



# City Manager's Friday Newsletter

## Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

October 15:

### 6:00 p.m. Workshop:

- Discussion regarding the 2014 budget requests for Public Works, Public Safety, & Support Services departments

### 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting:

- Public Hearing for 2014 revenue sources
- Public Hearing for property tax levy
- Public Hearing for signs for churches and schools in residential zones
- Action for lodging tax grants
- Action for Historic District density proposal
- Action for proposed closure of North Pine Avenue

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

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## Sign Code and Density Proposals for Discussion

The City Council meeting agenda for October 15 includes two topics related to land use and development that may be of interest to the community.

**Signs in residential zones.** The first agenda item provides a public hearing and City Council deliberation on proposed amendments to sign regulations for residential zones.

The Snohomish Municipal Code (SMC) regulates signage in residential areas differently from signs in commercial areas. The intent of sign standards in residential zones is to minimize impacts to adjacent

properties and to preserve neighborhood character. Signs in residential zones are primarily associated with churches, schools, and parks, although certain allowed commercial land uses such as nursing homes and daycare facilities may also have signs. Public uses such as public schools are granted greater sign allowances than all other land uses. The unequal regulation of signs between public and private schools prompted the current evaluation of sign standards for residential zones.

Following from its review, the Planning Commission has recommended the City Council consider giving private schools and churches the same sign privileges as public uses. The Planning Commission is also recommending other changes to the sign regulations applicable to residential zones. Certain sign standards are proposed to increase or decrease, depending on whether the site on which the sign is located is over or under one acre. Significantly, the Planning Commission has included a recommendation to prohibit all new electronic changing message signs from residential zones. This would not affect the high school's sign, which is the one electronic changing message sign currently in a residential zone. As provided in the sign regulations, the high school's sign can continue and can be maintained and replaced as a "legal nonconforming" sign. The entire package of Planning Commission recommendations for signs in residential zones are contained in the draft Ordinance 2258, which is included in the City Council's October 15 agenda available at City Hall or on the City's website at <http://www.ci.snohomish.wa.us/Agendas.htm>.

**Historic Business zone residential density.** In addition to sign regulations, the City Council will be discussing a requested development code amendment to increase the allowed residential density in the Historic Business zone. *Historic Business* is a mixed-use zone (residential and commercial) that constitutes a significant part of the City's *Historic District*. Following a citizen request, the City Council directed the Planning Commission to study the merits of increasing the allowed residential density in the Historic Business zone from the current maximum of 18 dwellings per acre to 40 dwellings per acre. This issue has already generated significant community discussion.

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After review of the proposal and several alternatives, the Planning Commission has issued a recommendation to the City Council to take no further action on amendments to the Historic Business zoned density or on zoning map changes to the property that was the basis for the request. On October 15, the City Council will discuss the Planning Commission's recommendation and deliberate on whether to proceed with any amendments related to this proposal. If the City Council determines that additional study is appropriate, the issue will likely return to the Planning Commission for further review. A staff report providing additional information on the issue may be found in the City Council agenda at the locations above.

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***City Council***

Tuesday, October 15

Workshop - 6 p.m.

Regular Meeting - 7 p.m.

Gilbertson Board Room

1601 Avenue D

<http://ci.snohomish.wa.us/PDFs/Agendas/2013/Agenda101513.pdf>

***Planning Commission***

Wednesday, October 16 - 7 p.m.

Gilbertson Board Room

1601 Avenue D

***Street and Parks Crews Teaming Up  
to Make Repairs***

During the last several months, the Street and Parks crews have been working together on ways to be more productive and create a cross training atmosphere between the two departments.

This week Parks and Street crews teamed up to prepare Fifth Street between Cedar and Glen Avenue for a badly needed asphalt overlay project. Shortly after the prep work was completed on Fifth Street, Parks and Streets crews proceeded to Pilchuck Park to prepare several areas along the walking trail and parking lot for asphalt repairs.

By combining the two crews we are able to be more productive and proficient at any task at hand. We have plenty of talented employees to share knowledge in order to create a stronger working team.

Another great example of teamwork by Public Works!



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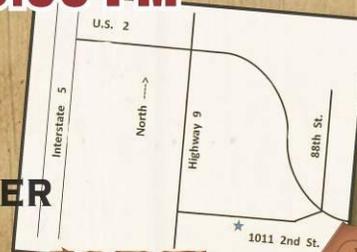
Friday, October 25, 2013

6 - 10:00 PM

Saturday, October 26, 2013

noon - 4:00 PM • 5 - 9:00 PM

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