

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

June 26, 2015

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 scheduled for **Thursday, July 2, 2015 is canceled.**

The City Council's next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 6, 2015 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) Public Hearing and Adoption of BC/D Zoning Code Text Amendment Ordinances (five ordinances).

The City Council's next special work/study session is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 15, 2015** 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) Presentation on WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Process, 2) 2015 Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Update, 3) Review of Development Activity Report, 4) Discuss Metropolitan Park District, 5) Review of Mid-Year Staff Activity Report, and 6) Discuss 2015-2017 City Council Goals. This was rescheduled from **Thursday, July 16, 2015, which is canceled.**

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- **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 on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Jungle Room.
- **Ballinger Master Plan Open House:** Feedback will be reviewed and one preferred plan will be presented at the next meeting on July 14 at the Ballinger Clubhouse, 23000 Lakeview Drive in Mountlake Terrace. The open house begins at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting, which is part of the Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission's agenda, begins at 7:00 p.m.

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

- **VISION 2040 AWARD:** Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Executive Director Josh Brown presented a 2015 VISION 2040 Award to the City of Mountlake Terrace on June 15 for our Town Center Regional Stormwater Facility. VISION 2040 Awards recognize regional innovations in managing growth and sustaining quality of life. The city's Regional Stormwater Facility provides a creative solution to support and encourage efficient

redevelopment of the Town Center by using an innovative investment in infrastructure to protect critical areas in the McAleer Creek and Lake Ballinger Watershed basin. The city has won three VISION 2040 Awards since 2009 including back-to-back awards in 2014 and 2015.

[http://www.cityofmlt.com/cityHappenings/pdf/pressReleases/2015\\_PR/150616\\_VISION2040\\_Award.pdf](http://www.cityofmlt.com/cityHappenings/pdf/pressReleases/2015_PR/150616_VISION2040_Award.pdf)

- **Website Redesign:** The professional services agreement for website redesign services was approved at the June 15 City Council meeting. Staff is scheduling a kickoff meeting with CivicPlus at the end of the month. The new modernized, user-friendly website with mobile capability and enhancements for civic engagement will go live by the end of the year.
- **National Night Out:** Plans are underway for this year's National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 4. A city team has been assembled and a special events permit has been submitted. Premera has generously donated \$2,500 as the main sponsor of the event and other community partners are committing to event contributions as well. We hope to see the community come out in full force again at Evergreen Playfield.

## **COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- **Comprehensive Plan Update:** After several public hearings, City Council has adopted an ordinance approving the "major" update to the City's Comprehensive Plan. The update covers the next 20 years, 2015-2035, based on the projected population and job growth by 2035. The Plan addresses economic development, the environment, housing, land use, transportation, recreation, parks and open space, capital facilities and utilities. Updates to each element of the Comprehensive Plan were reviewed by the Planning Commission and the City Council at a combined total of 24 meetings over the past 18 months. A special website ([www.cityofmlt.com/majorupdate](http://www.cityofmlt.com/majorupdate)) provides more information on the update and the draft elements. The update is due to the state by end of June.
- **City of Mountlake Terrace Score on AARP's Livability Index:** The June 2015 issue of *Planning* introduces the AARP Livability Index tool, which quantifies livability. The tool was actually rolled out during the APA Planning Conference held in Seattle April 18-21. This tool gives users a way to see how well a community meets resident's needs.

The index uses their massive national data cache and assigns a numeric score (0-100) for each of seven criteria. These criteria include housing, neighborhood, transportation, environment, health, engagement and opportunity. The scores are averaged to produce an overall score. An average city would receive a score of 50. According to the explanation of 'Livability Score' on the site,

*"Creating a livable community is challenging, and so is getting a high livability score. To get a perfect score of 100, a neighborhood would have to be among the best in the country in each of the seven livability categories. Scoring highly across all categories is difficult. For example, a transit-rich neighborhood has its benefits, but it can also drive up housing prices. To help that neighborhood score highly in both categories, community leaders would have to commit to ensuring affordable housing near public transit is available."*

So, how does the City of Mountlake Terrace stack up?

