



TUKWILA CITY PAGES

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The community of choice

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! JOIN US FOR
A TUKWILA COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Check out Tukwila's upcoming calendar events – they are opportunities to learn, have fun, help out, or tell the City what you think!

Tukwila Office of Code Enforcement

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Got construction permits?

Most construction work requires a permit. This includes residential remodeling, commercial tenant improvements, and electrical, mechanical or plumbing work. Applications for some permits are available on the City's website at TukwilaWA.gov.

- No permit is required for:**
- Sheds under 200 square feet (residential property); must be located to meet setback requirements from the property lines.
 - Sheds under 120 square feet (commercial property).
 - Fences 7 feet or under in height.

- Permits are required for:**
- Some minor electrical work (replacing outlets, switches, or light fixtures).
 - Residential re-roof (unless replacing plywood substructure).
 - Replacement windows of the same size (no reframing of opening).
 - Decks not more than 30" high.
 - Installation/replacement of water heaters (gas or electric).
 - Most electrical work, including panel installation, new wiring, etc.
 - Installation or relocation of plumbing fixtures (toilet, sink, pipes).
 - Commercial re-roof (including apartment buildings).

If you begin work without permits, you could be assessed an investigation fee equal to the permit fee that was required for the work commenced without permit. When in doubt, ASK. The Permit Center can also provide you with estimated permit fees before you submit your application. Permit Center staff can be reached at 206-431-3670.

Council Chat
Come discuss what's on your mind from 10:00AM to 12:00PM at FOSTER GOLF CLUBHOUSE 13500 Interurban Ave S

Next Chat: March 8
Council Chat is a monthly chance to stop by and informally speak with one of your Tukwila City Councilmembers about anything on your mind regarding your community.

Tukwila is updating its Comprehensive Plan ("Comp Plan"), the City's guide for managing our growth and development for the next 20 years. Join us to share your ideas for Tukwila's future.

Two get-togethers are scheduled – choose the date that works best for you. (Both sessions cover the same information.)

THURSDAY, MARCH 6
Meeting time: 5:30–8:00PM
Showalter Middle School Cafeteria
4628 South 144th Street, Tukwila
• Spanish, Somali, Arabic, Tingrya, Amharic and Burmese interpretation
• FREE dinner and childcare

SATURDAY, MARCH 8
Drop-in: Between 9:30–11:30AM
Tukwila Community Center Social Hall
12424 - 42nd Avenue S, Tukwila
• Spanish & Somali interpretation
• FREE snacks and childcare

Come to discuss: Neighborhoods • Housing • Tukwila International Boulevard • Barriers to food access

LISTEN to the Community Outreach Report
SHARE why you care about your neighborhood
LEARN how the City is preparing for the Comp Plan Update

During 2014 these Comp Plan topics will be covered:
✓ Housing ✓ Tukwila International Boulevard ✓ Residential Neighborhoods ✓ Community Image
✓ Annexation ✓ Economic Development ✓ Parks ✓ Roles and Responsibilities ✓ Tukwila South

To help us plan for food and childcare, RSVPs are appreciated (but not required)
Call 206-431-3683, or email CompPlanUpdate@TukwilaWA.gov



Find more Comp Plan information at TukwilaWA.gov/CompPlan.html

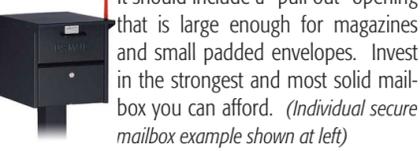
Thwarting mail thieves

Recently identity theft has been a prominent news story, with the hacking of major retailers putting millions of customers at risk for fraudulent charges. However, a large amount of ID theft is perpetuated via low-tech methods: stolen wallets, stolen trash, and stolen mail. Mail theft is something you can take steps to prevent.

- NEVER send cash or coins in the mail.
- Work with your neighbors to install a security "cluster mailbox." This needs to be purchased by the users and you will need to contact the post office to make sure the one you choose meets the standards set by USPS. (Neighborhood cluster mailbox example shown at right)



- Check your mail as promptly as possible after delivery; don't leave it in your mailbox overnight.
- Have the post office hold your mail while you're on vacation or away from home for extended periods.
- Consider getting your bill or statement directly from a company's website, rather than by mail.
- See if your bank or credit union has free online bill-pay (many do).
- Use the letter slots at your post office to mail payments/letters, rather than from your mailbox.



