

Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

May 3, 2016

5:30 Council Workshop

- Discussion regarding water supply

7:00 Regular Meeting

- Action authorizing City Manager to sign contract with Kinnamon Communications for website content usability and training
- Action authorizing City Manager to sign sales agreement with CivicPlus to add CivicMobile app and to expedite website redesign
- Action authorizing City Manager to sign an interlocal and easement agreement involving the joint-owned City/Fire District No. 4 property at 427 Maple Ave
- Action authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter supporting a county ballot measure for a Public Safety Sales Tax.
- Discussion regarding open government opinion research
- Discussion regarding solid waste contract – survey results

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<http://www.snohomishwa.gov/AgendaCenter/City-Council-Agendas-1>

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Planning Commission Meeting Wednesday May 4 at 6pm

The Planning Commission will be meeting on Wednesday, May 4 at 6:00 pm at the Snohomish School District Resource Center located at 1601 Avenue D. The agenda is going to be full of interesting discussion items on a variety of topics. We encourage you to attend! The following items are tentatively scheduled:

- 1) Discussion item – 2016 Comprehensive Plan Docket – This is an initial briefing on a citizen request to change the land use designation of the property located at 2501 Bickford Avenue from Business Park to High Density Residential. This may come to council for an initial briefing this June with action later this fall by the Planning Commission and Council.
- 2) Discussion item – Community based theatres – this small change would allow community-based theaters as a separate land use to allow adaptive re-use of historic, non-residential structures within the Single Family zone in the Historic District. Under the draft proposal, Historic District sites eligible for the new use will be limited, in large part, to properties where adequate parking exists or where the prior use had an equal or larger parking requirement than the community-based theater use. We have tentatively scheduled a Planning Commission hearing for June 1 on this issue.

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- 3) Discussion item – Mobile food vendors. This agenda item provides for the Planning Commission’s discussion of draft code language addressing the licensing and siting requirements for Mobile Food Vendors. The draft code provides a number a requirements regarding where vendors could locate, how long they can operate at any given time, and provisions to ensure the requirements fit with the character of the City and do not interfere with existing brick and mortar restaurants. This item will be scheduled for a briefing with City Council in May or June with a hearing to follow.
- 4) Discussion item – Deferred impact fees. State law requires that the City adopt regulations providing an optional process for deferral of traffic, parks, and school impact fees associated with new development. Under current regulations, fees are collected prior to building permit issuance. The proposed regulations will provide applicants the ability to defer payment until later in the construction process but no later than 18 months after permit issuance. We have tentatively scheduled a Planning Commission hearing for June 1 on this issue.

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact Clay White, Interim Planning Director at 360-282-3173. We hope to see you at the meeting!

City Council Schedules Complete Fireworks Ban For an Advisory Vote in November

At its April 19 regular meeting the City Council decided to place an advisory measure on the November General Election to ask voters if they want the City to completely ban fireworks.

The City Council will also soon be seeking community members who wish to serve on two committees to draft pro and con statements about the advisory vote. These statements would be included in the Voters Pamphlet distributed by Snohomish County. Detailed information about volunteering for one of these committees will be available soon.

The ballot measure will ask voters to weigh in on whether the City Council should adopt a complete ban on the sale, possession and discharge of all fireworks within the City. As codes do not permit voters to directly adopt new laws, the ballot measure would be only advisory and would require the City Council to follow up with a new ordinance if voters support the ban.

State law requires a delay of a year before new restrictions local governments adopt new restrictions. That means that any ban supported by voters in November and adopted by the Council could not take effect until July of 2018.

At its March 1, 2016, meeting the City Council adopted new code changes that limit fireworks discharge to just one day, on July 4, each year, and this measure will take effect in July 2017.

Anyone interested in volunteering for either the pro or con ballot statement committees may initially contact City Manager Larry Bauman by emailing him: bauman@snohomishwa.gov or by calling (360) 282-3154.



