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City of Mukilteo Hosts Identity Theft and Scam Prevention Forum

(MUKILTEO, WA) The City of Mukilteo will host an “Identity Theft and Scam Prevention Forum” on Friday, November 18, 2016, from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. The event will be held at Harbour Pointe Senior Living, located at 10200 Harbour Place, Mukilteo, Washington 98275. Information Technology Professional Mary Thomas will be the guest speaker to discuss cyber safety with the community. Identity theft and phone scams have increased as society conducts more personal business on computers and smartphone devices. Thomas will provide information that will help community members identify warning signs and resist attempts from scammers who try to convince potential victims to release personal and financial information. She will also be available to answer questions from the public.

Data shows that in 2014 approximately 17.6 million Americans fell victim to a phone scam which cost Americans \$8.6 billion in losses.

Mayor Jennifer Gregerson said, “It is very disturbing that phone and cyber scammers have become so aggressive and personal information can become compromised. I am glad that members of the community have an opportunity to learn how to lessen the likelihood of becoming a victim.”

Interim Chief of Police Cheol Kang said, “Education is a very important element in crime prevention. Many fraud reports conclude with a scam based scenario. Forums like this will help community residents recognize suspicious inquires or activity that would greatly reduce the likelihood of inadvertently releasing information that could later be used to perpetrate a crime against them.”

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