The overall score for Mountlake Terrace is 59. Below is a table showing how Mountlake Terrace compares to neighboring cities.

	<b>Mountlake Terrace Population: 20,674*</b>	<b>Edmonds (Population: 40,727)</b>	<b>Lynnwood (Population: 36,485)</b>	<b>Everett (Population: 105,370)</b>
<b>OVERALL SCORE</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>58</b>
Housing	52	49	55	57
Neighborhood	66	63	65	57
Transportation	54	57	54	46
Environment	63	68	59	60
Health	59	59	59	63
Engagement	54	55	54	54
Opportunity	66	64	66	69

*\*These populations are 2013 and for comparison only.*

The tool defines each metric and provides additional resources. In addition, the score can be customized with current or revised information so that a more accurate score can be obtained. The tool can be found at: <https://livabilityindex.aarp.org>

## **ENGINEERING SERVICES UPDATES**

- 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 a majority of the construction costs. During the week of June 29, the contractor will continue clearing, grading, and retaining wall construction operations and working on the storm and illumination systems and concrete curb and gutter within the right-of-way. Expect lane closures but no detours on 228th Street SW/Lakeview Drive/236th Street SW from the Interurban Trail to I-5. On-street parking restrictions are in place for Monday – Thursday. Normal work hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday – Thursday. Expect delays. Use of alternate routes is recommended.
- Main Street Revitalization Project:** Based on discussions and comments received at the open house, the city is working with KPG to ensure that design improvements provide smooth flow of traffic, offer multiple modes of transportation through the Town Center, and maximize on-street parking opportunities. KPG is currently working on the 90% plans, specifications, and estimate. Universal Field Services is currently working on right-of-way activities. Design is anticipated to be complete in 2015.

- **216<sup>th</sup> Street SW Storm Improvements (52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to 53<sup>rd</sup> Place):** This project will replace the existing storm drain pipe on 216th Street SW between 52nd Avenue W and 54th Avenue W, and on 53rd Place W to the north of 216th. Work also includes installing new catch basins, and replacing short sections of curb and gutter. The storm system, concrete curb and gutter, and paving work is complete. Some utility repair work remains, which may require lane closures, but no detours.
- **North Side Water Main Improvements:** This project will construct approximately 6,500 linear feet (1.2 miles) of new 6-inch, 8-inch, and 12-inch diameter ductile iron water main, together with 13 fire hydrants and 66 water services. This project replaces undersized and/or deteriorated water mains to provide adequate fire flows and system reliability consistent with the City's Comprehensive Water System Plan. The work will take place within 215<sup>th</sup>/216<sup>th</sup> Streets between 61<sup>st</sup> and 66<sup>th</sup> Avenues, 56<sup>th</sup> Ave W between 216th and 220th Streets, 218th and 219th Streets west of 58th Ave W, and in 54th Ave W and 216th Street SW from 214th Street to 56th Ave W. During the week of June 29, work is continuing at 56th Ave W and 216th Street. There will be lane closures on 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue W, north of 220th Street SW, and on 216th Street SW between 54<sup>th</sup> and 56<sup>th</sup> Avenues W for pavement restoration during daytime work hours. This project is expected to be completed in summer 2015.
- **236th Street SW Pedestrian Accessibility Improvements:** This project will construct 18 new curb ramps in the existing sidewalks at the corners of the intersections along 236<sup>th</sup> Street SW between 48<sup>th</sup> and 56<sup>th</sup> Avenues W. There are currently only two curb ramps along this section of 236<sup>th</sup>. The sidewalk ramps will be constructed in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. The contractor has received substantial completion and will be finishing some punch list items during the next few weeks to close out the project.
- **Edmonds' 228th Street SW Corridor Improvement Project:** The City of Edmonds has begun construction of an extension of 228th Street SW from 76th Avenue W to SR99. This project will include new traffic signals at SR99/228<sup>th</sup> and at 76th/228<sup>th</sup>, and will also include reconstructing 228<sup>th</sup> Street/Lakeview Drive from 73<sup>rd</sup> Place W to the Ballinger Playfields. Work will not begin in the City of Mountlake Terrace portions of the project until August.

