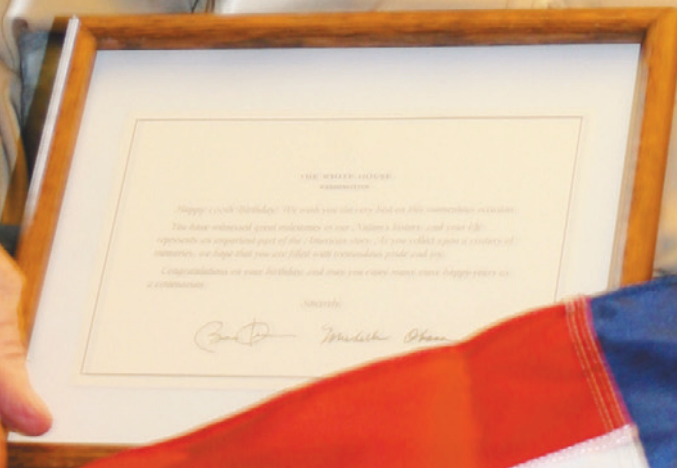


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Gala **raises** \$7,000

The second annual Tukwila Historical Society Gala and Fundraiser Saturday, May 19, made a net profit of \$7,000 to go toward improvements at the Tukwila Heritage and Cultural Center.

Work will start as soon as possible on washroom improvements required under the American Disabilities Act.

The fundraiser was at Billy Baroo's at the Foster Golf Links on Interurban Avenue.

The historical society paid tribute to the

memory of Louise Strander, longtime Tukwila resident and member of the Tukwila Historical Society, who died last year.

The society also remembered Warren Wing, a former Tukwila resident and railroad historian. Wing was instrumental in "The Interurban" film.

The group also paid tribute to Dr. Kay Reinartz, author of "Tukwila - Community at the Crossroads," who died a year ago.

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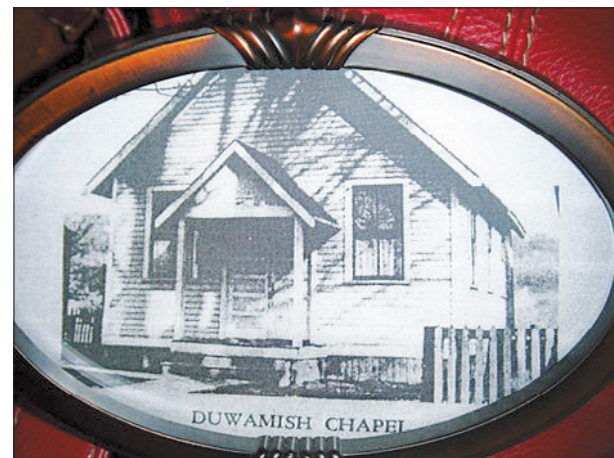
BY LOUISE JONES-BROWN

Historic **church** is under tender care

There is a building on the Duwamish River which records show as a church in Allentown before Tukwila's incorporation. Religious services began in 1905. It has been called Duwamish Community Chapel and Duwamish Presbyterian Church. One theory being researched is that the building was a school in Georgetown before moving to the current neighborhood. Historical records confirm the building was not built at the present site and physical evidence shows the building had been cut in two pieces.

The building now being called Duwamish Community Chapel was recently purchased by Tukwila Fellowship Church and led by Pastor James Hunley. Church members have been holding services in the building since 1992. Recent updates include a new cross, back-porch replacement and exterior painting. The pastor's wish list includes a new foundation with earthquake retrofitting (currently deteriorating wood pillars), new plumbing, woodwork and flooring restoration, new furnace and water heater, replacement windows with turn of the century look and set of original entry doors.

Pastor Hunley's ancestors were Scottish immigrants who settled in Tennessee with Civil War connections. His great-great uncles were on opposing sides of the war. Horace L. Hun-



ABOVE: Services began in the Allentown church in the early 1900s. **BELOW:** The Duwamish Community Chapel is now under the care of Pastor James Hunley and his congregation. *Tukwila Historical Society*

ley, financier and submarine pioneer who built the H.L. Hunley, supported the Confederate government. The pastor and family are residents in Tukwila and committed to caring for the vintage building and congregation.

The Tukwila Historical Society welcomes Duwamish Community Chapel and will

work with Pastor Hunley confirming the beginnings of this beautiful building. If you have historic photos or information regarding the Duwamish Community Chapel, contact Louise Jones-Brown at Tukwila Heritage and Cultural Center phone# 206/244-HIST. Email: tukwilaheritagectr@tukwilahistory.org.

July 4 | Come early to stake out a picnic spot!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Park Opens - 9 a.m.
 - Activities Begin - 4 p.m.
 - The Islanders - 6:30 p.m.
 - British Export - 8:30 p.m.
 - Fireworks Display - 10 p.m.
- (Fireworks will be displayed at the south end of the park this year!)

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Curbside cleanup under way

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The program is designed to help single-family home and duplex residents dispose at curbside of bulky household items that are non-hazardous, non-liquid, non-recyclable and non-reusable.

Tukwila's **Fourth** at the Fort

Tukwila's Fourth of July celebration in Fort Dent Park Wednesday, July 4, will see some changes, mainly the location of the fireworks display at 10 p.m.

The location of the fireworks display has been moved to the fields closer to Starfire Way and Interurban Avenue. The move will require a smaller fireworks shell but the display still promises to light up the sky and wow the crowd, according to city officials.

The map at right will help explain the new layout for the celebration.

Tukwila's Family 4th schedule

Wednesday, July 4

Fort Dent Park, 14800 Starfire Way, Tukwila

9 a.m. – Park opens to the public. Parks & Recreation Department staff will be on-site for event set-up and to answer any questions; look for the red information tent.

4 p.m. – Kids inflatable bouncers begin, free

4 p.m. – Kids "hands-on" activities begin

6-8 p.m. – Roving clowns

7-9 p.m. – Roving entertainment by Eric Haines, stilt walker and juggling

Stage schedule

6 p.m. – Welcome to event, Mayor Jim Haggerton

6:15 p.m. – National Anthem sung by Tukwila Firefighter Cathy Browning

6:30-8 p.m. – The Islanders

8:30-10 p.m. – British Export

10 p.m. – Fireworks display

Current vendors/exhibitors

The city is still accepting vendors. Information is available by calling the Tukwila Community Center at 206-768-2822 or via email: Shannon.fisher@tukwilawa.gov.

- Tukwila Sister Cities Committee will be selling glow items such as necklaces, hair extensions, light sabers, glasses, etc. Most glow items cost \$5. Popcorn and candy concession sales too. Cash only.

- 11th District Democrats with voter registration forms and campaign literature for distribution from endorsed candidates.

- Suzie's Toys will be selling cotton candy, hats, horns, bugles, wands, flags and other items.

- Paparazzi Accessories by Shayla will be selling jewelry, headbands, hair clips, gift bags and other items.

- Northwest Therapeutics, a new clinic in the Renton area, will be available for 15 and 30 minute massages. Offering discounts to local community for services.

- Tukwila CERT & Block Watch with information about current and future community programs.

Food vendors

- H&D Foods – selling Elephant Ears, Hot Dogs, Sausage, Garlic French Fries, Corn Dogs, Root Beer, Lemonade, Soda and Water.

- My Newt Mini Donuts & Shaved Ice – selling Mini Donuts and Hawaiian Shaved Ice (photo attached)

- German Mobile Food – selling Speatzle, Pork Schnizle, Bierocks (German Pastries), Red Cabbage and German Chocolate Cake.

- Sweet Bones barbecue – Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Chips and Soda.

