By Cristina Acuna
Staff Reporter

Tension between the community and the police is not isolated to a small town in Missouri. “It is happening here,” said Highline Board of Trustees member Sili Savusa. “We know the stories. We know the realities. We see the local stories that have just as much of an impact as what’s happening nationally.”

Savusa was one of the panelists gathered by King County Councilman David Upthegrove to answer the questions and concerns about institutionalized racism in local law enforcement raised by more than 200 King County residents at a community forum held on Sept. 10.

The other panelists were King County Sheriff John Urquhart; Prosecuting Attorney Dan Satterberg; President and Founder of Logos Life Network and Leadership Institute Dr. Edward Donalson; Executive Director of the Northwest Immigrant Rights.

By Andie Munkh-Erdene
Staff Reporter

Lowe’s will continue to tow cars left by Highline students in the east end of its parking lot this fall.

The hardware chain’s Kent store is kitty corner from Highline to the southeast. When the site was the Midway Drive-In, before Lowe’s acquired the property early in the 2000s, it served as overflow parking for Highline.

However, since then, Lowe’s officials have complained that Highline students have been filling up their lot, depriving customers of parking spaces. Lowe’s has towed students’ cars off and on since opening the store, but then stopped the practice until new quarters and school years brought new students who may not have realized they shouldn’t park there.

The battle of the lots ended when Lowe’s started towing student cars last spring in the middle of quarter. “It’s an inconvenience to our customers,” said Ron Kaleberg, Lowe’s manager.

In early 2013 Highline College and Lowe’s tried to work together to resolve the parking problem. But neither came up with solutions after exploring the idea of designating some of Lowe’s parking space for students.

By the spring 2013 students were warned that their cars were about to be towed. Notices were taped on students’ cars prior to towing last Spring.
Crime & Punishment

Car in North lot won’t leave

Suspicious activity was reported on Sept. 17. A red four-door Chrysler with a man and woman inside was parked in a carpool spot in the North lot. When approached the man stated they were homeless and asked to stay. Security told them the campus was closed. The vehicle then left the lot and was seen going north on 20th Avenue.

Shortly after the north gate was being closed the vehicle was seen heading south on 20th Avenue.

Staff injury

An Highline employee was injured on Sept. 10 on campus. No details were available.

Lost and found

A student reported his silver wristwatch lost in the library. A math textbook was reported found.

Tips and tricks: Avoid tickets

Remember to purchase your parking pass this quarter.

- Students can purchase parking permits online or at the cashier office in Building 6.
- Purchasing online requires you to register your vehicle; if your purchasing your permit at the cashier office. Do not forget to register your vehicle online.
- When you purchase your permit, present the cashier receipt or your online receipt to the Public Safety Office to receive your tag.
- When you purchase your parking permit online you are provided with a two-day temporary parking permit. This gives you time to let the parking permit die down.
- A part-time and motorcycle/scooter parking permit is $29. A full-time parking permit is $46.
- Carpool permits are also available for only $10.
- Parking and traffic citations are $58, excluding handicapped parking spots which are $250.

Citations may be appealed. For more information about parking fees and regulations visit https://parking.highline.edu/index.php/home.

You can contact the Public Safety Office at 206 592 3218 or visit them in Building 6.

News Briefs

Get a new pal apply today

Conversation Pals is now accepting applications. Conversation Pal is a program that gives student the chance to make friends from around the world. Once a week, students will meet in groups to discuss their culture and values. The program lasts for one quarter. The application is available in Building 25, room 506. The application deadline is Sept. 26 at 5 p.m. The orientation is Oct. 1.

For more information, contact Misaki Mori at ilsc@highline.edu.

Women only scholarship

Buildium, a leading property management software provider is offering a scholarship to outstanding women in the technological fields. Buildium is looking for female students majoring in product design, UX design, engineering, computer science or interaction design. The winner will receive a cash prize of $2500. The deadline is Nov. 28.

For more details and qualification for the scholarship visit http://www.buildium.com/women-in-technology-scholarship.

Learn more about new BAS degrees

Dr. John Huber, the director of the bachelor of applied science degrees program, is hosting an informational meeting every Tuesday from 5 – 6 p.m. Students interested in the new degree programs can learn about the classes and get their questions answered.

Meetings are held in Highline’s Transfer Center, which is in Building 6, room 164.

Green Week starting Nov. 3

The Sustainability Task Force will be hosting Green Week starting Nov. 3 through 7. Presentations will range from food justice, climate change and urban agriculture. The event will take place in the Mt. Constance room in Building 8 between 9 a.m. and noon.

The Sustainability Ability Taskforce will have its first meeting on Monday Sept. 29 at 2:15 p.m. in the Bistro in Building 8.

For more information about the taskforce or Green Week contact Woody Moses at wmoses@highline.edu.

Highline Cares needs your help

Highline Cares is collecting donations for immigrants and refugees who are English-language learners. Bring donations of clothing, shoes, and household items to Building 2 on Oct. 2.

Donations are being accepted between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. All donated items need to be in good shape and usable.

For more information, contact Sheelan Shamdeen at sshamdden@highline.edu.

Annual Student Success Fair

To welcome back students, the college is hosting the annual Highline Student Success & Involvement Fair. For more information, contact Sheelan Shamdeen at sshamdden@highline.edu.

New lines for old lots

Campus parking lot safety markings were retouched to start the new school year fresh and crisp. The repainting took place on Tuesday Sept. 16 prior to beginning of Fall Quarter. The repainting included the directional arrows, stop bars, crosswalks, and speed bumps. The focus was mainly the markings in the East lot and North lot but some work was also done in the South lot.

Campus storm drains were also repaired prior to the beginning of Fall Quarter. The southeast corner of Building 19 was excavated to uncover below-grade elements. Storm drains by Building 14 and 15 were also excavated and repaired. A manhole at the storm water retention pond at the west end of campus was also excavated and repaired.

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Voter registration drive Sept. 23-26

The Student Government is encouraging all students to vote by hosting a Voter Registration Drive. The drive will be held Sept. 23 through Sept. 26 in Building 8 and Building 6. The drive will start at 11 a.m. and end at 1:30 p.m.

