

Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

**Tuesday
January 31, 2017**

6:00 p.m. – Special Meeting

- Action to interview Council applicants
- Select new Councilmember

**Tuesday
February 7, 2017**

6:00 p.m. – Workshop
Transportation Benefit District
Priorities and Pedestrian Safety

7:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting

- Presentation to administer Oath of Office to newly appointed Councilmember
- Presentation to introduce new employee Sergeant Mike Martin
- Action to approve Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for Animal Control Services
- Discussion on City website design

The agendas list above is partial and tentative. For further information, click here for the City website:
<http://www.snohomishwa.gov/AgendaCenter/City-Council-Agendas-1>

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Seven Citizens Selected to Interview January 31 for Vacant Council Position

The City Council opened applications for the Council vacancy for three weeks, requiring all applications to be submitted by January 20, 2017. The City received a total of 19 applications. On January 24, the City Council selected 7 applicants to interview on January 31. The purpose of the January 31 special meeting is for the City Council to interview applicants and then to take action to appoint one applicant to fill vacant City Council Position 3.

The vacancy will be filled until the next municipal election in November 2017. The person elected in November 2017 will take office immediately and will fill the remainder of the term until December 31, 2019 (RCW 42.12.070).

The January 31 meeting agenda, including the applications of the seven citizens scheduled for interviews to fill City Council Position 3, will be published on the City's web site this Friday.

The meeting starts at **6:00 p.m.** with interviews estimated to take about 1.5 hours, followed by the selection of the new Councilmember. The meeting and interviews are open for the public to observe on *Tuesday, January 31, 6:00 p.m. George Gilbertson Boardroom, 1601 Avenue D.*

Planning Commission Public Hearing on Fence Rules

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 1, 2017, at the George Gilbertson Boardroom, 1601 Avenue D, to consider code amendments to update regulations for fences and retaining walls.

After a resident appeared before the City Council requesting a change in the fence code so she could build a fence around her front yard, the Council directed Planning & Community Development staff to investigate. The proposed code amendment resolves the resident's issues and also strives to make the rules clearer and consistent so they are easier to understand and administer. To read more about the proposed fence regulation amendments go to:

<http://snohomishwa.gov/176/Codes-Standards>.

At the same meeting, the Commission will consider adopting bylaws to govern how they do business and run their meetings. If the bylaws are approved by the Planning Commission, they will be sent to the City Council for their approval.

A third agenda item will be a discussion about a potential code amendment to allow for development agreements, which are a useful planning tool for large and/or unique development projects. Development agreements are a contract between a developer and the City. They provide the developer with strong vesting right and with flexibility from some development regulations. In return, the City is able to impose stricter design standards and other requirements than the Development Code provides in order to ensure quality development.

The public is encouraged to attend and participate at Planning Commission meetings. The ideal time to have an impact on the City's development rules is at the Planning Commission before any final decisions are made. Your input on any issue is welcomed.

For more details about what the Planning Commission will be discussing next week download their meeting agenda which will be posted by this Friday.

2017 Calendar:

Parks and Recreation Board

Wednesday, January 25
Regular Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Conference Room
116 Union Avenue

Hal Moe Pool Advisory Committee

Thursday, January 26
Regular Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
Snohomish Senior Center
506 Fourth Street

City Council

Tuesday, January 31
Special Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
George Gilbertson Boardroom
1601 Avenue D



12th Annual GroundFrog Day in Snohomish **It's a Rib-bit-ing Good Time and a whole "Slew" of fun!** **January 28, 2017 – 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. First Street and Avenue A**

Join us for our 12th Annual GroundFrog Day, a Frognostication celebration extraordinaire on January 28, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Avenue A gazebo in downtown Snohomish. It's the forecast battle of the year! Slew vs. Phil! Our celebrity amphibian meteorologist and frognosticator to the stars, Snohomish Slew is ready to claim supremacy once more over Punxsutawney Phil, predicting the arrival of spring to the Pacific Northwest. Snohomish Slew, "Seer of Seers, Sage of Sages, Frognosticator to the stars and Weather Prophet Extraordinaire," is the Pacific Northwest's only official and licensed amphibian meteorologist. Join us as Slew gets the jump on Phil. Not to throw shade, but his record stands for itself.

Snohomish Mayor, Karen Guzak will deliver a crowd welcome. Our froggy fans will be entertained by local disc jockey P.J. Parson while we await the arrival of Snohomish Slew and his handler, Thayer Cueter of *Just Frogs and Toad Too Amphibian Center*. Join Slew at Fred's Rivertown Alehouse Restaurant on January 22 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. It's a pre-GroundFrog Day frog-to-fan party and photo op event!