- Reigning Kettle Corn – selling Kettle Corn

- El Super Taco – selling Nachos and Corn on the Cob (regular & Mexican)

- Jamba Juice – selling Fruit Smoothies

Also

- Barbecues and portable grills are allowed in designated areas of the park.

- Pets must be leashed.

- No personal fireworks of any kind are allowed at this event or within the Tukwila City limits.

For information about this and other City of Tukwila special events please call the Tukwila Community Center at 206-768-2822 or visit the city website at <http://www.ci.tukwila.wa.us/recreation/recevent.html>



2012 Tukwila's Family 4th at Fort Dent Park

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Parkway opening is near

BY STEVE HUNTER

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The 1.4-mile extension in Tukwila of Southcenter Parkway from South 180th Street to South 200th Street is expected to be completed by the end of July.

The old Frager Road has been closed (except to local traffic) since crews started work on the new five-lane street two years ago.

"We're starting the final lift of asphalt paving this week," said Bob Giberson, city public works director, during a phone interview last week. "It could be done by the end of July. It's close to being ready."

Giberson said the city will have a ribbon-cutting ceremony once a date can be finalized for when the new street will open. It sometimes takes a bit of extra time for the city to sign off on an accepted contract in case any minor corrections need to be made.



Crews work to complete the extension of Southcenter Parkway from South 180th Street to South 200th Street. City officials expect the project to be completed in July. *Steve Hunter, Tukwila Reporter*

Scarsella Brothers, Inc., of Kent received the \$18 million construction contract. Overall, Giberson said the cost of the project is \$22 million, including design, construction, construction management and agreements with Puget Sound Energy and the Highline Water District.

The city received about \$18 million in state and federal grants for the project

and funded the rest through general obligation bonds.

The street extension is part of the city's Tukwila South Development project expected to provide up to 25,000 jobs, 1,700 housing units and 10 million square feet of office and retail space. The Segale family owns most of the property along the new street and plans to develop the area,

which will have much approved access to Interstate 5.

"It's a major improvement in the area from South 200th to Orillia Road to the South 188th Street interchange with I-5," Giberson said.

The curvy, two-lane Frager road has been replaced by a five-lane street that also runs much further to the west, especially up by South 200th Street.

"It was realigned close to the hillside to maximize development," Giberson said.

A 35 mph speed limit will be posted along the street. A new signaled intersection has been added at South 200th Street and Southcenter Parkway.

Other parts of the project included construction of a sanitary sewer main and new pump station; new storm drainage facilities; water main construction for the Highline Water District; and relocation of a PSE gas main.



Tukwila city officials closed the Green River Trail three years ago when giant sandbags, wrapped in black plastic, were placed on the levee for extra flood protection. The sandbags are scheduled to be removed this summer. *Steve Hunter, Tukwila Reporter*

Finally, bags going away

BY STEVE HUNTER

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The same company that installed the sandbags and green Hesco units in Tukwila submitted the low bid to remove the barriers from along the Green River levees in the city.

Goodfellow Bros. Inc., based in Wenatchee with a regional office in Maple Valley, submitted a low bid June 12 of \$1.64 million to remove the sandbags and repair any damages to the levee, according to city documents.

"Goodfellow installed the Super Saks and Hesco units, so they are familiar with the project site," said Bob Giberson, city public works director, in an email.

But it could be December before the Green River Trail reopens and West Valley Highway is restored to a full five-lane section between Strander Boulevard and South 180th Street. Crews reduced the West Valley Highway to four lanes to allow room for the Hesco barriers.

Crews placed the sandbags three years ago as extra protection on the levees because of damage to an abutment next to the Howard Hanson Dam from a 2009 winter storm. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers repaired the abutment last fall.

The low bid must go through the city Utilities Committee, Committee of the Whole and then the City Council for approval, Giberson said.

City officials also are finalizing an agreement with the King County Flood Control District to pay for 75 percent of the cost to remove the sandbags. That agreement is expected to be reached in the next 30 days or so.

Once the city awards the contract, it takes a few weeks for a contractor to mobilize and have equipment ready, Giberson said.

The contractor will have 120 days to finish the project, removing the Super Saks from the trail and the Hesco units from the east side of the river, many of them along the West Valley Highway. If the contractor starts work by Aug. 1, the contract would require completion by Dec. 1.

"The trail will be closed until it can be repaired and repaved," Giberson said. "If the weather is warm and sunny through December, we will have an excellent chance of re-opening the trail this year. If the weather resembles this June, all bets are off."

Once city officials meet with the contractor for a pre-construction meeting, an exact schedule of removing the sandbags will be known.

AAA Congratulates SYDNEY BRUSNIGHAN

TUKWILA ELEMENTARY



2012 AAA School Safety Patrol
- HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE -

Every school day, thousands of school safety patrollers dedicate themselves to the safety of their classmates. From more than 22,000 patrollers across Washington, 10 were inducted into the 2012 AAA School Safety Patrol Hall of Fame.

Sydney Brusnighan of Tukwila Elementary was chosen as a 2012 Hall of Fame inductee. AAA, the founder of the School Safety Patrol program, and the community of Tukwila will be forever grateful for her dedication, and that of her fellow patrollers, to the safety of her classmates. Congratulations Sydney, you are a true everyday hero!



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Prison term in fatality

A 21-year-old Seattle man received a three-year prison sentence on June 1 in King County Superior Court for a rollover crash that killed a Tukwila man riding in his car last November on State Route 599 in Tukwila.

Tou Hang pleaded guilty in May to vehicular homicide, according to the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. The sentence range was 31 to 41 months in prison. Hang, age 20 at the date of the accident, was driving drunk when he lost control of the car in the Nov. 19 accident.

Terry C. Hang, 22, was killed in the single-car crash. Terry Hang, a cousin of Tou Hang, died after he was ejected from the 2008 Honda Civic.

Vong Hang, 24, a second passenger, was treated at Harborview.

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COMMENTARY

Council, mayor: consider new ways to communicate

It is time for a change. Tukwila public officials, both elected and appointed, are discouraged from communicating with Tukwila residents through blogs like Facebook, Tukwila Talk and Tukwila Reporter blogs. A memo issued by the city attorney a few years ago reflected this point of view. It has been the implicit, if not explicit policy since then. This does not serve the public interest.

The city could fairly point out the City Council meetings and council coffee chats. The council meeting format does not accommodate interactive discussions. Say your piece in five minutes and sit down. The coffee chats are good but there is no public record of the discussions so residents may learn from them. They happen infrequently, are usually poorly attended and often by the same residents. Human nature does not change. Most



Chuck Parrish

residents simply choose not to come to these meetings. So what do we do?

I recently attended an Open Meetings and Public Records Laws Forum co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters and the Coalition for Open Government, www.washingtoncog.org. Among the panelists were Toby Nixon - former state legislator and now

Kirkland City Council member, along with Greg Overstreet and Tim Ford, respectively, former and current assistant attorney general for Government Accountability and Open Government Ombudsman. In an answer for my question about blogging, the panel could not think of any legal reason to be unwilling to participate in blog discussions on legislative matters. Blog discussions can occur without violating OPMA (Open Public Meetings Act). It was pointed out that a public official does not surrender his or her first amendment rights when entering public service. Toby Nixon said that he blogs with the local Kirkland newspaper.

OPMA is not intended to deter public discussions. It is intended to protect the public interest with some do's and don'ts.

I encourage the city administration and the council to review OPMA and the Attorney General interpretation of OPMA. The latter may be found at www.atg.wa.gov/OpenGovernment/InternetManual/Chapter3.aspx. I encourage the administration and council to work with the city attorney to come up with some simple guidelines and then open up the lines of communication. The best approach would be to create individual blogs on Tukwila Reporter. Facebook and Tukwila Talk are other options.

