



Bulletin

MAYOR'S MESSAGE: *Watching Burlington Grow*

I have had 12 great years as Mayor of Burlington. Starting with the Fire Station, many major projects have been built, including Skagit River Park that was acquired for flood hazard mitigation, the Police and Municipal Court facility, a massive upgrade to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Boat Launch Ramp, the new Old 99 Bridge, the Goldenrod Road Bridge, and now the new Library and City Hall. Over the same timeline, there have been many street and storm drainage improvements and a lot of work completed as part of new development. More than 970 dwelling units and 3,300,000 square feet of new commercial and industrial development has come on line in my time in office.

As citizens of Burlington, the future is in YOUR hands. I urge you to get involved in local issues, attend City Council and Planning Commission meetings,

Neighborhood meetings, and this summer, keep close watch on meetings regarding proposed changes in the 100-year flood elevations. Consider becoming a certified emergency Volunteer to make sure that everyone safely evacuates in a major disaster. Now is a great time to get involved in your community, whether you are interested in Parks and Recreation, the Burlington Parks Foundation, the Parenting Network on issues facing students, or local Community Service organizations, there is work to do and your voice should be heard!

Your City Council has many years of experience on the job, and they are taking a leadership role in working towards the best possible future for Burlington. But elected officials can only succeed if there is continual oversight from the citizens they serve.



Mayor "Gus" Tjeerdsma

Special points of interest:

- Summer Fire Safety Tips
- Graffiti Problems in Burlington
- Spay or Neuter Pet for .25 cents
- FEMA Study Update
- New Library Update
- Recreation Summer Classes & Activities
- Pride of the Neighborhood Program

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Citizens of Burlington

aka: YOU!

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BUSY IN BURLINGTON!

Jon T. Aarstad, City Administrator

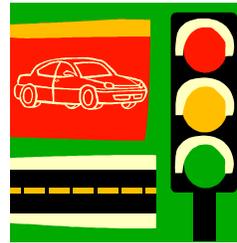
In 2005 the City of Burlington contracted with Lewis Architect and Interior Design to complete two feasibility studies to determine the location, size and cost estimates to construct a new Public Library and New City Hall. The outcome of this study resulted in the decision by the Mayor and City Council to construct both facilities on existing city properties. Lewis Architect and Interior Design was selected to design and prepare bid documents for both buildings.



The 22,000 square foot Public Library has been constructed in the primary residential area of the City of Burlington near the existing "Old" City Hall that will be converted into a Parks and Recreation center. The Library construction began in March of 2006 and will have a "soft" opening

in May of 2007. Our **Grand opening will be on June 16, 2007.** Colacurcio Brothers of Blaine, Washington was selected as the low bidder and has been a very positive partner in the construction of this public facility. The library includes several public meeting rooms, a 12 station computer training room; enhanced technology features are found throughout the building and several tutoring rooms will provide optional study opportunities for our citizens.

The "New" City Hall is under construction at this moment and is located adjacent to our Fire Station, Police Station and Municipal Court facility to create a campus like atmosphere to house the majority of city services. The City Administration, Legal, Finance, Planning, Building and Engineering Departments will be housed in the new City Hall. With this campus location the public will experience a one stop service opportunity and not have to drive to several locations to complete their dealings with city staff. Construction bids were received in February of 2006 with Tiger Construction of Everson, Washington submitting the low responsible bid. Construction began in April of 2006 with substantial completion scheduled for May 25, 2007. We anticipate that staff should move in by the end of June with a **Grand Opening Dedication Ceremony** taking place on **July 21, 2007.**

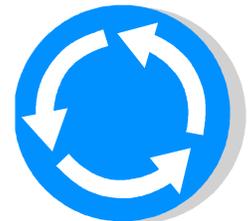


Burlington's three main traffic entrances to our community are through Interstate 5 and State Route Highway 20. Because of the increasing congestion and failing level of service at these city entryway intersections, WSDOT and the City of Burlington have entered into a partnership to complete a joint planning

program and vicinity upgrade at each intersection. This partnership will result in enhancements to the entryways into our city and the reduction of traffic congestion that occurs daily. The initial effort will come to fruition in 2008 with the construction of a new intersection at I-5 and Hwy 20 leading to Anacortes. This road annually has been the source of many accidents and presents itself as a major traffic jam in the spring, summer and fall months for tourists traveling to and from the San Juan Islands.

A planning process in conjunction with DOT is in the works for the George Hopper interchange. Currently land acquisition is necessary to provide the space to alter this intersection and reduce the congestion of the overpass.

The North Burlington Boulevard project is well underway with design and right of way acquisition programs being assembled to make this section of the Boulevard a five-lane roadway that will include a round about at a critical intersection. This roundabout will in fact provide a more convenient and less dangerous intersection for high school, SKAT and local traffic in this area. This project should be in the construction phase in 2008. Currently DOT plans to improve the Chuckanut Interchange in 2009 with a second and third roundabout to reduce the signal congestion on this interchange. More information is available in our Engineering office at 755-9715.



The frustration of Graffiti has hit Burlington during the last few months. City codes require that businesses and residents remove the graffiti from their fences and walls within 10 days of its occurrence. Our Code Enforcement Officer is working with our Police Staff to eradicate this problem on a daily basis. You are encouraged to report anyone who you see painting walls, telephone poles, fences and windows to 911 immediately. A few volunteers have assembled headed by Councilmembers Aslett and Bensen to paint out the graffiti on a weekly basis, but, you are the real key to slow down this problem by reporting anyone you see applying the paint and your quick efforts to cover the paint. We really do appreciate your efforts on this issue.

