



# City Manager's Update

## November 17, 2023

**To:** Fircrest City Council  
**From:** Dawn Masko, City Manager  
**Date:** November 17, 2023  
**Subject:** City Manager's Weekly Update



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### Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

Below is an overview of upcoming events, meetings, and other items of interest for the City. The update includes reports from City departments on various programs, projects, and achievements. As next week is a short holiday week, there will not be a Weekly Update.

#### 1. City Hall Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. From all of us at the City of Fircrest – Happy Thanksgiving!

#### 2. FIRfest

Join us tomorrow - Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> - for a day of eco-fun at Whittier Park. It's your chance to score a FREE tree and embrace your inner gardener. The event runs from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, and you can register at the [FIRfest Registration link](#). If you're up for a bit of dirty work, don't forget to bring your gloves and tools and join the work party at Whittier Park. Our friends from the Pierce County Conservation District will be there to guide you. And if you're not in the mood for digging in the dirt, no worries! Swing on by - there will be an abundance of trees and shrubs for the Fircrest community to pick from free of charge. Let's work together to make Whittier Park even greener.



#### 3. Upcoming Meetings – Weeks of November 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> and November 27<sup>th</sup> – December 1<sup>st</sup>

- City Council Study Session Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM
- City Council Meeting Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

#### 4. Council Study Session Agenda Items – November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- Pierce Transit “State of Local Transit” Presentation
- Comprehensive Plan – Year 1 Update
- Council Chambers Audio-Visual System
- I&I Reduction Discussion

*\*Council Agenda Packets are available on the City's [website](#).*

## 5. November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Council Meeting Recap

The Fircrest City Council met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Action items included:

- Arbor Day 2023 Proclamation.
- Public Hearing on the 2024 Preliminary Budget.
- Continued budget discussion from the October 30<sup>th</sup> Budget Work Session.
  - Finance Director Colleen Corcoran provided a brief overview of the recent changes to the 2024 proposed General Fund budget and Water Capital budget.
  - Public Works Director Tyler Bemis provided an overview of the Water Meter Exchange Program plan to complete the project in 2024 utilizing a combination of internal staff and ARPA-funded supplemental assistance from the vendor.
  - City Manager Dawn Masko asked if there were any questions on the proposed water rate increase information and provided an overview of the next steps in the process.
- Approved a Motion setting a Public Hearing on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7:15 PM or shortly thereafter to receive comment on a potential water rate adjustment.
- Approved an Ordinance setting the salaries for non-union, casual, and seasonal employees for 2024. Teamsters and Police Guild represented employees will receive the same COLA increase as approved by the Council for non-represented employees.
- Approved an Ordinance setting the 2024 pay rates for the Municipal Court Judge and Chief Civil Service Examiner.
- Approved a Resolution extending the professional services contract with NW GIS Consulting through December 31, 2024, and amending the hourly rates.
- Approved a Resolution approving the Steilacoom Holiday Sleigh Agreement for 2023.
- Approved an Ordinance Setting the 2024 Ad Valorem Tax Levy for the regular property tax, EMS property tax, and excess property tax (Pool, Community Center & Parks Bonds) levies.
- Approved a Resolution extending the contract with Summit Law Group for personnel legal services through December 31, 2024, and amending the hourly rates.
- Approved a Resolution authorizing a change order to the construction services contract with KBH Construction for the Fircrest Park Athletic Fields Improvement Project.
- Approved a Resolution extending the contract with Olbrecths & Associates for Hearing Examiner services through December 31, 2024, and amending the hourly rates.

## 6. Council Agenda Items – November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Tentative

- Public Hearing – Proposed Water Rate Increase
- Ordinance – Adoption of 2024 Budget
- Resolution – Changing Time of 12/26/23 City Council Meeting
- Ordinance – Budget Amendment #3 – First Reading
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report
- Resolution – City of Tacoma – Hearing Examiner Agreement Amendment

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## 7. Volunteer at Whittier Park

Help the environment while building community at Habitat Restoration work parties. The next work party is at Whittier Park on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Work party activities include caring for existing plants and removing invasive species. This work supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators. Sign up at <https://Piercecd.org> or visit the City [Events Calendar](#) for additional information.

