

City Staff Changes



Wishing a Warm Farewell to Mitch Wasserman

It's hard to believe, but after 29 years as City Administrator, Mitch Wasserman is retiring! Those of you who had the pleasure of working with Mitch, know he was good-natured, honorable and knowledgeable. He truly wanted to help

folks understand City functions and to assist in resolving any issues. He was here long enough to always be ready with a great story—which he would tell with relish!

Mitch was a tough negotiator with outside organizations...he always looked to secure the best possible deal for our residents and to maintain the beautiful, inviting feel of Clyde Hill.

Mitch sincerely cared about the employees, always encouraging the staff to keep learning and attain our fullest potential within the organization. He was also tireless in his efforts to keep the Mayor, Council and the Boards/Commissions informed about all relevant City, County, State and Federal issues.

Mitch was a conscientious steward of the City's money by being both fiscally aware and responsible.

We all wish you good health and happy trails Mitch!

Please Welcome Lyman Howard

Lyman Howard has joined the staff team as the new City Administrator. Lyman has a wealth of experience in both the public and private sectors.

Most recently Lyman was the City Manager for the City of Sammamish. During his 17 year tenure there he also served as Finance Director, Assistant City Manager and Deputy City Manager. In the private sector his experience includes banking, financial consulting, systems consulting and being a business owner.

He is looking forward to working with the citizens, Mayor and City Council of Clyde Hill and the city staff that supports them. Welcome Lyman!



Officer Mike being sworn in by Chief Kyle Kolling

Please Welcome Mike Humphreys

Police Officer Mike Humphreys joined the Clyde Hill Police Department on 11/1/2018.

Most recently Mike was an Officer with the Renton Police Department, serving there for ten years. Mike's last assignment with Renton was as a member of the Special Operations Division - Directed Enforcement Team and Valley SWAT. Mike was also a member of Renton's Firearms Instructor cadre and was an Active Shooter Response Instructor. He also worked for the King County Sheriff's Office as an Evidence Specialist for nearly four years.

Mike resides in Maple Valley with his wife and son, and has a daughter who is currently attending college in California. Welcome Mike!

Western redcedar: The Tree of Life

Article by City Arborist Phil Bennett

Clyde Hill is home to a distinctive northwest native tree: Western red cedar, *Thuja plicata*. Although not as abundant as Douglas fir, the curved, sweeping branches and elegant foliage of redcedar make it stand out in the landscape. What may be less obvious is its rich cultural significance for the indigenous people of the northwest.

What's in a name?

'*Thuja*', as it turns out, is not the true Cedar genus, which is '*Cedrus*'. The true cedars include the blue Atlas cedar, which is native to the North African Mediterranean rim, and the deodar cedar, which is native to the Himalayas. Western red cedar is more closely related to the cypresses. Oddly enough, there are many trees in north America which are incorrectly called 'cedar', including Eastern red cedar (which is a juniper), Alaska yellow cedar (which is a cypress), and Port Orford cedar (also a cypress). '*Plicata*', means 'plaited', which refers to the elegant arrangement of redcedar's scaly foliage (see picture below.)

Why the "Tree of Life"?

Western redcedar was revered by native people in the whole Pacific northwest coastal region, from northern California to Alaska in part for its vast array of utilitarian uses. Entire tree trunks were used to make single-piece dugout canoes, the trunk wood was also split into posts and planks for the construction of houses, steam-bent into boxes, and made into totem poles. The fibrous bark was used to make baskets, rope, clothing, hats, diapers and blankets. The foliage was used for scrubbing and cleaning the body and made into a medicinal tea for colds.

Western redcedar today

The rot-resistant properties of redcedar are of great value in modern construction, where it is used to make roof-shingles and siding, as well as decks and fences. Some construction companies, such as Lindal Cedar homes and Pan Abode homes specialize in homes made from redcedar.

Redcedar favors wetter sites in the landscape than Douglas fir, which may partly explain its decline in our area. It cannot tolerate the long, hot, dry summers which are a new weather pattern associated with climate change in the northwest. The range of Western redcedar is moving north, within our lifetimes.

On a final note, evergreen trees aren't truly evergreen: they do shed old foliage. At the end of summer and in early Fall, you may see the interior foliage of Western redcedar turn reddish brown, and drop. This can look like a tree health problem, but it is usually a normal Fall response.



Help prevent flooding!!
Clean off the tops of the storm drains near your home.

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Council meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. Agendas, links to previous meeting information packets and minutes are at:

www.clydehill.org

Farewell to Mitch Wasserman

If you wish to say a personal goodbye to Mitch, please join us at an Open House prior to the January 8th Council Meeting. The open house will begin at 6:30pm at Clyde Hill City Hall, 9605 NE 24th Street.

Emergency Phone Numbers

City of Clyde Hill Emergency Services Page:
www.clydehill.org/community-resources/emergency-services/

For utility emergencies; call:

Natural Gas or Electrical Emergency

Puget Sound Energy (PSE):

1-888-225-5773

Water or Sewer Emergency

City of Bellevue, 24-hour

emergency response: 425-452-7840



Holiday Crime Prevention Tips

- Do not leave purchases or valuables in your vehicle. If you absolutely must leave them in your vehicle, secure them in the trunk.
- Do not leave packages on your doorstep. If you know something is being delivered, try to arrange to be home at the delivery time, or have it left with a neighbor you know will be home. You can also require a signature on delivery, or take advantage of other options such as delivery lockers, or in-store pick up.
- Try to pick up your mail from the mailbox as soon as possible after daily deliveries. You might also check out the "informed delivery" service now offered by USPS.
- If you are going to be out of town, arrange with the Postal service to have your mail stopped and held, or have someone pick up your mail.
- If your home is equipped with an alarm system, activate it whenever you are away and always lock your doors and windows - even when you are home.
- If you plan to be out of town for the holidays, the Clyde Hill Police Department offers a "Housewatch" program to residents. Housewatch forms are available on the city website or in the Police Department lobby.
- As always, please keep a watchful eye on our community and report any suspicious activity by calling 911 immediately.



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