

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

July 3, 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.
- **Vineyard Park Ribbon Cutting Event:** Join city officials on Saturday, July 11 at 11:00 a.m. for a ribbon cutting celebration to welcome Vineyard Park to our community. Vineyard Park is an assisted living and memory care facility located just north of Rogers Market at 23008 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue W. They will have an open house on Friday, July 10 and Saturday, July 11 and following the ribbon cutting event they will have cake and refreshments. Vineyard Park is the second major mixed-use project constructed in our downtown since the Town Center Plan was adopted. Vineyard Park is the first project to utilize the city's regional stormwater facility for which the city recently received a VISION 2040 Award from the Puget Sound Regional Council.

- **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 held a kickoff meeting with CivicPlus on July 1 to determine the project schedule. 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 was 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 July 6, the contractor will be 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 am to 6 pm, 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> Ave 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 July 6, 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 met with the Berger Partnership on June 29 to discuss the information gathered at the June 2 community meeting and to look over the draft preferred plan. The next scheduled community meeting is July 14, 6:30 pm during the Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission Meeting at the Ballinger Clubhouse.

- **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 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.
- **Youth Summer Camps:** It's definitely Summer at the Recreation Pavilion! Day Camps, Marlins Swim Team and Aqua Kids have started off strong with happy children, parents and staff filling the pool, pavilion and playgrounds. The first week included a visiting magician, face painter, balloon animal creator and illusionist – which was a blast. This week we're bumping up the fun with our first field trips to the Museum of Flight and Pump it Up! We have high hopes for the rest of the summer with more fun field trips, themes, visiting camps and registration increasing weekly.
- **Swimming Lessons:** The first session of daily swim lessons ends on July 3. Priority Registration for session 2 is Wednesday, July 1 as well as MLT Registration. Open and Online Registration is July 2. Lesson Schedule is available online <http://www.cityofmlt.com/cityServices/recreation/indoorPool/swimLessons.htm> and at the front desk. The second session will start Monday, July 6 and meets through Friday, July 17.
- **July 4 Weekend Schedule:** The Recreation Pavilion will be closed July 4. A modified schedule for Sunday, July 5 is available online at <http://www.cityofmlt.com/cityServices/recreation/indoorPool/pdfswimsched/4th%20of%20July.pdf>. The Pavilion and pool will be open from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. River Fitness and Drop in Tots are cancelled for the day. Lap swim is available 8:30am – 1 pm. The Leisure pool and River sessions have been combined to two sessions: 8:30-10:35am and 10:40-1:00 pm. The day will end with a Recreation swim from 1:15-2:45pm. The pool and therapy pool will close at 2:45 and the building will close at 3:00 pm.
- **Summer Basketball Camp:** Mountlake Terrace Recreation and Parks partnered with Mountlake Terrace High School to offer the summer basketball camp. Almost 100 kids came out to the three-day camp and learned skills and techniques from the varsity basketball team at MLTHS. The kids got to participate in drills, games, and scrimmages to help develop their skills. All campers received a shirt and ball from the camp.
- **Senior Center Railing:** The Ballinger Clubhouse, home of the senior center, received an upgrade yesterday when a fence contractor installed a new handrail to go with the new ADA ramp. This improvement should be a boon to the seniors and the many community members that utilize the facility.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

*(June 24, 2015 to June 30, 2015)*

<b>Agency Assists</b>	<b>Brier</b>	<b>Edmonds</b>	<b>Lynnwood</b>
Year to Date	45	27	19
Week	6	3	0

<b>Patrol Statistics</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Year to date</b>
Police Reports	47	1607
Arrests / Misd. / Felony	11	418
Traffic Infractions	86	2129
Verbal Warnings	50	1716
Traffic Collisions	8	156
DUI's	0	15
FIR'S	15	421

<b>Burglaries</b>	<b>Commercial</b>	<b>Residential</b>
6400 222 <sup>nd</sup> Street SW		X
21900 54 <sup>th</sup> Avenue West		X
22500 52 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue West		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>	2	1	161	116

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

- 4305 236<sup>th</sup> ST SW                      Vehicle Theft

***Significant Incidents:***

- On 06/29/2015 at 8:43 p.m., Mountlake Terrace Patrol Officers responded to a disturbance in the parking lot of the Andorra Estates Apartments (22800 block of Lakeview Drive). Upon arrival, they were greeted by a large group of hostile subjects and observed a 20-year-old male Mountlake Terrace resident unconscious on the ground. Despite limited cooperation, it was determined a second group of subjects arrived in a vehicle and confronted the group. During the confrontation, one of the suspects displayed a firearm and threatened the victim. The victim was assaulted and knocked unconscious. The suspect took the victim's phone and his group fled. The suspect was not located. The victim was transported to a nearby hospital for medical attention. The case was referred to Mountlake Terrace Detectives.

***Detective Unit Update:***

- The detectives were able to identify a suspect who exposed himself to a local business owner. They filed charges of indecent exposure.
- A suspect who exposed himself to a motorist was identified by a Mountlake Terrace Police Officer. The suspect was arrested and charged with a crime.
- A Snohomish County Jury found a suspect guilty of child molestation in one of Detective MacKenzie's investigations.

***Other items of interest:***

- No items of interest

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

On 06/09/2015, Mountlake Terrace Code Enforcement received a complaint involving a property located near the 3800 block of 224<sup>th</sup> Place SW that had tall vegetation, junk/inoperable vehicle, and discarded household furnishings and debris. When Mountlake Terrace Code Enforcement arrived, they observed a vehicle with an expired license, tall vegetation and miscellaneous household items and debris stored outside a fully enclosed storage structure. Mountlake Terrace Code Enforcement issued a Notice of Violation for the following; 8.15.040.A.1 - Vegetation exceeding 12 inches in height (exclusive of plants and flowers within a flower bed or container, shrubbery, or trees), 8.15.050.B.1 - All motor vehicles that are junk, inoperable or unused for 30 days or more shall be stored inside a fully enclosed structure, 8.15.040.I - Debris and trash accumulations, and 8.15.040.H.1 - Broken or discarded household furniture, furnishings, or equipment. On 6/25/2015, Mountlake Terrace Code Enforcement re-inspected the property, and noted significant improvements. Mountlake Terrace Code Enforcement will continue to follow up until the violations are corrected.



## **NEWS RELEASES**

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

- Join the Conversation Coffee with the City July 8
- Next Launch Lab for Entrepreneurs July 8
- MLT Recreation Pavilion Closed July 4
- 2015 Comprehensive Plan Available Online
- Personal Fireworks Safety and Laws
- 2015 Arts of the Terrace Call to Artists Deadline August 30

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- July 8, 6:00 p.m., Coffee with the City, Recreation Pavilion
- July 11, 11:00 a.m., Vineyard Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- 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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