



## City Manager Report

January 3, 2023

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### Staffing Update

Chief Jason Houck has accepted a position as Detective Sergeant at the City of SeaTac, another position at the King County Sheriff's Office, which will take him away from the City of Newcastle. Major Hodgson from KCSO, who is the KCSO staff responsible for our Chief, posted the job amongst KCSO sergeants starting December 13. We will review applicants and schedule interviews the first week of January. Chief Houck will remain with us until late January/early February.

### Chamber of Commerce Diamond Awards

The Greater Newcastle Chamber of Commerce celebrates the best of our community every year with their Diamond Awards. [Nominations are now open.](#)

### T-047 Ribbon-Cutting

On Wednesday, January 18, at 3:30 p.m., we will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the T-047 project, which is the improvements on SE May Creek Park Drive. Councilmembers are encouraged to join us! More details coming soon.

### Upcoming Events

- January 11: Community Activities Commission Meeting
- January 16: City offices closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 25: Planning Commission Meeting