

Upcoming City Council Agenda Items October 21, 2014

6:00 p.m. Workshop Meeting:

- [Budget Reviews](#) for Public Safety, Public Works, and Support Services departments

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting:

- [Public Hearing](#) on 2015 Revenue Sources
- [Public Hearing](#) on Ordinance 2279 regarding 2015 Property Tax Levy
- [Public Hearing](#) on Resolution 1320 to Approve Water Use Efficiency Program Update for 2014 - 2019
- [Action](#) to approve Compensation Study and adopt Ordinance 2278
- [Discussion](#) of Land Use Element Update
- [Discussion](#) on Utility Rate Forecast

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Counterfeit Money

The Snohomish Police Department has received information regarding counterfeit currency in the community once again. At this time the police department does not have any suspect information, but we would caution business owners and private citizens to be extra cautious when taking currency.

The suspect, or suspects, are passing counterfeit \$20 dollar bills to unsuspecting businesses. This type of activity has been seen around the county in the past, but now we are seeing this again within our community. Here is some information the police department can share with everyone in an effort to prevent this type of crime from happening in the future.

Be alert for counterfeit money. If it looks suspicious, compare it to a genuine bill. Pay attention to the feel of the paper and details in the printing. All genuine bills have tiny red and blue fibers embedded in the paper; counterfeiters sometimes try to reproduce these by printing them on the paper. Examine the serial numbers to make sure that they all match and are evenly spaced. Look for a security thread running from top to bottom.

Keep a counterfeit detection pen near your cash register. These inexpensive pens contain an iodine solution that creates a black mark on counterfeit bills. When applied to a genuine bill, no discoloration occurs.

For more information on how to detect counterfeit money, and what to do if you receive a counterfeit, visit http://www.secretservice.gov/know_your_money.shtml.

2014 Calendar:

Parks Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 22, 7:00 p.m.
Boys & Girls Club
402 Second Street

City Council
Tuesday, October 21
Workshop 6 p.m., Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.
Gilbertson Board Room, 1601 Avenue D

<http://www.ci.snohomish.wa.us/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/10212014-458>



Pedestrian/Bicycle Crossing at Centennial Middle School

Our friends at Snohomish County wanted to update you on the improvement project they have been working on at Centennial Middle School. The sidewalk and connection to the Centennial Trail are finished, and the underground electrical wiring for the HAWK beacon has

been installed. The beacon is a special-order item and is not expected to arrive until early 2015.

The county will install a temporary crosswalk and crosswalk signs by the end of October to serve pedestrians until the HAWK arrives. There will also be orange flags at the crosswalk which pedestrians can carry as they cross the road.

Once the HAWK arrives, one month will be needed for installation and testing, and to complete the project. Here is a link to the project webpage: <http://snohomishcountywa.gov/2601/S-Machias-at-Centennial-Middle-School>.

SNOHOMISH PARK PLAN - PUBLIC MEETING

If you could make one change about City of Snohomish parks, what would it be? What new parks and recreation facilities would you visit, if they were here? Snohomish is growing; what parks will be built for new neighborhoods? Join the Parks Board at a public meeting next week to hear about the draft 2015-



2035 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Long Range Plan. Help craft a vision for the next twenty years that has grown from public input over the past year. We hope to see you on the 22nd!

Meeting information:
Park Plan Public Meeting
Wednesday, October 22
7:00pm-8:30pm
Boys and Girls Club
402 Second Street

UTILITY SCAM



The Snohomish Police Department is currently investigating some utility scam incidents involving two local businesses in the City of Snohomish. The first incident happened to a business on First Street on October 10th, and the second one involved a restaurant on Second Street on October 13th. The businesses were contacted by phone with the caller claiming to be with PUD and demanding payment for unpaid utility bills. Unfortunately, one of the businesses fell victim to this scam while the other business suspected fraudulent activity and thwarted the attempted fraud.

The Snohomish Police Department is providing the below information to all business owners and residents of the City of Snohomish directly from the PUD website,

<http://www.snopud.com/AboutUs/scams.ashx?p=1786>.

The PUD reminds customers about potential scams that may be committed over the phone, through mailers, via text messages, and by people visiting their home or business. Criminals use various means of solicitation and may claim bills are delinquent, that special funding is available, and/or seek financial information from the customer.

Here are some examples of current scams:

- **Green Dot Prepaid Money Card** (October 2013): A business manager receives a call from someone claiming to be from the PUD. The caller tells the manager his company owes almost \$1,000 to the PUD for unpaid bills. The caller demands the manager get a Green Dot Prepaid Money Pak Card to pay the bill, or the utilities will be turned off immediately. The manager believes the ruse, follows the instructions and provides the card number. The manager then realizes he may have been conned and calls 911. Detectives trace the phone number to Kansas City. **This is a nationwide fraud aimed at businesses**, which has worked several times in Everett. **The PUD does not collect outstanding debt with Green Dot Prepaid Money cards.**
- **Postcard Scam** (April 2012): Vendors are sending postcards that appear as if they are coming from the PUD ("personal information regarding your utility bills"), encouraging customers to attend a dinner where they can learn how to save "hundred to thousands" off their utility bills. The postcard uses a "sample" bill to indicate how much can be saved. **This is some kind of national campaign that is not related in any way to Snohomish County PUD. The PUD website has examples of the Postcard Scam documents.**
- If a customer receives a phone call asking for financial information, such as a credit card number to make a utility payment, he/she should **never** provide this information. **The PUD never calls customers to collect credit card information over the phone.** If customers aren't sure if a call is from the PUD, he/she should call PUD Customer Service to verify the information given.
- If a person comes to a customer's home or business claiming to be a PUD employee, the customer should ask to see the person's PUD identification. **Employees carry an ID card with their picture on it and will gladly show it to customers.** If customers believe they are the target of a potential scam, please call PUD Customer Service to report it.

Be wary of offers from businesses promising huge savings on your energy bill, particularly if they reference what you paid on previous bills. **The PUD does not share your account information with other organizations without your consent.** If you have questions about an energy-efficiency offer, call PUD Customer Service.