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## City Council Adopts Town Center Subarea Plan

An attractive, walkable downtown with a community plaza and a variety of restaurants, shops, and other businesses is the vision painted by the Town Center Plan that the City Council adopted on February 5, following a series of public meetings and mailings.

One of the benefits of a thriving downtown is quality of life for people in the community. Lively downtowns offer places to gather for eating, shopping, taking care of other business, enjoying public

art, and simply visiting with friends and neighbors. Another benefit of downtown development is a greater number of local jobs and a broader tax base to support community services.

The Planning Commission, an appointed group of seven volunteer citizens, recommended a Town Center Plan in late November, 2006. The City Council held a public hearing on it in December but chose to not adopt until key revisions were made.

Both the Council and the Planning Commission found that attractive new buildings with a mix of land uses and pedestrian-friendly amenities would create a positive Town Center atmosphere and match up economic development with quality of life. To encourage downtown redevelopment, the Plan allows for new buildings that will be large enough pay for the cost of



*Concept for future plaza and development in the Town Square block (bounded by 56th, 58th, 232nd, and 234th)*

their development but not overwhelming in size. Public and private investments from new development can provide the extra amenities citizens want. Additional housing on upper floors of some commercial buildings will also provide more customers—especially foot traffic—to the Town Center businesses and help keep the area lively and safe.

The Plan provides for the one-block Town Square District to be the prime focus of downtown. This block could have buildings three to seven stories tall if the upper stories are “stepped back” to avoid shadows on the street. A public plaza with a water feature would be built into part of the block. A new east/west street and a possible new north/south walkway would divide up the block for better commercial access and pedestrian connections. (See illustration.) Utilities

would go underground rather than on above-ground poles and wires.

The vicinity of 236<sup>th</sup> and 56<sup>th</sup> would be also be a downtown focal point, but not as intensive as the Town Square. Buildings there could be no taller than five stories.

In the rest of the Town Center—that is, in the area that makes up about 85 % of the existing downtown zone—buildings would be limited to

three to four stories. This compares to an existing height limit of three stories.

Under the Plan, 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue West from 244<sup>th</sup> to 228<sup>th</sup> would be a “main street” featuring wide sidewalks and street trees. To better connect the new Community Transit parking garage being designed for I-5 and 236<sup>th</sup> with the downtown area, future street improvements would emphasize both pedestrian and vehicle access.

Redeveloping downtown will take years to accomplish but the right plan can ensure that goals are achieved. Before development projects can be approved under the new Plan, new zoning code amendments must be adopted. These will be considered by the Planning Commission and City Council at the same time that a Planned

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## Council Corner



**By Councilmember  
John Zambrano**

During the discussion on the Town Center over the past few months, we've been asked how the City will pay for needed capital infrastructure improvements. There are actually several ways to pay for these projects.

One financing tool is pay-as-you-go financing where current taxes and fees collected by the City are invested to make needed capital infrastructure improvements. This tool currently is used to pay for street improvements such as our annual overlay and chip seal programs and other capital improvements.

A second financing tool involves asking voters to increase property taxes to pay for improvements that will benefit the whole community. When voters approve a property tax levy, they are agreeing to charge themselves an additional property tax for a period of 20 years to pay off loans used to finance a project. This financing tool was used when voters approved a levy to finance the Mountlake Terrace Library built in the late 1980s.

The City Council may also borrow funds without voter approval, particularly when property taxes don't need to be increased to pay for the project. This tool was used when the City received a \$1.7 million loan from the State of Washington for the construction of the new water reservoir in 2004. This loan will be repaid through existing utility rates, rather than property taxes, and therefore didn't require voter approval. The Council also used this tool when the City borrowed money to pay for the construction of Fire Station 19 in 2006. This loan will be repaid through a tax on the sale of

property (the Real Estate Excise Tax or "REET"), which under Washington law can be used only on capital projects.

