



Community News

Summer 2010



Evergreen Swimming Pool

Evergreen Swimming Pool has a new name, Evergreen Community Aquatic Center. ECAC is now under the management of White Water Aquatics. The community pool offers a variety of activities and programs

for adults and children as well as pool & patio rental for parties or social gatherings. To visit the facility stop by at 606 SW 116th Street Seattle, WA 98166. For more information on programs or event scheduling please visit

their web site at: www.evergreenpool.org. For more info on the management visit: www.whitewateraquatics.com

Pool number: (206)-588-2291



"Why Advocate for a New, Enlarged White Center Library"

A library has always helped define the values of a community. The vision that brought it into being may be lost or taken for granted, but the value of having access to library resources is generally unquestioned. In the midst of diverse and transient populations, fractured educational institutions, economic insecurity and changes brought by technology, our community libraries remain safe, neutral places in which to seek information or recreation. So while few may remember that members of the Mt. View PTA founded the White Center Library in 1943 with donated books loaned out of the home of Nell Freeze, the White Center community has continued to be served by their vision. Their advocacy led to the library

becoming a part of the King County Library System in 1946. The current library opened its doors 1976.

According to Florence McMillan, who was a King County Library System trustee, the site was chosen With "access to services" being paramount. Many people did not have cars. The library became even more important as it served the many immigrants. Since the beginning of the library, the White Center Library Guild has supported and enriched the programs offered through the KCLS. Members are library patrons who volunteer to help raise funds through book sales, a yard sale and a holiday bazaar. Five or six meetings, open to the public, are held throughout the year at the li-

brary. Dues are \$1.00/year. In 2004, among their other activities, library guild members were "on the street" in White Center to encourage the passage of a KCLS capital bond measure that would provide for the building or expansion of a number of libraries around the county. In the plans, the WCL could expand from 6,000 sq. ft. to 10,000 sq.ft. with more meeting, tutoring, class, and computer space.

However, a "Potential Modification" was given as "Potential annexation to the City of Seattle". During the past six months, and especially since April 1, when the property upon which the White Center Library sits was annexed to Burien, a number of people from the White Center

community have been vigorously advocating for beginning the building process. It takes several years for a library to be built. Meanwhile the door count at the White Center Library is between 10,000 and 12,000 visitors per month. It has become one of the most highly used libraries in the KCLS. On May 6, the following statement by Bill Ptacek, KCLS Director, was sent to the White Center Library Guild: "For the record, the KCLS Board of Trustees supports KCLS Administration's decision to postpone capital improvements to the White Center Library pending the potential annexation of the North Highline area to the City of Seattle. KCLS will continue to provide operational support

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to maintain library service levels until issues relating to the annexation are resolved" The White Center Library Guild has invited the KCLS Administration including the Board of Trustees to come to a meeting in September

at the library in order to clarify what these "issues" are and how they could be resolved so that the citizens of this area could realize an improved quality of library service, one that would represent the vision that gave this community a

library, a vision that values and provides access to quality life long learning for everyone.

Rachael Levine, White Center

Library Guild President
June 29, 2010



National Night Out by Barb Peters

Each year, on the first Tuesday of August, people across America gather in their own communities to take a stand against crime. For National Night Out (NNO), neighbors plan barbecues, picnics, cook outs, safety fairs, and other events to celebrate their efforts to maintain safe and healthy neighborhoods. They also get organized to promote police and community partnerships, crime, drug and violence preven-

tion, and safety and neighborhood unity. The purpose of NNO is:

- Heighten drug and crime awareness
- Through block -by- block organizing , support anti-crime efforts such as community oriented policing and safe streets
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and unity

- Support community and police relations and cooperation
- Send a clear message that our neighborhoods are organized and are not prey for illegal activities
- For more info on how to sign up for NNO, contact KCSO precinct 4 at: (206) - 296-3333



