

## Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

July 1, 2014

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

- Public Hearing for the 6-year Transportation Improvement Plan
- Action for 2014 Comprehensive Plan amendments docket
- Action for liner leak location survey agreement
- Action for local government investment pool resolution
- Discussion regarding options for commercial card gaming ordinance

*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>

This event is affecting our water customers located in the area north of Tenth Street, the North Zone. This area of town is supplied with water purchased from the City of Everett and is delivered directly to customers and is stored in a 2.7 million gallon reservoir located off of Terrace Avenue.

If you have questions or concerns about your water, please contact Ann Ray, Water Quality Control Specialist at 360-568-7070 x232 or [ray@snohomishwa.gov](mailto:ray@snohomishwa.gov).

## Water Quality Notice

On Thursday, June 25, the City of Everett notified Snohomish City staff that there are some taste and odor issues occurring at this time due to some seasonal changes with the source water in Lake Chaplain.

Description as received from the City of Everett:

“Over the past week, a number of systems including Everett, Alderwood, and the PUD have received several calls from consumers about taste and odor in their water. The water filtration plant staff observed a die-off taking place in the plankton populations in Lake Chaplain early last week (a normal occurrence).

This change appears to have resulted in the release of some taste and odor causing compounds into the source water. Some of the compounds appear to react with chlorine to cause a bitter or metallic taste. Others seem to cause a musty or fishy taste and odor. The algal compounds do not present a health issue, but customers who have a sensitive sense of taste and smell may notice the change.

The plant staff is continuing to monitor the conditions, and we anticipate this condition will pass within the next week.”

### 2014 Calendar: City Council

Tuesday, July 1 – 7 p.m.  
Regular Meeting  
Gilbertson Board Room  
1601 Avenue D

<http://snohomishwa.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/07012014-433>

**Planning Commission**  
Wednesday, July 2 – 7 p.m.  
Regular Meeting  
Gilbertson Board Room  
1601 Avenue D

**Independence Day**  
Friday, July 4  
City Hall Closed

# Celebrate Safely on Independence Day

Retail firework stands will be open within the City of Snohomish from July 1st through July 4th! Citizens are being asked to “Celebrate Safely” this year and practice the 3 B’s. Within City Limits fireworks may only be discharged between July 1st through July 4<sup>th</sup> and during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

What are the 3 B’s?

## BEFORE LIGHTING FIREWORKS – “Be Prepared!”

- Purchase only legal fireworks available at licensed stands
- Purchase only the quantity that you will use
- Ensure the safety of pets; loud noises may scare pets
- Keep a bucket of water nearby in which to place all used fireworks
- Have a water hose or fire extinguisher nearby to put out stray sparks
- Clear a level area away from things that can burn
- Know 911, your address/location and basic first aid
- Teach your children to “stop, drop and roll” if their clothes catch on fire

## WHEN LIGHTING FIREWORKS – “Be Safe!”

- Only adults should light fireworks
- Use eye protection and wear safety goggles
- Light one at a time and move away quickly
- Keep spectators at a safe distance
- Use only outdoors, away from anything that can burn
- To prevent injuries, follow the directions on the label carefully
- Be considerate of your neighbors, family pets, and your environment

## WHEN FINISHED – “Be Responsible!”

- Clean up all debris when finished
- Duds can be dangerous; if a fireworks item does not light or fire, an adult should wait at least fifteen minutes, approach it carefully, and place it in a bucket of water
- Make sure unused fireworks, matches, and lighters are out of sight and reach of children

Please “Be Prepared”, “Be Safe”, and “Be Responsible” when using fireworks. By increasing public safety and awareness, we all benefit as a community. For additional information or questions, please contact Sharon Pettit, Building/Fire Official, at 360-282-3158 or [pettit@snohomishwa.gov](mailto:pettit@snohomishwa.gov), or Snohomish Fire District #4 360-568-2141 or <http://snohomishfire.org>.



