

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

May 16, 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 special work/study session is a City Council goal-setting session scheduled for Saturday, May 17, 2014 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the interim City Hall Council Chambers located at 6100 219<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Suite 220.

The City Council's next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 19, 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) Cancellation of May 29, 2014 Work/Study Session.

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- **Evergreen Awards:** The City opened nominations for its sixth Annual Evergreen Awards program on April 1, 2014. The program builds the community's pride, enhances the community's image, and promotes conservation. Nomination forms are available online at [www.cityofmlt.com](http://www.cityofmlt.com) and at city facilities; they will be accepted through May 23, 2014. This time of year, we are in the field taking photos of the nominated properties.
- **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, June 11, 2014 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Jungle Room
- **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 & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

- **Diamond Knot Brew Pub signage:** Diamond Knot has submitted building permits to add signs on their building and on the silo. They also have WSDOT approval for a food destination sign on I-5.

- **Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA) questionnaire:** CED staff is preparing responses, with assistance from other departments. The focus this year is on land use. Their intent is to assist cities to be in compliance with state law, avoid challenges to city codes and prevent litigation. This involves a lot of work researching code citations and code language to inform WCIA what the status is of our regulations relative to a variety of issues, such as; decision making authority, review procedures, nexus, environmental protection, moral nuisances, enforcement and prosecution of code violations or infractions, etc.
- **Terrace at Park West:** Plats Plus purchased Terrace at Park West and will build 27 townhomes. Terrace at Park West is located on the east side of 48<sup>th</sup> Ave W in the 21300 block, just north of Terrace Heights Apartments. These will be fee simple ownership homes accessed by a looped roadway through Park West Condominiums (21301 48<sup>th</sup> Ave W). The builder, Plats Plus, constructed the 53-unit townhomes on the west side of 48<sup>th</sup>, across the street from this project.
- **Public Works Board (PWB) funding:** Staff submitted the city's application for PWB funding for the Main Street Project. The PWB funding is a low-interest loan for infrastructural improvements and is highly competitive. The city has requested \$5.4 million from PWB.

## **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 is scheduled for the summer/fall of 2014.
- **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 paving work is complete. For the week of May 19, striping work will result in lane closures, no detours. There will be flaggers to direct traffic during the work. Normal work hours are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. This work is weather dependent.
- **Town Center Stormwater Detention Vault Project:** Construction is nearly finished 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 parking lot has been striped and is now open!
- **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.

## **PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE**

- **Installation of LED Lights at Ballinger Boat Launch:** Park Maintenance and Street Maintenance crews completed installation of four new parking lot light poles and installed six new LED fixtures at Ballinger Park Boat Launch. Previously there were three fixtures installed on three poles at the park site. The project was undertaken as the existing wood poles were rotting and replacement was required. The new fixtures will supply more distributed and better quality light while using less total power.
- **Tree Replacement and Walkway Repair Project:** Public Works crews will begin the second phase of a project started earlier this year to replace trees and repair a paved walkway along 48<sup>th</sup> Ave W between 236<sup>th</sup> and 244<sup>th</sup>. In this next phase, stumps will be removed and the asphalt repaired. The second phase was delayed waiting for required utility locates by other agencies.