To register, you must be a U.S. citizen, a Washington state resident, and be at least 18 years old at the time of the election. To register online, you need you need a valid Washington state ID.

Young adults wanted for research study

Young men & women are wanted for a study on health-related behaviors. Participants must be ages 18-20. Earn a $25 gift card of their choice of a select number of merchants. Visit http://depts.washington.edu/uwepic/ or email Project EPIC at UWepic@uw.edu or for more information.
Bermingham encourages listening

By Cristina Acuna
Staff Reporter

Listening to students will be key to the college’s success this academic year, Highline’s president said at an all-campus breakfast on Tuesday.

Future state funding will likely depend on students’ academic progress, said Dr. Jack Bermingham.

“Part of being a learner-centered institution is [that] we have to find more effective ways, better ways, more ways to listen to students because they do have some valuable feedback that can guide us to being more successful,” Dr. Bermingham told 360 faculty, staff and students on Sep. 16 in the cafeteria of the Student Union.

“Bringing Our Voices Together: Brains, Courage and Heart” was the theme of the breakfast, which marked the beginning of Highline’s five-day opening week.

“We begin the year with lots of momentum coming off of a very successful 2013-2014,” Dr. Bermingham said. “We were recognized with a few awards and we even won a national award. It’s hard to say that it was anything less than an amazing year.”

Recently, Highline received the 2014 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award from Insight Into Diversity magazine, and Dr. Bermingham himself received the Diversity Visionary Award after being named Regional CEO of the Year in August by the Association of Community College Trustees.

“We owe it all to you guys because it wasn’t like the Legislature gave us a lot more money or a lot more resources,” Dr. Bermingham said. “Your innovation, your energy, and your commitment made for a very successful year.”

During the event, attendees watched a video that featured new and returning students expressing their opinions and needs, as well as faculty members’ words of welcome and encouragement for the new academic year.

“We started a conversation about changing expectations and during Opening Week, you’re going to participate in discussions about what that might mean for you as colleagues and for our campus,” Dr. Bermingham said.

He also said that Highline is committed to providing clear pathways to satisfy students’ needs with regard to their programs and degrees, with the ultimate goal of improving student attainment.

“This past spring I discussed the changing environment in higher education and the likely impact on us,” he said. “It’s likely that there is going to be more performance funding and those that succeed will be about attainment in the broadest sense help us with our student achievement initiative accountability and in the end bring resources back to the college.”

The president said that faculty, staff and students must consider themselves advisers and resources of knowledge.

“We need to be reflective and in a sense investigative about understanding barriers to success, identifying them and moving them if our students are going to be successful,” Dr. Bermingham said. “We need to strengthen our asset-based approaches, building on the strengths of students, colleagues and our community.”

There’s a bevy of help for all Highline students

By Sam McCullough
Staff Reporter

Highline is a mecca of opportunities and services geared to help students. The services range from personal counseling to help writing a paper.

Here’s a list of resources:

• **Counseling Center**
  Building 6, room 226 — The Counseling Center is here to help you with personal problems or questions about academics. Open five days a week, the counselors can help you with time management, choosing a major, and even getting connected with the community. The services are free and confidential.

• **Inter-Cultural Center**
  Building 8, room 204 — The ICC has peer tutoring, social justice programming, computing for student use, scholarship information, and a multi-cultural library. It is a safe place for students to express their opinions on social issues.

• **Writing Center**
  Building 26, room 319 — The Writing Center can give you advice, offer assistance, and help you structure your papers. You need to make an appointment in person or by calling 206-592-4364.

“The Highline Writing Center, staffed by experienced student writers who receive inter-nationally certified training in writing consultation, provides a place for student writers at all levels and in all subjects to get one-on-one support in their writing processes,” said Writing Center Director Rosemary Adang.

• **Student Employment Services**
  Building 6, top floor — Student Employment Services are available to help students and alumni with career exploration, job searching, and resume writing. This service is free of charge. There are job fairs and workshops to help you even further. You could even get a job working on campus.

• **Quiet Reflection Room**
  Building 23, room 114 — This is a room dedicated to personal reflection activities, like silent prayer and meditation. The Muslim Student Association provides prayer mats. No food or drinks are allowed in the room.

• **Math Resource Center**
  Building 26, room 319 — Receive homework help or math tutoring from faculty or students. There are computers available to use and a space for study groups. The Math Resource Center is open five days a week. You can receive academic advising if you are a science, technology, engineering and mathematics student.

• **Library**
  Building 25 — The library is open seven days a week, including every night except Saturday. It is a place where you can get expert help with your research, use their computers, borrow books, videos, and more, plus meet with friends and classmates in the group study rooms or open spaces.

Librarians are available to help you in person, via email, by phone, or through their 24-hour chat service. The Testing Center is on the top floor of the library. No fee is needed to receive the services.

• **TRiO**
  Building 6, bottom floor — “The TRiO Student Support and Retention Services Program here at Highline provides one-on-one guidance, support, and preparation for students who meet the eligibility requirements. TRiO-eligible students are those who are either first generation, low-income, or students with disabilities,” said Susie Chavez, TRiO program assistant. The program is free to join.

• **Highline Bookstore**
  Building 10 — Get school supplies and textbooks needed to help you succeed. You can rent or buy textbooks. They do accept returns, but only for up to two weeks after your purchase and you must have the receipt. The Bookstore accepts personal checks and credit cards. Also, the Bookstore buys used textbooks for up to 50 percent of the original price.
Take college seriously and get more from it

Time to get back to work. Summer is gone, and it’s time for school again, which means it’s time to get back to work and refocus your mind. This is a key step in a successful walk through college. For all the students coming in as part of Running Start, know that you’re not in high school anymore. This is an opportunity to get ahead in this race we call life and prepare a successful path for yourself. Don’t screw it up. One way to avoid wasting an opportunity is being aware that school is serious. Thousands of tax dollars from hard working citizens are paying for your schooling. If you’re not a Running Start student, you’re working hard to pay for your education. College is not to be taken lightly, but it is very easy to get off track. Here are a few tips to help stay focused and ready to pursue an education for a bright future.

