

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

May 23, 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 work/study session scheduled for Thursday, May 29, 2014 is CANCELLED.**

The City Council's next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 2, 2014 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the interim City Hall Council Chambers located at 6100 219<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Suite 220. City Council agenda items include: 1) Update on Solid Waste Management Negotiations; 2) Adoption of 2014-2016 City Council Goals.

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- **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 228<sup>th</sup> Street SW as follows:
  - Wednesday, June 11, 2014 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Jungle Room
- **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 & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

- **Diamond Knot Brew Pub Signage:** Diamond Knot has submitted building permits to add signs on their building and on the silo. They also have WSDOT approval for a food destination sign on I-5.
- **Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA) questionnaire:** CED staff is preparing responses, with assistance from other departments. The focus this year is on land use. Their intent is to assist cities to be in compliance with state law, avoid challenges to city codes and prevent litigation. This involves a lot of work researching code citations and code language to inform WCIA what the status is of our regulations relative to a variety of issues, such as;

decision making authority, review procedures, nexus, environmental protection, moral nuisances, enforcement and prosecution of code violations or infractions, etc.

- **Terrace at Park West:** Plats Plus purchased Terrace at Park West and will build 27 townhomes. Terrace at Park West is located on the east side of 48<sup>th</sup> Ave W in the 21300 block, just north of Terrace Heights Apartments. These will be fee simple ownership homes accessed by a looped roadway through Park West Condominiums (21301 48<sup>th</sup> Ave W). The builder, Plats Plus, constructed the 53-unit townhomes on the west side of 48<sup>th</sup>, across the street from this project.
- **Public Works Board (PWB) funding:** Staff submitted the city's application for PWB funding for the Main Street Project. The PWB funding is a low-interest loan for infrastructural improvements and is highly competitive. The city has requested \$5.4 million from PWB.

### **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/fall 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. The paving work is complete. For the week of May 26, signage and signal work will be performed. This may result in lane closures, no detours. There will be flaggers to direct traffic during the work as necessary. Normal work hours are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- **Town Center Stormwater Detention Vault Project:** Construction is finishing up 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 parking lot is now open. A portion of the sidewalk along 58<sup>th</sup> Ave W will be closed as the temporary parking lot access is closed and new sidewalk installed. A final walkthrough will take place this week and some minor site cleanup will occur through the end of May.
- **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.

- **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 on the Nile Property. The construction will replace three existing culverts along the creek with three new bridges, and includes streambed restoration and stream bank plantings. Removal of the culvert nearest to Lake Ballinger and construction of the replacement bridge was completed in September 2013. Culvert removal and bridge construction at the two remaining locations will begin this summer.

## RECREATION UPDATE

- **Memorial Day Weekend Special Schedule:** There are no swimming lessons scheduled on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Friday will be all drop-in swimming and fitness classes with a \$3 Recreation Swim from 4:30-6 p.m., with the pool closing at 6:30pm. Saturday, the pool will have a late opening at 8:30 a.m. moving the Deep Water Fitness Class to 8:35 - 9:35 a.m. The remainder of the day will be Leisure Pool/ River swims or Recreation Swims. Sunday will open at 8:30 a.m. as usual with Leisure Pool Swims and Recreation Swims during the day. The facility will close at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The Schedule is online <http://www.cityofmlt.com/cityServices/recreation/indoorPool/pdfswimsched/2014%20Memorial%20Day%20Special%20Sched.pdf> and in the Recreation Pavilion Lobby. For more information, call (425) 776-9173.
- **Aqua Kids Camp:** Registration is still available for Aqua Kids Camp, a camp for children ages 4-7 that runs Monday through Friday throughout the summer. Each week this camp will offer a different theme. Campers will spend time in our Leisure Pool, make crafts, play games, and learn boating safety. On Friday, the camp will meet at Lake Ballinger for canoeing and a barbecue. No swimming ability is required, however participants must enjoy being in the water. To register or for more information call (425) 776-9173.
- **Lifeguard Training Course:** We are offering an American Red Cross Lifeguard Training course the week of June 16-20, Monday through Friday from 3:00-8:30 p.m. In this course, participants will learn how to prevent and respond to aquatic emergencies in a swimming pool. The class includes victim recognition, surveillance, and equipment based rescues. Participants must be 15 years of age and must pass the swimming skills pre-test. This course includes the certifications in lifeguarding, and First Aid and CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer. Participants must attend all sessions, pass two written exams and all water skills sessions. Course fees for MLT residents are \$216 and \$228 for non-residents. To register or for more information call (425) 776-9173.
- **Wi-Fi at the Pavilion:** The Recreation Pavilion is being wired for Comcast service this week. This will allow us to offer wireless access to the internet to customers at the Recreation Pavilion. More information will be forthcoming when the project is complete. This service is becoming standard for public facilities around the nation and is just one more way we can make customers more comfortable and connected to their work and home.
- **Software Symposium:** Next Wednesday and Thursday, Recreation staff will travel to Tukwila to participate in the software symposium put on by the Washington Recreation and Parks Association. This symposium will have multiple recreation software vendors in attendance presenting and giving demonstrations. Many local cities are looking at the future

of recreation registration, programming and facility booking and ways to approach services to the community.