## Administration Update

Administration highlights of the past week include:

- City Manager Dawn Masko continued working with Finance Director Colleen Corcoran on the 2024 budget, worked on personnel and labor relations issues, and public records requests.
- City Manager Masko continued reviewing contracts and professional agreements that need to be renewed and/or renegotiated for 2024, with several on the November 28<sup>th</sup> meeting for approval.
- The City Clerk’s office continues to work through record management and contract indexing.
- The inaugural meeting of the Centennial Celebration Steering Committee has been scheduled for early December.

Acting City Clerk Arlette Burkhart will be out of the office on vacation from November 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## 8. Police Department Update

- Fircrest officers received or generated 158 calls for service this past week, including 53 traffic safety-related contacts (stops, collisions, parking violations). Officers responded to various calls, including parking problems, 911 hang-ups, a suspicious prowler, and a verbal domestic violence complaint. They also worked on three follow-up investigations. Officers had 73 community policing events (foot patrols, citizen assists, security checks, COP activities, welfare checks, and suspicious people and vehicles).
- Police Chief Ron Schaub hosted “Coffee with the Chief” on November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Detective Roberts assisted the Pierce County Sheriff’s Department with interviews of multiple suspects at the Kitsap County Jail referencing commercial burglaries that ranged from Yelm, Lakewood, Tacoma, Pierce County, and Gig Harbor. This was excellent police work by Detective Roberts to help piece together these burglaries as being related.
- Police Chief Schaub and on-duty officers attended the Kiwanis Terrific Kids monthly award assembly at Wainwright Intermediate School on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

## 9. Parks & Recreation

Parks & Recreation highlights include:

### *Projects*

- Community Center Close-out – Flooring repairs are set to occur from November 29<sup>th</sup> – December 2<sup>nd</sup>. During this period, half of the gym and fitness room will be unavailable for public use.
  - Tennis Courts – Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Grover is working with RCO to close out the Fircrest Park Tennis Courts grant project. The City had received a \$16,000 grant from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office to renovate three tennis courts and add new tennis and pickleball striping adjacent to the Gene Goodwin Tot Lot.
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- Whittier Park Master Plan – The first public engagement event for the Whittier Park Master Plan was held on November 16<sup>th</sup>. A second public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. The community’s input will be invaluable in shaping the future of Whittier Park. This is a crucial moment when major decisions about the park’s design and features are being made, and we highly encourage the community’s active participation. More information is available on the City [website](#) and the [Whittier Park Master Plan project page](#).
- Fircrest Park Athletic Field Improvement Project – Fortunately, we’ve had a break in the rain this week, which allowed our contractor KBH to resume work and finish the installation of the sod at Fircrest Park. Fencing around the field is anticipated to remain in place for up to six months, allowing the natural sod sufficient time to establish itself before use.

### Community Events

- "Where's Murphy?" – On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, our cherished town bear, Murphy, will come to life! Experience the enchanting transformation of Murphy from a one-dimensional figure into a cuddly, full-sized mascot! The Fircrest Parks & Recreation Department has devised a fun way for the community to engage with Murphy. Participants begin by acquiring a game card from the Fircrest Community Center or other participating locations. The next step is to spot miniature Murphy cut-outs tucked away at each location listed on the game card and collect your stamp. Discover them all to claim a collector’s 2023 Murphy ornament. Prizes will be available on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Fircrest Community Center (one ornament per person while supplies last.)



The “Where’s Murphy” event runs now through December 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is a great opportunity to discover our neighborhood businesses and enjoy some shopping around town, although no purchase is necessary to participate. Scan the QR code for additional information or visit the City’s [website](#). If you prefer to skip the hunt and simply meet Murphy, his grand reveal is scheduled for December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 PM at the Roy H. Murphy Community Center.

- Lights of Fircrest – The Lights of Fircrest Display Contest is back! Let’s make Fircrest **Merrier** and **Brighter** than ever! 2023 contest categories are best decorated outdoor tree, best use of holiday characters, best use of animation, the North Pole Award for the brightest & merriest street or cul-de-sac, and the coveted Griswold Award because you can never have too many lights!! Registration deadline is Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Scan the QR code to register or visit the City of Fircrest’s website for more information.