Community Celebrates County's Purchase Of Eastside Rail Corridor for Centennial Trail South and Future Rail Excursions

From left: Snohomish County Parks and Recreation Director Tom Teigen, County Councilmember Stephanie Wright and her son, Quincy, County Council Chair Terry Ryan, rail advocate Bruce Agnew, Snohomish Mayor Karen Guzak, County Executive Dave Somers and State Rep. Luis Moscoso celebrate the County's purchase of the rail corridor with a ribbon cutting in Snohomish on April 16.

Snohomish citizens and leaders of Snohomish County, the City of Snohomish and nearby communities came together on April 16 to celebrate the County's purchase of the 12-mile Eastside Rail Corridor.

The event staged in Snohomish on the City's existing Centennial Trail section adjacent to the former Hal Moe Pool drew about 40 people from Snohomish and nearby communities.

The corridor's purchase allows the County to move forward in planning and designing the southern extension of the Centennial Trail to Woodinville. The Centennial Trail currently runs from Snohomish to north of Arlington.

The County's \$3.5 million purchase from the Port of Seattle places the corridor firmly in public hands for future recreational and rail uses. Initially, the County intends to construct a paved pedestrian and bicycle trail adjacent to the rail line that runs between Snohomish and Woodinville. The planning concept preserves railroad tracks for future uses that may include an excursion train between Woodinville and Snohomish.

The rail corridor, previously owned by the BNSF Railroad, was purchased by the Port of Seattle with support from King County in 2009 to preserve it for public transportation and recreational uses.

"One of the railroad's lasting legacies to the people of Snohomish is now this public commons with the many civic activities that are gathered along its length," Mayor Karen Guzak said during the ceremony. "With the County's purchase that we celebrate today we can anticipate adding 12 miles and future connections to a broader network of regional trails. First, connecting our Centennial trail at First Street, then heading the trail south across the valley - eventually connecting with the wine country of Woodinville."

County planners intend to complete design work in the coming months with plans for construction to start at the Snohomish River Trestle just south of First Street and continuing south to Woodinville. Construction timing depends on funding that will likely include significant portions of federal and state grants.

Rail-to-trail conversions have developed many new trail systems across the U.S. as portions of formerly active freight railroads have seen less commercial use. The opportunity to preserve tracks side-by-side with a trail, as is planned in Snohomish County, creates additional opportunities in the future to provide passenger rail services.

Stormwater Education and Outreach Program

The City of Snohomish is required to comply with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II Permit (Permit) that was first implemented in 2007. This is a Federal permit that regulates stormwater discharges to waters of the State. Although this is a Federal permit, the Environmental Protection Agency has delegated the regulatory permitting authority to the Washington State Department of Ecology.

The Permit requires the City to implement a Stormwater Public Education and Outreach program to its citizens as identified in the City's annual Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP)

<http://www.snohomishwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2757>

Below are just some of the Stormwater Public Education and Outreach programs that the City actively promotes:

SPILL KIT OUTREACH PROGRAM

Since 2013, the City in partnership with the Environmental Coalition of South Seattle (ECOSS) has visited and distributed over 100 stormwater grant funded spill kits to small and medium sized businesses in Snohomish. This on-going education and outreach effort program was designed to increase business awareness about stormwater pollution prevention and spill preparedness to help protect the local waterways and Puget Sound.

NATURAL YARD CARE WORKSHOPS

The City has partnered with Snohomish County Public Works Surface Water Management, the Snohomish Conservation District, and the WSU Extension Master Gardener program on two separate occasions to offer Natural Yard Care Workshops to the citizens of Snohomish. Each workshop series consisted of evening workshops held in consecutive weeks covering the following topics: (1) Build Healthy Soil; (2) Natural Lawn Care; (3) Natural Pest, Weed & Disease Control; (4) Right Plant, Right Place; (5) Smart Watering and; (6) Sustainable Design. The City hopes to continue offering these workshops as funding becomes available.

STREAMSIDE LANDOWNERS WORKSHOP

The City, in Partnership with Sound Salmon Solutions, conducted a workshop for streamside landowners to educate those homeowners within the City who own property adjacent to a local stream. The workshop focused on educating the homeowners about stormwater runoff from private property to adjacent streams and rivers and what actions they could take to decrease their impact to stormwater runoff to help keep the local waterways healthy for generations to come.

