CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

March 21, 2014

Members of the City Council
City of Mountlake Terrace, Washington

Dear Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and Council Members:

COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Council's next work/study session is scheduled for Thursday, April 3, 2014 beginning at 7:00 PM in the interim City Hall Council Chambers located at 6100 219th Street SW, Suite 220. City Council agenda items will be: 1) F/T Zoning Code Update; 2) Review 2014 Tour de Terrace Agreement; and 3) Fourth Quarter 2013 Financial Report and Performance Measures.

City Council's next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 7, 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) Public Hearing and Adoption of F/T Zoning Code Ordinance; 2) Approval of 2014 Tour de Terrace Agreement; 3) Eagle Scout Recognition – Aaron Cox (for improvements at Bicentennial Park).

COMMUNITY MEETINGS, EVENTS & VOLUNTEER EVENTS

- MLT Senior Center Open House: Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 27, as the MLT Senior Center at Ballinger Park (23000 Lakeview Drive) is open to the public to tour and check out all the improvements. The organization received a $60,000 capital grant from Verdant Health Commission and they’ve made tremendous upgrades to the facility. Many makeovers have taken place in the kitchen, banquet room, and bathrooms. There’s a new dining area, media room, founders room and reception desk in the entrance hallway. The open house begins at 3:00 p.m. and a special ribbon-cutting event will take place later. Congratulations to the MLT Seniors for a job well done! [http://www.mltseniorcenter.net/](http://www.mltseniorcenter.net/)

- 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:
  - Tuesday, April 8, 2014 from 6:00 to 7:00 PM in the Center Court

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

- Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC): PSRC’s Regional Staff Committee, which includes CED Director Shane Hope, met March 20 on the following key topics:
  - PSRC budget update and work program (FY 2014-15)
  - Household travel survey (a survey that will be going out to a random sample of households in the central Puget Sound region about the daily travel routine)
• **Economic Development Outreach:** The City’s Economic Development Director Dave Baron attended several key regional meetings this week, namely:
  o NAIOP meeting with presentations from three university teams on urban infill
  o Economic development practitioners meeting for the greater Seattle area, focusing on the latest economic development news
  o Economic forecast presentations (at the Economic Alliance of Snohomish County), which generally indicated an expectation of low to moderate growth, with our region doing better than the national average

• **Planning Commission:** On March 24, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on a minor update to the Freeway/Tourist District zoning code. (The update will be considered by the City Council in early April.) Other items to be considered at the meeting include the 2013 Community Satisfaction Survey, more housing information, and a draft update to the Comprehensive Plan’s housing chapter.

• **Sound Transit Lynnwood Link Soil Testing:** Sound Transit will begin a soil exploration program to support the design efforts for the Sound Transit Lynnwood Link Extension project. The work plan applies to soil borings located within the City of Mountlake Terrace right-of-way adjacent to the I-5 corridor, as well as soil borings in the WSDOT right-of-way. The work is scheduled to begin after March 31, 2014.

**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 is scheduled for the summer of 2014.

• **228th/Cedar Way Overlay and Rechannelization Project:** Work continues on the 228th/Cedar Way Overlay and Rechannelization Project. This project will restore the roadway pavement and re-channel 228th Street SW from 39th to 44th Avenues West and Cedar Way from 227th to 232nd Streets SW. Work includes pavement milling, pavement repairs, and asphalt overlay. In selected areas, the roadway will be widened by relocating the curb and sidewalk. New channelization will provide bike lanes on 228th and on 44th/Cedar Way. Other work includes minor upgrades to drainage facilities, adding or upgrading curb ramps, and traffic signal modifications at 228th and 44th. Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) will be installed at 229th Place & 44th and at 228th & 42nd Place. For the week of March 24, expect lane closures and delays, but no detours. This includes nighttime lane closures. If there is work in the 228th/44th intersection this week, there will be an officer directing traffic during that time. At Cedar Plaza, the north entrance (on 228th Street SW) to the QFC parking lot has been reopened after last week’s closure.

• **Town Center Stormwater Detention Vault Project:** Construction continues on the Town Center Stormwater Facility project that will build a regional stormwater infiltration facility under the parking lot next to the Mountlake Terrace Library and Veterans Memorial Park (232nd Street
SW & 58th Avenue W). The Library is open regular hours during construction. The stockpile of native material is being moved to the service road behind the Recreation Pavilion. The contractor will utilize the planned haul route of 58th Ave W, 220th Street SW, and 52nd Ave W. No construction traffic will take place in front of the Recreation Pavilion or Terrace Park Elementary.

- **Decant Facility:** Construction continues on the decant facility at the Public Works Operations Center. The decant facility will be used to settle wet sediments collected during maintenance activities for the water, sewer, and stormwater utility systems. The decanted water is then discharged to the sanitary sewer for treatment at a wastewater treatment plant. The sediments are reused or sent to a landfill, if contaminated. The decant facility improvements include the decant basins, a three-sided metal building, outside material storage areas and site paving. It will be constructed west of the City’s Operations Facility on 215th Street SW. A punch list has been prepared and the contractor is completing final site work.

