

Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

January 20, 2015
Regular Meeting – 7 p.m.

- Action for City Manager to sign professional services agreement for hearing examiner services
- Discussion on 2015-35 Parks Recreation & Open Space Plan and notice of public hearing

The agenda list above is partial and tentative. For further information, click here for the City website:

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

10th Anniversary of the Annual GroundFrog Day in Snohomish! It's a Ribbiting Good Time and a whole "Slew" full of fun!



The 10th Anniversary GroundFrog Day Celebration and Frognostication Ceremony happens Saturday, January 31, 2015 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Avenue A Gazebo in downtown Snohomish. The public is invited to take part in the special celebration activities, planned by the Snohomish Chamber of Commerce and being coordinated by Tim Noah Thumbnail Theater.

What is GroundFrog day? It's a farcical and fun adventure, aiming to curtail those pesky winter doldrums with lots of family fun. Be entertained as we hear the impending winter weather fate of our region and prediction for the coming of Spring. Why trust that shadowy furball, Punxsutawney Phil, when we have our GroundFrog Snohomish Slew, "Seer of Seers, Sage of Sages, Frognosticator of Prognosticators and Weather Prophet Extraordinaire," the Pacific Northwest's only official amphibian meteorologist.

The celebration activities include games, face painting, crafts, dancing and the 10th Anniversary GroundFrog Day Ceremony. Snohomish Mayor Karen Guzak will be delivering a crowd welcome and issuing the City proclamation for the festivities of GroundFrog Day in Snohomish. Princess Amphibiana will be attending to greet Slew's audience and several local area mascots will be on hand for the occasion. The crowd will be entertained by Tim Noah and Thumbnail Theater entertainers as we await the arrival of Snohomish Slew and his handler Thayer Cueter of Just Frogs and Friends Amphibian Center.

Following the GroundFrog Day Ceremony, Slew invites the public to a 2 p.m. Open Swim Session - "Pond Party" hosted by the Snohomish Aquatic Center, 516 Maple Avenue. Staff of the Aquatic Center will have a booth at the Ceremony and will pass out \$1 off special session fee coupons for our party goers.

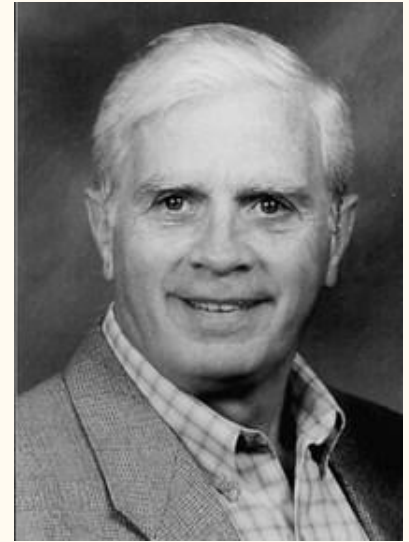
This year's main sponsors are: Fred's Rivertown AleHouse and Restaurant; Republic Services; Cozy Critter's Pet Care; Tim Noah's Thumbnail Theater; Just Frogs and Friends Amphibian Center; J.D. Fields, Catch the Beat; the Snohomish Aquatic Center and event host, and the Snohomish Chamber of Commerce. For the full list of contributing event and activity sponsors and to view the GroundFrog Day schedule visit GroundFrogDay.com. Further Pond Party and other swim information at Snohomishaquatic.com.

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Obituary: Former Snohomish Mayor Ralph Davis

Ralph Davis of Snohomish, Wash., beloved husband, brother, father, uncle, and grandfather, passed away on December, 25, 2014. Ralph was born in Toronto, Ohio, on April 10, 1934, the youngest of seven children. He went to live with his older brother, Don, and family at the age of 16 and graduated from Marysville High School in 1952. He then earned a bachelor's degree from Northwest Nazarene University in 1956. Soon afterwards he moved to Snohomish where he raised his sons Gary, Randy, John, and Bryan. He became a proud and cherished member of the community. Ralph had a fascination and enjoyment of history that he shared with his students in the Snohomish schools for 30 years, retiring in 1988.



He taught about good government and then became a part of good government by serving on the city council for 12 years and as mayor for 6 years. He presided with grace and humor, always willing to talk and listen to all. In 1985, he was chosen to participate in the first State of Washington-Szechuan Province teacher exchange program which he helped carry on for 12 years. He also served on the board of commissioners of the Housing Authority of Snohomish County for 17 years, providing affordable housing for low-income families and seniors.

Most of all, Ralph valued sharing time and laughter with family and friends. He had an amazingly warm and open heart and such a playful spirit. He was gregarious and charming with everyone and interested in the ideas and beliefs of all people. As the self-proclaimed "champion of the Snohomish Seniors," he was always ready for a game of Ping-Pong. Inspired by his wife Julie, travel became an important part of his life. Together they visited locations and people all across the globe. Just in September, they traveled with friends to Namibia in southern Africa, the experience of a lifetime. When you think of this special man, remember his philosophy of life: Love your family; be adventurous; take road trips; read a newspaper; ride a bike; remember a good joke and share it as often as possible; make new friends; keep old ones; embrace life, family and friends.

A memorial service was held on January 3, 2015 at the Snohomish United Methodist Church, 2400 Lake Avenue. Memorial donations will be gratefully accepted by the Snohomish Senior Center, Attn: Ping Pong Club, P.O. Box 1426, Snohomish, WA 98291.

(Obituary reprinted courtesy of Bauer Funeral Home)

2015 Calendar:

Public Safety Commission

Tuesday, January 13, 5:00 p.m.
District 4 Training Annex
1525 Avenue D

Design Review Board

Wednesday, January 14, 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Postmaster Conference Room
116 Union Avenue