

**Upcoming City Council
 Agenda Items
 February 4, 2014**

**6:00 p.m. Transportation
 Benefit District Board Meeting:**

- Discussion of 2014 proposed street preservation projects and program update for years 2014-2021

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting:

- Action to approve Amended Agreed Order with Department of Ecology
- Action to approve Council rules and procedures
- Action to approve Animal Code update
- Action to approve Conservation Futures grant interlocal agreement
- Discussion regarding social card games
- Discussion regarding proposed City Hall remodel design

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>

**Public Works Street Crew Replacing
 Downtown Antique Light Pole**

Two years ago, a car struck the light pole on First Street and Union Avenue. The Street Department installed a temporary wood 6X6 post to secure the electrical wiring that runs from the top of the light poles.

This week the Street Department started a project to switch the antique pole with a similar replacement. The replacement pole came from the First Street and Avenue D traffic signal project where two original style antique poles were removed and the new style green light poles installed. The traffic signal contractor removed both light poles intact at staff's request in order to have spare poles just for this type of need. The project is going well and should be completed by the end of next week.

Another great job by the Street Department: Dannie Allen, Devon Acton, and Shaun Murphy!!



Find Your Sweet Spot at the Snohomish Chocolate Walk

The second annual Snohomish Chocolate Walk will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, March 15 in downtown Snohomish. Local chocolatiers will be there to add to the fun. Meet and greet featured treat creators to learn about the art of chocolate making. Also featured is an opportunity to win one of a stack of unique gifts donated by participating businesses.

Ticketed guests should check in at the Snohomish Visitor Information Center, 1301 First Street, to receive their Chocolate Walk Passport, goodie bag, and raffle ticket. ONLY 250 advance tickets are available. Tickets will NOT be available at the door. \$15 tickets can only be purchased online through Wednesday, March 12 or until sold out at www.HistoricDowntownSnohomish.org/Snohomish-Chocolate-Walk.asp.

All proceeds benefit Historic Downtown Snohomish, an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to the revitalization and beautification of downtown Snohomish. For more information and tickets, go to: www.HistoricDowntownSnohomish.org/Snohomish-Chocolate-Walk.asp or contact Debbie Carlson Gould at 425-330-0831 or Debbie@historicdowntownsnohomish.org.

Snohomish Aquatic Center Opens

Congratulations to the Snohomish Aquatic Center on their Community Grand Opening Event on Saturday, January 25. More than 1,000 people visited the Center throughout the day. The City is pleased to partner with the School District and community to bring this asset to our residents and visitors. The City anticipates new economic development opportunities related to tourism and retail services to serve the many guests who visit the Center. The City created the [Pilchuck District](#) plan to provide investment opportunities in this redeveloping corridor and the Aquatic Center offers another quality of life benefit to the District. If you haven't had a chance to visit the Center, we encourage you to do so and bring your friends and family. Check out their website at www.SnohomishAquatic.com for the full schedule of activities and classes. Photos below courtesy of Warner Blake.



Grand Opening Dedication at the competition pool.



Snohomish School Board President Jay Hagen and City Mayor Karen Guzak.

2014 Calendar:

Transportation Benefit District Board

Tuesday, February 4 – 6 pm
Gilbertson Board Room
1601 Avenue D

City Council

Tuesday, February 4 – 7 pm
Regular Meeting
Gilbertson Board Room
1601 Avenue D

<http://www.snohomishwa.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/02042014-398>

Planning Commission

Wednesday, February 5
Gilbertson Board Room
1601 Avenue D – 6 pm
NOTE TIME

City of Snohomish Invites Online Engagement and Asks Citizens to Take Part in Planning for Community's Future

The City of Snohomish is pleased to announce the launch of Imagine Snohomish, a MindMixer site, that offers a new comprehensive community engagement tool where citizens can engage, communicate, and collaborate with community decision makers and other residents on the future of our community. The goal is to get the community involved in the planning processes. Along the way, Imagine Snohomish will be used as an online tool to generate new ideas and feedback from citizens using this interactive and accessible new platform. Feedback from the engagement tool will be used by City Council and staff in order to lay out plans on a variety of projects.

"I'm proud to be in a city that is using technology in an easy, straightforward way for the benefit of its citizens. It's a new age of civic communication and involvement. Imagine Snohomish MindMixer will allow citizens to have access to meaningful conversations and share ideas with each other, City staff, and City Council in unprecedented ways. It has the potential to involve hundreds, if not more, in the decisions that really matter to our citizens," said Councilmember Lynn Schilaty.

MindMixer is another tool of communication offered to residents in addition to the City's website, blog, weekly e-newsletter, Facebook, and Twitter.

Imagine Snohomish MindMixer gives contributors a chance to share new ideas, second others' ideas, expand upon existing ideas and give feedback on initiatives, and work with community leaders on a variety of topics online, anytime, anywhere. The discussion will start with topics like these, and branch off from there based on input:

- Should the City allow or ban retail marijuana businesses?
- What would you like to see at the former Hal Moe Pool site?
- What is your big idea for our parks?

The site also measures and tracks participation, identifying the most interested citizens and most compelling topics. MindMixer's tools make it easy for administrations to communicate back with citizens, and they deliver measurable results and invaluable insights for the planning process.



"In response to the desires of Council and community, we welcome the Imagine Snohomish MindMixer platform to provide two-way communication and stimulate deeper discussions," said Mayor Karen Guzak.

Citizens are encouraged to register today to participate in the conversation. Visit www.SnohomishWA.gov and click on the Imagine Snohomish icon on the right side.