

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

February 21, 2014

Members of the City Council
City of Mountlake Terrace, Washington

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

- The City Council's next work/study session is scheduled for Thursday, February 27, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Agenda items include: (1) Review of 2014 Arts Advisory Commission Workplan; and (2) Discuss Library Board Vacancy.
- The City Council's next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 3, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Agenda items include: (1) Swearing In of City Manager Arlene Fisher; (2) Award of Contract for Emergency Operations Center Improvements; (3) Presentation of Community Satisfaction Survey Results; (4) Appoint Library Boardmember; (5) Approval of Surplus Vehicles; and (6) Approval to Purchase Emergency Operations Center Equipment.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS, EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER EVENTS

- **Coffee with the City:** Citizens, 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 as follows:
 - Wednesday, March 12, 8:00 a.m.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

- **Fire Safety Evaluation:** The Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau (WSRB) will be evaluating several cities, including Mountlake Terrace, for their public protection classification related to fire safety. The WSRB is a private organization that provides data and other information to insurance companies providing property insurance. Fire District 1 has the lead for gathering most of the information, such as fire department features and fire code enforcement, which WSRB will review. The City's Public Works, Engineering, and Community & Economic Development departments will assist in gathering information (for example, providing fire flow and water modeling data). The work is expected to be done this spring. Our understanding is that Mountlake Terrace was last evaluated for a fire safety rating in the late 1990s. At that time, Mountlake Terrace, like Lynnwood and Edmonds, was rated as a PC (class) 4 city. ("1" is the best possible score and "10" is the least.) The information from WSRB's new study will be used by some insurance companies in establishing property insurance rates.

- **Development projects:**
 - All 14 townhomes at Brook Glen (23811 Cedar Way) have been sold, according to the latest report from Landsverk Homes.
 - The new Ambulatory Surgery Center at Urology NW (6005 244th St. SW) was issued a certificate of occupancy this week.
 - The Cedar Cottage Project at 24226 52nd Avenue West is ready to begin construction of the housing units. Final permits were issued for nine cottage houses, one carriage house, and two community garages this week. Revenues collected for the project this week, including impact fees, were \$83,560.
 - RYCO, located at 6810 220th Street SW, has contacted the City about beginning another tenant improvement project to enlarge and re-arrange their warehouse building. RYCO specializes in manufacturing seafood processing machinery. Their machines are used throughout North America, Canada, Russia, Chile and Norway.

- **Grant Opportunities:** Grant cycles have been announced for: (a) Solar demonstration projects through the Snohomish County PUD; and (b) Federal transportation funding through Puget Sound Regional Council. A cross-department team is exploring both opportunities for Mountlake Terrace. In addition, City staff teams are communicating with the Transportation Improvement Board about funding options for street projects and with Verdant about potential walking loop projects.

- **Photovoltaic Solar Energy:** The Community and Economic Development Department is preparing Photovoltaic Solar System guidelines to be used for both commercial and residential solar panels. Mountlake Terrace's Building Official, Lance Kinnamon, is currently acting as lead for the Solar Ready Group which is a group consisting of several jurisdictions and private partners to develop language to make it easier to install Solar Photovoltaic Systems within the State of Washington and provide consistency among Puget Sound jurisdictions.

RECREATION UPDATES

- **Lifejacket Grant:** Mountlake Terrace Recreation has been named a recipient of a \$500 grant to purchase lifejackets by the Association of Aquatic Professionals (AOAP). Lifejackets are one of the water safety components that are included in swimming lessons at Mountlake Terrace, and lifejackets are also available to the public during recreation and leisure swims. AOAP is a national organization based in Austin, Texas that advocates policies, practices and procedures that contribute to safer and improved aquatic education, aquatic recreation activities, programs, and facilities nationally and internationally.

- **Swimming Lesson Registration Dates:**
 - Pre-registration is for those that are currently in swimming lessons.
 - Pre-Registration for Friday and weekend classes is this Friday, Saturday and Sunday February 21, 22 & 23.
 - Pre-Registration for Monday/Wednesday classes will be Monday February 24

- Pre-Registration for Tuesday/Thursday classes will be Tuesday February 25.
- Resident registration is for Mountlake Terrace residents **not** currently in swimming lessons:
 - Resident registration will begin on Wednesday, February 26.
- Open registration for all other customers will begin Thursday, February 27.

