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Empty Lora Lake Apartment buildings to be removed

Agreement to guide site cleanup

The Port of Seattle expects to complete demolition of the buildings on the former Lora Lake Apartments site, 15001 Des Moines Memorial Drive, in Burien, by the end of summer.

The Port bought the site in 1998 because a portion of the apartment complex was located within the Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) of the third runway, and the Port was required to demolish all structures within this zone. The portion of the site not in the RPZ is slated to be redeveloped. Burien and the Port are working together on a long-term redevelopment strategy that includes this property.

Environmental testing on the apartment property has revealed soil contamination consistent with industrial uses that occurred at the site prior to construction of the apartments. Cleanup is required by state law and is necessary for the future redevelopment.

Agreed Order

While planning for demolition, the Port entered into a legal agreement called an Agreed Order with the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology), which will guide the steps leading to clean up of the property. The agreement requires the Port to prevent contaminants from migrating during demolition, to issue a public involvement plan, and to perform further investigations of the contamination and evaluation of appropriate cleanup methods.

Ecology scheduled a public comment period for the Agreed Order to begin July 10. It is being announced in newspapers, by direct mail and Ecology's Web site, and will continue through Aug. 10. Documents are available for public review at the new Burien Library,

400 S.W. 152nd St., Burien, and at the Department of Ecology, 3190 160th Ave. S.E. Bellevue—call (425) 649-7190 for an appointment. Information also is posted at www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/loraLakesAps/loraLakesAps_hp.html. Or, contact David South, Ecology's site manager, at (425) 649-7200 or dsou461@ecy.wa.gov.

Public Meeting

You will have an opportunity to ask questions and comment about the Agreed Order at a public meeting scheduled for July 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Highline School District's Educational Resource and Administration Center, 15675 Ambaum Blvd. S.W., Burien.

Ecology and the Port agreed to move forward on the demolition this summer because the empty apartment buildings are a public safety hazard. The demolition project will include steps to prevent soil disturbance, safeguard workers and collect construction storm water for appropriate treatment and discharge.

By the time the demolition is complete, the Port will start investigating the contamination and evaluating the steps needed to clean up the site. Once that work is complete, the Port will develop a cleanup action plan, which will be available for public comment before it is finalized and work begins on the cleanup.

To comment or ask questions about demolition activities, call (206) 439-7777.



Neighbors can expect to see demolition activity this summer at the Lora Lake Apartments location, near the north end of Sea-Tac Airport's third runway.



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Kids are 'dressed for success' in more than one way

Prom dresses, scholarships and environmental curriculum were ways Port of Seattle employees were able to contribute this spring to students who live and learn in the Sea-Tac Airport area.

Highline Schools Foundation for Excellence recently announced that Seattle-Tacoma International Airport Scholarships are going to the following graduating seniors from Highline School District:

- Ahn Le, Mount Rainer High School, and Diana Nguyen, Health and Human Services High School, each will receive \$12,000 (\$6,000 a year for two years). Both plan to attend the University of Washington.
- Christopher Sheridan-Draper, Highline High School/Puget Sound Skills Center, will receive \$6,000 (\$3,000 a year for two years) for studies at the University of Honolulu.

Sea-Tac Airport concessionaire HMSHost and Port employees host the Sea-Tac Airport Scholarship Golf Tournament each year, under the sponsorship of airport tenants and consultants. Tournament proceeds go into a scholarship fund, and the Foundation awards the scholarships. A total of 24 seniors have been awarded \$204,000 in scholarship money since 2002.

And, just in time for prom, employees donated 30 gowns to Project PROMise, which collected a total of 200 dresses for girls whose families were unable to buy prom gowns this year. Highline Schools Foundation partnered with community organizations for this cause.

In addition, employees developed and taught a week of curriculum for the sophomore class at Aviation High School designed to introduce students to airport environmental issues and spur interest in environmental careers. The curriculum became the basis for the students' end-of-the year project, and culminated with the students presenting their initiatives before a panel of aviation experts. This was the second year for this program, which covered noise abatement, storm water management, climate change, wetland and creek mitigation, and environmental finance.



Students from Aviation High School visit an area along Miller Creek where native vegetation has been restored. About 100 sophomores toured Sea-Tac Airport environmental facilities and restoration areas as part of Airports and the Environment studies.

Study to evaluate noise

The long days and good weather of summer are here, beckoning residents to be outside and have their windows and doors open. For neighbors of Sea-Tac Airport, the arrival of the season also means that aircraft noise becomes a bigger issue, and even more of a challenge this particular summer with the eastern runway closed through September, and all aircraft using the center runway and new third runway.

Staff at the Port of Seattle Noise Office encourages you to track flights on the Sea-Tac Airport Web site at www.portseattle.org/community/environment/noise.shtml, and call the Noise Information Line at (206) 433-5393 to comment, register a complaint or ask a question. Your feedback will help identify community concerns that need to be included in the Part 150 Noise and Land-Use Compatibility Study, which will start later this year.

Part 150 is the main avenue the Port uses to work with the community in creating its package of noise reduction programs. The study will compare earlier assumptions with actual noise conditions, including the third runway. Details will be announced in late 2009.



Keeping it quieter

For the fifth year in a row, the Port of Seattle recently recognized airlines at Sea-Tac Airport for their continuing efforts to minimize aircraft noise for airport communities.

Two airlines received the 2009 Fly Quiet Awards for their efforts in 2008. Virgin America, one of Sea-Tac's newest carriers, was the quietest among passenger airlines. Federal Express was acknowledged as the quietest cargo carrier for the fourth time in the history of this award program. Air Canada Jazz earned honorable mention in the passenger category.

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