Avoiding blogs and other forms of communication in which there can be a 24/7 exchange of ideas on legislative matters (not quasi-judicial) is like refusing to drive a car because one fears making a driving error and getting a ticket. It is time for a change.

Columnist Chuck Parrish can be reached at editor@tukwilareporter.com.

lettersto the editor

A Foster history

First, it's good to see a bona fide Tukwila as editor of the *Tukwila Reporter*. Congrats, Dean. Grace Gylling would be proud of you.

I read your editorial recollections about Foster High School and have a couple of clarifications.

Foster High didn't start in 1952. It's true that the first high school building on the current site opened in January of 1953, but Foster actually became an accredited high school in the fall of 1914. High school classes were held at first in the Foster Grade School, which stood on the northern portion of the upper part of what is now Joseph Foster Memorial Park. In 1922 a separate high school building was constructed immediately south of the grade school. You can still see the steps leading from where the high school building was located to the lower playfield at the park.

Foster's first graduating class, in 1915, was a class of one, Ava Sophia Adams. Recently one of the suggested names for the current school district administration building was in honor of Ava Sophia Adams, submitted by a Showalter student.

Foster Grade School, where high school classes were first held, was demolished in 1938 when Showalter was built, as a condition of state funding. Three other grade school buildings at the time were also to be demolished (Showalter was supposed to be the only grade school the district would ever need), but

the Thorndyke, Tukwila and Riverton grade school buildings were saved as community clubs. The first two still exist. Tukwila is the Tukwila Heritage and Cultural Center, and Thorndyke, the oldest surviving school building in Tukwila having been built in 1908, is a private residence on 42nd Avenue South. The Riverton grade school survived for a few more years as a community club, but it was demolished to make way for Southgate Elementary School. Southgate, of course, became the Tukwila Community Center after the school closed due to declining enrollment in the 1970s, and the building was torn down when the current Tukwila Community Center opened. The Riverton/Southgate site is now Southgate Park.

One other point: The building that stood just east of Foster High School, where the Tukwila swimming pool is now, was Arcadia Rest Home, a tuberculosis clinic and then a nursing home. Quite some time before that it was a private residence.

All of this history and a lot more can be found in the local history book "Tukwila, Community at the Crossroads," which is available for sale at Tukwila City Hall and for checkout at the Foster Library, a branch of the King County Library System.

Ron Lamb
Tukwila

Trail returning to normal

Summer is here and many of you are looking forward to enjoying the beautiful parks and trails South King County has to offer.

For those of you who live near the Green River Trail, we have good news to share. Just in time for the warmer weather, the giant sandbags on the levees along the river will be coming down.

These sandbags served their purpose, but now that flood risk no longer exists, it is time for them to go.

In 2009, the Green River Valley faced a major threat when we learned that the Howard Hanson Dam, which had protected the Valley from flooding for over four decades, was damaged.

People were concerned - homes, jobs, and businesses were in jeopardy of flooding. The region's economy was at risk - approximately 100,000 jobs exist in the flood area; over 90,000 commutes could have been disrupted; and, according to the Washington State Department of Commerce, a 10-day flood event in the Green River Valley could have resulted in a \$1.1 billion loss to the state's economy.

The King County Flood Control District stepped up to help the Green River

Valley prepare for possible flooding. The Flood Control District is a county-wide government created to provide funding and policy oversight for possible flooding.

One of the ways the Flood Control District helped was to pay for the placement of 26 miles of sandbags, which raised the height of the levees along the Green River and provided extra flood protection to the cities of Kent, Auburn, and Tukwila.

On May 14th, the Flood Control District Board of Supervisors - who are the same elected representatives as your King County Council -- voted unanimously to help pay to remove the sandbags. This will allow the people and businesses of the Green River Valley to return to their normal lives, and help the cities avoid a costly bill come budget time.

As chair and vice-Chair of the Flood Control District, we are happy we can help the Green River Valley move on from the fear and threat of increased flooding to our communities.

Julia Patterson, chairwoman and Reagan Dunn, vice chairman, of the King County Flood Control District Board of Supervisors

Foster High School | Class of 2012



The 2012 senior class of Foster High School poses for its senior photo at Werner Neudorf Stadium. The class of 177 students graduated Friday, June 15. The senior class had an overall grade point average of 2.7 and was comprised of 32 cultures.

The Top 10 | in their words



The Top 10 students of Foster High School's graduating class are, top row, from left to right, Kevin Le, Harpreet Singh (salutatorian), Yetsebaot Sisay, Virak Pheng, bottom row, from left, Kimberly May, Jocelyn Chen, Bianca Castaneda, Maryam Mir Abdul Sami and Anna Tran (valedictorian). Not pictured is Natnael Abate. Sarah Kehoe, Tukwila Reporter

Seven of Foster High School's Top 10 seniors shared their thoughts about their education and their future.

They were asked about their background, their school activities and clubs, plans after graduation and favorite high school memory.

Anna Tran

1. I was born in Seattle. I come from a Vietnamese-Chinese household where my parents are very strict on following traditions of their culture. They wanted me to never lose our native language, which is Vietnamese, by never speaking English at home.
2. The school activities and clubs I participate in are the National Honors Society, Interact Club, and badminton and tennis team. I have done more than 100 hours of community service through the National Honors Society, Interact Club and Northwest Harvest.
3. I plan to go to the University of Washington after I graduate from Foster High School. Once in UW, I plan to major in biochemistry and minor in political science. My hopes are to become either a bio-medical researcher or

engineer and a governor of Washington.

4. My favorite memory of high school was the Homecoming week during my freshman year because we showed the upperclassmen that just because we were new doesn't mean we were scared. We got third place that year. I was very proud of our class, even though we weren't the most spirited.

Yetsebaot Sisay (Peppy)

1. I'm a first-generation Ethiopian-American student. I was born here in Seattle. My parents were both born in Addis Abba, Ethiopia, and moved here 20 years ago.
2. I'm involved with the National Honor Society, Interact Club, Book Club and FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America). I participated in both cross country and tennis.
3. After graduation, I will attend the University of Southern California. I plan to study computer science and possibly double major in business administration.
4. A favorite memory I have is a fundraiser my friends and I volunteered for. We would fundraise every Saturday in October for eight hours each Saturday. We had a

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scholarship | profiles



Foster High School scholarship winners are, from left, Benjamin Atic, Kevin Le, Rebecca Covarrubia and Bello Dondja

Foster High School's graduating seniors have earned thousands of dollars in grants and scholarships that will help them advance their education.

Here are three:

Kevin Le, 18, The Gates Millennium Scholarship

The scholarship from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will fund Le's education and personal expenses such as housing and food for four years at a university of his choice.

Le wrote eight essays to receive the scholarship and was motivated to apply by an alumni who had received the scholarship.

Le plans to study biomedical engineering at the University of Washington for one year and transfer to Stanford University.

Rebecca Covarrubia, 17, and Bello Dondja, 18, The Act Six Leadership and Scholarship Initiative

The scholarship from the Northwest Leadership Foundation provides campus support, ongoing leadership development and vocational connections to inspire scholars to serve their home communities.

Covarrubia applied for the scholarship at the urging of her counselor and from speaking to people from the foundation when they visited Covarrubia plans to attend Northwest University in Kirkland and become an art therapist or missionary.

Dondja applied for the scholarship after being inspired by Foster's graduates from last year. Covarrubia plans to attend Trinity Lutheran College in Everett.

Benjamin Atic, the Tukwila Police Officer's Guild TOGP Scholarship

The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to one student who has demonstrated commitment to Foster High School and Tukwila. Each applicant must complete an original essay that describes community activities, post high school academic plans, and describe what challenges or obstacles they have overcome in life.

