



City Manager's Friday Newsletter

Rooming Houses in Snohomish?

As many Snohomish residents are aware, the City is currently considering a proposal to allow rooming houses in certain land use designations (zones). As proposed, rooming houses would be multi-tenant buildings with private bedroom/ bathroom quarters for each resident and shared kitchen and laundry facilities. The proposal is currently expressed in two draft public review ordinances. One draft ordinance would amend the City code to allow rooming houses to be located where apartments and townhomes are currently permitted. The other draft ordinance would allow one or more rooming house "demonstration projects" in single-family neighborhoods.

While the issue is far from settled, the fact that the proposal is being discussed at all has caused very evident consternation among our citizens. Concerns have been expressed to the City Council, the Planning Commission, and City staff in-person, in emails and letters, and in the newspaper. Although the City Council and staff are now fully aware of the depth of community sentiment and have heard many opinions on the issue, the formal public review process is only just starting. No determination of whether this use is appropriate for the City has been made by the Planning Commission or by the City Council. At this point it is all open to public discussion.

It is important to note that this housing type, if adopted, would provide an alternative and perhaps a more affordable housing option for single people who have minimal space needs. The private living areas may be quite small, with a proposed minimum size of 200 square feet. The primary consideration of the use is not, however, to address the City's affordable housing objectives.

Land use map and code amendments and similar legislative actions undergo a multi-step public review process before the City Council renders a decision. The Planning Commission is currently reviewing the two draft rooming house ordinances

and will hold a public hearing on the concepts on April 3. This is another opportunity to provide your opinion on specifics of the draft ordinances or more generally on whether this type of housing should be considered at all. Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission will make recommendations to the City Council on both ordinances. The public process will then transition to the City Council for consideration of options.

The Planning Commission's April 3 meeting agenda is available on the City's website at <http://www.ci.snohomish.wa.us/PDFs/Agendas/2013/PCagenda040313.pdf>. The draft ordinances are included in the agenda along with many public comments that have been offered to date. Interested citizens are encouraged to review the proposals and to provide comment at the hearing. Written comments may also be submitted at the hearing or delivered prior to the hearing to Planning Manager Owen Dennison at City Hall, 116 Union Avenue, or by email to dennison@ci.snohomish.wa.us.

Spring Clean-Up 2013

The March 23, 2013 City of Snohomish Spring Clean-Up event was fantastic. We had over 400 volunteers with over 1200 community service hours combined. This event is held every year to help jump start the under-resourced City of Snohomish Parks/Facilities Department for the spring growing season. This was a special year due to the enormous turnout by the community.

The City would like to thank the many organizations and volunteers that made this event a huge success: Snohomish Chamber of Commerce, the Snohomish Park Foundation for their constant support for Snohomish parks, Snohomish Garden Club, Snohomish Kiwanis, and Morgantown neighborhood group. In addition five local churches joined forces showing their community giving spirit by making this spring clean-up event the biggest and most successful in the history of the event.

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A very special thank you goes out to the Lions Club for feeding a tasty lunch to over 325 hungry hard working volunteers and the five local churches: Snohomish Community Church, the Bridge Church, Snohomish Faith Assembly, Hope Four Square Church, and First Presbyterian Church that helped organize the event and manage the day.

Thanks to everyone for a fun and amazing day. Thanks to you all, Snohomish looks better than ever!!



New gazebo stairs



Senior Center

BBQ/Chili Classes Jump Start Kla Ha Ya Days Spring Festival

BBQ/Chili Competitions Welcome Masters and Newcomers in Celebrating Community and 100 years!



The annual summer time festival held each year in Snohomish celebrates its 100th year beginning with a Spring Carnival and CASI Chili and PNWBA BBQ qualifying cook-offs. All chili and BBQ events will be held at Le Gourmet Depot, 110 Cedar Avenue, Snohomish.

To those who have ever been interested in competing with their best chili, or if you think you're the king of backyard barbecuing but were unsure of how to compete, then you'll be interested in the classes being offered by winning masters that will prepare you for the **April 20th and April 21st cook-offs.**

Chili Cooking Class 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday April 6th: You'll learn what pots to use, how to make chili powder, and correct mistakes with interesting side stories by champion chili maker Ken Peach. He'll tell you the secret as to why there's no beans in Texas chili. You'll leave with a book of recipes, history, and instructions worth far more than the \$20 class fee. To register and pay online, go to: <http://www.klahayadays.com/events/event/kla-ha-ya-chili-cook-off-class/>.

