

Upcoming City Council Agenda Items December 3

6 p.m. - Transportation Benefit District Board Meeting:

- Public Hearing for Annual Report and 2014 TBD Budget

7p.m. - Regular Meeting:

- Presentation by Sound Transit regarding its Long-Range Plan update and ST3
- Public Hearing for I-502 moratorium
- Public Hearing for sale of surplus vehicles
- Action for closure of North Pine Avenue
- Action for approval of amendments to the Building Code
- Action for approval of contract for City Attorney services

The agenda list above is partial and tentative. For further information, click here for the City website:
<http://wa-snohomish.civicplus.com/AgendaCenter>

Holiday Collection Schedule

Republic Services will not collect garbage, recycling, and yard debris on Thanksgiving, Thursday November 28, 2013. Thursday customers will be collected on Friday, and Friday customers will be collected on Saturday.

The other observed holidays are Christmas and New Year's Day. For two weeks in a row, the weeks of December 23 and 30, Republic Services will observe a rolling schedule:

Monday (Dec 23 & 30) – collection as usual

Tuesday (Dec 24 & 31) – collection as usual

Wednesday (Dec 25 & Jan 1) – NO COLLECTION

Thursday (Dec 26 & Jan 2) – Wednesday customers collected

Friday (Dec 27 & Jan 3) – Thursday customers collected

Saturday (Dec 28 & Jan 4) – Friday customers collected

Republic Services will be back to their normal collection schedule the week of January 6, 2014.

Interim Road Closure of Pine Avenue South of 22nd Street

At the December 3rd City Council meeting, Resolution 1307 will be presented to authorize the interim road closure of the gravel section of North Pine Avenue south of 22nd Street and north of the 2000 block. The closure of this section of road is being recommended due to its poor condition. Vehicular use will not be allowed and maintenance will not be provided because of the time, effort, and cost required to properly maintain this gravel section of the road. If the City Council approves this resolution, the gravel section of Pine Avenue will be closed on December 4th.

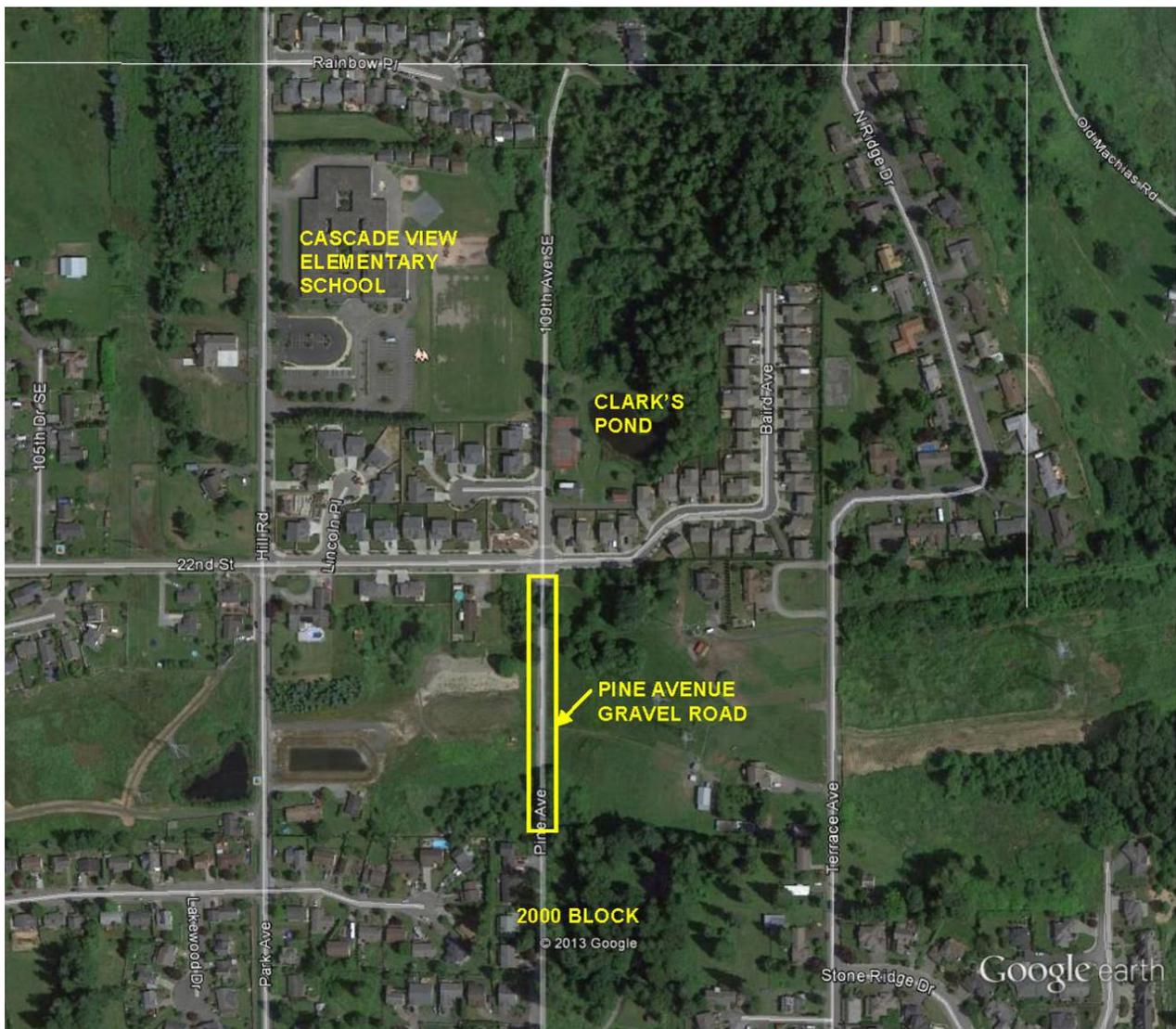
The road would be re-opened when the adjacent parcel located on the west side of Pine Avenue along the gravel section is developed and constructs the frontage improvements, or the City may consider other means for re-opening the road in the future.