Another financing tool involves the City requiring developers to pay for capital projects or partnering with developers on improvements. For example, when the first homes in your neighborhood were built, the City may have required the developer to construct the road and sidewalk, and install the water and sewer lines. When that work was finished, the City took over the infrastructure, paying for ongoing maintenance through taxes and utility rates. The same requirements can be used for new development in the community.

Each of these financing tools meets a certain need in the community, and through the combination of them the entire City is able to construct and replace infrastructure both now and into the future. For more information on these and other financial issues, please contact Administrative Services Director Scott Hugill at (425) 744-6208.

## Council Highlights

### December

- Public Hearing on Comprehensive Plan Amendments
- Public Hearing on Continuing Moratorium for Certain Gambling Establishments
- Public Hearing on Continuing Moratorium for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities in the Town Center
- Adopted Utility Rate Adjustment Ordinance
- Adopted 2007-08 Biennial Budget Ordinance
- Adopted Ordinance & Findings to Continue Moratorium for Certain Gambling Establishments & Findings
- Adopted Ordinance & Findings to Continue Moratorium for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities in the Town Center
- Adopted Resolution to Establish Off-Leash Dog Park Task Force
- Reviewed Proposed Town Center Subarea Plan
- Public Hearing on Town Center Subarea Plan
- Adopted Comprehensive Plan Amendments Ordinance
- Adopted 2006 Budget Amendments Ordinance

### January

- Elected 2007 Mayor Pro Tem
- Approved Interlocal Agreement Regarding Study of Lake Ballinger Water Levels
- Appointed Council Liaisons and Representatives for Intergovernmental Agency Boards/Commissions
- Public Hearing on Continuing Moratorium on Certain Conditional Uses in Town Center
- Adopted Ordinance & Findings for Continuing Moratorium on Certain Condition Uses in Town Center
- Adopted Ordinance Repealing the Establishment of Transport Fees for Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support
- Presentation by Community Transit on Park and Ride Garage Project Design
- Approved Interlocal Agreement For In-Service Police Training
- Awarded Contract for Custodial Services
- Appointed 2007 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee
- Continued Review of Town Center Subarea Plan

# City Considers Transfer of Library Management

The City and Sno-Isle Library District have been reviewing options to better serve our library patrons, including transferring control of the Mountlake Terrace Library facility to the Library District in 2007. The Sno-Isle Library District has been providing library services in Mountlake Terrace since 1986. The shift of the facility to Sno-Isle Libraries will provide increased library services for patrons while saving the City approximately \$85,000 each year.

The Mountlake Terrace Library Advisory Board, appointed by the Mountlake Terrace City Council, voted unanimously at their November 8, 2006

meeting to support the transfer of the facility. The current Library Board will become an advisory board to the Sno-Isle District Board of Directors. Membership nominations will be recommended by the Mountlake Terrace City Council.

The major advantages of the transfer to the community are:

- Expanded library services and programs
- Additional books
- PC oriented activities
- Added technology tools
- Ability of Library District to improve existing facility

- Advisory Board able to make recommendations for capital improvements
- City no longer responsible for annual maintenance, resulting in \$85,000 savings each year

The meeting rooms at the library will still be available for use by the community. Reservation of the rooms would be scheduled through the library directly. Historical community activities (i.e., annual art-show, public meetings, etc.) will still occur at the library. For additional information regarding the transfer of the library, please contact Scott Huglin at (425) 744-6208.

## Fireworks Ban Reminder

As an early reminder to citizens in Mountlake Terrace, on June 28, 2007 the ordinance banning the sale, possession and discharge of all fireworks will go into effect. The ordinance was passed by the Mountlake Terrace City Council on June 19, 2006. Under State law, the ban cannot go into effect until one year after passage.

The City Council had been considering fireworks options since the fall of 2005. As part of their consideration, the Council solicited input from the community through community meetings, public comment at City Council meetings, an informal poll of the citizens, letters and e-mails sent to the City, and input from city

staff.

