

This last month was full of community events – we know how to get things done here on the hill! We started things off right with Park Appreciation Day. The Park Board, along with citizen and Earth Corps volunteers, hiked down to the Hylebos Creek and cleaned out invasive weeds, commonly known as blackberry bushes. They're everywhere, aren't they?! We have great volunteers in this city who come out every year to participate in this event – it is so appreciated. Keeping up with the Interurban Trail is a constant battle that could not be won without all the volunteer help. We all thank you for your service!

We also had some new faces to help this year: Tyson Welker is our new Operations Superintendent, and Kathy Horton is our new Deputy City Clerk. What a great introduction to our city for these new employees!

Edgewood's Park Appreciation Day was held at Nelson Nature Park, and they had a great turnout as well. The love of our parks and trails is very evident here on the hill.

What else is evident here on the hill is how well we work together. Not only in our parks, but also with our police departments and city staffs, and I particularly appreciate the collaboration and corporation with Mayor Eidinger. Mayor Eidinger was recently unanimously voted to represent the Fife-Milton-Edgewood communities on the Pierce Transit board. He has represented us on this board for the last couple years, and when his term was up, it was obvious to the three cities that he should continue in this role. It's not easy retaining bus services in our area, but rest assured we are represented very well on the board of Pierce Transit by someone who truly cares.



2015 Shred Event in Albertson's Parking Lot

Top: Edgewood Mayor Daryl Eidinger visits with the leader of Boy Scout Troop 525.

Bottom Left: A big Thank You to Kendra Dixon, manager of Albertson's, for being such a huge supporter to both of the Edgewood and Milton communities!



Bottom Right: Milton Police Chief Tony Hernandez and Edgewood Police Chief Ed Knutsen

Finally we ended the month with the event that sums it all up. This is collaboration with a capital "C"! The annual Shredding Event was a huge success, and there's only one reason why – everyone coming together for one purpose. Milton and Edgewood, both Police Departments, Boy Scout Troop #525, Albertson's (who sponsors this event every year), and you, the citizens of both communities. As Mayor Eidinger said, the event was "phenomenally well organized and went like clockwork." This year, the LeMay shredding truck was completely filled to the brim with documents that will never find their way into criminal hands. There were 7,165 pounds of food collected for the Fish Food Bank, including 10 pallets donated by Albertson's; \$563 was donated to support the Mountain View Community Center; and 196 citizens dropped off paperwork for free shredding. The Boy Scouts ran hard all day long, greeting drivers as they pulled up with shredding items and donations. Our Police Departments supplied the boys with pizza and donuts, and

when all was said and done, it was truly a fun way to spend the day, and so good to see so many of us coming together to serve the community.

There was also the Milton Activity Center's annual garage sale, which raised over \$1,600 for the seniors. Hopefully, you had a chance to attend some or all of these great community events. But events aren't the only things we've been up to here in Milton. With the recent hiring of our new Community Development Director, the management team of City Hall is now complete. Each member of this team brings the highest credentials with real day-to-day experience in municipal government. What impresses me the most of each one of these professionals is their "can-do" attitudes and commitment to "think outside the box", taking the traditional jobs that must get done to a new level of accountability. I am so excited to work with this team, who truly understand the meaning of teamwork. Please help me welcome this fine group of highly professional people to the City of Milton.