



City Manager Weekly Report June 14, 2024

New Police Chief Announced

The City announced this week the selection of Ted Boe to lead the police department as the City's new Chief of Police. Ted Boe has served as Burien's Chief of Police since 2018. Prior to Burien, he served 18 years in the King County Sheriff's Office, as Sergeant, Precinct Operations Captain, and Major Investigations Section Captain in Seattle, Burien, and SeaTac. His selection will inject a fresh perspective and innovative leadership into our highly motivated and committed department. Welcome aboard Chief Boe! Read the full Press Release [here](#).

24th Avenue South Improvements Project Update

We are happy to announce that the construction of the 24th Avenue South Improvements Project will resume soon!

The construction of the 24th Avenue South Improvements Project was temporarily on hold due to direct conflicts with existing utility poles owned by Puget Sound Energy (PSE). The City and the contractor have been working diligently together with PSE to address these challenges and minimize the schedule impacts.

On June 10, 2024 PSE informed the City that they have now completed the removal of all conflicting utility poles. The construction of the 24th Avenue South Improvements Project is targeted to resume on **June 17, 2024**. The City team is exploring all options to bring the project back on track. We understand the inconvenience caused by the delay, and we appreciate the community's patience and continued support.

South 216th Street Bridge Reopening

The new South 216th Street bridge across I-5 opened to two-way traffic the morning of Wednesday, June 5, ending a six-month detour for eastbound travelers. Travelers can expect ongoing lane closures to install curb, gutter, sidewalk, and final paving on South 216th Street as work continues on the WSDOT SR 509 Completion Project. Additional information can be found on the project website below:

<https://wsdot.wa.gov/construction-planning/search-projects/sr-509-completion-project>

2024 Des Moines Youth Summit

Our Des Moines Police Department's CSO Tonya Seaberry is hosting a Youth Summit. Join us on Wednesday, July 17, from 8am-5pm. This event is open to youth ages 13-17 who attend school and/or live in the City of Des Moines. Connect with like-minded peers, inspiring speakers and industry leaders! Dive into workshops, discussions and activities designed to unleash your potential. To find more information, contact Tonya at tseaberry@desmoineswa.gov or register [here](#).



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Ready to make a difference in your community? Join CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) today and become equipped with the skills to help your neighbors during times of crisis. From natural disasters to emergencies, your training will empower you to provide vital assistance until professional responders arrive.

This 4 week course takes place each Wednesday beginning 7/10/24, from 6pm to 9pm, with the final drill taking place on Saturday, 8/3/24. Sign up now and be a hero in your community! Contract Emergency Preparedness Director, Shannon Kirchberg at skirchberg@desmoineswa.gov for more information and register [here](#).

Touch- A-Truck POSTPONED

POSTPONED. Our much anticipated Touch-A-Truck event scheduled for tomorrow, Saturday, June 15th at Steven J. Underwood Park has been postponed due to a forecast of high winds, rain and the potential for thunderstorms. This event will be rescheduled for later in the summer, stay tuned!

Food Trucks

Continue enjoying the wide selection of food trucks in our town weekly! Year two of our food truck pilot program is going strong, and there are a wide array of delicious options to choose from! Thank you for supporting your local restaurateurs!

- Tasty Tuesdays at the Marina, 11am-2pm for lunch
- Tastes & Tunes at the Marina - Quarterdeck, Thursday and Sunday from 4-7pm.
- Food Truck Fridays at Redondo Beach, 4:30-7:30pm (begins June 7)
- Field House Events Saturdays, 10am-1pm

We've got you covered close to every day of the week. Support your local businesses and try some of our regions tasty and unique food. More info can be found here:

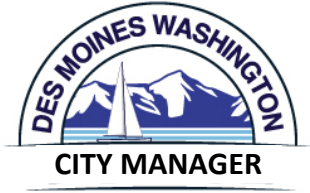
<https://wafoodtrucks.org/desmoines>

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Whether you're a father of four (ahem), a pet father, have a dad, want to be a dad – let's celebrate YOU (us) this weekend! There are plenty of fun ways to do this- hit the farmer's market, golf with the fellas, catch a Mariners' game, it's your call!

Meetings of Interest

In addition to day-to-day administrative duties, this week I met with a representative from Puget Sound Energy to discuss issues related to the 24th Ave Project. I met with Mayor Buxton to discuss upcoming City issues. I met with Mayor Buxton and Deputy Mayor Steinmetz to prepare for the upcoming City Council meeting. I met with the City's Acting Public Works Director and staff to work on issues related to the new Pacific Middle School construction project. I met with Councilmember Harris to discuss topics of interest to him. I hosted a roundtable meeting for the City's Directors to discuss on-going and upcoming



issues. I met with the Director of the Highline College Small Business Development Center to discuss opportunities to collaborate. Finally, I attended the City Council Committee meetings and Council meeting on Thursday night.

City Council Meeting Summary

The City Council met on Thursday June 13th for a Regular Meeting. The agenda and materials can be found [here](#). Highlights from the meeting included the 2023 year end financial update, approval of a proclamation recognizing Juneteenth and approval of the City's 2025-2044 Transportation Improvement Plan.

The [Transportation Committee](#) and [Environment Committee](#) also met on Thursday. The agendas and materials can be found in the links.

There is no City Council meeting next week, as the Council generally does not meet on the third Thursday of the month.

Sports Update

The NBA season appears to be winding down in a less than dramatic fashion, as the Celtics are one game away from sweeping the Mavericks and claiming the trophy. The NHL Finals is also coming to an end as the Florida Panthers took a commanding 3-0 game lead last night over America's Team, the Edmonton Oilers. Both of those series could be over before Monday. The 124th US Open is being held at Pinehurst Country Club in North Carolina this weekend and once again I did not qualify. Course conditions look daunting as is traditional for an Open; Patrick Cantlay tops the leaderboard by a single stroke going into day 2. The Mariners remain on top of the AL West after having a week off (beating up on the White Sox), and we take on the reigning champion Texas Rangers this weekend in Seattle. The Sounders play Minnesota on Saturday and the Storm head to Phoenix to face off against the Mercury on Sunday.

Have a great weekend!
Tim George
Interim City Manager