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CITIZENS WANTED!

Community Participation is a great phrase, and it means different things to everybody. Many Burlington residents and businesses are involved with schools, sports, recreation, Service Clubs, Foundations, or the Chamber of Commerce.

But where are the Citizens at the City Council meetings or the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment meetings, unless faced with a backyard disaster? Where are the Citizens when the 100-year Flood Elevations are proposed to be increased to an outrageous height?

This year is a time for long range planning for the future staff and capital needs, and Burlington is looking for opportunities to get **YOU to participate in local government.**

A critical issue for the community is fine-tuning the Evacuation Plan. In order to make sure that everyone gets out of town in a timely manner, **Citizen Volunteers are critically needed.** A short training course is planned as soon

as a class of Volunteers is available. You will receive certification as a Flagger and learn the basics of how to evacuate Burlington. Additional training to become a member of the CERT (*Certified Emergency Response*) team will be available for people who are interested. Call the Planning Department at 755-9717 if you want to help.

Sign up for the free Planning and Land Use Bulletin by calling or e-mailing the Planning Department and keep up on current projects! We are proposing to use the new Library as the central meeting place and place to get information, and would like to hear from you if there are times, places or issues you want to discuss. Would you be interested in daytime opportunities to meet and discuss issues? Would you like a speaker to come to your meeting? Give us a call at 755-9717, send an e-mail to bplanning@ci.burlington.wa.us and **take action NOW to get involved in local government and community issues.**



Check the Planning Department page on the city website at www.ci.burlington.wa.us to get the latest update on the flood issues, projects in process, and other information, or stop by the office at 901 E. Fairhaven Avenue.

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And finally, efforts are moving forward to enhance the downtown Fairhaven area. Plans are moving forward to secure funding to formalize Railroad Park by building a new Visitor Information Center, Public Restrooms and a City Center Plaza. The Plaza is envisioned to provide a small amphitheater with stage, an art walk, picnic tables and parking. This project is in the schematic design stage but it is our desire to continue working forward to make this plan a reality for the citizens of Burlington. In addition there is a plan to reconstruct the 5-way intersection at Cherry and Fairhaven to create a safer vehicle and pedestrian traffic environment for those who frequently use this route.

This month marks my eighth year as the Burlington City Administrator. It has been my pleasure to serve in this role. I want to publicly thank each of you, the citizens, Mayor Tjeerdsma, the City Council and the wonderful staff I have had the opportunity to work with during these last few years that have quickly passed by. **Thank you for your involvement and participation in City**



Greenhills Cemetery

Spring is here and we have begun mowing at the cemetery. With Memorial Day coming this is always a busy time of the year. In addition to the everyday duties at the cemetery, we will be pruning trees, edging and weed eating around all of the headstones. Fresh beauty bark will also be put down. Flags will be placed for the Veteran's with the help of the American Legion Post for the **ceremony on Monday morning, May 28.** Watch the newspaper for the exact time.

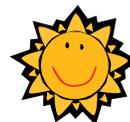


NEW LIBRARY OPENS

By the time this newsletter reaches you, painters, carpenters, electricians, and city and library staff will be putting the final touches on your new library, expected to open mid-May. We hope you'll join us for our **GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION on Saturday, June 16**. We'll hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11:00 a.m. at the front entrance to the new library, which is located at 820 East Washington Avenue. There will be music, munchies, and much merriment all day until 5:00 p.m., including on-going tours.



KIDS: Get a Clue this Summer



Mysteries await you at the new Burlington Public Library this summer where children will find clues, solve mysteries and puzzles, and enjoy a host of other activities

during the library's summer reading program

Get a Clue @ Your Library.

Registration begins Monday, June 11 and all summer reading program activities are free and open to the public.



Built for Growth



Christine Perkins, Library Director, looking from doorway in the new children's area...it looks enchanting!



As you may know, the old Burlington library ran out of space over 10 years ago, when the Library Board first hired a consultant to do a space needs assessment and site study. Since then, Burlington's population has continued to rise—we're now over 8,200 people strong and climbing. That's why the Library Design Committee (consisting of City Council members, Library Board members, library staff, and members from the general public) worked with our architects to maximize space and retain flexibility in the design. We've got a new building that will allow us room to grow over the next 20 years or more.

We've added nearly 10,000 brand-spankin' new items to our collection (in a normal year we add 1,000) to get us off to a good start. That will bring our total collection size to 45,000. We still won't be on par with larger library systems like Sno-Isle or King County, which contain over a million items each that they share between branches—but our shiny new library will look as good as any you'll find across the state. And, as always, we offer Interlibrary Loan service, so you can borrow books from other libraries around the country if you just can't find what you need on our shelves.

In other words, please bear with us... we're still growing. In the meantime, we'll still be the "**little library with the big heart**" that our regular patrons have always loved.

Library Volunteers Needed



Our new library will be 5 times as large as the old one—and staff are going to have their hands full! That's where you come in. We're now actively recruiting friendly library volunteers to serve as greeters in the new building. Greeters will welcome people to the library, conduct informal tours, and help folks use our self-checkout and copy machines.