- Tree Lighting & Holiday Market – Join us for a fun-filled celebration to kick off the holiday season at the inaugural Holiday Market, set to be held in the Gymnasium on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Holiday Market will span the entire day, alongside captivating performances by our talented local school choirs and bands, with concerts occurring throughout the day. Food truck vendors will be on hand with a yummy selection of cuisine. As the evening approaches, we’ll be graced with the Tree Lighting ceremony at 6:00 PM and the much-anticipated arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus. Santa’s charming photo shoots will take place in the Multipurpose room, while the Gymnasium will be bustling with festive refreshments, entertainment courtesy of the Dickens Carolers, and the Holiday Market.



Many thanks to our generous sponsor Floss & Fido Family Dentistry!

- 2024 Events Calendar – Our Parks & Recreation crew has been hard at work planning a wonderful assortment of community activities for Fircrest residents of all ages. Mark your calendars NOW so you don't miss any of these fantastic events!

- Join our Volunteer Team – As you can see, there are lots of fun events coming up! There are a whole range of opportunities for enthusiastic volunteers to help with, and your level of involvement is up to you! Scan the QR code now to sign up and join Team Fircrest Fun. For more information, contact Judy at [jschmidtke@cityoffircrest.net](mailto:jschmidtke@cityoffircrest.net).



### ***Recreation Programs***

- December Senior Trips – Registration opened today for the next Senior Trip happening Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Join us for a nostalgic evening of watching the Christmas classic “It’s a Wonderful Life” at the Blue Mouse Theater located nearby in Tacoma’s Proctor District. We will have dinner at Knapp’s Restaurant, right next door to the theater. Registration is \$10. Register online at [Program: Senior Trip - Dinner & A Movie \(recdesk.com\)](https://www.recdesk.com/Program:SeniorTrip-Dinner-A-Movie).

Registration for the **Lights of Fircrest** Bus Tour will begin on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Join us for a bus tour through Fircrest as we drive around to admire the homes and businesses that are decorated for the **Lights of Fircrest** event. Registration for this festive trip is \$5. We will meet at the Community Center to enjoy an optional \$10 early bird dinner from Espresso Yourself. Bring your thermos for coffee, hot cocoa, or apple cider to take on the bus with you.

There are 12 spots available for these holiday trips. These trips sell out quickly, so sign up as soon as registration opens! Thank you to the Edwards Family Foundation for their generous sponsorship of our Senior Trips program. For more information, please get in touch with Raquel at [rlapointe@cityoffircrest.net](mailto:rlapointe@cityoffircrest.net).

- Youth Basketball Referees – The City is looking for basketball referees for the upcoming youth basketball season. Volunteer and paid positions are available. Please contact Ryan at [rbrown@cityoffircrest.net](mailto:rbrown@cityoffircrest.net) for more information.
- Our Weekly Schedules [webpage](#) includes a comprehensive list of activities and programs for all age groups. Information about our adult programming can be found at [Adult Classes & Sports](#), and youth programs can be found on our [Youth Programs](#) webpage.

Please call (253) 564-8177 or visit the City’s [Parks and Recreation Department](#) website for events and program information, class registration, facility rentals, questions on Parks & Recreation activities, and volunteer opportunities. Want to know more? Like us on Facebook at “City of Fircrest, Washington.”

## **10. Planning & Building Update**

- The community is invited to the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Year 1 Status Update. This will be a presentation by our consultant BHC on what has been accomplished thus far and what work remains in the year ahead. The presentation is on the agenda for the November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, City Council Study Session, which starts at 6:00 PM at City Hall. While no public comment is accepted at a study session, the public is still welcome to listen to the presentation.
- The City received the Draft Sewer Transfer Agreement from Pierce County this week. Our City Attorney and Project Coordinator Bob Jean have reviewed it and provided our comments back to the County. This agreement is a component we have been waiting for before we release the Sewer Availability Letter to Alliance for the Prose Project.
- Code Enforcement received two new concerns this week regarding streetlights out at 155 Wild Rose Street and 133 Eldorado Avenue, which were forwarded to Public Works for review. They also reviewed existing concerns regarding over-height hedges on Alameda Avenue and a permitted use/home occupation business generating traffic on Weathervane Drive.
- Permit Coordinator Kristin Rosario issued eight new mechanical permits this week. Mechanical permits are for HVAC components such as new water heaters, furnaces, or heat pumps.
- City Manager Masko, Permit Coordinator Rosario, and Community Development Director Mark Newman met with the City's contracted building inspection and plans examiner provider, Code Pros, to discuss streamlining building permit reviews.
- CD Director Newman created a single-family residential remodel checklist for applicants and a business license review checklist to standardize review processes for Planning & Building staff.
- CD Director Newman provided South Sound Housing Affordability Partners (SSHA3P) with information on the City's development regulations to create an easy-to-use Developer Portal. That information will be published on SSHA3P's website in the near future.
- CD Director Newman finished the final design review for the Prose mixed-use project.

