

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

September 27, 2019

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The City Council's next meeting is a Work/Study Session on **Thursday, October 3, 2019 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) Introduction of Snohomish Health District Interim Management; (2) Review of WSDOT Contract for Main Street Review; (3) Review of Six-Year Financial Forecast; (4) Review of Financial Policies; (5) Review of 2019-2020 Mid-Biennial Budget Modifications; and (6) Review of Franchise Transfer from Frontier to NW Fiber (Tentative).

The City Council's next regular meeting is on **Monday, October 7, 2019 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) Recognition of Girl Scout Troop 44253; (2) Cancellation of November 28 Work/Study Session; (3) Approval of WSDOT Contract for Main Street Review; (4) Adoption of 2019 Budget Amendments Ordinance; (5) Consideration and Approval of Fiber Transfer from Frontier to NW Fiber (Tentative); and (6) Quarterly Discussion and Update of City Council Goals.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- **41st Annual Arts of the Terrace Juried Art Show:** Sponsored by the Mountlake Terrace Arts Commission and the Friends of the Arts, the Arts of the Terrace Artists' Reception attracted over 185 artists and patrons Friday night as Friends of the Arts and the city's Arts Advisory Commission celebrated their 41st year hosting this popular regional juried art show. Located at the Mountlake Terrace Library (23300 58th Avenue W), Arts of the Terrace continues through Saturday, October 5.

This year's art entries for juried competition include works from as far away as New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Florida and Idaho, along with those from Washington State. A record 170 artists entered the Arts of the Terrace with a final selection of over 348 works making the final cut to be in the show. In addition, St. Pius 6th and 8th grade students had their self-portraits on display.

This year's "Best of Show", sponsored by the McMahan License Agency was awarded to Masako Thrower for a painting entitled "*A Moment*." Mary Schossow Schumaker received the Commissioners Choice Award for her painting, "Indy 500 Series."

Arts of the Terrace is free and open to the public through October 5, Monday through Thursday, Noon to 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.



Best of Show Winner, "A Moment" by Masako Thrower (Photo by Mark Hopkins)

- **Rain Garden Workshop:** A free informational Rain Garden Workshop will be held Saturday, September 28, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Mountlake Terrace Senior Community Center (Mickey Corso / Lake Ballinger Clubhouse) at 23000 Lakeview Drive. Come learn all about rain gardens and other techniques to make your landscape more resilient at this free workshop sponsored by the city of Mountlake Terrace. Training will be provided by the Snohomish Conservation District, and professionals will be on hand to make your ideas a reality in your own backyard. RSVP for the Rain Garden Workshop at www.mlt-rgwkshp.eventbrite.com. For questions, contact Kate Riley, Snohomish Conservation District Community Engagement Program Manager/Interim District Manager at (425) 377-7004 or kate@snohomishcd.org.
- **Coffee with the City October 9:** Join city officials for a casual conversation and a cup of coffee. Residents, business owners and others from the community are invited to 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 on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Jungle Room.

CITY CLERK AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS UPDATES

- **Evergreen Awards:** The city recognized 24 property owners at the 2019 Evergreen Awards on Wednesday, September 25. There were 14 Best Maintained Awards including Janet

Wiggin, Manny & Lori Quinteiro, Steve and Deb Seng, Bill and Heidi Weber, Jim and Becky Bowman, Kevin and Cheryl Funk, Abdul and Yasreen Azim, Harry and Judy Ma, Chris and Cory Bottman, Jeff Hixson, Pat Eckternkamp, Dick and Tami McKinley, Sharon Knudsen and Las Espuelas Family Mexican Restaurant; Best Transformation Awards were presented to Lake Ballinger Estates, Hemlock State Brewing Company, Lauren Eck and Hua Nguyen, Aaron and Danielle Malins, Andrew and Ramona McBeth, Safeway, Mike and Kelly Toohey, and Benjamin Johnson; and two Most Sustainable Awards were given to Beate Brownell and Také and Suzanne Furuyama. Thanks to these residents and businesses for taking great pride in their properties and for everyone who participated in this program.