Atic's family fled Bosnia 13 years ago and came to Tukwila. Atic attended Thorndyke Elementary School and was enrolled in the schools' ESL program. During his time at Foster, Ben took a part-time job to help his

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lot of fun and contributed towards a good cause.

Jocelyn Chen

1. I was born in GhoungZhev, China, and moved to California when I was four. I moved to the Tukwila School District in the middle of first grade.

2. Cheerleader (varsity), president and third year in National Honor Society, ASB executive secretary, junior class vice president.

3. Attending Whitworth University with a full ride. Planning to major in business.

4. The senior class barbecue that the students planned by themselves. It was great to see our class come together and bond during the year.

Kimberly May

1. I'm originally from Seattle.

2. The clubs I have joined at FHS were volleyball and softball.

3. After graduation I will be attending the University of Washington for a degree. I hope to transfer to Harvard or Princeton for a double Ph.D in medicine and law. After my school I will be dedicating my time to work for the government, hopefully as an agent for the FBI or an agent for Homeland Security. I also plan on using my professional skills, like being a doctor or lawyer.

4. Looking forward to graduation.

Harpreet Singh

1. I am a first-generation, Indian-American born in San Jose, Calif., and moved to the community of Tukwila when I was six years old. My family immigrated to the United States from India in hopes of having a good life and providing a better future for my sister and me.

2. I have been very involved within Foster High School

since my freshman year. I participate in clubs such as Future Business Leaders of America, National Honor Society, Interact Club and student government. I have also been a member of the tennis team and cross-country team.

3. I plan to attend the University of Washington this upcoming fall. Currently, I am set to major in computer science and plan to have a career as a computer software engineer. I hope to also get my MBA at some point, by which I can obtain an executive position in the computer industry.

4. My favorite high school memory would be receiving the MVP award for tennis my junior year at the tennis team banquet. It was the moment when I was finally recognized for all of my hard work and dedication. I was proud of myself for all that I had accomplished in the sport and took fourth place at league that year.

Kevin Le

1. I am Vietnamese and I was born in Washington. I have attended Tukwila School District for 12 years.

2. Interact Club, NHS, Tennis and the Dream Project

3. I plan to go to University of Washington and major in engineering.

4. Homecoming week

Virak Pheng

1. I am from Cambodia to moved to Chicago in 2008, then Seattle in 2009.

2. Clubs are Interact Club, National Honor Society, Dream Project CSC after School Program.

3. I got accepted to Pacific Lutheran University. I plan to major in engineering.

4. My favorite memory is when my AP Calculus classmate had a study group until 11:30 p.m. for an exam. My teacher bought us pizza.

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mother make ends meet.

Atic is the first person in his family to graduate from high school in the United States; he will attend the University of

Washington this upcoming fall.

Atic is involved with the Interact Club, which provides aid to various organizations around the community. In September the club collected canned food and donations to benefit the Tukwila Food Pantry.



Dear Customer,

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Tukwila's first Strategic Plan: Making a blueprint for the City's future

TUKWILA CITY PAGES

**Mark your calendar for these Tukwila family-friendly summer events:
Touch-A-Truck - Saturday, June 23; Family Fourth at the Fort - Wednesday, July 4**

The Green River is in our Care

Stormwater pollution and its impact on Puget Sound was the focus of a City of Tukwila presentation on May 15, 2012 to the 5th grade science classes of Tukwila Elementary School. The students learned about storm drains and specific things they can do to protect the water that flows into storm drains. The students were well-prepared for the presentation because Tukwila Elementary science teachers had already taught them about the Green River; now they know "Puget Sound Starts Here" right in Tukwila.

The fifth graders were taught one of the simplest things they can do to prevent stormwater pollution is to not allow oil or soapy water into our storm drainage systems. The students also learned that it is bad for the environment if their pet's waste was not scooped up because, when left behind, it eventually makes its way through the drainage system to the waters of the Green River and the Sound.

The presentation was part of the City's ongoing community awareness program to educate the public about stormwater and to encourage people – including young children – to take an active part in preventing pollutants from getting into our area's storm drains and ultimately into Puget Sound.



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Enjoy a public fireworks display with your family – like the Family 4th event at Fort Dent – and avoid the dangers and fines associated with fireworks possession and discharge. Thank you for helping us keep the 4th of July safe in Tukwila.

2012 Annual Overlay & Repair Program

The City's Annual Overlay and Repair Program rehabilitates roadway surfaces throughout the City. This year will see repairs at Tukwila Parkway and Andover Park West, from Midland Drive to South 180th Street. Construction is anticipated to begin in early August and be completed by the end of the year.

2012 Annual Small Drainage Program

The City's Annual Small Drainage Program is designed to correct isolated small drainage problems throughout the City. Work on this year's projects is anticipated to start in July and be completed by October.

Specific locations for 2012 projects include:

- Gilliam Creek, Southcenter Boulevard crossing
- South 128th Street/37th Avenue South pipe repair
- Tukwila Parkway outfall
- Ryan Hill pipe repairs
- Fort Dent outfall improvements
- S 107th St Drainage Extension (at Beacon Ave S)
- 52nd Avenue S/53rd Avenue S Drainage Extension
- South 114th Street

City project wins award

On May 22, the American Public Works Association recognized the City of Tukwila with its 2012 Washington State Project of the Year Award for the Tukwila Urban Center Access (Klickitat) Project. This road project won the category of Transportation, \$5–\$25 million range. The City of Tukwila, Guy F. Atkinson Construction LLC, and CH2M Hill, Inc., were acknowledged for their outstanding achievement in managing and constructing this regionally significant road project.



Southcenter Parkway extension update

Construction of the Southcenter Parkway Project, which began in July 2009 between Minkler Boulevard and South 200th Street, is nearing completion. The project included demolition of the golf driving range; import of earth to build a new roadbed; asphalt paving; concrete curbs; gutters and sidewalks; street lighting systems; new traffic signals; landscaping and irrigation systems; a new sanitary sewer pump station; and new sanitary sewer, water mains, and storm drainage systems. There are two new large areas of mitigation for stream and wetlands. Rainy weather conditions have slowed the final paving process, but once completed with traffic striping, the road should be reopened to the general public in early July.

Restoration of Tukwila's trail

In 2009 temporary emergency flood control measures were installed in response to concerns brought about by damage to the Howard Hanson Dam, which is run by the US Army Corps of Engineers (COE) to regulate flooding along the Green River. Now that the COE has completed repairs to the dam – which is operating at its full design capacity – the City of Tukwila will soon issue a construction contract to remove the Hesco and Supersac flood barriers that have kept our trails closed.

The cities of Auburn, Kent, and Tukwila have been working with the King County Flood Control District to secure funding for the removal of the flood control measures. In June 2012, the Flood District approved funding to cover 75% of the removal and restoration costs with the remaining costs to be funded by the affected jurisdictions. Restoration work is expected to start in late July and is scheduled to be completed by November, 2012.

Work will consist of removing the barriers from both the west and east side of the Green River, restoring the traffic lanes on West Valley Highway, repaving the trail, and other restoration work. The Green River Trail will remain closed even after the flood measures are removed since the existing pavement has been extensively damaged and will require significant repairs before reopening to the public.

IN OBSERVANCE OF THE INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY, CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 4.

COUNCIL CHAT

Second Saturday of each month, from 10:00AM to 12:00PM

Come join the talk at the **FOSTER GOLF LINKS CLUBHOUSE**
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Council Chat is an opportunity to stop by and informally speak with a Tukwila City Council member about anything on your mind regarding your community.

Next Chat: Saturday, July 14

Come enjoy 23rd annual live summer performances

Behind the Scenes is the theme for this year's CASTT plays. CASTT (Community Actors Summer Theatre in Tukwila) will present an evening of one-act plays on July 20 and 21 at the Foster Performing Arts Center. There is no charge for the show, but canned food will be collected at the door for the local food bank.

