CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

July 18, 2014

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 regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 21, 2014 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) Approval of 2014-2015 Interlocal Agreement for Snohomish Regional Drug and Gang Task Force (SRDTF) (tentative), 2) Approval of 2014-2015 Interlocal Agreement for the Northwest Washington Incident Management Team (IMT) (tentative), 3) Approval of Interlocal Agreement Amendment Allowing the Town of Woodway to Join the Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 8 Salmon Recovery Council.

The City Council's next work/study session is scheduled for Thursday, July 31, 2014 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 Comprehensive Plan Land Use Chapter Update, 2) Second Quarter Police Department Report, 3) Review of Utility Rates and Connection Fees Ordinance.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- **Lakeview Trail Open House:** The design for the Lakeview Trail project is nearing completion. An Open House will be held on Wednesday, July 30, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Lake Ballinger Community Center, 23000 Lakeview Drive. There will be a short presentation at 7:00 p.m.

- **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 as follows:
  - Wednesday, August 13, 2014 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Jungle Room

- **Main Street Open House:** Save the date, Thursday, August 21, for an open house for the community to learn more and provide input on the Main Street Revitalization Project. The venue is Mountlake Terrace Library from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The Main Street Project will design roadway reconstruction and street, pedestrian, and bicycle enhancements along with improvements to utilities, street lighting and signals, stormwater systems, and undergrounding of overhead power along 56th Avenue (236th Street north to 230th Street), and 232nd and 234th Streets, as well as along 236th Street from 56th Avenue to the Transit Station.
Some of the project benefits include 1) Creation of 1,400 new long-term jobs and 188 project related jobs; 2) Establishing a transit-oriented community with enhanced connections to the new Transit Center, with regional light rail service within the next 9 years; 3) Providing better access to transportation choices while improving connectivity to regional and local job centers; 4) Improving area traffic flow, reducing congestion, and enhancing pedestrian and bicycle use; 5) Encouraging healthy and active lifestyles in a walkable urban setting; and 6) Improving the economic competitiveness of the project area, its residents, and the region.

- **2014 “Arts of the Terrace” Call for Artists:** Mountlake Terrace Arts Advisory Commission is seeking paintings, prints, drawings, miniatures, calligraphy, photographs, 3-Dimensional and Artisans’ works for its 36th Annual Juried Art Show. Over $4,000 in prize money is available. “Arts of the Terrace” is held September 27 – October 5, 2014. Deadline for entries is August 30. To enter or to view the prospectus online, go to [www.cityofmlt.com](http://www.cityofmlt.com) and on the home page under “most requested services” click on “Arts of the Terrace”.

**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES**

- **Townhome project in Town Center nears completion:** Twelve new townhomes in the Town Center are nearly complete. The residences, located on 55th Ave W between 234th and 236th Street SW, have been built on two single family lots combined into a single lot. The development consists of five structures, consisting of 2 or 3 townhomes each, garages and served by a shared driveway. A pedestrian environment is provided along the street frontage. The appeal of home ownership with a minimum of yard maintenance, allowed through the Fee Simple Unit Lot Subdivision process, is strong based on the positive reception townhomes have experienced in the Town Center and elsewhere in the City, to date (234th Townhomes (6 plus one apartment), Hall Lake (8), Monterra (53), and Abbey Court (6). The townhomes are 2 to 4 bedrooms, units range in size from 1421 to 1747 square feet in size, and range in price from $279,960 to $329,960. Seven of the townhomes are already listed for sale; 3 units have pending sales.

- **Light Rail coming to Tour de Terrace, July 26-27:** Sound Transit will host a booth at this year’s Tour de Terrace where the community can learn more about the preferred Lynnwood Link Light Rail Extension route and station locations between Northgate Mall and Lynnwood Transit Center. In Mountlake Terrace, the proposed route is elevated from 244th Street SW (King/Snohomish County line) to 228th with a station at 236th, the Transit Center.

**ENGINEERING SERVICES UPDATES**

- **Puget Sound Energy (PSE) Natural Gas Main:** The PSE gas main extension project on 56th Avenue W is complete with the exception of the final pavement overlay. Construction of the final pavement overlay on 56th Avenue W is scheduled for the summer/fall of 2014, with the work beginning at 244th Street W and continuing north.

- **228th/Cedar Way Overlay and Rechannelization Project:** This project is nearly complete. It has restored the roadway pavement and re-channeled 228th Street SW from 39th to 44th Avenues West and Cedar Way from 227th to 232nd Streets SW. Work included pavement milling, pavement repairs, and asphalt overlay. In selected areas, the roadway was widened by relocating the curb and sidewalk. New channelization provides bike lanes on 228th and on 44th/Cedar Way. Other work included minor upgrades to drainage facilities,
adding or upgrading curb ramps, and traffic signal modifications at 228th and 44th. Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) have been installed at 229th Place and 44th and at 228th and 42nd Place.

- **Vineyard Park**: 231st Street SW is closed between the west driveway into Roger’s Market and 57th Avenue W. Alternate routes are 230th Street SW and 232nd Street SW. The franchise utility undergrounding work along the property frontage has begun. This requires a road closure on 231st Street SW by 56th Avenue W for approximately three days. This is scheduled for the week of July 21.