- **City Happenings:** The October issue of the city newsletter was mailed on Friday, September 27. The lead article this month is the Hazel Miller grant in the amount of \$300,000 for a water feature at the Jerry Smith Town Center Plaza. In this issue, we have a two-page spread to update the community on city budgets and utilities and how user fees not only pay for the cost of water, pipes, and maintenance employees, but also the facilities associated with water, sewer and stormwater systems. A new webpage with educational videos about city utilities will be available at www.cityofmlt.com/2052.
- **Main Street Makeover:** Plans are underway to thank the Main Street neighborhoods for their patience during construction of the Main Street Project along 236th Street from the Transit Center to 56th Avenue. Stay tuned for more information.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

- **Town Center Plan Update:** On Thursday, September 26, the City Council adopted updates to the Town Center Plan following a community process that included over 30 meetings of a task force, the Planning Commission and City Council. The update combines the city's obligation under state law to accommodate population growth (both jobs and housing), while also locating that growth in a dense area to attract retail businesses and services that will provide the thriving town center the community has envisioned for several years.
- **City Hall & Police Station Addition:** ARC Architects and city staff continue review of drawings, specifications and contract language as the city moves closer towards issuing permits and bidding the project.
- **Premera Campus Renovation:** Premera Blue Cross has submitted a proposal to renovate the campus to replace Building 1 with a facility that provides more onsite amenities for employees and to make minor modifications to most of the four other buildings. A site development plan application was submitted June 21 and is being revised to meet filing requirements. The proposed work includes a new Building 1 with a smaller footprint, removing nearly 200 parking spaces, creating more open space, changes in circulation, and pedestrian friendly street frontage improvements on 220th Street SW and a portion of 216th.
- **New Terrace Townhomes:** A 12-lot fee simple townhome development located at 4907 216th Place SW, has submitted for their civil construction permit to construct frontage and onsite improvements.

- **Solana Townhomes** (5503 240th Street SW): Building permits for 19 townhomes in the Town Center were issued.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- **Job Opportunities:** For current job opportunities, please visit the city's website at www.cityofmlt.com/Jobs.aspx. You can also subscribe to job posting notifications to be automatically alerted of the latest career opportunities by clicking on the Notify Me® button [here](#). If you have questions about job opportunities please contact Human Resources at HRCity@ci.mlt.wa.us or (425)744-6225.

PUBLIC WORKS (ENGINEERING & OPERATIONS) UPDATES

- **Main Street Revitalization Project, 236th Street SW:** Sidewalk construction continues on the south side of 236th Street SW. Excavation and construction of retaining walls along the north side of the roadway is ongoing as well.

During weekday working hours, eastbound 236th Street SW will continue to be closed between 56th and 58th Avenues W, when brief lane shifts and lane closures with flagging may occur. Two-way travel throughout the construction area will be provided outside of daytime working hours. Flaggers will be on duty to help people through the construction zone.

Planning ahead, drivers can anticipate a significant closure of roadways for the Main Street project paving in early October, including a multi-day closure of the 56th / 236th intersection. Specific plans and schedules are currently under development between city staff, the contractor and WSDOT. Travelers should anticipate significant delays in this area and will be encouraged to minimize travel through the area at that time. The city will provide additional construction information that is up-to-date and reflects the contractor's progress as a detailed plan is finalized. Weekly travel advisories on all construction projects throughout the city are provided online at www.cityofmlt.com/208 (traffic alerts) and on the city's social media sites.

RECREATION, PARKS, AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT UPDATES

- **Dance Instructors – Jazz and Tap and Hip Hop:** Part-time Dance Recreation Specialist at the Mountlake Terrace Recreation Pavilion. Responsible for instructing dance in one or more of the following disciplines: Jazz and Hip Hop and Lyrical and Jazz or any other style deemed appropriate by the Dance Programmer. Students can range from 4 years old to adult. Details can be found online here: [Jazz and Hip Hop](#) and [Lyrical and Jazz](#)
- **Childcare Job Opportunities:** Hiring full-time benefitted Site Leader—Recreation Leader II at Mountlake Terrace Elementary before and after care as well as a part time non-benefitted Recreation Leader I after care at Madrona K-8. Visit www.cityofmlt.com or call (425) 640-3102 for more details.