We are looking for folks who would like to commit at least one two-hour shift per week on an ongoing basis. We have day, evening and Saturday shifts available. We'll need more help during the first month or so we're open, especially during our Grand Opening June 16.

We'll be holding training in early May, so call us right away at 755-0760 to get involved.

Major Donors Announced

The Burlington Library Foundation would like to thank the following businesses, organizations and individuals who have pledged gifts of \$1,000 or more to the Foundation from November 2006 through March 2007:

- Barrie & Carola Anderson
- Brown & McMillen Real Estate
- Claude E. Blackburn
- Tony Chang
- Mike & Maureen Fohn
- Landed Gentry
- The Reichert Family
- Sakuma Brothers Farms
- Sierra Pacific Industries
- The Sparks Family
- George & Grace Wallace
- Kirk & Paula Wilson

Gifts are still being accepted and can be mailed to:

**Burlington Library Foundation
820 E. Washington Avenue
Burlington WA 98233**

Coming Attractions

FEATURING: *Your New Library*

When our beautiful new library opens mid-May, there will be lots of new features for you to enjoy. One of these will be the self-check machines. Patrons who have their library cards and who don't have any outstanding fees will be able to bypass the check-out desk and check their books out themselves. For those who enjoy a brief visit with staff, we'll still be available!

Other attractions include:

- study rooms for language lab use
- fireplace reading area
- computer lab and 20 public Internet computers
- teen area
- children's area with puppet theater playhouse
- Book Ends: Friends of the Library book sale area
- conference rooms, small and large
- 10,000 new books, DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks!



Public Works

Flood Issue

You may have heard that the City received a copy of the Corps of Engineers' technical input to FEMA, for FEMA to base its new 100-year theoretical flood elevations on. We are concerned that the Corps' analysis depends too heavily on estimates of the magnitude of historic, unrecorded floods that occurred in 1897, 1909, 1917 and 1921. Those floods did happen, but were not as large as indicated in the Corps' input dataset.



This, along with new FEMA methodology for calculating 100-year flood inundation levels, will cause base flood elevations to increase throughout Burlington. But how much the base flood elevations increase is still a function of the basic hydrologic data input (*i.e., overestimation of the historic floods*). Recently, a new, independent study undertaken by a consultant retained by Skagit County confirmed what our City staff and the County's previous technical consultant have been saying about the historic flood estimates: that is, they are too large. This new study also recommended a possible way to resolve the river hydrology issue, using a new methodology called Expected Moments Algorithm, developed by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. Stay tuned. In the mean time, the best rumor we have on when the FEMA preliminary maps will be released is June of this year. A good way to stay updated on this issue is to visit Mr. Larry Kunzler's web page: skagitriverhistory.com

Street Department

The Street Department is working on a sidewalk and wheelchair ramp replacement program throughout the community. This ongoing program replaces broken sidewalks and wheelchair ramps that do not conform to the American Disabilities Act Requirements.

The new crosswalk on Skagit Street in front of Lucille Umbarger School is working after many adjustments. The Street Department would like residents with children to take time to show their children how to operate the flashing yellow lights at the crosswalk. Many children still do not push the button before crossing in the crosswalk.

Sewer Department

Construction is finally complete on our new Pump Station #1 on West Victoria Ave. The new station replaces one built in the 1950's and provides capacity for school expansion and other development in that service area. Many thanks to everyone who graciously endured the road closures on Victoria during construction.

We are entering the second year of our new pre-treatment program and have seen excellent results in the reduction of fats, oils, and grease coming into the treatment plant. By taking a proactive approach and eliminating prohibited substances at the source we are better able to treat the community's wastewater and preserve the environmental integrity of the Skagit River. A sincere thank-you to all the Burlington business owners and managers who have worked with us to make implementation of this program as painless as possible.

Please remember: If you are experiencing sewer problems, call the Sewer Department first @ **360-757-4085**. We will investigate the problem and save you the trouble of calling a drain-cleaner if one is not needed.

Engineering Department

The City's new storage facility located at the corner of Railroad Avenue and Sharon Street has been completed. This building is approximately 5,000 square feet and will be used for storage for the Fire Department, Police Department and Buildings and Grounds Department. This site was originally the old wastewater treatment plant and the city shop area.

Design improvements for North Burlington Boulevard between Avon and the Chuckanut interchange are in full swing. The City hopes to begin construction on North Burlington Boulevard improvements by this time next year (2008), finishing the project by October. The street will be widened to include 5 lanes, and a roundabout will be located about mid-way to provide a new access to the High School. This roundabout will work very effectively in concert with two additional roundabouts that will become part of the Chuckanut Interchange project, anticipated to begin construction in 2009 or 2010. The project will include a bike and pedestrian path on the west side of the street, separated from the Boulevard by a 7' wide landscaped strip.

There are many new faces in the commercial neighborhoods. Check out the new stores located in and around the Burlington Crossroads Center and the new East Marketplace Drive. A new traffic signal at the intersection of Burlington Boulevard and Marketplace should be on line the end of April, providing easier access to the shopping centers and increased pedestrian safety.

The Nevitt Road project located at SR-20 and Goldenrod/Nevitt Road is progressing quickly in concert with the State's interchange improvement project. The current schedule calls for the entire project (interchange and Nevitt Road) to be bid in December of this year, and construction to get underway in the spring of 2008.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Summer is just around the corner and with the warmer weather and longer days people begin doing more cooking outdoors. It is important to keep fire safety in mind when cooking with an open flame, whether cooking with charcoal, gas or wood.

