Burien

City News

Summer 2026

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Burien's
SUMMER OF SOCCER

The City of Burien is celebrating "Burien's Summer of Soccer and Fun" during June and July for FIFA World Cup 2026™, encouraging guests to come enjoy "The World in One City," reflecting the diversity of our community and the many nations competing in this major global sporting event. A series of local events designed to bring neighbors together in shared public spaces include live broadcasts of select tournament matches in outdoor viewing areas throughout the city, live entertainment, and family-friendly activities. Burien is the place to "Eat Global and Cheer Local." See a list of upcoming events at **BurienFanZone.com**.

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**

CITY COUNCIL UPDATES



Mayor	Deputy Mayor	Councilmember	Councilmember	Councilmember	Councilmember
Sarah Moore	Hugo Garcia	Sam Méndez	Kevin Schilling	Alex Andrade	Rocco DeVito

Council Vacancy: Burien City Council position 2 became vacant as of May 18, 2026. To fill this Council position, the City Council will be appointing a Burien resident to serve in this role. The appointment by the City Council is expected to start on or around July 27, 2026. Applications are due by June 28, 2026 at 4 p.m.

Public Comment Rules: The deadline to sign up for public comment at City Council meetings has now been extended to the meeting's start time. For those who do not sign up ahead using the online form or by contacting the City Clerk, a sign up sheet will be available at the meeting between 5 and 5:30 p.m.

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You may qualify for utility tax relief in Burien!

Apply online or at Burien City Hall by December 4, 2026.

Rebates issued in early 2027.

burienwa.gov/UtilityTaxRelief

CITY UPDATES

Community Hub: Stay informed and get involved in active City projects at ***connect.burienwa.gov.*** Recently, community members have helped gather ideas for public art in Chelsea Park and even helped shape a neighborhood zoning proposal to support small-scale local entrepreneurship and jobs. Next, we're focusing on the City's budget. Watch for upcoming open houses and ways to share your priorities!

Helpful Resources: There are many resources on our website, including a home efficiency reimbursement program ***(burienwa.gov/ElectrifyBurien),*** providing resources and information related to immigration concerns ***(burienwa.gov/immigration),*** and frequently asked questions about Burien's minimum wage law ***(burienwa.gov/MinimumWage).***

Advisory Boards: Burien has four advisory boards and one ad-hoc committee, and all meetings are open to the public. They discuss, analyze, formulate, and forward well-developed, thoughtful recommendations to the Burien City Council. Current appointees and meeting information can be found at ***burienwa.gov/boards***.



Your City, Your Language

Visit our language landing pages to find information in Spanish and Vietnamese about a variety of City of Burien programs, services, and public information.

burienwa.gov/languages



LATEST NEWS



2027 Burien Gallery Program Call For Artists

June 11, 2026

The City of Burien has issued a call for artists for the 2027 Burien Gallery Program. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, August 28, 2026. 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, The Maverick Apartments, or Merrill Gardens Senior Living. Find more information on the City's website.



City of Burien Marks the Start of Pride Month by Raising an Inclusive Pride Flag at Burien City Hall

June 1, 2026

The inclusive Pride flag, which represents multiple identities within the LGBTQIA+ community, was raised over Burien City Hall. This was the sixth consecutive year that a Pride flag has been raised.



Ordinance No. 892 Helps Clarify Minimum Wage Rate in Burien

May 22, 2026

The Burien City Council approved Ordinance No. 892 on May 18, 2026, to clarify the minimum wage and to assure compliance with Burien's fair labor standards ordinance, Burien Municipal Code (BMC) Chapter 5.16. Learn more at ***burienwa.gov/MinimumWage.***



Burien, Des Moines, and SeaTac Denied More Time to Review Airport Plan Impacts

May 21, 2026

On May 18, 2026, the Cities of Burien, Des Moines, and SeaTac submitted a formal request to the Port of Seattle for a 90-day comment period for its Sustainable Airport Master Plan State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement. That request was denied.



City of Burien Welcomes Interim City Manager Bob Larson

April 24, 2026

The Burien City Council voted on April 20, 2026, to appoint Bob Larson as interim city manager. An experienced municipal manager who has served in senior management positions in local government since 1986, Larson previously served the Cities of Snoqualmie and Gig Harbor before retiring in 2021. Since then, he has served in interim city manager roles most recently for the Cities of Newcastle and North Bend.



Burien Councilmember Linda Akey Resigns

May 19, 2026

Burien City Councilmember Linda Akey officially announced her resignation from the Burien City Council, effective immediately, on May 18, 2026. Elected to Burien City Council Position 2 in November 2023, Akey has served on the City Council since 2024.

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.

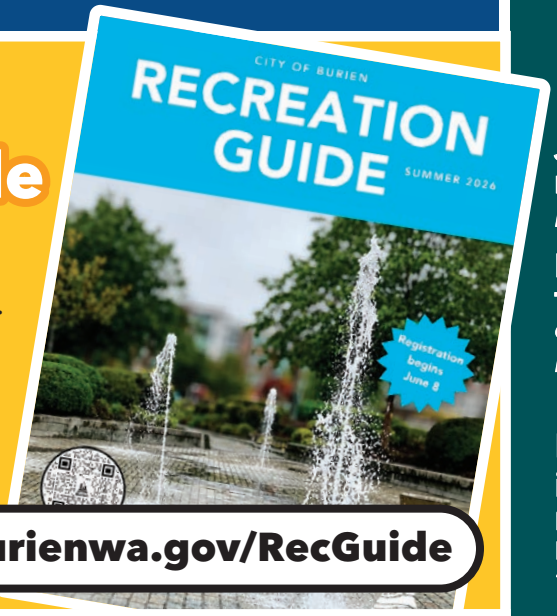
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Summer 2026 Recreation Guide

Our Summer recreation guide includes youth summer camps, walking trails ranked by difficulty, facility rentals for your next gathering, drop-in events at Burien Community Center, our "Play in the Parks" interactive game, and so much more. Get your own digital copy and find something exciting for everyone in your family.



burienwa.gov/RecGuide



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Notify the City of Burien about non-emergency issues like potholes, vegetation issues, downed signs, graffiti, litter, and more right from your computer or mobile device. Share locations, photos, and details to ensure the most efficient solution. Create an optional account to receive updates and track progress.

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Burien Events

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

Music in the Park
Thursdays, July 9-August 20, 6:30-8 p.m.
Lake Burien School Park
1620 SW 149th St.

Friday Night Movies in the Park
Fridays, August 7-September 11, Begins at dusk
Town Square Park, 480 SW 152nd St.

Boulevard Park Block Party & Lowrider Car Show
Saturday, August 22, noon-6 p.m.
120th St. & Des Moines Memorial Dr. S.

Kids Day
Sat., September 12, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Burien Fire Station, 900 SW 146th St.

Arts-A-Glow
Saturday, September 12, 7-10 p.m.
Downtown Burien

Welcoming Burien
Thurs., September 17, 4-7 p.m.
Town Square Park, 480 SW 152nd St.

B-Town Fiesta
Sun., September 27, noon-8 p.m.
Town Square Park, 480 SW 152nd St.



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