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COUNCILMEMBERS WANT 24 NEW RED-LIGHT CAMERAS

Licata, Rasmussen and Della push for traffic-safety measures in 2008 budget

SEATTLE— Councilmembers Nick Licata, Tom Rasmussen, and David Della, today, proposed adding 24 traffic-safety cameras to the City's Red-Light Camera Program. The councilmembers' recommendation follows a draft evaluation report released in July that showed a great deal of promise for the City's Red-Light Camera Program. This report found that violations decreased by one third and the severity of collisions decreased overall at the four intersections where the cameras are installed. Councilmember Licata, Co-Chair of the Special Committee on Pedestrian Safety, said, "These cameras are preventing accidents. The city needs more of them." Councilmember Rasmussen said, "When we first proposed this program we knew it would get results, but the level of success is even greater than we hoped." Councilmember Della, member of the Special Committee on Pedestrian Safety, said, "As the City increases its density and we encourage people to get out of their cars, the City has a paramount duty to make sure pedestrians can cross the street safely."

In 2004, the Council prioritized establishment of a Red-Light Camera Program by including the passage of necessary enabling state legislation as a legislative priority for the City. Then, during the 2005 State Legislative session, the Council and the Office of Intergovernmental Relations worked successfully to change the standards and restrictions regarding use of traffic-safety cameras set by State Law. Finally, in late 2005 the Council unanimously passed ordinance 121944, co-sponsored by Councilmembers Licata and Rasmussen, authorizing use of these cameras and setting the monetary penalty for a stoplight infraction detected by the use of the cameras as well.

The cost of 24 new cameras is approximately \$1 million dollars. The revenue received from citations resulting from the six cameras at the four intersections currently under use is more than 2.5 times the cost of those cameras. If 24 additional cameras are funded in the 2008 budget, Councilmembers Licata, Rasmussen, and Della look forward to working with their Council colleagues and the Mayor in determining the location of the new cameras. Councilmember Licata said, "Running red lights is a dangerous action that can cause injury and even death. Red-light cameras reduce the problem behavior and pay for themselves." Councilmember Rasmussen said, "Public leadership is about getting results. That's what this program is all about." Councilmember Della said, "I applaud the efforts of Tom Rasmussen and Nick Licata in starting this program in Seattle. The number one goal with this technology is the protection and safety of all of us and I strongly support additional cameras."

LICTON SPRINGS HABITAT RESTORATION WORK PARTY A GREEN SEATTLE PARTNERSHIP EVENT SEPTEMBER 8TH

Mulch & weed to continue habitat restoration at this amazing site!
Start Time: 10 a.m.-2 p.m
Location: Licton Springs Park, N 97th St & Ashworth Ave N
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Sponsored by: Friends of Licton Springs and GSP



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November, 08 2006

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GREEN SCREENS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, MOVIES START AT 2:30 P.M.
Explore your world through the media of cinema. Be entertained and educated through these enthralling documentaries. Donations are appreciated. Recommended for ages 14 and older.
Cane Toads: An Unnatural History

WEEK WITHOUT VIOLENCE
OCTOBER 16 - 20
Imagine if this world could go a week without violence... now imagine a lifetime... you can make it real. Join Northgate Teens as we follow the foot steps of the YWCA in creating alternatives to violence. Activities will vary and will be announced in late September or early October. Pay attention to the Teen Announcement Bulletin Board.
Ages 13 - 19
Tue - Fri 3 - 9 p.m. | Sat 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Visit us online:
<http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/centers/Northgate/activity.htm>

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SOLD HOMES

The list below is homes that sold in our Licton Springs neighborhood over the last month. Do you wonder what your home is worth? The Décor, the features and condition all have a bearing on the price a home will command. I have seen the interiors of most of the homes on this list. If you are selling your home, please let me help you. I would be happy to view your home, prepare a market analysis and discuss the details with you. I can provide you with useful information, such as a sales price that might be realistically expected in today's Market.