Citizens can expect that police and fire officials will be taking a no tolerance, aggressive enforcement approach to violations of the fireworks ban through issuance of citations and confiscation of illegal fireworks.

The Council has authorized a community event to take place on July 4 this year that will include a professional fireworks display. Our community will still have the opportunity to enjoy the Independence Day holiday with a fireworks show sponsored by the city. This event is in the initial planning stage, so please stay tuned to the April and June issues of *City Happenings* for more information.

**Pavilion Pool  
closed for  
maintenance  
April 2-15**

## Help Children in Need Stay Active

Mountlake Terrace Recreation provides programs that have a positive impact on adults and children. In order to meet the needs of our community, we maintain a scholarship program that provides grants up to \$50 toward a class or program each quarter for children who qualify. We are always in need of raising more resources to provide the community's children with activities and knowledge to keep them healthy and help them learn new skills. Please consider making a contribution to this fund, so all kids can participate in our programs. If you would like additional information regarding any aspects of the recreation scholarship program or activities that our community center offers, please contact Support Services Supervisor Julie Codd at (425) 640-3105. Thank you for your consideration!

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### Town Center Plan

Action Ordinance is considered—probably this summer. The Planned Action Ordinance would provide mitigation for traffic and other impacts.

Mountlake Terrace is not alone in looking to revitalize its downtown area. Mill Creek, Everett, Lake Forest Park, Burien, Renton, Kirkland, Lynnwood, and other cities have taken recent action to develop or intensify their central business districts.

For the latest information on the Town Center project, see the City webpage at [www.cityofmlt.com/towncenter](http://www.cityofmlt.com/towncenter).

## State of the City ~ Part I

The City of Mountlake Terrace has made notable accomplishments and improvements over the past year. This article outlines the significant progress we have made in our shared vision - to create the most livable, most dynamic and most desirable City - and the challenges that still lie before us in fully achieving that vision.

### Streets and Public Utilities

#### *Streets/Transportation*

Infrastructure is the framework our lifestyle and economy are built upon. More than just an inconvenience, without paved streets, and modern water, sewer, and storm facilities, our lives would be much different.

The condition of the streets, sidewalks, and traffic control systems, and their ability to efficiently move traffic is vital to the community's wellbeing. Recent capital projects demonstrate a renewed commitment of the City Council to support a progressive program of transportation system rehabilitation and improvements. Examples include: the 56<sup>th</sup> and 236<sup>th</sup> Street Overlay and Sidewalk Project; the Street Chip Seal Program and the City-wide Signal Modification Project. Between now and 2012, the City will be investing \$9.7 million in a continued effort to improve our streets.

#### *Water System*

The original water system within Mountlake Terrace was built in the early 1950s. The City has had an ongoing water system improvement program since the early 1970's to replace the deteriorating and undersized mains. Much has been accomplished in the past but much still needs to be done in the years ahead. As part of this ongoing effort, the focus of current and upcoming projects continues to be on replacing failing and undersized facilities. In 2007, the City will update its Comprehensive Water System Plan. This plan is used to assure good operation of the system, compliance

with the many changing regulations, and to renew the capital program. Water Construction investments totaling \$8.1 million will begin in 2007 and continue through 2012.

#### *Sewer System*

Currently about 70% of the sewers are between 35 and 45 years old and quickly approaching the end of their 50-year expected life. As the sewer system ages, its components deteriorate and the occurrences of blockages, sewage spills, and infiltration of storm water increase. In 2003, the City completed a Comprehensive Sewer Plan that analyzed the capacity and condition of the sewer system and developed a long-term capital improvement strategy to address the problems. For 2007, the City plans to do a number of smaller projects that would address failing pipes, improve the sewer systems prone to blockages and reduce excessive maintenance. The City will begin investing in sewer system construction projects that will total \$7.3 million between now and 2012.