A complete listing of swim schedules and times click on the City’s web site at: <http://www.cityofmlt.com/cityServices/recreation/indoorPool/swimLessons.htm>

- **Presidents Day Update:** During special hours on the February 17 holiday, the afternoon Recreation Swim had 170 people attending, and the evening swim had 85 people. Youth Programs had non-school day care as well with 16 kids registered participating in swimming, indoor games, arts and crafts, and many other fun activities.
- **Ball Field Material Delivery:** The Operations Facility had 12 pallets of material delivered this week to prepare the ball fields for the upcoming season.
- **Recreation Pavilion Spotlights:** Last Saturday, February 15, was the first spotlight of the new year. Mountlake Terrace Youth Athletic Association (MTYAA Baseball) attended and took registration for kids baseball leagues. They handed out information and recruited volunteer coaches.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UDPATES

(February 12, 2014 thru February 18, 2014)

Agency Assists	Brier	Edmonds	Lynnwood
Year to Date	7	7	1
Week	0	0	0

Patrol Statistics	Week	Year to date
Police Reports	58	469
Arrests / Misd. / Felony	24	133
Traffic Infractions	57	571
Verbal Warnings	63	540
Traffic Collisions	3	37
DUI's	1	5
FIR'S	29	143

Burglaries	Commercial	Residential
21304 60 th Avenue West		X
23504 52 nd Avenue West		X

Investigations	Assigned / Week	Closed / Week	Assigned YTD	Closed YTD
Cases (Including DV)	12	3	51	51

Vehicle Thefts/Recoveries/Prowls

- 4424 212th Street SW Stolen Vehicle
- 4300 225th Street SW Stolen Vehicle
- 4201 236th Street SW Stolen Vehicle
- 6009 244th Street SW Vehicle Prowl
- 4424 212th Street SW Stolen Vehicle Recovery
- 4426 212th Street SW Stolen Vehicle Recovery

Significant Incidents:

- On February 18 at 6:30 a.m. a suspect wanted for harassment, stalking, and making threats against officers was taken into custody. The suspect wanted to report a harassment and was informed that he needed to come to the police station. He was taken into custody without incident. The fifty-three-year-old was booked into Snohomish County Jail.
- On February 12 at approximately 3:00 a.m. in the 21800 block of 66th Avenue West, Mountlake Terrace units, along with several units from surrounding agencies, responded to a female reporting a court order violation and assault. The female was screaming into the phone for help. A struggle for the phone was heard by SnoCom, and a male subject could be heard telling the female to shut up. Officers made contact with the victim who had been assaulted by the suspect. She indicated the suspect left on foot. The residence was cleared and a K-9 track was conducted with negative results. A short time later a Mountlake Terrace Police Officer followed up at the location and was unable to make contact with the victim, even though the lights turned on and off in the residence. That same officer made contact with the victim by phone, who indicated to him she was in Seattle at her sister's residence. He thought she sounded under duress. A GPS ping of her phone indicated she was at her residence. The officers obtained a key and made entry into the residence where they found the victim and her two children who had been hiding upstairs. The suspect was located by K-9 hiding in a downstairs closet and taken into custody. He had somehow managed to sneak back into the building and enter her apartment after the officers' initial contact with her.
- On February 15 shortly after midnight, officers responded to a residence in the 4200 block of 236th Street SW following a report that a 20-year-old Mountlake Terrace resident was suicidal and had cut his throat. Entry to the apartment was met with resistance, and the occupant forced the door closed and barricaded it. The occupant was ultimately taken to Swedish Hospital for a mental evaluation. The suspect was later released and officers were

dispatched back to the residence for a suspicious circumstance. Staff of the complex stated the same subject broke a window. While investigating, officers contacted the subject's girlfriend who had sustained facial trauma and stated the subject had assaulted her. The subject was again located and taken into custody without incident. He was subsequently booked for various charges at the Snohomish County Jail.

- Following the apprehensive of a subject during an attempted burglary, a Mountlake Terrace detective identified two additional burglaries the same subject committed recently and obtained an investigation. The detective is in the process of investigating other similar crimes and associates of the subject to try and identify leads for these crimes.
- Following a reported robbery earlier this year where the victim was stabbed by a suspect, a Mountlake Terrace detective identified the involved persons and found the event was motivated by drugs, contrary to the victim's report.

Code Enforcement Property of the Week:

- On September 13 Code Enforcement received an anonymous complaint regarding a junk vehicle and debris located near the 5009 block of 221st St SW. Code Enforcement inspected the property and observed a junk vehicle with an expired license, and miscellaneous debris stored outside. Code Enforcement issued a Notice of Violation in accordance with 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), 8.15.050.B.2 (motor vehicle's belonging to a person other than a resident may not be stored on a property outside a fully enclosed structure), and 8.15.040.I (debris and trash accumulations consisting of broken or neglected items, litter, salvage materials, and junk not in an approved enclosed structure are prohibited). Code Enforcement followed up on October 10 and noted the debris had been removed, but the junk vehicle continued to have an expired license. Code Enforcement issued a Failure to Comply Notice. On January 23, the property was inspected and the junk vehicle had been removed from the property.



NEWS RELEASES

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

- Council Approves New City Manager Contract
- High Visibility Leads to Low Crime Rates
- Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission Report to Council
- Community Policing Advisory Board Presents Work Plan to Council

Sincerely,

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City of Mountlake Terrace