YOUTH FUNDRAISING CAR WASH PROGRAM

The City offers a Car Wash Kit on loan to community groups, churches and schools to encourage environmentally-friendly car wash events. Each kit contains a hose, electric pump and a basin to capture and divert the soapy water away from the storm drain and onto grass, gravel or into a sink that drains to the wastewater treatment system. As an education and outreach effort, brochures were mailed to all known potential groups that may hold fundraising car wash events. City Staff also assisted a local Girl Scout working on her Golden Award to educate and promote awareness of this program in some Snohomish schools.

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VETERINARY CLINICS – BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Bi-annually, City staff performs best management practice visits at each of the City’s veterinary clinics. Staff educates veterinary staff regarding best management practices for properly disposing of pet waste and various other potential stormwater contaminants that may harm the local waterways.

AUTOMOTIVE FLUID AWARENESS

City staff created and distributed an automotive brochure containing overall best management practices regarding automotive fluid and waste in addition to recycling opportunities. A copy of the brochure can be found at <http://www.snohomishwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2459>

KLA HA YA DAYS

City staff participates in Snohomish’s annual Kla Ha Ya days parade and street fair. Public Works stormwater equipment drives in the parade while City staff walks the parade route next to the equipment and distributes stormwater educational and outreach materials to the crowd. City employees also staff a City information booth during the event and are available for stormwater related questions. Stormwater education and outreach materials are also available for distribution.

SNOHOMISH FARMERS MARKET

The City operates an informational booth at the Snohomish Farmer’s Market every other Thursday each year from May to September. City employees are available to answer stormwater related questions and to provide stormwater education and outreach to the booth visitors.

If you would like more information regarding the City’s stormwater education and outreach opportunities, please visit the City’s Stormwater webpage at <http://www.snohomishwa.gov/213/Stormwater> or contact the City’s Stormwater Program Manager, Max Selin at 360-282-3196 or at selin@snohomishwa.gov.

Garbage, Recycling and Yard Waste Collection Survey Results are in!



Survey results from garbage and recycling customers have been tallied and the results are in! The Snohomish City Council asked customers about garbage rates, preferred types of services, customer service matters and general feedback on our garbage, recycling and yard waste program. Thank you to all of the residential and business customers who turned their surveys in. Your feedback will assist the City Council in determining future garbage, recycling and yard waste services. Survey results will be presented to the City Council during the May 3, 2016. Survey results can be found on the City website: <http://snohomishwa.gov/>





Officer Dawn Reilly Graduates Law Enforcement Academy



Officer Reilly's Husband Pinning the Badge

On March 12, 2016, the Snohomish Police Department's Dawn Reilly successfully completed 320 hours of coursework required by the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission to earn her Basic Law Enforcement Reserve Academy certificate. Officer Reilly has served the citizens of Snohomish for many years as our Community Services Officer. The Police Department is very proud of the exceptional effort she has put forth to achieve this certification. In addition to her regular duties here at the police department, Officer Reilly spent many late nights and weekends commuting to Skagit Valley College to attend this training course. Here are some pictures from Officer Reilly's graduation day.

Perhaps the most noteworthy part of Officer Reilly's professional effort is the fact that she and her husband are expecting their first child and she completed the Reserve Academy while pregnant. Congratulations to Dawn on her professional accomplishment, and we look forward to the arrival of the Reilly's first child.



Officer Reilly's Graduating Class

2016 Annual Garbage and Recycle Drop-off Event

On April 9 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. City staff teamed up with Allied Waste (City's garbage contract) to provide the community another successful cost free Garbage and Recycle Drop-off Event. This event is held every spring just after Easter to help the community get rid of unwanted garbage around their homes.

Totals of the last 5 years of the event:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Allied cost</u>	<u>Tons of garbage removed</u>
2012	497	\$19,300	98.25 tons
2013	489	\$24,198	103.04 tons
2014	557	\$26,450	106.78 tons
2015	401	\$22,511	72.01 tons
2016	450	\$25,281.50	88.21 tons

5 year total: 2394 vehicles \$117,740 468.29 tons

Thank you to everyone involved in making this event another huge success!