- **McAleer Creek Culvert Replacement**: This project will reduce the occurrences of high water levels in Lake Ballinger by increasing the hydraulic capacity of McAleer Creek between the lake and Interstate 5. The construction will replace three existing culverts along the creek with three new bridges, and includes streambed restoration and streambank plantings. Removal of the culvert nearest to Lake Ballinger and construction of the replacement bridge was completed last fall. The two remaining bridges will be installed in August. Work is expected to be completed in October 2014.

- **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 over 80% of the construction costs. The city is currently preparing and reviewing the design plans in anticipation of advertising the project this fall. An open house will be held July 30.

- **Main Street Reconstruction Project**: As part of the environmental documentation for the Main Street Reconstruction project, geotechnical information needs to be gathered to characterize soil and groundwater conditions. This will be done through soil borings in thirteen areas throughout the project limits, asphalt cores, and non-destructive pavement testing. All borings will take place in existing city right-of-way and will not be on private property. This may result in lane closures, no detours. There will be flaggers to direct traffic during the work as necessary. Work in the intersections will have traffic control provided by a uniformed police officer. This work has begun and will be completed the week of July 21.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

- **Edmonds Wastewater Treatment Plant Meeting**: Public Works staff attended an oversight committee meeting on July 17 at the Edmonds Wastewater Treatment Plant to discuss the operations and funding of the facility. Mountlake Terrace is one of several agencies, which have ownership in the facility, and participates in quarterly meetings to monitor performance and funding.

**RECREATION UPDATE**

- **Pre-Registration for Daily Swimming Lessons** for the third session took place Wednesday, July 16 along with Mountlake Terrace registration. Registration opened at midnight online.
July 17 was open registration from 8:00 am-8:00 pm at the Pavilion. Session #3 will run from July 21 to August 1, Monday through Friday.

- **Pre-Registration for Afternoon and Evening swimming lessons** that meet either Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday is Monday, July 21 and Tuesday, July 22. Mountlake Terrace registration is Wednesday, July 23 and open registration is Thursday, July 24. The second session for Monday/Wednesday will run from July 28-August 27, and Tuesday/Thursday will run July 29-August 28.

- **The Mountlake Terrace Marlins** first home swim meet was Friday, July 18 at 4:15 p.m. against the Snohomish County/McCollom Frogs.

- **Recreation Pavilion Spotlight:** This month’s Recreation Pavilion spotlight will feature the Mountlake Terrace Senior Center, July 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- **Fall Preschool and Childcare Registration:** Registration for Fall Preschool, Kindergarten Readiness Junior Kids Krew childcare and Kids Krew before and after school care is underway. Programs for 3-5 year olds include Preschool M/W/F or T/Th 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and full day Junior Kids Krew childcare. Kids Krew before and after school care is offered at Mountlake Terrace Elementary, the Recreation Pavilion and Madrona School. Stop by the Pavilion to pick up a registration packet or request one by email at rnorton@ci.mlt.wa.us.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

*(July 9 – July 15, 2014)*

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Vehicle Thefts/Recoveries/Prowls

- 21700 50th Place W Theft from Vehicle
- 4300 222nd Street SW Vehicle Theft
- 23100 57th Ave. W Stolen Vehicle Recovery
- 5900 244th Street SW Stolen Vehicle Recovery

Significant Incidents:
No significant incidences reported.

Detective Unit Update:
- After Mountlake Terrace Patrol Officers arrested a fraud suspect, and with the information they obtained from that same suspect, the Mountlake Terrace Police Detectives were able to identify and charge another suspect with Forgery. The second Forgery suspect had cashed a similar check the previous day.

Other items of interest:
- The Police Department is continuing to prepare for Tour de Terrace, which is scheduled for July 25-27, 2014, and National Night Out, which is scheduled for August 5, 2014.

Code Enforcement Property of the Week:
On July 15, 2014, Mountlake Terrace Code Enforcement observed nuisance code violations at a property located in the 22900 block of 54th Avenue West. Observed in the driveway of the property was a vehicle that appeared to be inoperable and unused for an extended period of time. The vehicle had an expired license, was covered in dirt and moss and was partially covered with a tarp. This is a violation 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 8.15.050C-all stored vehicles must be maintained in a clean and safe manner. A code violations case was opened for the listed violations and notice sent to the property owner. A follow up inspection will be performed on July 30, 2014.

NEWS RELEASES
The following news releases issued this week can be found here:

- Tour de Terrace Parade Friday, July 25
Karen Leonard Silk Painting Exhibit August 1
Tour de Terrace Festival Begins Friday, July 25
Town Center Plan Map Amendment Under Consideration

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- July 25 to July 27, Tour de Terrace, Evergreen Playfield Complex
- July 30, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Lakeview Trail Open House, Lake Ballinger Community Center 23000 Lakeview Drive. Presentation at 7:00 p.m.
- August 5, 6:00 p.m., National Night Out Against Crime, Evergreen Playfield Complex
- August 21, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Main Street Open House, Mountlake Terrace Library
- September 13, 9:00 a.m., National Day of Service -- Park Cleanup Day
- September 17, 6:30 p.m., 6th Annual Evergreen Award Program, Ballinger Clubhouse
- September 27 to October 5, the 36th Annual Arts of the Terrace, Mountlake Terrace Library
- December 5, 6:30 p.m., Tree Lighting Ceremony, Evergreen Playfield Complex

Sincerely,

ARLENE FISHER
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City of Mountlake Terrace