ADDRESS:	BED/BATH	DESCRIPTION	YEAR	PRICE
9543 Interlake Ave N	2/1	1 Story	1968	\$276,000
9541 Interlake Ave N	2/1	Townhouse	1968	\$276,000
9543 Interlake Ave N	2/1	Townhouse	1968	\$276,000
9219-B Ashworth Ave N	2/2.25	Townhouse	2007	\$365,000
9219-A Ashworth Ave N	3/2	Townhouse	2007	\$369,950
9217-A Ashworth Ave N	3/3.25	Townhouse	2007	\$390,000
9216 Stone Ave N #B	3/2.5	Townhouse	2004	\$400,000
9503 Ashworth Ave N #B	3/3.5	Townhouse	2005	\$415,000

MAYOR'S LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY

SEATTLE - Mayor Greg Nickels sent the following pieces of legislation to the City Council. The proposals would:

- Authorize easements for water, sewer, electrical and telecommunications facilities for the Experience Music Project.
- Approve an application for grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for homelessness and community programs.
- Provide incentives for retaining landmarks and small buildings in the downtown area.
- Lift restriction on hiring several planning and transportation positions.
- Approve the sale of three surplus properties.

Visit the mayor's web site at www.seattle.gov/mayor. Get the mayor's inside view on efforts to promote transportation, public safety, economic opportunity and healthy communities by signing up for The Nickels Newsletter at www.seattle.gov/mayor/newsletter_signup.htm

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NORTHGATE LIBRARY EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

For more information, visit us online at:
<http://www.spl.org/>
and select the appropriate branch

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2007 @ 6:30 PM
NORTHGATE EVENING BOOK GROUP

Join us for a book group at the Northgate Branch. Everyone is welcome. This month's title is "I Heard the Owl Call My Name" by Margaret Craven.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2007 @ 6:30 PM
DANGER: BOOKS! AT NORTHGATE BRANCH LIBRARY

Enjoy Book-It Theatre's celebration of Banned Books Week with a reading of selections from three books that were recently challenged or banned in libraries across the country.

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Seattle Events Calendar

ITALIAN FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 29-30, 2007 - SEATTLE CENTER

Celebrating 20 Years and presented by Festa Italiana, the Italian Festival Seattle is the second largest Ethnic Festival in Seattle and celebrates Italy & Italian Culture with authentic presentations of Art, great Food and Live Entertainment. Festival highlights include the Bolla Grape Stomp, Kid's Pizza Toss, and Bocce Tournament.

The Italian Festival is free and will take place at Seattle Center. Festival Hours are: Saturday 11 AM - 8 PM; Sunday 11 AM - 7 PM. For more information

8TH ANNUAL RUN FOR CHILDREN'S SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 - MAGNUSON PARK

Taking place on the Sand Point Peninsula at Sand Point Magnuson Park, the 8th Annual Run for Children's run & walk is fun for the entire family. Events include a 5K run and walk, children's dash, awards ceremony, food, fun and prizes. It's a wonderful way to spend the day plus, all proceeds go to benefit the Children's Hospital & Regional Medical Center.

Race registration begins at 7 AM, with the 5k run/walk starting at 9:30 AM. Please call 206-987-4827 for additional information.

SEATTLE LESBIAN & GAY FILM FESTIVAL OCTOBER 12-21, 2007

VARIOUS VENUES IN SEATTLE
This is one of the most respected and attended Alternative Film Festivals in the Nation, and lasts for a week towards the end of October. Produced by Three Dollar Bill Cinema, the Seattle Lesbian and Gay Film Festival features full-length Films and Shorts.

The Seattle Lesbian and Gay Film Festival offers both American & International Films, covering a wide variety of themes. The Egyptian Theater shows many Festival Films as well as the Little Theater on Capitol Hill.

For more information:
<http://www.seattlequeerfilm.com/>

EARSHOT JAZZ FESTIVAL OCTOBER 19 - NOVEMBER 4, 2007

VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT SEATTLE
This annual Jazz Festival lasting Two Weeks from October - November. It brings in notable Jazz Players from all around the world.

