessons
  - 2011 ParentMap Golden Teddy Award Winner for Best Water Play
  - 2009 Nickeloden Parent Picks “Best Swim Class”
  - 2008 Seattle Magazine “Best of 2008”
  - 2008 Seattle Metropolitan “Best Place for a Pool Party”
  - 2007 NRPA Excellence in Aquatics Award
  - 2007 ParentMap “Best Place to Swim”
  - 2006 Best of Aquatics Award from Aquatics International

## POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

(July 2 – July 8, 2014)

Agency Assists	Brier	Edmonds	Lynnwood
Year to Date	33	28	15
Week	0	0	0

Patrol Statistics	Week	Year to date
Police Reports	76	1822
Arrests / Misd. / Felony	24	499
Traffic Infractions	84	2296
Verbal Warnings	94	2085
Traffic Collisions	3	129
DUI's	1	21
FIR'S	37	599

Burglaries	Commercial	Residential
6100 212 <sup>th</sup> Street SW	X	

Investigations	Assigned / Week	Closed / Week	Assigned YTD	Closed YTD
Cases (Including DV)	7	2	200	131

### **Vehicle Thefts/Recoveries/Prowls**

- 22900 41<sup>st</sup> Ave W Theft from Vehicle
- 5500 234<sup>th</sup> Street SW Theft from Vehicle
- 22307 37<sup>th</sup> Ave W Theft from Vehicle
- 21500 48<sup>th</sup> Ave W Vehicle Theft
- 22900 72<sup>nd</sup> Place W Vehicle Theft
- 4700 216<sup>th</sup> Street SW Vehicle Theft
- 4100 212<sup>th</sup> Street SW Stolen Vehicle Recovery

### **Significant Incidents:**

- On 07-02-2014 at 3:19 a.m., Mountlake Terrace Patrol Officers responded to a burglary in progress at the Public Utilities District storage lot, 6120 212<sup>th</sup> Street SW. It was reported the suspect(s) was still at the scene. Other nearby police agencies arrived and assisted with containment. The suspect(s) was not located.
- On 07-06-2014 at 9:23 p.m., Mountlake Terrace Patrol Officers responded to the area of 21700 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue West in regards to a suspicious white van with the occupants possible involved in narcotics activity. The first officer on scene observed a male and female in the van unclothed and appearing to be engaging in sexual activity. Further investigation revealed that the female was underage and the male was an adult. The male was taken into custody for a sex related offense and for outstanding warrants. The case was assigned to detectives.
- On 07-07-2014 at 10:32 p.m., Mountlake Terrace Patrol Officers were dispatched to the 21500 block of 60<sup>th</sup> Ave. West for a report of a female screaming. Upon arrival, officers found several subjects in a homeless camp in the woods between 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue West and Interstate 5. Officers soon found a female in a tent with serious injuries to her face, neck, and hip. She was transported to Swedish Hospital in Edmonds where it was determined that she had several cuts and lacerations on her face and she had a dislocated hip from being thrown to the ground. She also reported she had been strangled to the point where she lost consciousness. A male suspect was also located at the camp was taken into custody for Assault 2 Domestic Violence.

### **Detective Unit Update:**

- Following a traffic stop by a Mountlake Terrace Police Officer, the vehicle was searched via a search warrant. During the search, no narcotics were located in the vehicle. However, a bag located inside the vehicle contained narcotics and a moderate sum of money, which was seized.
- The Mountlake Terrace Police Detectives executed a search warrant in order to seize some personal property from a sexual assault suspect who was in custody at a local jail. A subsequent warrant to view/seize data contained within the seized property will be conducted at a later date.

### **Other items of interest:**

- The police department is continuing to prepare for Tour de Terrace, which is scheduled for July 25-27, 2014, and National Night Out, which is scheduled for August 5, 2014.

**Code Enforcement Property of the Week:**

On 06-18-2014, Mountlake Terrace Code Enforcement received a “MLT Anytime” request regarding a property located at the 4700 block of 220<sup>th</sup> St SW, involving a commercial vehicle stored in a residential driveway, and many associated vehicles blocking public sidewalks and parked in the adjacent fire lanes. On 06-24-2014, Mountlake Terrace Code Enforcement verified the above complaints and issued a Notice of Violation to the property owner(s) in accordance with the following; MTMC 10.10.180.A, B – (Parking of commercial vehicles...are prohibited in certain areas of the city at all times unless actively engaged in the loading or unloading of materials or passengers, or in connection with an approved construction project in accordance with the applicable regulations in MTMC Title 19; provided further, commercial vehicles are subject to specific parking zones as set by resolution by the City of Mountlake Terrace), MTMC 10.10.150 – (No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle in a designated fire lane on private or public property. Vehicles found to be parked in a fire lane may be towed without notice and may be towed by any designated police or fire personnel in an urgent situation where the vehicle is impeding emergency apparatus) and MTMC 10.10.050A.1.b.d – (Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with the law or the directions of a police officer or official traffic control device, no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle on a sidewalk or street planting strip or on a crosswalk). CE also forwarded the information to City Zoning regarding the commercial vehicle stored on private property in a residential area. Presently, the city has been in contact with the property owner(s) who are working towards being in compliance with city parking, nuisance and zoning codes.



**NEWS RELEASES**

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

- 2014 Arts of the Terrace Call to Artists Deadline August 30

- Mountlake Terrace National Night Out, Tuesday, August 5
- Lakeview Trail Open House Planned for July 30

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- July 25 to July 27, Tour de Terrace, Evergreen Playfield Complex
- July 30, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Lakeview Trail Open House, Mickey Corso Community Clubhouse at Ballinger Park 23000 Lakeview Drive. Presentation at 7:00 p.m.
- August 5, 6:00 p.m., National Night Out Against Crime, Evergreen Playfield Complex
- August 21, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Main Street Open House, Mountlake Terrace Library
- September 13, 9:00 a.m., National Day of Service -- Park Cleanup Day,
- September 17, 6:30 p.m., 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Evergreen Award Program, Ballinger Clubhouse
- September 27 to October 5, the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts of the Terrace, Mountlake Terrace Library
- December 5, 6:30 p.m., Tree Lighting Ceremony, Evergreen Playfield Complex

Sincerely,

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City of Mountlake Terrace