BARBEQUES

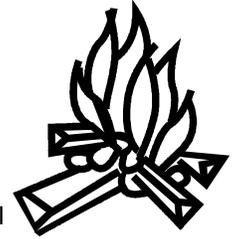
Always make sure that there is adequate clearance to the walls and roof overhang of your residence at all times when cooking with an open flame. Don't ever place your barbeque right next to a wall or fence. Over time, the heat from the barbeque can cause any combustible surface to ignite and create an open invitation to the fire department.



WOOD FIRES

It is also permissible to have recreational fires using seasoned fire wood in a steel or masonry fire pit.

The fire pit must be **no larger than 3 feet in diameter** and must have sides of concrete or steel a minimum of 16 inches high.



Materials being burned must be kept lower than the sidewalls of the enclosure.

A garden hose or two 5 gallon buckets of water must be available while burning.

A shovel or rake must be on site.

One person age 16 or older must be in attendance at all times. If the fire department is called and determines that your fire is creating a nuisance to the neighbors, your fire will have to be extinguished.

Have a fire safe summer.

Engineering Department — *continued from Page 6*

This interchange will be redesigned to accommodate the ever expanding traffic in this area and still allow adequate access to the businesses there.

New development on Goldenrod Road will include a Hyundai dealership and the Hugo Helmer Music Store. Additionally, Vern Sims Honda has plans to expand north of their lot and south of Gages Slough.

Buildings & Grounds (See Page 10 for Yard Waste Recycling Center information)

The Buildings and Grounds Department City Work Program Coordinator has been filled by Ron Hodgins. This position is authorized for a six month trial period. If successful, it may become an on-going position. This position plans, organizes, supervises, directs, schedules, trains and screens public offenders for the City Work Program. The City Work Program provides opportunity for public offenders to perform services for the City in lieu of jail. Participants in this program must be under supervision at all times. Welcome aboard Ron!



Notes from the Finance Department

UTILITY BILLING -

The City of Burlington residential sewer bills are currently based on actual water usage as supplied by PUD No. 1 of Skagit County. The Summer Averaging period begins May 1, 2007, the residential sewer bills will be an average of your previous sewer billings for the period of November 2006 through April 2007. Please remember to report any water leaks to the City as soon as possible, as your sewer bill is determined by your water consumption.

Visa and Mastercard CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS are being accepted until 3:00 p.m. daily either by phone or in person at City Hall.

We also offer direct debit from your checking or savings account. You could stop worrying about your City of Burlington utility bill due date. With Direct Debit Autopay, you will never again receive a late fee! The application is simple. Please stop by City Hall to obtain an Autopay Agreement or contact us at (360) 755-0531 for more information.

BUSINESS LICENSES -

Please remember, Business Licenses are required for every business operating within Burlington City Limits including home-based businesses and out-of-town contractors. Please be aware of the companies you patron and their licensing status.



Parks and Recreation

900 E. Fairhaven Avenue
Burlington WA 98233

Dear Patrons,

We need your help! Please take a few minutes to answer this brief survey with questions regarding our recreation and facility services. We're excited to hear from you! Thank you.

What is your Email Address? _____

Ages of individuals that resides at this address:

0-5 6-11 12-17 18-21 22-49 50+

Which programs have you signed up for or attended in the past year?

Youth Activities Adult Activities
 Teen Activities Family Activities

Do you have a favorite: _____ Why? _____

What needs improvement: _____ Why? _____

Which Burlington Parks and Recreation Special Events have you attended in the past year?

Berry Dairy Day Road Run
 Berry Dairy Days Friday Fireworks Show
 Burlington Harvest Festival and Pumpkin Pitch
 All Comer Track Meets Egg Hunt in the Park
 Youth Appreciation Day at LU Fall Craft Show
 Spring Craft and Garden Show Kids Giant Garage Sale

Favorite: _____ Why? _____

Needs Improvement: _____ Why? _____

How do you hear about our program/activities? Check all that apply:

Leisure Guide in SVH Website
 Quarterly Brochure Newspaper notices
 Friend School Other

Did you know we accept Visa/MasterCard now for your convenience?

Yes No

How do you register? (Check all that apply)

In Person 900 E. Fairhaven Ave Phone In 360-755-9649
 Mail At Event
 Had Friend Register Email
 Website <http://recreation.ci.burlington.wa.us>

I would like to see the following types of programs offered:

Quality of Customer Services:

Excellent Good Fair Poor N/A

Cost of programs/classes offered:

Excellent Good Fair Poor N/A

Efficiency and knowledge of our staff:

Excellent Good Fair Poor N/A

Cleanliness of facilities Community Center:

Excellent Good Fair Poor N/A

Cleanliness of facilities Parks: Maiben, Skagit River, Rotary, etc.:

Excellent Good Fair Poor N/A

If not excellent, please explain: _____

Overall appearance of facility:

(Community Center or _____ Park):

Excellent Good Fair Poor N/A

In 2008 we will be offering programs in the new Recreation Building (the old City Hall/Library Building). What would YOU like to see in this space? Please number them 1-6, **1 being highest** priority and **6 being lowest** priority:

Before School Program ages 6-12
 Afterschool Program ages 6-12
 Teen Center ages 11-18
 Pre-school ages programs, please list:
 Daytime Adult Classes, please list:
 Other

General Comments and Suggestions:

May we contact you? Yes No

What is the best way to contact you?