**RECREATION UPDATES**

- **Pavilion Spotlights**-This Saturday, March 22 from 9am – 2pm, “Spotlight your Organization” at the Recreation Pavilion will feature the Emergency Services Coordinating Agency (ESCA). ESCA was created by an interlocal agreement between participating cities in 1984. The agency currently serves the cities of Brier, Edmonds, Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, Lynnwood, Mill Creek, Mountlake Terrace, Mukilteo, Woodinville and Woodway. ESCA serves as the emergency management agency for each of its member cities. Representatives will be on hand to discuss emergency management for households.

- **Recreation Pavilion Emergency Preparedness**-Recreation and Parks Youth Programs are continuing efforts to prepare all sites with emergency care supplies. Following the guidelines of the Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management; food, water, and other supplies are being collected to make sure that all sites are able to care for children for up to 3 days if needed. In the event of a natural or significant disaster, supplying a “shelter in place” area is required by the state and a comfort for parents who want to know that their children are safe. All policies, procedures and supplies are reviewed on a quarterly basis to ensure that the City’s licensed childcare programs are equipped and prepared for a variety of extenuating circumstances.

- **Fall Childcare and Early Learning Registration**-Registration for fall youth programs will begin on Monday, March 24. Programs include Preschool, Kindergarten Readiness, Junior Kids Krew and Before and After school care for three sites. These programs are in very high demand and early registration is recommended. Contact the Pavilion for more information at (425)776-9173.

- **Dance/Fitness Spring Classes**-The Dance and Fitness Programs at the Recreation Pavilion are starting their Spring Quarter classes March 24. We are excited to announce the launch of our Kid’s Zumba program! Little ones ages 4-6 are invited to shake and move to the music on Saturdays at 9am and ages 7-11 have the opportunity to let it all out on Thursdays at 5:30 pm. Parents, this is a great way for your kids to have fun, improve coordination and fitness. Other classes starting a new session are: Parent – Toddler Creative Dance, Creative Dance ages 3-5, and Creative Pre-Ballet ages 4-6. For adults we offer: Yoga, Tai Chi, Hawaiian Hula, Egyptian Belly Dance, East Coast Swing, Conditioning, Zumba, Ballet and Tap
classes. To register call the Pavilion (425)776-9173 or for more information contact Chloe at (425) 640-3107 or cdavenport@ci.mlt.wa.us.

- **Health and Safety Fair Update**-The Recreation Pavilion will be hosting a Health and Safety fair April 9 and 10 in conjunction will April Pools Day. The fair will be held from 9am-2pm in the Pavilion lobby and will include vendors such as Ace Corrective Chiropractic, American Red Cross, Fire District 1, Mountlake Terrace Police, Swedish/Edmonds, Verdant Health Commission and Sight Connections. The public is welcome to stop by to pick up important tips, information, prizes and give-a-ways.

- **Non School Day at the Pavilion**: Recreation and Parks Youth Programs offered extended hours at all Kids Krew sites on both Wednesday, March 19 and Thursday, March 20 for families needing care for Edmonds School District early release days. In addition, the Recreation Pavilion was open for non-school day care on Friday March 21. All sites/days were either full or almost at capacity. Children were able to enjoy gym games and relays, arts and crafts, homework help, snacks and time outside. Swim time was offered on Friday as well!

**PARK SERVICES & PROPERTY MANAGEMENT UPDATES**

- The Neighborhood Park Improvement Subcommittee (NPIS) is scheduled to meet next week to discuss park amenity possibilities at Firefighters Memorial Park and Matt Hirvela\Bicentennial Park. Suggested amenities include play equipment installations and lighting the memorial at Firefighters Memorial Park as well as a picnic shelter and lighting at Matt Hirvela Bicentennial Park. The funding for these projects was provided by a grant through Snohomish County.

**VOLUNTEER PROJECTS**

- **Eagle Candidate Aaron Cox is scheduled to receive City Council recognition** at the April 7, Council meeting. Aaron completed his Eagle project in the Mountlake Terrace Park system and his project consisted of designing and building a mount for a memorial to Matt Hirvela at the Matt Hirvela\Bicentennial Park as well as installing a bench and concrete pad. The plaque for the memorial is being created by the NPIS.

- **Eagle Candidate Ryan Clemens received approval for his Eagle project** by the Mount Baker Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Ryan’s project includes the relocation and installation a new flagpole at Matt Hirvela\Bicentennial Park. His intention is to install a taller flagpole in the area where new lighting is being considered at the park.