Grant Funding To Clean Up North Highline Properties by Pat Price

The Environmental Protection Agency awarded grant funds to King County to clean up & study various "Brownfield sites" in the unincorporated White Center-Boulevard Park area. According to [EPA](#), 2 grants totaling \$400,000 were awarded to the county to conduct 4 environmental site assessments focusing on unincorporated White Center-Boulevard Park area. Grant funds will also be used to conduct cleanup planning & community outreach activities. Many sites are located near residential areas, posing risk to residents from exposure to contamination. NHUAC met June 10th, with officials from the EPA and King County, along with Emery Bailey from Environmental Coalition of South Seattle (ECOSS) to discuss and identify blighted properties within White Center and other North Highline neighborhoods that could benefit from King County's Brownfield program. This community grant program provides the technical assis-

tance that is needed before the cleanup of a contaminated property takes place and helps property owners understand how to prepare for cleanup and redevelopment. The Brownfield program provides mostly nonprofits and municipalities technical assistance in assessment of properties, but with their ECOSS partnership, King County can extend the program to private individuals & businesses. Lucy Auster of the King County Solid Waste Division and Joanne LaBaw of the EPA explained to the group how the grant works: 1. a property is identified as potentially contaminated site. Then phase I assessment consists of a site visit, interviews, history review, and looking at old maps and aerial photos. The Phase II assessment, if needed, involves environmental sampling and lab analysis. The phases can cost anywhere from \$5,000-7,000 and \$20,000-60,000 respectively. Auster said this is a three-year grant with \$400,000 available and they are look-

ing to target the White Center area. Bailey added because White Center was historically an arterial route to Seattle, there is a lot of former gas stations sites. Dick Thurnau and council members were curious if the Brownfields program could be used for the toxicity problems at the four-acre Hicks Lake in Lakewood Park. Auster said she'll do some more research. "I'll educate us and figure out the opportunities," she said. "This sounds like a priority." Bailey presented to the group a report identifying 76 properties in the White Center area that he suggested would be a good starting point. "We don't have a great big bag of goodies," said Bailey, "but we do have some nice tools to help with getting traction." Additionally, it was explained that this grant is not used for the actual cleanup or for the assessment of ongoing behaviors.

Sea-Tac Airplane Noise Study by Ron Johnson

Do you have questions about the noise levels from Sea-Tac airport, especially since the third runway opened on November 20, 2008? Most of us have noticed an increase in aircraft noise since the third runway was opened. The FAA is conducting an Airport Noise & Part 150 Study. The first meeting was on February 24, and the second meeting was on June 9, 2010. Part 150 is a section of the Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) that sets forth rules and guidelines for airports desiring to undertake airport noise compatibility planning.

Through Part 150, the FAA established regulations governing the technical aspects of aircraft noise analysis and the public participation process for airports choosing to prepare airport noise compatibility plans. For more information on this process go to their website, <http://www.airportsites.net/sea-part150/>. They have an option for you to sign up for email updates on the process and find out when the next meeting will be held. Plan to attend the next meeting or let them know about your concerns. The process will be completed in late

2011, so there is still time to provide your input. Do you want to know what airplane flew over your home last night? Check out this website to track aircraft flight paths: <http://www32.webtrak-lochard.com/WebTrak/sea/template/index.html>. This site gives the type of aircraft, takeoff and landing airports and flight number. They even have a complaint form you can complete online.



Keeping Our Neighborhood Tidy by Barbara Dobkin

Dumping of household trash, furniture, construction debris, tires, vehicles, etc. on public property is not only illegal, but raises significant concerns with regards to safety, property values, and quality of life in our community. Unfortunately, if areas where dumping has occurred are not quickly cleaned up, they tend to become sites that attract more trash. Fortunately, King County has established a way to report illegal dumping by phone or online. The process is quick and easy and takes only minutes. To report dumping by phone, call (206)-296-4466. An online complaint form can be accessed at www.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste.