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Safely  
Fireworks  
Campaign**

# Fireworks Safety Begins With You

**Fireworks Do's and Don'ts: Be Prepared! Be Safe! Be Responsible!**

<p>Don't shoot fireworks at others.</p>	<p>Don't light fireworks on unstable or unlevel ground or objects.</p>	<p>Don't lean over fireworks when lighting.</p>	<p>Light fireworks on flat hard level surface.</p>
<p>Firecrackers are illegal.</p>	<p>Missiles are illegal.</p>	<p>Bottle Rockets are illegal.</p>	<p>Read the instructions.</p>
<p>Don't hold fireworks when discharging.</p>	<p>Don't alter or take apart fireworks.</p>	<p>Have a bucket of water and a hose on hand.</p>	<p>Keep 20 feet between you and a discharging firework.</p>

## What to do if you are hit by fireworks or sparks

<p>Protect your eyes and face</p>	<p>Don't Run</p>	<p>STOP, DROP and ROLL</p>
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## Dispose of Fireworks Safely

<p>Clean up all fireworks debris</p>	<p>Soak used fireworks in water</p>	<p>Place used fireworks in a metal trash can</p>	<p>Do not put warm, used fireworks in a plastic bag as this may start a fire.</p> <p>Plastic Garbage</p>
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**WASHINGTON STATE  
LEGAL CONSUMER FIREWORKS  
FOR SALE IN TENTS AND STANDS PER RCW 70.77.136**

**Cylindrical Fountain**

Upon ignition, a shower of colored sparks, and sometimes a whistling effect, is produced.



**Helicopters, Aerial Spinners**

A propeller or blade is attached, which, upon ignition, lifts the rapidly spinning device into the air. A visible or audible effect is produced at the height of flight.



**Cone Fountain**

Upon ignition, a shower of colored sparks, and sometimes a whistling effect, is produced.



**Smoke Devices**

Tube or sphere containing pyrotechnic composition that, upon ignition, produces a white or colored smoke as a primary effect.



**Roman Candles**

Heavy paper or cardboard tube containing pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition, up to ten "stars" are individually expelled at several-second intervals.



**Parachutes**

Upon ignition, one or more parachutes are propelled into the air with stars, smoke, and other effects being discharged as the parachute floats downward.



**Wheels**

Pyrotechnic device attached to a post or tree by means of a nail or string. A wheel may contain up to six "driver" units; upon ignition, the wheel revolves, producing a shower of color and sparks and, sometimes, a whistling effect.



**Mine/Shells/Cakes**

Mine – An aerial device that shoots stars into the sky in an upward spray pattern.  
Shell – A shell is an aerial item that is fired into the sky.  
Cake – Dense-packed collection of mine/shell tubes that are fused together.



**Ground Spinners**

A small device similar to a wheel in design and effect. When placed on the ground and ignited, a shower of sparks and color is produced by the rapidly spinning device.



**Reloadable Mortars**

A shell consisting of a container, a lift charge, a time fuse, a burst charge, and stars/effects. The lift charge propels the shell out of the tube igniting the burst charge at the right altitude, igniting the effects.



**Dipped Stick, Sparkler**

Stick or wire coated with pyrotechnic composition that produces a shower of sparks upon ignition. Total pyrotechnic composition not to exceed 100 grams per item.



**Novelties**

"Trick and Novelty Devices" means any small firework device not classified as a Consumer of Display Firework. Items contain a small amount of pyrotechnic composition that is friction sensitive.



\*\* Pictures shown are for illustrative purposes only and are not an endorsement of any brand or style of consumer firework.



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# Warmer Weather and Landscape Vegetation

With summer upon us and warmer days, while we are enjoying the opportunity to soak up some sun, so is our landscape vegetation! Trees and hedges spread up and out, the grass seems to grow by the foot instead of inches and blackberry vines reach out and touch us.

As a result the City has been experiencing an increase in code violation complaints pertaining to vegetation overgrowth. Most people are unaware that regulations exist addressing grass height, maintenance of properties, and trees and shrubs overhanging sidewalks and the public street. Coupled with warmer weather, unmaintained grass and other vegetation may also become a fire hazard.

Things to be aware of:

- Unmaintained yards do not make good neighbors, and may be fire hazards. Please don't allow lawns and parking strips to exceed six inches in height.
- Keep sidewalks and walkways clear and free of trip hazards.
- Long grass and shrubbery along with open outdoor storage, including trash containers, encourage rodent problems.
- Trees and shrubs overhanging the public sidewalk should provide nine feet of vertical clearance, and twelve feet over the public street.
- Trees, shrubs and other improvements should be maintained so as not to obstruct sight clearances at intersections.

By reducing fire hazards and increasing public safety and awareness, we all benefit as a community. For additional information or questions, please contact Sharon Pettit, Building/Fire Official, Sharon may be reached by telephone at 360-282-3158 or by email [pettit@snohomishwa.gov](mailto:pettit@snohomishwa.gov).