

Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

**Tuesday
May 16, 2017**

7:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting

- [Public Hearing](#) on Resolution 1362 authorizing sale of surplus vehicles
- [Discussion](#) on Shoreline Master Program
- [Discussion](#) of first quarter financial review
- [Discussion](#) of Social Media Policies

**Tuesday
June 6, 2017**

6:00 p.m. – Workshop
Economic Development Committee
Work Plan

7:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting

- [Public Hearing](#) on Verizon Fiber Optic Franchise Agreement
- [Action](#) on 2017 budget amendment
- [Discussion](#) regarding SEPA categorical exemptions
- [Discussion](#) on Averill Field Deed Restrictions

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City Quarterly Magazine

The May issue of the City of Snohomish quarterly magazine was mailed out to residences and businesses last week, and is also available as a flipbook version [here](#).

The purpose of the magazine is to better engage and inform citizens regarding City services. By working with our local businesses and Philips Publishing, the City is able to pay over a period of time the cost of production through advertising. So, please support Snohomish businesses and keep our tax dollars in town.

Please contact Steve Schuller, Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director at schuller@snohomishwa.gov or at 360-282-3194 with suggestions for future issues.



2017 Calendar:

Design Review Board
May 10, 2017
CANCELLED

City Council
Tuesday, May 16
Regular Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
George Gilbertson Boardroom
1601 Avenue D

New Garbage Carts Coming Soon

Republic Services will deliver new 32-gallon garbage containers to most households in Snohomish during the first weeks of May. The wheeled carts are more efficient and safe for garbage collectors, who have to manually lift regular garbage cans. Customers can still use their old cans for extra garbage, yard debris or recycling.

The cart system is part of a new City contract with Republic that took effect April 1. Garbage bills will now come directly from Republic every three months, rather than from the City every two months. Your May bill will be higher than past bills because it covers an extra month of service. Most customers are actually receiving a slight reduction in the cost per month under the new contract.

If you have questions or concerns about your garbage or recycling service, please contact [Republic directly via their website](#) or by phone at 425-778-0188. The company has online bill pay and a downloadable app to provide customers easy access to their accounts for payment or service changes.

The new carts appear the same, but for customers who use 20-gallon cans, the new cart has an insert that makes it smaller inside.

Highlighted Land Use Applications in Process

Vesting Code Amendment

File #06-17-SEPA

Proposed Title 14 amendments relating to vesting and determining the completeness of development permit applications. SEPA Threshold Determination issued May 3, 2017:

<http://www.snohomishwa.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/1048>. Appeals of this threshold determination must be filed in writing with the City Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on **May 18, 2017**. Draft regulations may be viewed at <http://snohomishwa.gov/176/Codes-Standards>. More information: Glen Pickus, Planning Director, 360-282-3173, pickus@snohomishWA.gov.

Thumbnail Theater, 331 Avenue D, aka 1211 Fourth St

File #05-17-CUP

Conditional Use Permit application for community-based theater. Currently under review. Complete application determination issued May 9, 2017. Public comment period and date of public hearing to follow, under separate notice. More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishwa.gov. Details on this proposal can be found here: <http://www.snohomishwa.gov/179/Development-Projects>.

CSO Reduction Project Phase 2A

File #04-17-SEPA

Proposal to extend the City's 30-inch stormwater trunkline from the entrance of the Wastewater Treatment Plant access road to the 25-acre stormwater utility lagoon. Pending SEPA Threshold Determination. More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishwa.gov.

Water Main Flushing Has Begun



City of Snohomish Water Department personnel are flushing water mains in the southern portion of town. You may see them in your neighborhood during the day connecting hoses to fire hydrants and discharging water to a sewer manhole or stormwater catch basin. Maintenance and inspection of the fire hydrant is being conducted at the same time water is being flushed from the main through the hydrant. Water Department personnel are filling the hydrant oil reservoir, checking hydrant ports and caps, exercising the hydrant isolation valve, cleaning the hydrant by pressure washing, weed eating vegetation around the hydrant, and documenting hydrant information, condition, and operating water pressure. These actions support fire suppression.

Water Department personnel employ Best Management Practices (BMPs) when conducting water main flushing to ensure that stream and river water quality and habitat are not disturbed. Water is discharged to stormwater catch basins only when sewer manholes are not available to accept the discharge water. When water is discharged to stormwater catch basins it is dechlorinated, the energy is dissipated, and the velocity is controlled.

What is water main flushing?

Water main flushing is the process of cleaning or “scouring” the interior of water distribution mains (pipes) by sending a rapid flow of water through the mains. Distribution mains convey water to homes, businesses and hydrants in your neighborhood. In general, distribution mains are supplied with water by larger transmission lines, reservoirs, wells and/or pumping stations.

Why does the City of Snohomish flush water mains?

Flushing helps maintain water quality. The water entering distribution mains is of very high quality; however, water quality can deteriorate in distribution mains if the mains are not properly managed. This is why flushing is important. Flushing maintains water quality in several ways. **First, flushing removes sediments from the mains.** These sediments mostly include iron and manganese. Iron sediment results from corrosion of iron pipes and valves used in the distribution system. Other iron sediments result from the change of dissolved iron, which occurs naturally in our water, into sediment form. This occurs in the presence of chlorine and oxygen under certain low flow conditions. Dissolved manganese also occurs naturally in our water and it can be changed into sediments as with iron.