August 25, 2017

Members of the City Council
City of Mountlake Terrace, Washington

Dear Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and Councilmembers:

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The City Council’s next work/study session is scheduled for Thursday, August 31, 2017 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Interim City Hall Council Chambers, 6100 219th Street SW, Suite 220. The City Council agenda includes: (1) Presentation by Alliance for Housing Affordability (AHA); (2) Fire District 1 Annual Report; (3) Review of 2017 Comprehensive Plan Amendments; and (4) Review of Reinstatement of Tree and Vegetation Preservation Ordinance.

The City Council’s next meeting is on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Interim City Hall Council Chambers, 6100 219th Street SW, Suite 220. The City Council agenda includes: (1) Proclamation for U.S. Constitution Week 2017 (September 13-17): (2) Continuation of Public Hearing and Adoption of Reinstatement of Tree and Vegetation Preservation Ordinance; and (3) Review of Six-Year Financial Forecast.

CITY CLERK AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS UPDATES

- Annual Evergreen Awards: This year we have 26 winners for the Evergreen Awards. We are contacting the property owners and working on the presentation for the event.

PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING UPDATES

- 220th Adaptive Signal Project: Design, which is being done in-house, is at 60 percent. Staff are currently coordinating with WSDOT and the Cities of Lynnwood and Edmonds to finalize the design, including new signal cabinet hardware and fiber runs for interconnection.

- Bike-to-Health: The Bike-to-Health project went out to bid on Wednesday, August 23. It is anticipated that it will be brought to Council for award on September 18. The project, funded through a grant, provides directional signage to destinations for bicycle traffic in an effort to increase multimodal uses within Mountlake Terrace and surrounding cities.

- 44th Avenue / 220th Street Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon (RRFB): The city has received all parts necessary to install a new RRFB at the crosswalk at 44th Avenue and 220th Street. Due to old mounting bracket bolt patterns at the existing location, public works crews are removing
and placing new foundations for the poles. It is planned to have this work as well as the RRFB installation complete prior to the start of the school year.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

- **Planning Commission Special Meeting, August 29, 2017:** The Planning Commission’s next meeting is a special meeting on **Tuesday, August 29, 2017** beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Interim City Hall Council Chambers, 6100 219th Street SW, Suite 220. The Planning Commission agenda includes: (1) Affordable Housing Presentation; (2) Public Hearing and Recommendation of Reinstatement of Tree Preservation Ordinance; and (3) Review of Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

RECREATION, PARKS, AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT UPDATES

- **Swim Registration for Fall:** Registration for fall swimming lessons begins with pre-registration for those currently in swimming lessons the weekend of August 26. Saturday pre-registration will be August 26 and Sunday will be on August 27. Monday/Wednesday pre-registration will take place on August 28, and Tuesday/Thursday on August 29. The daily swim classes will pre-register on August 30. Mountlake Terrace resident walk-in registration will be September 6 and is available between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Phone-in registration is available from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. September 7, online registration is available all day beginning at midnight at [www.cityofmlt.com/373/Recreation](http://www.cityofmlt.com/373/Recreation), click on “Register Now!” You will need to call the pavilion at (425) 776-9173 to obtain your login and pass code prior to registering, if you don’t already have one. Open registration will be available all day at the pavilion from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Recreation Pavilion at (425) 776-9173 or for a complete listing of swim schedules and times, visit the city’s web site at [www.cityofmlt.com/529/Swim-Instruction](http://www.cityofmlt.com/529/Swim-Instruction). The lesson schedules will be posted by Friday, August 25.

- **Recreation Swims:** Recreation swims are happening at the Recreation Pavilion from 12:05 to 1:35 p.m. Monday through Friday until September 1. A great time to cool off or burn off some energy!

- **Labor Day Schedule for the Pavilion:** The Recreation Pavilion will have a modified schedule September 2-4 for the Labor Day Holiday Weekend. No swimming lessons are scheduled. Saturday hours will be 7 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and Sunday hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. with both days featuring drop in swimming and fitness classes as usual. On Monday, September 4, the Recreation Pavilion will be closed in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. The schedule is posted online at [http://www.cityofmlt.com/531/Pool-Schedule](http://www.cityofmlt.com/531/Pool-Schedule) and is also available at the Recreation Pavilion to pick up.