(Name and contact information)

Email _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

MAIL OR RETURN SURVEY TO:

Parks & Recreation Department
900 E. Fairhaven Avenue
Burlington WA 98233

or place in Sewer payment drop box at City Hall



Parks and Recreation

900 E. Fairhaven Avenue
Burlington WA 98233

Estimados Señores y Señoras,

¡Necesitamos su ayuda! Por favor, tome unos minutos para contestar esta encuesta breve sobre nuestros servicios. Nos puede devolver la encuesta a nuestra oficina, a City Hall (la oficina de la ciudad), o a la caja donde se dejan los pagos para la ciudad. ¡Nos interesa mucho su opinion! Gracias.

¿Cuál es su dirección electrónica? _____

Edades de las personas que viven en su casa

0-5 6-11 12-17 18-21 22-49 50+

¿En cuales programas se ha inscrito o ha asistido este año pasado?

Actividades para Niños Actividades para Adultos

Actividades para Jóvenes Actividades para la Familia

¿Tiene algún favorito?: _____ ¿Por qué? _____

¿Hay algún programa que se necesita mejorar? ¿Cuál?: _____

¿Por qué? _____

¿A cuales eventos especiales de Burlington Parks and Recreation ha asistido este año pasado?

Dia Berry Dairy Correcamino

Dias Berry Dairy programa de Fuegos Artificiales el viernes

Burlington Festival de la Cosecha y Lanzamiento de Calbaza

Búsqueda de Huevos en el Parque

Invitados al Concurso de Carreras y Saltos

Dia de Agradecimiento para la Juventud en LU

Programa Otoño de Artes Manuales

Manuales de Primavera y Programa de Jardin

Venta Gigante de Garaje para los Niños

¿Cuál es su Favorito?: _____ ¿Por qué? _____

¿Hay algún evento que se necesita mejorar? ¿Cuál?: _____

¿Por qué? _____

¿Cómo supo de nuestras programas y actividades? Marque todos que aplican:

Leisure Guide en el periódico Sitio de Internet

Folleto de nuestra oficina Noticias en el periódico

Un Amigo La Escuela Otro

¿Sabía que ya aceptamos Visa/MasterCard para su conveniencia?

Sí No

¿Cómo registra Ud para nuestras programas y actividades? (Marque todos que aplican)

En Persona—900 E. Fairhaven Ave. En otro Evento

Por Teléfono 360-755-9649 Por Correo Electrónico

Un Amigo registra para Ud. Por Correo

En el Sitio de Internet <http://recreation.ci.burlington.wa.us>

Me gustaría que ofrecieran los siguientes tipos de programas:

Calidad de Servicio:

Excelente Bueno Mediano Pobre No Aplica

Gasto de Programas y Clases Ofrecidos:

Excelente Bueno Mediano Pobre No Aplica

Eficacia y Conocimiento de Nuestro Personal:

Excelente Bueno Mediano Pobre No Aplica

Limpieza del Centro Comunitario:

Excelente Bueno Mediano Pobre No Aplica

Limpieza de los Parques: Maiben, Skagit River, Rotary, etc.:

Excelente Bueno Mediano Pobre No Aplica

Si no marcó excelente, por favor explique por que: _____

¿Como es el aspecto total? (Centro Comunitario o _____ Parque):

Excelente Bueno Mediano Pobre No Aplica

En 2008 ofreceremos programas en el nuevo edificio de recreación (que era la biblioteca y City Hall). ¿Qué le gustaría a Ud. ver en ese lugar? Por favor, pongales los números de 1 a 6, con 1 la prioridad más alta y 6 la más baja:

Programa Antes de Escuela, edades 6 a 12

Programa Después de Escuela, edades 6 a 12

Centro para Jóvenes, edades 11 a 18

Programas para niños de edades pre-escolares. Por favor escriba cuales:

Clases para Adultos durante el Día. Por favor escriba cuales:

Otro

Comentarios y Sugerencias:

¿Podemos ponernos en contacto con Ud.? Sí No

¿Cuál es la mejor manera de ponernos en contacto con Ud.?

(Su nombre e información de contacto):

Nombre _____

Correo Electrónico _____

Domicilio _____

Ciudad _____ Código Postal _____

MAIL OR RETURN SURVEY TO:

Parks & Recreation Department

900 E. Fairhaven Avenue

Burlington WA 98233

or place in Sewer payment drop box at City Hall

YARD WASTE RECYCLING CENTER

2007
GRASS & BRUSH DISPOSAL
951 S. Section Street
OPEN:
Wednesday: 2:00 to 6:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