Spread-out over several venues, the Earshot Jazz Festival includes Concerts, Jam Sessions, Master Classes, Lectures and Workshops.

For more information: <http://www.earshot.org/>

MAYOR'S GOAL: MORE HOMES WITHIN REACH FOR SEATTLE FAMILIES

**Program makes more housing accessible to
firefighters, police, teachers, hospital workers.**

SEATTLE - In an effort to address a real estate market that increasingly squeezes working people and families, Mayor Greg Nickels today announced a program to put more housing within reach of middle-income workers such as police, firefighters, nurses, grocery clerks and others.

"We want to make our city a wonderful and compelling place to live, work and raise a family, and that starts by creating opportunities for people of all income levels to find decent and affordable housing," Nickels said. "The simple fact is that today's housing market is rising beyond the reach of too many people. Whether you are a police officer, a grocery worker, or a nurse, if you work in Seattle, you should be able to live in Seattle."

Nickels' proposal, called "Seattle Homes Within Reach," will expand an existing housing incentive program to help a broader range of people find apartments or condos they can afford in more neighborhoods across Seattle.

Under the mayor's plan, which he transmitted to City Council today, the program will provide a 12-year tax exemption on the residential portion of any new apartment building in which 20-25 percent of the units are set aside for individuals who earn up to \$49,000 or families who earn up to \$62,300.

Condo developers can also opt into the expanded program by offering units that are affordable to individuals and families who earn up to \$74,760 a year for a two-person household. The income limits vary according to household size. For condos, the tax exemption would be available to only the units in the building occupied by people who meet the Seattle Housing Within Reach income guidelines.

Seattle has a long history of meeting the housing needs of the poor or low-income earners. During the past 20 years, the Housing Levy and other programs have created nearly 10,000 homes for those earning between zero and \$45,000 a year.

A new housing challenge has arisen in recent years. As housing prices climb, middle-income wage earners have found themselves increasingly priced out of the market with few places to turn. The median price of new condos now exceeds \$350,000, requiring an income of more than \$74,000. Median-priced single-family homes now require an income of more than \$100,000.

To put that into perspective, salaries for police and firefighters start at about \$47,000 a year.

"I worked extremely hard to become a firefighter in Seattle, but it is harder to become a homeowner in Seattle," said Seattle Firefighter Paul Hermosillo. "Lots of the guys I came into the department with are in the same situation. I'd like to be able to raise a family in the city where I work. I'm saving as much as I can but it is going to take a long time to make a down payment on a house or condo."

Under the current Multifamily Tax Exemption program, only single-person households earning up to approximately \$38,150 can qualify for housing.

That ceiling shows the need to broaden the program, said Adrienne Quinn, director of Seattle's Office of Housing.

"The fact is, a significant portion of our work force is priced out of housing and not eligible for any of the city's housing programs," Quinn said. "The Seattle Homes Within Reach program gives us a cost-effective tool to help many more people find homes they can afford in Seattle."

The current incentive program applies only to selected areas, including portions of downtown, Southeast Seattle, and Northgate. Under the mayor's proposal, the Seattle Homes Within Reach program would be expanded to all urban villages.

"To make this tool effective, we need to focus on all neighborhoods where develop-

ment is occurring, and not limit it to a few neighborhoods as the existing program does," Quinn said.

University of Washington President Mark Emmert voiced his support for Seattle Homes Within Reach, saying it will help keep the city's economy strong and provide more opportunities for people to live closer to their jobs.

"The University, like other employers in the city, is finding affordable housing to be an increasing challenge in recruiting and retaining employees," Emmert said. "Targeting an incentive program to develop housing that faculty and staff can afford helps keep us competitive. Developing housing close to campus also ensures that key personnel can get to campus during an emergency and gives our employees alternatives to commuting by car."