## **11. Finance/Information Technology Update**

### ***Finance***

- Finance Director Colleen Corcoran is continuing to prepare 2024 budget materials.
- The 2022 State Audit is beginning, and Finance is busy compiling requested information. Finance Director Corcoran, City Manager Masko, and Councilmember David Viafore met individually with the auditor for risk assessment interviews. The City has requested to have in-person entrance and exit conferences and will keep the Council apprised of the entrance conference date.
- Accountant Julie Dunbar attended a Public Works Contracts training hosted by MRSC in Tumwater this past week.

## **12. Public Works Update**

Public Works is operating under winter hours from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM.

Highlights include: (in addition to routine daily tasks)

- Preparations for the holiday season are underway! Holiday décor has been inventoried, and utility staff will install the light pole and island décor starting on November 20<sup>th</sup>.
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### ***Utilities – Water, Sewer, Streets, and Stormwater***

- Public Works Director Tyler Bemis and Public Works Office Coordinator Vicky Walston attended a Public Works Contracts training hosted by MRSC in Tumwater this past week.
- Wind and rain response, including catch basin cleaning and additional sweeping throughout the City due to excess windfall.
- Upcoming Utility Billing Schedule:
  - Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> – Late notifications sent out.
  - Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> – 48-hour disconnect notices put on doors of delinquent accounts.
  - Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> – Water shutoffs for delinquent accounts.

### ***Maintenance – Parks & Facilities***

- Windfall cleanup around all City facilities.
- Public Works provided assistance for the Fircrest Park field resurfacing project.

### ***Project Updates***

- Well #7 (Claremont)
  - We received the structural assessment report and recommendation for repairs. We are working on securing repair and replacement bids to compare costs and determine the most viable next steps.
- 44<sup>th</sup> Street West & 67<sup>th</sup> Ave West Lift Station Upgrade
  - Contract documents will be brought to the Council for approval on November 28<sup>th</sup>.
- AMI Water Meter Exchange Program
  - 51 meters have been exchanged in November, with program completion now at 49%.

<b>TOTAL BY YEAR</b>	
<b>2019</b>	11
<b>2020</b>	143
<b>2021</b>	444
<b>2022</b>	283
<b>2023 YTD</b>	295

<b>PROJECT UPDATE</b>	
Total City Meter Connections	2,402
New Meters Installed	1,176
Remaining Meters to be Installed	1,226
<b>Percentage of Completion</b>	<b>49%</b>

- Storm Water Pre-Treatment Outfall Grant Project – Emerson Street & Estate Place
    - Final close-out Progress Reports and Payment Requests are in progress.
    - Met with Department of Ecology Finance staff to coordinate final billing.
    - Meeting is set for November 16<sup>th</sup> with the design consultant for final closeout.
  - Emerson Street Sidewalk Extension (south side) – Woodside Drive to 67<sup>th</sup> Ave West
    - We are communicating with PSRC and WSDOT to advance construction funds to the design portion of the project.
    - The design contract is being prepared to be brought forward to Council for approval.
  - Regents Blvd (west) Grind & Overlay – Alameda Ave to 67<sup>th</sup> Ave West
    - We are communicating with PSRC and WSDOT regarding the funding shortfall.
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- South Orchard Street Grind & Overlay – TIB Grant Funded
  - Design is in process for construction in 2024.
  - Meeting with City of Tacoma staff and the design consultant was held on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Tacoma has indicated they are willing to coordinate the paving of the entire intersection at South Orchard and Regents Blvd/Center Street.
- Electron and Contra Costa Intersection Improvement – Legislative Funds
  - We received a \$153,000 appropriation of funds from the State Legislature.
  - Staff are preparing the Construction Readiness form and identified a timeline for deliverables.
- Claremont Street TIB Grant Application
  - The grant application certification identified total TIB funds of \$677,409 and total Local Funds of \$124,543.