- **Maintenance Closure:** The pool, spa and sauna will be closed for maintenance on September 5, 6 and 7. The rest of the building will be open for registration and non-aquatic programs. The Pool Fall Schedule will start September 8 and run through December 17. This will be available by September 1.
- **We're Hiring:** Aquatics is in need of Swimming Instructors and Lifeguards for the school year. If you like the water and working with kids this is a great part-time job. No experience necessary. We train all swimming instructors in-house. Lifeguard/Swim Instructors must hold a current Lifeguard Training certification. Flexible hours and shifts are available. [www.mltrec.com/Jobs.aspx](http://www.mltrec.com/Jobs.aspx) or call (425) 776-9173.

- **Espresso Special:** Next week’s espresso special is a Café Misto! Café Misto is a delicious blend of brewed coffee and steamed milk. Come to the Recreation Pavilion August 28 through September 3 and receive $.50 off a 16oz.

- **Youth Day Camps:** On Tuesday the All Stars, Majors and Minors joined together to put on a carnival. There were games, face painting, balloon characters, snack walk and so much more. The kids all participated in each game followed by a prize. The summer camp counselors did a great job making this a fun event for the kids.

- **We’re Hiring:** Youth Programs is looking for qualified staff for school age and preschool-age programs. There are openings for a ¾-time site lead at Madrona Elementary School. For more information about open positions, visit [www.mltrec.com/Jobs.aspx](http://www.mltrec.com/Jobs.aspx) or call (425) 776-9173.

- **ROCKSTARS Try-out Class:** This performing group (ages 8+) will be having their try-out class for the 2017-18 school year on Tuesday, August 29. Dancers 13-19 are invited to take class for placement from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Dancers 8-12 are invited to take class for placement from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Dancers will learn choreographies that go on the road to conventions, festivals, parades, and perform in our Winter Concert and Spring Recital. Dance. Styles will focus on Lyrical, Jazz Dance and Hip Hop. This is a supplemental learning and performance opportunity. To be eligible, students must take at least two dance classes a week in any or all of the following, Jazz, Lyrical, Hip Hop and Ballet during the school year. Curious? Sign up for a ‘no obligation’ try-out class! For more information, contact Chloe at (425) 640-3107.

- **Mountlake Terrace Dance Academy 2017-18:** Registration is now open. The schedule is visible online and in our Craze brochure. Our excellent instructors provide a structured approach to dance, with emphasis on technique, creativity, and building self-esteem. Our yearly Dance Academy program is based on a full school year’s curriculum. It begins with children who are 3.5 years of age as of September 15, 2017. We offer Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, Lyrical, Creative Dance, combination classes and Irish Step Dance. Students dancing in the fall have the opportunity to perform in the semi – produced Winter Dance Concert. Second Semester dancers are invited to dance in the fully produced Spring Dance Recital. For more information, contact Chloe Davenport at (425) 640-3107.

- **Adult Sports:** Registration is now open for all fall adult sport leagues. Basketball and volleyball leagues are available. Basketball is played Monday and Wednesday nights. Volleyball is coed only and matches are held Tuesday nights. For more information, visit [www.cityofmlt.com/391/Athletics](http://www.cityofmlt.com/391/Athletics) or call (425) 776-9173.

- **Fall Clean Up Event:** The Mountlake Terrace annual fall clean up in honor of the National Day of Service will be on September 16 at the Recreation Pavilion at 9:00 a.m. Work to be
completed will include general clean up and debris removal as well as planting to beautify around the Pavilion. For information, contact Ken Courtmanch at (425) 776-1811.

- **Edmonds School District Track Teams:** The Edmonds School District is planning another Cross Country Track Meet at Ballinger Park for 2017. In preparation, Coach Alan Bonney is scheduling a volunteer event with Track Teams from various schools in the district to work around the park on August 30.

- **Matt Hirvela Plaque:** The Neighborhood Park Improvement Subcommittee (NPIS) has given input and helped create a memorial plaque to be installed at Matt Hirvela/Bicentennial Park in honor of Matt Hirvela. The plaque has been received and will be placed on a monument previously installed by Eagle Candidate Aaron Cox in the fall. Girl Scout Troop 43752 has expressed an interest in installing the plaque.

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### AN AMERICAN SUCCESS STORY
Matt Hirvelä Bicentennial Park is a gift from an American success story. Matt Hirvelä, an immigrant from Teuva Finland in 1905 at the age of 20 years, was an Alaskan gold miner and then a NW logger.