## **RECREATION UPDATE**

- **City of Mountlake Terrace named a Playful City USA:** Mountlake Terrace was named one of 212 cities as a 2014 Playful City USA by Kaboom! and one of only four in the state of Washington. Playful City USA is a national recognition program sponsored by the Humana Foundation, honoring cities and towns that champion efforts to make play a priority through establishing policy initiatives, infrastructure investments and innovative programming. The program strives to recognize communities that demonstrate a commitment to ensuring all kids get the balance of active play they need to thrive.
- **Second Annual Health and Fitness Expo:** Recreation and Parks program staff are hosting a booth at the second Annual Health and Fitness Expo in Edmonds (Edmonds School District Stadium) put on by the City of Edmonds, Verdant Health Commission, and Edmonds School District, Saturday, May 17, 2014 from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. There will be over 30 booths with different vendors and representatives in attendance to play games and promote health and fitness. This is a free event with interactive fun games and many great prizes as well.
- **Recreation Pavilion Spotlight:** This month's Recreation Pavilion program spotlight will shine on the city's own Dance and Fitness program this Saturday, May 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be an instructor on hand to discuss many offerings available. Please stop by and say hi!
- **Mother's Day Swim:** Last Sunday, the Mountlake Terrace Recreation and Parks Department celebrated Mother's Day by offering a free swim to moms accompanied by their paid child. Over 40 moms took advantage of the offer. Sunday, June 15, on Father's Day, dads can swim free with their paid child.
- **Racquetball Tournament:** Last Saturday, May 10 the Pavilion hosted a racquetball tournament with over 20 participants competing for trophies and t-shirts. This continues a long run of competitive racquetball tournaments in the area dating back to the late 80's. Tournaments will continue in the fall with dates to be announced.

- **Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day and Help Get the Word Out about Life Jackets!**  
Friday, May 16, 2014, join the Mountlake Terrace Aquatic staff and help promote the importance of life jackets. This is prior to National Safe Boating Week (May 17-23) and the fifth annual “Ready, Set, Wear It!” kick-off on Saturday, May 17. Staff will wear a life jacket to work, take photos wearing lifejackets, and then share them with Washington State Parks Boating Programs and the Drowning Prevention Network who are taking a lead role on this important issue.
- **Memorial Day Weekend:** The modified pool schedule has been posted online and is available at the Recreation Pavilion for Memorial Day weekend. There will be no swimming lessons scheduled for May 23, 24 and 25. Monday, May 26 the Recreation Pavilion will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.
- **Group Swim Reservations for summer:** Reservations for groups larger than 10 who visit the pool can make reservations for spots in the 12:05-1:35 Recreation Swim or the 1:40-2:40 Camp Swim for swims during the summer. The Boys and Girls clubs, childcare providers, YMCA’s and other Recreation and Parks Departments have all taken advantage of this program. To reserve a spot, groups should contact Aquatic Supervisor Rose Ploeg at (425) 776-1973.
- **Spring Swim Lessons (Session 2):** Weekday swim lessons began Monday, May 12 and Tuesday, May 13. Weekend lessons are continuing through mid- June. Pre-Registration for summer swimming lessons will be Monday, June 9 for Monday/Wednesday lessons; Tuesday, June 10 for Tuesday/Thursday lessons; Saturday, June 14 for Saturdays and Sunday, June 15 for Sundays. Summer Registration will be open June 18 for Mountlake Terrace Residents and June 19 is Open Registration for anyone not currently registered.
- **Fun Fitness Fridays:** Customers can sample a different fitness class each month in a new program offered from 5:00-6:00 p.m. May’s class features Water Walk. A modified recreation swim for \$3 is available at the same time as this class. The parts of the pool not being used by the fitness class are available for others to enjoy. This class meets on the three Fridays that Lifeguard in-service does not meet.
- **New Pet Care Classes:** Senior Pet Care and Info will meet June 3. Participants will learn about specific needs older pets have, how to recognize common age related health issues and begin end of life planning for their elderly pet and their family. Dental Care for Pets will meet May 27 participants will learn how to provide dental care for pets at home. Gain a better understanding of periodontal disease and learn about the details of a professional veterinary dental cleaning. Registration is open for these classes.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

*(May 7 - May 13, 2014)*

<b>Agency Assists</b>	<b>Brier</b>	<b>Edmonds</b>	<b>Lynnwood</b>
Year to Date	23	22	12
Week	1	2	1

<b>Patrol Statistics</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Year to date</b>
Police Reports	78	1237
Arrests / Misd. / Felony	21	362
Traffic Infractions	66	1648
Verbal Warnings	69	1503
Traffic Collisions	6	97
DUI's	1	17
FIR'S	19	420

<b>Burglaries</b>	<b>Commercial</b>	<b>Residential</b>
21500 48 <sup>th</sup> Ave W		X
7100 226 <sup>th</sup> Pl W		X
21300 52 <sup>nd</sup> Ave W		X
6300 213 <sup>th</sup> PL SW		X
6100 212 <sup>th</sup> St SW	X	

