Burien

City News

Summer 2025

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Get Active and Try Something New in Burien this Summer!

Our 2025 Summer Recreation Guide offers a little something for everyone. Preschoolers can create music to accompany songs in the Lushootseed language, tweens can try ultimate frisbee or parkour, and adults can join Zumba or try Tai Chi in the Park. Inclusive specialized recreation classes offer art, dance, and young adult socials. Seniors can register for fun day trips touring a museum in Bellingham or an arts festival in Anacortes. Celebrate National Parks and Recreation Month with us by picking up your "Play in the Parks" game board at Burien Community Center and explore your local parks! And don't forget to mark your calendar for Music in the Park starting July 10. Browse the full guide at ***burienwa.gov/RecGuide***

INSIDE:

- **Learn What Your City is Doing and How You Can Participate**
- **Latest Headlines from the City of Burien**
- **Ways to Get Involved and Things to Do**

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, *and* PROCLAMATIONS

The Burien City Council passed the following **ordinances**, **resolutions**, and **proclamations** between April and June 2025. They also approved contracts, interlocal agreements, and other City business.

ORDINANCES

The City Council passed three ordinances. The ordinances updated the name of the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Advisory Board throughout City code (no. 867); adjusted penalties for obstructing fire lanes (no. 869); and amended the biennial budget (no. 866).

RESOLUTIONS

The City Council passed two resolutions. The resolutions updated the City's Commute Trip Reduction Program (no. 518) and approved placement of a countywide ballot measure for King County Medic One emergency medical services (no. 519).

PROCLAMATIONS

The City Council issued 11 proclamations on the following topics: Earth Day and Arbor Day, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Small Business Week, Affordable Housing Week, Public Works Week, Jewish American Heritage Month, LGBTQIA+ Pride Month, Mental Health Awareness Month, Gun Violence Awareness Month, Juneteenth, and Pollinator Month.



GET INVOLVED

We encourage Burien residents to understand and follow the business of the City as well as provide meaningful input.

- **Attend** City Council meetings in person at Burien City Hall, via Zoom, on Channel 21, or stream online. Watch for scheduled public meetings or public hearings on specific projects and topics at *burienwa.gov/calendar*
- **Read** summaries of City Council meetings at *burienwa.gov/CouncilRoundups*
- **Watch** live and past City Council meetings at *burienwa.gov/tv*
- **Share** your thoughts with the City Council at *council@burienwa.gov* or to each individual Councilmembers' email address, which can be found at *burienwa.gov/council*
- **Sign up** one hour before each City Council meeting to speak to the City Council virtually or in person during public comment at *burienwa.gov/PublicComment*
- **Visit** the Burien Community Hub, an online community engagement platform where you can learn about and participate in current planning efforts, at *connect.burienwa.gov*



LATEST NEWS



Community-Informed Proposal to Fund Public Safety in Burien Advances to Next Steps

June 6, 2025

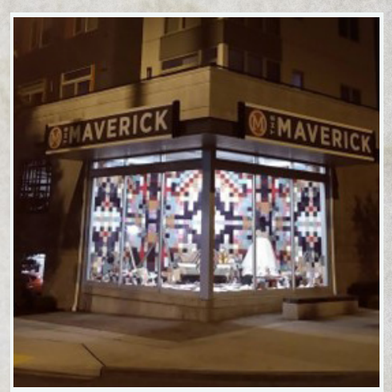
With its first-ever property tax levy proposal, the City values the opportunity to participate in the democratic process and will continue to keep the Burien community informed on next steps as this process moves forward. Those interested in learning more and following progress can visit the City's webpage at ***burienwa.gov/levy***.



Housing Code and Zoning Map Amendment Frequently Asked Questions

May 30, 2025

This proposal, carefully crafted over several months by staff and Planning Commission members, does not require anyone to change anything about their property. It does expand options for Burien property owners, options which must comply with applicable codes such as those protecting our trees and environmentally sensitive areas. Learn more at ***burienwa.gov/HousingCode.***



2026 Burien Gallery Program Call For Artists

May 30, 2025

The City of Burien welcomes artists residing in Washington State to apply to exhibit their work in one of three spaces located in Burien, including the Burien Community Center (BCC), The Maverick Apartments, or Merrill Garden Senior Living.



Updating Burien's Critical Area Ordinance

May 16, 2025

Specifically, this planning process focuses on environmental protection and updating the Critical Areas Ordinance to align with the most up to date science on how to best protect and mitigate impacts from development to the natural environment. Learn more at ***burienwa.gov/cao***.



Understanding Transportation Safety Concerns in Burien

April 16, 2025

The City of Burien wants to address transportation safety concerns by reviewing locations where crashes have occurred and where you feel unsafe walking, rolling, biking, accessing transit, and driving. We invite you to get involved by sharing your valuable perspectives about the safety of getting around in Burien. Learn more at ***burienwa.gov/csap***.



Burien Earns 2024 Tree City USA Recognition From Arbor Day Foundation

April 25, 2025

The City of Burien, under the Green Burien Partnership have achieved another year of Tree City USA and Growth Award designations. This will be Burien's 24th year as a Tree City USA and its seventh year with the Growth Award.

We can't pack everything into these four pages, so be sure to **check out this issue's digital landing page** for easy access to links, deeper dives into the stories mentioned here, multilingual resources, and sharable digital issues.

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What's New on the Burien Community Hub

Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

The City of Burien is developing a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan to address transportation safety, working towards eliminating fatalities and serious injuries due to crashes.

Learn more: ***burienwa.gov/csap***

Housing Code and Map Amendments

This project is an essential step to implementing the housing goals and land use plan of the Burien 2044 Comprehensive Plan. These amendments focus on achieving equitable housing growth, mitigating displacement, removing impediments to development, and meeting state legislative requirements.

Learn more: ***burienwa.gov/HousingCode***

Critical Areas Ordinance Update

This is a key component in of the local development code designed to protect environmentally sensitive areas such as wetlands, frequently flooded areas, aquifer recharge areas, and geologically hazardous areas. Washington state law requires cities to protect these five types of critical areas, in alignment with the best available science.

Learn more: ***burienwa.gov/cao***

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Find current planning projects and ways to get involved on **Burien Community Hub**: ***connect.burienwa.gov***

Follow us on **social media**: ***burienwa.gov/social***

Burien EVENTS

July 4th Parade
Friday, July 4, 11 a.m.
Downtown Burien

Music in the Park
Thursdays, July 10-August 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Lake Burien School Park
1620 SW 149th St.

Friday Night Movies in the Park
Fridays, July 11-August 8, 8:30-10:30 p.m.
Town Square Park, 480 SW 152nd St.

Olde Burien Block Party
Saturday, July 19, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
Olde Burien/SW 152nd Street

Boulevard Park Block Party & Lowrider Car Show
Saturday, August 9, noon-6 p.m.
120th St. & Des Moines Memorial Dr. S.

Arts-A-Glow
Saturday, September 6, 7-10 p.m.
Downtown Burien

Kids Day
Sat., September 13, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Burien Fire Station, 900 SW 146th St.

Welcoming Burien
Sat., September 13, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Town Square Park, 480 SW 152nd St.

B-Town Fiesta
Sun., September 21, noon-8 p.m.
Town Square Park, 480 SW 152nd St.