Snohomish Slew is again partnering with the Snohomish Aquatic Center at 2:00 p.m. for the "Lazy River Frog Race, fundraiser event to benefit the Snohomish Aquatic Center's Swim for Life Program. A \$5 donation purchases a "Racing Frog". Winning Frog Race Swim for Life.

You could win:

- \$100 Gift Certificate to Fred's Rivertown Alehouse Restaurant
- A free kid's party at Brava's Pizza and Pasta (limited to 10, including adults)
- 10-session punch pass to the Aquatic Center donated by the Aquatic Center Management Team (\$42.50 to \$52.50 value, depending on pass type selected)

Tickets available at Brava's Pizza and Pasta, Snohomish Storage on Bickford, and the Snohomish Aquatic Center.



Weekly Newsletter

Highlighted Land Use Applications in Process

Adams Manor, 1012 Fourth Street

File #02-17-CUP

Conditional Use Permit application for Bed & Breakfast. Pending complete application determination. Public comment period to follow complete application determination, under separate notice. More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishwa.gov.

Fence Regulations Code Amendment

File #01-17-SEPA

Notice of Proposed Amendment and SEPA Threshold Determination issued January 13, 2017: <http://www.snohomishwa.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/1023>. Appeals of this SEPA threshold determination must be filed in writing with the City Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on **January 31, 2017**. Draft regulations may be viewed at <http://snohomishwa.gov/176/Codes-Standards>. Written comments may be submitted to the attention of Glen Pickus and must be received by 5:00 p.m. on February 16, 2017. More information: Glen Pickus, Planning Director, 360-282-3173, pickus@snohomishWA.gov. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 1, 2017, at George Gilbertson Boardroom, 1601 Avenue D to consider the proposed code amendment. A City Council hearing will be scheduled at a later date.

700 Pine Avenue Mixed Use Building

File #15-16-ADP

Administrative Development Plan Approval and Notice of Decision issued on January 19, 2017: <http://www.snohomishwa.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/1025>. Appeals of the Decision must be filed in writing with the City Clerk for the City of Snohomish by 5:00 p.m. on **January 31, 2017**.

Riverview South Preliminary Plat

File #16-16-PP

14-lot Planned Residential Development at 502 Ludwig Road (tax parcel 28051300202400, formerly addressed as 2210 Second Street). Currently under review. The Riverview South Preliminary Plat will be decided by the City's Hearing Examiner after holding a public hearing (date to be determined). Details on this proposal can be found here: <http://www.snohomishwa.gov/442/Stay-Informed>.

For a complete list of all land use and development projects currently in review, please visit the City's website.

<http://www.snohomishwa.gov/179/Development-Projects>

Convenience Fee Removed for Online Utility Bill Payments

Utility customers are now encouraged to pay their utility bill online using a debit or credit card or from their bank account via e-check. Effective January 15, 2017, the \$6.95 convenience fee has been removed so there will be **NO FEE** to the customer to utilize this convenient service. To pay your bill online, please have your billing account number and amount due available and then visit: <http://snohomishwa.gov/156/Pay-Your-Utility-Bill-Online>

If you have any questions, please contact us at 360-568-3115 or at utilitybilling@snohomishwa.gov.

Drop Your Guns Meeting

The *Drop Your Guns* information campaign, sponsored by citizen Peter Messinger, will hold a meeting to discuss actions that can be taken by citizens to prevent gun violence in the City. The purpose of this meeting is to gather ideas of local citizens and galvanize gun owners and non-gun owners to take action for public safety where firearms are concerned. The meeting will open with a brief presentation by Peter Messinger about the campaign, followed by comments from Mayor Karen Guzak and Police Chief John Flood. Citizens will be encouraged to speak up with their constructive ideas for a two-minute period each, followed by moderated discussion. Suggestions will be publicized in print media (the Tribune) and online.

We look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday, February 1, 2017 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** at the **Snohomish Library Meeting Room** (311 Maple Avenue).

Reminder of New Planning Department Front Counter Hours in 2017

In 2017, the Planning & Development Services Department will be experimenting with new public front counter hours at City Hall. The new hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday. On Fridays, the front counter will be closed. Staff will still be available to the public on Friday, but by appointment only. Appointments may be scheduled as late as Friday morning.

Other front counter activities at City Hall will be unaffected by this change. Residents will still be able to pay utility bills, license fees, apply for business and pet licenses, and notify the City of problems 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; no appointment necessary.

The Department is trying these new hours on a 6-month trial basis. You are encouraged to provide your feedback to Planning Director Glen Pickus at pickus@snohomishwa.gov or 360-282-3173. Your input will help him make an informed decision in June 2017 on whether or not to adopt the new arrangement permanently.