- If your neighbors decline to chip in to pay for a cluster mailbox, get an individual security mailbox. It should include a "pull out" opening that is large enough for magazines and small padded envelopes. Invest in the strongest and most solid mailbox you can afford. (Individual secure mailbox example shown at left)
- Call 911 if your mail is missing or is found lying on the ground, or to report any strangers you see loitering near neighborhood mailboxes.

FREE Dr. Seuss Night
Thursday February 27th 6:00-8:00 pm

Join us at the Tukwila Community Center as we celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday! The Cat in the Hat will be on hand to join in the fun as we enjoy bouncers, arts & crafts, food, games, and much, much more!

You will receive a free book for being a part of the celebration!

Is there money out there waiting for you to find it?

Perhaps you've heard someone talk about finding their name online, claiming and receiving money owed to them. This happens by searching State databases that hold information about "unclaimed property". What exactly does that mean?

Unclaimed property refers to money or intangible property being held by an organization that has not had contact with the owner for an extended period of time. The property is considered "unclaimed" or abandoned after it has been held for a specified period of time, during which there has been no contact from the owner and a good faith effort has been made to find such owner. This effort includes "Letters of Due Diligence" sent to the valid addresses of owners with unclaimed property of \$75.00 or more.

Banks, credit unions, insurance companies, utilities, corporations, retailers and government entities are some of the many sources of unclaimed property. Typically this property includes bank accounts, utility deposits, and uncashed payroll, refund or expense checks. It also includes some types of unclaimed court monies, gift cards, and insurance payment checks.

Real estate, vehicles and most other physical property is not considered unclaimed property.

Holders of unclaimed property may either report and turn over the property to the State of Washington, or report unclaimed property to the State of Washington but hold the property at the organization level. Either way, State law protects unclaimed property until it can be returned to its owner. Heirs and rightful owners can claim property reported since 1955, and there is no time limit for filing a claim.

While Tukwila reports all unclaimed property to the State of Washington, since 2012 it has held the property at City level. Claims and payroll checks are considered abandoned after a one-year dormancy period. Bail bond refunds issued from the Tukwila Municipal Court are considered "unclaimed" after a two-year dormancy period.

There's valuable information available online about pursuing unclaimed property: filing a claim, claiming the contents of safety deposit boxes, filing for unclaimed property in another state, the rules for securities, and more.

Beware of unclaimed money scams. There are people who pretend to be the government and offer to send you unclaimed money for a fee. Government agencies will not call you about unclaimed money or assets. Never pay anyone to get your own money back.

Find out if you have unclaimed property owed to you or your business by visiting the Department of Revenue's unclaimed property website – go to UCP.DOR.WA.gov. You can also call Washington State's Unclaimed Property Information Line at 800-435-2429.

Emergency training for citizens offered

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

The City of Tukwila Fire Department and Office of Emergency Management are again offering their popular FEMA-sponsored Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training at no charge. The next CERT class starts on Tuesday, March 25, 2014.

Following a large scale emergency, professional responders may not be immediately available as they are tasked with multiple priorities. Through CERT training, individuals and organizations learn life-saving response skills to help each other until professionals arrive.

CERT includes 21 hours of training plus a simulated disaster drill. Topics covered include the following:

Hazard Identification & Disaster Preparedness	Fire Safety & Suppression	Response Team Organization & Communication
Simple Triage & Rapid Treatment	Light Search & Rescue	Disaster Psychology & Emotional Impacts
Disaster Medical Operations	Terrorism Awareness	Comprehensive Final Simulated Disaster Drill

Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6:00 to 9:00PM, for four weeks. The final drill and graduation will be Saturday, April 19, from 8:00AM to 12:00 NOON. Participants must attend all classes plus the final drill in order to receive a Certificate of Completion.

To register, please contact the Tukwila Office of Emergency Management at 206-971-8742, or send an email to CERT@TukwilaWA.gov.

City of Tukwila Surface Water Management Program

The Public Works Department will hold a workshop about updating the City's Surface Water Management Program (SWMP) for 2014.

You're invited to join us **Wednesday, March 12, 2014** from 5:00 to 6:00PM, in the Foster Conference Room at Tukwila Public Works Department 6300 Southcenter Blvd, Suite 100

The City's National Pollutant Discharge (NPDES) Phase II Permit sets requirements for meetings and evaluation of SWMP elements:

- Public education and outreach
- Public involvement and participation
- Illicit discharge detection and elimination
- Controlling runoff from new development, redevelopment and construction sites
- Pollution prevention and operation & maintenance for municipal operations

We hope to see you at this SWMP Workshop. Your input will be very valuable to the City's effort to reduce storm water pollution and erosion. If you are unable to attend but would like to provide suggestions or ideas, please contact us:

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