### 13. 28<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Community Meetings

Representative Mari Leavitt from the 28<sup>th</sup> Legislative District is hosting two pre-legislative session community meetings in Pierce County.

- Community Conversation – Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, from 2:00 – 3:00 PM at the Parkland/Spanaway Library meeting room, located at 13718 Pacific Avenue South in Tacoma.
- Pre-Session Town Hall – Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM at the Roy H. Murphy Community Center, located at 555 Contra Costa Avenue in Fircrest.

Town Hall questions can be sent in advance at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MHFVJLJ>.

### 14. Light Fircrest Blue

One of the most popular nationwide public movements designed to support law enforcement and remember fallen officers is Project Blue Light: a memorial that illuminates the night sky every holiday season. Project Blue Light began in 1989 when a woman named Dolly Craig wrote a letter to the [Concerns of Police Survivors \(C.O.P.S.\)](#) organization. She wrote that she was placing two blue lights in her window during the holiday season to honor her son-in-law, Philadelphia Police Officer Danny Gleason, who was killed while on duty in 1986, and her daughter, who was killed in a car accident. C.O.P.S. adopted the idea as a way for everyone to honor the officers who serve and protect us while remembering those who have died in the line of duty. Dolly Craig has since passed away, but her idea became a legacy that grows bigger and brighter every year.

Each year during the holiday season, COPS asks citizens and law enforcement agencies to support Project Blue Light. The concept is simple. Place a single blue light in a window or outside your home to show your support for our law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in serving and protecting our communities. It also displays our thanks to those who continue to serve our communities 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and our hope that they return home safely at the end of each shift.



**Light Fircrest Blue** is intended to show support for our local law enforcement officers. Local resident Vince Navarre has provided several LED blue light bulbs, available at City Hall, for Fircrest residents who wish to participate. Donations of additional lights will happily be accepted! Blue LED bulbs are also available from a variety of retailers as well as online. Let's **Light Fircrest Blue** – starting now until National Police Week in May – and show our support for our own Fircrest Police Department as well as law enforcement across our state and nation.



## **15. Affordable Connectivity Program**

All Tacoma Public Schools families are eligible for a program that helps connect people to affordable internet service. The benefit provides up to a \$30/month discount for internet service and a one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider. TPS families are eligible for this benefit because TPS operates under the federal Community Eligibility Provision of student meals. To enroll, email [householdsurvey@tacoma.k12.wa.us](mailto:householdsurvey@tacoma.k12.wa.us) or call 253-571-1365 (leave a message) to receive your program qualification letter. After receipt of the qualification letter, go to [www.affordableconnectivity.gov](http://www.affordableconnectivity.gov) to submit an application. Then, contact your preferred provider to select a plan and have the discount applied to your bill. Learn more about this program at [www.fcc.gov/acp](http://www.fcc.gov/acp) or by calling 877-384-2575.

## **16. Community Resource Fair**

On The Road with PartnerCafe, a direct service mobile team, is hosting an “Under the Big Top” Community Resource Fair on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The event will be held at the STAR Center, located at 3873 S. 66<sup>th</sup> Street in Tacoma, from 12:00 – 4:00 PM. This free family-friendly event will feature information and resources about aging and disability services, youth and family services, education and career services, veteran services, and more! If you bring the questions, they will provide the answers. There will also be raffle prizes and vendor giveaways. Pierce County Aging and Disabilities Resource Center (ADRC) will have a resource table at this Fair as well.

There is no cost to attend but please register at this [link](#) to receive an extra free raffle ticket. Contact Matt Santelli at 253-348-1065 or [matthew.santelli@piercecounitywa.gov](mailto:matthew.santelli@piercecounitywa.gov) for more information.