#### *Storm Water System*

The City's storm water program is essential for the protection of property from flooding, and safe operation of the City's streets. The management of storm water is more than just controlling surface runoff by constructing adequate storm facilities; it also includes maintaining water quality, preserving wetlands, and protecting aquatic habitat.

The City has a long history of steady progress improving its storm facilities. The 2007 storm water projects demonstrate that continuing effort by the City Council. This year's program features the following projects: Rerouting Lyon Creek away from Cedar Way (near 244<sup>th</sup>); Terrace Creek Storm Project (east of the Pavilion); Preparing a Comprehensive Storm Water Plan and a number of smaller improvement that address drainage problems. Between now and 2012, the City will invest \$4.0

million to upgrade and improve our storm water system.

### Finances & Administrative Services

The City of Mountlake Terrace is currently in a stable fiscal position and has a sound financial plan for the future. Our budget is balanced, services have been enhanced, and our reserves are very strong with financial resources set aside to accommodate unexpected operational changes, legislative impacts, or other economic events affecting the City's operations. This financial position affords us the ability to deliver services, projects and programs that enhance the community's quality of life. This condition is a result of the balanced, sustainable policies and leadership from the City Council and efficient fiscal stewardship by City staff.

Though the City's financial position and the regional economy are sound, our financial forecast shows that we need to broaden and diversify our revenue base to maintain our fiscal security into the future so that we can continue to provide full service to the community. Mountlake Terrace collects below average sales and property tax revenues, and we are dependent upon utility and gambling tax revenues. Of particular concern is the City's reliance on gambling taxes for basic municipal services—it makes up 11% of our general fund revenues. Because of the uncertainty of this revenue source, we need to look for other revenue. With cities generating most general fund revenue from sales and property tax, the Council is looking at business growth and development as well as revitalizing the town center. The generation of new revenues from growth and development will allow us to meet the growing demand for services, including improved maintenance of our parks and streets, additional parkland and sidewalks.

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Through our financial plan, the community is moving toward its achievement of goals with terrific amenities, making Mountlake Terrace a very attractive community to live, work, and play.

## Public Safety

The City of Mountlake Terrace police department has historically been, and continues to be, a service minded and service driven organization committed to community oriented policing. The department's focus on community policing revolves around the concept of crime prevention and resolution of community problems in a collaborative effort with the citizens and resources available within our community. We have a number of programs in place that involve the citizens and provide opportunities for residents to partner with the Mountlake Terrace Police Department:

- Issue-Related Community Meetings (such as fireworks)
- Registered Sex Offender Community Notification Meetings
- Department Response to Traffic & Neighborhood Complaints
- Reinstitution of Police Citizens Academy
- Crime Watch Volunteer Program
- CrimeWeb.net for community crime information
- Community Policing Advisory Board.

Other community programs include Animal Control, Code Enforcement, Crime Prevention and outreach at community events. Domestic violence prevention, education and prosecution remain a priority in our community as does our partnership with the High School in providing a School Resource Officer.

In addition to the police department's commitment to service, its level of service has had a positive impact on crime in the City. Our community has proven to be one of the safest cities in our region with an average response time of 3.5 minutes for priority 1 calls. This, in part, is due to efficient use of money and resources in our police department. Our public safety expenditures are below

the average of our neighboring communities as well as cities with similar population.

- 1.5 officers per 1,000 Population
- Below Average Property Crimes per 1,000 Population
- Below Average Violent Crimes per 1,000 Population
- Higher Average of Violent Crimes Solved (5 year average of 74%)
- Higher Total Part 1 Crimes Solved Than National Average (27% vs. 22%)
- Increased Number of Arrests for DUI (131 arrests in 2006)
- Increased Drug Seizure Revenue in 2005 and 2006.