One, don’t miss class. Class time is extremely important in school, and especially in college. If you do have to miss class, make sure you talk to your professor and set up a way to get the information you missed. This leads to the second tip, which is to communicate and ask for assistance if needed. If you are struggling with a topic or just need help, talk to someone.

Many resources on campus can help students with homework, studying, essays—you name it! These resources can be other students, professors, staff, and administration. You aren’t alone. There are plenty of people here who are willing to help you succeed; all you have to do is ask. Third, make connections with other students. The friends you make in college could be your friends for life.

Friends aren’t there just to hang out or have a good time with. You never know who you might meet and what important part they may play in your life. Going to Highline can open up many doors in regards to career opportunities and other colleges and universities. You can receive a degree that transfers over directly to a four-year university or college. Other training or degree programs can lead into a career instantly.

There is no down side to continuing your education. You can only benefit from it. But it won’t always be easy, which is the hard part. You are going to be disappointed at one point. When you don’t get the grade you wanted or the class you’re taking isn’t what you thought it would be, you can’t let those minor setbacks prevent you from moving forward.

Life can be disappointing, but it doesn’t mean you can’t succeed. Ever heard “If life gives you lemons, make lemonade?” Well it’s true in a sense. Whatever you do, don’t give up on what you’re working toward. Having a degree under your belt will help get higher paying jobs in satisfying careers.

It isn’t about pleasing your parents or saving face for your administration. It’s about you and your life. Your education is your job. The struggle is real. So is your education. You, not others, will make the difference in what you learn. Your life is ahead of you. Build your life around it and push yourself a little farther each day. Connect with your instructors, make an appointment with an adviser and start to get to know the campus community around you. The important thing is to never give up.

As Nelson Mandela said, “It always seems impossible until it’s done.”

Dr. Jack Bermingham is the president of Highline College.

Highline is here to help you

Welcome to Highline College’s 2014-2015 academic year. For those who are returning, welcome back!

New students, returning students, first-time college students—all now is the time to get actively involved in your education.

Highline is home to a diverse and vibrant community. Highline’s campus stretches down to the Puget Sound with laboratories and classrooms in the Mast located on Redondo Beach. Take advantage of student support structures. All around you are opportunities to enhance your education. Learning is a lot of different pieces.

Highline offers many services including: the Center for Leadership and Service, Advising and Educational Planning, the Counseling Center, Multicultural Affairs/Inter-Cultural Center, the Transfer Center, Veterans Services, Women’s Programs, and many more.

Highline also has many learning opportunities including: the Honors Program, study abroad programs, performing arts and athletics.

There are many choices and whether it’s running for Student Government, being actively involved with a club or reporting for the student newspaper, there is truly a fit for everyone.

It’s important to build a network. Networks provide support, encouragement, leadership skills and ultimately make a student more employable. Build relationships. Relationships sustain us in difficult times; they add value, meaning, and accountability to our lives. They also make the whole college experience more exciting and memorable.

Use resources such as the Tutoring Center, the Library and online degree audit. College can be stressful. Some students may have other demands on their time; they could be supporting families, raising children or siblings, running between work and classes.

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Have something to say?

Have something you want to say to the student body? The Highline Thunderword is asking for students to voice their opinions on what matters to them. We’re accepting submissions in the form of letters and columns.

Letters to the editor should be no more than 200 words; columns should be no more than 600 words.

Send submissions to thunderword@highline.edu by Monday for print on Thursday.
**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ★★★

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**Weekly HOROSCOPES**

**Triva test by Tim Rodriguez**

1. GEOGRAPHY: The Yakima River flows through which U.S. state?
2. TELEVISION: What was the theme song to the sitcom Friends?
3. MUSIC: What pop music group had a hit album in 1969 titled The Age of Aquarius?
4. COMICS: Which comic strip featured a character called "Drag-on Lady"?
5. MEDICINE: How long is the average adult’s spinal cord?
6. FOOD AND DRINK: What fast-food franchise featured the story of Jared S. Fogle, who lost a lot of weight eating their products?
7. LITERATURE: Where did the Grinch live in the Dr. Seuss story How the Grinch Stole Christmas?
8. MOVIES: What was the name of the mad scientist in The Rocky Horror Picture Show?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the significance of the acronym ROY G BIV?
10. FAMOUS QUOTES: What comedian and actor once said, “A day without sunshine is like, you know, night”?

**Answers**

1. Washington
2. *I’ll Be There For You* (The Rembrants)
3. The 5th Dimension
4. *Terry and the Pirates*
5. 17 to 18 inches
6. Subway
7. Mount Crumpit
8. Dr. Frank-N-Furter
9. A mnemonic device to remember the colors of the rainbow
10. Steve Martin

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Fruit of the vine can help foods taste fine

By Angela Shelf Medearis and Gina Harlow

If you were to make a checklist of all the wonderful qualities one fruit could possess — sweet, tart, tasty raw or cooked, fresh or dried, with delicious juice, various flavors, edible leaves and nutritious oil — the grape and its wine would check every box.

It must be for that reason that no other fruit, no matter how glamorous its reputation, is grown and produced as much as the grape.

The cultivation of grapes dates back to the beginning of civilization on the Asian and European continents. In North America, when the Europeans arrived, they found almost countless varieties of wild grapes, many found nowhere else in the world. Most of those wild grapes were considered inedible by the early colonists, although they were an elemental food of the Native Americans.

Soon, however, the wild American grapes became hybridized with European varieties, and grapes became more widely consumed. One of the notable varieties is the super-delicious Concord grape.

The grapevine has a presence all around the globe, and the fruit and the plant are used in a variety of ways. From the beginning, wine was made from grapes, most people think of jams and jellies from the seeds also is ancient and appears to have begun soon after cultivation began. The same is true for the leaves, which are eaten fresh or brined, and a version of stuffed grape leaves not only is integral to Greek cuisine, but found in the foods of almost every Middle Eastern country.

The fruit itself is a good source of vitamins A and C, and antioxidants. The leaves are especially high in vitamin A and minerals, while the oil or extract from the seeds also contain antioxidants that may be helpful in lowering cholesterol and fighting heart disease.