Developer Scott Shapiro, through his company Eagle Rock Ventures LLC, is currently working on a project in Columbia City, building condos for moderate-wage workers. "The Homes Within Reach program will enable working people who otherwise wouldn't be able to purchase condos to become homeowners," Shapiro said. "Since many of our purchasers are first time homebuyers, this will be the first step in achieving the American dream of owning a home, which some of these buyers would otherwise never achieve without this program."

AFFORDABLE HOUSING ENSURES BRIGHT FUTURE.

Two new studies indicate decent, affordable housing helps ensure a brighter future for children and their families. Researchers analyzed links between various housing situations and the health and educational achievements of America's students and families.

In announcing their findings, Enterprise Community Partners and the Center for Housing Policy said the research provides "real insight into the many ways in which quality, affordable housing can help in addressing this nation's health and educational challenges." The research also makes a strong case for elevating housing to its rightful place on the national agenda, according to the authors of the study.

The first-ever comprehensive look at the impact of housing on health and education analyzed correlations between housing cost burdens and health risks, homeownership and academic performance, and the impacts of substandard housing, homelessness and overcrowding on overall health and well-being.

AMONG KEY FINDINGS:

- Stable, affordable housing may contribute to children's educational achievement by reducing the frequency of unwanted moves that cause children to change schools.
- Well-constructed, maintained and managed affordable housing can help families address or escape housing-related health hazards, such as lead poisoning and asthma, that adversely impact learning.
- Children who live in stable housing where they move less frequently are more likely to do better on reading and math tests and less likely to miss or drop out of school than children who move regularly.
- Children of homeowners and their families achieve better physical and mental health outcomes compared to renters, including fewer long-term illnesses, as well as lower blood pressure and depression levels.
- By enabling families to afford decent-quality homes of their own, affordable housing can reduce overcrowding (and other sources of housing-related stress) that lead to negative developmental and educational outcomes for children.
- Affordable housing developments may function as a platform for educational improvements by providing a forum for residential-based after-school programs or, more broadly, by anchoring a holistic community development process that includes new or improved schools.
- Homeownership may contribute to health improvements by fostering greater self-esteem, increased residential stability, and an increased sense of security and control over one's physical environment.
- Affordable housing may improve health outcomes by freeing up family resources for nutritious food and health care expenditures.

25TH ANNUAL GREAT WALLINGFORD WURST FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 14TH & 15TH

The Wurst Festival features a variety of delicious foods, rides, games and prizes, craft vendors, a book sale, live entertainment, a raffle and a beer garden.

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KOREAN CULTURAL CELEBRATION SEPTEMBER 7TH

Ch'usok, or Harvest Festival Day, gives thanks for a good harvest with traditional food and dances, folk songs, films and exhibits that depict Korea's cultural evolution, and arts and crafts.

http://www.seattlecenter.com/events/festivals/festal/detail.asp?EV_EventNum=14

SALMON HOMECOMING CELEBRATION SEPTEMBER 7TH, 8TH, AND 9TH

The annual Salmon Homecoming Celebration includes tribal ceremonies, an environmental career fair, a salmon barbecue, and a pow wow. The event is held at Waterfront Park in downtown Seattle between Pier 57 and Pier 59.

Check the website for directions.
<http://www.salmonhomecoming.com>

PUYALLUP FAIR SEPTEMBER 7TH THROUGH 23RD

Livestock viewing, animal petting, the rodeo, those famous scones, rides, lots of free kids' activities and entertainment, including the Toonzville activity area, which features the Let's Pretend Circus, life-sized games, and celebrity characters. SillyVille has a vintage train and station, rides, animals, entertainment, and a food court. Avoid crowds by coming before 12n on weekends or 4pm on weekdays. Be sure to check the fair's website for ticket deals and discounts, and for its vast calendar of events.

For more information, Call 253.841.5045
Or visit us online at: <http://www.thefair.com>

MARINERS SCHEDULE

Home Games
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DATE	TIME	TEAM
09/25	7:05 PM	Cleveland
09/26	7:05 PM	Cleveland
09/27	7:05 PM	Cleveland
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09/29	TBD	Texas
09/30	1:05 PM	Texas

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