- **Limited service** for residents within the Burlington city limits only. *March 3rd thru November 17, 2007.*
- **Punch card is required** for disposal of yard maintenance material.
- **FREE punch cards** are issued at City Hall, 900 East Fairhaven Ave. (Picture ID with address required)
- Limit of **FREE 2007 punch cards up to a \$40 limit per household:** *Punch cards are only valid for 2007.*
 - \$0.50 punch for sack of yard waste.
 - \$1.00 punch for one garbage can of yard waste.
 - Up to \$5.00 for pickup load of yard waste, truck bed height.
 - Up to \$10.00 for pickup load of yard waste, piled above truck bed height.
- Limb/grass disposal intended for yard clean up and maintenance only.
- **City WILL accept:**
 - Grass & Leaves
 - Flowers & Roses
 - Fruits & Vegetables
 - Blackberry & Ivy Vines
 - Limbs (*Max. 4" diameter*)
 - Corn & Sunflower Stalks
 - Sod
- Additional punch cards **can be purchased for \$10** at **City Hall**. Call 755-0531 for details.
- Disposal of limbs from large trees and shrubs is the responsibility of the resident/property owner.
- City will not pay for large tree removal or landscape changes.
- **The City WILL NOT accept:**
 - 2006 punch cards or others
 - Commercial yard maintenance materials
 - Contractor debris
 - Yard waste without a punch card
 - Lumber debris
 - Root balls or stumps
 - Rocks and dirt
 - Large tree and shrub removal



NOTE: Call **Skagit Soils** at **424-0199** to see if they will accept any of the above materials the City does not. There is a charge for materials, and they are located at **13260 Ball Road** (off West Ovenell Road between Higgins Airport Way and Farm to Market Road).

TAG....your it?



GRAFFITI

IN BURLINGTON

Over the last couple months, there has been a huge increase in graffiti cases being responded to by the Burlington Police Department. Graffiti complaints are very frustrating for all parties involved, including the police. It is discouraging to patrol a high targeted area to find freshly painted graffiti within hours or days of being covered up by a diligent property owner.

Wall writings, known as graffiti or "tags" are certainly the most visible to those least aware of the culture. Each gang has their own style, sophistication and philosophy behind their graffiti and use it as a way of communicating with each other. Graffiti can also be used to establish territory, status, member lists, challenge rivals, and pay homage to gang members and leaders.

Most of the graffiti that we see around the city is gang related, and has been identified as such by officers of the Burlington Police Department including the

department's resource officer, Troy Hofkamp. Officer Hofkamp meets monthly with local police departments and school officials to share information regarding gang members and activities, including issues with gang related graffiti. This shared information has been a helpful tool in solving crimes and giving local law enforcement a heads up as to whom may be connected with malicious mischief activities.

In the world of gang graffiti, it is well known that any rival group who wishes to challenge the authority of a gang will mark over or change the graffiti. Graffiti that remains unmarked or changed reaffirms the gang's control over the area. This brings to light the importance of covering up gang related graffiti as quickly as possible. Burlington Municipal Code 8.12.055 states that the graffiti must be removed within 10 days of notification; however we have found the sooner....the better.

By removing the graffiti, you are removing the "claim" to the area. Sadly, it often takes more than one attempt at covering up a targeted area before the "authors" of the graffiti will get discouraged and give up. But, persistency will pay off. When Code Enforcement Officer Blair is the barer of bad news to request that you cover the graffiti as soon as possible, it is being done to deter additional damage to your property. By working together to quickly cover graffiti we hope to discourage this kind of activity in our community. If you need assistance with paint please contact Robin Blair, Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Burlington at (360)755-2307.



Municipal Court

Passports are continuing to be a great service and a good source of revenue for the city. The Municipal Court has remitted \$9,600. in the first quarter of this year, processing 320 passports. Due to the high number of people getting their passports, it now takes an average of 10 weeks from the time of application until the passport is received by the recipient. Even expedited passports are taking up to four weeks to be processed. Everyone will need a passport by the end of the year to travel to Canada and Mexico. At this time, passports are required if you fly or cruise outside the United States.

Gross revenue for the first quarter of 2007 is \$81,869.88, an increase of 9.4% from 2006. The Municipal Court, in conjunction with the Building and Grounds Department, has launched a six month pilot City Work Program (CWP) with a supervisor. This will allow offenders who would normally not qualify for the work program, due to their criminal history, do their jail time on the CWP. The new supervisor will transport and supervise the offenders on different projects around the City. This will have the dual effect of saving the City \$65 per day jail fee for each offender, and 'free' labor to do projects around the city, allowing the full time staff to perform their normal duties. Previously, If the offender did not qualify for the unsupervised CWP, they would be sent to the jail, the City would pay \$65 per day, and the offender would be performing work for the City of Mount Vernon or Skagit County. We believe we will be able to show the council that having a supervisor will be a win-win situation.

PARKS & RECREATION

NEW!!! Burlington Sand Volleyball Leagues

Held at Rotary Park. Island Fire Volleyball and Burlington Parks and Recreation are excited to launch both Adult and Youth Sand Volleyball Leagues for Skagit, Whatcom, and Island County players.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE is minimum 3 weeks prior to start date. Registrations received after this deadline will be charged an *increased fee.



ADULTS:

COED 2's Volleyball League —TUES. nights

\$120/team/session *(\$140 after 5/11 and 6/26)
Prizes for top 2 teams

Session 1: May 22 — June 26

(6/29 is Championship night)

Session 2: July 17 — August 21

(8/24 is Championship night)

COED 4's Volleyball League-THURS. nights

\$240/team/session *(\$260 after 5/13 and 6/28)
Prizes for top 2 teams

Session 1: May 24 — June 28

(6/29 is Championship night)

Session 2: July 19 — August 23

(8/24 is Championship night)

YOUTH CLINICS/LEAGUE:

Youth Volleyball Clinic/ League — WED. nights

\$40 per child/session, t-shirt incl.
*(\$60 after 5/2 and 6/27)

BPR and Island Fire Volleyball will be hosting a Wednesday night

Youth Volleyball Clinic/League for children ages 8-13. This 90 minute league will consist of a 45 minutes skills development clinic. The last 45 minutes, participants will reinforce what they have learned through game play. **Time:** 5:00 pm-6:30 pm, this clinic will be held in grass courts at Rotary Park.

