CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT
TO THE CITY COUNCIL

July 24, 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 special work/study session is scheduled for Thursday, July 30, 2015 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the interim City Hall Council Chambers located at 6100 219th Street SW, Suite 220. City Council agenda items include: 1) Review of Preferred Ballinger Park Master Plan, 2) Discuss Metropolitan Park District, 3) Discuss Transportation Impact Fees, 4) Discuss 2015-2017 City Council Goals, and 5) Discuss City Manager Evaluation Process and Forms.

The City Council’s next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 3, 2015 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the interim City Hall Council Chambers located at 6100 219th Street SW, Suite 220. City Council agenda items include: 1) 2015 Second Quarter Police Department Report.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- **Tour de Terrace**: Mark your calendars! One of the best family festivals of Seafair for the past two decades, Tour de Terrace kicks off Friday, July 24 with the 22nd Annual Tour de Terrace Parade featuring the Seattle Police Motorcycle Drill team at 6:45 p.m. This year’s Grand Marshal is Shellie Hart, Warm 106.9 Radio Personality and On-Court Entertainment Emcee for the Seattle Storm. The parade travels along 56th Avenue West from 234th Street northward to 222nd Street and Evergreen Playfield.

  The parade rolls down “Main Street” with fan favorites including the Seafair Pirates and Clowns, Lake City Western Vigilantes, drill teams, dancers, floats, trucks, classic cars and much more. TV Personality, Disc Jockey and Actor Danny Bonaduce, who was the 2013 Grand Marshal, will also be in the parade. The Tour de Terrace Parade is always held the night before the “Seattle Torchlight Parade” and serves as a dress rehearsal for many of the parade participants.

  Among the Tour de Terrace highlights are live music and entertainment on the main stage, a beer garden, food booths, pancake breakfast, street fair, Davis Shows Northwest Carnival, 5K fun run/walk, and the classic car, truck and motorcycle show (Saturday only 9-3). The fireworks show will light up the sky on Saturday evening just after 10:00 p.m.

  This is the second year in a row for an exciting BBQ Competition and Chili Cookoff sanctioned by and subject to the rules of the Pacific Northwest Barbecue Association (PNWBA) and the Chili Association Society International, Inc. (CASI). Teams and judges come from the entire Northwest and Canada. This event takes place on the northern-most soccer fields at the Evergreen complex.
The Mountlake Terrace 5K Fun Run/Walk begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, July 25 at the Mountlake Terrace High School and winds its way through city streets and Terrace Creek Park. Proceeds from this event help local public schools. To register for the fun run/walk, Barbecue competition or car show, visit www.tourdeterrace.org and click “events”.

“Tour de Terrace draws thousands and thousands of people to Mountlake Terrace each year and it’s only possible because of the hardworking citizens who formed a group and started this festival over 20 years ago,” stated Community Relations Director Virginia Olsen. “The core of those original volunteers still carries out this festival today. It’s a very special weekend for the Mountlake Terrace community!”

Don’t miss out on this fun, family-friendly festival. For more information about Tour de Terrace including the musical line-up, visit www.tourdeterrace.org. You can also find them on Facebook at Tour de Terrace!

- **National Night Out:** Magic, music, water walking, bouncy house, free food and more! The City of Mountlake Terrace invites you to attend our award-winning National Night Out Against Crime on Tuesday, August 4, from 6-9 p.m. at Evergreen Playfield, 22205 56th Avenue West. It’s no illusion, this year’s event features The Magic of Craig Martin, DJ RT who will emcee and play tunes, our fabulous caricature artist, a K-9 dog demonstration, and more! 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.

- **Ballinger Master Plan Open House:** Over 50 interested citizens attended the Ballinger Park Master Plan meeting held July 14 to view the preferred plan for the park. City Council will review the plan at its July 30 and September 3 meetings with final approval tentatively scheduled for September 8.

- **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 228th Street SW on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Jungle Room.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

- **Website Redesign:** The professional services agreement for website redesign 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.

- **City Social Media Sites:** In addition to Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, the city now has an Instagram account. You can find us @cityofmlt and there’s a convenient link from the homepage of our website, www.cityofmlt.com. Instagram is a great way to show off our community through photo sharing. Follow us!
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- **2015 Population Estimate:** New population estimates were recently released from the Washington State Office of Financial Management. The April 1, 2015 estimate states that the City of Mountlake Terrace now has 21,090 residents, or about 530 more residents than the 2014 estimate. Mountlake Terrace ranked 24th in the State for percent change of population growth, having a 2.73% growth rate since 2014. This was just slightly higher than Snohomish County’s growth rate of 2.24% for the same period. The county gained 16,600 residents. Conversely, Seattle had a 3.42% growth rate ranking them 15th on the list and the City of Mill Creek ranked 8th with a growth rate of 5.22%. The state estimate also shows Washington State’s population now tops 7 million persons with 57,400 people moving into the state. Strong economic activity in the region was suggested as the reason for the higher than average migration into the state.