The plays this year include an elementary school cast doing an adaptation of the mechanics scene from *Midsummer Night's Dream*. Ever wonder where budding directors get their start? This one-act play gives a look at an elementary student aspiring for a career in directing. One problem: the cast isn't up to the task of doing Shakespeare.

We're Not Making This Play Up As We Go-Honest! by Bradley Walton is a play about what happens when the cast gets sick and stage crew have to fill in for the actors. It is a very funny show about what happens when stage crew finds the only prop – a bowl of gravy – as the only thing worth talking about. This show's cast is middle schoolers.

Sound Cues by Michael Vukadinovich is a play about what happens in the sound booth while the show is going on. You hear the sound effects in a play, but do you ever wonder what else goes on in the sound booth? This play – done by a high school cast – will give a humorous look into the technical side of theatre.

Box Office by Claudia Hasss is a play about the workings of a community theatre box office, where there's more drama than on stage. Everything from a new age minister who thinks the theatre is a church to a housewife who thinks the theatre's rummage sale is the show.

An evening of fun for all ages. For more information, call 206-767-2342.

The City appreciates the assistance and dedication of the Explorers and of these first volunteer CERT graduates for helping the community be better prepared to respond to disaster events!

Interested in taking the CERT class? The next class will be held in the fall; specific dates are yet to be determined. Contact Mary Hobday, Emergency Management/Public Education, at 206-971-8742 or email CERT@TukwilaWA.gov.



It's time to think about how you'd like to see your city move forward, with changes or in its image. Tomorrow's Tukwila starts today!



Take the online survey!

At the start of this planning process, the City has created an online survey (available June 20) and invites you to take a few minutes and provide your input. Questions focus on topics like "What do you want our community to be like in the future?" Please go to our Strategic Plan page online – www.TukwilaWA.gov/StrategicPlan.html – and click on the questionnaire link.

The City of Tukwila is developing its first Strategic Plan to set the course for Tukwila's future. The Strategic Plan will be a guiding document for the long-term desired future for the community, as well as prioritized and phased action steps for achieving that vision.

To help in the planning, the City wants to hear from YOU, whether you're a resident, employee, business owner, or "friend of Tukwila." Your input will help shape the future of the community! Look for upcoming meetings and other opportunities to have your say in how Tukwila should proceed for the next decade.

The Hyde Shuttle comes to SeaTac and Tukwila!

Need to go shopping? Want to visit the Community Center? Have a doctor's appointment in Tukwila or SeaTac? On June 4, 2012, Senior Services introduced a new neighborhood van service in SeaTac and Tukwila for seniors age 55 years and older and for people of all ages with disabilities. The Hyde Shuttle offers free door-to-door service anywhere within the city limits of both cities, transporting riders to the SeaTac and Tukwila Community Centers, grocery shopping, the library, bank, to visit a friend, cultural and social activities, for medical appointments or any local errands.

Take a free ride on the Hyde Shuttle!

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- ❖ Service Hours: Monday–Friday, from 9:00AM to 4:00PM



Senior Services – the most comprehensive non-profit agency serving older adults and their loved ones in Washington State – operates the Hyde Shuttles in partnership with King County Metro. To request a ride, please call 206-727-6262 or visit the website at www.SeniorServices.org.



Sign up now for National Night Out Against Crime

Tuesday, August 7 is National Night Out (NNO), an annual event celebrated across the U.S., Canada and military installations. Each year, hundreds of Tukwila residents join their neighbors in celebrating an evening of fun while sending the message to criminals that they are not welcome in Tukwila! Citizens come together to meet one another and share crime prevention tips.

In partnership with Tukwila School District 5th grade classes, the Tukwila Police Department sponsored a poster contest with National Night Out Against Crime as a theme. Copies of the winning artwork will be provided to event sponsors for use as neighborhood flyers.

After 5:00PM on Tuesday, August 7, Tukwila Police and Fire Departments, along with City Council members, Code Enforcement officers and Tukwila Human Services representatives, will visit each neighborhood event that has been "registered" by Wednesday, August 1. Target Corporation is a national sponsor to NNO. Southcenter Target employees will be riding with City personnel visiting neighborhood parties with free prizes for kids. Any event that registers early will receive a packet of crime prevention material to have on hand at NNO.

Types of neighborhood events vary. Most neighborhoods plan a potluck barbeque to take advantage of the wide and wonderful ethnic food contributions Tukwila residents have to offer. Other suggestions are a pizza and pool party, ice cream social or coffee/dessert potluck. Bring your neighbors together and don't limit your ideas! Consider holding a neighborhood work party to help out an elderly or disabled neighbor.

Register your event online by visiting the Crime Prevention page on the City of Tukwila website, www.TukwilaWA.gov/police/pdcrimemap You can also contact Community Policing Coordinator Chris Partman at 206-431-2197 or email c.partman@TukwilaWA.gov to register or for more information about NNO.

Bulldog **teams** of the year, prep season recap

BY **ADAM MCFADDEN**

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Girls team of the year: Girls swim and dive

The Foster swim and dive team placed seventh at the Seamount meet, scoring 222 points. The season took on even more meaning since it was the school's first time having a girls swim and dive team.

"I was super excited because I've always wanted to be on a swim team," swimmer Jacque Griffin said. "But we've never had the opportunity."

Eleven Bulldogs worked alongside the Kennedy swim team, sharing coaches and practice time.

"The advantages are huge," said Foster athletic director J.D. Hill. "The Foster girls see how committed the Kennedy girls are, and they see how hard they work. Our girls are massively motivated by that. They understand they are practicing with a seasoned team and they do a good job of observing."

Kennedy coach Sean Prothero took the challenge of coaching extra swimmers in stride, even showing up at Foster's homecoming assembly to introduce the swim team, wearing Foster Bulldog gear.

"I'm sure he took it off right after he stepped out of the gym," Hill said with a laugh. "But it meant a lot."

At the league meet, junior Makayla Anderson placed 27th in the 50-yard freestyle. Jessica Watts took 29th in the same event. Anderson also finished 28th in the 100 free. Watts took 11th in the 100 back.

The Bulldogs' best finish of the day was in the 400-yard free relay, where the team took fifth. Regan Timm, Griffin, Anderson and Watts teamed for the relay.

Boys team of the year: Baseball

The Foster baseball team made huge strides, going from last place a year ago to the playoffs this year.

"It's huge progress for our program," said first-year Foster coach Eric Hall. "Nobody on our team had ever played in a playoff



Foster's Ciin Nuam, front, and Jenny Lian, compete in the 50-yard freestyle against Hazen and Kennedy at the Hazen High School pool. CHARLES CORTES, *Tukwila Reporter file photo*

game before."

The Bulldogs (7-14) eventually lost to North Kitsap in the district tournament.

Shortstop Joel Gonzalez was the team's only senior. He played shortstop and hit leadoff. His .421 average and 17 runs led the team.

"He's been an incredible leader," Hall said. "The makeup of our team has been very important. They're not arguing and they're there to pick each other up. That starts with Joel. He really gets things going for us."

Connor Forsyth hit .303 with a team-leading 14 RBI and 12 steals. Alex De la Torre was the team's ace with two wins and 51 strikeouts in 49.2 innings.

Football

The Foster football team finished the year with a 4-6 overall record and a 2-4 record in the Seamount.

The Bulldogs finished strong, going 3-2 in their final five games, including a 52-45 win against Fife in the SPSL/Seamount crossover.

ished 40th at the district meet for the girls team.

The development of Beyene and fellow freshman Alvin Zemo has Foster coach Bill Napier excited for the team's future.

"They're really strong," Napier said. "They were excellent middle school racers, and as hard as they worked with me all summer, they're going to be good."