Session 1: May 23 — June 27

Session 2: July 28 — August 22

Summer High School Volleyball Agility, Strength, & Conditioning Clinic

\$60 per participant, t-shirt included *(\$80 after July 9)

Looking to prepare for high school volleyball season? There is no better way to prepare than building endurance, increasing your vertical, and improving your reaction time on the sand courts of Rotary Park.

Session date: July 30-August 10 (Mon.—Wed.—Fri.)



Registering For Programs Just Got That Much Easier!

Online

<http://recreation.ci.burlington.wa.us>

Phone

360•755•9649

Email

recreation@ci.burlington.wa.us

Visa or MasterCard accepted online,
over the phone or in person.

On-going Evening Classes at the Burlington Community Center:

Scrapbooking

Drop-in's &
Workshops on
1st and 3rd
Friday
Nights



Scrapbooking All Day Crops

Spanish Conversational *Beginning and Intermediate*

Yoga for Everyone:
Thursday's 5:30-6:45 pm
\$24 per month

SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE:

June 4-7	Tiger Volleyball Camp
June 23	Berry Dairy Days 10K & 2 Mile Fun Run (kids under 14 run FREE)
June 25-28	Tiger Soccer Camp
July 2-6	Discover America Week
July 9-12	Summer Survivor Week British Challenger Soccer Camp
July 16-19	Under the Sea Week
July 23-26	Life Long Sports Camp British Challenger Advanced Soccer Camp
July 30-Aug. 2	Amazing Animals Week UK International Soccer Camp
August 6-8	Crazy for Crafts
August 6-9	Just for Kicks Camp—Session 1
August 13-16	Splash-Tastic Week
August 16	Birch Bay Waterslides Day trip
August 20-23	Just for Kicks Camp — Session 2

This is just a sample of the camps that'll be offered, be sure to check our website May 1st for our complete schedule at:

<http://recreation.ci.burlington.wa.us>

How can I reserve the Burlington Community Center or Covered Shelters?

Call us:
(360)
755-
9649



Email us:
recreation@ci.burlington.wa.us

We'll be glad to help you!

RECREATION SURVEY

To DO:

The Burlington Parks & Recreation Department will be transitioning into the old City Hall/Library building this summer.

- What do you envision there?
- What types of programs would you like to see in the future?
- What kind of classes are you interested in attending? Preschool - Youth - Teen - Adult programming?

Please complete the survey provided on pages 8 or 9 (English or Spanish), or download the survey at <http://recreation.ci.burlington.wa.us> and let us know how to better serve you.

Your opinion counts!

Senior Center

The Burlington Senior Center is located in Maiben Park in the Community Building, just south of the Burlington Library and the City offices, at the corner of Regent Street and Greenleaf Avenue.



We are open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm. Lunch is served at noon. Contact us at **755-0102**.

The Burlington Senior Center encourages seniors to become acquainted with our center as there are many opportunities to expand one's social, educational and health needs. Classes of many different kinds are offered. Information on senior issues and outreach services are available and prospects for volunteering and making a difference in other senior's lives are encouraged.



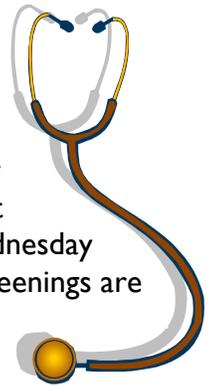
Computer classes are offered each month. Art classes are very popular. From basic drawing, to advanced watercolor there is an art class that should interest you. Classes are offered regularly in geology and Spanish. AARP driving classes are offered quarterly.

There are lots of games and entertainment available throughout the week. Pinochle is played on Wednesdays and beginning pinochle is offered on Friday afternoons.

There is a good sized bridge group that plays on Friday afternoons as well. Cribbage is played on Wednesday mornings. Skip Bo, Triominos, Mexican Train Dominoes, and Rhummikub have a strong following on Tuesday afternoons. A Hand and Foot card game is played Thursdays. The Old Time Fiddlers play every third Monday of the month.

The Burlington Senior Center often hosts talks and presentations on many topics including health and finances. Senior Information and Assistance provides information monthly by a scheduled visit and with updated informational sheets on many topics that include senior housing, legal questions, prescription drugs, and Medicare part D.

For those interested in health, we offer a large variety of support. A Monday morning weight loss group meets and discusses the importance of a healthy diet. On the first Tuesday of the month, the Low Vision Support Group meets. Tai Chi is offered Wednesday mornings and free blood pressure screenings are held monthly. An Adaptive Yoga class for people with Multiple Sclerosis and chronic pain is available Thursdays. An occasional CPR and first aid class are offered.



The senior nutrition program is a very important aspect of the Senior Center. We serve excellent, homemade lunches Monday through Friday at noon. The suggested donation for a senior (age 60 and over) is \$3.00. Non-seniors are welcome at \$5.00. The Meals on Wheels program is available to homebound seniors in the Burlington area. Ensure is available by the case at a reduced donation to help seniors who need additional nutritional support.

