



# City Manager's Friday Newsletter

## City Purchases 10 Acres For Park on West Side

The City has completed a purchase of 10 acres of land on the 2000 block of Ludwig Road, the first new park lands for the City since acquiring property for the Centennial Trail from Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway.

The park property purchase was one of the highest priorities of the City's 2007 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan. That plan identified the need for additional neighborhood parks, especially on the west side of Highway 9 where much of the City's residential growth has occurred since 2005 and where no City parks currently exist.

The 10-acre property exceeds the 5-acre minimum size for a new neighborhood park, and it is expected that additional types of uses may be designed for this future park. Among the ideas discussed so far is the inclusion of an off-leash dog park area that may be segregated from other park uses. All future uses of the park will be master planned with input from community members. This will likely occur in 2014, although capital funding for improvements will need to be acquired for the future development of the park.

The property also includes a home, a pond and out buildings. Whether the home or any of the out buildings will remain as park property or sold and separated from the park will also be decided during the master planning process for the park. The Parks and Recreation Board is expected to take the lead in seeking ideas for how the park should be developed.

The \$699,000 land purchase was funded with monies from the City's parks impact fee (paid by new residential development), real estate excise taxes and the General Fund.

## Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

### September 3:

- Action to accept ownership of the Hal Moe Pool property
- Action regarding options for recreational marijuana
- Consent to eliminate fees for permit parking program

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

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## Sno-Isle Renovation Project Affects Snohomish Library

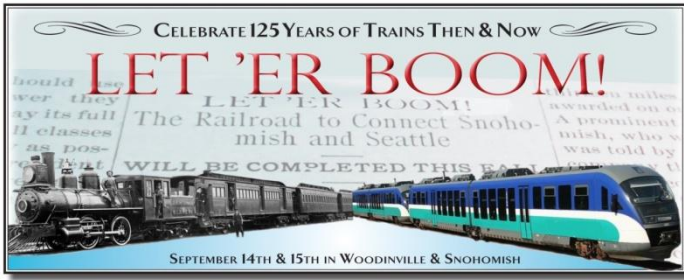
Sno-Isle Library customers should be aware of a construction and renovation project occurring at the Snohomish Library that will affect customer access through early September.

As a result of a project for partial flooring resurfacing at the Snohomish Library customers will find the library open and maintaining regular library hours during a re-flooring project that is now under way. Signage directs Snohomish Library customers to enter the building through an alternate entrance while work continues on new flooring surfaces in the lobby, large meeting room, restrooms and some employee areas.

Customers can currently enter the building from the parking lot through a designated side entrance. Honey Bucket portable restrooms (two standard and an additional ADA-rated unit) are in place for the convenience of library customers during the closure of the restrooms. Library officials expect the re-flooring project to be completed and front doors to re-open in early September.

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## Let'er Boom: Celebrating 125 Years of Trains Then and Now Sept. 15th

The Woodinville Heritage Society and the City of Snohomish presents a celebration in honor of the first passenger service 125 years ago from Seattle to Snohomish via Woodinville on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. The Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern Railroad ran its first train on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 1888 from Seattle to Woodinville and Snohomish.

The two day free event ties Woodinville and Snohomish together just as the rails tied them together 125 years ago. The trains put Woodinville and Snohomish on the map and made them into thriving cities. Today, the Eastside Rail Corridor still connects Woodinville and Snohomish with greater potential to come. This event celebrates 125 years of trains through speeders, speakers, train presentations, a mini-train ride for children, historical costumes, music, and other exhibits.

The Sunday celebration in Woodinville will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. along the railroad tracks across from the Woodinville Post Office on Woodinville Snohomish Road. The Snohomish celebration will be held at Harvey Airfield and the City of Snohomish Visitor Information Center.

“We are excited to be celebrating how rail positively impacted our cities and how rails and trails can make the Upper Eastside’s residents’ lives even better” said Eastside TRailway Alliance co-chairs, Karen Guzak, Mayor of Snohomish and Les Rubstello, City of Woodinville Councilmember.

“The entire Upper Eastside has many attributes that attract visitors and this is a start on the valley working together to showcase our benefits” said Woodinville Wine Country executive director, Sandra Lee.

The current operator, Eastside Freight, will run a special VIP caboose from Woodinville to Snohomish at noon. The VIPs on the trip will include the co-chairs of the Eastside TRailway alliance, Washington legislator’s rail caucus leader, Rep. Luis Moscoso, and other government officials. The Pacific Railcar Operators will also be running speeders on the rail before and after the VIP Train Tour. Speeders are historical motorized vehicles which railroads formerly used to transport crews for track inspection and maintenance. Now private owners will run their speeders for entertainment. Music performances will enhance the celebration of the start and end of the Woodinville-to-Snohomish trip. The Barking Frog mobile kitchen will be on hand in Woodinville to start off the day. BNSF is sponsoring the family mini-train.

Today, freight service continues under the auspices of Eastside Community Rail and their operator, Eastside Freight from Woodinville to Snohomish. The Eastside TRailway Alliance formed in January 2013 with the Snohomish Mayor and a Woodinville City Council member as co-chairs with the purpose of promoting multi-usage of the Eastside Rail Corridor.

On Saturday a symposium of speakers such as Alfred Runte and Paul Dorpat, a musical interlude and lunch will provide a historical perspective of the corridor along with an Eastside TRailway Alliance meeting. The symposium will be held at AngelArmsWorks, 230 Avenue B in Snohomish. Doors open at 9 a.m. Please RSVP by September 11 via Bruce Agnew ([bagnew@discovery.org](mailto:bagnew@discovery.org)) or call (206) 228-4011.

### ✧ ✧ Calendar 2013 ✧ ✧

***Parks and Recreation Board***  
***Wednesday, August 28 - 7 p.m.***  
***Walking tour of Ferguson Park***  
***1330 Ferguson Park Road***  
*(note location)*