

## Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

**May 19, 2015**

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

- [Action](#) to adopt Ordinance 2289 regarding 2015 budget amendments
- [Action](#) to pass Resolution 1329 regarding Council position on Metropolitan Park District Ballot Measure
- [Discussion](#) regarding 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2015 financial report
- [Discussion](#) regarding Spruce Street right-of-way vacation request
- [Discussion](#) regarding 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2015 police report

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### City Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 19

Regular Meeting – 7:00 pm

George Gilbertson Board Room  
1601 Avenue D

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and more, help support the program with their time and donations. To make a donation of books or money please contact Jenny Granger, at [jenny.granger@sno.wednet.edu](mailto:jenny.granger@sno.wednet.edu) or at 360-563-7164 to arrange a pick-up.

## Snohomish Launches Experience Snohomish App

The City of Snohomish is bringing another communication tool to town with a new smartphone app providing enhanced services for our visitors and residents. In the interest of building a stronger connected community, the City of Snohomish is excited to announce that our new Experience Snohomish App has arrived.

The app, which was developed by CITYCENTER Marketing Solutions, will provide current and constantly updated information about all that Snohomish has to offer – including businesses, parks, schools, civic organizations, events, and more. The app gives users a way to communicate with the City staff through a report-a-problem link to report pot holes, stop light outages and road debris. It will also be using the cutting edge beacon technology that will allow users to share in real time experiences they have when visiting our parks, events and even some businesses. The app will also make it easy for users to communicate directly with the City's elected officials and staff.

This exciting new app is available as a free download in the Android and IOS app stores, just search for *Experience Snohomish*.

## Summer Book Café Seeking Books

The Snohomish Book Cafe is looking for books to replenish its shelves. The cafe is accepting new and gently used children's books and works with the Kids Cafe to deliver books each week to students in the Snohomish area to read throughout the summer.

The Book Cafe, made possible with a grant from the Snohomish Education Foundation, gives kids access to books through the summer. Local volunteers, including teachers, parents, students

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# Door to Door Salesman Season

By Chief John Flood



It is that time of year when we will see an increased presence of door to door sales in our community. Most of these individuals are legitimate individuals but some use this activity as a cover for burglaries. We've seen stories like this on the nightly news many times yet this type of suspicious activity continues to happen.

Many burglars spend time scoping out a neighborhood and identifying easy targets before they attack. When burglars case houses by posing as salespeople, they're eyeing up your house for valuables and seeing if you'll be worth robbing. If you let them in, they can see more than just what's at the front door and can look for easy ways to break in at their convenience.

A burglar can use the same techniques to break in unobtrusively. They can pose as a salesperson and see if someone comes to the door. Once they discover that no one is coming to answer the door, they try to open it themselves. Because they've already knocked on every door on your street, they know could your neighbors aren't home to notice either.

Avoid the door-to-door dangers by following these simple rules:

- **Don't open the door to anyone you don't know.** It might seem rude, but talk through the door and find out what they want. If it seems fishy, tell them you will not open the door, that they need to leave, and that you're calling the police.
- **Call the police if you feel threatened.** Don't let your threats be hollow -- call the police. Help protect your neighbors and have the police verify if the salesperson is licensed. Calling the police will also tell the possible burglar that you are vigilant and won't be taken in.
- **Remove "No Soliciting" signs.** This sign is intended to discourage salespeople, but really it says to the thief that you probably don't have strong security.
- **If you feel that you need to open the door,** keep it as closed as possible and slam it shut as hard as you can if they try to force their way in. Prevent them from seeing into your home by standing fully in the doorway, with one shoulder bracing the door so you can use your whole weight to close it if necessary.
- **Never let children answer the door.** Children may love to greet visitors, but allowing them to open the door is one of the worst things you can do. A parent's worst nightmare can happen in seconds if your child is abducted because they answered the door.



# YoungLife Volunteer Event



On Saturday, May 9th, 60 YoungLife volunteers got together in an effort to support Snohomish City Parks. 30 volunteers worked with Park staff Stephen Miller at Pilchuck Park cleaning and maintaining the ball field fences and volleyball court. 30 more volunteers worked with Park staff Joe Hopper in tackling the Centennial Trail planting beds from Bowen Street to Third Street.

Saturday was a beautiful day with temperatures reaching 80 degrees. Hot and tired by the end of the day, the YoungLife volunteers gave over 450 combined volunteer hours for the day and did a wonderful job helping to keep our park system looking great. Thank you YoungLife!



## Seeing is BEE-lieving

By Chief John Flood

In his 25-year law enforcement career, Snohomish Deputy Keith Poteet has seen just about everything you would imagine he would see as part of his service to the community. On May 3<sup>rd</sup> Deputy Poteet was just coming into service around 5:55 PM when he was dispatched to check out a report of a vehicle covered in bees at the intersection of Maple Avenue and Pearl Street. This had the potential of being a very intriguing circumstance and certainly something new to add to his long list of experiences. When he arrived at the call, this is what he saw:

While I like to think that a Deputy is the most resourceful and helpful person you could ever encounter, this was something that is way beyond our level of training and experience. After discussing possible options with the car owner, a professional beekeeper was called in to make the area safe once again. The neighborhood can rest easy knowing that they no longer need to BEE aware.

