

## Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

July 19, 2016

6:00 p.m.  
Workshop

- Presentation of Ad Hoc Open Government Committee Recommendations

7:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting:

- Presentation by Snohomish Regional Drug & Gang Task Force
- Hearing regarding new land use – community based theaters
- Hearing regarding the deferral of school, parks, and traffic impact fees
- Action to award bid and authorize City Manager to sign construction contract for the 30<sup>th</sup> Street Widening Project
- Discussion reviewing traffic warrants
- Discussion regarding Pro-Con Committee related to fireworks ballot measure

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## Pro-Con Committees Needed for Local Voters' Pamphlet Fireworks Advisory Ballot Measure

On April 19, 2016 the City Council adopted Resolution 1344 requesting the Snohomish County Auditor to place an advisory measure on the November 2016 ballot regarding the prohibition of fireworks. Many other local agencies, including those within Snohomish County, have recently placed similar advisory measures.

Under State law it is lawful to discharge consumer fireworks in conjunction with the Fourth of July and New Year's holidays. It is also lawful for persons licensed by the State and City to sell fireworks during those times. Under State law a city may enact regulations which are more stringent than State law and may prohibit fireworks within the city limits. However, regulations that are more strict than State law, including a prohibition, cannot become effective sooner than one year after the adoption of the prohibition by the City Council.

The measure being placed before the voters is a non-binding advisory measure to give each voter the opportunity to express his or her opinion as to whether fireworks should continue to be permitted in the City of Snohomish. Any future prohibition of fireworks must be enacted by ordinance of the City Council.

The City Council has the responsibility of appointing up to three members for both a Pro Committee that will write a statement for the measure and a rebuttal to the Con Committee Statement and a Con Committee that will write the statement against the measure and a rebuttal to the Pro Committee's statement.

If you are interested to be on either committee, please contact Pat Adams, City Clerk, at [adams@SnohomishWA.gov](mailto:adams@SnohomishWA.gov) or 360-282-3162 by 4:00 p.m. Monday, July 18.

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## **Ad Hoc Open Government Committee to Present Recommendations at July 19 City Council Workshop**

The City's ad hoc Open Government Committee will present its recommendations to the City Council at a 6:00 p.m. workshop of the City Council on Tuesday, July 19.

The Committee's recommendations, along with the staff report and other attachments for the workshop may be found at the following link when the agenda is posted on July 15: <http://snohomishwa.gov/agendacenter>

The Committee has finalized its report. It includes nine recommendations divided into three categories:

Category One: Enhance Levels of Transparency in City Operations and Decision-Making:

- 1) Clarify City Communications
- 2) Establish Consistent Visions and Missions for All Advisory Groups
- 3) Establish an Open Government Resource Board to Assist with Implementation of the Committee's Recommendations

Category Two: Offer New Venues and Formats to Inform and Engage Greater Numbers of People:

- 4) Emphasize and Encourage Citizen Volunteers
- 5) Experiment with New Forums for Citizen Participation
- 6) Develop and Distribute a City Magazine
- 7) Continue to Use Signage and Additional Reach Out Methods of Communication for Key Projects

Category Three: Broaden the City's Internet Communication Program:

- 8) Improve the City's Website
- 9) Incorporate Social Media into City Communications

This group was created by the City Council to address the concerns of citizens who said they believed that City communications and engagement programs were insufficient to keep all citizens well informed about City actions and involved in key local government decisions.

## **Save the Date!**

**Police Services Conversation Café on August 3  
from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Carnegie Library**

Join the City in the conversation about our law enforcement services in the community. Conversation Cafés are informal and unconventional meeting environments to explore topics through meaningful dialogue. Follow this [link](#) for more information.

## Completion of the City of Snohomish's New Boat Launch

Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has successfully completed the new boat launch at 20 Lincoln Avenue, Snohomish, WA. The facility is now open for use with a formal dedication scheduled to take place Friday, July 22 at 2:00 p.m. Please join the City of Snohomish Mayor and staff, the WDFW, Puget Soundkeepers, the Sportsmen's Club, and local stakeholders in celebrating the completion of the boat launch on July 22nd! Everyone is invited!

With the support of the former 44th District House Rep. Hans Dunshee, the WDFW was awarded \$500,000 from the *Jobs Now Program* for the design, permitting, and construction of the new boat launch.