The Burlington Senior Center is the focal point for seniors in the Burlington community. The activities, classes and nutrition program are designed to help Burlington seniors cope with everyday stresses and improve their quality of life. Please feel welcome to stop by the Center and explore the offerings here.



Nomination Form

Sponsored by:

***Burlington Parks
Foundation***



Here's how the program works:

The city has been divided into regions (*listed on page 15*). Within each region, nominations are received by citizens that feel a neighbor or business should be recognized for keeping their property maintained and visually appealing. This does **not** mean that you have to own the fanciest house in the city, or have the biggest storefront. It's just a way to encourage and acknowledge those people who consistently take the time to maintain their property.

Once Nomination Forms are filled out they can be mailed or turned into City Hall, Planning Department, Parks and Recreation Department, or placed in the City Hall drop-off utility box. They will be accepted through the last Monday of each month from May through December.

Once the nominations are gathered, a judging committee of five members plus an alternate will view the nominated properties and businesses and a vote will be cast to determine who wins the title "**Pride of the Neighborhood**" for the month.

A presentation will be made to the "winners" at the first council meeting of the month, and a yard sign (*for homeowners*) and window sign (*for businesses*) will be placed on the property declaring the property or business "**Pride of the Neighborhood**" for the month.

With all of this in mind, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the **Burlington Parks Foundation** for sponsoring this program. Their support is greatly appreciated.

So.....if you have someone you would like to nominate please do so, or nominate yourself (*you know how hard you work to keep your property looking great*). **Let the yard work begin!**

NOMINATIONS ARE
ACCEPTED THROUGH
MAY — DECEMBER

EACH MONTH ONE
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY AND
ONE BUSINESS PROPERTY
WILL BE CHOSEN FROM EACH
OF THE SIX REGIONS AS
**PRIDE OF THE
NEIGHBORHOOD.**

A PRESENTATION WILL BE
MADE TO THE WINNERS AT
THE FIRST CITY COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE MONTH
FOLLOWING.



Nominated by _____
(your name)

Phone # _____

RESIDENTIAL NOMINATION

Nominating Neighborhood # _____

Address of Property Nominated

Comments _____

BUSINESS NOMINATION

Nominating Business Region # _____

Business Name & Address of Property Nominated

Comments _____

4 NEIGHBORHOOD REGIONS:

- NH #1** All residences **WEST** of the north/south Burlington Northern Railroad.
- NH #2** All residences **EAST** of the north/south Burlington Northern Railroad **TO** Skagit Street and **NORTH** of Rio Vista Avenue.
- NH #3** All residences **EAST** of Skagit Street **AND NORTH** of Rio Vista Avenue.
- NH #4** All residences **EAST** of the north/south Burlington Northern Railroad **AND SOUTH** of Rio Vista Avenue.

2 BUSINESS REGIONS:

- BIZ #1** All businesses **NORTH** of Rio Vista Avenue and Highway 20 West.
- BIZ #2** All businesses **SOUTH** of Rio Vista Avenue and Highway 20 West.

**View map at: www.ci.burlington.wa.us
 (under Planning Department)**

**MAIL OR DROP OFF
 NOMINATION FORM BY
 THE LAST MONDAY OF
 EACH MONTH TO:**



- ▶ City Hall
 900 E. Fairhaven Avenue
 Burlington, WA 98233
- ▶ Planning Department
 901 E. Fairhaven Avenue
 Burlington, WA 98233
- ▶ Utility Drop Box in front of City Hall

HELP STOP PET OVER-POPULATION! 



ATTENTION CITY RESIDENTS: Do you own a cat or a dog* that needs to be spayed or neutered?

If so, contact **Code Enforcement Officer Robin Blair at 755-2307**. Your pet may qualify for a **.25 cent alteration surgery** at NOAH (31300 Brandstrom Road, Stanwood—just off I-5, south of Mount Vernon) by a qualified and licensed Veterinarian.

Time and number of surgeons are limited, so contact Officer Blair as soon as possible.

**Dogs must weigh at least 50 pounds when full grown.*



COMING SOON!
All Comer's Track Meets

Wednesday's at 6pm

Held at the B-EHS track; it's 6 weeks of fun for the whole family.

All ages are encouraged to participate.

June 13 — July 25 (except July 4th)

**Everyone's
a Winner!**



*Sponsored by Skagit Co. Parks & Recreation,
Burlington Parks & Recreation, Burlington Kiwanis,
B-E Kiwanis, and Burlington Rotary Club*

NO NEEDLES in Recycling



Waste Management has been finding used needles in the recyclables at the sorting plant. In one day alone, the sorting line had to be stopped six times to remove and dispose of needles.

Used needles are NOT RECYCLABLE, and they present a serious safety threat because they can:

- ▶ Injure residents, collectors and sorters
- ▶ Spread diseases such as HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, tetanus, and syphilis

Used needles should go in heavy-duty plastic containers designed for needle disposal. Containers can be purchased at pharmacies and ordered online at <http://wastemd.com/shophome.shtml>.

Burlington residents can safely dispose of properly contained used needles in their garbage containers.

More information on hazardous waste, garbage and recycling: wmnorthwest.com.



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