## **17. Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaways**

The Tacoma Police Department and Tacoma Ministerial Alliance are leading an effort to provide free turkeys to families during Thanksgiving. Turkeys will be given away while supplies last on a first-come, first-serve basis. There is a one-turkey per-family limit. Turkey pickup locations, dates, times, and contact information can be found by clicking the [Turkey Giveaway link](#).

## **18. Mental Health First Aid Summit**

Want to learn about the incredible work happening to support the mental well-being of our teens in Pierce County? Attend the Teen Mental Health First Aid Winter Summit happening Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00 – 6:00 PM at the Pioneer Park Pavilion in Puyallup. You will hear valuable insights from instructor ambassadors and student leaders about the Pierce County Teen Mental Health First Aid program, participate in a collaborative workshop session, learn how you can advance this program in Pierce County high schools, and recognize the school districts leading the way in implementing this program in our communities. This event is sponsored by the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department. Spots are limited, so please register early at this [Registration link](#). Questions? Email Courtney Chandler at [cchandler@tpchd.org](mailto:cchandler@tpchd.org).

## **19. Kids' DIY Holiday Workshops**

Did you know that Lowe's Home Improvement (2701 South Orchard Street, Tacoma) offers free monthly DIY-U Kids Workshops? Registration is available online and there are limited spots available. While it's too late to register for the Thanksgiving Turkey Photo Holder workshop, registration is now open for the Holiday Delivery Truck workshop. For additional information and to register, visit [DIY-U by Lowe's \(lowes.com\)](#).

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## **20. Families Unlimited Network – Community Christmas**

The holiday season is a time for family and friends to get together and celebrate togetherness. It can also be a time of stress and struggle for families who try to find ways to enjoy the holidays on a tight budget. Community Christmas 2023 exists to help relieve stress for families by connecting organizations and groups to families looking to have a little boost during the holiday season. Community Christmas is a program offered through [Families Unlimited Network](#), a service located in University Place that provides access to food and resources for local families.

If you are a family with a child in the University Place School District, contact your school counselor to register your family for this program. If your children are too young to be in school, please contact the Families Unlimited Network office directly at 253-460-3134 for eligibility verification. After you are registered, you will be contacted by your sponsors and will be able to receive gifts for your children and Christmas meal boxes.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or sponsor group/organization, contact Families Unlimited Network at 253-460-3134 or [admin@familiesunlimitednetwork.org](mailto:admin@familiesunlimitednetwork.org) and let them know you are interested in supporting one or more families. They will provide you with a brief orientation and expectations for providing for your families.

## **21. Library Board of Trustees Opening**

Applicants are being sought for the Tacoma Library Board of Trustees. The Board oversees the management and operation of the Tacoma Public Library system. Trustees are nominated by the City of Tacoma Mayor and appointed by a majority vote of the Tacoma City Council. This is a five-member board that serves five-year terms. Additional information on the Library Board of Trustees is available [here](#). Applications must be submitted to the Tacoma City Clerk's Office by the end of the day on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. To apply, please visit [www.cityoftacoma.org/cbcapplication](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/cbcapplication).

## **22. Power Outage Notifications**

Power outages can occur at any time due to a variety of events, which many of us experienced this past week. The Tacoma Power outage map allows you to easily view and track power outages. Effective in October 2023, Tacoma Power moved online/text power outage reporting abilities and power outage notification preferences into the [MyAccount platform \(mytpu.org\)](#). If you do not enroll in outage notifications within MyAccount, you will no longer receive notifications about power outages.

Existing MyAccount users need to [log in](#) and enroll in power outage notifications by navigating to “edit profile” and then “notifications.” You will see a section labeled “Power Outage” and a drop-down menu that allows you to select to receive notifications via email and/or text message. If you choose to opt-in to text messages for power outages, you will also be able to report outages by simply texting “OUT” to 50419. If you are logged in to MyAccount, you can click “outage map” in the upper right-hand corner to view the power outage map.

If you are not registered for MyAccount, you will need to [enroll at mytpu.org](#). You can also manage online payments and billing, AutoPay, paperless billing, and more from your account. To enroll, you will need your TPU account number and the first and last name or business name associated with the account.

You can still view outages on Tacoma Public Utilities' [website](#) and can report power outages online using the following [link](#). You will need your account number or your name and service address to report an outage without logging into MyAccount.

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