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 27, the contractor will be working on the storm and illumination systems and concrete curb, gutter, and sidewalk within the right-of-way. A retaining wall will be constructed along the north side of 236th Street SW west of I-5. The free right turn from westbound 236th Street SW to northbound 65th Place W will be closed. Drivers need to proceed to the intersection and then make a right turn. 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.

- **216th Street SW Storm Improvements (52nd Avenue to 53rd 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 215th/216th Streets between 61st and 66th Avenues, 56th 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 27, work is continuing in the area of 56th Avenue W and 58th Avenue W north of 220th Street SW and into the Maple Glen Apartment complex. Expect lane closures but no detours during daytime work hours. Normal work hours are 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. 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 236th Street SW between 48th and 56th Avenues W. There are currently only two curb ramps along this section of 236th. 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 SR99/228th and at 76th/228th, and will also include reconstructing 228th Street/Lakeview Drive from 73rd 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**

- **Tour de Terrace:** Parks and Property Management personnel are busily preparing for this weekend’s Tour de Terrace by making sure everything is trimmed and cleaned up. Staff replaced lights, spread bark, replaced flags, and assisted with setup.

- **Ballinger Park Master Plan:** The Berger Partnership will be presenting the Preferred Ballinger Park Master Plan at the City Council Work Session on Thursday, July 30. This preferred plan will highlight potential environmental and recreational changes to the park to take place in the future. The NPIS (Neighborhood Park Improvement Subcommittee) will be reviewing the plan on Tuesday, July 28. This past Wednesday, July 22, city staff met with Berger Partnership, Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Watershed Group to discuss environmental concerns and impacts associated with the plan.

- **July is Parks and Recreation Month:** The City of Mountlake Terrace is participating in Parks and Recreation Month by offering specials and discounts all month on its facebook page and in person at the espresso stand. Friday’s only $3 recreation swim! Check out our facebook at [https://www.facebook.com/mltrec](https://www.facebook.com/mltrec).

July Espresso Specials - The espresso stand at the Recreation Pavilion will be having some great weekly specials during the month of July. Get $.50 off a 16oz! 7/26-7/31 White Chocolate-Raspberry Mocha
• **Taste of Edmonds:** Some of the dancers from the Academy will dance on the children’s stage at the Taste of Edmonds this year. Saturday, August 15 at 4 p.m., MLT Dance Academy is invited to fill the stage for 45 minutes. This is an excellent opportunity for the dedicated dancers of the program to get more experience performing in a different environment and for a different audience while exposing a diverse audience to our dance programs.

• **Fall Hiring for Aquatics and Youth Programs:** Leadership personnel are preparing to replace the seasonal staff that will start leaving for school soon. Aquatics has interviewed several candidates for Lifeguards and Swim Instructors, 6 have been offered positions. Training will begin during the second session of summer swim lessons to prepare them for teaching their own classes in the fall. Childcare positions are open as well for ¾ time and ½ time positions at Madrona and Mountlake Terrace Elementary. Visit [http://www.cityofmlt.com/cityServices/humanResources/currentJobs.htm](http://www.cityofmlt.com/cityServices/humanResources/currentJobs.htm)

• **Fall 2015 Registration for Preschool and Kindergarten Readiness Classes, Junior Kids Krew (Ages 3-5) and Kids Krew (Kindergarten through 6th grade) has begun!** Registration will be ongoing until full. Sign up now as they fill quickly. These programs are certified by the Department of Early Learning and accept DSHS subsidies for qualified applicants. Contact the Recreation Pavilion about class options, sites and fees.

• **Summer Day Camps:** Summer day camps are off to a great start! All-Stars, Majors and Minors campers are enjoying field trips, swimming, walking to local parks, playing games, hanging out with friends and so much more! Camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with wrap-around childcare starting at 6:30 a.m. and ending at 6:30 p.m. This month’s field trips include Pump it Up, Pacific Science Center, Henry Moses Aquatic Center, EMP, St. Edwards State Park, Museum of Flight and the Seattle Mariners Kids Day at Safeco Field. Registration continues for August with only a few spots remaining.

