

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

July 25, 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 31, 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 Land Use Chapter Update, 2) Second Quarter Police Department Report, 3) Review of Utility Rates and Connection Fees Ordinance.

The City Council's next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 4, 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) Adoption of Utility Rates and Connection Fees Ordinance.

## **COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

- **Tour de Terrace:** Tour de Terrace begins Friday, July 25 at 6:45 p.m. with the parade that travels along 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue West from 234<sup>th</sup> Street northward to Evergreen Playfield. Expect traffic congestion around the Civic Center area beginning at about 4 p.m. as parade participants check in and line-up. 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue W will be closed between 220<sup>th</sup> Street and 236<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. 224<sup>th</sup> Street will be closed for the Street Fair.

Tour de Terrace highlights include live music and entertainment on the main stage, a beer garden, food booths, pancake breakfast, street fair, carnival, 5K Fun Run, and classic car show (Saturday only 9-3). The fireworks show is Saturday evening just after 10:00 p.m.

New this year is an exciting BBQ Competition and Chili Cookoff sanctioned by the Pacific Northwest Barbecue Association (PNWBA) and the Chili Association Society International, Inc. (CASI). This is an open competition where contestants vie for cash prizes and awards. Teams and judges come from the entire Pacific Northwest including Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, California, and Canada. Frontier Communications donated \$5,000 in prize money. Proceeds will support the Mountlake Terrace Friends of the Arts. The event takes place on the soccer field.

Tour de Terrace runs Friday, July 25, 4-11 p.m.; Saturday, July 26, 9 a.m.-11 p.m.; and Sunday, July 27, 9 a.m.- 6 p.m.

## **Tour de Terrace Schedule**

Friday, July 25

Davis Carnival: 1 – 11 pm

Food Booths: 4 – 11 pm

Street Fair: Arts, Crafts, and Commercial Vendors 4 – 9 pm  
Beer Garden: 5 – 11 pm  
Seattle Police Motorcycle Drill Team 6:45 pm  
Tour de Terrace Parade: 7 pm  
8:30 after parade-11pm Sly Mr Y (High Energy Classic Rock)

Saturday, July 26

BBQ Competition 6 am – 3 pm  
Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show: 9 am – 3 pm  
Pancake Breakfast: 8 – 12 am  
Mountlake Terrace 5K Fun Run/Walk: 8:30 am  
Davis Carnival: 10 am – 11 pm  
Food Booths: 10 am – 11 pm  
Street Fair: 10 am – 9 pm  
Beer Garden: 11 am – 11 pm  
Featured music:  
12-1:40, Greg Murat (Ambient Folk Jazz)  
2-3:40 pm, Ashley Durant (Delta Blues, New Orleans Jazz)  
4-5:40 pm, Medicine Hat (Great Songs)  
6-7:40 pm Chris Eger Band (Rock, Blues, Country, Funk, Soul)  
8-11 pm The Hipsters (Seattle Best Modern Rock)  
Fireworks Show: 10 pm

Sunday, July 27

BBQ Competition 10 am – 4:30 pm  
Pancake Breakfast: 8 am – Noon  
Davis Carnival: 10 am – 6 pm  
Food Booths: 10 am – 6 pm  
Street Fair: 10 am – 6 pm  
Beer Garden: 11 am – 6 pm  
Featured Music:  
12-1:40 pm Scott Lindenmuth (Blues)  
2-3:40 pm Little Bill and the Blue Notes (Local Blues Hero)  
4-6 pm The Geoffrey Castle Band (Celtic Rock)

For more information about Tour de Terrace, visit [www.tourdeterrace.org](http://www.tourdeterrace.org), email [info@tourdeterrace.org](mailto:info@tourdeterrace.org) or call (425) 791-5956 or find them on Facebook at Tour de Terrace!