## **RECREATION, PARKS AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT UPDATES**

- **Ballinger Park Master Plan:** Staff will be meeting with the Berger Partnership on June 29 to discuss the information gathered at the June 2 community meeting. The next scheduled community meeting is for July 14, 6:30 p.m. during the Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission Meeting at the Ballinger Clubhouse.
- **Summer Swimming Lessons:** There are currently 1,044 kids swimming in our lesson program. Daily swim lessons meet Monday through Friday with a new session beginning every two weeks. Evening lessons start at 2:45 p.m. on Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday and end at 7:30 p.m. There are spots still available for registration until June 29 and 30. Saturday and Sunday Lessons begin June 27 and 28, and run through July 25 and 26. Classes will not meet on the July 4 holiday weekend.
- **The MLT Marlins Swim Team:** Practices are underway Monday through Thursday with 119 swimmers participating. The first swim meet will be against the Snohomish County

Frogs, July 11, 7:30-11:30 a.m. at McCollum Pool in Everett. The first home swim meet will be July 17 with Edmonds/Yost Penguins from 4:30-9:30 p.m. at the Pavilion.

- **The Fourth of July weekend:** The schedule is posted online at <http://www.cityofmlt.com/cityServices/recreation/indoorPool/pdfswimsched/4th%20of%20July.pdf> The Recreation Pavilion will be closed on July 4 and will have a modified schedule on July 5, with drop in swimming from 8:30-1:00 p.m. and a Recreation swim from 1:15-2:45 p.m. The pool will then close for the day. Programs will meet as usual on July 3.
- **Basic, Intermediate & Puppygarten Dog Obedience:** Classes are offered throughout the year. Dogs must have current vaccinations. The current session is underway and will meet through June. The summer session will begin after the July 4 holiday.
- **Summer Sport Camps:** There are lots of sport camps for kids this summer. Skyhawks are offering a variety of sports for ages 4-12. Camps include baseball, golf, lacrosse, flag-football, basketball, and multi-sport. For dates, times, fees, and to register, call (425) 776-9173.
- **Summer Specialty Camps:** NEW specialty camp is available this summer! Culinary Camp, for teens ages 12-15, will teach safe food handling and preparation techniques in a hands on capacity at Red Onion Burgers in Mountlake Terrace. Shaun Richards, owner of Red Onion Burgers will be leading this class with help from Recreation Pavilion staff. Culinary Camp is July 6-10, Monday-Friday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Spray Toy:** Facilities staff installed a new spray toy in the zero entry area in the pool at the Recreation Pavilion on June 18 and 19. The new toy is a colorful addition to the pool. It was installed with the assistance of the contractor that did the liner work earlier in the year.
- **Weed Removal at Terrace Ridge Park:** The Snohomish County Noxious Weed Control Board contacted park staff concerning weed removal at Terrace Ridge Park. This is a free service offered by the county and will be scheduled in the next few weeks.
- **The Mountlake Terrace Garden Club:** The club members planted flowers in all of the entry sites on Friday, June 5. The club raises funds and purchases the plants and maintains seven entry sites throughout the city.
- **Girl Scout Troop 43752:** The troop completed a project at Matt Hirvela\Bicentennial Park that included installing a bench, and five birdhouses, as well as placing a letterbox in the park. The troop is also interested in installing a free library in the vicinity this summer. The City Council recognized the Girl Scouts for their work in the community at its June 15 City Council meeting.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