In an effort to slow the rising cost of incarcerating defendants and convicted criminals, the police department stretches its available resources with cost-effective alternatives including Electronic Home Monitoring for low-risk defendants and relocating other defendants and criminals to less-costly jails. The cost effective nature of the detainment is enhanced by the defendant's requirement to pay the daily expense of the program. The city projects about \$150,000 will be collected in home detention fee revenue during the current two-year budget cycle.

In addition to providing police protection services, the City has contracted for fire and emergency medical services with Snohomish County Fire District 1 (FD 1) since 2005. This example and other partnerships utilized by the city help keep costs down and create efficiencies. Examples of public safety partnerships that benefit our taxpayers are:

- Fire and emergency medical services with FD 1 (saved over \$300,000 per year)
- Jail costs and electronic home monitoring program (saved \$50,000-\$75,000 per year)
- Court costs with South District Court (saves overtime costs of police officers)
- South Snohomish County Narcotics Task Force (generated \$52,000 in drug seizure revenue in 2006)
- School Resource Officer (Edmonds

School District pays half the salary).

We continue to embrace our partnerships in and around the community: Edmonds School District (High School Resource Officer); adjoining jurisdictions (shared narcotics and SWAT teams); Regional Narcotics Task Force; Snohomish County Health and Safety Network; South District Court; Apartment Managers; Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, Community Policing Advisory Board; and all city departments.

Please contact our department for more information on the aforementioned programs at (425) 670-8260. As we progress into the future, we are committed to providing the highest quality and standard or professionalism as we always have maintained through on-going communication and community information; keeping the Code Enforcement program as a priority; continued technological improvements, training, maintaining State Accreditation; emphasizing our partnerships; and rewarding employees for the successes and accomplishments.

The next edition of City Happenings will complete this City progress report by discussing the following topics: Economic and Community Development, Recreation and Parks and Community Events and Partnerships.

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## City Council Presents Legislative Agenda

This month, the City Council met with State Legislators to discuss legislative priorities that have come to the forefront. Following the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Legislative Action Conference, Councilmembers went to the Capitol and met with all six elected officials from the 1st and 21st Districts.

The Council's Legislative Agenda reflects the City's position on key matters expected to arise as legislation or in the State budget process. The Legislature can help our City deal with significant financial challenges resulting from periodic economic downturns and new initiatives.

## Council Corner



By **Councilmember Michelle Angrick**

Community Oriented Policing is a philosophy of full-service, personalized policing where officers work in a proactive partnership with citizens to identify and solve problems. The focus of community oriented policing is not simply on

responding to crime, but on preventing crime and resolving community problems. This philosophy rests on the belief that the police and the community must work together as partners to solve the contemporary challenges faced in today's society. This concept is incorporated throughout the Mountlake Terrace Police Department's culture and operations.

Mountlake Terrace Police Officers are encouraged and empowered with the freedom to act as needed in order to implement and participate in community-based problem solving efforts. Officers work in partnership with other organizations, community groups and schools to educate community members about potential hazards they may encounter and how to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of crime, to identify the problems, concerns and fears of community members, to identify and eliminate hazards that may promote crime or disorder, and to improve the overall quality of life in the community.

There are many opportunities for residents to partner with the Mountlake Terrace Police Department. Some of these include:

The **Community Policing Advisory Board** is comprised of residents, community business representatives, an Edmonds School District representative, and a high school age resident of the City. The Board is appointed by the City Council and meets monthly to assist in enhancing police-community relations, communications, and community confidence. In addition, they help organize community events such as National Night Out, Citizens Police Academy, and other special projects as determined by the Board.

The **Citizen's Police Academy** is an opportunity to meet with police officers to learn and discuss law enforcement issues in Mountlake Terrace. In the process, citizens are able to gain insight into the jobs of the police department

staff and how the police department delivers services to the City. In turn, the Police Department is able to hear from the community about crime and safety concerns, and ideas in resolving some of those issues. Having the opportunity to engage the community in this type of communication is critical to mutual understanding from both the police perspective and that of the people who live in Mountlake Terrace.