- **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 Lake Ballinger Community Center, 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:** The Main Street Revitalization Project is Thursday, August 21, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Mountlake Terrace Library for the community to learn more and provide input. 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.
- **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**

- **Annual Population and Housing Estimate:** The State of Washington Office of Financial Management has recently released the April 1, 2014 population and housing estimates. The data shows that Mountlake Terrace has an estimated population of 20,530. This is a numeric change of 370 residents over the previous year. Development projects in the Town Center accounted for most of the City’s population growth. Snohomish County added 10,500 people, which was a sharp increase over previous years. It also ranked second in the state, for counties, in numeric population change. A good sign of recovery for the state was the fact that it had a net gain of 49,200 people moving into the state. This steep gain is above the 30-year average of 48,800 people.
- **TIB Grants:** City staff has been exploring various road projects that might qualify for Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) grant funding. The two categories for grant funds include Urban Arterial Programs, and Sidewalk Programs. We have been in discussion with TIB representatives over the likelihood of the 236<sup>th</sup> Street segment of the Main Street project qualifying for TIB funds. We were recently informed that this corridor would likely not score high enough to qualify for TIB grant funding because the roadway conditions were not yet in need of reconstruction. We will therefore be coordinating with the TIB on other aspects of this project that might raise its qualifying score, and we will look at other projects in the City that might also qualify for funding. The deadline for TIB applications is August 22, 2014.
- **Planning Commission and City Council Schedules:** Staff has been in the process of revamping the Planning Commission and City Council review schedule for the projects that we are working on this year. The schedule we have been working under has placed Planning Commission and City Council meetings back to back for the same item, which requires preparation of City Council reports before the item has even been reviewed by the Planning Commission. The revised schedule will allow staff more time between meetings to do a better job of review and reporting on each item. It will also include limiting regularly schedule Planning Commission meetings to just one time per month. Additional meetings can be scheduled on an as-needed basis.

- **Doggie Day Care in Residential Zone:** The Community and Economic Development Director, Steve Osguthorpe, issued an administrative interpretation on the question of whether doggie day care is an allowed use in residential zones. The interpretation found that doggie day care is not permitted by code in residential zones. This interpretation was requested by a doggie day care operator whose neighbor complained about the use. The Director identified in his interpretation options for the appellant to consider, including relocating the use to a zone that allows doggie day care, or applying for a text amendment so that the Planning Commission and City Council can determine whether such use might be appropriate in the RS zoning district. He then met with the appellant and discussed at length her options and her ideas on how the use might be conducted in a non-impacting manner. She intends to ask the Planning Commission to sponsor the text amendment rather than submitting her own application for the amendment.
- **Honorable Mention Award - Ballinger Park Design Options:** The Joint APA/PAW Awards Committee has awarded Honorable Mention to the University of Washington students who prepared the Ballinger Park Design Options for the City last fall. The project was nominated under the student category. The award will be presented during an awards ceremony at the Washington Chapter American Planning Association (APA) conference in Spokane on October 17. Several staff worked closely with the student team to accomplish the project including Senior Planner Edith Duttlinger, Parks Superintendent Ken Courtmanch, Stormwater Manager Mike Shaw, and former Public Works Director Curt Brees. The Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee also participated. The nomination was prepared by Edith Duttlinger.

## **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 56<sup>th</sup> Ave W is scheduled for the summer/fall of 2014, with the work beginning at 244<sup>th</sup> Street W and continuing north.
- **228th/Cedar Way Overlay and Rechannelization Project:** This project is nearly complete. It has restored the roadway pavement and re-channeled 228th Street SW from 39th to 44th Avenues West and Cedar Way from 227th to 232nd Streets SW. Work included pavement milling, pavement repairs, and asphalt overlay. In selected areas, the roadway was widened by relocating the curb and sidewalk. New channelization provides bike lanes on 228th and on 44th/Cedar Way. Other work included minor upgrades to drainage facilities, adding or upgrading curb ramps, and traffic signal modifications at 228th and 44th. Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) have been installed at 229th Place & 44th and at 228th & 42nd Place.
- **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 has begun. This requires a road closure on 231st Street SW by 56th Ave W for approximately three days. This is scheduled for the week of July 28.
- **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 last fall. The two remaining bridges will be installed in August. 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.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

