

Upcoming City Council Agenda Items May 6, 2014

6:00 p.m. Workshop:

- [Presentation and Review of 2014 staff work plans for implementation of the City's Strategic Plan](#)

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting:

- [Presentation](#) to member for service on the City Economic Development Committee
- [Public Hearing \(continued\)](#) for recreational marijuana ordinances
- [Public Hearing \(continued\)](#) for group quarters ordinances
- [Discussion](#) of local options regarding commercial card games
- [Discussion](#) of the Police Department's quarterly report

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that will hold up better during the rainy season. You will notice some of the alleys have changed from a grayish color rock to a brown gravel. The brown color is the reground asphalt.

The addition of the asphalt has two benefits. Asphalt helps to bind the gravel together to form a harder base which will help reduce the need for maintenance, and the added bonus is that it helps control dust during the summer months.

Gravel Roads and Alley Maintenance

The City of Snohomish maintains about 35 gravel roads and alleys throughout the City limits. The Street crew consists of 3 staff: Dannie Allen, Devon Acton, and Shaun Murphy.

In an effort to keep our alleys pothole free and control our maintenance schedules, staff tries to schedule alley maintenance three times per year: fall, spring (after the heavy rains have minimized), and summer. Spring and summer are the seasons when the street crew does most of the gravel alley and road reconstruction.

Over many years we have tried several different techniques to keep our gravel alleys and roads maintained to the highest standard possible with moderate success. This year, we have been renting a small road grader to reconstruct the roadway areas by reshaping and reclaiming some of the gravel that has been added to the alleys over the past several years and replacing it with a mixture of gravel and ground asphalt.

The reshaping will allow water to flow off the roadway, and the addition of the asphalt will create a harder driving surface



Shaun Murphy operating the rented grader

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The City spends about \$3,000 per year on dust control. Tree oil is a natural sticky oily substance that is applied to gravel alleys and roads throughout the City annually. (Tree oil is a byproduct of the paper pulp process). As we reconstruct our alleys and introduce reground asphalt to the top course, the need for dust control will be eliminated.

Our goal by changing our maintenance practices is to reduce maintenance cost and keep our gravel roads and alleys pothole free and maintained at a much higher standard.

Puget Sound Partnership

The Puget Sound Partnership is a state agency which is working with federal, state, and local agencies, nonprofits, and individual landowners to *clean up, restore, and protect Puget Sound by 2020*.

Our own Snohomish and Pilchuck Rivers are part of this effort, and targets have been set for riparian restoration and off channel habitat in the Snohomish watershed. We are on track to reach some of these targets, but others, off channel habitat in particular, are behind schedule. While some salmon subpopulations continue to thrive in Puget Sound, too many have not improved since this concerted effort began in 2008.

Your everyday actions make a difference in the health of our Puget Sound. For the latest updates, please visit the Puget Sound Partnership website at www.psp.wa.gov.

2014 Calendar:

City Council

Tuesday, May 6

Workshop – 6 pm

Regular Meeting – 7 pm

Gilbertson Board Room

1601 Avenue D

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Planning Commission

Wednesday, May 7

Gilbertson Board Room

1601 Avenue D – 7 pm