Keep grapes in the coldest part of the refrigerator wrapped in a perforated plastic bag to allow excess moisture to escape. Unfortunately, grapes won’t ripen after they’ve been picked.

When it comes to cooking with grapes, most people think of jams or pies. But sweet grapes add an interesting dimension of flavor to savory dishes, and the more bitter grapes, taken on a sweeter side when sauteed or roasted. If you’ve never tried grape leaves, you are missing a tangy treat. They are the perfect receptacle for a wide variety of stuffings.

Try this recipe for Bacon Seared Pork Chops with Grape Sauce, which uses grapes in a uniquely savory way.

Seared pork chops with grape sauce
1 teaspoon Kosher salt
1 teaspoon black pepper
1 tablespoon poultry seasoning
4 pork chops, bone out, 1 1/2 inches thick
2 strips bacon, cut into small pieces
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
2 cups seeded red grapes
2 tablespoons flour
1 1/2 cups low-sodium chicken stock
1 tablespoon Worcester-shire sauce
1 tablespoon butter
3 tablespoons chopped green onions, white and green parts, for garnish

1. Season chops on both sides with salt, pepper and 1/2 tablespoon of poultry seasoning, and let sit outside refrigerator for 10 to 15 minutes to to come to room temperature.
2. Add bacon and 1 tablespoon oil to saute pan, and cook over medium-high heat. Once bacon starts to render some fat, about 2 minutes, add grapes. Allow the bacon to continue to render and get crispy, and the grapes to split open and release their juices, about 3 to 5 minutes. Remove half of bacon and grapes and set aside.
3. Add flour and the remaining 1/2 tablespoon poultry seasoning to bacon fat; stir for 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in chicken stock and Worcestershire sauce. Turn temperature to high, and bring the mixture to boil. Turn heat to simmer, stirring occasionally until liquid is reduced by half and thickens. Stir in butter, cover pan, and set aside.
4. To a cast-iron pan, add remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil and heat over medium-high heat. Add seasoned pork chops and sear. Cook pork for 6 to 7 minutes on the first side. Flip over and reduce heat. Cook for another 6 to 7 minutes until cooked through. Remove pork from the pan, and allow to rest for about 5 minutes prior to serving.
5. When ready to serve, add reserved grapes and bacon to sauce. Taste and re-season if needed with additional salt and poultry seasoning. Pour over the chops and garnish with green onions. Makes 4 servings.

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Music department plans events

Chorale needs singers

By Kayla Dickson
Staff Reporter

Music will fill the halls this quarter as Highline begins making plans for its upcoming concerts. This fall, the Music Department has plenty of events to delight everyone from the musically inclined, to the music enthusiast.

"It’s really important that students keep involved in the arts," said Dr. Ben Thomas, coordinator of the Highline Music Department. "Music not only helps students grow musically, but more importantly, it helps them grow intellectually and interpersonally. You use so much of your brain when you make music."

For those particularly interested in creating music, there will be upcoming auditions for the Highline Concert Chorale. All students interested in the Chorale are encouraged to audition.

"We incorporate as many students as we can into our curricula, and learn from them," said Dr. Sandra Glover, head of the Highline vocal program. "The Chorale concerts tend to have more variety with the addition of drama students and other music majors."

The Chorale has three concerts planned throughout this school year, the first one occurring Dec. 4. All of the Chorale’s concerts are free and open to the public.

Those interested in auditioning should contact Dr. Glover at sglover@highline.edu.

With no musical skills will want to attend the world music concerts coming to Highline this quarter.

On Thursday, Oct. 16, at 12:15 p.m. in building 7, students can enjoy a concert by the Victor Noriega Jazz Trio, as a part of Filippo American Heritage Month.

Then on Thursday, Nov. 6, at 12:15 p.m. in Building 7, the Seattle Colleges Faculty All-Star Jazz Band will perform, featuring Highline’s own Dr. Ben Thomas.

Both of these concerts are free and everybody is encouraged to attend.

"The jazz band is actually comprised entirely of community college teachers," Dr. Thomas said. "And we will actually be playing some original too, so it’s definitely worth checking out.

TeenTiX offers bargains for young art lovers

By Kayla Dickson
Staff Reporter

Often college students find themselves in the same rut – high on life, low on cash. TeenTiX identification. (With some reservations, I admit.) However, this program offers students a chance to get out of the house and participate fully in the community. A TeenTiX pass allows for $5 cash after showing their TeenTiX identification.

"We think that art is for everyone and should be accessible to everyone," Arsenault said. "We want young people to be empowered to take control of their arts-going experiences, and to participate fully in the arts community not just as audience members, but as leaders, critics, patrons and influencers."

Teens had a chance to voice their opinion last Saturday, during the second-annual TeenTiX Teeny Awards. The event at the EMP was a dinner fundraiser, followed by an awards ceremony.

"The Teeny Awards are like a Teen Choice Awards for local arts," Arsenault said. "TeenTiX members vote on the favorite things they experienced during the past year and their favorite organizations, and then we give the awards out in a big, splashy ceremony."

The Teeny Awards may have already passed, but there are still plenty of events to participate in.

"Our website will give you a complete schedule of all of the events you can attend through-out the month," said Arsenault. "And with dozens of visual and performing arts events every day, it’s really handy for helping spread equal awareness about each of them."

For more information on upcoming events or receiving a free TeenTiX pass, visit their website at TeenTiX.org.
Normandy Park unearths third Zombie festival

Ghouls come out Sept. 27 at Normandy Park Towne Center

By Kayla Dickson
Staff Reporter

Get out your fake blood and hide your brains for the third annual Normandy Parks Zombie Fest on Sept. 27.

Like Seattle’s world famous Zombie Walk, Zombie Fest is a family oriented event for zombies, zombie hunters, and zombie enthusiasts alike.

“Zombie Fest features some fun activities,” said Susan West, mayor and chairwoman of the Normandy Park Economic Development Committee. “Kids can visit a free pumpkin patch. There will also be a Zombie Zumbathon, a performance by the amazing Seattle Thrillers, live music, an arts and crafts booth for kids, business booths, a costume contest, and much more. Not to mention, admission is free.”

Don’t worry about spending any extra money on a costume either, because this year Zombie Fest will zombify you in the “Get Zombified” booth for free.