The **Crime Watch program** is comprised of volunteer citizens who assist in observing and reporting suspicious or criminal activities within our community. Crime Watch volunteers conduct vacation house checks, patrol parking lots and apartment communities, assist with traffic control at events and parades, help distribute public notifications, and represent the Police Department and the Crime Watch program at public events like safety fairs and National Night Out.

**Town Meetings** on Public Safety Issues are an opportunity for the community to come and share comments and ideas, or just listen and learn about code enforcement, crime trends, department operations and specialized units.

**Registered Sex Offender Community Notification Meetings** give citizens the opportunity to learn about the notification law, about the offender being released, the offender's rights and restrictions, and about what law-abiding people can do to make themselves and their families safer. In addition, a one page offender fact-sheet with a photograph of the offender is distributed to the public. These meetings also give attendees an opportunity to ask questions.

**CrimeWeb.Net** is an email message system now being used by the City so that residents can receive timely information regarding recent burglaries, registered sex offenders and illegal scams. Missing child alerts, Homeland and Community Security alerts, and major crime alerts are also available through this service. Registering to receive alerts is free and secure. You can register for this at <http://www.CrimeWeb.Net>.

The Mountlake Terrace Police Department's mission statement reads, "With trust, integrity and respect, provide quality police service for a safe environment, while encouraging active community participation." I believe that all of the these opportunities reaffirm the Police Department's commitment to their mission statement, to community partnerships and to enhancing the security, prosperity, and quality of life of the residents of Mountlake Terrace. Community partnership—that is the key. By working together, we become stronger, and are better equipped to create the safe, secure, and peaceful community we all aspire to build.



# 2007 Construction Update



## Current Construction

### 237<sup>th</sup> and 238<sup>th</sup> Streets SW Water Main Replacement Project

Construction of this project began in mid January. The project includes replacing old, deteriorating and undersized steel water mains with new larger ductile mains with capacities to meet modern fire fighting flow requirements. The improvements will be constructed in 237<sup>th</sup> Street, from 56<sup>th</sup> to 60<sup>th</sup>, and in 238<sup>th</sup>, between 56<sup>th</sup> and 59<sup>th</sup>. Along with the new mains, new service lines and fire hydrants will be installed. The project also includes constructing a short segment of storm main in 237<sup>th</sup> that will extend 200 feet from 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

## Upcoming Projects

### 2007 Street Chip Seal Program

The streets to be chip sealed are those within the area bounded by 236<sup>th</sup>, 244<sup>th</sup>, 56<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup>.

### 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue West Overlay Project

The street segments of 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue West to be repaved are 212<sup>th</sup> to 216<sup>th</sup> and 233<sup>rd</sup> to 236<sup>th</sup>, along with the intersection of 48<sup>th</sup> & 244<sup>th</sup>. The work includes a two-inch asphalt overlay, sidewalk ramps meeting ADA design standards, and new pavement markings.

### Terrace Creek Storm and Water Main Project

The storm improvements include the construction of a 12-inch diameter storm drain in Terrace Creek Park. The drain will extend easterly from 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, near the Pavilion, down the steep slope to the flat area adjacent to wetlands and Terrace Creek. At that location, a storm water infiltration facility will be constructed.

The water system improvement is a 12-inch diameter water main installed along the same alignment as the new storm drain. The main will extend from 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue down the steep

slope, across a flat area, across Terrace Creek, and up the hill to the 5100 block of the 228<sup>th</sup> Street alignment. This new main is part of the water transmission network that supplies the central portion of the City.

### Interurban Trail Connection

This project provides for the construction of the final segment of the City's Interurban Trail, that portion between 226<sup>th</sup> Place SW and 228<sup>th</sup> Street SW. Currently, this pedestrian and bicycle facility exists in the PUD right of way between the north City limit at 212<sup>th</sup> Street SW and 226<sup>th</sup> Place SW. When complete, the City's portion will provide a continuous off-street link between Lynnwood's existing trail and Edmonds' future trail. A Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) grant in the amount of \$111,700 will offset much of the construction costs.