Film Screenagers Coming to Snohomish

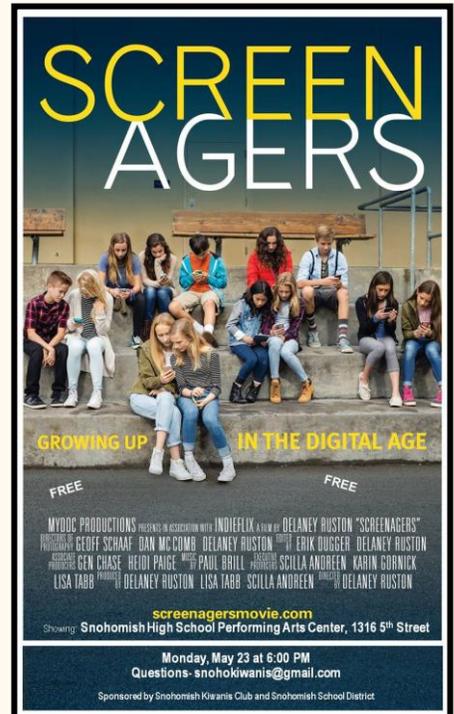
The film Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age, will be shown at the Snohomish High School Performing Arts Center on Monday, May 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Screenagers probes on the vulnerable corners of family life, including the director's own, and depicts messy struggles over social media, video games, academics, and internet addiction. Through surprising insights from the authors and brain scientists, solutions emerge on how we can empower kids to best navigate the digital world. For more information about the movie visit the website at:

<http://www.screenagersmovie.com/>

Parents and students are encouraged to attend together. This event is sponsored by Snohomish School District and Snohomish Kiwanis Club and is **FREE** to the public. Questions regarding the Snohomish Screening may be emailed to SnohoKiwanis@gmail.com.

The Snohomish High School Performing Arts Center is located at 1316 Fifth Street, Snohomish, WA 98290.



Highlighted Land Use Applications in Process

The applications listed below are currently pending or under review. During the comment period associated with a development proposal, interested parties may submit comments for the project record. For additional information on any of these projects, the project file may be reviewed at City Hall during normal business hours. Staff is also available to respond to questions at the contact information below.

Park Avenue North Short Plat (four-lot short plat): 1915 Park Avenue

File #22-15-SP

Complete application determination issued December 16, 2015. Notice of Application issued December 23, 2015. Application is currently in review.

More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishWA.gov

Park Avenue South Short Plat (three-lot short plat): 1909 Park Avenue

File #23-15-SP

Complete application determination issued December 16, 2015. Notice of Application issued December 23, 2015. Application is currently in review.

More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishWA.gov

Riverview South Preliminary Plat (14-lot Planned Residential Development): 2210 Second Street

File #05-16-PP

Pending complete application determination.

Public comment period to follow complete application determination, under separate notice. A public hearing before the Hearing Examiner will be scheduled following environmental (SEPA) review.

More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishWA.gov

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Cady Landing Pedestrian Bridge: 40 Maple Avenue

File #06-16-SEPA

Pending SEPA Threshold Determination.

More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishWA.gov

Bickford Landing Comprehensive Plan Amendment: 2424 and 2501 Bickford Avenue

The request is for a Land Use Map amendment from Business Park to High Density Residential.

Comprehensive Plan amendments are an annual legislative process and decision of the City Council following “nonproject” environmental review and a recommendation by the Planning Commission.

Opportunities for public comment will be provided through the environmental review, Planning Commission, and City Council processes.

File #08-16-SEPA

Pending docketing by City Council. The docketing process allows the City Council to determine which, if any, Comprehensive Plan amendment applications it will consider in the current year.

More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishWA.gov

2016 Calendar:

**Parks and Recreation
Board Meeting**

Wednesday, April 27
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Conference Room
116 Union Avenue