BBQ & Grilling Demonstration Class 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sunday April 7th: Taught by a team of pitmasters who have all been to Jack Daniel's World Invitational BBQ Championship in Lynchburg, TN, you'll pick up on tips of how to buy, what to look for and prepare your meats, and what it means to be in a competition. To register for the hands-on class and pay the \$50 fee, go to <http://www.klahayadays.com/events/event/bbq-grilling-demonstration-class/>. Contact Brian Moriarty at bmoriarty@pnwba.com for more information.

Now that you've had the classes, are you ready to compete? Masters and newcomers are welcome to join in the fun.

Kla Ha Ya Days Spring Festival Chili Cook-off 8:00 a.m. Saturday April 20th: This is a CASI (Chili Appreciation Society International) qualifying cook-off, plus there's a category for Home Style where anything goes – chili wise. Registration for either is only \$10 or \$15 for both at <http://www.klahayadays.com/events/event/kla-ha-ya-spring-festival-chili-cook-off/>. You'll also find competition details and turn-in times on the website. First prize is \$100. For more information contact the event promoter Ken Peach at 253-53-4591 or kkmpeach@aol.com.

Kla Ha Ya Spring Lite BBQ Cook-off 8:00 a.m. Sunday April 21st: New teams as well as top barbecuing teams will compete in the PNWBA (Pacific Northwest BBQ Association) qualifying

cook-off. Three main categories of tri-tip, chicken, and pork with a sausage option are featured. Total prize and award pool is valued at \$2,500. Entry fee is \$75 for a 20x20 space and \$150 for a 40x40 space. To register and pay online go to <http://www.klahayadays.com/events/event/kla-ha-ya-spring-carnival-lite-bbq-cook-off/>.

Le Gourmet Depot offers **public sampling** at both cook-offs for all spectators for a \$5 entry fee.

Everyone - and kids especially - is invited to the **Spring Carnival at Snohomish Station** that opens Thursday April 18th at 4:00 p.m. Discount armbands are available at Udderly Sweet Frozen Yogurt and Bee Bops & Lollipops, or order online for \$15 until April 17th at <http://www.klahayadays.com/events/event/spring-carnival-at-snohomish-station/>. The Carnival runs Friday and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

For food, family fun, and celebrating 100 years, Kla Ha Ya Days Spring Festival is the place to be.

Kla Ha Ya Days Festival. The Kla Ha Ya Days Festival (KHYDF) is a [nonprofit](#) organization that produces an annual local festival to welcome people throughout northwest Washington to celebrate the community's beauty and goodwill of Snohomish. Proceeds from the KHYDF's activities support Snohomish-based community organizations with programs and services for youth and families. For more information contact Tammie Isackson at 425-445-0516 or visit the website, <http://www.klahayadays.com/>.



New One-of-a-Kind Women's Cycling Event Debuts Mother's Day Weekend in Snohomish

Women's Living the Dream Ride puts big bling into "girl-friendliest" cycling event made possible in part by the Snohomish County Board of Tourism and Dream Dinners, Living the Dream Foundation.

SNOHOMISH, WA – Registrations are ramping up for the first women's cycling event in the nation to provide a luxury 5th Avenue memento rewarding each and every participant's personal best. [The Women's Living the Dream Ride](#) touted as "Washington State's Most Beautiful Ride for Women", debuts May 11th, the Saturday before Mother's Day.

Event organizers from [Dream Dinners](#) non-profit, Living the Dream Foundation, aim to "nurture the nurturers" and celebrate "all the things gals love" on a weekend dedicated to moms. It's a rare event in Washington State, where road tours are more often marketed to men because the cycling community is primarily male. But organizers say more women are gearing up and hitting the road.

"We wanted to create an event that was fresh and celebrates women in a day that promises fun, fitness, and friendship and delivers a beautiful memento to cherish for years to come," said Tina Kuna, event director and co-founder of Dream Dinners and the [Living the Dream Foundation](#). "We hope to plant a seed for a Snohomish county signature event, where this becomes *the* place to be to celebrate Mother's Day Weekend. But we don't encroach on Sunday's family brunch and we don't exclude men. When we say, "...all the things gal's love," that includes their special guys. Groups of women and families coming from Canada are already registered to participate, as well as riders coming in from Portland, Oregon and eastern Washington too. Registration has definitely picked up since the debut March 2nd at the Vancouver Bike Show.