“We’ll transform people into zombies within minutes thanks to talented face-painters and zombie clothing experts,” West said.

“Value Village and Republic Services are sponsoring this booth. After visiting the make-up and clothing stations, each new zombie will receive an official ‘I Got Zombified’ sticker and then a photo at our free photobooth.”

Along with the fun and free things to do at the festival, Zombie Fest actually serves a much larger purpose: educating the public on emergency and disaster preparedness.

“Zombie Fest will feature a display of vehicles that would respond to a disaster, our sponsors will provide families with a wide variety of items for emergency kits, and experts will be available to speak with visitors about being prepared,” West said. “It’s all about helping our neighbors.”

Besides being an educational event, Zombie Fest is a charity event as well. This year, the event will raise money for various charities with food, a charity beer garden, and a few raffles.

The charities that will be affected are the Highline Schools Foundation Excel Grant program, the Highline Food Bank, the Des Moines Food Bank and the new Friends of Normandy Park Foundation.

Zombie Fest will be held at the Normandy Park Towne Center between the new Normandy Park Ale House and Normandy Park Market at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27.

“The shopping center features a large amount of parking,” West said. “Which is good because last year nearly 900 people attended, and we only expect it to increase from there.”

The Seattle Thrillers dance troupe will make an appearance Sept. 27 from 6-6:15 p.m. at the third annual Normandy Park Zombie Fest and will perform to Michael Jackson’s Thriller.

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By Kayla Dickson
Staff Reporter

It was a picturesque scene at the Des Moines Waterfront Farmers Market “Back to School Truck-in” on Sept. 13. The bright September sun beautifully illuminated the flawlessly clean view of the Puget Sound, as over 5000 people, young and old, came together to enjoy good company and good food.

“The Back to School Truck-in was definitely a lot of fun,” said market attendee Mark Torpha. “Not only is it a good time to try some of the local food trucks, but there were so many people there, it really felt like a community.”

The Truck-in featured food trucks from El Animal, Ben & Jerry’s, Grilled Cheese Express, Wicked Pies, Peasant Manifesto, Outside the Box, and Sam Choy’s Poke to the Max, as well as other assorted food vendors.

“It never ceases to amaze me how many different people this market brings together,” said Bill Magee, owner of the business Cutlery On Wheels. “I’ve been coming here for three full years now. I love how it’s very diverse. It’s definitely a lot of fun.”

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“Every week just seems to get colder and colder,” Albert Carbalaj from the produce stand Bautista Farms said. “We’ll probably only be here for another week or two before it’s time to wrap up our stand.”

High school seniors Anna Kim and So Park came to the market particularly for the food trucks.

“I went to this place called Charlie’s Buns n’ Stuff and had a really good cheesesteak and Tater Tots,” Kim said. “Yeah, I’ll agree the food was delicious,” Park said. “But I really wish that they had more seating. They had like six chairs so it sucked that we had to eat all of our food in the grass with the bees buzzing around.”

Sitting in the grass probably won’t be possible much longer as the weather begins to get chillier.

“Eleven-year-old twins Mia and Bekkah Black tickled their fancy at the Highline MaST Center’s touch tanks. “I really like that the starfish look squishy, but they’re really hard like rocks,” Mia said. “Did you know squids have beaks?” Bekkah asked. “Turtles too. They were showing me how sea creatures are just like birds.”

Consistent market attendee Sylvia Lopez was having a blast with her children as well during the back-to-school fun.

“The bounce house was a really nice touch,” Lopez said. “I also liked that I got to be an embarrassing mom and take a bunch of pictures of them in the old Chevy fire truck. Not to mention I can get some shopping done along the way.”

Shopping wasn’t the top priority for everyone at the Market however.

Plenty of time to enjoy the market
If you haven’t been to the Des Moines Waterfront Farmers Market yet, there is still time to enjoy the festivities. For example, the Eighth Annual Chili Cook-off is on Oct. 25.

- Dates: Open every Saturday until Oct. 25
- Hours: 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.
- Location: North side of the Marina at 22307 Dock St.

The Des Moines Farmers Market offers a feast for the eyes as well as the stomach.
The Highline women’s soccer team is off to a strong start, with a 4-0-1 league record and a 6-0-1 overall record. “We have constructed a mentality of competing in everything we do,” said Highline Head Coach Thomas Moore.

The Lady T-Birds have the best record in the Northwest Athletic Conference but trail Everett in total points by just two, 15-13. Everett, 7-1-0 overall, is in first place in the North Division. Highline is in first in the west and is the last remaining undefeated team in the conference.

“We have quite a bit of talent and combined with our work ethic to this point, it has definitely paid off,” Moore said.

That work ethic has come from a talented roster that consists of 26 players, which is the second largest team in the NWAC. “With the amount of players and talent we have it’s easier to hold people accountable,” Moore said.

Accountability within the team comes easier with the possibility of any player’s spot being taken by someone else on the team. “They know that missing a game or training could ultimately mean that someone who is putting in the work and gets a shot may just take that role from a player who allows it to happen,” Moore said.

Highline’s talent has been evident in the early season with three freshmen in the top 10 of the NWAC in goals made at six a piece, including Jessi Beverlin, Madison Gale, and Serenity Grim.

“I think the combination of sophomore leadership as well as some strong personalities in a few freshmen have really started us off well,” Moore said.

Personalities aren’t the only strengths with this team, said Moore. “I think we have many strengths. We are athletic, have good team speed, a very competitive desire, and genuinely good people are a part of this team,” he said.

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Highline has plenty of time to sharpen its skills and figure out its identity as a team. “At this point, it’s still early, and I’m very excited to see what we can accomplish this season,” Moore said.

As far as defining a successful season, championship is not the only goal. “Obviously winning the championship. But we want these ladies to be successful in the classroom, and on the field,” Moore said.

Highline’s most recent victory came Sept. 12 when they defeated Everett 2-0. Highline scored twice in the first half and used a strong defensive effort to secure the victory. Madison Gale scored her sixth goal of the season at 37 minutes with the assist from 5’8” freshmen Nanea Tavares.