### Cedar Terrace ADA Sidewalk & Ramps Project

This project will provide ADA accessibility throughout the Cedar Terrace neighborhood and a sidewalk link to Cedar Way and the Cedar Plaza shopping area via the 228<sup>th</sup> and 44<sup>th</sup> intersection. The Cedar Terrace neighborhood is bounded by 230<sup>th</sup> Place, 233<sup>rd</sup>, 48<sup>th</sup> and Cedar Way.

The project includes:

1. Constructing new sidewalk on the south side of 230<sup>th</sup> Place, from 46<sup>th</sup> to Cedar Way, and on 46<sup>th</sup>, from 230<sup>th</sup> Place south about 200 feet to the end of an existing sidewalk.
2. Installing new sidewalk ramps at on Cedar Way at 228<sup>th</sup>, 229<sup>th</sup> Place, 230<sup>th</sup> Place and 233<sup>rd</sup>, and at 232<sup>nd</sup> Place and 46<sup>th</sup>.
3. Replacing noncompliant sidewalk ramps along 233<sup>rd</sup> from 44<sup>th</sup> to 46<sup>th</sup> Place, and along 46<sup>th</sup> from 231<sup>st</sup> to 233<sup>rd</sup>.

About three-quarters of the construction costs will be offset by grant funding of \$163,100.

## Town Meeting on Public Safety

Thursday, March 8, 6:00-8:00 pm  
Council Chambers in City Hall



Please Come and Share Comments and Ideas or Just Listen and Learn About Code Enforcement, Crime Trends, Department Operations, & Specialized Units.

## City Directory

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Douglas Wittinger	778-3376
John Zambrano	744-0174

### Mountlake Terrace City Manager

John Caulfield	744-6205
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### Other Useful Phone Numbers

Animal Control	670-8260
Building Permits	744-6267
Business Licenses	744-6211
Code Compliance	670-8260
Emergency	911
Engineering	744-6273
Fire Business	551-5100
Information	776-1161
Library	776-8722
23300 58th Avenue W.	
Pet Licenses	744-6210
Planning	744-6266
Police Business	670-8260
Public Works	670-8264
Recreation Pavilion	776-9173
5303 228th Street SW	
Street Lights Out	670-8264
Traffic Ticket Info	744-6211
Utility Billing	744-6214
Utility Billing Fax	775-0420

Email: [utilitybilling@ci.mlt.wa.us](mailto:utilitybilling@ci.mlt.wa.us)

## Council Meetings

The City Council holds its regular meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 pm at City Hall. If the meeting date falls on a National holiday, the Council meeting will take place the following day.

**Spring Clean Up Dates**  
 City Wide Garage Sale ~ May 11-13  
 Curbside Pick Up ~ May 16  
 Volunteer Community Clean Up ~ May 19

## Flying to Canada or Mexico?

### *It's time to get a passport*



On January 23, all air travelers, including children, to and from Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean were required to have a passport to cross the U.S. border. This new rule could apply to land and sea travelers in 2008, although a firm date is not yet set.

The City of Mountlake Terrace is a dedicated passport acceptance facility. We process passport applications Monday through Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm. All applicants, adults and minors, must appear in person. Recently, the City began offering passport photo service as well. You may bring acceptable photos or you may purchase photos at the City for \$14.00 when you apply for your passport. Six to eight weeks are required for your passport application to be processed and for you to receive your passport, however expedited services are available for an additional fee. Please plan ahead for your future travel plans to allow yourself enough time to obtain your passport.

For further information and additional requirements please access our website at [www.cityofmlt.com](http://www.cityofmlt.com), or call us at (425) 776-1161.

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