Girls soccer

The girls soccer team went 5-7 overall and 5-6 in the Seamount, good for fourth place.

Foster's season ended in the sub-district playoffs against Olympic.

Sierra Parsons led the team with eight goals and six assists. Lizbeth Hernandez had four goals and two assists. Rigana Rai had three goals.

Volleyball

Foster's volleyball team finished third in the Seamount, first among 2A teams.

The Bulldogs (9-8 overall, 9-5 Seamount) made it to the district tournament before getting knocked out by Olympic.

Boys basketball

Foster finished the year 13-14 and just one game short of the 2A state basketball tournament.

The Bulldogs won three of four to end the regular season, then stayed hot and won five of six in the playoffs to get to a winner-to-state game against Kingston. Foster lost 54-41, but still went home proud after an excellent postseason run.

Girls basketball

Despite some big injuries, the Bulldogs managed to make the district tournament and come within two games of state.

Foster (9-15) struggled at times while star Sahara Hill missed time with an injury, but turned it around late to make the playoffs. Foster went 1-2 in the district tourna-

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ment.

Another highlight for the team was a 69-68 overtime win against long-time league leader Kennedy Catholic in December.

Hill had another excellent season, averaging 21.3 points, 12.3 rebounds and 3.7 steals per game. She led the Seamount in rebounding and was second in scoring.

Wrestling

Foster freshman Cale Woyvodich placed fourth at the 2A state wrestling tournament.

Woyvodich won several close matches while working his way through the 106-pound bracket. He topped Othello's Isaiah Barrera 4-3 in the first round, then beat Sumner's Travis Filleau 8-6 in the second.

He lost to Gabe Martinez of Quincy, 2-0 in overtime. Then he beat Barrera again 5-3 in the consolation bracket before losing the third-place match 7-2 to Quincy's Christian Alejandrez.

Track and field

Three Foster athletes made the 2A state track and field meet.

Anthony Manago paced third in the long jump with a jump of 20 feet, one inch. He won a district title the week before with a jump of 21 feet, 6.25 inches.

On the girls side, sophomore Sierra Parsons finished 15th in the 300-meter hurdles and 11th in the long jump. Priscilla



Foster's Sierra Parsons, competes in the 300-meter hurdles at the 2A state track and field meet. ADAM McFADDEN, *Tukwila Reporter*.

Donkor took eighth in the discus.

Parsons placed 18th overall in the heptathlon at the State Multi Events Championships June 2 at Lake Stevens High School. Her top finish was in the high jump, where she placed seventh.

Soccer

The Bulldogs finished third in the Seamount with an 11-4 overall record.

Foster reached the district tournament before losing to Fife and falling one game short of the 2A state tournament.

Zakaria Matan and Jalal Haji led the team with five goals each. Kamal Gulaliyev had four shutouts in goal.

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Teens kick off summer

The Summer Kickoff Festival at the Tukwila Community Center Friday, June 22, is the perfect way for teens to kick off a summer of fun. The free festival noon-5 p.m. is for grades 6-12. It's a big block party with a DJ playing music, barbecued hamburgers and sports. The community center is at 12424 42nd Ave. S.

Touch a truck up close

The Touch-a-Truck event is 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 23, at the Foster High School parking lot, 4242 S. 144th St. Some heavy-duty rigs will be there for kids of all ages to check out and kick the tires. The event also will have exhibitors distributing information about emergency preparedness.

Family Fourth at the Fort

Tukwila's big celebration of the nation's birthday is 4-10 p.m. July 4 at Fort Dent Park, 6800 Fort Dent Way. The park opens for the day at 9 a.m. There's food, fun, and music. The fireworks display, in a new location this year, is at 10 p.m.

Noon-time entertainment

The Tukwila Parks and Recreation Department's Peanut Butter & Jam Family Entertainment Series is July 20-Aug. 10 at noon outside at the Tukwila Community Center. Kicking off the series is Caspar Babypants on July 20.

Movies under the stars

"Hugo" kicks off the summer outdoor Cinema Series at 8 p.m. July 20 at the Tukwila Community Center. All the movies are rated PG. Seating begins at 8 p.m., with the movies starting at dusk. The series is free, but each family is asked to bring two cans of food for the Tukwila Pantry.



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At 100 Ed DeLong Sr. recalls a life filled with adventure



Mary and Ed DeLong Sr. in their 1943 wedding photo. The DeLong family

On the cover: Ed DeLong Sr. with U.S. Flag that flew over U.S. Capitol

Cover photo by **Dennis Box**

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To live a century is an impressive accomplishment. To live 100 years as Ed DeLong Sr. is the story of life lived to the fullest.

DeLong, a Tukwila resident who will be 101 Oct. 7, was a merchant marine who spent five decades sailing the seas of the world. From dodging subs in the North Atlantic to surviving a torpedo attack in the Indian Ocean, DeLong experienced the thrill and danger of battle during three wars – World War II, the Korean and Vietnam wars.

“I managed to live through them all,” DeLong said at his Tukwila home.

Along the road he found the secret of family life in a marriage of 59 years to his wife Mary.

DeLong said he and his wife moved to Tukwila from Portland in 1955. The couple raised their family of four children, three daughters, Rae, Rolfanne and Renee and a son Eddie in the same home he lives in today.

A life changer

DeLong was born in 1911 in Grafton, N.Y.

“We lived six miles from the Albany on the Hudson River,” DeLong said. “When I was 10 years old, my folks moved to Florida. Mother had trouble with the cold.”

In 1930 DeLong joined the United States Merchant Marine. The nation was in the grip of the Great Depression.

“There were no good jobs,” he said.

His decision to join the Merchant Marine at 20 years old gave him much more than a good job. The merchant service opened up a seafarer’s world of adventure until he retired as a chief mate nearly 50 years later in October 1979.

DeLong was on the seas during a number of harrowing military supply voyages in the North Atlantic during World War II. One voyage he recalled in the early 1940s during the President Franklin Roosevelt-era lend-lease program brought DeLong face-to-face with Nazi submarines.

“We started out from Scotland and went to Reykjavik (Iceland),” DeLong said. “There were 30 ships in the convoy from Iceland.”

After one day sailing north the convoy turned back.



Ed DeLong Sr. saw the world, including Singapore, in his five decades as a merchant marine. The DeLong family

“Some of those wolf packs (German submarines) were out there waiting for us,” he said. “They (the submarines) were picking them off pretty good. That was true all over the North Atlantic.”

Murmansk

The first time DeLong was on a ship that was hit he was part of a convoy heading to Murmansk, Russia, around North Cape, Norway.

“It was darn cold off the Norwegian coast,” he said. “We saw it get 55 below.”

“I managed to live through them all.”

Ed DeLong Sr., a merchant marine who served during World War II, Korea and Vietnam

He said once it got up to 25 or 30 below, “it warmed up a bit.”

During the Murmansk run his ship was bombed off North Cape. DeLong said about half the crew went to the convoy command ship and they asked for volunteers to stand by the disabled ship. DeLong was one of those who stayed with the bombed ship.

“They took the last lifeboat we had,” DeLong said. “There we were with nothing but the ship floating. We were about three days out of Murmansk off the Norwegian coast. The next day the command ship was torpedoed. They had the tough time. They were

picked up two days after they were torpedoed.”

DeLong went to visit his shipmates who went with the command ship that was torpedoed.

“Two of them lost both feet, one lost both hands and feet from frost-bite in the lifeboat,” DeLong said. “Others just died in the lifeboat. The ones that made it into the hospital in Murmansk were in bad shape. Mostly lost feet and hands. It was pretty bad.”

DeLong and the crew who stayed with the ship were able to repair the vessel well enough to get it into Murmansk harbor, and there he saw a sight he would never forget.