Highline will face Grays Harbor at Starfire this Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 1 p.m. Highline will then travel to Olympic this Saturday, Sept. 27 at noon and will face Peninsula at Starfire, Sept. 29 at 1 p.m.

The Lady T-Birds took on Whatcom last Friday, Sept. 19 with results unavailable at press time.
**T-Birds need more runners**

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Staff Reporter

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The Highline women’s volleyball team hopes to build off last season’s West Division lead, and can step in and contribute to the team’s success this season. Every one of them is a self-starter, which is something you cannot really coach,” Roach said.

Although Highline’s team is currently small in numbers, they are not lacking in big aspirations.

“We have a good group of guys who share the common goal of taking their running to the next level,” said Roach.

Highline’s Cross Country team showed promise on Sept. 13 at Central Washington’s XC Invitational, placing higher than Green River for the first time in three years.

Highline finished fifth in the league with a total time of 1:48:45 and average time of 21:45. Freshmen runner Endalkachew Abeaw finished sixth in the race with a time of 20:26.

“I was impressed with how they ran,” said Roach.

“Highline’s Cross Country team will not be shortcutting anything in their quest to compete at the end-of-season championship.”

“There are no shortcuts to any place worth going,” Roach said.

The next meet is Sept. 27 at the NWAC Preview in Battle-ground.

The Highline men’s soccer team has started undefeated in league play, with a 3-0-1 record. Highline’s overall record currently stands at 3-2-1.

The team is currently in second place in the Northwest Athletic Conference West Division, trailing Peninsula by two points.

Highline’s game against Everett on Sept. 12 resulted in a 2-2 tie. The T-Birds trailed 2-1 heading into halftime but were able to rally back in the 87th minute with a goal from sophomore midfielder Alex Lewis.

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Campus Security gets new name, new uniforms and a new outlook

By Cristina Acuna
Staff Reporter

The start of a new academic year is the perfect opportunity to don a new look, and Highline security officers have decided to take advantage of it.

Now called the Department of Public Safety (previously Campus Security), the eyes and ears of campus hope to turn heads and be noticed as they walk around Highline in revamped outfits.

“We have a new look,” said Director of Public Safety and Emergency Management Jim Baylor. “It’s a little bit more of a traditional security type of thing. It’s for visibility.”

Baylor said that when he arrived at Highline it was hard for him to tell who the security officers were because the uniforms did not stand out.

“If it was confusing to me, then I can imagine it was for the students,” Baylor said. “Now from all directions of this person you’re going to be able to say ‘there’s the security officer.’”

The officers will sport official badges, shoulder patches and heavy duty Kevlar vests with large, glow-in-the-dark words printed across the back that read Public Safety Officer.

“We want to be cautious for people who say this is going to be the police. It’s not,” Baylor said. “Our title is Public Safety Officers instead of [campus] security because it’s all encompassing.”

The officers all have a military background; they trained 40 hours a week and are required to attend a one-week refresher on basic campus security protocol before Fall Quarter begins, he said.

“They’ve been through Crime Prevention Training, Response to Active Shooter, Response to Barricaded Suspect [and] hostage situations,” Baylor said.

This quarter, they will undergo training in accordance with the Violence Against Women Act.

“The VAWA addresses educational prevention and knowledge [about] domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and sexual assault,” Baylor said. “I want our officers to be prepared for that.”

The Department of Public Safety will also hire another full-time officer and two more part-time officers this quarter, Baylor said.

“I think the priorities [this quarter] are our new designation as Public Safety Officers, the new look and our initiative to doing outreach programs, particularly with student groups,” he said.

Highline offering four-year degrees this fall

By Sam McCullough
Staff Reporter

Highline is offering four new four-year degree options, with two of the programs starting this fall.

The new programs are cyber security and forensics, and global trade and logistics. A respiratory care program is set to start in Winter Quarter. A youth development program is in process of starting, but no start date has been established.

“The classes are hybrid, which means that part of the class is done online. This is to accommodate students who work during the day or have families,” said Dr. John Huber, the director of the bachelor of applied science program.

Demand for these degrees has gone up in recent years, college officials said.

“The main goal of adding the degrees is for workers to be able to move up into management positions,” said Dr. Huber.

“If there is no market for these, we wouldn’t have the programs,” said Siew Lai Lilley, the director of Highline’s Transfer Center. Lilley hosted an informational meeting about the newly introduced bachelor of applied science degrees on Sept. 9.

If you are interested in joining a program, go to www.highline.edu to get an application. The application fee is $43. Each program has different requirements and deadlines, but it’s recommended to have an associate of applied science degree already in hand.

Financial aid is available. You need to submit the free application for federal student aid, otherwise known as FAFSA. You can get the forms in Building 6, on the upper floor, or by going online to financialaid.highline.edu.

The application deadline for Fall Quarter has already passed, but you have until Oct. 9 to apply for funds for Winter Quarter. The classes are elite, with only 24 people being admitted into each program.

“They are very nichey, job-focused programs we are already strong in,” said Dr. Huber.
Federal Way dreams of new college

City officials say branch campus could draw firms

By Michael Glenn
Staff Reporter

Federal Way city leaders are hoping to go to school to help boost the local economy.

More specifically, some local officials say they hope to attract a four-year college to locate in the city, perhaps at the soon-to-be vacant Weyerhaeuser corporate headquarters on the south-west side of town.

While state legislative priorities have been warning the state’s colleges and universities of budget cuts in 2015, city leaders remain optimistic that they can get the state – or a private university – to pony up the money to locate a branch campus in Federal Way.

At least one legislative candidate is pushing the idea. Shari Song, a Democrat who is seeking the 30th District Senate seat, said the state needs more four-year institutions to meet student demand.

"The state has cut back on our four-year institutions so much that it’s hard to see how we will ever meet the needs of families around here we would have to expand the number of degrees awarded annually by 25,000. That’s 25 percent larger than our existing capacity," she said.

City Councilwoman Kelly Maloney said a new campus could help big companies near Federal Way enabling students in Federal Way to pursue a four-year degree.

"Being able to offer higher education to our community, directly in our community, is a positive move for all Federal Way residents," she said. "For those who are interested in pursuing higher education, this offers the opportunity to do so and still live in their current homes.