- **Youth Program Availabilities:** All three Kids Krew sites have space available for before and after care. Kindergarten Readiness is full but both Tuesday/Thursday Preschool and Junior Kids Krew have limited space. Call (425) 776-9173 for more information.
- **Dance Academy:** Registration is well underway and classes are settling into a routine but there's still time to join. Creative Dance, Pre-Ballet, Ballet, Pointe, Jazz, Lyrical, Tap, Hip Hop and Irish Step are all on the schedule for the 2019-2020 season. To browse the classes for ages and times, please find the Craze at www.digitalcraze.com or you can find a hard copy at the pavilion. Dancers need to be 3.5 years old by September 1 to be eligible for Academy classes. To register you'll need to fill-out a Dance Registration Packet. These can be picked up at the front desk of the Pavilion or you can print the paperwork from our website at www.mltrec.com/435/Academy-classes and scroll to the end of the page for the pdf versions to print and bring in with your payment. Register by age first or for more placement information, please call Director Chloe Davenport (425) 640- 3107.
- **Aquatic Programs are Underway:** Swimming lessons are filled to near capacity with waitlists that staff would like to address. Many of our lifeguards and instructors have left for college leaving vacancies in our part time swim instructor and lifeguard positions. Applicants are interviewed as applications come in. Part time positions can work up to 15 hours per week; training is provided. Weekend lessons are the most productive with Saturday 97% capacity and Sunday at 92% to capacity. Weekdays are 88% for Monday/Wednesday, 87% for Tuesday/Thursday and 84% for Fridays. The next registration will be October 9 and October 10 for Weekdays (Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday) and October 23 and October 24 for weekends (Friday, Saturday, Sunday).
- **Pool and Room Rentals:** Pool and room rentals have started to pick back up on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, with many weekends already full. Overnight rentals are coming in as well. These are traditionally Boy Scouts and Girls Scout Troops that have an overnight for the whole group. Scuba rentals are running monthly as well. Pool and room rentals are great for birthday parties, sports teams, youth groups or family socials. Contact the front desk to check on room and pool availability at (425) 776.9173.
- **Water Fitness Classes:** There are a variety of water fitness classes available at the Recreation Pavilion. There is a wide range of intensity. Lower intensity classes include: Water Walk, Arthritis Aquatic Program, LIFT which stands for Low Intensity Fitness Training, and Deep Water. Higher Intensity include Shallow Water Fitness, River Fitness, Aqua Zumba and Aquatic Boot Camp. Check out our fitness schedule to try one out. <http://www.cityofmlt.com/531/Pool-Schedule>.
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- **Free Swim on October 4:** There will be free admission to the swim on Friday, October 4 from 4:45-6:00 p.m. as part of the Lifeguard In-service. Swim for free as the lifeguards practice rescue skills. Having people in the pool makes it much more realistic for the lifeguards

and gives them an idea of what they may encounter when making a rescue during a Recreation Swim.

- **CPR/AED First Aid Courses:** The Recreation Department will be offering American Red Cross Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED First Aid Blended Learning Course. This is a combination of self-paced online learning and instructor-led classroom skill sessions, participants will have the opportunity to practice, participate, and demonstrate the same skills and knowledge as classroom based courses. The online portion, which features simulation learning must be completed prior to attending the classroom skill session. Participants will be given or emailed instructions on how to access the online portion of the course once they have registered. Skill sessions will be offered Saturday, October 12 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and Friday, December 27 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Course fees are \$60 for MLT Residents and \$66 for Non-Residents.
- **Espresso Special:** Next week, stop by the Recreation Pavilion espresso stand and receive \$.50 off a 16 ounce Americano. This special runs September 30 through October 6.
- **Scholarship Fund:** The Michelle Ringler Recreation Scholarship Fund is a financial assistance program for children and youth 17 years and younger who reside within the boundaries of the Edmonds School District. Applicants can be awarded up to \$50.00 per calendar quarter. This provides many recreational opportunities for children in need. Funds are 100% donated from private and public organizations and individuals.
- **Cross Country Meet At Ballinger Park:** Mountlake Terrace High School hosted a cross country meet at Ballinger Park on Wednesday September 25. Students of high schools from Mountlake Terrace, Lake Stevens, Oak Harbor and Snohomish participated in the event and ran a course that winds through the 42-acre park.
- **Stormwater Eagle Candidate Project:** Eagle Candidate Michael Frary expressed an interest in an Eagle Project in Mountlake Terrace and opted to assist in labeling and cleaning storm drains to help protect the watershed. Michael submitted his proposal and worked with park and stormwater staff to complete his project. Michael worked on his project on September 14 with the assistance of about 20 scouts and parents from local Troop 60 along with Stormwater Program Manager Laura Reed and cleaned and marked storm drains throughout town center and the pavilion.
- **National Day of Service:** In honor of the National Day of Service the Recreation and Park Advisory Commission and the Neighborhood Park Improvement Subcommittee working with Terrace Park Elementary held a fall clean up event on Saturday, September 14. Approximately 15 volunteers arrived at the Recreation Pavilion and the enthusiastic group planted fall color plants at the entry and cleaned and pruned around the entire pavilion removing a full dump truck load of debris. After the event participating youth received a wrist



band for a free Recreation Swim at the Recreation Pavilion. For more information about volunteer events, please call Parks and Facilities Superintendent Ken Courtmanch at (425) 776-1811.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Activity Year-to-Date								
	Reports	Traffic Stops	Arrests	Collisions	DUI's	Burglaries	Vehicle Thefts	Vehicle Prowls
Month	209	241	51	20	4	11	15	16
YTD	1672	2486	406	188	28	75	57	128