- **The RPAC has determined the dates for the Park Clean-Up Volunteer efforts for 2014.** A spring cleanup is scheduled for April 26, 2014 in conjunction with Earth Day. The location for the spring cleanup is at the Evergreen Playfield Complex (22205 56th Ave W). Work to be completed will include general clean up, brush and debris removal, and painting of buildings and benches (weather permitting). In the fall, a cleanup will be scheduled for September 13, in conjunction with the National Day of Service. Locations and projects are to be determined.
POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

(March 12th, 2014 thru March 18th, 2014)

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Vehicle Thefts/Recoveries/Prowls

- 21501 48th Avenue West  Vehicle Theft
- 21309 52nd Avenue West  Vehicle Theft
- 5605 239th Street SW  Vehicle Theft
- 21500 48th Avenue West  Stolen Vehicle Recovery
- 1800 Block NE 205th Street, Shoreline  Stolen Vehicle Recovery
- 22600 46th Avenue West  Stolen Vehicle Recovery
- 23601 56th Avenue West  Theft From Vehicle (2)

Significant Incidents:

- On 03-12-2014 at 0830 hrs, the Principal at Mountlake Terrace High School reported a case of malicious mischief that occurred between 03-11-2014 and 03-12-2014. A student reported on 03-12-2014 that inside one of the bathroom stalls in the men’s restroom the words “I will blow up the school” were scratched into the paint. This student uses this stall everyday and did not see the graffiti on 03-11-2014. The school administrators decided to conduct a security sweep for unusual objects or bags and notify police if
anything was found. The school was not evacuated or placed on lockdown. There was no suspect information.

- On 03-13-2014 at 0547 and 0644, Mountlake Terrace Police Officers responded to the 21400 block of 52nd Avenue West for two separate disturbances about an hour apart. During the second incident, a subject barged his way into an apartment with a pistol. He pointed the pistol at the three occupants and assaulted one of them. As the suspect was leaving the apartment, he discharged the pistol into the air. The suspect was soon contacted in a nearby apartment within the same complex and taken into custody. The pistol was later located in a closet of an apartment within the same complex. The subject was booked for Assault 1 and Felon in Possession of a Firearm. Additional investigation is pending.

- On 03-17-2014 at 2259, Mountlake Terrace patrols responded to the area of 50th and 212th for a report of a physical domestic. A male subject assaulted his mother, smashed out a window of her vehicle with his fist then fled on foot. Using a multi agency response including K9, the subject was eventually located and taken into custody. Suspect had injuries to his hand from punching a car window. He was treated at Swedish ER then booked into the Snohomish County Jail.

- On 03-18-2014 at 1307, Mountlake Terrace and Lynnwood Police units responded to Goodies convenience store in the 4800 block of 212th Street SW for a robbery that just occurred. The suspect was described as a 40-year-old white male who jumped into the passenger side of a blue Ford Escort and fled S/B 48th Ave West. The clerk said there was no weapon seen or implied. The suspect simply stated, “This is a robbery.” The suspect pushed the clerk aside and helped himself to the cash. An area check was completed. The suspect(s) was not located. The case was referred to Detectives for follow-up.

**Detective Unit Update:**

- Juvenile female disclosed two sexual assaults. The suspect has not been identified. Additional investigation is pending.

- Adult female resident of a Mountlake Terrace Apartments Complex reported being sexually assaulted by unknown suspect. Additional investigation is pending.

- Burglary/several vehicle prowls at Arbor Village. The suspect stole a computer from the lobby and attempted to take a television from the weight room. Prowled vehicles in garage and subsequently used a credit card. Additional investigation is pending.

**Other items of interest:**
The New World Records and Dispatch Program will have an informational meeting on 03-24-2014 at the Edmonds Police Department. During this meeting, a more detailed training schedule and outline for 2014 will be provided.

**Code Enforcement Property of the Week:**
On 3/4/2014, Patrol was initially dispatched to two run down RV’s parked on what was initially thought to be public right of way. This call was referred to CE who determined both RV’s were parked on commercial property located near the 6200 block of 215th St SW without the property owner’s knowledge or permission. CE fielded numerous complaints from the public regarding these two vehicles visible from the public street. CE issued a Notice of Violation to the property owner(s) and company leasing the property 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, and 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. CE received an immediate response from the company leasing the property. They were admonished that inoperable vehicles must be made operational, properly licensed, or stored in an approved enclosed structure, and all motor vehicles belonging to persons other than a property resident may not be stored on a property outside a fully enclosed structure. The owners of both RV’s were provided a 24-hour notice to remove the vehicles or they would be privately impounded and towed by the property owner. Both vehicles were removed within 24 hours.

Respectfully,

Officer R. Jenkins #336

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**NEWS RELEASES**

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

- The Michael Wewer Photography Exhibit Opens April 1
- Update for Freeway/Tourist Zoning to be Discussed
- Development Activities Report Shows Growth

Sincerely,

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City of Mountlake Terrace