“We got into Murmansk and the whole harbor was ships sitting on the bottom,” he said. “The harbor was only about 30 feet of water, just the superstructure (bridge and upper deck of the ships) were showing.

The ships were hit by German Luftwaffe bombers.

“We finally got docked and a British ship right ahead of us was hit by a bomb and sunk at the dock,” DeLong said.

The Russian government gave the crew one month pay for all the ships that made the Murmansk port with supplies intact, DeLong said.

He said after unloading the war supplies for the British, the merchant ships headed back to New York, but trouble was still waiting.

“Getting out of Murmansk was quite a problem,” DeLong said. “A brand new British destroyer was escorting our convoy. We got around North Cape and that new destroyer

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was torpedoed. Two submarines attacked it. It took three torpedoes to sink it. We finally scuttled it. It had a \$100 million of gold on board. It was finally retrieved – and Britain got the gold. It was for the American payment the Russians were sending to America; it was British gold. It was dug out it 10 or 20 years later.”

The convoy was finally able to dodge the submarines by sailing next to the ice fields. “We could gallop up into the ice fields and the submarines couldn’t maneuver in there,” he said.

After about 20 days the convoy made it safely back to New York.

Troubled waters

He also ran into trouble with enemy submarines in the Indian Ocean during World War II. This time his ship was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine.

“I was on watch on the bridge,” DeLong said. “All I heard was boom, boom. One hit the stern and the other right in the engine room. That ship went down so fast. It took

“I talked her into a date the next day.”

Ed DeLong Sr.
on how he met his wife Mary

about two minutes and it was gone.”

DeLong said he ran down the flying bridge onto the boat deck.

“I started unhooking a lashing they had on the lifeboat,” he said. “The sea came over and hit me and I went down with the ship, and I came back up. All I remember was a bunch of bubbles all around me. It was pitch dark.”

He and some of the crew found a plank that was used to paint the ship.

At daylight 32 members of the crew found three lifeboats. About 31 other crew members were lost in the sinking.

“We were just floating around for three day out in the Indian Ocean off the coast of India,” DeLong said. “We were picked up by an old British Liberty ship.”

He said the one thing he was thankful for was the water was warmer. He said the hottest weather he ran into was in the Indian Ocean sailing to the Red Sea on course to the Mediterranean.

DeLong said he liked the Pacific best. “The weather is much better,” he said. “Usually I was on a jungle run with the mail line. It was three months trip from Seattle to India. Calcutta was our station there. That was just three months so we always had a good paycheck.”

He sailed throughout the South Pacific including Hong Kong, Singapore, almost every port in Japan and Philippines.

“We used to make almost all the little islands in the Philippines,” DeLong said. “Some we didn’t have charts for. If there was some kind of pier where we could anchor we’d pick up copra.”

Copra is the dried kernel of the coconut used for extracting coconut oil and animal feed.

Fond memory

One of his favorite memories is the day he met his wife in 1943. He was attending a

shipmate’s wedding in New York.

“At the reception I happen to be sitting next to this little short gal,” DeLong said. “When it was all over everyone got up to leave. She was just about the leave and I said ‘Stick around Shorty.’ Come across the street with us.”

They went to a cocktail lounge and DeLong said, “I talked to her into a date the next day.”

They married in “a little church around the corner,” and it lasted nearly 60 years. Mary DeLong died in 2003.

The secret?

Today DeLong still enjoys shopping and working in the yard, although he said he doesn’t “mow the lawn anymore.”

About reaching 100 he said, “It kind of surprised me when I woke up and I had to say, ‘Wow, a hundred.’ How anyone lives that long I don’t know.”

So what’s the secret?

“Maybe it’s the good bourbon,” DeLong said. Or maybe it is a loving family, friends and a life well lived.

Get in touch with trucks

The Tukwila Touch-a-Truck Safety and Emergency Preparedness Fair is 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 23.

The event is at Foster High School, 4242 S. 144th St., Tukwila.

The free event offers safety and emergency preparedness tips and information, plus a chance to see all types of big rigs.

Photographs will be taken with Tow Mater, from Disney’s “Cars and Cars 2,” for a fee, with proceeds to benefit community projects sponsored by the Tukwila Rotary Club.

As of June 7, these are the vehicles that have confirmed attendance:

- Valley View Sewer District – Vactor Truck and Camera Truck
- King County Water District #125 – Service Truck and Compressor
- Tukwila Fire Department – Ladder Truck, Engine, Fire/Police Boat and Smoke House (BFD)
- Tukwila Police Department – Mobile Command Post, SWAT Equipment Vehicle, Bearcat Armored Vehicle, Patrol Car, Motorcycle
- Tukwila Parks & Golf – FGL Tractor w/ aerator
- Tukwila Recreation – Senior Activity Bus
- American Red Cross – Emergency Response Vehicle
- Tukwila Public Works – Street Sweeper
- Waste Management – Garbage/Recycling Truck

• Tukwila Library – Mobile library
Other confirmed booths/displays as of June 7:

- Tukwila Rotary – Tow Mater from Disney’s “Cars & Cars 2” – fundraising booth, bike raffle, too
- Tukwila Fire/CERT – Information booth
- Tukwila Tec Team – Ham Radio Operators
- Tukwila Pool – Open swim and “swim in” movie (Happy Feet – time TBD)
- Academy Schools – Information booth
- Sister Cities – food booth for fundraising
- Tukwila Parks & Recreation – Information booth
- Roving entertainment – Eric Haines (stilt walker), Clownbuggie roving clowns, Ronald McDonald
- Tukwila Special Events – Kids hands-on activity station
- Tukwila Police – Crime Prevention booth
- Washington Poison Center – Mr. Yuk information booth
- Waste Management – Information booth
- Party Outfitters - Trackless Kids Train
- Shayla Cox – Paparazzi Accessories by Shayla
- Tukwila Human Services – Information booth
- Sustain Tukwila Pool – Drowning prevention (Kayak)

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Tukwila School District #406

June 2012

Summer Reading Lists Are Here

Attention all Tukwila School District Students! If you are reading this, you have already begun the first steps of improving your vocabulary, exercising your brain, and having FUN! Summer reading lists will open up to you more opportunities to go places you have never gone before, think about things from a different perspective, and challenge you to become story tellers by sharing what you have read to anyone you interact with. We encourage you to read to your family, your friends, and to yourself because what you learn dies with you but what you share with others will live on. Happy Reading Everyone!

Five Finger Test

To check the reading level of your book, take this simple test:

- 1) Open the book to the middle and choose any page to read.
- 2) Read the page. (aloud if possible)
- 3) Put out 1 finger for every word you do not know or cannot pronounce.
- 4) If you have 5 fingers out, the book is too difficult to read without help.
- 5) If you do not get any fingers up, but are reading very slowly and decoding almost every word, you will not enjoy the book.

Here's the finger guide:

- 1 Finger: This book is o.k. for you.
- 2 Fingers: Still good.
- 3 Fingers: Could be a bit hard for you to understand.
- 4 Fingers: Will be too difficult to read and understand.
- 5 Fingers: Choose another book.

Reading lists can be found on the Tukwila School District website.

<http://www.tukwila.wednet.edu>

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HONORABLE MENTION



Congratulations to all of the Foster High School student athletes who maintained a 3.5 GPA or higher while participating in Varsity level sports for the 2011-12 school year. These students were awarded the Seamount League First Team All Academic Award. The students were recognized at an assembly at FHS before the staff-student volleyball game – which the staff won.