<b>Investigations</b>	<b>Assigned / Week</b>	<b>Closed / Week</b>	<b>Assigned YTD</b>	<b>Closed YTD</b>
<b>Cases (Including DV)</b>	10	2	132	104

**Vehicle Thefts/Recoveries/Prowls**

- 4300 214<sup>th</sup> St SW Stolen Vehicle Recovery
- 23300 Lake View Dr Vehicle Theft
- 4100 212<sup>th</sup> St SW Theft from Vehicle
- 6600 222<sup>nd</sup> St SW Theft from Vehicle
- 23000 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave W Theft from Vehicle
- 5400 222<sup>nd</sup> St SW Theft from Vehicle
- 5400 221<sup>st</sup> Pl W Theft from Vehicle

**Significant Incidents:**

- On 05-07-2014 at 3:23 a.m., Mountlake Terrace Patrol Officers responded to a church in the 21400 block of 44<sup>th</sup> Ave West to assist with a commercial fire. Patrol was the first to arrive on scene and viewed flames shooting out of the roof of the building. Lynwood, Edmonds and Brier units also arrived on scene to assist with traffic control and shutting down 44<sup>th</sup> Ave W. An initial check was done to ensure that no one was in the building. Upon conducting the check, the suspected point of origin for the fire was discovered. At that point, suspicious substances were located. Containment was set as fire arrived on scene and a K9 track was conducted. The K9 track yielded negative results. The CDO was notified and responded to the scene. The Fire Marshal also arrived on scene and started an investigation. The investigation eventually determined that the cause of the fire was accidental in nature.
- On 05-07-2014 at 11:55 a.m., Mountlake Terrace Patrol Officers responded to a disturbance at the high school involving a juvenile female who was making threats to kill with a gun and being combative in the office. Officers arrived and found the juvenile highly agitated and yelling in the attendance office. The juvenile female resisted an attempt to handcuff her. For

officer safety reasons, she had to be restrained and then handcuffed. The juvenile female was upset over bullying by three males in a class and stated she would get a gun and shoot them. She was booked into DYC for felony harassment. The suspect's mother arrived on scene and was aware of the threats and the situation.

**Detective Unit Update:**

- Nothing of significance to report.

**Other items of interest:**

- Chief Wilson and Assistant Chief Caw attended the labor relations conference in Yakima, July 7-9.
- The police department is preparing for Tour de Terrace, which is scheduled for July 25-27, 2014.

**Code Enforcement Property of the Week:**

On 5/3/2014, Patrol was dispatched to a “Civil Complaint” near the 21700 block of 54<sup>th</sup> Ave W involving yard work that was not completed by a contracted worker, and a green Ford pickup that was associated with the worker abandoned in front of their property. Patrol referred the abandoned vehicle to Code Enforcement. Code Enforcement followed up and observed a late model green Ford pickup with three flat tires, and the bed of the pickup filled with tree branches and other yard debris. Code Enforcement issued a 72 Hour correction notice (chalking the rear tire) in accordance with MTMC 10.10.230 – (Abandoned vehicles), and MTMC 10.10.190 – (Storing vehicles on a public street not to exceed 72 consecutive hours). On 5/8/2014 Code Enforcement returned to the above location and noted the correction notice was still on the windshield, the tires were flat and the police marker and tire chalk marks were intact (indicating the vehicle had not been moved). Code Enforcement determined this vehicle to be in violation and contacted SNOCOM and requested an impound tow. R&R Star Towing was dispatched, and the above vehicle was impounded and towed.



**NEWS RELEASES**

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

- Evergreen Awards Nominations Deadline May 23
- Mountlake Terrace Named “Playful City USA”
- MLT Dance Recital “The Rainbow of Life” June 14

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- June 17 - 20, AWC 's Annual Conference, Spokane
- July 25 to July 27, Tour de Terrace, Evergreen Playfield Complex
- August 5, 6:00 p.m., National Night Out Against Crime, Evergreen Playfield Complex
- 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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