In 1933 he became a US citizen and began to experiment in real estate. He gifted some friends $500 to pay the property taxes on a large tract of land in present day Mountlake Terrace for which they gave him five acres. Matt built a log cabin on the five acres in 1938 without running water or electricity. Matt lived in the log cabin in this rustic style until the cabin burned down in 1960. Matt then negotiated an agreement with the City of Mountlake Terrace in which he donated a portion of his property to the City as a park, but he would be allowed to live out his life in a new two-bedroom milled log house. The house was situated where the gazebo now stands.

The Park was dedicated on the Fourth on July, 1976 as: **“Matt Hirvelä Bicentennial Park”**

Matt passed away at the age of 94 on the 13rd of January 1980

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### POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

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**Significant Incidents**

- On August 17, 2017 at 7:00 A.M., Mountlake Terrace detectives and patrol officers assisted detectives from Richland PD in serving a search warrant in the area of 214th and 58th. The warrant was for materials used by a fraud-identity theft suspect who had been staying in a home in that area prior to his recent arrest in Richland.
On August 18, 2017 at 11:14 a.m., a Mountlake Terrace Officer was flagged down by a resident in the area of 22700 block of 72nd Place West. The resident was concerned for their neighbor, a 75-year-old male. The resident reported that they had not seen their neighbor for two weeks and requested a welfare check on the male. The officer checked on the residence and could see a suspected deceased male in a chair. The residence was locked and there was no access to a key. Officers breached the back door and located the male subject in a chair deceased. There were no obvious signs of foul play. The Snohomish County Medical Examiner (ME) responded to the scene and took custody of the decedent.

On August 18, 2017 at 4:53 a.m., a Mountlake Terrace Officer was dispatched to the 22700 block of 72nd Place West for a welfare check. Upon arriving at the address, the officer learned from a witness of an earlier incident occurring at the residence where a son held a pistol to his mother’s head during a verbal argument. Both the suspect and victim were still inside the residence and the officer was successful in having all parties exit the residence separately where they were interviewed. Probable cause was developed for DV Assault 1 with a weapon and the suspect was taken into custody without incident and booked into the Snohomish County Jail. Through consent provided by the suspect, the handgun was recovered and entered into evidence.

On August 19, 2017 at 2:41 a.m., Mountlake Terrace patrol was dispatched to Jacksons Food Store at the corner of 220th and 66th Avenue West for an assault complaint. SNOCOM advised a victim had been shot and was lying in the parking lot. Responding officers arrived and rendered aid to the victim. The victim had suffered a gunshot wound to the leg after he confronted the suspect for running over his foot. The victim was transported to Harborview with a severe injury to his left leg. The suspect left the scene in a vehicle prior to officers’ arrival. Detectives responded to the scene and took over the ongoing investigation.

On August 21, 2017 at 2:08 p.m., officers were dispatched to the Park & Ride garage in the 6000 block of 236th Street SW for a suspicious person who was sitting on the edge of the upper level wall. When officers arrived, they found a 20-year-old homeless male sitting with his feet over the edge talking about taking his own life. The officers immediately started to communicate with the subject and soon convinced him to get off the edge, which he did without incident. Once he was away from the edge, he was provided with food and water. The individual was transported by the Lynnwood Fire Department to Swedish Hospital for evaluation. Note: On August 22, 2017, Officer Krahn took the male to Subway and bought him a sandwich and is arranging to help him with some other essentials.

On August 21, 2017 at 2:42 p.m., Mountlake Terrace officers were dispatched to a missing person report at the Markland Woods Apartments. A male was reporting that he came to check on his 57-year-old mother and found what appeared to be a suicide note in her residence. He also reported that his mother has cancer and was currently going through personal issues. Upon searching her residence, the officer located the deceased woman in a locked exterior storage closet adjacent to her private deck. It appeared that she died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to her head. The ME responded to the scene and the CDO was contacted.

On August 22, 2017 at 1:30 p.m., officers responded to the Albertsons store in the 4300 block of 212th Street SW. Two juveniles, male and a female, had entered the store and were watched
by the night staff after they left the spirits aisle. When confronted by the night staff, the female became combative, hitting a store employee in the face causing a laceration on the bridge of her nose. The male walked back into the store. Both subjects were detained. Due to her combative nature, assaulting the employee and causing bodily injury while attempting to take bottled liquor from the store, the female was booked on Robbery 1 charges. The male subject was arrested on outstanding warrants. Both subjects were booked into Denny Youth Center.