City leaders also are hopeful that a four-year campus would attract new businesses to town.

"We do not know yet if there is enough of a demand for a four-year campus here," Honda said. "The key to determining that demand, she said, lies in conducting a needs assessment for the city.

"Once a needs assessment is conducted we will know how to plan a campus, how many schools might be involved, what degrees or programs offered, and how many students might enroll.

She also said that the size of the school would have to be determined "by the size of the project and the budget available from the state." 

Last month, city leaders said they’d like to see a new campus at Weyerhaeuser’s corporate headquarters after the company relocated in 2016. Weyerhaeuser is planning on moving to 200 Occidental Ave. in Pioneer Square sometime in mid- to late 2016 to reduce costs.

Federal Way Councilwoman Maloney said that while the City Council is open to the idea of turning the forest products company’s facilities into a college campus, it’s not the only location they’re pursuing.

"The Weyerhaeuser site is one of several the city is considering as it explores attracting higher education to the community," she said.

Maloney said the council is considering both public and private universities, as well as university satellite campuses. She said the City Council is open to exploring multiple options in establishing a new school.

One of the key aspects of the current concept is to mix both traditional and new ways of offering curriculum," she said. "Despite the value and success of online education, there will always be a need for ‘bricks and mortar’ campuses for certain degrees.

It may not be a foregone conclusion that if someone builds it, students will come. Highline had a branch campus in Federal Way for several years, but closed it due in part to low enrollment.

Meanwhile, the college has recently added bachelor degree programs in Cybersecurity, Respiratory Care, Global Trade and Logistics, and Youth Development.

Weyerhaeuser’s Federal Way headquarters building is one possible site for a four-year college in Federal Way.

"DeVry University has been in Federal Way for over 10 years now, and is experiencing big decreases in enrollment. Does Federal Way have the capacity to support another institution? I’m not sure. If a state institution like WSU came in, there would be potential for research and community programming, which could be attractive. But, with the current challenges around the state budget, and the lawsuit against the state for adequate funding of basic education, it is unlikely the state capital or operating budget would have funds to support it," Dr. Skari said.

Jeff Wagnitz, vice president of Academic Affairs at Highline College, said that with fiscal planning, a new four-year school could be good for the community.

"If someone wanted to open another community college next door to Highline, I might be worried about over-supply," he said.

"But another four-year school nearby could increase our community’s visibility, human capital, and cultural resources," Wagnitz said.

"That said, a critically important point, I think, would be to coordinate the initiative carefully with CWU-Des Moines and with UW-Tacoma to make sure that, if there’s an expansion of four-year options in this area, it complements, rather than competes with, their offerings. Optimistically, with the right level of planning and collaboration, I think it could benefit everyone."

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Aside from the business permit, Green Kiss had also not gotten an electrical permit and building permit for a new wall they installed inside the building.

Had Gasparyan submitted applications for these permits, the city of Des Moines would still not have allowed Green Kiss to operate, Piasceki said.

Dispensaries are not legal within the city of Des Moines, or any city in the state of Washington.

"That type of operation was not allowed in the downtown area. We told them they either had to close up shop or start getting citations," said Piasceki.

Gasparyn could not be reached for comment. He appears to own another dispensary in Lynnwood that is also named Green Kiss.

Although there is zoning in Des Moines for growing and selling marijuana there is none for medical marijuana dispensaries.

According to the Washington state Department of Health "Dispensaries are not allowed under either medical marijuana laws or I-502."

Although the city of Seattle has many medical marijuana dispensaries, they aren’t technically legal. The city only tolerates them, Piasceki said.

Medical marijuana dispensaries are able to operate under the provisions that patients can grow in collective gardens but they are highly under-regulated, said Mikhail Carpenter, a spokesman for the Washington State Liquor Control Board.

"Dispensaries were claiming they were community gardens and it has worked its way through the legal system," said Carpenter.

There is now much uncertainty over what is legal and what is not, Carpenter said.

In 2011 then-Gov. Christine Gregoire vetoed sections of Senate Bill 5073, which would have regulated all medical marijuana dispensaries, but in doing so left loopholes, which now leaves current dispensaries largely unregulated.

"[Looking forward to] a different atmosphere [and] the transition from high school to college," he said.

While Julian seeks transition, Tracy Dunn hopes for similarities between high school and college.

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Project Jorge Barón, and former SeaTac Chief of Police Jim Graddom.

“Sometimes subtle, sometimes even unintentional, we see institutional racism in our education system, in corporate America and even our political institutions,” Councilman Upthegrove said. “It would be naïve to think law enforcement is immune to these struggles.”

Entitled Can Ferguson Happen here?, the meeting asked the question that entered the mind of many Americans a little over a month ago.

On Aug. 9, Michael Brown, an unarmed 18-year-old Afri- can American man, was fatally shot by Darren Wilson, a white police officer employed by the Ferguson Police Department. The circumstances of the shooting and witnesses’ reports, which claimed Brown had surrendered before being shot by Wilson, caused civil unrest in the streets of Ferguson.

“We value law enforcement and having a candid discussion about race and justice doesn’t lessen our commitment to public safety and those who provide it,” Upthegrove said.

Sheriff Urquhart thanked the councilman for organizing the event and said he welcomed the community’s questions.

“I have to wonder, in Ferguson, Missouri, did they ever have a community meeting like this?” he asked. “I doubt it. Would the events in Ferguson have happened if the police department there had listened to the community? I don’t think so, and I don’t think it would’ve been as bad if they did.”

The panelists said they see a need for local law enforcement to establish an amiable presence in community spaces, such as churches and schools.

“The biggest deterrent to community policing was the in-vention of the patrol car,” Sheriff Urquhart said. “There is no way to interact with the public. I don’t care what the race is, until you park that police car and you get out of your car and you walk around and you talk to people—that’s how you have interaction.”

Dr. Donaldson agreed that reestablishing connectivity between cultural groups and local law enforcement would serve to lessen the tension and eradicate negative stereotypes on both ends.