*(June 17, 2015 to June 23, 2015)*

<b>Agency Assists</b>	<b>Brier</b>	<b>Edmonds</b>	<b>Lynnwood</b>
Year to Date	39	124	19
Week	1	0	1

<b>Patrol Statistics</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Year to date</b>
Police Reports	62	1560
Arrests / Misd. / Felony	16	407
Traffic Infractions	96	2043
Verbal Warnings	107	1666
Traffic Collisions	8	148
DUI's	1	15
FIR'S	15	406

<b>Burglaries</b>	<b>Commercial</b>	<b>Residential</b>
21400 50 <sup>th</sup> Ave W		X
22900 57 <sup>th</sup> Ave W		X
6300 234 <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>	6	2	159	115

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

- 5700 225<sup>th</sup> ST SW                      Vehicle Theft
- 6700 220<sup>th</sup> ST SW                      Vehicle Theft
- 4300 236<sup>th</sup> ST SW                      Vehicle Theft
- 21300 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave W                      Vehicle Theft
- 4300 236<sup>th</sup> ST SW                      Stolen Vehicle Recovery
- 21600 60<sup>th</sup> Ave W                      Theft From Vehicle
- 21400 48<sup>th</sup> Ave W                      Theft From Vehicle
- 4300 236<sup>th</sup> ST SW                      Theft From Vehicle

### ***Significant Incidents:***

- 6/22/15 at 2:33 p.m., patrol responded to the empty parking lot of a local church where a distraught female was reporting that her boyfriend had stolen her car. She also told officers that he had threatened to kill himself and that he had just fled on foot. Officers from Lynnwood and Brier assisted in checking the area for the suspect. Further statements by the female indicated that he was possibly armed with a handgun. Patrol

was able to call the male subject who ended up being fully cooperative and was detained in the Pagliacci parking lot on Ballinger Way without incident. Eventually the male was released to a relative.

***Detective Unit Update:***

- Detectives were able to close a fraud case this week that involved credit cards that were used after being stolen in a vehicle prowling. The detective was able to make identification of the suspect from surveillance video that was posted to our regional crime bulletin. The suspect was contacted and he admitted making the unauthorized charges on the credit cards. Charges will be sent to the county prosecutor.

***Other items of interest:***

- Commander Pickard returned this week after graduating from the 10-week long FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

***Code Enforcement Property of the Week:***

On June 24, 2015, Code Enforcement became aware of a property located in the 23400 block of 55<sup>th</sup> Ave W. Observed in the driveway of the property was a vehicle that appeared inoperable and unused with expired license tabs. Also observed in the front yard of the property was a van that was parked on an unimproved grass and dirt surface. The van also had expired license tabs and had moss growing on it. 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 and MTMC 8.15.050B3-all motor vehicles shall be parked on an improved surface anywhere on a property, or on a maintained surface per MTMC 19.12.070. A code violations case was generated and notice will be sent to the property resident. Code Enforcement will perform a follow up inspection on July 8.



## **NEWS RELEASES**

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

- 2015 Arts of the Terrace Call to Artists Deadline August 30
- MLT Council Recognizes Girl Scout Troop #43752
- Personal Fireworks Safety and Laws
- Keep Cool at MLT Recreation Pavilion and Library
- Tour de Terrace Festival Begins Friday, July 24
- Join the Conversation Coffee with the City July 8
- Next Launch Lab for Entrepreneurs July 8

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- July 8, 6:00 p.m., Coffee with the City, Recreation Pavilion
- July 14, 6:30 p.m., Ballinger Master Plan Open House, Ballinger Clubhouse
- July 24-26, Tour de Terrace, Evergreen Playfield Complex
- August 4, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. National Night Out, Evergreen Playfield Complex
- Snohomish County Cities Dinner Dates (*No meetings in February, June, and December*)
  - July 16 – Location TBD
  - August 20 – Location TBD
  - September 17 – Location TBD
  - October 15 – Location TBD
  - November 19 – Location TBD

Sincerely,

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