

**Upcoming City Council  
Agenda Items  
December 17**

**6:00 p.m. Workshop:**

Discussion for long-range parks planning, Metropolitan Park District review

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

Public Hearing (continued) for 16<sup>th</sup> Street Annexation

Action for approval of county-wide legislative agenda

Action for approval of contract with BHC Consultants for wastewater services

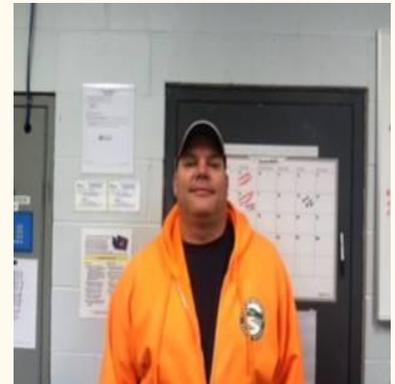
Action for approval of contract with BHC Consultants for CSO design services

*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>

## **Congratulations!**

Kendall Utt has passed the Water Treatment Plant Operator Level 3 Exam from the Washington State Department of Health. Applicants must meet specific experience, education, and examination requirements in order to qualify for certification. The general knowledge test consisted of questions in the following content areas, administrative duties, DOH regulations, equipment maintenance, disinfection, math, system design, security, and safety procedures. A competent certified operator must be able to perform duties without endangering public health. Operators must also have the necessary skills, ability, and judgment to properly operate and maintain the water treatment facility. Kendall's daily duties include water quality monitoring, process control, daily operational and maintenance activities, and record keeping. Kendall operated the water plant, a public health facility, with due care and diligence, protecting public health and abiding by all state and federal drinking water laws and regulations. Having qualified and well trained water staff plays a vital role in ensuring we are supplying our customers with safe and reliable drinking water.



## **City Receives Stormwater Grant Funds**

The City of Snohomish is pleased to announce that it recently received two stormwater grants totaling \$170,000 through the Department of Ecology's 2013-15 Biennial Municipal Stormwater Capacity Grant Program. These two grants will be used for two separate stormwater projects.

The first project is to continue the implementation of the City's NPDES Phase II stormwater permit through water quality programs, infrastructure maintenance, and education and outreach. The second project is to complete a 90% design of the City's Phase 2 Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Reduction Program. The CSO Phase 2 program includes extending the stormwater trunkline in Second Street to convey stormwater to the existing "30-acre" pond located within the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) complex, and design of new water quality retrofits to the existing pond and outfall to the Snohomish River. Currently, both stormwater from road and roof drains and sanitary sewer from within a home or business are collected into one "combined" pipe in the CSO area. Completion of the

stormwater trunkline and pond retrofits will allow the City to begin to separate these two flows which is an important step for the long-term operation of the WWTP. In addition, the stormwater pond improvements are part of the Riverview Wildlife Refuge master plan developed through a citizen steering committee last year, recommended by the Parks & Recreation Board and adopted by the City Council earlier this year.

The City will be working with BHC Consultants, Inc. to complete the 90% design by August 2014.

## Internet Safety

Chief John Flood, Snohomish Police Department, (360) 568-0888



The convenience of our digital society allows many of us to have access to information like never before. I know for me there is never a day that goes by that I am not on a computer for either work-related or personal business. At the police department, our primary method of communication, outside of our police radio, is electronic mail. If you are like most in society, you send and receive many emails a day and never think twice about this convenience. But like any convenience we enjoy, there can be a

down side. People looking to take advantage of members of our community will often times look at our electronic freedom as a way to commit a crime. Recently Snohomish County Information Services became the victim of a nasty computer virus which created a tremendous amount of work in order to save and recover very important information. Fortunately nothing was damaged or lost but this incident brings to mind the need to remind people to be cautious and aware when using your electronic devices.

The most important piece of information to have is to remind everyone that having a current version of a virus protection program on your computer is a must. This type of protection will most often catch a virus attack on your computer and will protect your information. The next piece of information is to remind everyone to have a backup copy of your sensitive and important documents. Many electronic stores sell small external hard drives that can be used to easily backup your computer information so in the event of a virus attack you will have a copy of your files.

Here are some more helpful hints from Information Services to use at work and at home to keep us all safe:

- Avoid transferring files between home and work using thumb drives or other electronic media. Thumb drives can carry a virus without your knowledge.
- Using the Internet is like exploring any area in real life. You must use prudent judgment and common sense.
- When undertaking financial transactions online, always know who and why you are providing this information.
- Avoid unfamiliar sites and never give out personal information such as bank account, credit card, and social security numbers unless you are 100 percent certain of the entity to which you are providing them.
- Further, never open or respond to email from unknown contacts; these may contain viruses and other malicious software that can install themselves onto your computer without your knowledge.

### 2013 Calendar:

#### City Council

Tuesday, December 17  
Workshop – 6 p.m.  
Regular Meeting – 7 p.m.  
Gilbertson Board Room  
1601 Avenue D

<http://www.snohomishwa.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/12172013-382>

#### Planning Commission

Wednesday, December 18  
CANCELLED



## This Weeks' Home for the Holidays Festivities

On Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 2-5:30 p.m., don't miss Christmas Pet Palooza. The Palooza will feature pet pictures with Santa at the Second Street Cabin at 1010 Second Street.

On Saturday, Santa will be at the Hungry Pelican at 113 Avenue C for "Bring Your Own Camera" photos from Noon to 3 p.m. Santa will move to Glitter and Ivy at 901 First Street on Sunday. The streets of downtown will feature wonderful Christmas music.

Have you gotten your picture taken with cut-out Sno-Gnome? If not stop by Top-It Yogurt at 801 First Street #203 and have it taken.

All the Home for the Holidays details can be found at <http://www.historicdowntownsnhomish.org/home-for-the-holidays.asp>.



## Thank-you Volunteers

The City appreciates the many volunteers that assist throughout the year on boards and advisory groups. Snohomish is fortunate to have such an engaged community.





# DISASTER TRAINING

**A 24 hour course teaching you how to help yourself and others for the first 72 hours after a disaster.**

## **You will learn:**

- **Disaster Preparedness**
- **Team Organization**
- **Disaster Medical Treatment and Hygiene**
- **Light Search and Rescue**
- **Fire Safety and Suppression**
- **Disaster Psychology/Terrorism**
- **Final Exercise**

**This is a free class. Our next class will start on Wednesday February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the main Snohomish Fire Station 1525 Av D. To Register for the class, please email your name, address, contact number to [snohomishcert@gmail.com](mailto:snohomishcert@gmail.com)**

**In the subject line please add “signup for 2-2014 CERT”**



There are 8 classes in all Wednesday nights.  
The final is Wednesday March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Feb 5th, -	7:00 to 9:30 --	Introduction	Station 43
Feb 12th -	7:00 to 9:30 --	CERT Org and Disaster Psychology,	Station 43
Feb 22 (Saturday),	9am to 1 -	Medical i & II	Station 43
Feb 28	7:00 to 9:30 ---	Fire Safety -	Training Site or Station 43
March 5th --	7:00 to 9:30 --	Search and Rescue	Training Site
March 12,	7:00 to 9:30	Terrorism	Station 43
March 19	7:00 to 9:30	Final	Training Site