**Activity is updated the first full week of each month*

Weekly Patrol Synopsis

- On September 18, 2019, an unwanted subject was on the Mountlake Terrace High School campus. The subject was known to the high school staff but did not attend the high school. The subject was issued a trespass warning.
- On September 18, 2019, officers responded to the 21400 block of 52nd Avenue W for a domestic violence call. Upon arrival officers located the victim who stated that she had been assaulted by her boyfriend. She also stated her boyfriend damaged several items in their apartment. Officers were able to locate the suspect in the apartment and took him into custody.
- On September 18, 2019, a subject reported that she was a victim of an email scam. The victim cashed a check for \$4,900 that was sent to her. She then found out the check was fraudulent and the bank advised her that the check bounced and that she owed that amount.
- On September 19, 2019, there was a hit and run collision at the 23500 block of 65th Place. An unknown vehicle struck a vehicle parked in that area and failed to stop.
- On September 20, 2019, officers responded to the 6200 block of 220th Street SW to assist medics. Officers assisted the medical crew with lifesaving measures on an unresponsive female. The female was eventually transported to the hospital.
- On September 20, 2019, a vehicle was prowled at the Mountlake Terrace Recreation Pavilion. The driver's window was smashed out and a purse was stolen that contained a cell phone, credit cards and other miscellaneous items.
- On September 21, 2019, officers responded to a found bag in the 22800 block of 44th Avenue W. Officers found miscellaneous tools along with a container of unlabeled pills. The pills were placed into evidence for destruction and the tools were taken as found property.
- On September 21, 2019, a resident reported that his generator was stolen from his property sometime overnight. There are no suspects or leads at this time.

- On September 21, 2019, a resident reported that his vehicle was vandalized. There was damaged to most of his vehicle including flattened tires, scratched paint and broken windows. There are no suspects or leads at this time.
- On September 21, 2019, officers responded to the 4300 block of 236th Street SW for a report of a physical domestic. Officers discovered that a physical altercation occurred between two brothers. The primary aggressor was arrested for assault 4 DV.
- On September 21, 2019, officers responded to the 5800 block of 236th Street SW for a report of a physical domestic. Probable cause was developed to arrest a male suspect for pushing his girlfriend's daughter into a wall. The suspect had left and was not located. Later the victim called and stated that the suspect was pounding on their door. Officers arrived and found the suspect and he was taken into custody.
- On September 21, 2019, officers were dispatched to the 4300 block of 236th Street SW for a disturbance. Upon arrival it was determined that a birthday party got a bit out of control and one of the subjects intentionally broke the window of another subjects vehicle. The suspect was not located so a citation for Malicious Mischief was mailed.
- On September 22, 2019, a mail theft was reported at the 5500 block of 220th Street SW.
- On September 22, 2019, a resident reported that their license plate was stolen from their vehicle.
- On September 22, 2019, a vehicle prowler was reported at the 4400 block of 212th Street SW. Charging cables, Bluetooth device and other miscellaneous items were stolen.
- On September 22, 2019, officers responded to the 5700 block of 230th Street SW. for a death investigation. Officers discovered a 63-year-old deceased male. There were no signs of foul play and the subject appeared to have died from medical issues.
- On September 22, 2019, officers responded to the 4100 block of 236th Street SW for a report of an assault with a weapon. Upon arrival officers contacted all parties involved. It was discovered that the weapon was a key. There was an assault, however, the victim refused to cooperate and press charges.
- On September 23, 2019, officers responded to the 23300 block of Cedar Way for a report of a non-breathing, unresponsive teenage female. Investigation revealed that the female and her friend had been smoking marijuana and taking Percocet. Aid responded and able to revive the teen, who was then transported to the hospital.
- On September 23, 2019, a burglary was reported at the 6000 block of 244th Street SW. The investigation revealed that cabling was stolen from a construction site. Video is being reviewed and the investigation is ongoing.

- On September 23, 2019, at 8:45 a.m., a burglary was reported at the Terrace Heights Apartments. An unknown person broke into the main office of the apartments and stole a computer as well as all the packages that were to be delivered to their residence. No suspects at this time.
- On September 23, 2019, someone opened a Home Depot credit card in a victim's name without their knowledge. The suspect used the credit card at the Home Depot in Shoreline. Investigation is ongoing.
- On September 23, 2019, an Adult Protective Services (APS) referral was received stating that an elderly subject was being mentally abused and personally exploited. Investigation is ongoing.
- On September 23, 2019, three subjects were cited for trespassing at the 5900 block of 244th Street SW.
- On September 23, 2019, a vehicle crashed into a light pole at the 24400 block of Cedar Way. The driver fled the scene without waiting for police. There are no suspects or leads at this time.
- On September 24, 2019, a resident called to report that his passport had been stolen.
- On September 24, 2019, two separate Child Protective Service referrals were received stating that there was inappropriate touching between adults and children. Investigation is ongoing.