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Prior to 2008, the pavement on Pine Avenue ended at the 2000 block which is 650-feet south of 22nd Street, and 22nd Street between Pine Avenue and Park Avenue did not exist. Pine Avenue was a dead-end gravel road north of the 2000 block and provided access for a few homes. At that time, the gravel section of Pine Avenue had low traffic volumes and required minimal maintenance.

Since 2008, four residential subdivisions (approximately 60 lots) have been constructed in the vicinity of Pine Avenue/22nd Street. 22nd Street between Park Avenue to Pine Avenue was constructed by the developers for access to this development. Approximately 370 feet of Pine Avenue north of 22nd Street was also improved as part of the development.

Due to the increased traffic volume, the condition of the gravel road has become very poor. There are many potholes along the gravel road. The City has filled in these gravel potholes and re-graveled major portions of the road several times in the last few years. With each storm event, water washes away much of the road surface, and the increased traffic over the last few years has helped deteriorate the road more quickly. Any repairs to the gravel road would not last long without constant maintenance because of the traffic volumes. Closing the road will decrease the deterioration rate of the road which will reduce the reconstruction costs when the time comes.



Come Home for the Holidays to Snohomish on Friday November 29, the Day after Thanksgiving

Downtown Snohomish is the perfect place to wind down after your hectic “Black Friday” frenzy. Enjoy a relaxed pace and small-town charm. Instead of loud and crowded big box stores, come experience warm and personal shopping and dining in our cozy restaurants and friendly shops.

Treat yourself to live holiday music performances starting at 4:00 p.m. Wave to Santa as he rides down First Street. You’ll want to stick around to help Santa use his magic to light the tree at the official Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6:00 p.m. After Santa lights the tree, children will have the chance to meet and chat with him. If you come, bring your own camera for free photos with Santa from approximately 6:15 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

Where:

First Street in Snohomish, WA (Santa’s route)
Corner First Street and Avenue B (Music and Community Tree Lighting)

When:

Friday, November 29, 2013, 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Music Starts at 4:00 p.m.
Santa starts his First Street cruise at (approximately) 5:45 p.m.
Tree Lighting Ceremony at (approximately) 6:00 p.m.
Photos with Santa (approximately) 6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Cost:

FREE

More:

To see a full calendar of Snohomish holiday events and activities, visit:
www.historicdowntownsnohomish.org/home-for-the-holidays.asp
www.HistoricDowntownSnohomish.org/events.asp

Garbage Inclement Weather Plan

Each year Republic Services prepares for major winter storm events that may delay or disrupt service. Their priority will be garbage collection (essential services first, such as hospitals, then residential and commercial), followed by recycling and yard waste.