*(July 16 – July 22, 2014)*

Agency Assists	Brier	Edmonds	Lynnwood
Year to Date	43	30	19
Week	5	1	1

Patrol Statistics	Week	Year to date
Police Reports	77	1961
Arrests / Misd. / Felony	26	535
Traffic Infractions	116	2483
Verbal Warnings	101	2261
Traffic Collisions	9	140
DUI's	1	23
FIR'S	20	640

Burglaries	Commercial	Residential
22900 57 <sup>th</sup> Ave W		X
21800 66 <sup>th</sup> Ave W	X	
4200 214 <sup>th</sup> St SW		X

Investigations	Assigned / Week	Closed / Week	Assigned YTD	Closed YTD
Cases (Including DV)	9	10	219	146

**Vehicle Thefts/Recoveries/Prowls**

- 23400 48<sup>th</sup> Ave W                      Theft from Vehicle
- 23300 44<sup>th</sup> Ave W                      Theft from Vehicle
- 23000 55<sup>th</sup> Ave W                      Vehicle Theft

- 23100 LaPierre Dr Vehicle Theft
- 22800 Lakeview Dr Vehicle Theft
- 22300 70<sup>th</sup> Ave W Vehicle Theft

**Significant Incidents:**

No significant incidences reported.

**Detective Unit Update:**

- Detective MacKenzie with the assistance of patrol officers worked a burglary/bike theft case where two valuable bikes were stolen. A suspect was apprehended after meeting him under the guise of being a buyer via the web site Offer Up. One of the stolen bikes was recovered at the meeting and the suspect was arrested. Once arrested that suspect agreed to work to set up the main suspect in the burglary. That “main suspect” was later arrested and booked. The second stolen bike is still outstanding; however, its location is known and as the investigation continues, detectives believe it will be recovered.
- Detectives investigated a case where the suspect was caught by patrol after cashing a forged check at Home Street Bank. The investigation identified additional suspect(s) involved in local forgeries. Probable cause was developed for these forgeries and charges have been forwarded to prosecutor.

**Other items of interest:**

- The police department is in the final stages of preparing for Tour de Terrace, which is scheduled for July 25-27, 2014, this coming weekend!

**Code Enforcement Property of the Week:**

On 7/15/2014, Patrol discovered a homeless camp on a vacant parcel located at the 21500 block of 60<sup>th</sup> Ave W. During police activity involving multiple persons living on this property, photos of the property condition were forwarded to Code Enforcement. Code Enforcement immediately followed up on the property issues by visiting the site. As a result, due to the severity of the property condition, Code Enforcement determined the need to start the process for an “Urgent Abatement” in accordance with *MTMC 8.15.100C1: Whenever a condition, the continued existence of which constitutes an immediate threat to the public health, safety or welfare or to the environment, is found to exist, the City may summarily and without prior notice abate the condition. The property violations included; 8.15.040.1 - Debris and trash accumulations of broken or neglected items, litter, salvage materials, and junk not in an approved enclosed structure, in the front, back, or side yards of the property, 8.15.040.E.4 - Insect or vermin attractions by creating or maintaining accumulations of matter, including food stuffs, that harbors or is an attraction for the infestation of insects or vermin or failing to eliminate such infestations, 8.15.040.G.1 - Garbage not kept in proper receptacle with a tight-fitting lid and 8.15.060 - Nuisance premises, whereby any premises or structures allowing or maintaining prostitution, lewd behavior, underage consumption of alcohol, the harboring of juvenile runaways or wanted persons, or where there is the use, sale, manufacturing or distributing of any narcotic or controlled substance, or at which there is a pattern of criminal activity are a prohibited nuisance (Ord. 2292 § 1, 2001).* Code Enforcement was able to make contact with the property owner(s). They are currently working with Code Enforcement in an attempt to

voluntarily cleanup the property by hiring contractor(s) who specialize in property abatements. Public Works has also assisted by clearing two areas for easier access to the debris within the camp.



### **NEWS RELEASES**

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

- Register for Swim Lessons at the Recreation Pavilion
- 2014 Arts of the Terrace Call to Artists Deadline August 30
- Mountlake Terrace National Night Out, Tuesday, August 5

### **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, Lake Ballinger Community Center 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