WEEKLY INVESTIGATIONS UPDATE

Cases assigned

- 19-13814 CPS
- 19-13679 Fraud
- 19-13612 Assault
- 19-13844 PSP

Cases Cleared

- 19-12225 Fraud
- 19-13814 CPS
- 19-13679 Fraud
- 19-13612 Assault

- Detectives are continuing to investigating a luring that occurred at Mountlake Terrace Elementary.
- Investigation continues on a suspicious death which occurred at the Studio 6.
- A search was completed on a recovered stolen vehicle. The vehicle contained stolen items from a vehicle prowl. The items were returned to the owner.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & DIRECTED ENFORCEMENT

The week of September 18 - 24, 2019 was active with officers making several contacts. Officers continue to conduct local business and area checks at the following locations: Northern Lights Apartments, Studio 6 Motel (Gateway Plaza), Ballinger Park, Interurban Trail, Veterans Park (Library) and marijuana dispensaries. Below are some highlights of the community contacts made to include contacts with homeless subjects and homeless camps.

- Officer Marshall distributed community outreach supplies to two people.
- Officer Zuniga took time to interact with two people about drug addiction.
- Officer Zuniga conducted a bar check after witnessing an intoxicated male in the parking lot and advised staff at the bar to contact police prior to issues arising.
- At Cascade Elite Gymnastics, Sergeant Moss checked in with a kid's gymnastic class.
- Sergeant Moss conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle, and learned that the driver was looking for his lost I-Pad by tracking it on a phone app. The I-pad was found on Highway 99 nearby. The driver was very appreciative. He believed that he had left it on the roof of his car previously.
- Officers provided an individual with some food who was panhandling at Safeway.
- Officer Johnson took a community member on a ride along.
- Officer Elrod visited with an elderly lady at 224th Street and 36th Avenue. He visits with her often.
- At Veterans Park officers contacted two homeless subjects who were were under the gazebo attempting to stay dry. They refused any outreach supplies.

CODE ENFORCEMENT PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

Code Enforcement received a request by a property owner for a Junk Vehicle Affidavit for an abandoned vehicle on private property located near the 23500 block of 59th Pl W. The property was undergoing plans for future demolition. When Code Enforcement arrived, they observed a 1995 Ford Escort with an expired license, and meeting the standards of a junk vehicle. The vehicle was inspected, and copies of the affidavit were issued to the property owner in order to facilitate removal of the junk vehicle.



OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Traffic Emphasis on 23300 block of 56th Place: A traffic emphasis was conducted by each crew throughout the week with officers running radar during various times of the day.

- September 22, 2019 between 8:39 a.m. and 9:34 a.m.: Officer Jones conducted radar emphasis in the 23300 block of 66th Avenue West for approximately an hour in the morning. Out of approximately 35 cars, the average speed was 23.3 mph.
- September 22, 2019 between 2:13 p.m. and 3:15 p.m.: Officer Jones conducted radar emphasis in the 23300 block of 66th Avenue West. He warned one car for doing 41 mph. The average speed was 31.7.
- September 23, 2019 (morning commute) Officers conducted radar on 66th due to speeding vehicles. The average morning speed was 32.9 mph. One large dump truck exceeding the 5-ton limit was warned about the weight limitation. The driver was working on the Sound Transit project and had been informed he could travel on 66th south of 228th. Officer Jones clarified this was not the case. Officer Jones relayed the information to the Sound Transit liaison who will advise drivers not to drive on 66th south of 228th.

- September 21, 2019: Officer Shin conducted radar emphasis in the 23300 block of 66th Avenue West.
- Officers discussed traffic safety/speeding with residents at the 23300 block of 65th.

NEWS RELEASES

News releases can be found on the [city's webpage](#).

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- September 21-October 5, Arts of the Terrace Juried Art Show, Library
- October 9, 6:00 p.m., Coffee with the City, Recreation Pavilion
- November 13, 6:00 p.m., Coffee with the City, Recreation Pavilion
- December 6, 6:30 p.m., Tree Lighting Ceremony, Evergreen Playfield
- December 11, 6:00 p.m., Coffee with the City, Recreation Pavilion

Sincerely,

Scott Hugill, City Manager
City of Mountlake Terrace