



City Manager Report

February 21, 2023

Waste Management Schedule Change for Some Customers

Waste Management is implementing a residential reroute that will begin the week of **February 27**. The majority of Monday customers (97.5%) will see no change. All Tuesday customers and the remaining 2.5% of Monday customers are switching to Thursday service. There will be a one-time special collection of all three services (garbage, recycle, yard waste) on Saturday, February 25 for all customers changing to a new collection day. This service is provided so customers do not go longer than 7 days between collections.

Letters are being mailed to customers 14 days before the first day of the service change. WM will also provide outbound communications to customers based on their preferred method (out-dial, email, or text). The City will amplify this messaging and refer residents to the new information on wmnorthwest.com/newcastle.

Staffing Update

Finance Director

On February 14, the Finance Committee approved an Interim Finance Director Services contract with GMP Consultants. Interim Finance Director Brenda Rolph, who most recently worked with the City of Normandy Park, started on February 15. We are still recruiting for a Finance Director, and the first review will be March 13.

Adopt-A-Drain

The Washington Adopt-A-Drain program, of which Newcastle is among the first participating agencies, last week reached the milestone of 1000 drain adopters throughout the state. The newly released 2022 annual report shows that locally, 38 new drains were adopted last year (for a total of 91 in Newcastle), and 20 new participants signed up (for a total of 44 in Newcastle). Participants reported collecting 49.4 lbs. of debris from their adopted storm drains within City limits in 2022.

Newcastle Volunteer Fair

The City of Newcastle will be one of the groups represented at the [Newcastle Volunteer Fair](#) at the Newcastle Library on February 25. Many other local agencies that utilize volunteer services will be represented and recruiting, including Friends of the Newcastle Library, Newcastle Trails, Newcastle Historical Society, Newcastle Arts Council, City of Renton, TeensWhoCare.us, Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, Sammamish Animal Sanctuary, Birthday Dreams, Seattle Humane, Boy Scouts of America, 300Trees.org, and AARP Tax-Aide.

Upcoming Events

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