When reporting, it is important to be specific and provide an address or intersection where the violation occurred. Additionally, it is helpful to describe the type of materials as well as the volume. If you witnessed the materials being dumped from a vehicle, please report the license plate numbers. All reports can be made anonymously.

To report abandoned vehicles, contact the "24 hour abandoned vehicle hotline" at (206) 205-0969. This is a recorded message and asks for location, description, (color & make), license number, and approximately how long the vehicle has been there. You can also call the Sheriff's Com-

munication Center (non-emergency number), at (206)-296-3311 with this information. The non-emergency operator can quickly check to determine if the vehicle has been reported as stolen.

Report illegal dumping in your neighborhood and help keep your area clean, healthy, a safe place to live and work.

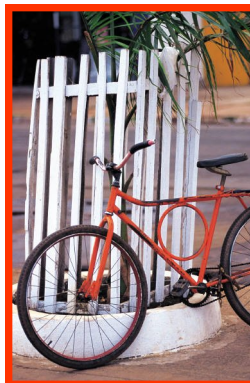


Additional Recycle Item Info

E-Cycle Washington

www.ecyclewashington.org

1-800-732-9253 Electronics can be recycled for free. Call or check out the web site. Some sites are drop off and some have pick-up.



Bike Works

Recycles bikes and bicycle parts. Call (206) 725-9408 or visit their web site. Infoatbikeworks.org

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About Us

The Members of NHUAC are all volunteers.

Some have been involved with community issues for a long time while others are brand new. Members come with different backgrounds and interests. Some are interested in roads, in crime & graffiti, and some don't have any particular interest. Some come to learn. Some come to lead. Some come for help.

The one thing that members have in common is simply interest in their neighborhoods and communities and the willingness to come together for a couple of hours a month in an attempt to influence positive outcomes. It's the combined experience and interest that brings us together to make a difference.

NHUAC Community Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7:00p.m. at NH Fire Station 1243 S.W. 112th Street

Water District 20 Commissioner Meetings are held the first Wednesday and Third Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at 12606 1st Ave. So.

North Highline Fire Commissioners Meetings are held the 2nd to last Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at NH Fire Station 1243 S.W. 112th Street

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Deputy Jeff Hancock by Heidi Johnson



Deputy Hancock has left a positive imprint in our community carrying out his duties to serve and protect. Upon his departure as the White Center Storefront Deputy, I would like to thank him for a job well done, the time he vested in our community, and for all the help he has given to our community in all of our efforts to make it a safe positive place to live and raise our families. He will definitely be missed. Sometimes, Deputies don't realize how important they really are to communities because they spend so much time trying to keep you safe, in meetings listening to nuisance reports, problem spots, and the list could go on. One of the ways to show a Deputy how important they are is to logon to the King County Sheriff's Office web-site at:

www.kingcounty.gov/safety/sheriff.aspx and on the front page click on Commendations from the list. There, you will be able to let any Deputy know just how important they are. There, Deputies can look back and see how much you appreciated their service. It only takes a few minutes to let our Deputies know how much you appreciate them and those words of appreciation can last a lifetime.

Local Public Events

Thursday Night Music in the park: located at the cross roads of 16th Ave. S.W. & S.W. 148th Street at Lake Burien School. July 22nd, The Jangles. July 29th, Jimmy Free's Friends. August 5th Caela and the Dangerous Flares. August 12th, Local Street Taxi.

Friday Night Movie in the park: same location. August 20th, Tale of Despereaux. August 27th, Ratitouille

Farmers Market's in Our Area: Burien Farmers Market Thursdays 11 - 6pm @ Burien Town Square 5th & SW 152.

City of Seattle neighborhood Farmers Markets: check out www.cityofseattle.gov for times & locations.

Ways to stay Cool this Summer: Burien Town Square Park has a water fountain play area which is next to the Library.

City of Seattle wading pools & swimming pools: check out www.cityofseattle.gov Parks & Recreation for location & schedules.