9TH GRADERS

- Mcleod, Miriam E.
- Thang, Sui L.
- Tran, Kevin P.
- Abdi, Hussein
- Silva-Avendano, Alejandra N.
- Beyene, Yohanes F.
- Jerome, Joseph A.
- Chanthaphone, Emily
- Tram, Kathy N.
- Zemo, Alvine J.
- Lian, Pau M.
- Magar, Santa K.
- Medrano, Pearlana M.
- Thavonevong, Lendy
- Paw, Bway Mu Psaw

10TH GRADERS

- Dang, Tommy T.
- Teng, Angelie
- Oneil, Andrea A.
- Nuam, Ciin L.
- Covarrubia, Cory J.
- Breland, Micah M.
- Al Obaidi, Ali Z.
- Nguyen, Kathy
- Serafica, Eunica A.
- PaTton, David M.
- Forsyth, Connor W.
- Mao, Boramey
- Shannon, Patrick
- Vilai, Jessica M.
- Puii, Lal Nun
- Titalii, Jeremiah S.
- Mussa, Elemo J.
- Cringle, Jayme V.

11TH GRADERS

- Arquiza, Moa
- Nguyen, Huan K.
- Rojas, Eduardo
- Delatorre, Alejandro
- Bailon, Esmeralda
- Samra, Charanpreet
- Le, Yen K.
- Dacic, Emina
- Biswa, Bhagi R.
- Chu, Davidson
- Bhandari, Kunti M.
- Sun, Veronica S.
- Fertakis, Christopher J.
- Pascual, Rushlenne Ga
- Camat, Russel
- Shaiwayana, Naveed
- Flores-Torres, Alan E.
- Banos, MicHel Y.
- Salzano, Yohana
- Vikovic, Senaid
- Caracoza, Daniel

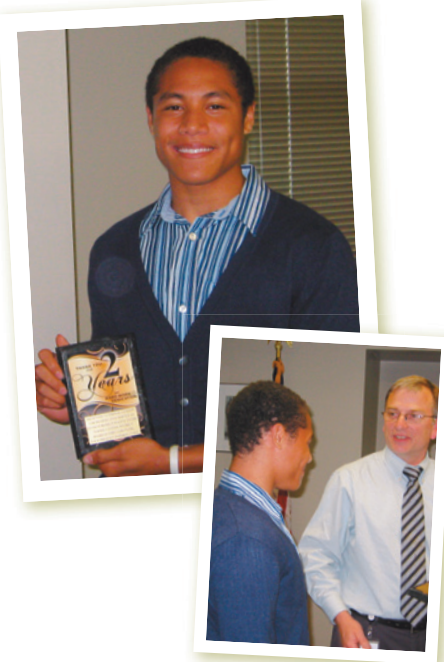
12TH GRADERS

- Tran, Anna
- Singh, Harpreet
- Sisay, Yetsebaot B.
- Le, Kevin P.
- Chen, Jocelyn
- Covarrubia, Rebecca J.
- Nguyen, Dennis H.
- Breland Jr, Morya A.
- Gamiao, Myrriam R.
- Le, Nhi Y.
- Budhathoki, Kausila
- Hamid, Yusuf
- Lim, Stephenny P.
- Garcia, Monica A.
- Nguyen, Dennis D.
- Moo, Hel Ber

Foster High School Receives Award of Honor

Foster high school has been awarded the Seamount league 2011 - 2012 overall sportsmanship award, voted on by the Seamount coaches. Sportsmanship has been a focus in the Seamount league and we are honored to have been the recipient of an award that celebrates our student's competitiveness and humility as athletes. The individual teams awarded the league honors were boys cross country, wrestling, baseball, softball and boys and girls track & field. The head coaches in charge of these programs are Bill Napier, Patrick Kalalua, Eric Hall and Shauna Briggs. As athletic director I feel that sportsmanship starts at the top. We can change the culture of our schools by promoting positive play and fostering courtesy at every athletic event. Our coaches do a wonderful job of holding our kids accountable to being good citizens on and off the court.

Student Honored



The Tukwila School Board and District would like to thank Mikhail Jackson for his two years of service as a student representative. Mikhail was honored at the school board meeting on June 12. He will graduate from Foster this school year and move on to the University of Washington.

TUKWILA

FREE

Summer Meals and Snacks for Kids

Cascade View Elementary
13601 32nd Ave. S
Tukwila, WA 98168
July 9th - August 2nd
Monday- Thursday
Breakfast 8:30-9:00 AM
Lunch: 11:10-11:45 AM

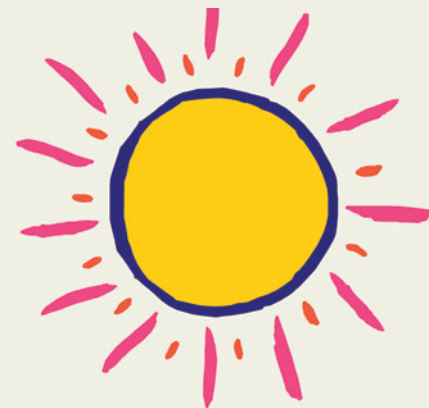
The Summer Meals Program
Feeds kids and teens
18 years and under

Cascade View Community Park
14211 37th Ave. S
Tukwila, WA 98168
July 2nd - August 3rd
Monday - Friday
Lunch 11:15 - 12:15 PM
Snack 3:15 - 4:15 PM

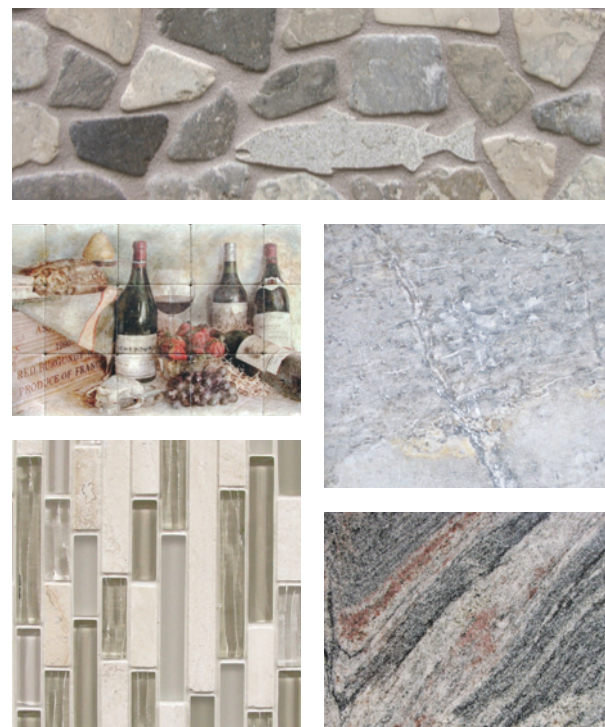
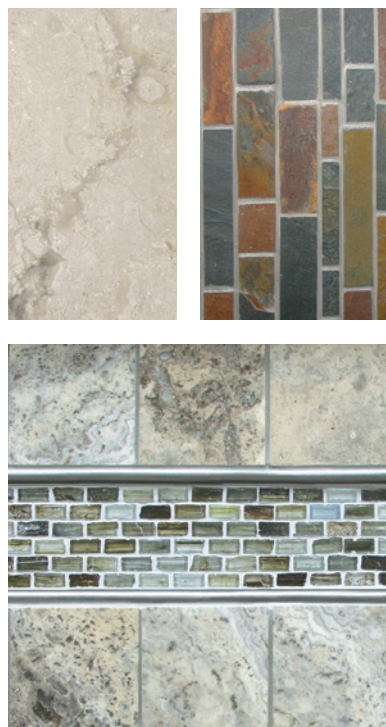
Tukwila Community Center
12424 - 42nd Ave. S
Tukwila, WA 98168
June 25th - August 24th
Monday - Friday
Lunch: 11:15 - 12:15 PM
Snack: 3:15- 4:15 PM



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