



City Manager Report

February 7, 2023

Hiemstra Construction

The Hiemstra project has started infrastructure construction. The project is located at 116th Ave SE and SE 84th Street. Be aware there may be construction vehicles entering and exiting the site. For more information including contacts and a schedule (coming soon), visit https://www.newcastlewa.gov/departments/community_development/hiemstra.

Staffing Update

Police Chief

Chief Jason Houck's last day with the City of Newcastle was Friday, February 3, and Chief Steve Kajihira's first day with the City was Monday, February 6. While we are sorry to see Chief Houck leave for the SeaTac Police Department, we're excited to welcome Chief Kajihira back to Newcastle!

Finance Director

Finance Director Don Palmer announced his retirement as of March 2, 2023. He will be taking personal time off until then. Due to this announcement, the City is pivoting its search for a limited term Deputy Finance Director into a search for a permanent Finance Director. The City is also working on getting an Interim Finance Director on board as soon as possible to allow the City the time to do a thorough recruitment for a new permanent Finance Director.

King Conservation District Voting

Newcastle residents are eligible to vote in the King Conservation District's election for Seat #3 on the KCD Board of Supervisors. Voting takes place online through February 14. Residents should have all received a postcard in the mail from KCD with instructions on how to participate in the election, or they can visit kingcd.org to learn more.

Upcoming Events

- February 8: Community Activities Commission Meeting
- February 11: [Tech Talk for Seniors](#) at the Newcastle Library
- February 22: Planning Commission Meeting
- February 25: [Meditation & Gentle Yoga](#) at the Newcastle Library
- February 25: [Sound Bath Experience](#) at the Newcastle Library
- March 1: [Newcastle Area Youth Art Exhibition & Opening Night](#)