- **Early Achievers for Preschool:** Recreation staff met with Early Achievers staff for further training on this state program on May 16. The trainer expressed her pleasure in where our programs were at in the process of qualifying and that she would soon come out to rate our programs. This program allows us to apply for funding for program supplies, furniture and equipment, etc.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

*(May 14 - May 20, 2014)*

Agency Assists	Brier	Edmonds	Lynnwood
Year to Date	24	22	12
Week	1	0	0

Patrol Statistics	Week	Year to date
Police Reports	81	1318
Arrests / Misd. / Felony	27	389
Traffic Infractions	57	1705
Verbal Warnings	58	1561
Traffic Collisions	4	101
DUI's	0	17
FIR'S	25	445

Burglaries	Commercial	Residential
22100 42 <sup>nd</sup> Ave W		X
21200 58 <sup>th</sup> Ave W		X
21300 60 <sup>th</sup> Ave W		X

Investigations	Assigned / Week	Closed / Week	Assigned YTD	Closed YTD
Cases (Including DV)	10	4	142	108

**Vehicle Thefts/Recoveries/Prowls**

- 5500 240<sup>th</sup> St SW Stolen Vehicle Recovery
- 22800 Lakeview Dr Stolen Vehicle Recovery
- 21500 48<sup>th</sup> Ave W (x2) Theft from Vehicle
- 4700 216<sup>th</sup> St SW Theft from Vehicle
- 21800 56<sup>th</sup> Ave W Theft from Vehicle
- 21600 49<sup>th</sup> Pl W Vehicle Prowl
- 4300 236<sup>th</sup> St SW (x2) Vehicle Prowl
- 21200 58<sup>th</sup> Ave W Vehicle Theft
- 4300 236<sup>th</sup> St SW Vehicle Theft
- 22800 Lakeview Dr Vehicle Theft

### **Significant Incidents:**

- On 05-18-2014 at 1:34 a.m., a Mountlake Terrace Patrol Officer doing routine patrol noticed smoke billowing from a building in the 21700 block of Highway 99. Fire units were called and responded to a fire that had started in a business within that building. The fire was quickly extinguished and the Fire Marshal responded to the scene to begin an investigation.
- On 05-20-2014 at 4:00 p.m., Mountlake Terrace Patrol Officers responded to the Studio Six Motel for an assault report. A female subject was reporting her ex-boyfriend / “pimp” as acting weird and asking to use the bathroom in a room that she had rented. After the male was finished, he asked the female for sex and she declined. The male became enraged, assaulted the female by scratching her. He then grabbed the female’s purse that she had slung over her shoulder, pulled it from her using force, and fled the scene with it. The victim claimed that the purse contained several hundred dollars. The male was identified but not located.

### **Detective Unit Update:**

- Burglary/Auto Theft case...A detective is working with officers from the King County Sheriff’s Department on our case involving a burglary and the theft of a vehicle. KCSO located our stolen vehicle, pursued the car and eventually arrested the driver. The victims of the burglary/auto theft case were able to pick the suspect out of a montage as someone they had seen “hanging” around their home. A potential burglary charge is now pending.

### **Other items of interest:**

- Chief Wilson attended the WASPC Conference this week in Spokane.
- The Police Department is preparing for Tour de Terrace, which is scheduled for July 25-27, 2014.

### **Code Enforcement Property of the Week:**

On May 14, Code Enforcement became aware of a property located in the 23300 block of 55<sup>th</sup> Ave W having code violations. Observed in the front of the property was tall grass and weeds, extending well beyond the allowed height of 12 inches. 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). A code violations case was generated and notice sent to the property owner. A follow up inspection will be performed on May 28.



## **NEWS RELEASES**

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

- Evergreen Awards Nominations Deadline May 23
- MLT Recreation Pavilion Lifeguard Demonstration/Exhibition June 6
- Comprehensive Plan Applications Due June 30

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- May 27, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m., Lake Ballinger Watershed Forum, Edmonds City Hall
- June 17 - 20, AWC 's Annual Conference, Spokane
- July 25 to July 27, Tour de Terrace, Evergreen Playfield Complex
- August 5, 6:00 p.m., National Night Out Against Crime, Evergreen Playfield Complex
- September 13, 9:00 a.m., National Day of Service -- Park Cleanup Day,
- September 17, 6:30 p.m., 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Evergreen Award Program, Ballinger Clubhouse
- September 27 to October 5, the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts of the Terrace, Mountlake Terrace Library
- December 5, 6:30 p.m., Tree Lighting Ceremony, Evergreen Playfield Complex

Sincerely,

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