Preparation: Republic Services has outfitted their trucks with properly fitted chains and trained their drivers for inclement weather.

Day of event: Republic Services will monitor the weather closely. If snow or frozen rain is predicted, starting at 1 a.m., supervisors will test-run the routes. At 3 a.m. they will make an initial go/no-go decision.

Final go/no-go decision: Once the trucks are on the road, Republic Services will continue to analyze road conditions for everyone’s safety, and they will make the final go/no-go decision at 6:30 a.m. Please know that the entire route – from their yard, throughout the City of Snohomish and to the transfer station and/or landfill– will be included in the safety determination.

2013 Calendar:

Economic Development Committee

Tuesday, November 26
7:30 a.m. City Hall
Conference Room
116 Union Avenue

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 28
City Hall CLOSED



Day After Thanksgiving
Friday, November 29
City Hall CLOSED

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Go decision: There may be some delays and even some impassible areas, but Republic Services anticipates that a go decision means that they will cover most routes that day. Each driver who has a concern about the safety of a route will consult with a supervisor about which neighborhood streets are safe to travel.

No-go decision: Upon a no-go decision, Republic Services will update their website and their phone message at customer service. Announcements will be sent to local news outlets. For those homes and businesses they were not able to collect, they will accept “doubles” the next collection day.

Prolonged weather event: Should regular residential collection not take place for two consecutive weeks, Republic Services will attempt to collect that day’s misses (including garbage doubles) on the following Saturday. If the region experiences a prolonged weather event making Saturday collection impossible, Republic Services will discuss options with the City of Snohomish, including the possibility of:

- Providing roll-off boxes, trucks and helpers for residents who can bring their garbage to Republic Services and/or,
- Providing a centralized garbage collection site as soon as possible after the roads are passable, a site can be established, and personnel placed.

Please contact City Hall at 360-568-3115 with questions.

Get Ready for Winter Travel

Winter travel can be challenging and scary! Here are some things you can do to make winter travel easier and safer for you and your family (courtesy of Washington State Department of Transportation).

Be prepared - pack an emergency car kit...

- Jumper cables to restart engine
- Cat litter or sand for tire traction
- Shovel to scrape snow away from tires
- Ice scraper to clear windshield
- Warm clothes, gloves, a hat, sturdy boots, warm jacket, and even a change of clothes
- Blankets to keep warm inside the vehicle
- Flashlights and extra batteries for increased visibility
- First aid kit. Also pack necessary medications in case you are stuck on the road
- Food pack items containing protein such as nuts and energy bars; also canned fruit and a portable can opener are good additions
- Water; bring enough for each person in your car and any pets
- AM/FM radio to listen to traffic reports and emergency messages



Make your own kit like this one or you can buy one at many local retail stores.

Also consider...

- Bring a fully charged cell phone if you have one with a list of emergency numbers (don't forget your phone charger)
- Flares or reflective triangle
- Make sure your gas tank is full
- Baby formula and diapers if you have a small child
- If you find yourself stranded, be safe and stay in your car, put on your flashers, call for help, and wait until it arrives



Ice and Snow, Take It Slow! Don't Crowd the Plow!

Protect yourself and your passengers. Allow extra time to reach your destination during inclement weather.

- Drive for conditions – slower speeds, slower acceleration, slower steering, and slower braking in winter conditions
- Use your headlights
- Don't use cruise control
- Four- and all-wheel drive vehicles will not stop or steer better in icy conditions
- Leave extra room between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you. And remember, big trucks take longer to stop
- Slow down when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges, or shady spots
- If you find yourself behind a snowplow, stay behind it until it is safe to pass. Remember that a snowplow driver has a limited field of vision. Stay back (15 car lengths) until you're sure it is safe to pass or until the plow pulls off the road
- Slow down and be extra cautious near the chain-up and removal areas. There are often people out of their vehicles

How do I prepare my car for winter?

- Get it tuned up
- Check the brakes, battery, lights, wipers, antifreeze, heater/ defrost, belts, hoses, filters, and oil
- Talk to your local tire dealer about which chains are the best fit for your vehicle and practice installing them

Find more winter preparedness tips at:

- [Take Winter by Storm](#)
- [Washington State Department of Transportation](#)



Public Works Winter Weather Response Crew