"We're very grateful for the involvement of the state legislature and Snohomish County that made this project possible," said Snohomish Mayor Karen Guzak. "This is a gift to our community that will be enjoyed by recreational boaters for many years. We encourage everyone in Snohomish to come and enjoy this beautiful new park property."

The new launch is located at a 20-acre property at 20 Lincoln Avenue along the Snohomish River that was purchased by the City with a \$500,000 grant from the Snohomish County Conservation Futures program. It is now a City-owned and maintained recreation facility surrounded by unimproved future park land.

The facility's parking lot will include eight trailer spaces, two ADA-accessible spaces, eleven standard spaces, and overflow parking with twenty-five spaces. Parking is free for the time being, however, the City Council has not reviewed estimated maintenance costs or determined if a parking fee will be imposed in the future.

The boat launch was built in response to requests to replace the outdated and undersized parking lot of the City's damaged Cady Park boat launch. Since the 1960s, the City has maintained a boat ramp at nearby Cady Park with free parking for all vehicles. The Cady Park boat ramp has deteriorated over time and was damaged many years ago by an amphibious military vehicle. The Cady Park boat ramp will be decommissioned from use for vehicle-launched boats. The ramp will be retained for hand launched, non-motorized boats.



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## Kla Ha Ya Days are HERE!

It's time to celebrate summer in Snohomish with all of the Kla Ha Ya Days Festival events, starting this evening with the [Davis Amusement Show Carnival](#). The carnival opens this evening at 5:00 p.m. at Harvey Field and will operate through Sunday.

On Thursday, don't miss the kickoff of the *Movies @ Pilchuck Park* with the movie ELF. Everyone should celebrate Christmas in July!

Also on Thursday is the opening of the Venardos Circus with multiple shows each day through Sunday. The circus is located at 1505 First Street (west of the Ironworks building).

Friday brings the most popular ["Frogtastic Kids Fair"](#) to the Snohomish Station Village on Bickford. There will be lots of great activities for the kids from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To kick-off the weekend celebrations, the Grand Parade is at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, followed by the silly games, music, food & beer garden, street fair, and ending the evening with the [Kla Ha Ya Beats 5k and 10k run](#). Some sad news, due to the unavailability of live frogs due to viruses, the live frog jumping contest won't take place BUT you won't want to miss the ["Frog A Pult"](#) contest to see who can catapult their frog the furthest and into its pond.

On Sunday, don't miss the [Car and Motorcycle Show & Shine](#). The event moves back to the heart of downtown on First Street between Maple Avenue and Avenue A. Come pick your favorite car and motorcycle!

For a full schedule of events visit [www.KlaHaYaDays.com](http://www.KlaHaYaDays.com)



## Outdoor Movies @ Pilchuck Park Starts Thursday

Reminder that on Thursday, July 14 we will be showing the movie ELF at Pilchuck Park (169 Cypress Avenue). The movie starts at dusk which is around 8:45-9:00 p.m. Come early and enjoy a picnic in the park!

The following weeks movies are: July 21 – Finding Nemo, July 28 – Zootopia, and August 6 – Rugrats.

## Reminder of Snohomish Library Carpet Project



The carpeting at Snohomish Library is showing signs of wear after 13 years [photo gallery](#)

The main area of the Snohomish Library building will be closed August 7 to September 5 for a carpeting and flooring project. Also, general public use of the meeting room, lobby, and restrooms will not be available from August 7 to September 5. From August 7 to 31, limited library services will be available in the building's meeting room, 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. There will be no library services available September 1 to 5. The main library will reopen with full services available on September 6.

### For More information

- Darlene Weber, Managing Librarian, Snohomish Library, (360) 651-4020, [dweber@sno-isle.org](mailto:dweber@sno-isle.org)
- Chy Ross, District Manager, Community Libraries, (360) 651-7015, [cross@sno-isle.org](mailto:cross@sno-isle.org)
- Jim Hills, Public Information Manager, (360) 651-7050, [jhills@sno-isle.org](mailto:jhills@sno-isle.org)

## 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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 environmental review.

More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, [eidem@snohomishWA.gov](mailto:eidem@snohomishWA.gov)

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

<http://www.snohomishwa.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/2700>

## 2016 Calendar:

**Design Review Board**

Wednesday, July 13  
Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m.  
**CANCELLED**

**City Council Workshop**

Tuesday, July 19  
Special Meeting – 6:00 p.m.  
George Gilbertson  
Boardroom  
1601 Avenue D

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