“Stereotypes and false images of people of color, and particularly African Americans, have led to the demonization of our people that make relations with those commissioned to protect and serve problematic,” he said. “The community feels that the perceived lack of respectability has been debunked by continual hostile encounters with those commissioned to serve the community.”

Members of the audience also questioned the sheriff’s efforts to recruit more police of- ficers of color.

“I was trying to get an understanding from the sheriff as to the programs that they have that allow the sheriff’s department to partner with minority communities,” said a King County resident who did not provide a name. “I do not understand what the program was, where it is, what it’s called or any of that at this point.”

“It’s a policy of working with anybody who wants to become a sheriff’s deputy to help them do better on the Civil Service Exam,” Sheriff Urquhart said. “We reach out to the community. You can talk to our recruiter, and he will set it up for you.”

When asked by Dr. Donaldson to specify the name of the program in place to “pipeline” members of the African American community into the police force, Sheriff Urquhart said he didn’t know it.

Among audience members of the forum, which was held at Tyee High School in SeaTac, was the Seattle King County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), led by President Gerald Hankerson and former President James Bible.

“We gave King County some time to clean up their mess because they indicated that they would actually be putting forth ordinances, rules and systems in place that would create accountability and something more than the illusion of fairness,” Bible said. “At this stage I’m disappointed that we waited so long because at this stage I’m sure that there is nothing more than the illusion of fairness in the King County Sheriff’s Office.”

Bible said that their chapter of the NAACP evaluates ac- tions, policies and conduct of law enforcement in the states of Oregon, Washington and Alaska but for the past five years has focused mainly on the behavior of the Seattle Police Department.

“I am tired of representing individuals who are beaten repeatedly by King County Sher-iff’s Deputies and then charged with crimes later exonerated,” he said. “The comments of the sheriff here today clearly outline the distances in our racial understanding. They clearly outline how racist somebody can be perhaps even when they think they’re not. Ferguson is absolutely here. Let’s not pre- tend it isn’t.”

Bible expressed his regret over the resignation of Charles Gaither, who became the first director of the Office of Law Enforcement Oversight in Oc- tober 2011 and made the news earlier this month when he resigned from his position due to “conflict and political maneu- vering.”

But the NAACP is not alone in its skepticism of law enforce- ment.

“One of the experiences we’ve seen is this incredible distrust that has generated over time between immigrant com- munities and local law enforce- ment and the fact that, unfortunately, some of the federal policies have used local law enforce- ment as a way to channel people into deportation,” said Baron, who has been working with the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project since 2008. “The good news is that the King County Council last year adopted an ordinance that is re- stricting the situations in which local law enforcement can hold people in jail and transfer them to deportation.”

Among the King County of- ficials who attended the forum were Des Moines Mayor Dave Kaplan; Kent City Council Member Brenda Fitcher; Nor- mandy Park Council Member Stacia Jenkins; SeaTac Council Members Terry Anderson, Dave Bush, Kathryn Campbell and Pam Fernald; SeaTac Mayor and State Rep. Mia Gregerson and State Rep. Tina Orwell.

“While equal treatment un- der the law and equal access to justice is the shared vision of everyone on this stage, we also all recognize that we have more work to do to make that vision a reality,” Upthegrove said. “That’s why today at the County Council, I introduced legislation to begin the process of equip- ping King County Sheriff depu- ties with body cameras.”

The sheriff agreed to man- date their use as soon as the legis- lation is passed.

A capacity crowd turned out to discuss police and community relations recently in SeaTac.

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Dr. Bermingham came to Highline in 1994 as the academ- ic vice president. Soon after he established a task force that re- commended a new general educa- tion requirement for Highline, at a time when only 25 percent of the college was students of color and only 5 percent of the full-time teaching staff were faculty of color.

He also supported the Faculty Senate in the creation of a Di- versity and Globalism require- ment and the Instruction Cabi- net, initiating a Diversity and Globalism department.

Dr. Bermingham also was honored as the regional college CEO of the year by the Associa- tion of Community College Trustees.

Dr. Bermingham was named CEO of the year for the Pacific region.

Every year, five college presidents are given awards and become finalists for the national CEO of the year award.

“I have worked with and for Jack since 1997. One of the rea- sons I am able to do and enjoy the work I do is because of his leadership,” said Dr. Skari. “I don’t know anyone more deserving.”

Highline also earned national recognition as one of the top 100 associate degree producers of 2014 from Community Col- lege Week.

Highline was ranked 48th in the Top 100 Associate Degree Producers for Asian- American students.

The college had a 9 percent increase in associate degrees awarded to Asian-American students in the 2012–2013 aca- demic year.

“We recognize the importance of our students to our diverse society,” Dr. Bermingham said. “We are committed to helping them succeed.”

Highline was named national CEO of the year by the Asso- ciation for Community Colleges in December 2014.

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would be towed. Lowe’s did not go forward with the threat as students complied.

But by Winter Quarter 2014, more and more students took up spaces again, calling the towing warnings a bluff.

After being given the permission by its corporate headquarters, Lowe’s started towing last Spring Quarter.

“Customers only” and Airport Towing company signs are posted visibly at various areas of the lot. Lowe’s parking extends from the corner of South 240th and Pacific Highway South to the corner of Starbucks.

Exactly how many cars were towed last spring is not known. A spokesperson for Airport Towing said: “Can’t remember how many cars were towed in, but there was quite several.”

Highline has not come up with ways to warn new students about not parking at Lowe’s.

“I will talk to Jim [Baylor] about how to inform students. Hopefully they told students at the orientation,” said Department of Public Safety Sgt. George Curtis.

But no announcements were made at the Welcome Fair last week.

Students who have heard of the towing said they are avoiding Lowe’s.

“No, no, I would never park there, I take the bus,” said Tatiana Ramos.

Students say they will use other means of traveling to school, such as carpooling or bus, rather than risk being towed.

“I am carpooling with a friend,” said Paul Tyson, who said he had heard that Lowe’s will tow.

If your car gets towed, you will pay to get it back.

Towing costs $240 plus $60.75 a day to keep the car in impound. At Highline, a parking permit costs $29 quarterly for a part-time student, $46 quarterly for a full-time student and $10 for carpool.

To obtain a parking permit, go to parking.highline.edu.