Detective Unit Update

**Cases Assigned**
- 17-12271 Suicide
- 17-12127 Assault 1
- 17-12084 Hit and Run
- 17-12096 Death Investigation
- 17-12158 Dog Bite
- 17-12228 Burglary

**Cases Cleared**
- 17-10673 Burglary
- 17-10782 Theft
- 17-5784 Burglary
- 16-11794 Taking Motor Vehicle W/O Permission
- 17-3861 Eluding
- 17-11080 Run Away
- 17-6432 ID Theft

**Significant Cases:**
- Working several burglaries at the Fweedome Cannabis. (Other agencies are now assisting in this investigation).
- DV Robbery 1st degree. Attempted to arrest suspect but he fled. Still at large.
- Charges filed on suspects who committed multiple Northern Lights Burglaries.
- Working a large-scale mail theft from the Northern Lights.
- All investigators are working on the shooting that occurred at the Shell station at 66th noted above.

Community Outreach & Directed Enforcement

- Officers emphasized local business and area checks at the following locations: Studio 6 Motel (Gateway Plaza), Ballinger Park, Interurban Trail, Veterans Park (Library), Mountlake Terrace High School, Park and Ride lot, Evergreen school site, Albertson’s and the Recreation Pavilion.

Code Enforcement Property of the Week

On August 9, 2017, Code Enforcement followed up on a parking complaint involving a silver Kia appearing abandoned, located at 22300 block 54th Avenue W. According to the reporting party, the vehicle had been parked there since Tour de Terrace. Code Enforcement chalked the vehicle’s tire, and issued a correction notice in violation of; 10.10.190 – (Storing vehicles on the public street over 72 consecutive hours prohibited). On August 16, 2017, Code Enforcement returned to the above location and noted previously issued correction notice, police marker and chalk marks were still intact. The vehicle was in violation of the city’s parking ordinance. Towing was dispatched, and the vehicle was impounded and towed.
Other Items of Interest

- A press release went out on the shooting at 220th and 66th requesting help from the public in identifying the suspect.
- Officer O’Hagan walked the interurban trail and contacted a group of kids. He gave them stickers and created a positive police interaction.
- Chief Wilson recognized three officers for their efforts in dealing with a suicidal subject at the Transit Center (see incident on August 21, 2017 at 2:08 p.m. above) with the following:

  I would also like to recognize Sergeant Pickard who was instrumental in the positive resolution of this incident. As the Department’s Homeless Liaison Officer, Sergeant Pickard had established a previous positive relationship with this individual. Upon Sergeant Pickard’s arrival at the scene, Sergeant Pickard immediately recognized the individual from previous contacts and brought calm to the situation by addressing the subject by name and asking the subject if he needed water and food. It was then the subject came off the ledge of the building. In addition to providing this subject some water and food from our Community Outreach Resource and Supply bags, responding officers purchased additional food for this individual as well as purchased food for the subject the following day.

  This peaceful resolution and actions of our personnel directly reflects the compassion we have for the community we serve. I hear over and over from community members about the professionalism and compassion our personnel display as we continue to promote and facilitate an atmosphere of trust that extends not only to our department, but to our profession as well.

  Thank you Sergeant Pickard, Officer Krahn and Officer Froisland.

Chief Wilson
• Chief Wilson and Commander Hansen met with Greg Schwab, Assistant Superintendent of the Edmonds School District regarding the District’s interest in a School Resource Officer at Mountlake Terrace High.
• Chief Wilson interviewed and made a conditional offer to a cadet candidate.

**NEWS RELEASES**
News releases can be found on the [City's webpage](#).

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**
• September 13, 6:30 p.m., Annual Evergreen Awards, Ballinger Clubhouse
• September 16, 9:00 a.m., Annual Fall Cleanup, Recreation Pavilion
• September 20, 6:00 p.m., Coffee with the City, Recreation Pavilion
• September 21, 5:30 p.m., Snohomish County Cities Meeting, TBD
• September 22, 7:00 p.m., Arts of the Terrace Awards Reception, MLT Library
• October 11, 6:00 p.m., Coffee with the City, Recreation Pavilion
• November 8, 6:00 p.m., Coffee with the City, Recreation Pavilion
• November 16, 5:30 p.m., Snohomish County Cities Meeting, TBD
• December 1, 6:00 p.m., Tree Lighting Ceremony, Evergreen Playfield
• December 13, 6:00 p.m., Coffee with the City, Recreation Pavilion

Sincerely,

Scott Hugill, City Manager
City of Mountlake Terrace