• **Fall Sports:** Registration for fall adult leagues has begun. Registration is underway for basketball, softball and volleyball. Recreational and competitive options are available. For more information, or to register, contact Kevin Witte at (425) 640-3105 or kwitte@ci.mlt.wa.us.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

(July 15, 2015 to July 21, 2015)

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**Vehicle Thefts/Recoveries/Prowls**

- 22800 Lakeview Drive  Vehicle Theft

**Significant Incidents:**

- On 07/17/2015 around 3:01 a.m., a Mountlake Terrace Patrol Officer conducted a traffic stop on a suspected DUI driver in the area of 54th Avenue West and 221st Street SW. Shortly after the initial traffic stop, the driver soon left the scene in his vehicle. A pursuit was immediately initiated. During the pursuit, the involved officers conducted a legal pursuit intervention technique that brought a successful and safe conclusion to the pursuit in 21100 block of 44th Avenue West. The suspect was arrested and booked into Snohomish County Jail.

- On 07/20/2015 at 12:11 a.m., Mountlake Terrace Patrol Officers responded to an assault with a weapon at the Greenview Apartments, 21400 block of 52nd Avenue West. Upon arriving on scene, officers contacted a male victim who had sustained several stab wounds to his stomach, chest, arm and ear. Witnesses told officers that the male suspect had fled the area on foot. With the assistance from neighboring agencies, the suspect was located nearby and safely taken into custody. The victim was taken to Swedish Hospital where he was treated for his injuries. The suspect was also treated at Swedish Hospital and booked at Snohomish County Jail for the assault. The Mountlake Terrace Detectives Unit will continue to follow-up on this incident.

**Detective Unit Update:**

- No detective update.

**Other items of interest:**

- The Mountlake Terrace Police Department is preparing for the Tour De Terrace, which will occur between July 24 and July 26.
**Code Enforcement Property of the Week:**
On 6/8/15, Mountlake Terrace Code Enforcement received a complaint of a vacant house, in the 23300 block of 50th Ave W, having overgrown grass and weeds in the front, back and side yards of the property. Upon inspection, Mountlake Terrace Code Enforcement observed very tall grass and weeds all over the entire property. This is a violation of MTMC 8.15.040A1-vegetation exceeding 12 inches in height (exclusive of plants and flowers within a flower bed or container, shrubbery or trees) located in any front, back, or side yard, adjacent public right-of-way or planting strip, or any vacant property. Mountlake Terrace Code Enforcement recognized this property as having been vacant for an extended period of time and believed it to be bank owned. A code violations case was generated and notice sent to the previous property owner. A call was also made to the bank that was believed to be the current owner. After several calls to the bank, Mountlake Terrace Code Enforcement finally received a response and was advised that a service request had been submitted to get the violations corrected. On 7/8/15, Mountlake Terrace Code Enforcement performed a follow up inspection of the property and observed that the grass and weeds had been cut back on the entire property. The code violations case was closed.

![Pictures of the property](image1.jpg)

**NEWS RELEASES**

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

- New 4-Way Stop at 220th & 58th
- Tour de Terrace Music Line-up July 24 – 26
- Tour de Terrace BBQ Competition, July 25 & 26
- 2015 Arts of the Terrace Call to Artists Deadline August 30
- A Magical National Night Out, Tuesday, August 4

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- July 24-26, Tour de Terrace, Evergreen Playfield Complex
- August 4, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. National Night Out, Evergreen Playfield Complex
- August 12, 6:00 p.m., Coffee with the City, Recreation Pavilion
- September 12, 9:00 a.m.-12, Fall Clean Up, Ballinger Park
- September 25, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Award Reception for Artists, Library
• September 26-October 10, 37th Annual Arts of the Terrace, Library
• October 7, 6:00 p.m., Coffee with the City, Recreation Pavilion
• November 4, 6:00 p.m., Coffee with the City, Recreation Pavilion
• December 4, 6:30 p.m., Tree Lighting, Evergreen Playfield Complex
• December 9, 6:00 p.m., Coffee with the City, Recreation Pavilion
• Snohomish County Cities Dinner Dates (No meetings in February, June, and December)
  o July 16 – Location TBD
  o August 20 – Location TBD
  o September 17 – Location TBD
  o October 15 – Location TBD
  o November 19 – Location TBD

Sincerely,

ARLENE FISHER
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City of Mountlake Terrace