Participants must register before April 10th to get in and the hotels are booking riders nearby.

The ride offers the “*girl-friendliest*” cycling event in a number of ways. Festivities kick off on Friday night with a [Sunset Wine, Sip, Shop, Hop Pre-Party](#). Wine walks have become a hit in historic downtown Snohomish. The public is welcome to participate Friday to celebrate the inaugural event. Tickets are \$10 dollars for six samples of the latest and most popular wines debuting between historic bakeries and antique shops from 4-7:30 p.m.

Then Saturday morning, riders take to one of four routes, 18, 24, 36, or a metric century (62 miles), to appeal to various levels of cyclist. “We planned super flat, low traffic, and beautiful courses along the river and over romantic bridges. Our goal is to support riders no matter what level of cycling you are at. We have amazing sponsors, volunteers and partners including the Snohomish County Tourism Promotion Area which is helping make it possible to bring this event to life and support women’s health and well-being. From Starbucks kicking us off to a great start, to Porsche and the local HAM radio operators and safety and gear teams, there is lots of support along the way. You go your pace. Have fun. And celebrate life.”

As a cancer survivor, Tina Kuna doesn’t take a day for granted. Though she’s supported cancer causes in the past, a portion of proceeds from the ride benefit a cause also close to her heart; the Snohomish Community Kitchen where Dream Dinners staff and the foundation have donated food and volunteer support for several years.

For more information visit the website at: www.livingthedreamride.org or see the event on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/LivingtheDreamRide>.

About Living the Dream Foundation. [Living the Dream Foundation](#) is the non-profit founded by Dream Dinners Inc aimed at supporting women, children and family causes in the community and nationwide. Thousands of dollars have been donated to a variety of charities including Ronald McDonald House, Cooks for Cancer, and many others.

About Dream Dinners. Founded in 2002, Dream Dinners, Inc. is the recognized originator of the meal

assembly industry. Headquartered in Snohomish, Washington, Dream Dinners locations provide guests monthly menus to select from, then procure and prepare all fresh ingredients in advance, so guests can assemble a month's worth of meals in about an hour, then take home to freeze and have ready to cook on busy nights. With nearly 100 franchises nationwide, Dream Dinners saves guests both valuable time and money, and focuses on bringing families back to the dinner table with delicious, easy-to-fix meals. www.dreamdinners.com.

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Transportation Benefit District Board

Tuesday, April 2

CANCELLED

City Council

Tuesday, April 2

Regular Meeting - 7 p.m.

Gilbertson Board Room

1601 Avenue D

<http://ci.snohomish.wa.us/PDFs/Agendas/2013/Agenda040213.pdf>

Planning Commission

Wednesday, April 3 - 7 p.m.

Gilbertson Board Room

1601 Avenue D

(Note location)

City of Snohomish Household Cleanup Event

It's time for the City of Snohomish Annual Household Cleanup Event. City of Snohomish utility customers can recycle and dispose of unwanted household items at the City's annual Household Cleanup Event on Saturday, April 13th. The event will be held at the City shop facilities at 1801 First Street from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bring your utility bill or a driver's license to confirm residency.

Event Information

Date: April 13, 2013

Time: 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**Location: 1801 First Street
(City Public Works Yard)**

Clean up your yard and clean out your garage, basement, extra room, or any other area that needs some sprucing up!



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Items that will be accepted are:

- Household garbage
- Yard waste
- Furniture
- Scrap metal

Items that cannot be accepted are:

- Tires
- Concrete, masonry products (bricks, pavers), rocks
- Sheetrock
- Household hazardous waste (paint, chemicals, pesticides, herbicides, cleaners, thinners, aerosol cans, automotive fluids, batteries, fluorescent tubes, etc.)
- Electronics (television, computer, computer monitor, CRTs, separated circuit boards)
- Pharmaceuticals
- Sharps
- Appliances

For more information about solid waste disposal, recycling, waste prevention, and hazardous waste programs and options, call your garbage hauler or visit the Snohomish County Solid Waste Division web site at http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Public_Works/Divisions/SolidWaste/ or call (425) 388-3425 (press "0").